

30 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations Arrangements (PPEs)

We are writing to update you on the arrangements for the forthcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) which will run from Friday 12 January to Tuesday 23 January 2024 inclusive.

This year we are introducing study leave for the duration of their PPEs. Students are therefore not expected in school (unless they have a PPE) from Friday 12 January and lessons will restart on Wed 24 January. However, students are able to remain in school if they have both a morning and an afternoon exam.

The PPEs provide students with an opportunity to practise examination techniques and the timing of questions in high control conditions. Students should act on the guidance provided by their subject teachers to ensure they revise effectively and are prepared for January.

We will communicate via Edulink individual PPE timetables which will be accessible by clicking on the Exams tab. Seating plans will also be viewable on Edulink. Seating arrangements can change regularly in the run up to exams so we have advised students to check their seating allocation the night before each exam.

Our main examination venues are the Sports Hall on either campus whether for PPEs or summer examinations. Please note that provision for access arrangements may be either in these same venues or in different rooms in line with the particular needs of students. The SENCO team will be communicating these out separately. For questions regarding students' access arrangements please contact our SENCOs Mrs Smith on nsmith@wealdgs.org (Tonbridge) or Ms Waight on swaight@wealdgs.org (Sevenoaks).

An assembly has been delivered to all Year 11 students to reiterate the expectations, conduct and regulations required for practice and actual public examinations in advance of both the PPEs and the summer series of examinations. Please see the 'Exams' area on our school website, in the section entitled 'Information for Candidates 2023-24', for more information and guidance that we are required to make available to all students.

You will be able to discuss subject progress and areas for development at the Parents and Carers' Consultation Evening on 7 December.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's examination arrangements, please contact Mrs Dyos (Examinations Officer) on exams@wealdgs.org.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the GCSE results day will be Thursday 22 August 2024. Please note that results will be available for face-to-face collection and will not be sent out by post. We encourage you to make advance arrangements for these results to be picked up in person as it is only by this means that the full break down of individual subject results can be viewed and not via our online system Edulink. These break downs will be important for reference when comparing results with raw mark boundaries on exam board websites in the event of any Review of Results requests. Further information regarding results day processes will be sent out in due course.

Yours faithfully

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