## Kings' School Year 11 Study Skills Evening

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Introduction – Mr C Marwood

Presentations:

Mr C. Duckering – Year 11 Calendar Mrs L. Lee - Preparing for Exams and a Parent's Experience Final words – Mr C Marwood

### YEAR 11 KEY DATES

#### 2022

**End of Spring Term** 

Statement of Entry' Letter to parents Examination timetable

Sun 19th April

Just after Easter

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May

MFL speaking tests

**EASTER HOLIDAY** 

First formal GCSE paper

**YEAR 11 KEY DATES** 2022 Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May -Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June HALF TERM Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June **Contingency Date** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> August **GCSE** Results Day Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept **Deadline for** 'Enquiries upon Results' (Provisional) **Certificate Presentation Evening** Late November

### Prior to GCSE Exams

Spring Term: GCSE timetable is given out to pupils & parents. Please ensure all exam entries are checked and are what you are expecting Sign a copy of the timetable along with your child to confirm Return this timetable back to Tutor

Exam Clashes: Mrs Harris will meet with pupils who have an exam clash to advise of the plan. Your child will bring home a letter confirming arrangements.

Legal Name checking: All pupils need to check that the details held are correct, if not then we need to see proof of legal name.

Paying £3.50: This is for the postage of GCSE results and Certificates, if results and certificates are collected the money is returned.

## Pupils attendance at the Exam

- GCSE Exams start at 9am in the morning and 1pm in the afternoon. However all pupils should be in school 30 minutes prior to the start of the exam.
- Should there be a reason why your child is unable to sit their exam, please notify us ASAP via the school office followed by a letter from you giving details of the reason for absence for the attention of Mrs Harris – Exams Officer.

### What to bring to each Exam

Clear water bottle – filled with water only

Clear pencil case containing – 2 <u>Black</u> pens, sharp pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener. A few exams require coloured pencils- (such as Photography and Design & Technology). ESSENTIAL EXAM EQUIPMENT

Calculator with no case



Students <u>MUST</u> have <u>2</u> Pens, <u>2</u> Pencils, Rubber, Ruler, Sharpener, Compass, Protractor and Scientific Calculator in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. Please do <u>not</u> bring :-

THESE WILL BE COLLECTED IN BEFORE ENTERING THE EXAM ROOM. ALL PUPILS WILL BE SCANNED FOR UNAUTHORISED MATERIAL. PLEASE CAN YOU REMIND YOUR CHILD TO EMPTY THEIR BLAZER POCKETS OF ANY UNWANTED ITEMS, SUCH AS PAPER CLIPS, ANYTHING METAL.

> Phones Ear phones Watches and any electronic devices SD Cards, USB's Written notes Lip balm/hand cream



Above are items that have been left after GCSE exams.

### Contingency Day



Joint Council for Qualifications

In the highly unlikely event that there is national disruption to a day of examinations in summer 2022, as a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled, every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is also possible that there could be more than one timetabled date affected following the disruption, up to and including the contingency day on 29 June 2022.

### Results Day August 2022

- They are the results of the pupil, only the pupil has the right to see them.
- Review of Marking Talk to the relevant department first day back in September
- Results day = 10:00 to 12:00 25<sup>th</sup> August

### Exam Boards



**Computer Science** RS



Child Development Health & Social Sports Studies

AQA English Language **English Literature** German Psychology Music Geography Drama Science History Design & Technology ΡE ABORAN



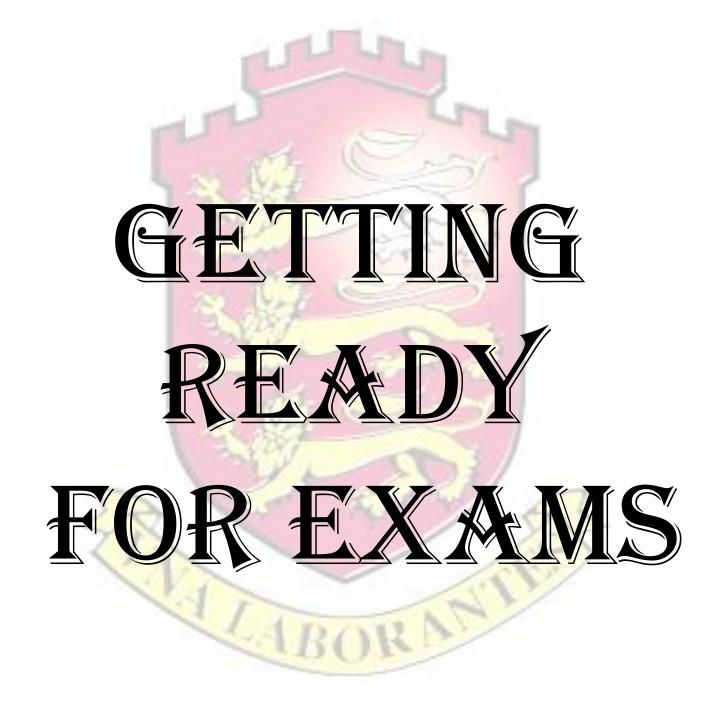
BEE

Italian

French

wjec cbac

Latin Media Food and Nut. Art and Design Textiles Photography



WHETHER YOU THINK YOU CAN OR YOU THINK YOU CAN'T, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.

# How much independent study and when ?

- Depends on the pupil!
- Chunks of 20 mins on / 5 mins break in a couple of sections before a longer break.
- Encourage reluctant studiers to "do the first five minutes"
- Couple of hours on a school night, a little more at the weekend but allow time for friends and family as well as hobbies.

### Find the drive and lose the distractions

- Make a timetable of when exams are.
- Chat with your son or daughter about what they really want from their GCSEs and what needs to happen for this to be achieved.
- Plan study time and factor in rest breaks/time for leisure activities.
- "Choose your five favourite phone apps and delete them."

### Plug the gaps

- Get brave about what you don't know.
- Ask teachers for help with what you are finding difficult (be specific).
- Work out what is required in different exams key rubric/mark schemes etc.
- DO NOT try to learn new things just before an exam – it will not stick.

How to revise

Popular but not highly effective:

- Re-reading notes
- Highlighting
- Summarising (copying notes from one place to the next)

Highly effective:

 Active retrieval – tests, practice questions, making notes from memory

### Final revision

- Test yourself with revision resources you have made.
- DO NOT panic at friends about what you don't know – focus on what you DO know and stay positive.
- Get enough sleep the night before and eat breakfast.

### A few last thoughts....

- Do not grow problems (either in school or on social media).
- When an exam is done, forget it. There is only one direction to go in.
- Get some fresh air every day. Eat good, healthy food.
- Keep some perspective GCSEs are a bunch of keys that open doors.

### Growing Great Learners



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# Any questions?

## The Joys of Being a Year 11 Parent – Mrs Lee





