

Upton-by-Chester High School

**Year 13 Assessment
Pre Public Exams
11th January – 15th March 2024**



'Learning to shape the future'

The purpose of pre-public (mock) examinations is to help prepare learners for their A level examinations. This is a significant opportunity for learners to familiarise themselves with the exam environment, develop their exam time management skills and technique.

Revision for these exams is vital and will help preparation for the Public Examinations in 2024, building momentum for learners into this important period.

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Important dates:

PPE 2	Level 3 Examination
11 th to 15 th March 2024	13 th May to Friday 28 th June 2024

Year 13 PPE Assessments March 2024

Details for all PPE assessments for each subject are in the table below.

Subject	Topics to be covered during PPE	Suggested Revision Material, and Links.
Applied Science	A 90 minute paper on Unit 4: The Human Body: Topics can include: The Digestive System and Diet The musculoskeletal system and movement Oxygen Transport and Physiological measurements The structure and function of the nervous system and brain Nerve Impulses	Notes Unit 4 past papers copies of which can be found on your Google Classroom
A Level English Language	A full Paper 2 : Section A. Child Language Acquisition /20, Section B. Language in the Media /24 (gender/power/technology contexts) Section C. Language Change /36) - Two hours, 30m	Refer to lesson notes and the Materials section of Google Classroom. Learners have been provided with hard-copies of past papers, mark-schemes and exemplar materials, as well as electronic links to these elements. https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/past-paper-finder/
A Level English Literature	PPE Exam: Political and Social Protest Paper 2 Section A (Unseen Extract) and Section B and C (Blake's 'Songs of Innocence and Experience', 'The Kite Runner', 'The Handmaid's Tale')	Google Classrooms materials, revise practice timed essays from last year, lesson notes and annotated text notes. Use E-magazine and Litcharts.
Biology	Paper 2 content (5 - Energy transfers, 6 - Coordination and control, 7 - Inheritance and populations, 8- Gene expression	Class PowerPoints, materials on Google Classroom, textbook/workbook

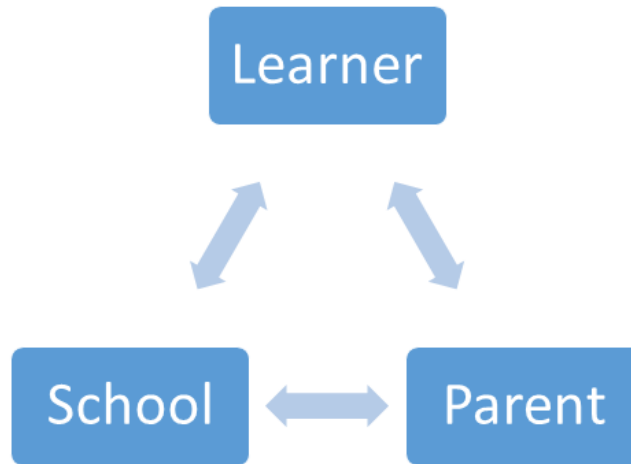
Business	<p>List of topics in no particular order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technology (PESTLE) 2. Crisis Management 3. Workforce Planning 4. Logistics 5. Market Share 6. Break Even 7. Buffer Stocks 8. Stock Control 9. Exchange Rates 10. Marketing and External impacts upon marketing <p>This will be a full past paper that emulates a Paper 3 context.</p>	Revision Material on Google Classroom, SENECA links will be in Google Classroom. Revision guide that most students have too.
Chemistry	Atomic Structure, Amount of substance, Structure and bonding, Redox, Acid base Equilibrium, Inorganic Chemistry, Transition Metals, K _p and K _c , Born Haber Cycles and Energy Changes, Electrode Potentials, Organic Chemistry, Practical Chemistry	SENECA learning (links available via Google Classroom), practice questions with mark schemes (available via Google Classroom) Revision guides Textbooks
Computer Science	Full Paper 2 - CS Theory with Mrs Biggins Programming Challenges in Class for Paper 1	Paper 2 Revision guide in Google Classroom https://isaacomputerscience.org/topics
Drama	Comp 2 practical exam worth 40% of A-Level on 20th March	
Economics	All topics from Yr 12 Macroeconomics and Yr 13 Topics (Globalisation. International Trade including Absolute and comparative advantage, Protectionism, Trade Blocs. Exchange Rates and Balance of Payments)	Theme 2 and 4 Course companion in google classroom CGP revision guide: Yr 12 Topics pg 128 - 184, Yr 13 Topics 200-216 SENECA Links in Google Classroom Uplearn https://web.uplearn.co.uk/login Theme 2 and Theme 4 (All Learners have a login)
Further Mathematics	All topics from Further Mechanics and Further Statistics	Complete review exercises from the textbook. Revision videos can be found on the 'Bicen' Maths YouTube channel.

Geography	<p>Paper 1 -Glaciated landscapes and Change,Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, Carbon Cycle and Energy Security, Tectonic Processes and Hazards</p> <p>Paper 2 - Globalisation, Regenerating Places, Superpowers, Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.</p> <p>Paper 3- Synoptic Paper</p>	<p>All revision materials on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Revision tasks also set on Seneca Learning</p>
History	Russia & Tudors. The papers will include interpretation/sources and essays. Material can come from any element of Year 13 content	Students have their folders for revision. Revision guides and textbooks are available in the classrooms
Mathematics	<p>Paper 1- Pure. All chapters in Book 1 and up to chapter 9 in book. Paper 2- All chapters from book 1 and all chapters from Book 2, except chapter 3 and chapter 8.</p>	Complete review exercises from the textbook. Revision videos can be found on the 'Bicen' Maths YouTube channel.
Media Studies	Mock Paper will be Paper 1: Advertising, Music Video, Radio & News	Google Classroom
MFL French	A level paper 1	Information to be posted in Google Classroom
Music	Listening Exam on all Areas of Study including both set works	Notes
PE	Revise ALL topics from year 12 and 13 in each teachers section covered up until the exam.	Use your booklets/class notes, ppt on Google Classroom. Appropriate units in text book as well if you have one.
Physics	<p>All A2, Paper 2 Content:</p> <p>6 Further mechanics and thermal physics</p> <p>7 Fields and their consequences</p> <p>8 Nuclear physics</p> <p>There will be a further paper done later covering practical skills and the Turning Point Option</p>	Materials/links will be posted on Google Classroom
Politics	Students will complete a 2hr paper. This will consist of 2 thematic US questions out of a choice of 3. These will span between the Constitution, Congress and could include synoptic links between the topics. There will also be a ideologies question from Mr Petty	All materials will be shared in class and Google Classroom. Relevant chapters of the textbook, information about exam boards, updated example guides and supporting booklets will all be uploaded to google classroom to aid students

	After mock week students will complete a Year 12 Mr Petty essay	
RS Philosophy and Ethics	Paper 1 Philosophy Paper 2 Ethics Paper 3 New Testament One paper will be sat during mock week (philosophy) and other 2 directed over the next few weeks.	Material on Google Classroom Student revision guides edexcel website https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/edexcel.html
Psychology	Full Paper 3: Issues and Debates, Schizophrenia, Relationships, Forensic Psychology (Paper 2 will be done as a 'walking talking mock in lesson time)	Notes in workbooks and worksheets in student files and use of Uplearn. Summary sheets and useful links attached to the lesson on Google Classroom.
Sociology	Hybrid paper of Paper 2 and paper 3: 40 marks on Crime and Deviance, 40 marks on Media	Workbook and class notes including Learning Tables. Tutor2U Exam Buster. Link to Revision videos. Link to A* Essay preparation.

What is My Role as a Parent/Carer?

Success in assessments is a team effort, which involves you, the school, and learners working together and so there are many things you can do to support learners at home.



There is no correct way to parent learners when preparing for assessments. Choose the approaches that work best for you, your family, and your situation. Below are a few suggestions you may wish to trial.

- **Talk** to your child about their upcoming assessments.
- If you are in doubt about anything to do with the assessments contact igbald@uptonhigh.co.uk who will pass your query to the relevant member of staff.
- Try to provide a **quiet space** for learners to complete homework/revision.
- Learners should put their mobile phone in another room when completing homework/revision. Even phones 'on silent' cause distraction.
- We recommend approximately **30-45 minute sessions** on a **targeted topic** with short breaks in between starting the next session.
- Encourage them to **attend any available revision sessions** or **intervention sessions**
- Ensure that learners have all the required textbooks, revision guides and resources ready for revision.
- Ensure learners **get enough sleep**. Regular bedtimes, and wake times, will benefit learners.
- Set learners' challenges. For example, you could ask them to revise a short topic; using the revision resources, you could then 'test' them on what they have just revised.
- Encourage them to **exercise**.
- Encourage them to drink lots of water.
- Think about whether rewards and incentives would work for your child.
- **Stay positive**. Look for ways in which you can help them to believe in themselves by reminding them of the successes they have had. It will help if they **focus on the short-term task of revising** rather than thinking about the final results.
- Remind learners that the **purpose of assessments is to practise**, and to inform their teacher of what they do and do not know. We can then work together to improve their performance.

To help:

- Teachers will set homework tasks that will count towards preparation/revision for the assessment. **Encourage learners to complete and hand in all homework** on time.
- Learners should avoid 'just' reading a revision guide. The trick is to **do something with what has been read**. For example: summarise in their own words, draw and label diagrams, get someone to test them.

- Encourage them to **use the electronic platforms** that the school has to offer. Hegarty maths, GCSEPod, QUIZLET, Seneca learning, Educake, The Oaks Academy - to name a few!