

Strategies for Success

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January
2022



The purpose of this session

- To recap the exams process
- To highlight some of the potential changes to the process this year
- To introduce you to the revision process and where you can find additional resources

This year...

Year 11

- Mock exams – November 2021
- Considering choices for Post 16 – September 2021 onwards
- Mock exams – November 2021
- Post 16 college open days and interviews – Autumn term onwards
- College places confirmed - January – March 2022
- Mock exams – March 2022
- Easter School – April 2022
- Formal exams start – May 2022
- Formal exams finish – June 2022
- Prom – June 2022

If you have any queries over the post-16 application process, please contact Mr Mayes at College

When are the exams taking place?

- The Year 11 mock exam timetable has been sent home and is available on the school revision website
- The Year 11 GCSEs are *currently* scheduled to take place from 11 May-29 June 2022. **This is potentially subject to change.**
- Formal exams cannot be moved – they are fixed by the exam boards, so it is important that students get into the routine of morning and afternoon slots



What about changes for this year?

- The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that exams will go ahead as planned, however we are still planning for other eventualities
- The exam schedule has been released and is available on the school website
- The DfE has published some key changes to exams for the summer:
 - **Adaptations will take place in English Literature, History and Geography**
 - **Other subjects will have revision focuses released from 7 February 2022**



Any questions?



On the day of an exam...(including mocks!)

- All students are expected to attend school as normal during regular hours during any exam period
- Morning exams begin at **9:00am**, so students should be at school by **8:30am** as normal
- Afternoon exams will begin at **1:00pm** unless otherwise informed
- It is **vital** that all students arrive to school on time every day – exam boards will not accept lateness as a mitigating circumstance, so we will be strict with this in the mock exams



If students are late to any exams we will contact home during the mocks, we will contact home to discuss how this can be avoided

Conduct in the exams...

- Students must make sure they are fully equipped for their exams, so getting into good classroom routines is vital
- Calculators are a vital piece of equipment – these must be in the students' pencil cases every day
- Students cannot have any writing on themselves, or their equipment
- Students cannot communicate in any way with another student (verbally or non-verbally)



We will be zero-tolerance in terms of communication in the exam hall, and equipment

Revision and Resources



What former students say...

- ‘Start revision early and do a little often’
- ‘Don’t cram at the end. There’s too much to learnt to try and just to it at the end’
- ‘Build up throughout year 11. You should revise for each exam session but build it up through the year otherwise it can be tough’.
- ‘Make it fun. Try different ways of revising. It’s just like homework so plan it in like you would homework’.

Revising for the exams...

“I spent too long doing “bad revision” at the start – I wish I’d tried different ideas early on.”

Year 11 Student, 2017

Revision does not have to be one technique – it is whatever works for a particular student

There are literally dozens of proven ways to revise – being aware of them and trying new things is important

Subject knowledge is important, but so is exam practice – students need to know what the examiner wants and how they want it written



Revising for the exams...

Eat well – it's very important that children maintain a good diet that contains plenty of slow-release energy.

Sleep well – pulling “all nighters” doesn't work especially well. You may get a short-term gain, but in the long run you'll lose out.

Avoid distractions – keeping a peaceful environment is vital. Painful though it is, lock away the iPhone and the Xbox.

Take breaks – long revision sessions rarely work. Set a short-term target for a session and stick to it.



Revising for the exams...



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Student Leadership Team

Thank you for considering a role in the student leadership team for 2021/22. We are looking for the very best students in all year groups who are willing to volunteer time and energy to improving our school community. If you feel you have most, if not all, of the qualities described in the person specification, then we really want you to apply!

- [Click here to download the student leadership application pack for more information.](#)
- [Click here to download the student leadership application form.](#)



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To log on to one of the services below please click the link and then enter your **school username and school password**



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Revision Information



On the run up to your exams, it is very important that you revise regularly and effectively to maximise your chances of getting the best grades and also to reduce your stress levels! All of the staff at Brockington are here to support you with your studies, so make use of all the opportunities you are given for guidance and revision not only for the mocks, but also for the summer exams.

On this page you will find links to a range of different resources to help you prepare yourselves for the exams. Here are some key things to do before your exams:

- Make sure you check when your exams are taking place by looking at the Exam Timetable
- Check that you've got all the revision guides you need for the exams – remember that many of these are available in the Cabin
- Plan what you need to revise.
 - Every department has a revision checklist, which will tell you specifically what to revise for your exams.
 - Look at the Personal Learning Checklists for each subject and RAG (Red, Amber, Green) your each topic to show your confidence in each section of the course. Focus more or your revision time on the red and amber sections!
- Plan out your revision – use the blank revision planner to set yourselves a timetable for revising each subject. Remember, little and often is the key, and make sure you give yourselves breaks!
- Use the support timetable to plan out when you will go and seek out support from your subject teachers at lunchtime or after school
- Have a look at the revision hints and tips to give you ideas about new methods of revising – don't stick to a method that isn't working for you; try something different!
- Finally, speak to your teachers! We're all here to help you and guide you!
- Remember, every one of you taking exams this year deserves to do well and with hard work and perseverance all of you will succeed!

Good luck!

Revision Resources



How to revise...

Use Personal Learning Checklists to rate your confidence

Complete practice papers and ask your teacher to mark them

Make cue cards or flash cards

Create a study group with 3-4 friends

Summarise your notes

Revision Suggestions

Create wall displays using post-it notes and cue cards

Record your notes on to your phone and play them back

Practice question in exam conditions

Use the latest online resources (podcasts, Youtube, testing websites)

What our leavers said...

“Try hard both in lessons and with revision. Go to any extra sessions you can and ask the teachers for help. Don't leave it too late to revise, I started in March but wish I had started in October for my mocks! Also any coursework really really counts so go all out for the best grade you can get.”

“Revise small amounts as soon as you start Year 11 as it's all builds up...”

“Revise and prepare from the moment you begin your GCSEs. Everything you are told, every piece of information, will be vital to your end success. If you put in the work to begin with it will pay off in the long run”

“Don't over do it, make time to relax”

“Make sure to keep on top of your work, and make revision resources as you go along so during exam period you can use them more rather than still making them.”

“Organisation with your notes is key, and start revision as you go along, make revision notes/flashcards/mind maps”