



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Year 11 postponed Pre-Public Exam Day (30 Jan 24) and Intervention Information

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I write to you concerning important information regarding the Year 11 Pre-Public Exam day on Tuesday 30 January and to inform you of the ongoing support and opportunities in the coming weeks for our Year 11 cohort. I hope this letter finds you all well for the coming year ahead and positive for the challenge of Summer Examinations that are fast approaching.

Core Pre-Public Examination (PPE) Day 1 – Tuesday 30 January 2024

The first of 2 Core PPE days will take place this coming Tuesday. This is the postponed day from two weeks ago on 16 January. We are confident the temperature in the exam hall on Tuesday will be fine this week and the invigilation team will all be in to administer the examinations.

Students have been made aware and should arrive at school at normal time **for line-up at 0840** where we will organise a prompt and orderly entrance into their English examination. They will sit:

- **Periods 1 & 2 – English Language Paper** – line up at 0840 in Year 11 zone
- **Periods 3 & 4 – Mathematics Calculator Paper** – line up in MUGA straight after Break
- **Period 5 – Science Paper** – line up in Year 11 zone straight after lunch.

Students are aware of what is being examined, have been preparing in lessons and will further practice the examination routines they will remember from the November PPE series. Students should arrive in good time, note their seating number before line ups and have the correct equipment for each examination.

This is a great opportunity to see further progress and to plan to succeed by working now for those summer examinations. All preparation for these examinations will stand you good stead for the summer! They will be externally marked and the feedback obtained will inform future interventions and revision schedules.

A further Core PPE day is planned for **19 March 2024** where the same process and examinations will be undertaken.

As a reminder:

Please do ensure you have the correct equipment for each examination, it makes the preparation so much less stressful! Plan and prepare for this the evening before the examination day.

- **Full clear plastic pencil case** (pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, Maths equipment e.g. calculator, protractor)
- **Water** (no other drinks are permitted and water must be in an **un-labelled** bottle)
- **Revision materials** for before the examinations



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Further Intervention support

As we enter the final few months/ weeks of Year 11 before the summer examinations I would also like to make you aware of the opportunities we have in place for all of Year 11 in preparation for the examination series.

1. Sunrise intervention: 0745 to 0830

The dining hall can be used as a breakfast and study space in the morning and going forward subjects may well choose to also run sessions in their own areas for specific cohorts of students. This takes place for some subjects already.

2. After-School intervention and Timetable: Period 6 (1510- 1600) & Period 7 (1610-1700)

This aims to give some guaranteed structure for faculties and students and as far as possible an equitable distribution of time to target interventions after school for those requiring intervention or support in their subjects.

Students may be targeted by faculties to attend at the listed times below. If so, faculties can **expect their subject to take precedence and their students** to be available at the specified time. If a faculty is not running an intervention or the student is not targeted then the students may attend another organised intervention if they wish. The duration of the intervention may not take up both sessions but this time is available if faculties so wish.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1: Period 6 (1510-1600)	Science	Mathematics	MfL / Hist / Geog	English	Option A
Session 2: Period 7 (1610-1700)					Option B
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Option A subjects: Art (Ms Rodgers), Business (Ms Susi, Ms Jenkins), Computing (Ms Singh), Drama (Ms Eyre), Design Technology (Ms Angel), Geography (Mr El Ghazel), Hospitality (Mr Phipps), Music (Ms Bell), Photography (Mr Moodie) & Psychology (Ms Khatun)

Option B subjects: Business (Ms Susi), Computing (Mr Lowery), Drama (Ms Barson), Design Technology (Ms Hearn), History (Ms I), Media (Ms Coenen-Rowe), PE (Mr Hitchman), Photography (Ms Killingback), Psychology (Ms Christodolou) & Religious Studies (Mr Kabir)

3. Saturday interventions

The first week of these starts tomorrow (27 January 2024) in the **West Building** with Maths intervention. In future, further subjects may organise sessions on a Saturday morning. Students/ parents have been notified if they have been targeted for intervention via email. The school site is open from 1000 to 1200 on a Saturday.

School is used by a number of different organisations on a Saturday, and non-school staff are allowed to move freely around site. This means that Year 11 students must:

- Be supervised at all times
- Have behaviour that is exemplary when attending Saturday Intervention. Failure to do so may result in the opportunity being removed from students attending in future weeks.
- Have an attitude to learning that is serious and committed.
- Enter via the South Gate, be punctual, attending promptly at 1000. Failure to be on time may result in students being turned away from the intervention.

4. Holiday interventions

We shall also be running holiday intervention programmes in each of the remaining school holiday and further information regarding these will be provided prior to each holiday period. However, please note the dates below of when Holiday Interventions will be running:

- **February Half-term:** Monday 12 to Friday 16 February – programme to follow
- **Easter break:** Monday 9 to Friday 13 April
- **May half term:** Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 May

Please continue to encourage students to attend interventions and make the most of this ongoing support. Look out for and remind students of communications from subjects and teachers regarding the opportunities on offer, these may be via text or email in the coming weeks.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of **preparation and revision** to students at this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, a.hadley@hampsteadschool.org.uk, Ms O'Connell, as Head of Year 11, s.oconnell@hampsteadschool.org.uk or the Examinations Officer (exams@hampsteadschool.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hadley', written over a horizontal line that tapers to a point on the right side.

Dr Hadley
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