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Dear Sixth Form, Parents/Carer

## Year 12 & Year 13 PPE Examinations January 2022

After what has continued to be a remarkably busy, and at times, challenging term, I would like to thank the students in our Sixth Form for the way they have settled into the new academic year and for their hard work and commitment shown towards their studies. At this point I would also like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support. Since I last wrote to you, students continue to be focussed on their preparation for the exams and what they want to do in the future (post A level study).

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some key information. At present, Qualifications Wales are still intending on running exams as normal in the Summer Term. However, the exam boards may still change this given the current climate. We are intending to run our internal Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs / Mocks) in the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The PPE's will be sat in exam conditions and form an important part of every student's progress. Should we go to Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) these exams will continue to act as key evidence. The timetable for the PPE's can be found below:

### Week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 12 & 13

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 11.00	Year 12 Option A Business 1hr Chemistry 1hr Media 1hr 40 Psychology 2hrs	Year 10 Biology 1hr Single Science 1hr	Year 12 Option B Engineering 1hr Biology 1hr Medical Science 1hr	Year 13 Option C History 1 1hr 30 Pure Maths 1hr Applied Maths 40 mins	Year 13 Option D English Lit 1hr Physics 1hr
11.20 – 1.20	Year 13 Option A Business 1hr Chemistry 1hr Media 50 mins RE 1hr 30 mins	Year 13 Option B Health & Social 1hr 30 Biology 1hr	Year 13 Option C History 2 1hr 30  Year 10 Numeracy 2 (45 min)	Year 12 Option C ICT 1hr BI02 Health & Social 1hr 30 Pure Maths 1hr Applied Maths 40 mins	Year 12 Option D English Lit 1hr 45 Sport Unit 1 1hr Physics 1hr
1.50 – 2.50	Year 10 Physics 1hr	Year 10 Numeracy 1 (45 min)	Year 10 Health & Social 1hr	Year 10 Chemistry 1hr	Year 12 Sport Unit 2 1hr

Please note, that given the current updates on Covid-19, dates are subject to change

In addition to the timetable above those re-sitting GCSE English and GCSE Maths will sit the following exams:

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	1:50-2:50pm	Maths 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	11:20-1:20	Maths 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	11:20-1:20	English Language

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I am extremely proud of the impact and achievements that the Sixth Form continue to make. We have appointed our new Senior Prefect Team, who continue to support the school and wider community in their charity work. More about this can be read in our end of term newsletter.

Students are continuing to work hard towards their aspirations and what they want to do after Sixth Form. The UCAS (University Application) deadline is fast approaching (26<sup>th</sup> January 2022) and I urge students who wish to make an application this year, complete their personal statements and application ready for the new year. Mrs Alex Maughan, our learning mentor has been working with those students who wish to access apprenticeships. A number of students attended the online Apprenticeship Fair run in conjunction with UCAS. Here pupils had the opportunity to take part in masterclasses and Q&A sessions with some of the UK's largest companies, including, Roll Royce, GE Aviation, Johnson Controls and Jaguar Landrover. This support will continue into next year with mock interviews for year 13 and University fairs/exhibitions for Year 12.

The Sixth Form tutor team continue to support all students in their day-to-day studies and work on enrichment activities to guide them in the various decisions they make. May I remind all students that the following activities are a compulsory part of their sixth form contract:

- Assemblies: Year 12 (Monday), Year 13 (Tuesday)
- Tutor Time Tutorials: All students are required to **attend one compulsory tutor time** session each week (8:40-9:10am). The day is agreed between student and tutor.

Moving forward to next term it is important that students continue to work hard. Please can you support us in ensuring:

- Students are fully equipped for school; including a fully charged ChromeBook
- Attendance and punctuality to school is being maintained. Any absences should be recorded with the school attendance office or through Mrs Alex Maughan (Sixth Form Wellbeing and Academic Mentor [amaughan@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk](mailto:amaughan@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk))
- Given the new guidance in Wales surrounding Covid-19, all students should be wearing masks in all communal areas of the school.

Have a restful and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Kind regards

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