

# Useful Revision Tips

**You can support your son/daughter with their revision by helping them to follow these tips:**

- Find a quiet place for revision where they are comfortable and unlikely to be disturbed.
- Plan for half-hour or, at most, one-hour slots. Any longer and it is unlikely than anything else will sink in.
- Have regular breaks – these will help to absorb the information and avoid overload.
- Establish a routine of revising at set times and stick to it. Leave some time for relaxation.
- Plan to revise specific topics or aspects of a subject, not everything at once.
- Plan to cover each subject several times and revisit each one near to the exams.
- Music in the background sometimes helps, revising with the TV or radio on is not a good idea.
- Reading notes is generally not enough. Making brief notes in either words or pictures helps them to remember.
- A healthy mind needs a healthy body. Encourage lots of sleep, exercise and a balanced diet to help stay alert.

**In February your son/daughter will be issued with their examination statements of entry. After the Easter holiday your son/daughter will receive their examination timetables and information on further revision sessions that will take place prior to their exams.**

# You can also help by:

- Recognising how important these exams are and how much time your son/daughter will need if they are to do as well as they can.
- Try not to ask them to do too many chores or look after younger brothers or sisters.
- Encourage the rest of the family to help by not disturbing the revision.
- Securing a quiet place for study, where their work can be safely kept.
- Encourage relaxation time as too much study is not helpful either.
- **Praising hard work.**
- Emphasising the need for plenty of sleep.

## During the exam period, try to ensure that:

- Your son/daughter gets a good night's sleep before each exam.
- They know the start time and the place of each exam.
- They leave home in plenty of time for each exam and have a good breakfast.
- They have all the equipment that they will need - a couple of black ink pens, a pencil, a rubber, a ruler and a clear pencil case or bag to put them in. Sometimes they will need a calculator. For the Mathematics exams, students will need their own geometry equipment e.g. pairs of compasses and protractors.
- **They know their candidate number and the centre number (30215) of the College.**

**Please do not hesitate to get in contact with the College if you would like more help or advice to prepare your son or daughter for their GCSEs.**

# Making a Difference

## Helping your son or daughter to prepare for their GCSEs

### Advice for Parents

The exam season can be a very stressful time. The more prepared students are, the more likely they are to do well. For revision to be successful, it will need both determination and planning.

**With the summer GCSE exams approaching it is essential that your son/daughter aims to complete their coursework to the highest standard possible, as well as plan time to start their revision. Enclosed are details of when available coursework support and revision sessions are taking place in each subject, as well as information on revision materials and recommended websites.**

Helping your child to revise for exams will improve their chances of success. This guide provides advice on how you can make a difference.

**All GCSE exams take place between Mon 14th May and Friday 29th June.**

There are no exams in the week beginning Monday 28th May when schools are normally on half term.



# Helping your son/daughter to revise

As your son/daughter starts their revision and completes their coursework, encourage them to ask for help from their teachers on parts of their work that they do not understand. Ask them if they have all the notes and books that they need for their revision. Get them to talk to their teachers if they are missing any. Encourage them to persevere and to work hard in the lead up to the exams; **attendance to college is crucial over the next few months.**

You can help them to create a revision plan and encourage ways of studying that will allow your son/daughter to be in control of their work. The best revision methods involve being active, such as: writing revision notes, reading them aloud, discussing topics with a friend, being tested, rewriting notes, doing examples, trying past papers and using revision materials and websites.

Several departments are currently offering extra revision sessions and recommend the following revision materials and websites.

## Useful Websites

### All Subjects

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitessize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitessize/)  
[www.s-cool.co.uk](http://www.s-cool.co.uk)

### Design Technology

[www.designandteach.com](http://www.designandteach.com)  
[www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com)

### English

[www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/revision/revision-resources](http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/revision/revision-resources)

### Geography

[www.sln.org.uk/geography](http://www.sln.org.uk/geography)

### Media

[www.mediaknowall.com](http://www.mediaknowall.com)

### Mathematics

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)  
*USER: westwood PASSWORD: length*

### Modern Foreign Languages

[www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)  
[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse)  
[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

### PE

[www.teachpe.com](http://www.teachpe.com)

### RE

[www.revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies](http://www.revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies)

# Revision Sessions

## Art

Wednesday 3.45-5.30pm in rooms 245 & 247

## Drama

Tuesday Lunchtimes and Wednesday 4-5pm in room 101  
- to begin in late March

## Design

Tuesday 3.45-5pm 'coursework catch-up' in room 240

## English

See individual class teacher arrangements

## French, German and Spanish

Friday 3.45-4.45pm revision sessions in room 112

## Geography

Targeted intervention Wednesday 3:45– 4.45pm in room 217

## History

Wednesday Lunchtimes in room 110

## Mathematics

Thursday 3:45– 4.45pm in room LRC

## Media Studies

Tuesday 3:45– 4.45pm in room 209

## Music

Friday Lunchtimes 'coursework drop in' in room s 170 & 172

## Physical Education

Coursework catch-up Lunchtimes – by arrangement see your class teacher

## Science

Thursday Lunchtimes in room 150 – all students welcome  
Revision session for Triple Science students to begin after February Half Term:  
Monday Lunchtime Biology Revision in room 120  
Tuesday Lunchtime Chemistry Revision room 150  
Wednesday Lunchtime Physics Revision room 153

## Homework Club

Tuesday 3:45-4.45pm in room LRC . All welcome

# Revision Materials

## Design

Coursework and revision materials available on the VLE

## English - Language

Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision AQA GCSE Poetry Anthology - Power and Conflict  
Collins Snap Revision - Reading for papers 1 & 2 AQA GCSE English  
Collins Snap Revision - Writing for papers 1 & 2 AQA GCSE English  
Collins Snap Revision - An Inspector Calls - AQA GCSE English Lit  
Collins Snap Revision - The Curious Incident of the Dog - AQA GCSE Eng Lit  
Collins Snap Revision - A Christmas Carol - AQA GCSE Eng Lit  
Collins Snap Revision - Jekyll & Hyde - AQA GCSE Eng Lit  
Collins Snap Revision - Macbeth - AQA GCSE Eng Lit  
- a full set are available at £9

## French, German and Spanish

Conversation and specification vocabulary booklets available on the VLE  
AQA GCSE French Revision Guide - CGP available at £2.50  
AQA GCSE German Revision Guide - CGP available at £2.50  
QA GCSE Spanish Revision Guide - CGP available at £2.50

## Geography

Revision material available on the VLE - 'Geog, Year 11, Revision Materials'  
Revision Guides: £5.50 available to buy

## History

Past Papers available on the VLE 'Year 11 History'

## Mathematics

Past Papers available on the VLE 'GCSE Past Papers'  
Collins: GCSE Maths: Revision Guide and Workbook' available at £4  
GCSE Higher and Foundation revision materials available on the VLE

## Media Studies

Revision materials available on the VLE

## Music

Revision materials available on the VLE  
Edexcel GCSE Music Revision Guide (Rhinegold)

## Physical Education

Past papers available on the VLE 'Revision'

## RE

Revision materials available on the VLE 'New GCSE RS 2016 onwards'  
Oxford University Press Spec A revision guide - available once published

## Science

Revision materials available on the VLE  
AQA 9-1 Combined/Separate Science Publisher CGP  
CGP Gateway Science/Biology/Chemistry/Physics Phone Apps

**Revision Guides are available to purchase via ParentPay**