



Hazel Wood High School
Year 11
Exam Preparation Evening

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Hazel Wood High School



VISION

Creating a sense of Pride
and Community and giving
an opportunity for all to
Excel.

VALUES

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT

ASPIRATION

Why are you important?

- Research and experience shows that students whose parents/carers show a regular and active engagement with their child's learning do better in exams
- You get to know your child's strengths and areas for development
- Discussing their work with them strengthens their understanding
- Many students don't know how to revise effectively

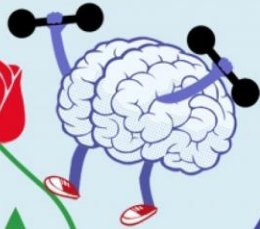
What is your role as a parent/ guardian?

- **Attendance officer:** the best preparation for progress is ensuring your child is in school on time and attending lessons.
- **Personal Assistant:** help your child organise their time. Some deadlines overlap. Are the dates on the calendar?
- **Project manager:** agree a revision timetable, find a quiet space, computer access, what equipment is needed, how long will they work for?
- **Go-between:** contact teachers if your child can't or won't ask questions or complete homework.
- **Examiner:** test your child on key knowledge using their revision materials. For instance, can your child recall formulae needed in Mathematics and Science?

THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.”
(Chinese Proverb)

exercises your brain



i provides knowledge and information

books are a good topic of conversation

better writing skills



reduces stress, puts you in a better mood



great and free entertainment

improves concentration and focus



enriches the language and vocabulary

correlation
ambivalence
Katharine
confabulation
hermeneutics
procrastination
decadence
confused
procrastination

develops creativity



books pose questions to stimulate further reflection

good for memory

books are a window to the world

increases your ability to empathize with others

introduces to the unknown fantasy world

Please support your child to read as often as possible!

This can be reading to themselves

Out loud

Or even being read to...

Mock exams



18th - 29th November



Get revising!



The results will give us all a detailed picture on the areas your child needs to work on for the actual exams in May and June

Extra-curricular

- ▶ Extra-curricular has proven to be extremely beneficial for a student's progress
- ▶ There is a wealth of activities for your young person to get involved with
- ▶ See the website for an updated club timetable
- ▶ Speak to the class teachers to see what's on offer in those subjects



- * Your child has a login
- * Download the app
- * Watch the revision videos relevant to their subjects

Coping with exam stress

**Believe in
yourself**

Eat right

**Get
organised**

**Make sleep
a priority**

**Exercise
in
everyday**

**Talk
about
nerves**

**Overcome
problems**

**Keep things
in perspective**

Respect

Supporting their respect for learning

- Remove distractions e.g. phones, TV, Xbox
- Do short focused sprints of 25-30 minutes and then have a short break
- Encourage them to break out of their comfort zone
- Sit on a hard chair whilst revising
- Don't let them multitask!



When they say...	You say...
I'm rubbish at this	Which part don't you understand?
I give up	Have you tried using a different strategy?
It's good enough	Is that your best work?
This is too hard	It may take some time but you will get there
I made a mistake	Mistakes help you to learn
I'll never be that smart	You will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	You can always try Plan B
My friend can do it	Could your friend teach you?

Responsibility

My plan

Use this planner to help you be productive each week. Each subject has set you homework and revision topics—this is your to do list! Then, plan when you are going to complete each task on the calendar. Remember to timetable in some rest and relaxation but don't miss this opportunity to maximise your grades! Try to revise in 25 minute blocks—this is proven to be effective!

Subject	Homework	Revision		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			Morning							
			Afternoon							
			Evening							

Aspiration

College requirements

- ▶ Level 3 vocational and A-Levels
- **Minimum** 5-6 GCSEs at grades 4/5, including Maths and English.
- A good range of 5+ grades is usually required.
- In subjects such as Maths and Science, some colleges will ask for a minimum of a grade 6/7 at GCSE.
- Good time management skills to cope with the demands of coursework/ exams