

Key Stage 4 Parents' Forum



Improving Students' Exam Grades in Years 9 - 11



Agenda

- Welcome
- Main topic: Improving students' exam grades in Years 9-11
- What the College is doing
- How parents can help
- Question and answer session



Improving Examination Grades



Lessons

Home Learning

Intervention

Revision

Exam Practice

Exam Technique



Lessons

The Core of what we do

- Application
- Effort
- Classwork
- Read through the lesson after

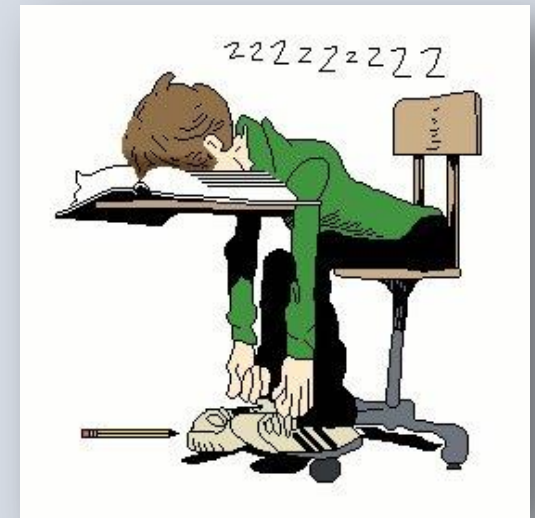
“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit.”

Aristotle



Home Learning

- Need to maximise the students' learning outside of College
- Tasks developed to enhance students' learning
- Ensure that it is completed to a high standard
- Don't be afraid to look at it as parents
- Challenge and support your child to make it better
- Read around the lessons – what learning was achieved today?
- Use websites e.g. BBC Bitesize etc.



Interventions

- As a College we provide interventions to support targeted students
- Revision sessions in Year 11
- CAB Reports
- Mentoring
- Pastoral Support



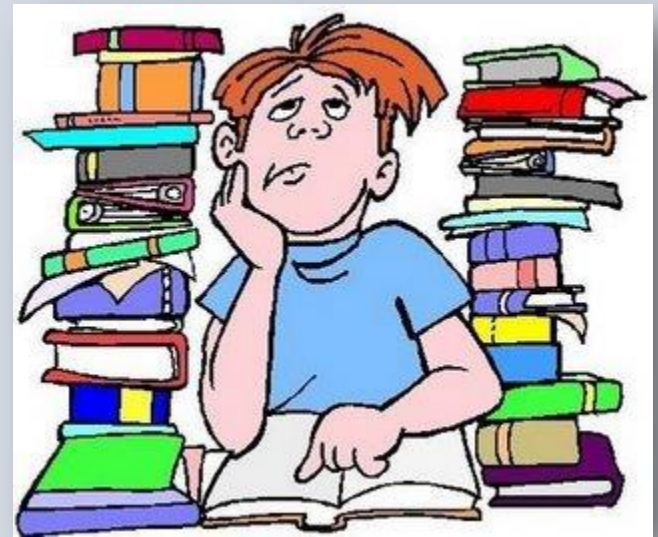
Revision

Organisation of revision

- Quiet space
- Timetable
- How much?

How do I revise?

- Mind maps
- Index cards
- YouTube clips
- Podcasts
- Revision websites



Mind Maps



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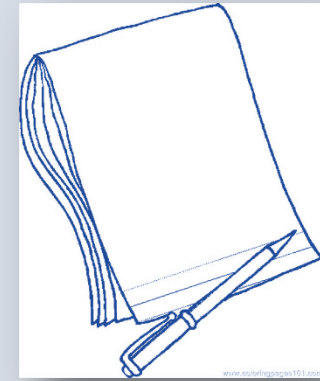
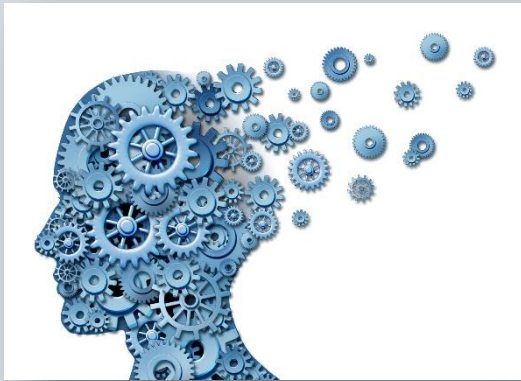
- Let's have a go at one



Mind Maps

- Let's check

THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE



Getting stuff from here

to here



Examination Practice

- Subject tests
- End of year exams – Year 9
- End of year exams – Year 10
- Mocks exams – November and March
- Past papers



Examination Technique

The week before:

- Equipment
- Where? When?
- Last minute questions

The day of the exam:

- Wake up – morning routine
- Breakfast and drink
- Arrive in plenty of time



Examination Technique II

In the Examination Room:

- See through pencil case
- Drink of water placed underneath the desk
- Read through front page of the script



Examination Technique III

When started:

- Read all questions
- Start with those that you definitely know
- Leave any you don't until the end
- Make sure you answer all questions you are supposed to
- Make intelligent guesses if you need to
- Make full use of the time



Any Questions?

