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Year 11

Preparing for
Exams

2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the process of preparing our year 11 students for their final exams, there will be lots of different events and activities taking place over the next couple of months.

I hope that you found both the Progress Review information and the recent parents evening useful; I am sure that all subjects provided guidance on how to prepare for the exams and also mentioned their departmental revision sessions.

This booklet contains information to help you support your son/daughter over the next couple of months; it outlines what to expect in each exam, as well as letting you know about all of the events for both parents and students that are taking place.

Following each subject areas analysis of the trial exams, we will be identifying intervention strategies for different students. For example, this may be a requirement to attend certain revision sessions, a careers interview or in some cases students will be allocated a mentor to support them over the coming months. The assembly programme for next half term will focus on revision strategies, both general and subject specific. All students will have a one to one interview, either as part of the sixth form application process or as part of exploring the other options available. As always we aim to ensure that every student makes an appropriate choice for their next steps and will support them to achieve their goals.

We have organised a second trial exam week which will take place during the week beginning 27th February. This will focus on core subjects as well as offering time for some students to complete outstanding coursework tasks. The timetable for this week is shown below; all students are expected to be in normal lessons if they are not in an exam or coursework session.

Lesson	1	2	3	4
MON	SCIENCE CAU ALL DAY			
TUES	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Paper 1	GEOGRAPHY C/WORK	
WEDS	MATHS	Paper 1	MFL COURSEWORK	
THURS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Paper 2	MATHS	Paper 2
FRI	MATHS	Paper 3		

I have also included a calendar of key dates. These have been shared with students during assembly.

Finally, each subject area will be providing students with targeted practice exam papers or questions (two hours' worth of work) for the half term holiday. We would be grateful if you could encourage your son/daughter to complete this work as it has been designed to support them in their exam preparation.

Yours sincerely



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Key Dates

Event	Date
Mock Week 2	Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March 2017
Preparing for Exams evening	Thursday 16th March 2017
Achieve A/A* at GCSE	Thursday 16th March 2017
Art Exams	Monday 24th – Thursday 27th April 2017
Drama Exams (provisional)	Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May 2017
Main Exams start	Tuesday 16th May 2017
Study Leave	Friday 19th May 2017



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS 2017 - NEWPORT PAGNELL

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Subject	Venue	Subject	Venue	Subject	Venue	Subject	Venue	Subject	Venue
Lunch			Chemistry	S8	Biology	S8	Drama	L1/L2	Business	H7
			Drama	L1/L2	Drama	L1/L2	Physics	S8	Drama	L1/L2
			Geography	M2/M10/M11						
After School			Drama	L1/L2	Drama	L1/L2	BTEC Creative Media	H21	Drama	L1/L2
			French	L26/L27	English	W24	Child Development	PILC		
			Geography	M10	Food Technology	FT1	Computer Science	H20		
			Graphics	T4	French Spanish	L23/L28	Drama	L1/L2		
			Maths	M29	History	H26	PER	PER Dept		
			Music	L3			Science drop in	S8		
							Spanish	L23/L27		

Art

Specification:	AQA GCSE Art & Design
Time allowed:	10-12 weeks prep between January and April 10 hour exam over 2 days
Marks available and weighting:	Assessed out of 96 marks across 4 bands of criteria Unit 1 – 100% coursework - 60% complete Unit 2 - Exam paper Weighting 40%
Type of question:	Multiple choice, short, structured. Exam paper is multiple choice and has a selection of starting points for students to choose one and investigate over the 10-12 weeks, which culminates in the 10 hour exam. Once the exam starts students are not allowed to work on prep.

Topics covered - 8 themes to choose from which include:

- Detail
- Out of place
- Surroundings
- Assemble and shelter

Business Studies

Specification:	Edexcel 2BS01
Time allowed:	Unit 1 - 45 minutes Unit 3 – 1 hour 30 minutes
Marks available and weighting:	Unit 1 Weighting 25% - 40 marks Unit 3 Weighting 50% - 90 marks

The remaining 25% is coursework which has already been completed.

Type of question:	Unit 1 - Multiple choice Unit 3 - Combination of multiple-choice, short- and extended-answer, data response, scenario-based questions.
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Topics covered:

Unit 1: Introduction to small business

1. Spotting a business opportunity
2. Showing enterprise
3. Putting a business idea into practice
4. Making the start-up effective
5. Understanding the economic context

Unit 3: Building a Business

1. Marketing
2. Meeting customer needs
3. Effective financial management
4. Effective people management
5. The wider world affecting business

Child Development

Specification: OCR J441

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Marks available and weighting: 1 Paper at 80 marks, 40% of overall grade

Type of question: Questions range from short questions which are worth 1-4 marks which are based on command words such as identify and describe. Students will also be asked 6-8 mark questions which require higher cognitive skills such as explain and assess. There will be 1 essay based question worth 15 marks. Students will be marked for their spelling and grammar on the 15 mark question.

Topics covered:

Family and parenting
Preparation for Pregnancy and Birth
Physical development
Nutrition and Health
Intellectual, Emotional and Social Development
Community support

Students will receive a checklist of what is covered in each topic and what they need to know.

CDA - Computing

Specification: OCR J275

Time allowed: 1 Hour 30 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: 80 Marks

Type of question: Mix of short and long answers

Topics covered:

- Fundamentals of Computer Systems
- Computer Hardware (how it works)
- Software (types)
- Representing Data (binary hex etc)
- Database (DBMS)
- Communications and Networking
- Programming (techniques and algorithms)

CDA – BTEC Creative Digital Media Production

Specification: Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 - 600/6831/0

Time allowed: 1 Hour

Marks available and weighting: Total Marks 50 this Unit accounts for 25% of the overall qualification

Type of question: Mix of Multiple choice, short answer questions and two 8 mark questions which require a longer more in-depth response.

Topics covered:

Digital media sectors, products and platforms

- Media sectors
- Media products and processes
- Digital Media platforms and devices
- Multimedia technology and consumption

Audiences for digital media products

- Types of audience
- Audience and producer control
- Understanding audiences through research
- Audience profiling
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How audiences engage with digital media products

- Communication of meaning, understanding how audiences 'read' meaning from media

Drama

Specification: 2DR01

Time allowed: 20 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: Weighting 40%

Type of question: Practical

- Students will be expected to perform in a small group having at least 5 minutes of exposure on the stage each.
- Their piece must be well rehearsed and well presented with sound lighting and costume.
- It will be assessed by an external examiner. Students are invited to come in during the first week of Easter to prepare their performance piece in the Drama studio.
- The final practical exam will take place very soon after the Easter break and will be negotiated and agreed once the board make contact with Ousedale within the next few weeks.
- Students have to complete 3 pieces of coursework produced under medium control conditions at school prior to the practical exam.

Design Technology - Food

Specification: Edexcel Food Technology 2FT01

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: 80 Marks 40%

Type of question: Q 1 - 10 Multiple Choice (10 marks)
Q 11 Name and State, ingredient focus and recipe adaptation (18 marks)
Q 12 Design question against a specification (16 marks)
Q 13 Product manufacture questions including recipe comparison (19 marks including 6 marks for the comparison)
Q 14 Short answers on moral, social, cultural, ethical issues in the food industry and technological developments (17 marks including a 6 mark discussion question)

Topics covered:

- Macro and Micro nutrients (Proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals)
- Dietary guidelines, nutritional requirements and special diets
- Primary and secondary processing (Cereals, milk and dairy, eggs, meat, fish, alternative proteins, fruit and vegetables)
- Functional properties and working characteristics of food
- Food Additives
- Preservation and processing
- Food safety and hygiene
- Product manufacture (Production methods, product development, technological developments, quality)
- Food issues (environmental, moral)
- ICT in the food industry
- Packaging and labelling

Design Technology - Graphics

Specification: Pearson Graphics 2GR01

Time allowed: 1 Hour 30 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: 80marks 40% weighting

Type of question: 10 Multiple choice questions

- Name and state equipment
- Product analysis
- Design Question
- New technologies, moral, cultural and environmental issues

Topics covered: Materials and components

Topic 1.1 Paper and board

- Cartridge paper
- Tracing paper Board
- Folding boxboard
- Corrugated board
- Solid white board
- Foil-lined board Packaging laminate
- Polythene, aluminium foil and paperboard, ie Tetra Pak™.

Topic 1.2 Metals

- Ferrous — steel
- Non-ferrous — aluminium and tin.

Topic 1.3 Polymers

- Acrylic
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polystyrene (PS) rigid (high density polystyrene) and expanded
- Styrofoam™.

Topic 1.4 Glass

Topic 1.5 Woods

- Hardwoods — jelutong and balsa
- Softwood — pine.

Topic 1.6 Composites

- Carbon fibre
- Medium density fibreboard (MDF).

Topic 1.7 Modern and smart materials

- Polymorph
- Thermochromic liquid crystals/film
- Liquid crystal displays (LCDs)
- Electronic paper displays (EPDs)/e-paper
- Transdermal prescription drug patches.

English Language

Specification: AQA (8700)

Time allowed: 2 X 1 hour 45 minutes

Marks available and weighting: Paper 1- 80 marks (weighting 50%)
Paper 2 – 80 marks (weighting 50%)

Type of question: Section A questions will test reading skills, inference deduction, analytical and evaluative skills. Paper 2 tests comparison skills. Section B questions will test writing skills: crafting writing for a specific purpose and using the full range of punctuation accurately and for effect.

Paper 1 - Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

- Section A reading 25%
- Section B writing to describe or narrate 25%

Paper 2 – Writer's viewpoints and Perspectives

- Section A reading and comparing texts 25%
- Section B writing to argue 25%

English Literature

Specification:	English Literature (8702)
Time allowed:	1 x 1 hour 45 minutes, 1 x 2 hours 15 minutes
Marks available and weighting:	Paper 1- 64 marks (weighting 40%) Paper 2- 96 marks (weighting 60%)
Type of question:	Questions will test reading skills, inference deduction, analytical and evaluative skills focusing on Language, Structure and Form. Paper 2 also tests comparison skills through the poetry sections B and C.

Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

- Section A Shakespeare, Macbeth 20%
- Section B the 19th Century Novel , A Christmas Carol 20%

Paper 2 – Modern Texts and Poetry

- Section A Modern texts, An Inspector Calls 20%
- Section B Poetry, Power and Conflict Anthology 20%
- Section B Unseen Poetry, 2 unseen poems that will have to be compared 20%

Geography

Specification: AQA - Geography A (9030).

Time allowed: 2 x 1 hour 30 minutes

Marks available and weighting: Unit 1: Marks 75 (25 marks per topic) Weighting - 37.5%
Unit 2: Marks 84 (25 marks plus an additional 3 for SPAG for each topic) Weighting - 37.5%

Type of question: Both papers have a mix of short and longer answer questions. The marks for SPAG are always attached to the longest mark question on each topic for Unit 2.

The remaining 25% comes from the controlled assessment.

Topics covered:

Unit 1

- Restless Earth
- Water on the Land
- Coasts

Unit 2

- Population Change
- Changing Urban Environments
- Tourism

History

Specification: OCR GCSE History B (Modern World)

Time allowed: Paper 1 - 2 hours
Paper 2 - 1 hour 30 minutes

Marks available and weighting: Paper 1 - 81 marks
Paper 2 - 53 marks

Type of question: Paper 1 - Mix of source and non-source based questions
Paper 2 – sourced based

Paper 1: A011/01 Aspects of International Relations, 1919–2005, with Depth Study Germany, 1918–1945

Paper 2: A021/01 How was British society changed, 1890–1918?

The Cold War, 1945—1975

Who was to blame for the Cold War?

Who won the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Why did the USA fail in Vietnam?

Germany, 1918–1945

Was the Weimar Republic doomed from the start?

Why was Hitler able to dominate Germany by 1933?

The Nazi regime: how effectively did the Nazis control Germany, 1933–1945?

The Nazi regime: what was it like to live in Nazi Germany?

British Depth Study, 1890–1918

How was British society changed, 1890–1918?

Mathematics

Specification:	AQA
Time allowed:	3 x 1 hour 30 minutes
Marks available and weighting:	Each paper contributes 33⅓%
Type of question:	Foundation tier (grades 1 – 5) and Higher tier (grades 4 – 9). Students must take three question papers at the same tier. Paper 1: non-calculator Paper 2: calculator Paper 3: calculator

The papers consist of a mix of question styles, from short, single-mark questions (some multiple choice), to multi-step problems. The mathematical demand increases as a student progresses through the paper.

The topic areas are weighted as shown in the table below.

Topic Area	Foundation Tier (%)	Higher Tier (%)
Number	25	15
Algebra	20	30
Ratio	25	20
Geometry	15	20
Probability and statistics (combined)		15

Content from any part of the specification may be assessed in each paper.

Modern Foreign Languages

Specification: AQA - 4658

Time allowed: Unit 1 Listening - Foundation 30 minutes
Higher 40 minutes
Unit 2 Reading - Foundation 30 minutes
Higher 50 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: Listening 20%
Reading 20%

Type of question: Multiple Choice, Answers in English, Gap fill, Complete the sentence, Sentence matching, Positive / negative / both, True or False or not mentioned

Topics covered:

- Health
- Relationships
- Freetime and Media
- Holidays
- Home and local area
- Environment
- School, college and future tense
- Current and Future jobs

Writing and Speaking are controlled assessments.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

Specification: AQA - 4698

Time allowed: Unit 1 Listening - Foundation 30 minutes
Higher 40 minutes
Unit 2 Reading - Foundation 30 minutes
Higher 50 minutes

Marks available
and weighting: Listening 20%
Reading 20%

Type of question: Multiple Choice, Answers in English, Gap fill, Complete the sentence, Sentence matching, Positive / negative / both, True or False or not mentioned

Topics covered:

- Health
- Relationships
- Freetime and Media
- Holidays
- Home and local area
- Environment
- School, college and future tense
- Current and Future jobs

Writing and Speaking are controlled assessments.

Music

Specification: AQA (4270)

Time allowed: 1 Hour

Marks available and weighting: Paper is marked out of 80 Marks - Weighting 20%

Type of question: Short Answers & Multiple choice based on a variety of listening excerpts taken from:
a) The Western Classical Tradition
b) Popular Music of the 20th & 21st centuries
c) World Music Topics covered (if specific to certain papers)

Thorough knowledge of all Areas of Study is required including all key terms.

- Rhythm & Metre
- Harmony & Tonality
- Texture & Melody
- Timbre & Dynamics
- Structure and Form

Physical Education

Specification:	OCR - B451 (Year 10 Units) B453 (Year 11 Units)
Time allowed:	2 x 1 Hour
Marks available and weighting:	Each paper is worth 60 RAW marks this is converted to 40 UMS marks per paper. The weighting for theory is 40%
Type of question:	The first 15 questions on both papers is Multiple-choice- the rest are longer answers. Question 25 on each paper is level marked indicated by a *.

All the students have the specification, past papers and past markschemes as a booklet. All of this is also accessible by going to the OCR website and then to PE. All students have been shown this.

Religious Studies

Specification: AQA

Time allowed: 2 x 1 Hour 30 minutes

Marks available and weighting: For each exam:
Weighting 50% - 76 marks including 4 marks for spelling and grammar

Type of question: There are a series of questions:

- 1 mark – key term
- 2 marks - key term and example
- 3 marks – explain, may ask to include your own point of view.
- 4 marks – explain 2 reasons
- 5 marks – explain two reasons and briefly a third.
- 6 marks – explain, include justified conclusion, Christian and Buddhist views.

Religion and life issues cover:

- Animal rights
- Planet Earth
- Prejudice
- Early life
- War and peace

Religion and Morality covers:

- Matters of Life
- The elderly and death
- Drug abuse
- Crime and punishment
- World poverty