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## Year 11 update

Principal: Mrs N Waker

Dear pupil and parent,

Y11 have now passed the mid-point of their year and with exams fast approaching I wanted to write to you with some crucial information to assist with your preparations over the coming weeks and months. Hopefully this letter will cover the vast majority of questions you might have but, as ever, I am available by email should you require any further help or advice – [bjilder@horbury.accordmat.org](mailto:bjilder@horbury.accordmat.org)

### February PPE exams

To support the pupils' preparations for the summer and to assess their progress we will shortly conduct another series of PPE examinations. These are incredibly important to ascertain the progress pupils have made, what further interventions and support they require, and to act as evidence should this be required.

Year 11 PPE Examinations will commence from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and finish Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note, the February half-term holiday fits within this timeframe and we will shortly be publishing a support timetable for the ½ term holiday. As always, these exams will be sat using the most up-to-date JCQ guidelines and exam protocols. Guidance for parents and pupils which you may find helpful in preparing for exams along with the current JCQ documentation for 2021/2022 is available to view on our website: <https://horbury.accordmat.org/exam-regulations-information/>

You should have already received a letter regarding the PPEs, this letter outlines all the examinations taking place in the examination period. Seating arrangements will be available to pupils on a daily basis, but in the meantime, it is worth highlighting and planning for the exams that your child will be sitting.

These examinations have been carefully planned to closely match the order of the exams in the summer and will be one of the final full assessment pieces they complete before the final exams.

It is essential that pupils prepare fully for these examinations to ensure that their performance in the examinations is a good representation of their current attainment. This will enable their teachers and subject teams to target individuals for appropriate intervention. If your child requires any assistance around strategies for revision they should seek support from their subject teachers who will be able to advise accordingly.

In addition, please can I remind pupils and their parents of the HTHYCS evening and booklet released earlier in the year and found here: <https://horbury.accordmat.org/hthy/cs>. This contains lots of hints, tips and links to further support.

There is also a section on the school website where some revision strategies can be downloaded found here: <https://horbury.accordmat.org/exams/>

We would appreciate it if you could support your child to prepare by ensuring they revise and get plenty of sleep prior to the PPE examinations commencing.

### **Preparing to Succeed**

After the PPEs we will begin our countdown to the final examinations, and we will support your child both in school and with their revision at home. They are about to enter an immensely important period of their lives and it is with this in mind that I am writing to you now, so there is plenty of time to prepare.

Pupils will need a quiet place to work and study, a plan for how they will approach their revision, strategies to revise and cope with pressure and minimal distractions. We will provide sessions and support throughout the next few months and if parents require any support to assist them with this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Later on this term, on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will have our 'Preparing to Succeed' evening**. This event will be held on site and will operate a workshop style event with a marketplace of different revision and support strategies. I will write to you closer to the time with details of the event. This is purposefully prior to the Easter holidays as this 2-week window should be used to prepare for their exams as when they return after Easter there is only 4 weeks before the exams begin.

### **The summer examinations will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May until Wednesday 21st June.**

However, the exam boards have designated **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June as a 'contingency day'** within the summer examination timetable in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. Pupils must remain available until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Pupils will be required to attend the academy as normal every day until their last exam. Of course, once again, I will write to you closer to the time with further details.

### **Prom**

Once the exams are all over it is time to celebrate our time together with the annual Year 11 Prom. This has now been booked for **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Bagden Hall**. We would really like to see as many of our pupils there and the excitement has already begun to grow. Further details regarding this event will follow in the next few weeks.

### **Results Day**

Results day this year is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August** and will be held on site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support so far this year and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that every pupil achieves the outcomes they deserve.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Gilder  
Vice Principal