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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of a very important time in your child's education at The Hart School. In November, all students will sit a series of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). These commence, for core subjects, on Monday 23 November 2026 and will run for a period of almost two weeks. In addition, students studying Spanish will have their speaking PPE on either Thursday 19 or Friday 20 November 2026. You can access the PPE timetable on the school website [here](#). Students will be issued with their own personalised timetables after half term and need to keep these safe as they contain details of the rooms and seat numbers for each of their exams.

These examinations are an important milestone in your child's preparation for their final exams in Summer 2027. They provide students with the opportunity to experience formal exam conditions, demonstrate their current level of understanding, and identify areas where further revision and support may be needed. It is really important that students work hard for these so that staff are able to identify any curriculum gaps, enabling us to better target our support in the final few months.

These PPEs are also important as they provide us with accurate working-at grades, enabling us to form predicted grades for students. Students will be asked for our predicted grades when applying to Sixth Form or colleges. If students don't work hard and therefore don't achieve the grades of which they are capable, their predicted grades will reflect this and they may find it harder to be accepted onto their chosen programme of study post-16.

To support students in school, we have completed a programme of study skills and revision strategies in period zero this week. These tutor time sessions focused on effective revision techniques, revision schedules, retrieval practice, organisation and examination preparation. Please find an electronic version of the study skills booklet which also includes revision lists for their PPEs linked [here](#).

We recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in supporting students through this important stage of their education and we are often asked by parents about you can support your child at home. To help with this, we are hosting a Year



11 How to Revise Evening on Wednesday 4 November 2026, where we will share practical advice and guidance on how you can support your child with revision, wellbeing and exam preparation. This has already been communicated to parents and carers. The link to this letter is [here](#). If you haven't already completed the Microsoft Form to confirm your attendance, please do so by clicking [here](#).

To help your child prepare for their PPEs, we encourage you to:

- Discuss revision plans and routines with your child.
- Ensure they have a quiet and suitable place to study.
- Encourage regular breaks, healthy sleep habits and good attendance.
- Support them in using the revision resources provided by their teachers.

It is also really important that students understand the JCQ Examination Rules. We will be going over these in an assembly with the students closer to the time, but you can find further JCQ guidance by clicking this [link](#). Please do discuss these examination rules with your child at home.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure that every student achieves their full potential. The PPE period is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their progress and take positive steps towards success in their final examinations.

Attendance to all lessons is crucial not just during the PPE window, as vocational qualifications require more than simply remembering information for an examination. Students must develop knowledge, practise skills and produce evidence through assignments, coursework and non-examined assessments. When students miss lessons, they miss valuable teaching, demonstrations, feedback and opportunities to make progress with assessed work. Catching up independently can be difficult, particularly when tasks build on previous learning and assessment deadlines must be met.

Regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to understand assessment requirements, complete work to the best of their ability and achieve their potential.

Should you have any questions regarding the PPEs or revision support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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