

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

### **Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs): timetable attached**

Year 13 students will sit their first PPE week at the start of next term (w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Preparation for these PPEs should be ongoing and all students should have set out a full revision programme with a particular focus on their PLCs. These PPEs are extremely important and have been strategically placed to ensure students are fully prepared for their final exams and to inform any interventions/ support. In addition, we will use student performance in these PPEs to determine UCAS predicted grades. During this week, there will be no A level lessons for Year 13.

The Y13 subject consultation evening will follow the PPEs on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. This will allow parents/ guardians and students to discuss their academic progress with subject teachers and identify PLCs to improve on.

### **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 early entry universities and courses including applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science.

Our aim is to submit all UCAS applications for the 29<sup>th</sup> January deadline by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. To ensure we meet these deadlines we have requested all students applying to university complete their UCAS application (including personal statement) by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November allowing UCAS mentors time to write student references by our internal submission window – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

For students wishing to pursue an apprenticeship or employment pathway, external speakers including Ask Apprenticeships, Intel and Catalent have delivered workshops and seminars as part of our post 18 destinations programme. Students have also had the opportunity to visit a number of local business providers including Arval, Dick Lovett, NHS and more.

Our Careers Advisor, Mr Godley, will continue to share apprenticeship and employment opportunities via the Lydiard Park Academy careers newsletter.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me on [russello@tpatsixthform.org.uk](mailto:russello@tpatsixthform.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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