



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with an update on the upcoming PPE2 and summer public exams. Students and department areas have been working hard in response to the grades from the December PPE1 exams, finishing off course content and preparing for the next set of exams.

The Department for Education and JCQ have made it clear that public exams will take place this summer, however, they are keen to support students who have been impacted by the Covid pandemic with structured support. This support is being named 'Advance Information' and was released today, 7th February 2022. I have outlined below the information we have at the time of writing. Once I know more, I will update you further.

Advance Information – 7th February 2022:

The 7th February (today) saw the publication of 'advance information' from the exam boards. This information is a key adaptation to examinations, aiming to support students and teachers in focusing revision for exams. It is intended to make sure that JCQ are being as fair as possible to students given the disruption they have experienced, and many continue to face, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The advance information spans all our exam specifications. In some cases, for example, the information will provide a list of topics that will be the focus of the exam, or parts of it. In other cases, the information will identify a section of a set work (such as a text), and the extract used in the exam will be taken from this smaller section. Other approaches have been taken elsewhere.

Our Curriculum leads and teaching staff are currently reading and discussing this advance information to then adapt the teaching plans for the final few weeks. The PPE2 exams will be modified to reflect the Advance Information to try and ensure the final practice exams replicate what students will experience in the summer. I will write to you again over the next two weeks with a summary of the key points from the Advance Information.

PPE2 exams:

Towards the end of term 2.2, Year 13 will sit their next set of 'mock' exams. These PPE2 exams will be the final opportunity (promise!) for the students to practice exams before the 'real thing' in May and June. I will be writing to you after the half term break with the overview summary to help the students prepare for their PPE2 exams.

As always, we care greatly about the well-being of our students. I understand that the next few weeks could provide pressure points where students feel worry or anxiety. The work being carried out by tutors, Mr Constable and department areas has been designed to increase resilience and equip students with the necessary skills and tools to cope with the stresses and strains of the next 4 months. We feel almost all of our students are 'exam ready'. However, if you do have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or Mr Constable.

I wish your son/daughter good luck during the PPE2 exams

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