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Achieve@TRINITY - Raising Standards Programme for Year 11

Dear **Parents/Guardians**,

Over the past 3 weeks our Year 11 students have faced significant challenges and disruption to their schooling due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic. In light of everything they have faced this year, they have tackled this additional barrier to their learning with grit, resilience and determination. As a school we have never been prouder of their dedication and commitment, whether that has been working independently online or taking part in live online learning.

Pre Public Exams (PPEs)

The month of November marks an important milestone for all Year 11 pupils. Week beginning the 9th November, Year 11 will sit their first of two Pre Public Examination periods (PPEs).

This first examination period will last two weeks. During this period all students will sit PPEs for all of their examined subjects. Enclosed is a copy of the full suite of exams, your son/daughter will receive their personalised timetable with seating numbers after the half term holiday.

As a school we recognise the many changes that the government has made in the last six months. The pandemic is far from over and we feel it prudent to point out how imperative it is that pupils treat the PPE examinations with the utmost seriousness. If the pandemic continues to disrupt education the government may make the decision to ask schools to issue Centre Assessed Grades as they did last summer. If this is the case, internal assessments will be used as evidence for any final grades that we might issue. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that your son/daughter use the half term to carry out some focused revision.

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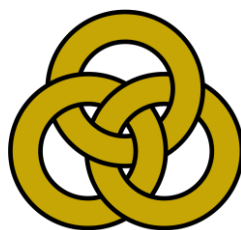
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PPE Examination Timetable

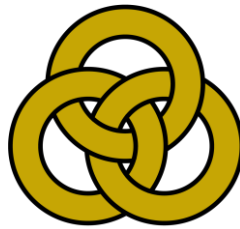
	Monday 9th November	Tuesday 10th November	Wednesday 11th November	Thursday 12th November	Friday 13th November
Breakfast available from 8 a.m. at the far end of the Atrium. Students to assemble on bleacher seating in row order					
1	English Language (105 mins)	Option Y Paper 1 (see 11Y tab)	Option Z Paper 1 (see 11Z tab)	Mathematics Paper 2 (90 mins)	Option Y Paper 2 (see 11Y tab)
2					
Break - 10.30 - 10.45					
3	MATHS REVISION	SCIENCE REVISION	RE REVISION	CHEMISTRY REVISION	ART & DRAMA Cont Period 3
Lunch - 11.50 - 12.20 (Examination start time 12.35) Students to assemble on bleacher seating in row order					
4	Mathematics Paper 1 (90 mins)	Science Biology (75/105 mins)	Religious Education Paper 1 (90 mins)	Science Chemistry (75/105 mins)	ART & DRAMA Cont Period 4
5					ART & DRAMA Cont Period 5
6	OPTION Y REVISION	OPTION Z REVISION	MATHS REVISION	OPTION X REVISION	

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	Monday 16th November	Tuesday 17th November	Wednesday 18th November	Thursday 19th November	Friday 20th November
Breakfast available from 8 a.m. at the far end of the Atrium. Students to assemble on bleacher seating in row order					
1	Mathematics Paper 3 (90 mins)	Science Physics (75/105 mins)	Religious Education Paper 3 (60 mins)	Option X Paper 1 (see 11X tab)	Period 1
2					Period 2
Break - 10.30 - 10.45					
3	ENGLISH REVISION	OPTION X REVISION	OPTION Z REVISION	ART EXAM Continued MATHS REVISION	Period 3
Lunch - 11.50 - 12.20 (Examination start time 12.35) Students to assemble on bleacher seating in row order				Normal Lunch - 12.05 - 12.35	
4	English Literature (105 mins)	Option X Paper 2 (see 11X tab)	Option Z Paper 2 (see 11Z tab)	ART EXAM Cont MATHS REVISION	Period 4
5					Period 5
6	PHYSICS REVISION	RE REVISION	OPTION Y REVISION		

Year 11 Parents Information Evening

On **Wednesday 21st October** our Online Year 11 Parents Information Evening will go live on the Trinity website. Here you will find a welcome and overview of the Achieve programme led by Mr Smith and Miss Hartley and a range of subject videos. Each video will outline the content of the PPE, give more information on the course and provide helpful advice for preparation and revision. You can access our website at <https://trinity.npcat.org.uk/>

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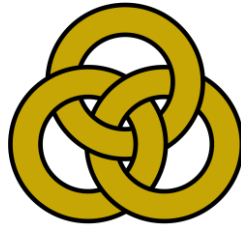
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Curriculum Focus Days & Period 6

This half term your child and our teachers have worked incredibly hard to plan and prepare for the upcoming PPEs. We have retaught and recovered key content and skills delivered during the lockdown as well as teaching new content. As part of the **Achieve@Trinity raising standards programme**, some pupils who have been identified as needing additional support have been invited to Period 6 sessions and our group of the 20 most able have taken part in our High Aspirations sessions.

All Year 11 students have participated in highly successful curriculum focus days for Options subjects, RE and Science. On the week beginning 2nd November your child will participate in focus days for English and Maths. These days will make a huge impact on the success of our Year 11 students and their performance in the November PPE period.

What next?

After the PPE period there will be a period of reflection. Year 11 teachers will complete a detailed analysis of pupil performance and will use the information from this to plan suitable intervention to close gaps in core knowledge and skills in preparation for our next PPE examination period in February 2021.

To support our students we will continue to run Period 6 and the High Aspirations group after school. After the success and positive feedback from students, parents and staff, in January 2021 we will launch another cycle of Curriculum Focus Days.

You will remember in July we asked our students about their concerns and worries about returning to school and their suggestions for making their Year 11 experience easier. In addition to more time spent going over topics and revision during the school day, a number of students requested extra sessions during the holidays. Last year this was known as "Holiday School".

As much as we understand and appreciate this feedback, we believe that half term holidays are resting and recharging, especially in light of how challenging this half term has been for staff, students and parents. In place of "Holiday School" after October half term we will be running "Saturday School". This is a unique opportunity for students to work in small hand picked groups with subject specialists for a maximum of two hours on a particular Saturday morning.

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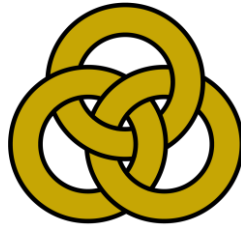
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Each subject will be allocated a particular Saturday morning in the run up to Christmas and will request students they would like to work with. This may be to focus on particular areas within a subject or to allow more time to complete coursework or to allow more time for preparation for the January Btec examination series.

These sessions will be invite only and will take place in the main school building. They will last a maximum of two hours. Once we have finalised a timetable we will share this with you.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. We wish to repeat that without doubt, your enthusiasm and encouragement of your children to engage with online learning, curriculum focus days and to attend Period 6 sessions has been one of the key drivers in the success of this half term.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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