

Year 11 Parent Bulletin

Wednesday 6th May



Dear all,

As we begin the GCSE examination period, I would like to share some important information to help ensure a smooth and successful experience for all Year 11 students.

Firstly, please note that the national contingency date for the GCSE exams is Wednesday 24th June. Students must remain available up to and including this date, as it may be used in the event of any national disruption to the exam schedule.

Our after school prep sessions will now be adapted to reflect the examination timetable. These targeted sessions will be designed to support students and will provide valuable revision and top tips in readiness for the exams.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance in school at this crucial time. Lessons and booster sessions are going to be focused on exam tips and final revision sessions and students will greatly benefit from this guidance.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they begin their and exams and we thank you for your continued support during this important time.



Miss Dingwall
Head of Year 11

Year 11 Prep Sessions



Date	Exam
5 th May	Maths
6 th May	Sport
7 th May	Science
8 th May	English
12 th May	Geography and Computer Science
13 th May	Maths
14 th May	History and Spanish
15 th May	English

Exam Day Ready



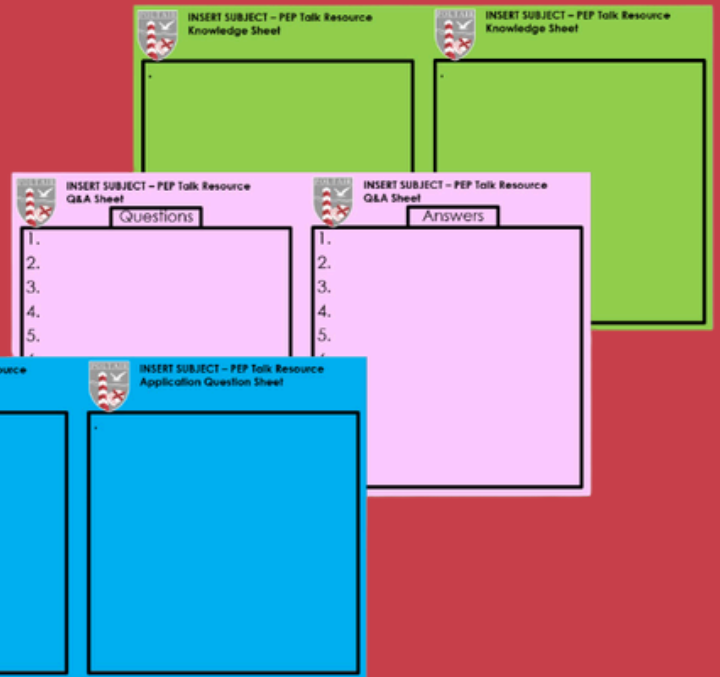
A reminder that there are breakfast items available free of charge in the canteen each morning. Students can also select from a range of items to purchase, from the school canteen.



Students will then be required, on the bell, to head to the Drama Studio and hang up their blazers and leave their bags in there for the duration of the exam. All students have a name tag on a hanger for them to use and to easily identify their items.



Students will then come into the Main Hall where there will be a trio of resources for them to revise from. Green resources are essential key information, pink resources are questions and answers and blue resources are application/ exam style questions, building their confidence right before the exam.



As students arrive in to the main hall they will sit in their tutor groups and will be registered. At 8.45am the PEP talk begins. This is delivered by the Curriculum Team Leader and includes vital hints and tips to be successful in the exam. This will always be information that the students have heard before and will hopefully reassure them.

Students will then proceed to the Exam Hall; this is done alphabetically in rows. Students then enter the Exam Hall in silence, and this is when JCO regulations are enforced.



To make this as pleasant a process as possible, students have cushions on their chairs and a small pot of sweets to keep them going!



If the exam is an afternoon exam, the process runs in the same way, however a PM exam will begin at 1:00pm with the PEP talking starting at 12:45pm. This does mean that Year 11 have an early lunch, from 12:15pm until 12:45pm.

The canteen is open as normal for students and they can continue to buy hot lunch.

Any students that have extra time, or where a exam significantly affects their morning break, will be given an extended break and the canteen will remain open so that students can continue to purchase hot or cold food. We work in conjunction with the canteen to ensure that this is seamless for the students across the exam period.



Prep sessions will continue to run during this time to support with revision. All students are encouraged to attend these sessions.

Students will also have a booster session either the afternoon before or the morning before an afternoon exam. This is to maximise student success.

Students will be given a fortnightly timetable so that they know what booster they have, where they need to be, and which staff member is running that booster session.

Prep session timetable will be shared with students via Class Charts.

We do ask that if a student is going to be late for an exam for any reason you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can be made aware and can prepare for this. We provide students with a school mobile number that they can text/ ring to advise of buses running late or traffic issues. Students will be advised on how to use this appropriately. We only have a very small window to ensure that all students are in the exam, so punctuality is key. Please note that we do have to abide by national starty times for exams. If a student is late they will not be able to start the exam. Thank you for your support in ensuring they are in school for 8:45am each day.



As we approach the end of the exam period we will have our annual leavers assembly - a firm favourite in the school calendar.

As part of this I do invite you to send in any first day of school pictures you may have of your child either starting at Poltair or their primary school. Students always love this and it is a great way to start our celebration of their educational journey. This year's leavers assembly will be Monday 15th June. This will of course involve shirt signing beforehand. Students are invited to bring in a spare shirt to sign for this. Students are not permitted to sign the shirts that they are wearing.



Our final big celebration will of course be The Prom, this is being held at the Alverton Manor in Truro on Friday 19th June. Students can arrive from 6:00pm and the event runs until 11:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students there. If you are yet to purchase a ticket, tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay.



Finally, from me, results day is on Thursday 20th August. For students collecting their results there are three available options:

1. In person at school on the day between 9:00am and 10:00am.
2. If not collected in person on the day, these will be posted home.
3. A letter written by the student stating clearly who can collect on their behalf. That person will need to bring ID in confirm identity.

Students will also be able to access their results on the Education Records App later in the day and we will be on hand in the morning to support any students that are not yet set up with the App.

If you have any questions about our exam processes please do not hesitate to contact me on cdingwall@poltair.celtrust.org.

I am looking forward to seeing all of your photos!

Final JCQ Reminders

Students will be asked to leave mobile phones, smart and analogue watches in their bags. They will also be asked to ensure their pockets are empty and they leave their blazers in the Drama Studio students may also wear their Poltair grey jumper.

Students must bring their equipment in a clear, see-through pencil case, including: pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, highlighter, and a scientific calculator (Casio fx-83GTCW). We will clearly signpost to students which exams they are allowed to take a calculator into.

We strongly advise that students have a clear, water bottle with no logos, with them to take into the exam. This is especially important as we reach the summer months.



I am extremely proud of Year 11 and how they have conducted themselves while preparing for and beginning their GCSE exams. Their maturity, focus and determination have been clear to see.

I wish each and every one of them the very best for the remainder of their exams and for their futures.



Mr Cardigan
Headteacher