

We are now entering the last phase of secondary education at Denton Community College for our current Year 11 students. When we return on Tuesday 23rd April the main block of GCSE examinations will be only 14 school days away. At this point in the year I cannot stress enough the importance of punctuality and attendance for our students.

On the first day back there will be a Year 11 assembly in the DCC Theatre to launch the programme of support and preparation for students throughout the examination period. In the mean time I have set out our programme of Easter revision sessions that will be taking place over the holiday period:

Tuesday (9th April 2019): Computing (9.30am - 1.30pm), RE (10.30am - 1.30pm)

Monday (15th April 2019): Maths (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Tuesday (16th April 2019): Business & Enterprise (9.30am - 12.30pm), Travel & Tourism (12.30am - 3.00pm)

Wednesday (17th April 2019): Geography (9.30am - 11.30am), BTEC Sport (9.30am - 2.30pm), Art (10.00am - 2.00pm), Photography (9.30am - 2.30pm), Product Design (10.00am - 2.00pm)

Thursday (18th April 2019): Drama (9.30am - 2.00pm), Media Studies (9.30am - 2.30pm), Science (12.00am - 3.00pm), Photography (9.30am - 2.30pm)

I would like to offer my thanks to all the parents of our Year 11 students for their help and support during this examination season. Together we can help them achieve.

Mr G Rule

Easter Revision Motivation

The holidays are a great time to chill, but are also the perfect opportunity to really drive home your revision.

- 1 Start early**
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success. Remember, failure to prepare is preparing to fail.
- 2 Find a good study space**
Set up a comfortable place at home where you can relax and revise at the same time.
- 3 Keep away from distractions**
Your phone can be a huge help for revision, but also a distraction. Move any apps that are likely to distract you to the last page, so you aren't tempted. Add apps that can help you (like the GCSEPod app) to your phone's home screen as a reminder to keep up your revision.
- 4 Practise makes perfect**
Practising exam questions and past papers helps to perfect your exam techniques whilst checking your knowledge and highlighting any gaps you may have. Check out our Paper to Pod guides, using past exam playlists to easily identify which Pods you should watch, based on the questions where you lost marks in your mock exams.
- 5 Reward yourself**
Forcing yourself to revise for long hours without any breaks will exhaust you. It may also cause you to lose concentration, which is never a good thing. Break your revision up into 1-2 hour slots, followed by a break where you can get something to eat (Easter chocolate, anyone?), have a change in scenery, go for a walk and declutter your mind.
- 6 Make a plan**
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject. Use our revision timetable to help plan your schedule.
- 7 Maintain a healthy lifestyle**
A healthy body = a healthy mind. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial during revision and exam season. Certain foods boost your brainpower, and will make you remember more. Try to do at least 20 minutes of physical exercise every day to help improve focus and stay relaxed. Also, never underestimate a good night's sleep to help with your concentration.
- 8 Mix it up**
Mixing up subjects for revision is a great way to stay motivated, inspired and keep your brain alert and active. Make sure you're not revising the same subject over an extensive period of time.
- 9 Revise with friends**
Revising with like-minded friends means you can bounce ideas off each other. If you find a particular subject or topic challenging, someone else explaining it to you can make all the difference. Likewise, teaching someone in your group something that you're revising, firms up the details in your mind and consolidates what you know.
- 10 Don't panic!**
Most importantly, don't panic! Use our tips and speak to as many people as possible to stay up to date, prepared and motivated. **You CAN do this!**

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