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Year 11 Parents' Q and A Session

Tuesday 9 April 2019

With you this evening

- Ed Hester – Headmaster
- Dr Michael Reddish – Deputy Head – Academic
- Ben Collie – Head of Sixth Form
- Liz Pyne – Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning
- Shellagh Dodds – Examinations Officer
- Vanessa Rooney - Registrar

Route to Sixth Form Key Dates

- Wednesday 3 April – Sixth Form letters and scholarships offers made
- Wednesday 1 May – Deadline for giving notice
- Monday 13 May – GCSEs commence
- Tuesday 18 June – GCSEs end
- Friday 21 June – Year 11 Headmaster's Thanksgiving Service and Buffet Lunch
- Monday 24 June – Year 11 Prom (Coombe Abbey)
- Wednesday 26 June – JCQ Contingency Day
- Thursday 22 August – GCSE Results Day
- Friday 30 August – Sixth Form Induction Day
- Monday 2 September – Start of the Michaelmas Term

Revision Advice

Revision = to look over

Retention = to remember

How long should our son or daughter revise for?


There is no golden rule ...

“The best GCSE and A-level results don’t go to the cleverest students – they go to those who revised in the Easter holidays.”


Easter holidays/exam leave	Whilst at school ...
<p>6 hours per day</p> <p>3 x 2 hour blocks 6 x 1 hour blocks Regular breaks</p>	<p>2 hours per day</p> <p>Use time wisely Odd 15 mins makes all the difference</p>

Planning for revision ...







Allocate MORE TIME for the topics you struggle with.



Revision works best in small bursts, so keep sessions short and sweet!



Remember to allow time to practise applying what you have revised.



Day	9:00 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 2:35	2:35 – 4:00	4:00 – 5:00	5:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 7:00	7:00 – 8:00	8:00 – 9:00	9:00 – 10:00
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Wednesday												
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*****Remember: make sure you give yourself breaks and allow time to relax and do the things you want to do and enjoy doing.**

How to organise a revision session ...



Help! I
don't
know how
to revise!



Different pupils will revise
in different ways ... find a
way that works for them

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Flashcards

For key information and facts. You can carry them around with you and test yourself anywhere.

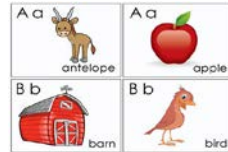
Use it to remind and test yourself on; Spellings Lists, A sequence of simple events



Read-Cover-Recall-Check

Read the information you want to remember. Cover it up, write out what you remember. Check to see how much you forgot.

Use it to test yourself on; Spellings, Lists, A sequence of simple events



Online quizzes or revision guide exam questions

Answer the questions, note down your score, revise the topic some more, have another go at the questions later. Did you improve?

Use it to test yourself on; Simple scientific facts and processes



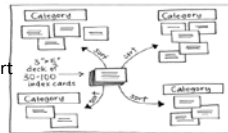
Make a card sort

Make a set of cards that you can cut out, mix up and match.

Use them; When you need to remember pieces of information that go together.

Key word cards

Include definitions on the back. You can test yourself on the definitions, sort them into scientifically relevant categories, put them into a sequence.



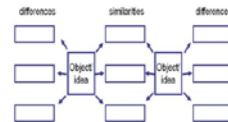
Describe or explain a process/scenario to someone who does not know it or a classmate.

They can ask questions to fill in any gaps you missed and if they are also revising it may help them understand the work better.

Use it when; Explaining a series of events or a process that has some detail

Graphic organisers

Decide if you are describing, analysing parts, comparing, analysing cause and effect, predicting or evaluating and display your arguments in a graphic organiser. **Use it to;** look at topics in more detail.



Mind maps

Start with a central theme and organise the information from it, grouped into subtopics. Label the branches with the relationships.

To summarise a whole topic after revising it in detail. Only put in the key words, everything else should come to mind when you read it.

Past exam questions and analysis

Complete some past exam questions. Mark your answers. Fill in the answers you missed. Go through the paper and colour code each topic (Red-need to revise, Amber-Need to go over a few bits again, Green-I've got it)

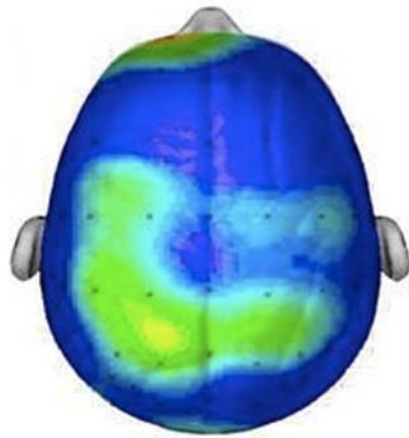
Use it to test your ability to; recall the information you have revised, to answer the question asked, not just write down everything you know, to follow the **command words** in an exam.



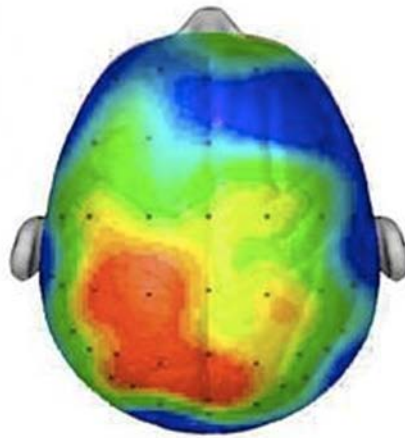
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Importance of exercise ...

Composite of 20 student brains taking the same test



After sitting quietly



After 20 minute walk

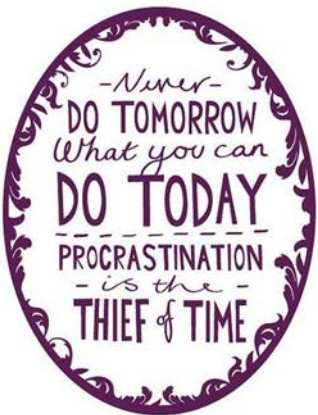
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Exercise releases endorphins that make you feel good, reducing stress and helping you to get good night's sleep - but avoid stimulating activity just before bed, to give your brain time to wind down.

How to get motivated ...

- Give yourself a revision pep talk
- Start your revision with something fun
- Go cold turkey on gadgets and social media
- Monitor what you eat to give you energy and focus
- Make your pile of revision notes more inviting
- Tidy your room so you actually want to be there
- Plan rewards after revision
- Get up and about

Start now, not tomorrow!



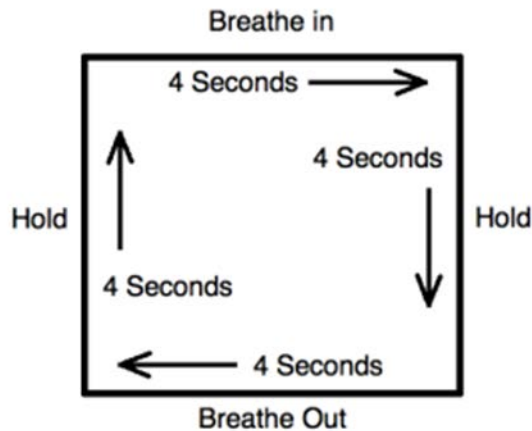
GOOD REVISERS

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POOR REVISERS

Eat breakfast		Skip breakfast
Sleep 8-10 hours a night		Get little sleep
Have regular bed times		Have inconsistent bed times
Get fresh air each day		Stay indoors all day
Exercise regularly		Do no exercise
Do past papers		Mostly revise highlighting "key" passages
Spread out their revision		Cram their revision
Keep a diary to capture negative thoughts		Dwell on worst case scenarios
Revise in a quiet environment		Revise while listening to music or TV
Drink water regularly		Forget to stay hydrated
Put their phone away during revision		Revise with their mobile phone next to them

Stress Busting



Study Leave

- Year 11 go on study leave after Wednesday 8 May
- They are welcome to come into school to revise and meet with their subject teachers whilst on study leave
- Prior to internal exams, which take place wc 20 May, all teachers will be available in their normal timetabled room locations
- Once internal exams have begun, specific revision rooms will be available for Year 11 and they will be able to arrange to see their subject teachers
- During study leave and exam season they must sign in and out at the student hub, apart from if they have a morning exam, when the register will be taken in the exam room

Pre-Exams

Candidates have already been given:

- A printed copy of their entry statement showing all exams they are entered for this summer
- A printed copy of their timetable listing by date all their written examinations.
- For every exam it shows:
 - the start time
 - the published duration
 - if applicable, the total duration with extra time
- A copy of the College's Candidate Booklet for Written Exams

Exams Information on the Portal


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- Exam Entries
- Exam Timetable – date, start time and duration
- The allocated room and seat number for each exam
- Examination results

NB: Only if the pupil has enabled access for parents in the pupil portal

Parent Portal Access Denied



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You are currently viewing as mel.butler@virgin.net - use the icon on the right to return to your original session.

Public Examinations

Displayed below are options available so you can view key information about William's public examinations.

- Examination Entries Access Denied**
William has not given you permission to view his examination entries via his options on the pupil portal.
- Examination Timetable Access Denied**
William has not given you permission to view his examination timetable via his options on the pupil portal.
- Examination Results Access Denied**
William has not given you permission to view his examination results via his options on the pupil portal.

Parent Portal Access Enabled



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Public Examinations

Displayed below are options available so you can view key information about Rob's public examinations.

- View Rob's Examination Entries**
Use this option to view all the public exams Rob has been entered for.
- View Rob's Examination Timetables**
Use this option to view Rob's public exam timetable for the exams Rob has been entered for.
- View Rob's Examination Results**
Use this option to view published results for all Rob's public examinations.

Pupil Portal

My Examinations



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Public Examinations

Displayed below are options available so you can view key information about your public examinations.



View my Examination Entries

Use this option to view all the public exams you have been entered in for.



View My Examination Arrangements

Use this option to view your public exam arrangements for the exams you have been entered in for.



View My Examination Timetables

Use this option to view your public exam timetable from the exams you have been entered in for.



View My Examination Results


Use this option to view the published results for all your public examinations.



View My Examination Preferences & Options

Use this option to configure your public examination options.

My Preferences and Options



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Public Examinations - Preferences & Options

Examination Home | Exam Entries | Exam Arrangements | Exam Timetable | Exam Results | Exam Options

Portal Access

Use the options below to control what access your parents have to your public examinations information.

View My Exam Entries: ▼
If you select yes your parents will be able to view your examination entries.

View My Exam Timetables: ▼
If you select yes your parents will be able to view your examination timetables.

View My Exam Results: ▼
If you select yes your parents will be able to view your examination results.

* The fields in red are required.

Save My Options Reload

JCQ Exam Contingency

Wednesday 26 June

- The exam contingency day may be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no pupils (or a large number of them) are unable to take an exam when planned. All **pupils must be available up to and including Wednesday 26 June** in case one of their exams is moved.
- JCQ have made it clear that if an exam is moved and a candidate is unable to attend, special consideration will not be considered. This means that even if your child has taken the first paper in a subject and then misses the moved one, the normal process of being able to 'scale up' the result from previous papers and make it count for the whole subject will not apply: **any pupil who is unable to sit the moved exam will be given zero in that paper.**

Exams – Dos and Donts

Candidates may have:

- **Black writing pen – not gel**
- Pencils, eraser,
- For maths and the sciences:
 - Non programmable calculator
 - Maths equipment
- Pencil case, if clear
- Analogue watch
- Water bottle – clear, no labels
- Gel pens for highlighting questions

Candidates may not have:

- Tippex
- Pieces of paper
- Any type of electronic device
- Programmable calculator
- Calculator lid
- Box or tin for maths equipment
- Food – including sweets
- Writing on hands or any part of their body

Exams – On the day

- Start times:
 - Morning: 9.00am
 - Afternoon: 1.10pm
- Pupils must be ready and waiting outside their exam room at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time
- If pupils revise at home in the morning, please ensure they arrive at school in good time for the afternoon session
- School uniform must be worn
- Pupils must stay for the published duration of the exam

Exams – What if?

- My child is ill
- My child is injured
- We're running late or the bus is late
- There is an emergency evacuation during the exam
- Advise your child's Head of House or Mrs Dodds, the Examinations Officer, of anything that occurs **at the time of the assessment** and has an impact on the candidate, such as:
 - Injury
 - Illness
 - Bereavement
 - Traumatic experience

Special Consideration

JCQ Definition:

- Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a candidate's mark or grade to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the candidate's control at the time of the assessment, which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.



JCQ Definition:

- ‘Malpractice’, which includes maladministration and non-compliance with the Regulations, means any act, default or practice which is a breach of the Regulations or which:
 - compromises, attempts to compromise or may compromise the process of assessment, the integrity of any qualification or the validity of a result or certificate;
 - and/or
 - damages the authority, reputation or credibility of any awarding body or centre or any officer, employee or agent of any awarding body or centre
- Failure by a centre to notify, investigate and report to an awarding body all allegations of malpractice or suspected malpractice constitutes malpractice in itself

Malpractice

- Number of penalties issued to pupils remains stable: 2,735 penalties were issued to students in 2018, similar to the number of penalties in 2017 (2,740), and representing 0.02% of entries
- Mobile phones accounted for 47% of all pupil penalties (1,295 penalties in 2018, compared with 1,060 in 2017)
- The rule is very clear, mobile phones are **not** allowed in exam halls, regardless of how much battery they have left, if they are in aeroplane mode, switched off or otherwise
- The consequences are also clear: marks will be deducted

[Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\) video](#)

Results Day

Thursday 22 August

- 9.00am - School opens for Year 11 pupils and parents
- 10.00am - Results published to the portals
- 2.00pm - Any uncollected results envelopes posted to the home address
- Results will **not** be given out over the telephone
- Sixth Form Team on hand on Results Day, Friday 23 August and the following week to discuss GCSE results and A-level option choices

Collection by a third party

- Written details must be sent to the Examinations Officer before Monday 1 July 2019. The person collecting is required to bring photo ID

Results Day

Your child's results envelope will contain:

- Results statement 2019 showing grades from 9 – 1
- Details of marks from Heads of Department or Mrs Dodds
- If applicable, results statement from previous years
- Enquiries about results information
 - Copies of scripts
 - Reviews of marking
- Letter from the Headmaster
- If applicable, Sixth Form Options Form, Induction Day Agenda and Marle Hall Trip Information



Prize Giving Ceremony

- Certificates are distributed at our annual Prize Giving Ceremony – this year on Friday 22 November at Warwick Arts Centre
- If you are unable to attend - certificates will be available to collect from our main reception from Tuesday 26 November. Photo ID will be required
- Third party collection – details must be sent in writing to the Examinations Officer by the pupil or parent from a known email address. Photo ID will be required when collecting
- Employers, Colleges and Universities will ask to see original certificates. In the event of lost certificates, exam boards charge in the region of £50 each in order to provide a certified statement of results

Sixth Form Matters - The Team



Ben Collie
Head of Sixth Form



Anne Allen



Rod Isaacs

Assistant Heads of Sixth Form



Cyp Vella



Jacqui Quinney
Head of Careers and UCAS Co-ordinator



Amanda McKenzie
Sixth Form Administrator



Marion Mitchell
Sixth Form Administrator



Sixth Form Matters – Admissions

Entrance Requirements

- Minimum academic requirement is six GCSEs grades 9 – 5, including at least three 6 grades or equivalent
- Candidates will normally have at least grade 6 in subjects to be studied to A-level, but it is necessary to have at least a grade 7 in:
 - Latin
 - Mathematics
 - Modern Foreign Languages
 - Sciences
- Check each subject for specific requirements

Sixth Form Matters - Admissions



- Queries relating to the Sixth Form letters and scholarships please contact the Registrar, Mrs Rooney, in the first instance
- As a current parent if your child would like to continue into Sixth Form you **do not** have to confirm your acceptance of the place offered in your letter
- However if you want to give notice please do so in writing to the Headmaster **by Wednesday 1 May**, copying in the Registrar to meet the College's Terms and Conditions
- On or after GCSE Results Day queries relating to option choices should be made to Ben Collie, Head of Sixth Form

Sixth Form Matters – Transition



Induction Day – Friday 30 August

- All Lower Sixth expected to attend
- Meet the Sixth Form Tutor and tutor group activities
- Sessions on independent learning and time management
- Timetables distributed
- Lunch provided
- Dress code casual

Marle Hall Residential (Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October)

- Three day outward bound trip
- Develop leadership and initiative skills, personal resilience and bond with fellow students
- Activities include trekking, abseiling and coasteering
- Cost £175



Sixth Form Matters - Practicalities

Driving and parking in Sixth Form

- All Sixth Form drivers need to complete a form available from the school shop and submit a copy of their licence/pass certificate and insurance before driving onto site
- Charge of £30 including £10 returnable deposit
- Receive an electronic fob for the barrier and a windscreen sticker
- Agree to safe driving on campus

Sixth Form Dress Code

- Smart business attire required
- Currently under review in terms of ladies

Sixth Form Matters

Academic Curriculum 2018/19

Pupils follow a two-week timetable. Over the course of each fortnight they will have the following lessons.

Year 7 (Age 11+)	Year 8 (Age 12+)	Year 9 (Age 13+)	Year 10 (Age 14+) GCSE	Year 11 (Age 15+) GCSE	Lower 6th (Age 16+) A-level	Upper 6th (Age 17+) A-level
English <div>8</div>	English <div>7</div>	English <div>6</div>	English <div>8</div>	English <div>8</div>	Three subjects are studied at A-level. There are four Option Blocks to choose from, which are constructed around pupil interest in Year 11	Students continue with their three A-level subjects from Lower Sixth
Maths <div>8</div>	Maths <div>7</div>	Maths <div>6</div>	Maths <div>8</div>	Maths <div>8</div>		
RS <div>4</div>	RS <div>4</div>	RS <div>4</div>	RS <div>6</div>	RS <div>6</div>		
Spanish <div>5</div>	French <div>4</div>	French <div>4</div>	Science Double <div>15</div> Leading to Double Award Science GCSE	Science Double <div>15</div> Leading to Double Award Science GCSE	Option A <div>12</div>	Option A <div>12</div>
Latin <div>2</div>	Latin <div>2</div>	Second Language Options Latin or Spanish <div>6</div>				
Science <div>6</div>	Science <div>6</div>		Option B <div>12</div>	Option B <div>12</div>		
Computer Science <div>2</div>	Spanish <div>4</div>	Science <div>7</div>	Option A <div>6</div>	Option A <div>6</div>	Option C <div>12</div>	Option C <div>12</div>
	Computer Science <div>2</div>	Computer Science <div>2</div>				
Technology <div>4</div>	Technology <div>4</div>	Technology <div>4</div>	Option B <div>6</div>	Option B <div>6</div>	Private Study <div>12</div>	Private Study <div>17</div>
History <div>4</div>	History <div>4</div>	History <div>4</div>				
Geography <div>4</div>	Geography <div>4</div>	Geography <div>4</div>	Option C <div>6</div>	Option C <div>6</div>	Extended Project (EPQ) or Core Maths <div>4</div>	Extended Project (EPQ) <div>1</div>
Art <div>2</div>	Art <div>2</div>	Art <div>2</div>				
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periods

GCSE and A-level Options

Please note, GCSE and A-level Option Blocks change from year to year depending on pupil choices. The subjects on offer are reviewed annually. Please refer to the Department Information section of this booklet and the Sixth Form Information Booklet for a full list of potential subjects on offer. For current Option Block information, please contact the Registrars.

Any Other Questions?

- Contact Admissions on 01926 634201 or email admissions@princethorpe.co.uk
- Contact the Sixth Form Team on 01926 634234 or email bencollie@princethorpe.co.uk
- Contact the Exams Team on 01926 634220 or email shellaghdodds@princethorpe.co.uk

[Exam hall](#)