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Dear Year 11 families,

RE: Upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

I am writing to share important information about the upcoming **Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)**, which will take place in the week commencing **Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October**. These examinations represent an important milestone for our Year 11 students as they prepare for their final GCSEs later in the year.

The PPEs provide students with the opportunity to experience formal exam conditions and to apply their knowledge and skills under timed pressure. They also help teachers to assess each student's current progress, identify areas of strength, and highlight topics that may need further development. This information is invaluable in planning targeted support and ensuring every student can achieve their full potential.

Students who require access arrangements will be provided with these under the supervision of our Exams Officer, Miss. J. Burgess, and our Assistant Headteacher: SENDCo, Ms. C. Falder.

At this stage in the year, consistency and preparation are key. We encourage all students to maintain a healthy balance of **focused revision, rest and wellbeing** during this period. You can support your child by:

- Encouraging the use of a **structured revision timetable**.
- Ensuring they have a **quiet, distraction – free space to study**.
- Promoting good routines, including **regular breaks, sleep, and nutritious meals**.
- Offering reassurance and helping them view these exams as an **opportunity to learn and improve**, rather than something to feel anxious about.

We know that working in partnership with families makes a real difference to student outcomes. Your ongoing support, encouragement, and engagement play a vital role in helping your child succeed.

Exam Content:

English Language Paper – 2 hours



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Section 1 - Students will have to write about two pieces of non-fiction:

- one from the 21st Century
- one from the 19th Century

They will be asked two questions on each text and then two questions asking them to compare them.

Section 2- Students will have two questions to answer. They will be asked to write either a letter, article, speech, review, report or the text from a leaflet. They should aim for 2 pages per question and remember to write in the correct form, using the DAFOREST techniques.

English Literature Paper 2 hours and 30 minutes

- Question 1 will ask them about a character or theme in A Christmas Carol in the extract and in the wider novella.
- Question 2 will ask them about a character or theme in An Inspector Calls in the extract and in the wider play.
- Question 3 will have two questions, firstly focused on a theme in an unseen poem and then secondly comparing two unseen poems.

Mathematics – All Papers

- Number, shape and Space, Algebra, ratio and proportion, probability and handling data.
- Students will have a revision paper with QR code solutions to complete and check their work.
- Students should be encouraged to use Sparx to complete topics they struggle with.

The link below to the Sparx spreadsheet will assist students in finding resources to assist with their revision:

[Sparx - External - Sparx Topics - UK - Google Sheets](#)

History

Topics of Elizabeth: 1558-1588 and American West: c1835-c1900.

Students are advised to revise Elizabethan society, relationship with Spain, Religious Settlement and exploration. For the American West, migration, Native American lifestyles and beliefs, and the government attempts to control the Native American populations.

Geography



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- Natural hazards
- Living world
- Coasts and Rivers.

Science (Combined and Triple)

Biology Paper

- Cell Biology
- Organisation
- Infection and Response
- Bioenergetics

Chemistry Paper 1

- Atomic Structure and the periodic table
- Structure and Bonding
- Quantitative Chemistry
- Chemical Changes
- Energy Changes

Physics Paper 1

- Energy
- Electricity
- Particle Model of matter
- Atomic structure (Radioactivity)

Further details regarding examinations, including the summer examination series, can be found on our website here: [Rye College - Exams](#)

The timetable for PPE 1 is attached to this letter.

- Timings for AM PPEs:
 - Line up 8:45am
 - PPE starts 9:15am
- Timings for PM PPEs:
 - Line up 12:45pm
 - PPE starts 1:00pm



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Arrangements for Friday 23 October

Friday 23 October is the final day of Term 1 with an early finish for students in Years 7 to 10.

Year 11 students will remain in school on the afternoon of Friday 23 October to sit the final PPE examination – Physics.

For students studying **Combined Science**, the examination is scheduled to finish at approximately **2:30pm**. Students studying **Triple Science** are expected to finish at approximately **3:00pm**.

Students will leave the school site at the end of the Physics examination and will be dismissed via the back gate.

We ask that parents and carers make the necessary arrangements to ensure that students are able to leave the school site safely and promptly following their examination.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via office@ryecollege.co.uk Subject teachers will also be available to answer questions and queries at the Year 11 Progress Evening on 7 October.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every Year 11 student is fully prepared and confident for their final exams.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Greenough

Director of Learning – Key Stage 4 Attainment

Please see below for PPE1 Timetable

Rye College – Year 11 PPE 1

Rye College Year 11 PPE 1										
			9.30 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.30	B1	12.00 - 1.00		1.00 - 2.00	B2	2.30 to 3.30
		9.00 am	9.15 - 11.30 am					12.45 pm	1 - 3.30 pm	
		Line up	The Gym, Room 36 or The Training Centre					Line up	The Gym, Room 36 or The Training Centre	
Monday	19.10.2026	Math 1 Non Calculator 1H 30M			B1			Biology 1H 45M & CST Biology 1H 15M		
Tuesday	20.10.2026	English Language 2H			B1			History 1H 50M		
Wednesday	21.10.2026	Math 2 Calculator 1H 30M			B1			Chemistry 1H 45M & CST Chemistry 1H 15M		
Thursday	22.10.2026	English Literature 2H 30M			B1			Line Up 1.15 pm Start 1.30 pm Geography 1H 30M		
Friday	23.10.2026	Math 3 Calculator 1H 30M			B1			Physics 1H 45M & CST Physics 1H 15M		

