

Sixth Form Assembly 07/11

Mini-mocks and Revision



Mini-mocks

These are formal assessments that happen every year at Bay House Sixth Form, for L6 and U6. Their purpose is to provide robust data to assess your performance and progress in your subjects.

The mini-mocks will take place between 12th December and 6th January.

It is very important that you prepare and revise for these exams so you can perform at the best of your ability.

Your teachers will be teaching valuable content in lessons in preparation but it is essential that you also take matters into your own hands and revise at home and in your study sessions.

Why do these results matter?

It is the first time you and your teachers will be able to see how you are performing in your subjects.

These results will form the basis of your discussion about possibly dropping a subject.

Please note, however, that we strongly recommend taking four subjects for as long as possible. Ideally, till the end of the L6.

Remember, you need a D in a subject to take it forward into U6. You also need 3 subjects to be a student in U6.

Imagine these scenarios:

Student 1

Maths: A

History: B

Psychology: B

Physics: B

Imagine these scenarios:

Student 2

Maths: B

History: B

Psychology: E

Physics: B

Imagine these scenarios:

Student 3

Maths: E

History: D

Psychology: B

Physics: E

In short...

Perform to the best of your ability in all of your subjects.

If you perform well in all of them, the power is in your hands and you have the most options.

My main piece of advice today:

ACTIVE REVISION

and

Top ten tips

Poor Studying and Passive Revision

Poor students

- Do not schedule revision they just do it now and again
- Avoid topics or subjects they find difficult
- Are often distracted by TV, phone etc.
- Are unproductive because they revise with friends, unproductively
- Often leave it till the last minute
- Regret their decisions



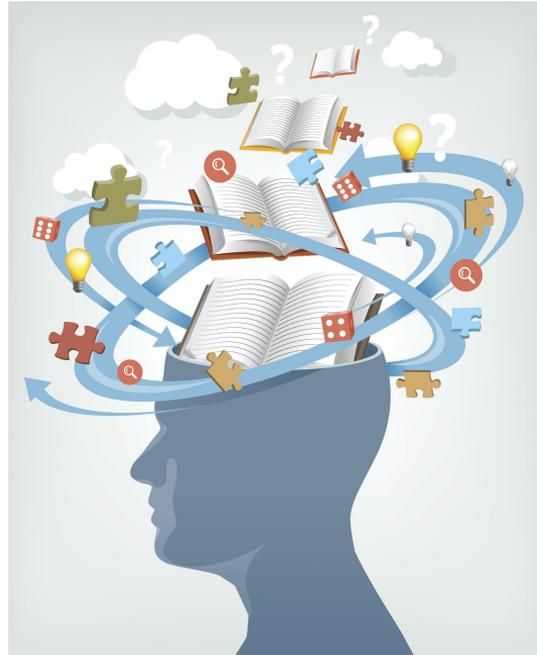
Active Revision

Research tells us that active revision is the most effective. You need to actively engage with the content. Quick guide:

- Pick a subject (English Language)
- Pick a topic or unit (Pragmatics)
- Select a blank double page in your exercise book
- Without looking at your notes, on the left-hand page write down everything you know about that topic
- Look at your notes/revision guide
- Write down everything that you missed/got wrong on the right-hand page
- **On the right-hand page is what you need to revise**
- Repeat the process, you should be seeing less and less on the right-hand page each time... until it is all in your head (left-hand page)

Revision: basics

Top 10



Top tip #1

Start early

In this case, weeks and not days before your exam. In regards to your summer exams, months and not weeks before.

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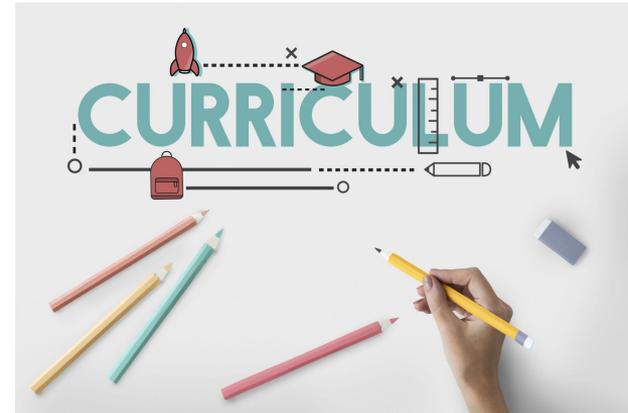
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Top tip #2

Next, decide what you need to revise

Find out the format for your exam and what it will cover. This will determine how much of the syllabus you need to revise.



Top tip #3

Plan a revision timetable

Create a calendar between and up to (and including) the mini-mock fortnight. Dedicate time to all areas of the content that require revision, spread across the available dates. A physical calendar is better: you can stick it on your bedroom wall.

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| | 9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1 | 10AM - 12PM REVISE SUBJECT 1 | REST! |
| BREAK! | 11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2 | 12:45AM - 2:45PM REVISE SUBJECT 2 | REST! |
| BREAK! | 2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3 | 3PM - 5PM REVISE SUBJECT 3 | REST! |
| BREAK! | 4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE | GO HAVE FUN | REST! |

Top tip #4

Set up a tidy study space without distractions

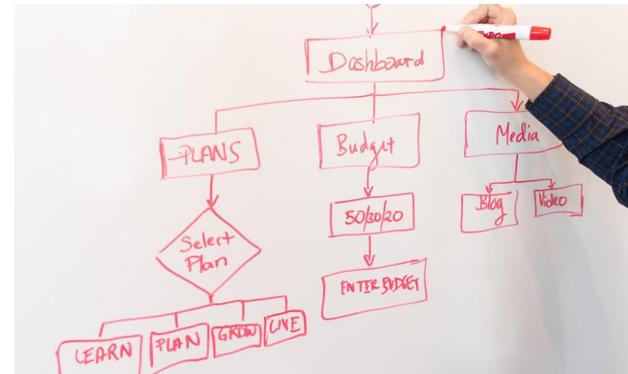
You'll need somewhere with good lighting, your pens close by, your phone out of sight and your TV unplugged. Try not to revise on your bed, or the temptation to sleep will be overwhelming.



Top tip #5

Don't spend ages making your notes look pretty

This is just wasting time. For diagrams, include all the details you need to learn, but don't try to produce a work of art.



Top tip #6

Don't just read your notes

You have to WRITE STUFF DOWN. This is basic revision technique. But what you write down also matters as the next slide suggests...



Top tip #7

Do lots of practice papers and questions

You'll find it far easier to answer questions in the exam if you've tried similar ones at home beforehand. Go on to your exam board's website, ask your teacher for practice questions, utilise revision books. Then, reference your work against model answers and mark schemes.



Top tip #8

Vary your revision with different activities

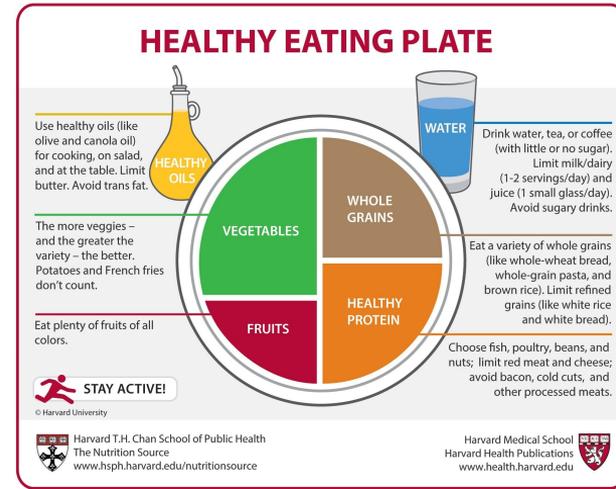
Try a variety of different revision techniques — answering practice questions, writing down notes from memory, actively using revision guides, flash cards, utilising mnemonic devices (how do you remember the colours of the rainbow)



Top tip #10

Sleep and eat properly

Sleep is more important than you'd imagine — it helps your brain store all the juicy information you've learned throughout the day. Drinking plenty of water and eating healthy foods will also boost your concentration throughout the day.



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