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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

JANUARY 2026 PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPEs)

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about the upcoming **Pre Public Examinations**, which are an integral part of preparing students for their GCSE exams.

The **PPE exam period** will take place from **Monday 19th January to Friday 6th February**. These exams are designed to mirror the structure and expectations of the final GCSE examinations, providing students with valuable experience under formal exam conditions.

Why are these exams important?

1. **Preparation:** Mocks help students understand the format and expectations of their GCSE exams.
2. **Practice under Pressure:** It allows them to develop exam techniques and manage time effectively.
3. **Feedback:** Our marginal gains- 'Every Mark Matters' approach give both students and teachers insights into strengths and areas for improvement, which will guide revision efforts in the months ahead.

Key Information:

- **Timetable:** [Please find here a link to the timetable.](#)
- **AM exam** - arrive at your exam location at 8.40
- **PM exam**- arrive at your exam location at 12.45
- **Access arrangements:** Students with additional exam arrangements which include 25% or 50% extra time. Please note students may finish later than 2.45pm.
- **Preparation at Home:** We encourage students to revise thoroughly in the weeks leading up to the exams. Revision resources are on Google classroom, and students should also use any additional materials they've been issued. We recommend using evidence based Revision strategies such as our Fab Four- [Fab four Revision strategies](#) and you can find more information on our website under student/ revision.
- **Support Available:** While the PPEs are undoubtedly important, it's essential for students to maintain a balance between their academic responsibilities and their overall wellbeing. Encourage your child to prioritise self-care and wellbeing activities. There are wellbeing resources available on our website <https://millthorpe.school.co.uk/wellbeing/>

Expectations During the Exam Period:

- Students must arrive promptly and bring all **required equipment** (e.g., pens, pencils, calculators).
- **Absences** during the exam period must be reported promptly to the school office, and we will make arrangements for any missed exams where possible.
- **Year 11 Intervention will not run during the first two weeks** of PPE's to ensure students are looking after their wellbeing and managing a revision timetable. Intervention will commence week beginning Monday 2nd February.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to engage fully in their revision and to approach these exams with a positive and determined mindset. By working together, we can ensure they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns about the exams or your child's preparation, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@millthorpe.elt.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck with their exams.

Yours faithfully

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