



THE BILLERICAY SCHOOL

November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements for the Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and Vocational Exams taking place over the coming months.

**Spring PPE Window: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

This is the main window for the Year 13 PPEs, where all students will sit formal written examinations, in the majority of their subjects, prior to the 2022 Summer GCE Examinations. In many cases they will be replicas of full A Level Exam Papers. These PPEs provide students with the opportunity to know how the examination process works, whilst also informing staff and students of exactly where they are in terms of their attainment, knowledge and understanding. The PPEs give staff and students key information on strengths, gaps in knowledge and examination technique. Students should approach these as a vital part of their learning, as they would approach their exams in the summer, and make sure they are acting on their teachers' advice on how to revise for these.

The full timetable for these exams can be found attached at the end of this letter.

For the duration of the PPE Window, unless they are in an exam, students will be expected to be on site and attending all lessons. These lessons will be their normal timetabled lessons but most will take the form of supervised, independent study or subject based revision lessons. Our expectation is that students will arrive to these lessons prepared to revise for the exams that they have remaining.

It is fully expected that exams will go ahead as planned in 2022, however, in the unlikely event that they do not and schools are again asked to provide Centre Assessed Grades, we will be using student performance in this PPE window as evidence towards final award of grades.

**Vocational Exam Window: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Year 13 Students that study qualifications in Finance, Engineering, Sport or Health and Social Care have formal exams which contribute to their final grade across this window. The timetable for this is attached to the end of this letter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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PPE Timetable (24<sup>th</sup> Jan – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Arrival:

Students go to the Main Hall for 8.35am (AM exams) or 1.00pm (PM exams)

Students are escorted to the Sports Hall, where they will line up in their position for entry to the examination.

Before the examination:

Students are to make sure they have gone to the toilet before the examination starts. Toilet breaks are actively discouraged during the examination as per procedure in the formal examination window.

Students are to ensure they have all equipment needed for the examination. The examinations office will not be able to provide any stationary due to Covid restrictions.

Equipment list:

Black pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, protractor, pair of compasses, scientific calculator.