

14th February 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs): timetable attached

As previously communicated, Year 13 students will sit a second PPE week in term 4 (w/c 24th February 2025). Preparation for these exams should be ongoing and all students should have set out a full revision programme with a particular focus on their PLCs. These exams are extremely important and have been strategically placed to ensure students are fully prepared for their final exams and to inform any interventions / support. During this week, there will be no A level lessons for Year 13 however, vocational courses (CTEC and BTEC qualifications) will run as normal.

Independent Revision

Effective independent revision will impact directly on successful exam performance. We are aware some sixth form students already recognise the importance of revision but we still have some students who are not maintaining an effective revision programme out of school hours. Therefore, I would like to outline the TPAT Sixth Form expectation:

- At least 1 hour of revision per subject at home each evening
- At least 2 hours of revision per subject over a weekend

With your help at home, ensuring your child is revising regularly, their chances of success in their examinations increases dramatically. We appreciate your support in this and can offer further advice on revision if required.

- Additional / wider reading to broaden subject knowledge (books are available for student use in the supervised study area)
- Purchasing relevant revision guides to support and consolidate learning
- Utilising all non-contact time effectively whilst at school

Post 18 Pathways

I am pleased to confirm we have submitted all UCAS applications for students considering a university pathway. The deadline for universities to respond to applications is 14th May 2025 and students are required to confirm their first and insurance university from the offers that have been made by 5th June 2025.

Students can confirm their first and insurance university once all five universities have responded to their application. Our advice is for students to be aspirational in their first-choice university and ensure their insurance choice has lower entry criteria in case they do not meet the conditions of their first-choice. We have encouraged students to discuss their choices with a member of the sixth form team so we can support them in their decision.

I have also attached the Year 13 assembly slides with information regarding: UCAS deadlines, student loans, student accommodation and university bursaries.

For students wishing to pursue an apprenticeship or employment pathway external speakers including Ask Apprenticeships have delivered workshops and seminars this term as part of our post 18 programme. Students have also had the opportunity to visit the Apprentifest event at Steam and network with local providers.

Our Careers Advisor, Mr Godley, will continue to share apprenticeship and employment opportunities as and when they become available.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me on russello@tpatsixthform.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

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