



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all students back for the new academic year and introduce the support team we have available for your son/daughter in school. This letter also includes information about PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) and year 11 prom.

As a school, we value feedback from parents/carers highly. Therefore, we want to ensure you have a complete picture of where to source information and raise questions regarding your son/daughter's academic progress or pastoral care.

### **Points of Contact:**

We have made changes to how parents and carers should contact staff in school. Please read the information on the below link so you are aware which procedures to follow.

<https://www.tmhs.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=8013>

**Key Stage 4 Phase Leader:** Miss Rebecca French

As your son/daughter's Phase Leader, I can be the first point of contact for any questions, concerns or information you may require around their academic progress. In what will be a challenging yet certainly rewarding year, I want you to be assured that we will do everything possible to ease the pressures and stresses of year 11. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me as I'd like both yourself and your child to be as informed and prepared as possible in the build up to the GCSEs, and beyond.

**Pastoral Officer Year 11:** Mr Gavin Nicholson

If you have any questions or concerns around your son/daughter's pastoral care, or any support you feel they might need from external agencies, please contact the relevant Pastoral Officer.

### **Form Tutors:**

In addition to this, your son/daughter has a form tutor where you can direct any initial general queries (details below). Your son/daughter has been provided with a planner that contains lots of important information, and I would advise that you take the time to go through this with them. Students' weekly and overall attendance will be recorded in this planner, as well as their weekly positive behaviour record. This will support our positive learning environments and allow you to track this at home, too. This information is also available to you via our 'Arbor app'.



11I – Mr S Murray  
11E – Miss L Poskitt  
11M – Mrs S Longhurst  
11P – Mrs S Klim  
11L – Miss L Donnelly  
11R – Miss P Garnier  
11G – Mr BR Jurado  
11H – Mr A Farrell / Mrs L Harris  
11S – Miss C Magwere

### **Key Dates:**

**Throughout the year, we have some key events that will be taking place for students in year 11 that you should be aware of:**

Alton Towers Trip – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Virtual Supporting Success – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Sixth Form Open Evening – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Post 16 Vocational Evening – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Year 11 Guidance Meetings – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Year 11 Photos – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

PPE (Exams) Start – W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Report 1 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Parents' Evening – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Sixth Form Taster Day – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Sixth Form Applications Close – TBC

Supporting Success Evening – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Core PPE (exams) – W/C Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Year 11 Whole Year Photo – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Guidance Meetings – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Report 2 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Core Subjects Parents' Evening – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

GCSE Exams Begin (provisional) – W/C 12<sup>th</sup> May

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June



### **Attendance and Rewards:**

At Temple Moor, we value students' progress and outcomes as we want to ensure every single student is provided with the best opportunities and life chances. This is only possible when students attend school, so good attendance is vital. Although separate communication around attendance and rewards has been sent out in due course, you can access this using the link below.

[Attendance – Temple Moor \(tmhs.co.uk\)](https://www.tmhs.co.uk)

We want to provide our students with the best school experience and we will reward students throughout the year. Rewards vary from canteen vouchers, rewards assemblies, and trips, and we will continue to work hard to recognise student's successes.

### **Year 11 PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations)**

These will commence from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and will last approximately one week. Exam timetables will be shared with students and parents/carers nearer the time.

It is important for students to recognise the importance of these PPEs as they will serve as a benchmark for students' knowledge and progress across their curriculum. These examinations will take place under normal exam conditions, with students being seated in the sports hall (unless access arrangements are in place), in order to give the students a true and accurate experience of the exam process. We know this can be daunting for students, but familiarity of exam procedures is certain to alleviate stress in the next round of PPEs and, therefore, the summer GCSEs, too.

### **Revision**

Your child will be receiving more support and guidance of the revision resources available to them through their Form Time Curriculum, so will be familiar with resources such as GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning, BBC Bitesize. It is recommended that they create a revision timetable to help ensure they can use their time effectively. Additional guidance from last year can be found here: [Supporting Success October 2023 on Vimeo](#)

Period 6 intervention is an official timetabled slot, meaning your child is having additional access to core subjects – English, Maths, Science – as well as an option subject.

Revision guides can be purchased through school. Simply ask your child for an order form from our Librarian, Mrs Cartwright.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be hosting our Sixth Form Open Evening. Not only is this an exciting opportunity to see what fantastic provision and learning we can offer your child here at Temple Moor Sixth Form, it is also a chance to explore our brand new Sixth Form building and facilities. Each subject area will have a dedicated space within school with specialist teachers on hand to provide information and answer any questions there may be about the course on offer.



Following this, all students will be provided with time during Personal Development lessons to complete their applications for their chosen Post-16 destination. It is important that your child makes an informed decision and, therefore, should begin their research now. We will also offer all our students' guidance meetings with our Career Advisor to help them along the way.

### **Prom**

Further details regarding Year 11 Prom will follow once we have booked our venue. In the meantime, it is important to be aware of the criteria to ensure students are eligible to attend:

- Students will need to have 95% attendance or above (unless there are mitigating circumstances)
- Students can have no more than 3 seclusions across the year
- Students can have no more than 5 phase 4's across the year
- No suspensions across the year

I appreciate there is a lot of information here, so if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am looking forward to working with yourselves and the students over the coming academic year, supporting them to be successful not only at Temple Moor, but in their futures, too.

Yours Sincerely,

R. French

Miss Rebecca French  
KS4 Phase Leader  
Temple Moor High School