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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Citizenship GCSE PPE December

Students in Year 10 are preparing for their pre-public examinations (PPE) for citizenship GCSE. These exams are important not only for students to practise the routines for their public examination in citizenship this summer but also to identify areas that require further revision in the coming months.

Paper 1 and Paper 2 will take place on the 3rd and 10th of December 2025, respectively. Students will also receive individual timetables.

Below is information on revision resources and strategies to help prepare students for the PPE.

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Yours sincerely



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Exam**Paper 1: Active citizenship - 1hr 45mins****Section A: Active citizenship questions: questions on the citizenship action of others and questions on the students taking citizenship action investigation (40 marks)****Section B: Politics and participation question (40 marks)****Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer****Paper 2: Politics and participation - 1hr 45mins****Section A: Life in modern Britain questions (40 marks)****Section B: Rights and responsibilities questions (40 marks)****Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer****Citizenship Revision Resources:****20 minute tasks****Essay questions / Extended writing questions (45 minutes)**

- You should watch anything that is topical and controversial - shows such as The Last Leg and Have I Got News For You. These provide recent anecdotal examples whilst at the same time treating the news with a sense of humour.
- If you have the AQA Citizenship 1-9 revision books then there are lots of questions in there and useful notes for revision. The white book and the one with the Union Jack on the front are both useful.
- Go online and search for GCSE AQA Citizenship. You will then find past papers online where you will be able to access questions that will help you as you practise. You should also use the mark scheme to check your answers.

Pick one of the topics you have studied and create flashcards to test yourself on these

Go on Kahoot/Quizlet and search for Citizenship AQA tests/quizzes.

Create your own quiz that you can use to test yourself later.

Try to summarise topics into six bullet points where possible: three positive and three negative, eg. three positives about the EU, three negatives; three positives about FPTP, three negatives. In an 8 mark question, this is what you'll need to do.

Work on your active Citizenship - you have time to spread social media still and write to celebrities and try to get their backing and support, these will be things you can still write about in your exams.

Watch the videos that you have on Google Classroom (or search for them on youtube - AQA Citizenship in 25 mins). There are two papers - watch them both equally! The papers overlap and so you can't just watch one.

- Make a revision clock based on one area of the course.
- Tackle half exam papers. You should spend roughly 45 mins on each half and so you can do half one day and then another half the following day. NB. You also need to practise doing the whole thing in one go so that you can work at speed.
- Submit work either via google classroom or in person so that your teacher can provide feedback
- Go through previous papers to look at where you went wrong and the teachers notes/your DIRT to ensure that you are able to improve.

Revision Timetable

When it comes to revision it is best to organise yourself by creating a revision timetable. A revision timetable allows you to plan your week and makes sure all subjects are revised.

Make sure you put sessions in that allow you to relax and unwind. Try to find time to do the things that you enjoy.

Be realistic! For example: Don't plan to revise for 12 hours solid on a Saturday, because it won't happen and you won't benefit from it. Break the day up into manageable pieces and don't spend hours trying to do the same thing – it won't help you.

Try colour-coding your subjects so that your timetable is easy to read and you can glance at it quickly and know what you're doing.

Have your revision timetable somewhere where you will see it everyday, so it acts as a reminder of what you need to do.

Put a copy on your phone or set alarms/reminders that will help you stick to your plan.

Below is an example of a revision timetable and a blank copy for you to create your own timetable.

Day	8:30 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 3:00	3:00 – 4:00	4:00 – 5:00	5:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 7:00	7:00 – 8:00	8:00 – 9:00	9:00 – 10:00
Monday						CZ	History	Break	Music	CZ	Relax	Relax
Tuesday						Science	Break	Break	Maths	English	Relax	Relax
Wednesday						Break	English	CZ	Break	Maths	Music	Relax
Thursday						Maths	Science	Break	French	Relax	Relax	Relax
Friday						Football	Break	CZ	Break	Maths	French	Relax
Saturday	Science	Maths	English	Science	Football	Football	Football	Football	Relax	Relax	Relax	Relax
Sunday	English	Football	Football	Relax	Relax	Science	maths	Break	English	History	Relax	relax

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