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PPE Examinations – October-November 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I'd just like to take this opportunity to write to you with information regarding the PPE Examinations which will start on Monday 19 October 2026 and conclude on Friday 13 November 2026 with half term in between. During this period, your child is expected to attend school as usual and attend regular lessons when not sitting exams.

A general timetable outlining all the examinations is included at the end of this letter. Seating arrangements will be available to pupils daily, but in the meantime, it is worth highlighting and planning for the exams that your child will be sitting.

It is crucial for pupils to thoroughly prepare for these examinations to ensure their performance accurately reflects their current level of attainment. This will help teachers and subject teams identify individuals who may need targeted intervention. If your child needs assistance with revision strategies, they should seek guidance from their subject teachers.

Examinations will be held in the Sports Hall and classrooms. To fully prepare pupils for their GCSE exams, all standard exam practices will be followed, including the use of external invigilators and adherence to JCQ regulations.

All necessary equipment will be provided, and pupils will be seated in the same seat for each exam. If pupils bring their own calculators, they must ensure that instructions and cases are not included, and any stored information is cleared. Any other equipment must be in a transparent pencil case.

Pupils are prohibited from bringing notes, earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods); mobile phones or watches (e.g. analogue, digital, smartwatch) into the examination room. Please remind your child to leave these items, switched off, with their belongings. Bags and coats are not allowed in the exam room and should be stored in a safe place, preferably a locker, although a bag-drop will be provided. Water can be brought into the exam room in a clear bottle with the label removed.

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Guidance for parents and pupils, along with the current JCQ documentation, is available on our website to help with exam preparation.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child revises and gets plenty of sleep before the exams begin. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the academy at enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org.

Good luck to all pupils taking these examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Cutten
Assistant Principal

	9:05am	11:25am
Monday 19 October	English Literature 1 1h45m	Spanish Listening 45m/1h
Tuesday 20 October	Maths 1 1h30m	History Medicine 1h20m
Wednesday 21 October	Biology 1h15m/1h45m	Geography 1 1h30m
Thursday 22 October	English Literature 2 2h15m	French Listening 45m/1h
Friday 23 October	Inset Day	
Monday 2 November	Maths 2 1h30m	Sociology 1 1h45m
Tuesday 3 November	Chemistry 1h15m/1h45m	French and Spanish Writing 1h15m/1h20m
Wednesday 4 November	English Language 1 1h45m	Engineering 1h30m
Thursday 5 November	Maths 3 1h30m	Geography 2/3 1h30m
Friday 6 November	Physics 1h15m/1h45m	Music 1h30m
Monday 9 November	English Language 2 1h45m	Hospitality and Catering NEA 1h30m
Tuesday 10 November	History 2 Elizabethan and American West 1h50m	Sociology 2 1h
Wednesday 11 November	No exam Remembrance Service	French and Spanish Reading 45m/1h
Thursday 12 November	Business Studies 1h30m / Electronics 1h30m	Catch-up session
Friday 13 November	Catch-up day	