



# Shirley High School

## Performing Arts College

*Our Vision: To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.*



5 October 2022  
MC/CK/PPE Y13

Dear Parent / Carers

### RE: Upcoming PPEs, Study Leave and UCAS Predictions

The next round of Year 13 PPEs will take place straight after the half term break from Monday 31 October-Friday 11 November. A personalised timetable for your son or daughter has been attached to this letter. Due to a nationwide lack of invigilators, these assessments will take place in the Sports Hall alongside Year 11 students. Rest assured, we will ensure sixth formers have a separate waiting area to avoid disruption.

As all students will be taking at least one exam, all students will receive some form of study leave:

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| Students who study <b>all</b> A Levels                        | Study leave for the full 2 weeks   |
| Students who study a <b>combination</b> of A Levels and BTECs | Expected to attend their BTEC lessons as normal<br>Study Leave granted 24 hours before an exam             |
| Students who study <b>all</b> BTECs                           | Expected to attend full timetable (including SPS) as normal<br>Study Leave granted 24 hours before an exam |

Attendance during this time will be monitored closely. Any student who fails to attend school as required will be sanctioned with a 60 minute Red Card detention for truancy. Students will be able to use the study rooms to revise in school, should they wish, during this period.

These PPEs are especially important as they will be used as the basis for the predicted grades that we will send off for their UCAS application. Predicted grades are based on teachers' professional judgement and need to be accurate and realistic. UCAS grade will therefore either be their PPE grade or one grade higher at their teachers' discretion. In exceptional circumstances, and with evidence of sustained extra work outside of the classroom, students may be predicted to get a higher grade. In such cases, students will need to meet with their teacher to provide evidence of continuous, extra work already completed. Targets will also need to be agreed with the teacher for students to complete moving forward.

We have attached your son / daughter's report from the summer term to remind you of their previous predicted grade. We hope that this provides motivation for your son / daughter to ensure they are revising 'little and often' and making the most of these PPEs in order to secure their desired predicted grades.

Yours sincerely

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