

Year 11
Parents' Information Evening
3rd March 2015

Revision & Learning:
What we tell the students!

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Key Messages

- Revision is **essential** for exam success
- Revision can be dull, the challenge is to make it interesting & effective
- There is **no “best” technique for revising....**
This varies according to individual / subject

Timeless Messages

- It is never too early to start
- The key is Organisation and planning
- Unfortunately there is no substitute for hard work and self-discipline
- Remember - “It is a marathon, not a sprint”



Getting Started

- The 3 “R’s”

“Review, revise, recall”

- Sort out folders and books
 - Sort out the contents
 - Reflect
 - Start with one subject
 - Plan

Revision Planning

- Max concentration span ?
- Max revision time per evening ?
- 45 mins/ hour (30 min bursts for some) with a break
 - Mix subjects (and techniques)
 - Holidays, weekends, study leave ?
- Planning is not revision but reduces stress

The Weekly Planner

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
a.m.	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Job	Match
p.m.	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Job	Out
eve		Train -ing			Out	Out	

Easter Hols, May half-term, early June

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a.m.						Job	Match
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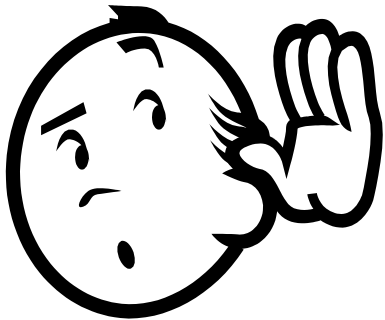
Study suggestions

For students who learn through “looking” try using a variety of these methods:

- DVDs, on-line revision sites
- Spider diagrams/Mind maps
 - Highlighter pens
 - Tables
- Devise posters, charts
 - Post-its

Study suggestions

- For students who learn through “listening” try using a variety of these methods:
 - Reading aloud
 - Using iPods or MP3s to record and playback
 - Mnemonics
 - Raps, rhythms
 - Questions from a partner
 - Revision discussion
 - Close your eyes!



Study Suggestions

- For students who learn through “doing” try using a variety of these methods:
 - Active revision
 - Highlighting, underlining
 - Revision cards
 - Frequent, short breaks
- Can't sit still, so need 2-3 work positions; something to fiddle with; walk about

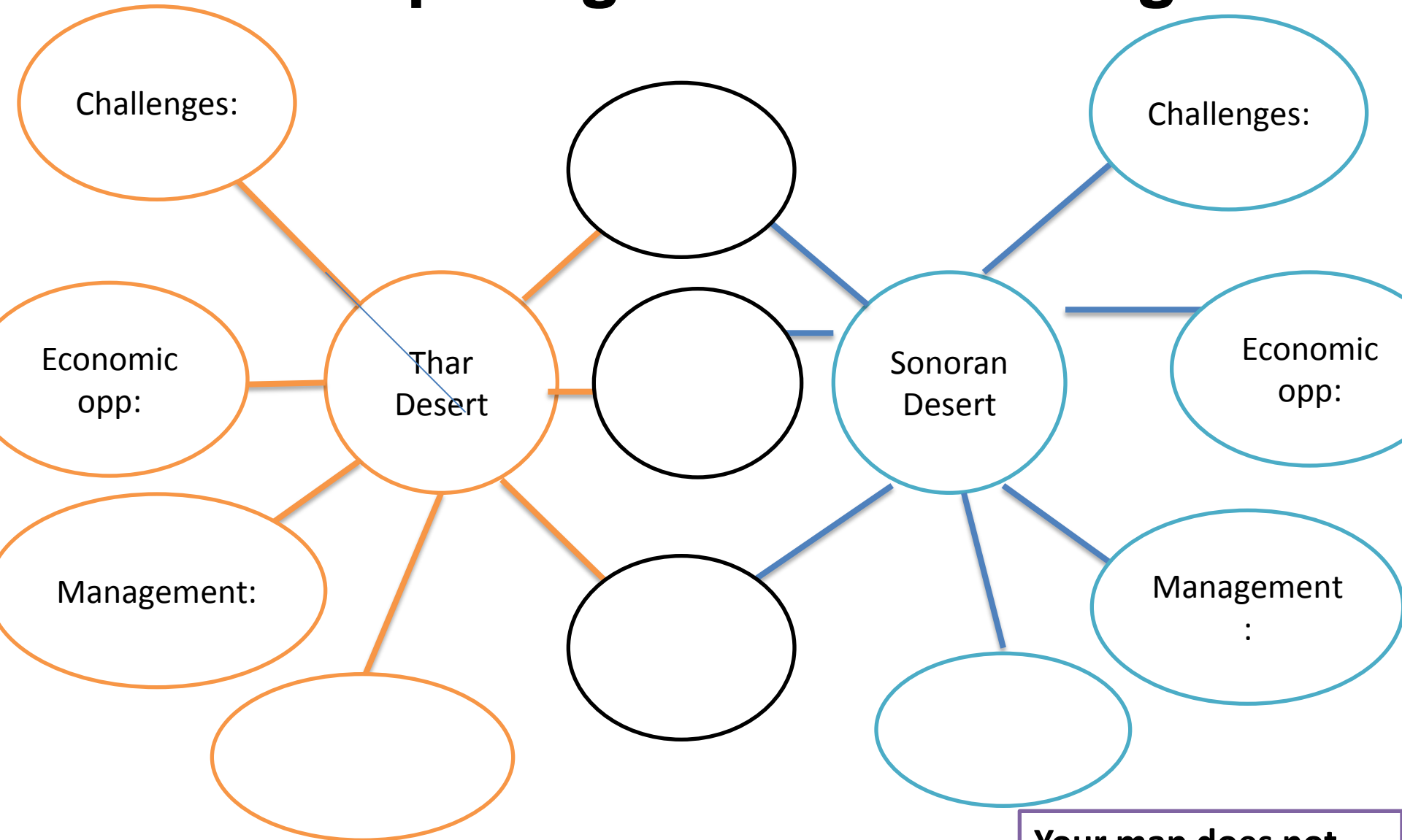
Active and Accelerated Learning

- Activities combining learning styles
 - “Revise with a pen in your hand”
 - Making a tape
 - Own revision booklet
 - Working through past papers
- Computer (but see Health Warning.....)

Thinking Maps

- Defining in context CIRCLE
- Describing BUBBLE
- Comparing and contrasting
BUBBLE DOUBLE
- Sequencing FLOW
- Classification TREE
- Issues, for/against THINKING HATS

Comparing and Contrasting



Double Bubble Map

Your map does not have to balance...

Production Plan (Flow map) for making a baked tortilla wrap.

START: (Personal hygiene) wash hands, put apron on .

Pre-heat oven to 180 °C .

Lightly oil baking tray .

Collect ('high risk') ingredients from fridge .

CCP: Fridge must be 0 – 4 °C to slow bacteria growth

Grate cheese & chop vegetables .

Cut chicken into small pieces, cook in non-stick pan until brown .

Check chicken is at right temperature (use food probe -72 °C for 2 mins) .

Spread flavouring on wrap .

CCP: is meat at right temp? if not, continue cooking then re-check

Place filling ingredients in centre of wrap

Fold wrap, envelope style, enclosing filling . Place folded side down on baking tray

Add grated cheese, chilli and herb topping

Bake in centre of oven for 10 – 12 minutes.

QCP: is there enough space to fold the wrap edges under?

QCP: is folded wrap within the correct tolerances (size)?

QCP: is wrap golden brown? If not return to oven for 2-3 minutes

Remove from oven and cool on wire rack.

END

Thinking process = sequencing

Computer Health Warning

- **Highly useful websites:**

GCSEPod, Iamlearning, Moodle, BBC Bitesize, Exam Board sites, internet research

- **Waste of time Websites:**

games, shopping, non-revision sites, chat rooms and blogs

- **Using a computer for revision requires:**
self-discipline and careful policing

- **If in doubt, turn it off.**



“But it helps me to concentrate!”

- TV
 - Computer Games
 - Messaging Site
 - Mobile Phone
- iPod, MP3, music in general
- **Unfortunately it is an illusion that any of these help with concentration and taking information in!**

College support

- Nov Deep learning Day
- Revision tasks for Home Learning, in planners
- Subject revision sessions – see timetable
- **Wednesday 3.30 Revision support any subject**
- Y11 Examination Revision Guide, tutor support
- GCSEPod, lamlearning, Moodle
- Pre-exam briefings

and just ask teachers!

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

Procedures
and
most frequently asked questions



Currently received:

A statement of entry which shows:

- Personal details
- Examination number
- Examination entries, including:
 - » Date
 - » Tier
 - » Time - morning or afternoon

Statement of entry

- Statement Of Entry
- Season: Summer 2015
- Name: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Year: 11
- Gender: Male Registration Group: 11ZZ
- Date of Birth: 01/01/1995 Admission Number: xxxxxxxxx
- Candidate Number: 1234 ULN: UCI: 54203xxxxxxxx
- Name on Certificates: xxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Entries
- AQA GCSE 3107 Citizenship Studies Unit 1 £7.10
- 3107/C Citizenship Studies Unit 1 Board Timetabled 16/5/2012 09.00 60
- AQA GCSE/B 45452 D & T: Food Technology Unit 2 £14.05
- 45452 D & T: Food Technology Unit 2 Not Timetabled
- EDEXL/GCSE GCSE/B 5ENo3 English Language 3 £7.40
- 5EN0301 The Spoken Language Centred Timetabled 0
- OCR GCSE/B A217H Add Sci A: Unit 3 (B6, C6, P6) Hgh £4.65
- A217/02 Add Sci A: Unit 3 (B6, C6, P6) Board Timetabled 20/06/2012 09.00 40

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXAM ENTRIES CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, SEE YOUR SUBJECT TEACHER OR THE EXAMS OFFICE.
 THE SCHOOL COVERS THE COST OF THESE EXAMS, UNLESS A STUDENT FAILS TO TURN UP FOR THE EXAM WITHOUT A VALID REASON.

To be issued by March 27th

An Individual Candidate Timetable which shows:

- » Personal details
- » Examination number
- » Examination entries, including:
 - » Date
 - » Tier
 - » Time – exact start time
 - » Room
 - » Seat number

This is a sheet which contains important information and should not be mislaid

When we have the full timetable finalised we will put a copy on the website

Individual Candidate Timetable

- Individual Candidate Timetable

- Season : Summer 2015

Centre Number : 54203

- Name : xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Year : xx

- Candidate Number : 4032

Reg Group : xxxx

- UCI : 54203xxxxxxxxxx

ULN :

Date	Start Time	Board	Level code	Element code	Element Title	Component	Component title	Duration	Room	Seat
Tues 19 May	9:00	Edexcel	GCSE	5FR03	English Literature A	5FR03H	English Literature A higher	0h 35m	HALL	D2
Wed 20 May	9:00	Edexcel	GCSE	4BIO	Biology	4BIO/1B	Biology	1h 00m	HALL	F4
Thur 22 May	1:00	AQA	GCSE	90302	Geography A Unit 2	90302F	Geography A Unit 2 Foundation	1h 30m	HALL	B9
Fri 13 June	1:00	Edexcel	GCSE	1MAO/1	Mathematics 2	1MAO/1F	Mathematics 2: Foundation	1h 45m	HALL	G12



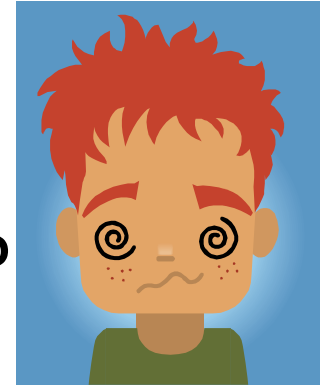
FAQ

What if I am late for an exam?
Can I still take it?

- Yes as long as confidentiality has not been breached, i.e. met with other students
- Students will be allowed into the exam and given the time missed at the end (if required)
- If they know they are going to be late they should try and ring the College – 01392 461407/01392 463920/01392 463925
- If a student is not in an exam we will try and ring home to find out where they are

FAQ

What if I am ill before an exam?



- If students have completed at least 35% of the exam (coursework, a second paper) they will receive special consideration and an aggregate mark
- Students must see the Exams Office within 7 days following the exam
- A letter or email from a parent to confirm the illness will be required



FAQ

What if I become ill during an exam?

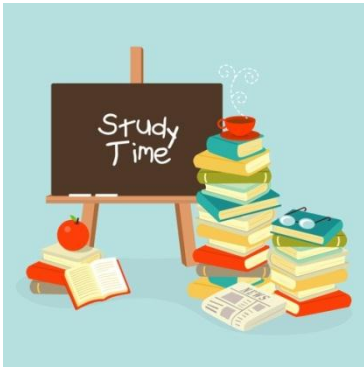
- Depending on the nature of the illness students will either be given extra time or sent home
- If sent home the rules for missing an exam through illness apply

FAQ

Can I leave early if I have finished my exam?

- Sorry, but no, as it disturbs other candidates
- To meet the confidentiality rules officially no candidate can leave until 1 hour after the nationally stated start times, which are 09:00 and 13:30





FAQ

How does study leave work?

- Lessons will continue until Friday 22nd May 3.20pm
- After this date students will be on official study leave
- They should arrive in plenty of time for their exam, 10-15 mins before the start
- They will be expected to sign in and out on the sheets by the “Giraffe House”
- Staff will still be available during timetabled lesson slots
- Study rooms will be available
- Formal revision sessions will continue
- Pre-exam briefings
- Students must wear the correct school uniform during exams

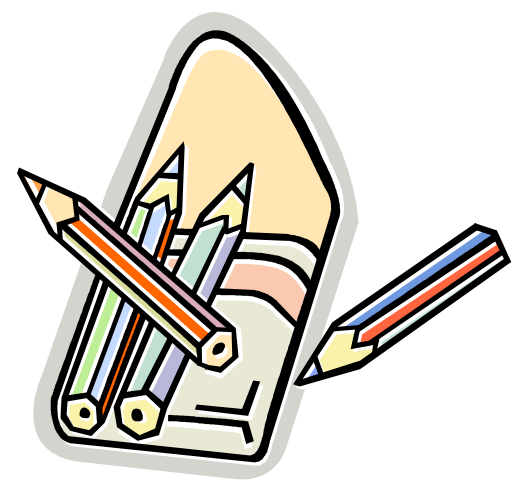
FAQ



What happens if I have forgotten my exam number or seat number?

- Students will receive an exam booklet before they go on study leave giving all relevant information
- A copy of the full exam timetable will be on the notice board where students sign in
- A copy of the days seating plan, including exam number, room and seat number will be displayed by the Giraffe House and in the Main Hall
- It is important that students check this **BEFORE** they go in to the exam room if they are unsure

FAQ



What equipment will I need?

- The College should not be relied on to lend equipment, i.e. pens, pencils, rulers, calculator, protractor
- It is the student's responsibility to supply all the necessary equipment except for a specialist subject like Graphic Products
- They should make sure they have **more than one** pen
- They must write in **black** ink, not blue, red, green or pencil (scripts are scanned or photocopied)
- All equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a plastic bag so they cannot be accused of cheating and hiding notes in their pencil case. This also applies to bottles for water and labels.



FAQ

What are the rules about mobile phones?

- The rules about mobile phones are very strict
 - If a mobile phone is on the candidates person and goes off they are withdrawn from all papers for that exam and they risk being withdrawn from all exams for that Board
 - If a mobile phone is on the candidates person and does not go off they are withdrawn from that exam
 - If a mobile phone goes off but is not on the candidates person they also risk being withdrawn from that exam

Prevention

- To try and stop this being a problem all students have to leave their bag + mobile phone in the PE changing rooms, which are then locked
- We remind all students about mobile phones at the start of every exam
- THIS ALSO APPLIES TO iPods, MP3s AND INTERNET WATCHES

Results Day

College computer generated results slips will be available from 9 a.m. on

Thursday 20st August

Students should come in to College to collect this slip. Third parties (even parents!) will need written permission to collect.

Those not collected will be posted home.

For special arrangements, please contact
Amanda Jones, Exams Secretary

Certificates

When do they arrive?

- These arrive at the end of October and should be collected at the celebration evening which will take place in November.

Results Day

Staff available on the day to discuss choices and future:

- Mrs Dormand Head of Post 16
- Dr Bawn Principal
- Ms Jones Exams Officer
- Careers South West

Finally

It's a balancing act between trying to push your son / daughter to revise and not waste their time and giving them space and support when they need it.

