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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) Tuesday 10th June - Tuesday 1st July 2025

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach an essential phase of your child's GCSE journey, I wanted to take a moment to inform you about the upcoming Pre-Public Examinations.

The Pre-Public Examinations are scheduled to commence on Tuesday 10th June and will run until Tuesday 1st July 2025.

These exams serve as a pivotal milestone in your child's preparation for their final GCSE Year. They provide a valuable opportunity for your child to experience exam conditions, assess their understanding of the curriculum, and identify areas where they may need additional support or revision.

Here's what you need to know:

- **Purpose:** The primary purpose of the PPEs is to simulate the conditions of the actual examinations as closely as possible. This includes adhering to the examination timetable, format, and duration. By doing so, students can familiarise themselves with the exam environment, manage their time effectively, and alleviate any anxiety associated with the examination process.
- **Preparation:** Encourage your child to approach these PPEs with a positive mindset and a diligent study routine. Emphasise the importance of thorough revision, practising past papers, and seeking clarification on any areas of uncertainty. Remind them to utilise all available resources, including textbooks, notes, and online platforms, to enhance their preparation. We recommend using evidence based Revision strategies such as our Fab Four - <https://millthorpeschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Fab-four-Revision-strategies.pdf> - and you can find more information on our website under student/revision.
- **Support:** Your support and encouragement play a crucial role in your child's academic success. Be available to discuss any concerns or challenges they may encounter during their preparation for the examinations. Encourage them to seek assistance from their subjects' teachers or pastoral team if they require additional guidance or support.

- **Feedback:** Following the completion of the PPEs, students will receive detailed feedback. This feedback will highlight their strengths and areas for improvement, enabling them to reflect on their performance and make necessary adjustments to their study approach before the final examinations.
- **Access arrangements:** For those students who qualify for access arrangements due to additional needs. The Inclusion team will write to you to confirm your child's arrangements within the next few weeks.
- **Maintaining balance:** While the PPEs are undoubtedly important, it's essential for students to maintain a balance between their academic responsibilities and their overall well-being. Encourage your child to prioritise self-care and wellbeing activities.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or require further information regarding the PPEs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

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