

Top Tips to Exam Success

This list is not exhaustive, getting into good habits early in Year 11 will serve you well in reducing the stress levels that will inevitably happen the closer the exam get

First provisional exam is Monday 13th May 2019

1. Say YES to extra sessions
2. Purchase cue cards – summarise 7 plus or minus key terms on each cue card
3. Purchase supporting revision guides
4. Plan a revision timetable – stick to it – plan in rest periods
5. Revision is about recall not just beautifully presented mind maps or cue cards
6. Get someone to question you after 60 minutes revision
7. Memorise 3 sentences – cover – recall – repeat and add
8. Understand the differences between command words such as describe and explain (command words meanings can all be found of exam board websites)
9. Clutter and mobile device free environment
10. If stuck/worried ask a teacher – note in planner
11. 8 hours sleep – get into a routine
12. 3 meals a day – avoid hits of sugar – crash and burn effect
13. Practice extended writing – sore finger and thumb syndrome

School Contacts

*If you have a query around your child's overall progress against all of their subjects contact Mr Scherer. If you have a specific subject concern contact the relevant Head of Department. If you have a welfare concern, contact a Year Leader Welfare. *

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Useful Websites

Explore exam board websites and BBC Bitesize websites for past papers, mark schemes and interactive quizzes. To purchase relevant revision guides ensure you use the correct exam board

English

Language EDUQAS Exam Board <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language/gcse/>

Literature EDUQAS Exam Board <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature/gcse/>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zw9mycw>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zc3bg2FOnbU>

Maths

Foundation OCR Exam Board <https://revisionmaths.com/gcse-maths/gcse-maths-past-papers/ocr-gcse-maths-past-papers>

Higher AQA Exam Past Papers <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300/assessment-resources>

Corbett Maths <https://corbettmaths.com/>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8sg6fr>

PiXL Maths App <https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>

Science Trilogy (Combined Science)

AQA Trilogy (Combined Science) Exam Board <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

AQA Triple (Single) Science Exam Board

Biology <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>

Biology BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7>

Chemistry <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462>

Chemistry BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb>

Physics <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463>

Physics BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm>

History

History AQA <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse>

History OCR <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-subject/history/>

History Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6>

Geography

AQA Geography <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

Geography Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>

PiXL (Partners in Excellence)

For guidance on how to fill gaps in knowledge, supporting revision apps and tips of healthy eating, sleep and general well-being explore the PiXL website.

PiXL Website <https://www.pixl.org.uk/>

Apps Username: KT3706 Apps Password: surname/firstname – e.g. blogs/joe

Revision Timetable

To take place into February half term. Sessions are not compulsory, but having additional time with a teacher is something that we encourage all students to fully take advantage of.

Year 11 Revision Schedule			
Tuesday : Lunch time	Tuesday 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Wednesday : Lunch time	Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Dance : Dance Studio	Humanities : A2	PE : F201	RE / Child Development : A206
	Business : A110		D&T: Creative Craft : D011
	Computing : A115		D&T: Motor Vehicle :NB18
	SV – Art/Graphics : C206		D&T: Engineering : D015
	SE – Art/Graphics : C204		D&T: Food : D118
	MRJ – Textiles : D113		
	GB – Photography : A114 Art : C206		
	SA – Photo /Graphics: D210 Art : C206		
	SWA – Ceramics : C014		
	TR - Spanish : D216		

Revision Guides

You can purchase revision guides from a variety of different places and websites. The links below take you to a website which outlines the right revision guide that support the exam board that you have been studying.

English Language

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent/whoAreYou.book_ENWR41.pageFlip_ENWR41

English Literature

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/English-Literature-Eduqas-Unseen-Revision/dp/178294365X>

Maths Foundation

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent/book_MCFR46

Maths Higher

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=math+aq+gcse+higher>

Science (Combined Award)

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=science+combined+aq>

Science Biology

<https://wordery.com/new-grade-9-1-gcse-biology-aqa-revision-guide-with-online-edition-cgp-books->

Science Chemistry

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/aqa-gcse-9-1-chemistry-revision-guide/collins-gcse/>

Science Physics

<https://wordery.com/new-grade-9-1-gcse-physics-aqa-revision-guide->

History

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-GCSE-History-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946047>

Geography

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101>