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**WELCOME TO
OUR PARENT /
CARER SUPPORT
SESSION**

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New GCSEs: the main changes

- No more coursework or controlled assessment
- More examinations
- Longer examinations
- Increased challenge
- New grading system

Strong pass

Standard
pass

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	D
3	E
2	F
1	G
U	U



<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents>

Key Dates

Year 11 GCSE Exams

7th May 2018

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Days Hrs Mins Secs

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- 25 teaching days before the first written GCSE exams
- The majority of exams take place between 7th May and 22nd June. There are no exams during the week of the Bank holiday: 28th May – 1st June. That week is important for revision so avoid holidays.



What can make the difference?

- Your support, interest, encouragement and patience
- Attendance
- Organisation
- Eating healthily
- Sleep
- Encouraging relaxation time

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Useful revision tips



- Make sure that a revision timetable is set up and followed.
- Plan for 30 – 60 minute revision sessions - no longer.
- Take short breaks between revision sessions.
- Start revision with the most difficult topics.
- Plan to cover each topic several times.
- Encourage your child to explain to you something that they have just learned.
- Test/ quiz them on their learning.





Useful revision tips

- Revising with the TV, Playstation, Xbox, social media on is not productive.
- Classical music relaxes the mind and can be a good aid to revision.
- Pictures combined with words can help learning.
- Use the recommended revision guides.
- Use the revision websites / apps suggested by teachers.



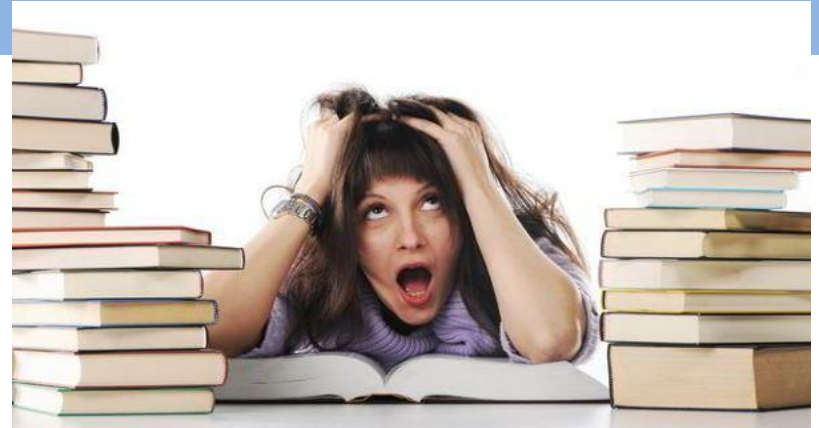
Equipment

- Black pens
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencils
- Calculator
- Watch
- No mobile phones or Apple watches



Exam stress

All students & parents will experience some stress and anxiety during the exam period.



A difficult as it may be at times, remain calm, listen, talk and try to get things into perspective for your child.



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23rd August Results Day

