



Our mission

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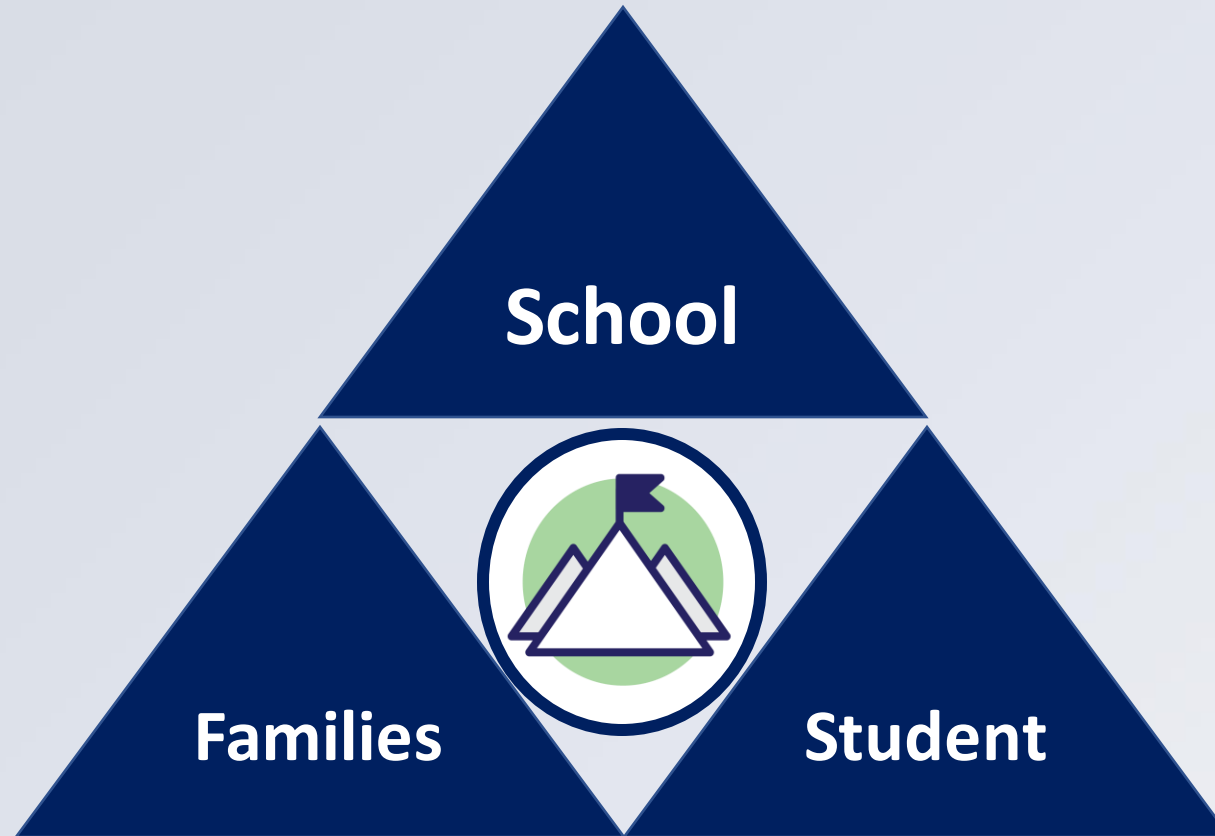
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It is more important than ever that we work
together to support your child

- Opportunity for each Year 11 student to demonstrate what they know and remember
- Year 11 is about ensuring that your child is able to have a choice about their next stage in education
- The year will disappear very quickly – the majority of exams will start in May
- Year 11 is a challenging year for families
 - Difficult for you to know how to best support your child
 - Difficult for students in making sure that they are prepared and ready for external exams
 - Stressful for everyone
- We are here to work with you to help support your child every step of the way

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4 weeks
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**Every missed day at school is up to 6
hours missed lessons, 45 mins of revision**

New GCSE Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Old GCSE Grades	F/G	E	D	Bottom 2 thirds C	Bottom third B Top third C	B Top 2 thirds	A	A*	A* Top 20% Grade A and above

How can I help my child establish good study habits?

- Don't let your child tell you that they have nothing to do.
- They will always have homework – do not let them tell you otherwise!
- Even after homework has been completed, there is still lots that can be done to help support them e.g. review work on Teams, GCSE Bitesize
- Their final grades will not only depend on how many hours of revision they do but also how well they use this time.
- It is never too soon to start establishing good study habits.



Key Dates

- Knowing the key dates both for the short-term and the long-term will help you and your child plan for the year.
- Y11 Mock Examinations start –WC 31st October 2022
- Y11 Mock Examinations – W/C 20th February 2022
- Exams begin May 2023

“It’s only mocks!”

Encourage your child to treat mock exams as seriously as they will the final examinations.

The mocks will be designed to revisit information that they have learnt previously.

Why are mocks so important?

- They familiarise students with the pressure of exams
- The harder your child works for mock exams the more useful the feedback that they get will be.
- They inform teachers about what needs to happen next.
- Tweaks to your child’s technique (how they approach the questions) can make a big difference to how well they do

- You may hear your child say things like “Plans don’t work for me, I have to be in the mood to revise”.
- This approach often leads to very little revision being done.
- Planning revision is key to success.
- Revision planning is also helpful for getting the balance between revision and leisure time.
- Discuss and agree such things as an appropriate balance between revision and social life.
- Encourage them to still have some social time.
- Be flexible if something special comes along such as a friend’s birthday. Discuss with them when they will catch up the missed session

Task 1 – My subjects Complete the table below.
List the subjects you currently take at GCSE.

Task 2 – Priorities Rank order your subjects – 1 being the subject you need to do the most revision for.

Task 3 – Commitments List the days in which you would find revision difficult. E.g. I play football

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Task 4 – My Revision Timetable Remember: make sure you give yourself breaks and allow time to relax and do the things you want to do and enjoy doing

Day													
Monday													
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Day	Subject 1 (5pm – 5:45pm)	Subject 2 (7pm – 7:45)
Monday	French	Maths
Tuesday	English	ICT
Wednesday	Day Off	
Thursday	Science	Geography
Friday	Science	PE
Saturday	History	Design Technology
Sunday	Day Off	

Revise
Test
Rest

When you plan out your subjects make sure you have one subject you find hard, and one subject you find easier on each day. Two difficult subjects and you will feel overwhelmed, mix them up.

You need to build your revision timetable as your exams grow closer. The example above will allow you to revise all your subjects each week and still have time to yourself.

Make sure they are ready to study

Having a suitable place to study at home is important – start this now for completing homework to establish good habits.

Ensure they have the necessary books, stationery and equipment before they start.

- ☐ Pens, pencils, ruler, protractor, compass, calculator, A4 writing pads.
- ☐ Other useful things to provide include record cards, highlighters, coloured pens/ pencils, folders, dividers, sticky notes, kitchen timer.
- ☐ Subject specific revision guides are useful.

- Exam board specific revision guides are very useful.
- As well as using them at home to revise, students need them for the Form Time knowledge tests they complete daily

- Research suggests that just reading and highlighting information is not an effective way of revising.
- Using the 9 study skills taught in school will help your child revise

Other strategies include:

- Answering practice questions
- Flash cards
- Post it notes – stick them all over the house



- If your child's phone is constantly pinging when they are studying you will need to intervene.
- This is the biggest problem faced by students today.
- There are good apps for dealing with digital distractions:
 - Apple users – 'Self control' app
 - Android users – 'Self control for study' app
 - Windows users – 'cold turkey' app
- These apps allow students to block websites for a predetermined period of time. Do you know how much time they spend on their phone?
- Once the block is put in place, it can't be bypassed until the specified time period is up. Even deleting the app won't override it!

Music or no music?

- Whilst some students say that listening to music helps them to concentrate, attempting to memorise facts or work through exam papers should be done in silence.
- If music is listened to occasionally, it should be played at a low volume and they should choose something that does not distract them. If they are singing along they are distracted!

Bedtime

- Having a good night's sleep is vital.
- Whilst some time spent on phones or games consoles is fine for a limited amount of time, staying up half the night should definitely be avoided!

Attend every day, on time and ready to learn.

What they do between now and the summer will have an impact on their grades.

- This will be a difficult and challenging year, but we (school and home) need to keep them driven and engaged.
- Remind them of the long-term benefits.
- Paint them a picture of success and keep on reminding them of it!
- We all want them to be successful and by helping your child establish good study habits now, you can really play your part.



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