



# The Students' Guide to Exams 2010



## Introduction

This booklet contains useful information that will help you to plan your revision programme. Please ensure that you read it carefully and keep it in a safe place so that you have it when you need it. Show it to your parents so that they are also aware of the information.

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### **Arrangements for the next few months**

Maintaining your motivation and effort is essential over the next few months if you are to achieve the exam grades of which you are capable. Stay on top of your work....plan a revision timetable....stick to it!

- Formal school continues until the summer half term. During this time you are expected to attend all of your lessons in full school uniform. You will have exams during this period – however, you are expected to be at school as usual, not at home. Revision lessons will be arranged before each exam and you will be expected to attend these. A timetable of the revision lessons before exams will be issued in the summer term.
- We have included a sheet in this booklet which shows when after school revision sessions are. These will run until May half term. Again, attend as many of these as you can to support your revision.
- Revision Planners are also included to help you plan revision at home.
- From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June (after half term), when you are not in an exam, you can either revise at home or attend the optional revision classes that will be running at school. Remember also that you are able to study in the LRC. A timetable for optional revision lessons will be issued in the summer term.
- From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June you may attend exams and revision classes in your own clothes. We want you to be comfortable, but you must adhere to the College dress code, as you will in the sixth form. The sixth form dress code is included here.

**After School Revision Classes**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – May Half Term**

15.00-16.00 (Approx.)	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	BTEC Business Studies	Maths – N24 Blue, Yellow, Green groups  Drama  Media (coursework catchup)	Maths – N21 Rose group  Music  PE  MFL	GCSE Business Studies  Performing Arts  English study sessions	

Science teaches will liaise directly with specific groups of Year 11 students.

School Time  
GCSE Revision Planner—2010  
Example Planner

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
3.30pm - 4.15pm	Study	Study	Study	Study	Study	Free Time	Study
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Study	Study	Study	Study	Study	Free Time	Study
5.00pm - 6.15pm	Study	Study	Study	Study	Study	Free Time	Study
6.15pm - 7.00pm	<i>Break</i>						
7.00pm - 7.45pm	Free Time	Study	Study	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
7.45pm - 8.30pm	Free Time	Free Time	Study	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
8.30pm - 9.15pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free time

School Time  
GCSE Revision Planner—2010

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
3.30pm - 4.15pm							
4.15pm - 5.00pm							
5.00pm - 6.15pm							
6.15pm - 7.00pm	<i>Break</i>						
7.00pm - 7.45pm							
7.45pm - 8.30pm							
8.30pm - 9.15pm							

Holiday / Study Leave  
GCSE Revision Planner—2010 – Example Planner

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
9.00am -9.45am	Study	Study	Free Time	Study	Study	Study	Free Time
9.45am -10.30am	Study	Study	Free Time	Study	Study	Study	Free Time
10.30am -11.00am	<b>B R E A K</b>						
11.30am -12.15pm	Study	Study	Study	Free Time	Study	Study	Free Time
12.15pm - 1.00pm	Study	Study	Study	Free Time	Study	Study	Free Time
1.00pm -2.00pm	<b>B R E A K</b>						
2.00pm -2.45pm	Free Time	Free Time	Study	Study	Free Time	Free Time	Study
2.45pm -3.30pm	Free Time	Free Time	Study	Study	Free Time	Free Time	Study

Holiday / Study Leave  
GCSE Revision Planner—2010

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
9.00am -9.45am							
9.45am -10.30am							
10.30am -11.00am	<i>B R E A K</i>						
11.30am -12.15pm							
12.15pm – 1.00pm							
1.00pm -2.00pm	<i>B R E A K</i>						
2.00pm -2.45pm							
2.45pm -3.30pm							

## GCSE OUTLINE EXAMS TIMETABLE – 2010

<b>26 April</b>	<b>27 April</b> German Orals LBA	<b>28 April</b> French Orals ELA	<b>29 April</b> German Orals LBA	<b>30 April</b> French Orals GN Drama
<b>3 May</b>	<b>4 May</b> French Orals GN	<b>5 May</b> French Orals ELA <b>AM</b> Music	<b>6 May</b> German Orals SE	<b>7 May</b>
<b>10 May</b> German Orals SE	<b>11 May</b> Art AH/JL	<b>12 May</b> Art AH/JL	<b>13 May</b> Art RM Graphics	<b>14 May</b> Art RM Graphics
<b>17 May</b>	<b>18 May</b> <b>AM</b> Humanities Paper 1 Psychology Home Ec	<b>19 May</b>	<b>20 May</b>	<b>21 May</b> <b>AM</b> Biology Unit 2 Biology Unit 3 <b>PM</b> PE / Games
<b>24 May</b> <b>PM</b> Spanish Reading	<b>25 May</b> <b>AM</b> English Literature <b>PM</b> Humanities Paper 2	<b>26 May</b> <b>AM</b> Chemistry Unit 2 Chemistry Unit 3 <b>PM</b> Res Mats Paper 1+2	<b>27 May</b> <b>AM</b> Spanish Listening	<b>28 May</b> <b>AM</b> Physics Unit 2 Physics Unit 3 Applied Science

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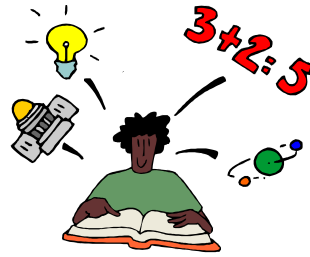
<p><b>7 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  Business Studies  <b>PM</b>                  Maths Papers 1+3</p>	<p><b>8 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  English Paper 1  <b>PM</b>                  French Mod 2</p>	<p><b>9 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  History Paper 1</p>	<p><b>10 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  French Mod 4 Listen  <b>PM</b>                  English Paper 2</p>	<p><b>11 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  Maths Paper 2+4  <b>PM</b>                  German Mod 2</p>
<p><b>14 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  Geography  <b>PM</b>                  French Mod 4                  Read+Write</p>	<p><b>15 June</b>  <b>PM</b>                  History Paper 2</p>	<p><b>16 June</b>  <b>PM</b>                  German Mod 4 Listen</p>	<p><b>17 June</b>  <b>PM</b>                  Geography DME</p>	<p><b>18 June</b>  <b>PM</b>                  Citizenship                  Music</p>
<p><b>21 June</b></p>	<p><b>22 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  Res Mats Paper 3+4                  Textiles</p>	<p><b>23 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  German Mod 4                  Read+Write</p>	<p><b>24 June</b></p>	<p><b>25 June</b></p>
<p><b>28 June</b>  <b>AM</b>                  Science modules</p>		<p><b>30 June</b></p>		

## Important Information For Exam Success

1. **Check the timetable** carefully and notify Ms N Keys (Exams Officer) immediately of any problems or clashes.
2. Arrive at the exam room **TEN MINUTES** before the exam start time.
3. Bring the **correct equipment**.
4. **You must NOT bring a mobile phone, iPOD, MP3/4 players** into any exam room. No products with an electronic communication/storage device or digital facility are permitted. Possession of unauthorised items is an infringement of the regulations and could result in disqualification from the current examination and the overall qualification. Candidates are advised that mobile phones in particular **must not** be in their possession whether switched on or not.
5. Hats are not allowed. This is a stipulation of the examination boards.
6. Please bring your exam equipment in a **transparent bag** – available from the exam office.
7. Read the **Notice to Candidates** from the exam board attached. If you break these rules you may be disqualified from all of your exams.
8. **Ask** if you are unsure about the exam arrangements.
9. **Results** will be available on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 10am in the Sixth Form Common Room**.
10. You may **drink water** in the exams.
11. You must remember to **eat something before** the exams – even if you are nervous and don't feel like it! Food will help you to concentrate. Avoid sugary foods such as chocolate or fatty food such as crisps – these can make you feel sluggish and tired. Instead eat fruit, cereal bars or seeds.



## Essential Equipment



For **all** your exams you **must** bring the following essential equipment:

- pen
- spare pen
- pencil
- 30cm ruler
- rubber
- highlighter

In addition to these items, some subjects require a few extra items. The following shows you exactly what you need to bring to each exam.

### Art

Preparatory and supporting studies, with any reference materials, must be brought to the exam. There are eight weeks prior to the exam to prepare, so students should discuss needs, including specialist resources, with their teacher before the first day of the 10 hour test.

### Business Studies

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

Calculator

Coloured pencil or pen

Highlighter pen

### Drama

[No examination. Please bring in completed coursework immediately before Easter. ]

### English

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

Of Mice and Men

Lord of the Flies

Catcher in the Rye

### Humanities (including History, Geography and RE)

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

## ICT

All coursework needs to be submitted by the due date of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. No examination.

## Maths

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)  
Calculator (basic for foundation, scientific for intermediate & higher)  
Angle measurer (available to buy from Maths Department)  
Pie chart scale (available to buy from Maths Department)  
Pair of compasses

## Media Studies

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

## Modern Foreign Languages (French, German & Spanish)

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

## Music

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)  
Instrument  
Music score  
Accompaniment

## PE

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)

## Science

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)  
Calculator

## Technology

Essential exam equipment (as listed above)  
Colouring pencils, Angle Measurer  
Fine liner pen, Pair of Compasses  
Angle Measurer  
Pair of compasses

## Dress Code

You will be expected to dress in the same way as a student in the Sixth Form. We want you to be comfortable, but at the same time well presented. As a senior member of the school you are a role model for younger students, and we therefore expect you to conduct yourself in an exemplary manner.

- Jewellery is allowed, but must be kept to a minimum, i.e. discrete earrings, necklaces etc. Nose-studs, eyebrow rings and tongue studs are not appropriate.
- For obvious reasons, tight, short or revealing clothing is not appropriate for school.
- T-shirts or similar with potentially offensive logos, slogans or images are unacceptable.
- Heeled shoes are not permitted in the ALC because they damage the floor! Please wear trainers or soft-soled shoes if you have an exam in this area.

