



The Final Countdown



Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Final Countdown – TEN

This is the next edition of a new regular email to Year 11 parents. The period over the exam season is always busy and we would like to keep parents informed of all the support being provided for students.

Every fortnight we will send out this email with details of support offered in the following week. As you would expect it is very important to make sure that students have completed coursework and have attended revision sessions. Hopefully this email will help you as parents and carers to encourage your son or daughter to make the most of what is on offer.

As well as the information below, additional information can be found in the 'Final Countdown Booklet'. This has details of revision sessions during study leave, Final Countdown sessions immediately before the exams, and details of the exams themselves.

<p>General</p>	<p>We are at the end of the first full week of exams and I have been impressed with the positive start that students have made, despite their nerves! The Final Countdown sessions have been well attended and found to be a useful way to get focused for the relevant exam. Next week is even busier and I hope that your child is now getting into their stride with the exam season.</p> <p>JCQ have launched a video regarding what students can and cannot bring into the exam hall. https://www.jcq.org.uk/media-centre/jcq-videos</p> <p>Exam timetables are available on INSIGHT – and one more thing! – all students should attend the Final Countdown sessions before the exams. The Final Countdown booklet is enclosed with this email.</p> <p>A reminder that students should be in correct uniform for their exams, with either the Leavers' Hoodie or a blazer worn. No other style of hoodie should be worn.</p> <p>Tickets have nearly sold out for the Prom, which is set to be a great evening. You have been emailed separately, but please ensure the necessary forms are returned, as they must be in before tickets can be issued. Please also remember to return your photo consent forms as a professional photographer will be present on the evening.</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p>In preparation for the examination on Wednesday students should make sure they have revised the topics on the attached PLC (unit 2).</p> <p>The revision booklet (they have a hard copy) is also attached for reference. Revision questions and past papers are also attached.</p>

	Revision sessions will be running in SF1 and SF3 on Monday period 1 and period 4 and in these sessions teachers will be going through the main topic areas
DT – Textiles	Well done, all coursework has now been submitted! Textiles exam is the Friday before half term – please come to class sessions!
Drama	<p><u>Component 1 Exam Revision</u></p> <p><u>Section A</u> – Look at the Powerpoint sent last week for practice question and look at your resources in your folder. <i>Remember you no longer shade in the answer, you write the Question Number and the Answer Letter e.g. 1.C</i></p> <p><u>Section B</u> – Read set text again, complete all annotations, practice papers, look over your mock papers, look at your revision resources in your folders, go through tasks in your text book</p> <p><u>Section C</u> – Go over your Live production notes, practice papers, read the text again, go to Digital Theatre and re-watch your key moments</p>
English	<p>Students should be revising their literature texts and learning key quotations in preparation for the examinations next week. Students are encouraged to attend final countdown sessions - details in enclosed booklet.</p> <p>The language exams are immediately after half term. Students should revise the strategies taught for answering each question. They should remind themselves of what is being assessed in each question.</p> <p>Good Luck!</p>
German	<p>Students need to ensure that they continue their vocabulary revision/ learning right up to their exams. Little and often is the best way to do this. Students also need to revise and practice their grammar for the writing exam – verb endings, tenses, cases, word order, genders, adjective endings etc.</p> <p>Students have all been given a revision handout containing information about useful Apps and websites and mark schemes to help them with their exam preparation.</p>
Geography	As students continue to revise for their first Geography GCSE on Tuesday 22 nd May at 1pm, they should be revising Landscapes of the UK, People of the UK and UK Environmental Challenges. Staff are available in all timetabled Year 11 lesson times and welcome you son/daughter to attend.
Health & Social Care	Health and Social Care students should attend the supervised subject revision for help with exam technique or complete past papers from the VLE.
History	<p>We have setup our own revision website that has the revision materials used in class as well as lots of other useful guidance. This will be regularly updated.</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/hotmail.com/stcrispinsgcsehistory/home</p>

	<p>A reminder that on FRIDAY 26th MAY, a WALKING TALKING MOCK will be held in Room 8 for those interested in getting some exam practice for the Crime and Punishment paper. The session will run from 2.10pm and finish no later than 4pm.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely Mr Davis</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Listening: Use of an AQA GCSE Music revision guide (published by Rhinegold; follow hyperlink to purchase) is highly recommended from this point onwards, as it contains the key information required for the listening exam. This includes the elements of music and stylistic features students are expected to recognise, advice on how to tackle questions on unfamiliar music from all Areas of Study, notes on the study pieces, test questions, and a glossary of technical terms.</p> <p>The BBC Bitesize website is rich in content, and also offers short tests based around each aspect of music theory required (see picture below). Students are also reminded of the need to focus on the 2 set works that are tested in section B of the paper. Completed practice questions should be brought to teachers for marking and feedback.</p>    <p>For students who have subscribed to Auralia/Musition software, skills-based priorities should also be addressed by making use of this resource independently. This software is also available in school for anyone to use, without charge, in their free time. Focus on certain areas here is essential in helping students to confidently answer skills-based questions that are certain to feature in the exam paper.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Less than a week to go for the first Maths exam! Please continue to send students into school for Maths lessons/revision sessions.</p> <p>The best resource is to be working through past papers, which can be found at the following link: http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes. You need to select GCSE Mathematics 8300 and either of the 2017 papers or the specimen papers. Also, students can continue to work from the Pixl Maths app.</p>



The first Maths paper on Thursday 24th May is a non-calculator paper but all students will still need the usual equipment: black biro, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor and pair of compasses. For Maths papers 2 and 3, the best revision resource will be the Pixl Predicted papers.

Students can **collect the Pixl Predicted Paper 2 from the Maths department in the afternoon of Friday 25th May**. Students must come and collect the paper in person as we are unable to send it out electronically. The following week is half term so it is very important they come to the Maths office on the Friday after their English exam as the predicted paper is the best resource for them to revise from during the half term break.

Science

Well done so far on your first two science exams. Lots and lots of positive comments, so keep it going. However, if it didn't go your way, then remember each exam is only 16%, so it will not have ruined your chances of a good grade.
 Its Physics next week and then a little break until the next three exams after half term. Please look for the Exam prediction email from Mrs Hearn, sent a few weeks back. Then please use you Question Level Analysis packs (QLA) that we sent out (the ones in a polypocket with all 6 grades on) to pick out the last few bits that you don't get. Come into lessons or use Bitesize to make sure you get it and then do some exam bank packs to reinforce your understanding.



Tassomai – If you have been using it really regularly, then keep it going. Your progress might jump about a bit as you complete each exam and it removes content that you no longer need.
If you have only been using it rarely, i.e a progress of around 20% or less, then STOP. You will do better revision now through revision guides and exam bank packs.

Keep up the great work, well done
 Dr Rose

Sport

During periods of no exams, students need to go to lessons in order to finish coursework.