

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

CARING - DETERMINED - REFLECTIVE

MOCK EXAMS

Since September students have been working through GCSE mindset where they have identified what motivates them, setting themselves achievable targets and how to plan to achieve those targets. Part of this programme involves students planning their time outside of school for revision and recreation.

Now would be a good time to review these targets as a motivator for their upcoming mocks

In Term 1 and 2, all students have completed our revision strategies programme where they have learned the Cornell note-taking method, how to make and use effective flashcards and carry out planned practice.

Revision resources are available to apply the revision strategies they have been taught in their p.1 programme this year.

GCSE MINDSET

This week, students were challenged to think about the HOWs of independent work.

There are many students that are great at designing revision; they create amazing revision plans and timetables that fill every minute of the day, but then just don't follow through on the plan.

It's something we have all done.

The message they have been given is that they have to get SPECIFIC! Being specific avoid procrastination, which at times we are all guilty of. Here's how. Before every independent work session or revision session they have to sit down and answer these THREE questions.

1. How are they going to revise?
2. How long are they going to revise for?
3. How will they know if they have made progress?

This coming week they are going to be setting a personal best, this requires them to think about what they are and where they want to be, it can be about their mock results or it could be about a piece of homework they have to complete. The key point is it is up to them. Next they have to make sure that it is achievable whilst providing them with the right amount of challenge

When your son or daughter goes off to revise this week, ask them THREE questions above. Are they being really specific with how they plan to revise? If not, spend some time planning the activities together.