

Year 10 Support Pack and Preparation for Examinations

It has been wonderful to see the year 10 students in school over the last four weeks. During these final two weeks, your child will have received subject-specific guidance on how best to produce effective revision materials alongside a detailed topic-list of the areas that your child should produce revision materials for (on topics they have covered in Year 9 and Year 10) prior to returning in September.

Within these Support Packs (yellow folders) there was key information: how to be prepared for Year 11; GCSEs/BTECs examinations information; school's online resources and other good revision websites; English Language topics list; English Literature topics list; Maths topics list (formula sheet, 'how to revise maths' sheet and examples of mindmap & flash cards); Biology, Physics and Chemistry topics lists (examples of flash cards & revision clocks and revision clocks to use for all three sciences). All these support materials will also be shared through SMHW and our website before the end of term.

To further support your child's revision, several books were provided by the following departments:

- Maths Foundation (green) or Higher (blue) revision workbook
- Maths Target Grade book for Algebra and Shape (Grade 3 or 5 or 7 or 9)
- Maths Target Grade book for Numbers and Statistics (Grade 3 or 5 or 7 or 9)
- Combined Science revision guide
- Combined Science workbook
- History Early Elizabethan England revision guide and workbook
- History Superpower Relations and the Cold War revision guide and workbook
- Geography revision cards
- French Target Grade book for writing or reading revision workbook (Grade 5 or 9)
- Spanish Target Grade book for writing or reading revision workbook (Grade 5 or 9)
- German Target Grade book for writing or reading revision workbook (Grade 5 or 9)
- BTEC Health & Social Care revision guide
- BTEC Health & Social Care assessment guide
- Drama revision guide
- Drama Blood Brother revision guide

How can you best support your child in completing their revision materials this summer?

It is important that your child finds a revision format that works well for them, whether this is flashcards, mind-maps, mnemonics, timelines or revision clocks. Clearly it is important that revision materials contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams, but perhaps more importantly they need to be compatible with self-testing. Please remind your child that highlighting notes, copying out information or reading through a course book is not effective revision - there needs to be an element of testing and 'thinking hard' in order for learning to happen. For this reason, we have found that revision cards work best with a key question on one side and the answer on another (so that students can test themselves, or ask someone else to test them), while mind maps are particularly effective if completed without any notes to hand.

Subject Leaders estimate that the total time required to complete revision materials in English, Maths and Science will not be longer than 5 school days in total. The process of completing revision materials is most effective if it is spaced out over the summer break. It is therefore recommended that you monitor your child's progress towards completion of this task so that work

is not completed in a hurry in the days immediately before returning to school.

Your child will be actively using revision materials throughout Year 11 and therefore it might be useful to invest in stationery such as revision cards and folders to store materials in. These are cheaply available in many stationers shops such WH Smiths.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is prepared for Year 11. Should you require clarification on any of the guidance given, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

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