

Year 11 Parents' Information
Evening

12 and 13 October 2011

Preparing for Mock
Examinations and
Beyond

Left Brain

- Prefer Classical Music
- Good at maths
- Like to read
- Very Logical
- Prefer things like instructions to be done verbally
- Need total quiet to read or study
- Usually remember things only specifically studied
- Like to tell stories but not act them out
- Read for specific details and facts
- Need total quiet to read or study
- Prefer well structured assignments over open ended ones
- Prefer individual counseling
- Usually do things in a planned orderly way
- Can remember verbal material
- Can think better sitting down
- Skilled at sequencing ideas
- Likes to be Organized

They also...

- are dog lovers
- can't be hypnotized
- don't enjoy clowning around
- like to read action stories
- won't let personal feelings get in the way
If they have to answer someone's question
- like to read realistic stories
- are almost never absent minded
- like to be a music critic

Right Brain

- Prefer rock music
- Prefer visual instructions with examples
- Good at sports /good at art
- Enjoy clowning around
- Can listen to music or TV while studying
- Skilled in showing relationships between ideas
- Preference for summarizing over outlining
- Can memorise music
- Like to act out stories
- Enjoy interacting affectively with others
- Become restless during long verbal explanations
- Prefer to learn through free exploration
- Good at recalling spatial imagery
- Read for main details
- Solve problems intuitively
- Very spontaneous and unpredictable
- philosophical
- Good at geometry

They also...

- are cat lovers
- able to be hypnotized
- like to dream about things that will probably never happen A dreamer!
- are occasionally absent minded
- like to write fiction
- like to read fantasy and mystery stories
- think better when lying down

- You will need to know yourself as a learner before you can decide how to go about revising.
- You are not necessarily the same as your friends, siblings or parents!

The importance of mock examinations

- To set tiers of entry for GCSEs
- Form a basis for discussion at Sixth form interview
- Mock results form part of predicted grade information and are used on college and job applications until actual results are achieved
- Help to set in motion your approach to the actual exams in May and June 2012
- Develop exam technique and style
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- May be used as a guide for a final grade if ill at the time of your final examinations

Goal:

What are your plans for the future? What courses do you plan to take at Sixth Form (or even university)? Set realistic targets based on these goals

Reality:

What is your current attainment? What do you think you will get? Coursework? Mentoring Day/Year 11 Progress Checks/Reports. Is this a fair reflection of what you are capable

Resources:

Revision Booklets, Target Groups, Mentor, Subject Teachers, Revision Timetable, Tutors, Study Buddies, Internet (VLE), Bitesize or your books!

What Next?

Make the most of every opportunity offered within the classroom and commit to learning independently at home.

Begin to organise your time

Plan ahead...but be flexible!

- How many days are there until my exams start ?
- What is the maximum time that I am willing to revise on a typical weekday, on a typical Saturday and a typical Sunday ?
- Are there any dates between now and the exams when it will be very difficult for me to revise ?
- How many topics am I expected to revise for each subject ?

Weekly Revision Timetable

To be found on pages 138 and 139

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 4.00pm | | | | | |
| 4.30pm | | | | | |
| 5.00pm | | | | | |
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| 7.00pm | | | | | |
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| | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|----------|--------|
| 9.00am | | |
| 10.00am | | |
| 11.00am | | |
| 12.00pm | | |
| 1.00pm | | |
| 2.00pm | | |
| 3.00pm | | |
| 4.00pm | | |
| 5.00pm | | |
| 6.00pm | | |
| 7.00pm | | |
| 8.00pm | | |

Little but often?

- Cramming does not work!
- Short sessions
- Break down subjects into topics
- Change topics regularly
- Do not get too focused on one topic
- Vary the style of the revision

Real Exam Responses!

- Mushrooms always grow in damp places, that's why they look like umbrellas.
- To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.
- For a nose bleed : put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops.
- Christians go on pilgrimage to Lord's.

Real Exam Responses!

- When you smell an odourless gas it is probably carbon monoxide.
- Name the four seasons : salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- To keep milk from turning sour : keep it in the cow.

What makes Effective Revision?

- Organise files
- Fill in gaps
- Decide what to revise
- Make and display a revision timetable

- Effective revision is ACTIVE REVISION
- Don't just re-read your notes. DO something with them!

- Design pictures, mind maps, flow charts, key words or flash cards
- Colour code categories and themes
- Highlight key terms, events and people
- Make stories
- Put your notes onto cards or 'post - its'
- Use computers, the internet and access revision sites – ask staff!!

- Learn with friends?
- Record notes and play them back
- Repeat your work out loud
- Walk around whilst reading
- Listen to music whilst learning if appropriate
- Make up rhymes or mnemonics
- Get a family member to ask questions - quick quiz or so what, so prove it ones

Practical Arrangements

- If you do revise the night before it should be very minimal
- Equipment should be kept in a clear pencil case
- Mobile phone switched off
- Full school uniform must be worn
- Students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam
- Students will only be in school when they have exams as there are no timetabled lessons

If I could do it all again I would...

- Practise timings
- Use past papers from the internet
- Do more than the basic amount required
- Use more revision cards
- Speak more to people!
- Revise earlier

The Year Ahead

- Mentoring Days – 22nd November 2011 & 29th April 2012
- Mock Exams - 8th -21st December 2011
- Post-16 Learning Open Evening – 29th November 2011
- Re-sits starting 10th January to 30th January 2012
- Post 16 Applications Deadline – 13^h January 2012
- Interviews - w/c 30th January 2012
- Coursework Deadlines and Practical Exam days –on 'Key Dates' handout
- Year 11 Photographs - 24th January 2012
- Information Evening – 25th January 2012

Real Exam Responses!

- A Christian should only have one wife. This is called monotomy.
- Magnet : something you find crawling all over a dead cat.
- Blood flows down one leg and up the other.
- What is a co-operative ? It's a kind of shop that is not as dear as places like Marks and Spencer.

Thank you for listening

If you have any questions you can either speak to us on the way out or e-mail...

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