

# Year 11 Parent Bulletin

## Tuesday 14th October 2025



Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our year 11 students who volunteered to take part in our Open Evening; it was fantastic to see so many Year 11 students volunteer and talk about our school with passion and insight.

Students have had sight of their November PPE timetable in assembly this fortnight. After half term, they will be issued with personalised seating plans and further information.

During the exams students can wear a white t-shirt under their shirt or a grey v-neck jumper. We would also encourage students to have a clear see-through pencil case and a bottle of water in a clear container.



**Miss Dingwall**  
Head of Year 11

Last week we promoted and recognised mental health week. This year the theme is dealing with challenging situations. We have shared this with year 11 and discussed coping strategies as we approach what may be a stressful time. The key tips shared with students:

- Setting boundaries for online abuse
- Grounding techniques
- Plan to take breaks
- Talking to friends/families/others

If students are experiencing worry or stress, please do remind them that we are all here to help.

Have a restful half term and I am looking forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

## November PPE Timetable

Week 1 (B)	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Start 9am (PEP 8.45am)	Pastoral update	Geography End 10.15 (10.34)	Spanish Reading End 9.45/10 (9.56/10.15)	Spanish Listening End 9.45/10 (9.56/10.15)	Maths Paper 2 End 10.30 (10.53)
Start 11.30am (PEP 11.15am)	Maths Paper 1 (non-calc) End 13.00 (13.23)	Biology End 12:45 Combined 13.15 (13.41) Triples	English Lang End 13.15 (13.41)	Chemistry End 13.15 (13.41)	
Week 2 (A)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Start 9am (PEP 8.45am)		Computer Science End 10.30 (10.53)	History Paper 1 End 10.30 (10.53)	History Paper 2 End 9.55 (10.09)	Catch-up
Start 11.30am (PEP 11.15am)	English Lit End 13.15 (13.41)	Maths Paper 3 End 13.00 (13.23)	Further Maths End 13.15 (13.41) & Statistics End 13.00 (13.23)	Physics End 13.15 (13.41)	Catch-up

# Messages from Staff



## **Mrs Smith, Spanish:**

Spanish speaking PPEs will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Mrs Pearson, Art:**

The date of the Art PPE has been arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **Mr Howlett, Maths:**

### ***Next Steps from Progress Check***

Students have completed their Maths Progress Check and reviewed results with teachers. Each student has a personalised RAG (Red, Amber, Green) sheet highlighting strengths, areas for improvement, and Sparx codes to be used with Sparx Independent Learning.

### ***Sparx Fixup***

Students can now access Sparx Fixup, a personalised task based on their Progress Check. Please encourage them to complete this to address any gaps.

### ***PPE Prep Sessions***

Our third Maths PPE Prep Session will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, focusing on Paper 3 (calculator).

### ***Half Term Homework***

Over half term, Year 11 will complete a past paper to prepare for November PPEs. Details are on ClassCharts and have been shared in lessons. This is a great chance to boost confidence and strengthen exam skills — as shared on Success Evening, practice is key to success in maths.

### ***Maths Support***

Daily during Break 1 and Break 2, students can get help in the ARC with Sparx or any other maths questions, including those from their Progress Check.



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## Vocational Updates

You may hear your child mention that they are working on a "PSA." This stands for Pearson Set Assignment. PSAs are completed during lesson time but under controlled conditions. They are currently taking place in the following subject areas:

Subject	Deadline
BTEC Sport	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
BTEC Health & Social Care	17 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Creative Media Production	17 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Performing Arts	24 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Music	8 <sup>th</sup> December
WJEC Hospitality & Catering	12 <sup>th</sup> January
WJEC Engineering	

**BTEC Tech Award  
Information**



**WJEC Information**



# Prep Sessions on offer for the next fortnight

A Week 4 13 <sup>th</sup> October			
Tues	<b>History Paper 1</b> <b>Section B: 1250-Present</b> Answering 4 marks Questions. Planning good answers to <u>12 and 16 marks</u> questions. EWA, KMC, JED, NTR H1, H2, H3		
Weds	<b>Science</b> <b>Paper 1 Chemistry</b> required practical <b>NCO/JTH S1</b> <b>Paper 1 Biology</b> required practical revision <b>RSO/CDI S2</b> <b>Paper 1 Physics</b> required practical revision <b>JWE/EFR S4</b>		
Thurs	<b>Geography</b> Modelling 6 and 9 markers for Tectonic and weather hazards LHA E10		
Fri	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>Art</b>                              Completion of the PPE/sketchbook work                              EPE                              CLC4                         </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>Vocational (H&amp;S, Sport, Hospitality, Engineering, Music, Performing Arts, Creative Media)</b>                              PSA Catchup-Invite only (these will be sent via CC)                              CLC 5                              PMA/JTU                         </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Art</b> Completion of the PPE/sketchbook work EPE CLC4	<b>Vocational (H&amp;S, Sport, Hospitality, Engineering, Music, Performing Arts, Creative Media)</b> PSA Catchup-Invite only (these will be sent via CC) CLC 5 PMA/JTU
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B Week 5 3 <sup>rd</sup> November			
Tues	<b>Maths</b> <b>Paper 3 (calc):</b> Mixed practice of topics from PPE revision list. Walkthrough of key exam questions. RHU, STT, DRO, MHO W5, SSC1, W4, W2		
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