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Head of School – Mrs J Jacklin

8th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to update you about our plans for PPEs (or mock exams) to support the learning of our Year 10 students. From the 14th – 22nd June, Year 10 PPEs will be held across the majority of subjects to ensure students are well prepared for Year 11 and have a strong understanding of the progress they have made so far in their GCSE courses.

King Arthur's has always conducted Year 10 PPEs. However, in light of the disruption to the school year, and in response to the grading process of the 2021 cohort, these PPEs will be slightly adapted from the traditional model. All exams will be just 45 – 60 minute papers, similar to the Exam Board Assessments issued in place of GCSEs this year. Students have been informed by their teachers whether they will be required to sit a PPE in their subject and students have been issued a PPE timetable today for their use. Please also find a copy of this timetable attached for your own use.

PPEs are an important means in identifying the retention of students' learning since the start of their examination courses, providing feed back to students on the areas they need to develop and work on, and to give students valuable practice at sitting examinations under exam conditions.

We are very keen that all of our students understand that we are not testing to produce data outcomes, but rather to assess their learning; therefore, we will not report home with GCSE grades. Students will be given their raw scores and percentages as indicators of their success. However, more importantly, we will use the exams as a way to identify what each individual student needs to do next to succeed.

Teachers have already been advising students to revise and revisit their prior learning in preparation for sitting these exams. Please encourage your child to use the revision materials provided by their teachers on Google Classroom, as well as visiting GCSE Pod or other revision tools such as MyMaths in order to prepare fully.

Students are responsible for bringing their own equipment for PPEs. They will require a black pen for every exam and will also need a pencil, a ruler, a scientific calculator and a highlighter for some exams.

Please do ensure your child understands that the PPE series is not something to be concerned about; it is an opportunity for them to showcase their knowledge and skills and is a way for us to identify how we can support every individual to the very best outcomes next summer, whatever the assessment process may be.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. K. Mason
Assistant Headteacher – Teaching and Learning

Year 10 PPE Timetable 14th – 22nd June 2021

Mon 14th June	**9.45 – 10.30 a.m.** (10.45 AM with ET)	**12.10pm – 12.55 p.m.** (1.10 p.m with ET)	
	Maths Paper 1 45 mins	History Paper 1 45 mins	
Tues 15th June	**8.45 – 9.30 a.m.** (9.45 with ET)	**12.10 – 12.55 p.m.** (1.10 with ET)	**2.00 – 2.45 p.m.** (3.00 with ET)
	French 45 mins	Geography Paper 1 45 mins	Physics 45 mins
Wed 16th June	**11.00 – 11.45 a.m.** (12.00 with ET)	**12.10pm – 1.10 p.m.** (1.25 p.m with ET)	
	Maths Paper 2 45 mins	English Paper 1 1 hr	
Thurs 17th June	**8.45 – 9.30 a.m.** (9.45 with ET)	**12.10pm – 12.55 p.m.** (1.10 p.m with ET)	
	Biology 45 mins	History Paper 2 45 mins	
Fri 18th June		**12.10pm – 1.10 p.m.** (1.25 p.m with ET)	
		English Paper 2 1 hr	

Mon 21st June	**8.45 – 9.30 a.m.** (9.45 with ET)	**2.00pm – 2.45 p.m.** (3.00 p.m with ET)
	PE 45 mins	Maths Paper 3 45 mins
Tues 22nd June	**8.45 – 9.30 a.m.** (9.45 with ET)	**2.00pm – 2.45 p.m.** (3.00 p.m with ET)
	Geography Paper 2 45 mins	Chemistry 45 minutes

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