

Information for Students: Sixth Form

Revision at Easter - You do know how to revise but remember there is no quick fix and faffing about on web sites is not revision, neither is sitting looking at an open text book. You have to do some hard work - it is an old adage but it is right - **You cannot revise without a pen in your hand!**

Junior Sixth

You should be planning for an eighty (if you are confident) or hundred (if you are not so organised and have let things slip in the academic year) hour holiday. This is not as onerous as it sounds if you take each day as having three slots - 9-12, 2-5 and 7-10.

You should aim to work in two of these slots, Monday to Friday and one of the days at the weekend if you are aiming for a hundred. Within each hour slot, you should work for forty five minutes and then break for fifteen. This is when you answer texts, check e-mail, make a cup of tea, etc.

Vary what you do. Don't plan to do six hours of past papers and then wonder why the day did not go well! Do a past paper in the morning, then do some reading, make notes, write up something on the specification where you have a gap, highlight a chapter or an article. By varying what you do and also, varying the subjects through the day, the revision will be more productive.

Before exam leave begins, do the obvious:

1. Tidy work space at home that is quiet, well lit, comfy chair and there are few distractions
2. Have all the files and text books organised on a shelf
3. Stationery - files, paper, highlighters, etc.
4. Have a copy of all the specifications for your subjects
5. Have past papers to hand
6. Have planned your eighty/hundred hours in a readable grid - just use the table format in Word - this should be done before the holiday! - an example is at the end of the document

After Easter

- get a copy of the exam timetable and plan your time carefully
- make sure you use the weekends for the exams that are looming before May half term and plan out the half term week too
- take advantage of the revision your teacher is doing - arrive prepared for timed work so you can build towards the real exam
- this is the time to put some of your social life on hold as these exams are important and the results will be a large part of your university predictions
- do still keep some free time though to exercise, rest and wind down
- if you are feeling over-stressed, speak to someone!

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Senior Sixth

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- this is the time to put some of your social life on hold as these exams are important and the results are crucial if you are to get the university place you want
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