

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

Re: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

Year 11 will begin their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) on Monday 12 October. These examinations are an important part of preparing students for their GCSEs, giving them valuable experience of sitting formal examinations and becoming familiar with the routines, expectations and protocols they will need to follow next summer.

We know that this can be a demanding period for students, so this year we are pleased to include a **Focus and Recharge Day on Friday 23 October**, when the school will be closed to students.

Arriving for examinations

The examination period will be busy, with some examinations beginning early in the morning and continuing throughout the school day. It is therefore essential that your daughter arrives at school **in full school uniform and no later than 7:45am**.

We appreciate that this earlier start may present difficulties for some families. If you have any concerns about this, please contact **Miss Ibrahim** as soon as possible.

Students must also follow all examination protocols. This includes handing in **mobile phones and smart watches** at the beginning of the day. If your daughter does not intend to bring a mobile phone into school, she must inform Miss Ibrahim in advance.

Lessons and revision

When students are not sitting an examination or on a scheduled break, they will attend their normal lessons.

Students are not permitted to bring laptops, tablets and other personal electronic devices into school for revision purposes.

End of the school day

To allow us to return mobile phones safely and efficiently, students will begin to be dismissed from Period 5 at approximately **2:50pm**. On these days, your daughter may therefore leave school around ten minutes earlier than usual.

We know that PPEs can feel challenging, but they are an important opportunity for students to experience the demands of formal examinations, identify where further revision is needed and build confidence ahead of the summer.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We want every Year 11 student to approach these examinations positively, take them seriously and use the experience to help them be as prepared as possible for their GCSEs.

Yours faithfully,

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