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Year 11

Revision and Examinations Guide

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1.0 Introduction

GCSE examinations begin on **Monday 15th May** and finish on **Monday 22nd June**.

Pupils are expected to attend school up to the end of June i.e. **30th June** which is the national leaving date for Year 11s. From a practical perspective, pupils' last day of school is the day of their last examination.

Thorough preparation is the key to success in examinations. The purpose of this document is to provide pupils with a range of information to facilitate this e.g. guidance on revision, subject specific information, examination tips etc.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this document and/or you are concerned that your child is not being adequately prepared for their examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me and/or the staff listed in section 3.0.

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2.0 Examination Information

All relevant examination information e.g. timetables, advice to candidates, links to exam boards etc can be accessed via the Academy's website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.eastwoodacademy.co.uk/index.php/pupils/examinations>

3.0 Subject Specific Information

| Subject | Examination Dates | Revision Resources | Contact |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Art | 20 th and 21 st April – Practical (10 hours) | www.pinterest.com www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/art | marnold@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Business | 24 th May Unit 1 (45 minutes) 9 th June Unit 3 (1 hour and 30 minutes) | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/business/ Edexcel GCSE Business revision and workbook (units 1 and 3) www.tutor2u.net www.bbc.co.uk/news www.businessed.co.uk | nniner@eastwood.southend.sch.uk ksweeney@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Food Technology | 5 th June (1 hour and 30 minutes) | BBC bitesize – GCSE Food Technology http://foodafactoflife.org.uk/ Lonsdale essential – Food Technology | frodha@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Computer Science | 7 th June (1 hour and 30 minutes) | Past exam papers for Edexcel Computer Science (2013) My Revision notes – GCSE Computing ZigZag GCSE Computer Science Revision Guide Provided resources on USB drive | cniner@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Dance | Practical – Date to be confirmed 21 st June (1 hour) | Revision booklet provided by the Academy | mpacey@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Drama | Practical exam – April/May (date to be confirmed) | Edexcel GCSE Drama Student Book (these have been issued to pupils) | irossi@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| English | 22 nd May – English Literature - Shakespeare and the 19 th Century Novel (1 hour and 45 minutes) 26 th May – English Literature - Modern Texts & Poetry (2 hour and 15 minutes) 6 th June - English Language – Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing (1 hour and 45 minutes) 12 th June – English Language – Writer’s Viewpoints & Perspectives (1 hour 45 minutes) | http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english/ http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ http://www.s-cool.co.uk/ Eastwood English Twitter account http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/english/english-language-overview.php http://www.spellingcity.com/ | asteed@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| French | 16 th May - Listening Foundation (25 minutes) 16 th May - Listening Higher (35 minutes) 16 th May - Reading Foundation (35 minutes) 16 th May - Reading Higher (50 minutes) | Edexcel GCSE Workbook, Revision Guide and Past Papers www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/ www.linguascope.com , www.duolingo.com , www.zut.co.uk www.memrise.com , www.quizlet.com | jhaslett@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| Geography | 22 nd May - Physical Paper (1 hour and 30 minutes) 6 th June - Human Paper (1 hour and 30 minutes) | CGP GCSE Geography AQA A Specification Revision Guide http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ Department Revision Guide | cbyford@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |

| Subject | Examination Dates | Revision Resources | Contact |
|----------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Graphic Products | 20 th June (1 hour and 30 minutes) | Collins – Graphics Products Revision Guide | mreynolds@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/graphics/ | |
| | | www.howstuffworks.com | |
| History | 5 th June - Medicine (1 hour and 15 minutes) | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/ | vlang@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 14 th June - American West (1 hour and 15 minutes) | Edexcel GCSE History B Revision Guides are available | |
| | 20 th June - Surgery (1 hour and 15 minutes) | Academy R:Drive for past papers and mark schemes | |
| ICT | 17 th May (1 hour and 30 minutes) | Edexcel GCSE Workbook and Revision Guide | ndunn@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/ict/ | |
| | | Google>edexcel past papers>GCSE>IT | |
| Mathematics | 25 th May - Non-Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes) | Corbett Maths | swatkins@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 8 th June - Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes) | MyMaths | |
| | 13 th June – Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes) | MethodMaths | |
| | | Mathswatch VLE | |
| Music | 9 th June – Listening exam (1 hour and 30 minutes) | CGP – GCSE Music Revision (Edexcel syllabus) | lambrose@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | | | |
| Religious Education | 15 th May – Religion and Life (1 hour and 30 minutes) | Departmental revision guides | jedwards@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 17 th May – Religion and Society (1 hour and 30 minutes) | | egoodlad@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| P.E | 19 th May (1 hour and 30 minutes) | Revise Edexcel GCSE PE Revision Guide and Workbook | nhewitt@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
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| Science (Core) | 16 th May - Biology (1 hour) | CGP Revision Guide and Workbook | cclark@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 18 th May - Chemistry (1 hour) | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/corescience/ | |
| | 24 th May - Physics (1 hour) | | |
| Science (Additional) | 9 th June - Biology (1 hour) | CGP Core and Additional Revision Guide and Workbook | cclark@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 14 th June - Chemistry (1 hour) | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/additionalscience/ | |
| | 16 th June - Physics (1 hour) | Collins New GCSE Science and Additional Science revision guide | |
| Spanish | 19 th May - Listening Foundation (25 minutes) | Edexcel GCSE Workbook, Revision Guide and Past Papers | jhaslett@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 19 th May - Listening Higher (35 minutes) | www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesizespanish/ | |
| | 19 th May - Reading Foundation (35 minutes) | www.linguascope.com, www.duolingo.com, www.zut.co.uk | |
| | 19 th May - Reading Higher (50 minutes) | www.memrise.com, www.quizlet.com | |
| Statistics | 22 nd June - Foundation (1 hour 30 minutes) | Pearsons revision guide with CD | sbrown@eastwood.southend.sch.uk |
| | 22 nd June - Higher (2 hours) | Edexcel past papers book | |
| | | MyMaths Statistics section | |

4.0 Subject Specific Intervention Sessions

| Day | Lunch | Afterschool |
|-----------|---|---|
| Monday | Music 1.40pm – 2.20pm in PA2 with LAM | Art 3.35pm – 4.30pm in Art2 and Art3 with MA and BS |
| | Art 1.40pm – 2.10pm in Art2 and Art3 with MA and BS | French 3.35pm – 4.30pm in MFL1 with ZE |
| | | Food Technology 3.35pm – 5pm in DT4 with FR |
| | | English 3.35pm – 4.35pm in EN2 with JS |
| | | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN1 with IH (Set 4 only) |
| Tuesday | French 1.40pm – 2.10pm in MFL3 with JCh | History 3.35pm – 4pm in Art1 with VL – Start after Feb half term |
| | Art 1.40pm – 2.10pm in Art2 and Art3 with MA and BS | Art 3.35pm – 4.30pm in Art2 and Art3 with MA and BS |
| | R.E. 1.40pm – 2pm in HU1 with EG (Unit 8 exam questions) | Graphic Products 3.35pm – 4.35pm in DT2 with MR |
| | Geography 1.40pm – 2.05pm in HU2 with CB | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN5 with SHo – Start after Feb half term |
| | English 1.40pm – 2.10pm in EN2 with JS | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN1 with IH (Set 4 only) |
| | | Maths 3.35pm – 4.35pm in MA6 with SA (Higher) |
| | | Maths 3.35pm – 4.30pm in MA5 with MC and in MA2 with SW (Foundation) |
| | | Geography 3.35pm – 4.30pm in IT2 with DPi |
| Wednesday | French 1.40pm – 2.10pm in MFL2 with JH | Business 3.35pm – 4.30pm in DT1 with KS (Unit 1) – Start after Feb half term |
| | | Statistics 3.35pm – 4.30pm in Ma3 with SBr – Start after Feb half term |
| | | Food Technology 3.35pm – 5pm in DT4 with FR |
| | | Graphic Products 3.35pm – 4.35pm in DT2 with MR |
| | | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN8 with AS |
| | | Maths 3.35pm – 4.30pm in IT2 with DPi (Foundation) |
| Thursday | Business 1.40pm – 2.10pm in DT1 with KS (Unit 3) – Start after Feb half term | P.E. 3.45pm – 4.30pm in Art4 with NH (sets 2 and 3) |
| | History 1.40pm – 2pm in Art1 with VL – Start after Feb half term | History 3.35pm – 4pm in Hu3 with PB - Start after Feb half term |
| | French 1.40pm – 2.10pm in MFL2 with JH | Graphic Products 3.35pm – 4.35pm in DT2 with MR |
| | Art 1.40pm – 2.10pm in Art2 and Art3 with MA and BS | Spanish 3.35pm – 4.35pm in MFL1 with ZE |
| | R.E. 1.40pm – 2pm in HU1 with JE (Unit 2 exam questions) | Geography 3.35pm – 4.30pm in HU2 with CB |
| | Spanish 1.40pm – 2.10pm in MFL3 with JC | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN2 with MP – Start after Feb half term |
| | Geography 1.40pm – 2.05pm in HU2 with CB and in HU6 with NL | R.E. 3.35pm – 4.30pm in IT2 with DPi |
| | | Science 3.35pm – 4.35pm in Sc1 with JTr, in Sc3 with JG and in Sc6 with YM (Foundation) |
| | | Science 3.35pm – 4.35pm in Sc4 with CC (Higher) |
| | | Maths 3.35pm – 4.35pm in MA2 with SW (Higher) |
| Friday | Business 1.40pm – 2.10pm in ICT8 with NN and in DT1 with KS – Start after Feb half term | English 3.35pm – 4.30pm in EN5 with SHo – Start after Feb half term |
| | Geography 1.40pm – 2.15pm in HU6 with NL | |

4.1 General Revision – Lunchtimes in IT2

| Day | Member of SLT in charge |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday | Mrs Schmid |
| Wednesday | Mr Piercy |
| Friday | Mr Barrett |

4.2 Weekend and Holiday Intervention Sessions

| Subject | Date of Session |
|---------|--|
| History | Saturday 3 rd June (Medicine) Saturday 10 th June (American West) Saturday 17 th June (Surgery) |
| Music | Saturday 3 rd June |
| Science | Monday 13 th February Core Science revision day 1 Tuesday 14 th February Additional Science revision day 1 Monday 3 rd April Core Science revision day 2 Tuesday 4 th April Additional Science revision day 2 Tuesday 30 th May Additional Science revision day 3 |

5.0 Managing Exam Stress

This guide from the Childline charity includes dos and don'ts for young people preparing for exams:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/beat-exam-stress.pdf>

Mind, a mental health charity, has a blog on the best exam tips for young people, such as how to get motivated:

<http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/14-ways-to-beat-exam-stress/#.WCmnmS2LRhE>

The BBC has put together advice for how to spot exam stress, and how to manage it:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1HsY1X8ySjKBMVXPVCbP4qH/exam-stress>

6.0 Revision Tips

- Attend scheduled revision sessions provided by the Academy.
- Devise a realistic schedule of revision with short-term rewards.
- Use suggested websites to support revision. (See table above).
- Concentrate on understanding rather than just memorising.
- Create revision notes, posters and cards which condense your class notes.
- Use past exam papers to test and reinforce your knowledge and understanding. Ask your teachers for examination board mark schemes/model answers.
- Avoid distractions when revising e.g. TV, Ipad, phone, music, etc. Revising with friends can also be a distraction although this depends on the individual(s).
- Take short breaks every hour.
- Drink water, eat healthy snacks e.g. fruit and get plenty of exercise.

7.0 Examination Tips

- Read questions at least twice. Circle or underline key words to allow you to interpret quickly what the question is asking.
- Look at the marks available for a question and adjust your answer accordingly e.g. 1 mark = one point, one word answer or short definition; 2 marks = two points, two sentences or a paragraph etc.
- Manage your time effectively – work out roughly how many minutes you can spend on each question.
- Avoid repetition when answering a question i.e. make your point once so you do not waste time or end up contradicting yourself.
- If you contradict yourself by writing the correct answer, followed by the wrong answer, you will not attain any marks for the question e.g. ✓ + X = X
- Check spellings carefully, particularly subject specific words. Some mark schemes do not award marks if these words are spelt incorrectly.
- Avoid the examination post-mortem i.e. discussing questions after the examination has finished; this will simply cause anxiety.

8.0 Exam Terminology

| Term | Meaning |
|---------------------|--|
| Describe | What do you see? What is happening? |
| Explain | Why do you see it? Why is it happening? |
| State | Give a simple word or definition. |
| Suggest | Give possible reasons i.e. this is not necessarily something you can recall from your revision. |
| Compare | Write down the similarities and differences. |
| Define | Give a concise (short) definition. |
| Summarise | Write down the key points. |
| Discuss or Evaluate | Give points ' for ' and ' against ' and provide a conclusion at the end. |

9.0 Parental Role

Ensure that your child:

- Maintains a high level of attendance (96%+) up until their final examination.
- Attends revision and intervention sessions.
- Produces a revision timetable and actively revises at home.
- Has all available subject resources as recommended by the Academy.