



Y11 GCSE Parent Pack



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STUDY ADVICE - Tips for Parents

Many parents feel at a loss when their children enter their examination years, but your involvement during Year 11 can make an enormous difference- the difference between success and failure. The school has an important role to play and can provide the teaching and resources to help your child acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to do the best in each subject. Unfortunately for us, from the teenage perspective, interest and effort in education and the long-term benefits these can bring often come quite low on their priority list. This is where you come in. You are the expert on your child and your support, encouragement and interest can make a huge difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with the demands of their final GCSE year. Your role may include some or all of the following:

- ✓ Making sure your child understands the importance of making the most of lesson times.
- ✓ Providing the tools for homework and revision: a quiet space to work and a "workbox" of pens, paper and other necessities.
- ✓ Showing a positive interest in your son / daughter's school work and helping with homework (but not doing it for them), testing them when they ask you to etc.
- ✓ Advising your child on how they can break tasks down so that they are manageable, keeping a subtle eye on progress and celebrating achievements, and seeing a positive way forward when things go badly!
- ✓ Agree the rules for homework, coursework and revision.
- ✓ Helping to make a realistic timetable, balancing work against the "fun stuff" and revising the plans as necessary.
- ✓ Acting as a go-between for your child and the school when necessary. Make sure problems are nipped in the bud and ask the questions that your child can not or will not.

EXAM ADVICE - Tips for Parents

Studying and preparing for exams can prove a real challenge for parents. Your most important role, as always, is to encourage and praise and show an interest by talking to your child about their school work. Here are some other things you can do to help:

- Put key dates and deadlines in your own diary so that you can support before the "panic stage."
- Take the opportunity to discuss how any coursework is going, and if there are any difficulties you can help with.
- Talk about whether or not music or TV will help or hinder them. However, as always with teenagers, be prepared to compromise – if they get the work done with the TV on, it is probably not an issue. If necessary, agree a trial period on their terms and review how they are getting on.
- Keep a balance between their social life, work commitments and studying. Agree a homework / revision schedule and encourage your son / daughter to stick to it.
- If they tell you that they do not have any coursework or homework in Year 11, this is not true. Use the school website and make contact with the relevant teacher at school if in any doubt.

Year 11 Key Dates 2017

Key:

Parents/Communication

Reporting

Student Aspirations

Student Assessment

Month	Date
January	Achievement Interviews 9/01
	Parents Evening 10/01
	Parents Evening 19/01
	Yr11 Careers Fair 26/01
	Deadline for TH College Applications 30/01
	Year photos 31/01
February	February Half Term Intervention 13/02 – 17/02
March	Internal Assessments begin 06/03
	11.3 due in 20/03
April	Easter Holidays Intervention 3/04 – 13/04
	Achievement Interviews (start 18/04- 2 weeks)
	Drama assessments April (date unknown)
	Last coursework deadlines 18/04
May	Art/Textile Exam 03/05-04/05
	Celebration Day 12/05
	Start of GCSE exams 15/05
	May Half Term Revision Sessions 29/05 – 2/06
June	Prom 23/06
	Toot Hill College Induction 28-29/06

Year 11 Revision and Booster Sessions 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Times Chemistry C3 Dr Mundell Biology B2	Lunch Times History Homework Help H4 Physics lunch study P2	Lunch Times History Drop In (ARO) H4 Child Development RLE PCT	Lunch Times Science lunch study P2 History Drop in (STA) H5 GCSE Economics (TOM) 0.07	Lunch Times Chemistry SC2 Dr Mundell History Revision, (HLW) L4. English C2 Miss Coates E6 English 11A4 & B2 Miss Witton E2 English D2 Miss Maloney E10
				AM 7.30am-8.30am B2 English Mrs Need 1.08 (every other week)
Study Support 3.30-5pm	English (Invite only) Mr Cunningham 3.30-5pm E9	Study Support 3.30-5pm	Maths 3.30-4.30PM M5	Geography PC3&PC1 14:10-15.10pm
English (Invite only) Mr Cunningham 3.30-5pm E9	Business Studies ROG 3.30-4.30pm 0.08	English (Supervised Independent Study) 3.30-5pm E2	Business Studies LID 3.30-4.30pm 0.09	French 2.10 – 3.10pm ADA 11a2 French: L8
Maths Booster sessions -4.30pm A1 Mr Armann 1.05 A2 Mrs Hayward BS1 A3 Mr Clohesy M6 A4 Mr Crossley BS2 B1 Mr Elliot LS2 C1 Miss Jesson M5 C2 Mr Spragg SS1 C3 Miss Patel LS1 D1 Mr Ubhi M4 D2 Miss Jesson M5 E1 Mrs Fender SS2	LAW MID 3.30 - 4.15 1.14	Business Studies CRO 3.30-4.30pm 0.07	ICT session 3.30-5pm (Invite only) Mrs Noone, Mrs Peters & Mr Hudson PC1 & PC2	Art (GIB) AR1 2.10-4.30pm
German 3.30-4.45pm GRA 11a & 11b German L3	Spanish & French 3.30 - 4.45pm LGM 11b French L3 MRL 11c Spanish L9 BIS 11b Spanish L10 ADA 11a2 French L8 MYE 11a1 French L7	Computer Science 3.30-5PM (Invite only) Mr Hudson & Mr Yaqoob PC1 & PC2	Spanish, French & German 3.30-4.45pm MRL 11a Spanish L9 SCO 11c French L10 DCM 11a & 11c Spanish L7 GRA 11a & 11b German L3 ADA 11a2 French: lunch L8	Art (CLH) AR4 Invite Only 2.10 – 3.30pm

Art & Textiles invite only (NIC) TST 3.30 – 5pm	Textiles (CDY) TST 3.30 – 5pm	Drama Coursework Clinic PCA 3.30-5pm	Textiles (CDY) TST 3.30 – 5pm Invite only Textiles (HWT) TST 3.30 – 5pm Invite only	PE – Trampolining Mr Jepps & Mr Sexton 2.10-3.30pm
Economics TOM 12.40-1.20pm 0.07	Art 3.30-5pm Art (CAR) AR3 Art (CHL) AR4	Textiles (HWT) TST 3.30 -5pm	Art (CLH) AR4 3.30 – 5pm Art (UND) AR3 3.30 – 5.30	
	D&T 3.30-4.30pm PCT Electronics WLT Product Design ETH & STK Food Tech & Catering LWS	Art 3.30-5.30pm Art (UND) AR3 Art (GIB) AR1	D&T 3.30-4.30pm PCT Catering AMA Engineering ZAF Product Design & Child Development TYN Product Design & Child Development ETH Electronics WLT	
	Media (Miss Bell) E5 3.30PM-4.30PM	D&T 3.30-4.30pm PCT Catering AMA Engineering ZAF Product Design & Child Development TYN Child Development RLE	Chemistry 3.40-4.30pm Dr Mundell SC2	
	History Revision, (HLW) 3.30-4.30. H4	History Homework Help (SOU) 3.30- 4.30. H3	Chemistry 3.30-4.30pm GBY C1	
	Biology Revision Night B1/B2/B3 3.30 - 4.30	Physics Study Support 15:30 – 16:30 P2	Chemistry 3.30-4.30pm C2 Revision Session SSN SC1	
	Music 3.30-4.30PM Mrs Pereira MU1	B2 Maths Booster until 4.30pm Miss Patel LS1	A2 English Booster 3.30-4.30pm E8 Ms Bickley	
	11b French L3 Miss Graham	English C2 3.30-4.30pm Miss Coates E6	11b French L3 Miss Graham	
	Chemistry 3.40-4.30pm Dr Mundell P3	English C1 3:30-4:45 Miss Millington E7	B2 English 3.40-4.40 Mrs Need 1.08 (every other week)	
	Core & Additional Science revision 3.30-4.30pm Miss Dunn SC2	Dance 3.30-5pm Mrs Santamaria Dance Studio	Core & Additional Science revision 3.30-4.30pm Miss Dunn SC2	
	English D2 3.30-4.30 Miss Maloney- E10			

GCSE Provisional Exam Timetable

<u>Subject and Exam Date</u>	<u>Awarding Body</u>	<u>Assessment Type</u>	<u>Weighting %</u>
<u>Applied Performing Arts</u>	AQA	Controlled Assessment	60%
		Practical Performance	40%
<u>Art and Design</u> <u>Art & Design: Fashion & Textiles</u>	Edexcel	Controlled Assessment	60%
		Practical Exam	40%
<u>Art and Design: Textile Design</u>	Edexcel	Coursework	60%
		Practical Exam	40%
<u>Business Studies</u> 24 May 2017 am 09 June 2017 pm	AQA	Written Paper 1hr	40%
		Written Paper 1hr	35%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Computing</u> 7 June am	OCR	Written Paper 1hr 30min	40%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
<u>Economics</u> 05 June 2017 pm 08 June 2017 pm	AQA	Written Paper 1hr 15min	50%
		Written Paper 1hr 15min	50%
<u>D&T: Food Technology</u>	Edexcel	Controlled Assessment	60%
		Written Paper 1hr 30 mins	40%
<u>D&T: Product Design</u> 26 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Paper 2hrs	40%
		Controlled Assessment	60%
<u>Dance</u> 21 June 2017 pm	AQA	Written Paper 1hr	20%
		Practical Examination	20%
		Controlled Assessment	20%
		Controlled Assessment	40%
<u>English Literature</u> 22 May 2017 am 26 May 2017 am	AQA	Written Exam 1hr 45mins	40%
		Written Exam 2 Hrs 15mins	60%
<u>English Language</u> 06 June 2017 am 12 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Exam 1hr 45mins	50%
		Written Exam 1hr 45mins	50%
		Teacher assessed work	0%
<u>French</u> 16 May 2017 am 16 May 2017 am 16 May 2017 am 16 May 2017 am	Edexcel	Written Paper 25mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Written Paper 35mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Oral Exam 4-6 mins	30%
		Written Paper 35mins	20%
		Written Paper 50mins	20%

		Controlled Assessment	30%
<u>Geography A</u> 22 May 2017 pm 06 June 2017 pm	AQA	Written Paper 1 1/2 hr	37.50%
		Written Paper 1 1/2 hr	37.50%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>German</u> 7 June 2017 am 7 June 2017 am 7 June 2017 am 7 June 2017 am	Edexcel	Written Paper 25mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Written Paper 35mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Oral Exam 4-6 mins	30%
		Written Paper 35mins	20%
		Written Paper 50mins	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
<u>History</u> 5 June am 14 June pm	OCR	Written Paper 2hrs	45%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	30%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
Hospitality & Catering	WJEC	Controlled Assessment	60%
		Written Paper 1hr 15mins	40%
<u>Home Economics: Child Development</u> 15 June am	OCR	Controlled Assessment	30%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
		Written Paper 1hr 30 mins	40%
ICT	WJEC	Written Paper 1hr 30 mins	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
		Written Paper 1hr 30 mins	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
<u>Law</u> 23 May am 7 June am 18 May pm 15 May pm	OCR	Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
<u>Mathematics</u> 25 May 2017 am 25 May 2017 am 08 June 2017 am 08 June 2017 am 13 June 2017 am 13 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	33.3%
Media Studies	WJEC	Written Paper 2hrs 15mins	40%
		Controlled Assessment	60%
<u>Music</u> 9 June 2017 pm	Edexcel	Internal Assessment	30%
		Internal Assessment	30%
		Written Paper 1hr 30mins	40%
<u>Physical Education</u>	OCR	Written Paper 1hr	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%

19 May pm 25 May pm		Written Paper 1hr	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%
<u>Religious Studies B Long Course</u> <u>(Philosophy and Ethics)</u> 15 June pm 15 June pm 15 May am 15 May am	OCR	Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
		Written Paper 1hr	25%
<u>Science A (core)</u> 16 May 2017 pm (Biology) 18 May 2017 am (Chemistry) 24 May 2017 pm (Physics)	AQA	Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Additional Science</u> 09 June 2017 am (Biology) 14 June 2017 am (Chemistry) 16 June 2017 am (Physics)	AQA	Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Separate Science (Biology)</u> 16 May 2017 pm 09 June 2017 am 09 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Separate Science (Chemistry)</u> 18 May 2017 am 14 June 2017 am 14 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Separate Science (Physics)</u> 24 May 2017 pm 16 June 2017 am 16 June 2017 am	AQA	Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Written Exam 1hr	25%
		Controlled Assessment	25%
<u>Spanish</u> 19 May 2017 am 19 May 2017 am 19 May 2017 am 19 May 2017 am	Edexcel	Written Paper 25mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Written Paper 35mins + 5mins Reading Time	20%
		Oral Exam 4-6 mins	30%
		Written Paper 35mins	20%
		Written Paper 50mins	20%
		Controlled Assessment	30%