



Year 11 Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 5th February 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I best support my child at home with preparation for their GCSEs?

We would suggest regularly checking the 'My child at school', link from our school website. This includes personalised exam timetables, notifications and other useful information that year 11 parents should be aware about. Your child has received an examination information booklet before the recent trial exams. This contains useful information and can be located on the school website under the 'examinations' tab. In addition, the school VLE has useful subject specific resources to support your child with their revision.

We would encourage you to log into 'Show My Homework' on a daily basis, as revision and homework tasks are available on the website for your child to view. Often teaching staff will upload useful resources and links to websites that can be used to further support classwork.

Which websites are useful for my child and their revision?

Examination board websites are an extremely useful resource and will include past papers, revision tips and subject specific information (including specifications and resources for use). A full list of the examination boards are on the reverse of this document.

Which apps are useful for my child and their revision?

There is a range of apps that your child should be aware of from their lessons at school. Some of our recommended apps for year 11 students include:

Seneca Learning, Quizlet, Socrative, Kahoot, Gojimo, Educake (science), Memrise, GCSE Bitesize and Thinglink.

Students will be using these in lessons at school and should be able to help navigate them with you.

How often should I be checking my child's revision and homework?

We would recommend daily checking of revision and homework. Students are encouraged to manage their own time and have been provided with resources, such as revision planners and revision planner websites (www.getrevising.co.uk) to help them with this. However having conversations daily about the work they have been doing and any 'gaps' in knowledge is a valuable support mechanism.

How can I support my child with their mental health as they prepare for their GCSE examinations?

An important part of supporting the mental health of your child during what can be an anxious time in their lives is promoting an open dialogue of communication. We realise this can be difficult (sometimes impossible) with teenagers!

What support is available for my child at school?

Every student in year 11 has been offered an academic mentor. In addition, the 6th form pastoral team has offered 1-2-1 6th form 'coaching' for every student in the year group. In addition, we are currently running session 6 intervention support from specific faculties, 1-2-1 adult tutoring, and have offered sessions with Dr Van der Spoel on Thursday 6th February.



Which revision guides should my child be using to support their revision?

Faculties have already shared with students and/or parents the specific revision guides that are required for their subjects. There will be a useful revision guide for each faculty and if you need any further information on this please contact your son/daughter's teacher to gain further information. These revision guides are extremely useful if used correctly and regularly and retailers such as Amazon, WH Smiths and Waterstones all have good selections to purchase.

What can my child expect during the March trial exams?

Students will be on study leave from 2nd - 9th March (until breacktime). However, there will be compulsory 'catch up' sessions for some coursework subjects running during this week and non-attendance at these will be unauthorised absence/truancy. These sessions will take place when students do not have trial exams and the relevant students will be notified.

Please note that there are exams on **Tuesday 10th March** (8.45am Art and Photography) – Year 11s will be expected to attend school as usual on Monday 9th March except those completing the Art and Photography exams.

Exam Boards

AQA (www.AQA.org.uk) – Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, English Literature, Music, Dance, Design Technology, French, Geography and German.

Edexcel – (www.qualification.pearson.com)- Art, Photography, Business Studies, Btec Enterprise, History and Maths.

OCR – (www.ocr.org.uk) – Drama, Economics, Media Studies and Food Preparation and Nutrition.

WJEC (www.wjec.co.uk) – Hospitality and Catering

Suggested Revision Guides

The majority of faculties have already recommended revision guides to parents however new ones are frequently released and these include:

PE - My Revision Notes OCR GCSE PE 9-1 2nd edition (Hodder).

Food Preparation and Nutrition - OCR GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition (MRN) by Val Fehners.

Music – CGP 'New GCSE Music Exam Practice Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course (with Audio CD & Answers)'.

Drama – CGP 'GCSE Drama for the Grade 9-1 course' & CGP 'Blood Brothers the Play Guide'.



Key Dates

Sandringham Sixth Form Application Deadline	7th February 2020	Students and Parents
Year 11 Trial Exams 2	2nd – 10th March 2020	Students
Easter Break Revision Sessions	3rd April-20th April 2020	Students and Parents
GCSE public Examinations begin	Week commencing Monday 11th May 2020	Students
May Half Term Revision Sessions	W/B Monday 27 th May 2020	Students
Year 11 Silver D of E Qualifying Expedition	20th-22nd June 2020	Students
6th Form Induction	23rd-24th June 2020	Students
Year 11 Prom	Friday 26th June 2020	Students

Practical Exam Dates:

Subject	Date
Music	10 th -11 th February 2020
Food Preparation and Nutrition	12 th February 2020
Dance Practical	25 th February 2020
Hospitality and Catering	28 th February 2020
Art	30 th March – 1 st April 2020
Dance Technical	1 st April 2020
MFL Oral Exams	27 th – 28 th April 2020
Drama Practical	27 th February 2020
PE Practical	TBC