

Date: 10th February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

RE: Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

As we start the second half of the Spring term, the Pre Public Examination preparations begin for all year 11 students. With only eight school weeks remaining before the summer external exam, these exams provide the students with a final opportunity to develop their practice. The exams start on the 24th February 2025 and will last for two weeks and a day for the students. We will follow all the normal rules and regulations that apply in the official examinations. Please refer to the examination handbook available on the website.

<https://www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Handbook&pid=72>

The majority of the Year 11 exams will take place in the main examination hall and the sports hall. This experience will expose students to the process and regulations they will undergo in the summer and will help them to familiarise themselves with what to expect in the final GCSE/BTEC exams. The majority of the exams will take place in the morning or the afternoon, which means that some exams will finish after our normal end of school time. We encourage parents and students to check individual timetables and make appropriate arrangements to get home safely. The general full timetable is overleaf.

Please note that Period 6 lessons will be cancelled during the two weeks of exams. Students will either be in exams during this time or should use this time for revision. Period 6 lessons will recommence on Monday 10th March 2025.

The results from these exams will be used by teachers and students to make appropriate curriculum adaptations and help plan for the remainder of the academic year. Results from exams will be uploaded onto Go 4 Schools for students and parents to access and reflect. We will notify you when you can access the results.



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I am sure you will agree that parents play a crucial role in their child's education and we would encourage our parents to support our students to prepare for these exams. A revision schedule is always useful, as is a quiet and tidy area for them to do their revision. Your support is crucial to ensure students attend school every day, arrive on time and are equipped appropriately for all their exams. Most research suggests that when parents actively discuss the learning with their children and engage in their education, then the outcomes and progress for students is far better than expected, often exceeding expectations.

We wish all our year 11 students good luck in their exams and we thank you for your ongoing support.



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