

YEAR 11 parent/carer GCSE briefing



Number 2: 14th Feb 2022

Welcome to GCSE briefing number 2, the second of our steps to GCSE parent/carer single-page support bulletins.

As normal we are sharing what we are currently doing to support your child in school and how best we feel you can play your part in supporting them at home. We know that a clear commitment to revision will make a substantial difference to summer GCSE grades. Thank you in advance for your support and actions.

QUICK CLICKS..

[Bulletin 1 link](#)

[Worried about your child's wellbeing - quick support links here](#)

Quick wins to support your child at home

This fortnight's focus is helping you to have powerful conversations about revision (what does/doesn't work). We also want to help you understand more about the most proven revision strategies and approaches. The vast majority of students will begin revision over half term and we are keen for your child not to miss out.

Parent/carer actions...

Over the next week and half term please....

1 [Watch the short 10 top tips video from Mr Crane](#) about the best-bet revision strategies your child should be using and, most importantly, how **you** can help them right now.



2 During the half-term break

Support your child in starting their revision for GCSEs. The video above will outline how you can best do this in both a manageable and effective way. The key message is that the quality of revision (specific content and strategies used) is just as important as quantity.

SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY 7th MARCH 2022: We are organising a targeted parent/carer "supporting your child to start revising" event. This event will be 10 days before all students get to do their next core (English and math) practice exams on Wednesday 16th March.

How we will be supporting students in school to get them ready for half term revision

We will be working with your child during the week on:

1. **Building a revision plan:** Students will be creating the first part of their revision plan with a focus on the work they need to do during half term.
2. **Recapping and reteaching students about the most effective strategies to use to revise:** During period 1 and in subject lessons staff will be recapping on exactly how to revise. This is not just about them knowing what a strategy is (e.g. flashcards), it is also about ensuring they know exactly how to use the approach for maximum learning benefit.

And finally: If there are any other specific questions/topics that would be useful for you to have more information about (relating to year 11 exams/courses) please just let us know and we'll try to include them in forthcoming bulletins. Mr Woodcock & Mr Crane (Yr11 leads)