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### Year 11 Revision Tips & Advice

#### Information on Revision Strategies for Parents & Students

Most students understand the importance of revision. Most work hard at it, but many students don't always work well at it.

As with any other aspect of their studies, Year 11s need to organise their time and plan their revision in advance.

The main purposes of revision are for a student:

- to understand the topic(s) for which they are sitting an exam
- to commit what they have learnt and understood to memory – so that it can be recalled under exam conditions
- to practice planning and writing answers to questions under time constraints

To enable your son to do this, he will need to organise his study notes, essays, handouts etc into a convenient and coherent set of revision material. Revision notes and resources should be clearly divided and labelled according to:

- subjects
- topics or themes
- specific exam paper content

Revision is more effective when it is active. In other words, when your son is actually doing something with his revision notes and not just reading and rereading them.

Active revision could include:

- Highlighting and colour coding texts
- Categorising information according to themes or topics
- Writing summaries of information or creating Flashcards
- Condensing information into bullet-points, diagrams or Post-It Notes
- Creating Mind Maps or Spider Diagrams
- Writing and setting yourself your own comprehension questions or tests
- Creating and answering your own exam questions
- Teaching or explaining information to someone else like a sibling or parent



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**Revision and Study Tips for Students**

As always, when it comes to effective revision and exam success planning and preparation are key. Here are some final tips for your son:

1. Make time for your revision and your studies – your social time will have to take second place and be reduced between now and your exams
2. Create a revision timetable and discipline yourself to sticking to it
3. Balance your subjects and dedicate enough time to all of them
4. Set yourself manageable revision goals and targets to achieve
5. Find a quiet place to study away from distractions
6. Disconnect yourself from your phones, computers and social media whilst you are studying
7. Identify key topics or themes that you know will come up in your exams
8. Arrange your revision material so that it is logical, ordered and useful
9. Find novel and engaging ways to study including using websites, apps and revision books
10. Make your revision active and actually **do** something – don't just reread information
11. Practice past papers and exam style questions under exam conditions and time constraints
12. Reward yourself with time off, breaks or small treats when you have met your revision goals

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Mr Mugglestone  
Head of Year 11

NOTE: Start by creating a Revision Timetable today!

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4:00 – 5:00 pm							
5:00 – 6:00 pm							
6:00 – 7:00 pm							
7:00 – 8:00 pm							
8:00 – 9:00 pm							