

2015-16 Examinations

Preparing for success now!

What does academic success look like for me?

- If I am successful I will meet all my target grades in the summer of 2016.
- I need to do everything I can to be one of the 90% (9/10) of students achieving 10 or more A*-C grades which will help me to progress into the VI Form.
- If I can achieve 5 or more of these at A*-B grades, this will really help my A level choices.
- 30% of students should be working hard to achieve 5 or more A*/A grades. Is this me?

Why is my November Maths exam so important?

- Do I really need to ask myself this? The grade I achieve will help me for the rest of my life, help me get onto a post 16 course, get a job, progress in my career, focus on other GCSE's etc.. Every employer wants to know how many A*-C grades you have achieved and in particular your grade in maths, English and science.

Why are my January exams so important?

English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics are official GCSE's, the exam is a % part of my full GCSE!

Why are my Progress exams so important?

- They are a practice exam to help me demonstrate my progress and practice being successful. They are NOT set up as a way for me to practice underachieving.
- They help me prepare for May and June. (3 months away)
- They help me break down the course into chunks and understand key parts of each course.
- They show my teachers and exam board examiner what I am capable of.
- They help me refine my revision techniques and self-discipline ready for May.

What do I need to do?

- Ensure that I am revising every school night and every non-school day.
- On a school night I should revise for 45 to 90 minutes. A homework or after school revision session might form part or all of one of these periods. (Coursework is not included)
- On a non-school day, a weekend or break (half term or Christmas) I need to revise for 6 x 45 minutes sessions.
- This equates to 4.5 hours of work taken from a 16 hour window of opportunity. (8 hours sleep)

You could spilt your study day like this...

E.g. 10-10:45am, 11-11:45am, 1-1:45pm, 2-2:45pm, 4-4:45pm and 5-5:45pm. Then enjoy the rest of the evening!
OR

E.g. Slow morning then study 11-11:45am, 12-12:45pm, 2-2:45pm, 3-3:45pm, 6-6:45pm and 7-7:45pm.

I should be able to focus and revise properly for 45 minutes, but after this I need a 15 minute break.

There are 45 school evenings left to revise before January 4th 2016

SO Study hours available = 45days x 1.5 hours = 67.5 hours (90 45 minute sessions)

There are 20 non-school days to revise before January 4th 2016

SO Study hours available = 20 days x 4.5 hours = 90 hours (120 45 minute sessions)

(We have not included Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Eve!)