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Year 11 –
Parents'
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Evening
(Examinations)

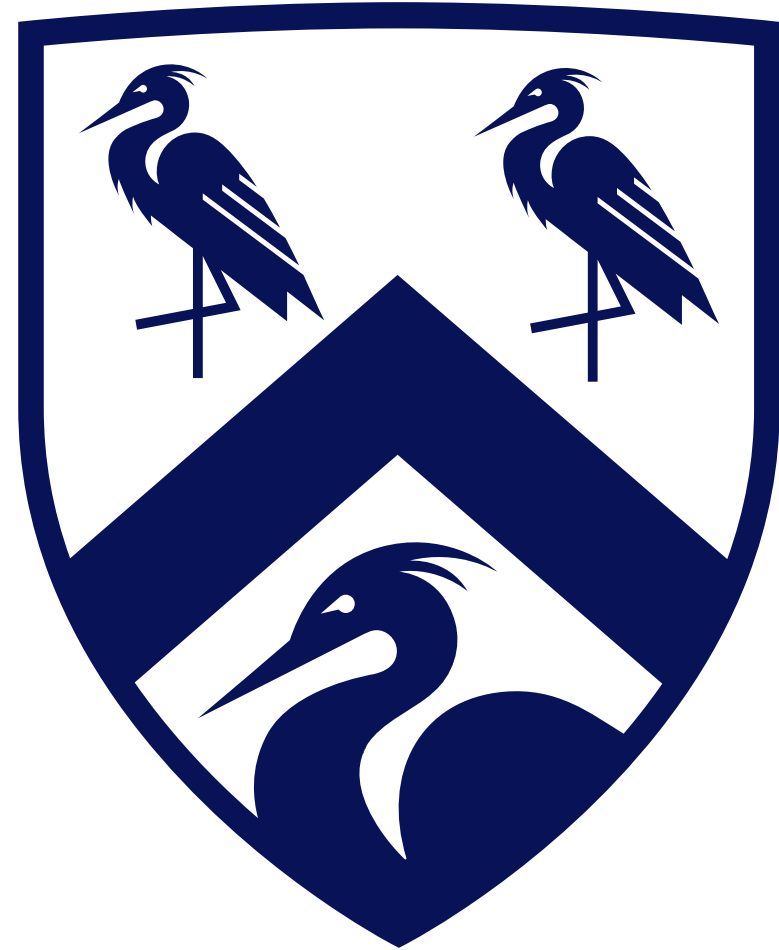


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The significance of the numbers

38 calendar days until the Summer exams begin

17 school days until the Summer exams begin



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Important upcoming dates

Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Year 11 Parents' Evening (Examinations)

Tuesday 16th April/Wednesday 17th April 2024 – Art and Textiles exam

Friday 19th April/Monday 22nd April 2024 – Photography exam

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 – French and German speaking exams (individual slots for pupils to be confirmed)

Tuesday 30th April 2024 – GCSE PE Practical external moderation (all day)

Thursday 9th May 2024 – The first day of the GCSE final examinations (starting with RS Paper 1)



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The breakdown of examinations (before May half term)

Year 11 Exam Timetable Summer 2024		
	AM	PM
Thursday 9th May 2024	RS - Paper 1 (Religion)	Drama
Friday 10th May 2024	Biology - Paper 1	Sociology - Paper 1
		German Listening and Reading
Saturday 11th May 2024		
Sunday 12th May 2024		
Monday 13th May 2024	English Literature - Paper 1	Media Studies - Paper 1
		Sports Studies
Tuesday 14th May 2024	French Listening and Reading	Business - Paper 1
Wednesday 15th May 2024	History - Crime and Punishment	Computer Science - Paper 1
Thursday 16th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 - non-calculator	RS - Paper 2
Friday 17th May 2024	Chemistry - Paper 1	Geography - Paper 1
Saturday 18th May 2024		
Sunday 19th May 2024		
Monday 20th May 2024	English Literature - Paper 2	Media Studies - Paper 2
Tuesday 21st May 2024	German Listening and Reading	Sociology - Paper 2
		Child Development
		Computer Science - Paper 2
Wednesday 22nd May 2024	Physics - Paper 1	GCSE PE - Fitness and Body Systems
Thursday 23rd May 2024	English Language - Paper 1	
Friday 24th May 2024	French Writing	
Saturday 25th May 2024		
Sunday 26th May 2024		



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Monday 3rd June 2024	Maths Paper 2 - Calculator	GCSE PE - Health and Performance
Tuesday 4th June 2024	Spanish Listening and Reading	History - Superpower/Elizabethan England
Wednesday 5th June 2024	Geography - Paper 2	Business Studies - Paper 2
Thursday 6th June 2024	English Language - Paper	
Friday 7th June 2024		Biology- Paper 2
Saturday 8th June 2024		
Sunday 9th June 2024		
Monday 10th June 2024	Maths Paper 3- Calculator	Creative iMedia
		Spanish Writing
Tuesday 11th June 2024	Chemistry - Paper 2	History - Weimar
Wednesday 12th June 2024		Construction
Thursday 13th June 2024		
Friday 14th June 2024	Geography - Paper 3	Physics - Paper 2
Saturday 15th June 2024		
Sunday 16th June 2024		
Monday 17th June 2024		Music
Tuesday 18th June 2024	Product/Engineering	Additional Maths
Wednesday 19th June 2024	Food Preparation	



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Vital information to consider in the lead up to the Summer examinations

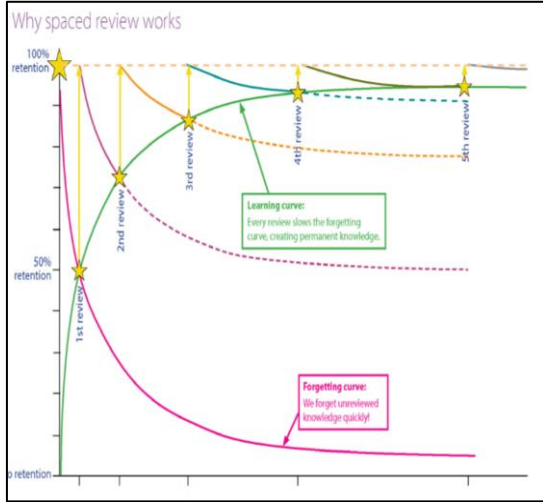
What are the priorities?

- Easter revision (including the minimum expected work to be completed for departmental staff, but also the additional revision that is needed on a daily basis)
- Creation of revision materials and habitual revision in 'chunks' – Pomodoro technique
- Time allocated to recover, refresh and recharge
- Planning for this revision will be key (revision timetables etc.)
- General support given by staff in the lead up to exams – importance of key adults in their preparations
- A focus on Wellbeing



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STEER your knowledge



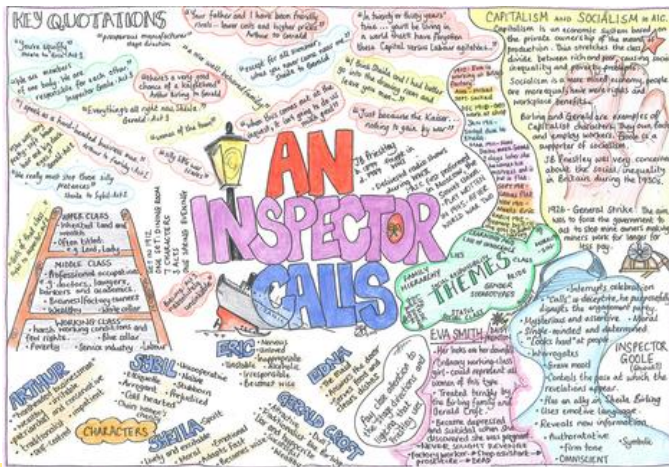
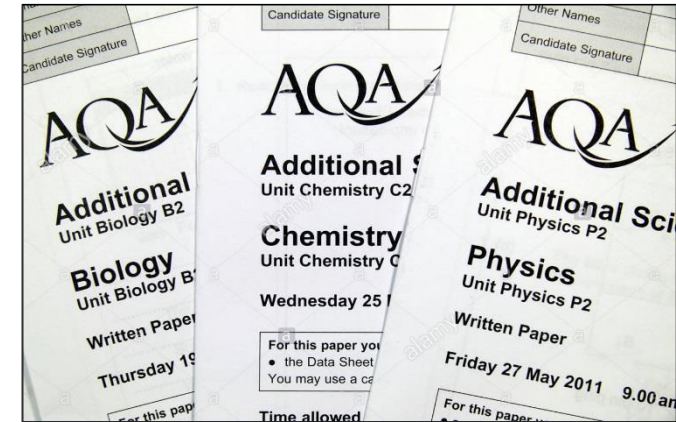
Spaced Learning



Retrieve Knowledge

- S** – Space
- T** – Transform
- E** – Elaborate
- E** – Examine
- R** – Retrieve

Exam Practice



Transform Knowledge

Elaborate on Knowledge



Maximise Your Time

Record tricky facts to remember on your phone and play it on repeat on the bus



Post-it note key facts around the house to read over when you are in the bathroom/cleaning your teeth/waiting for the kettle to boil etc.



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How much revision should I be completing daily/weekly?

Revising in Year 11 is mainly about how organised you can be with your revision and applying yourself until your exam revision routine becomes the normality. **Make revision a habit for the next 4 months.**

It is normal, and certainly expected, that you should be revising for at least 2.5 hours per day during the week. This should increase to between 3-4 hours on weekend days.

However, your revision must be structured in a way that suits you, but more importantly, in a way that works for you. If you revise better in the morning, it is better to get up earlier and have your revision finished by the middle of the afternoon.

Your revision sessions each day should not finish too late and your planning should give you plenty of time to ensure that you have sufficient sleep. **This will also be key in maximising your exam performances and success.**

Note – staff-directed work and homework is also revision (such as intervention sessions) – can be counted as dedicated study time for each day.

No-one said that it is going to be easy. The effort that you put in now, will lead to the rewards that you gain in August



Consider a separate revision timetable for the half term/Easter which will resemble the weekends (3-4 hours per day), but this will include well-needed rest days also.

What does a typical a revision session look like?

Revision session structure

When looking to structure your revision session, it is vital to make sure that you are organised with your revision materials and what you are going to complete in each session. Try to work on the basis of 25 minutes revision/5 minutes rest.

This rest period should allow for a mental break and for the information you have just revised to be consolidated. It could include going for a short walk around the house and/or getting a drink but should not include distractions such as the use of any devices.

Your 60 minute English Literature revision could be structured as follows:

5 mins – Reading novel or section overview/summary and planning for revision to be completed e.g. specific quotes from A Christmas Carol - add quotes to flash cards or mind map under relevant sections if required.

5 mins – Test yourself, using flash cards, on the key quotes, themes and character traits/development – **put cards on a 'can remember' pile and 'need more practice' pile**

15 mins – Attempt specific exam question related to topic revised e.g. exam question on how Scrooge's character changes through the novel.

Rest – 5 mins – get a drink from the kitchen

15 mins – Continue with exam question, re-reading through first part of your answer and add content which matches the marks allocated for the question

10 mins – Look through your answer and the mark scheme to see where you have picked up marks. Annotate your work to see where other quotes could have been added/points could have been made – **add in anything you missed to your flashcards and put on the don't know yet pile.**

Rest – 5 mins – go for a short walk around the house

Utilise the Pomodoro cycle method to maximise the effectiveness of your revision

The Pomodoro technique



ONE POMODORO CYCLE



■ WORK

■ BREAK

Year 11 Spring Report

Blue Coat students perform well every year because of their hard work and dedication to their studies. This is the **time of the year** where they intensify their revision as they accelerate towards the Summer exams.

At this crucial time within Year 11, **this is typically where we see the most gains made in terms of individual progress.**

Next steps:

- Look over the Spring report received today
- Look for the subjects where there is more progress to be made
- Analyse where your child may have made progress
- Speak to your child about how they are going to improve their grades in specific subjects;
 - Ensure they have a revision timetable that dedicates time to revising their worst performing topics.
 - Ensure that your child completes the work set by their teachers, knowing that this is a minimum expectation.
 - Monitor and take an active role in their revision

No pupil can achieve well in their GCSEs based on their ability alone.

Pupils who achieve their target grades and above are the ones who consistently work hard.

It's not too late!

Effective revision timetabling

Add sessions of revision

Remember, these must be for all of the subjects that you study (including separate lessons where relevant such as Biology, Chemistry and Physics, not just Science).

Try and keep these in 30 minutes slots following the Pomodoro cycle

Time							Sunday
07.00							
08.00							
09.00		Chemistry revision			Maths revision		Organised sport
10.00	Physics revision			English Lit Revision			
11.00	English Lang Revision	Music Intervention	RS Revision	Drama Intervention	RS revision		
12.00			Physics revision				
13.00		Geography Revision	French Revision	English Lang Revision	Chemistry revision		
16.00	English Lit Revision						
17.00	Maths Revision	Gym	Biology Revision	Gym		Drama Intervention	
18.00					Dedicated non-exam time	Biology Revision	
19.00						Geography Revision	
20.00							
21.00							



Collapsed Exam Timetable



WEEK BEGINNING - MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024

Q WEEK	PRIORITY	BREAKFAST CLUB	Lesson1 8:50 - 9:50	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:50	Lesson 3 11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 4 12:10 - 13:10	Lunch/Exam Starts (1:30)	Lesson 5 2:20 - 3:20
TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2024	1.EXAMINATION		NO EXAM		Individual Speaking Tests throughout the week until Monday 6th May			
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION		French and German Speaking Revision					
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option F	Option D	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – English	11A – RS 11B – Science 1xTS		Maths

WEEK BEGINNING - TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024

Q WEEK	PRIORITY	BREAKFAST CLUB	Lesson1 8:50 - 9:50	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:50	Lesson 3 11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 4 12:10 - 13:10	Lunch/Exam Starts (1:30)	Lesson 5 2:20 - 3:20
WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		NO EXAM		NO EXAM		NO EXAM	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION			11B RS revision	11A RS revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option F	11A - Science - 1xTS 11B - RS	11A – English 11B – Science – 1xTS	Option C		Maths
THURSDAY 9th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PAPER A - Religion)		NO EXAM		EXAM:DRAMA WRITTEN PAPER	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	RELIGIOUS STUDIES REVISION			Drama revision Biology revision for all student not in drama			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – RS 11B – Science 1xTS	Maths	11A – Science – 1xTS 11B – English	Option E		Option D
FRIDAY 10th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:TRIPLE SCIENCE BIOLOGY EXAM:COMBINED SCIENCE BIOLOGY – PAPER 1		NO EXAM		EXAM: SOCIOLOGY – PAPER 1 EXAM:GERMAN (F&H) – LISTENING AND READING <i>(Individual timetable provided to students with exam clashes after Easter)</i>	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	BIOLOGY REVISION			Sociology revision German revision All other Year 11 pupils to attend French revision			English Literature revision
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS	Option F	11A – PE (1 x TS) 11B - English	Maths		11A – RS 11B – PE (1xTS)

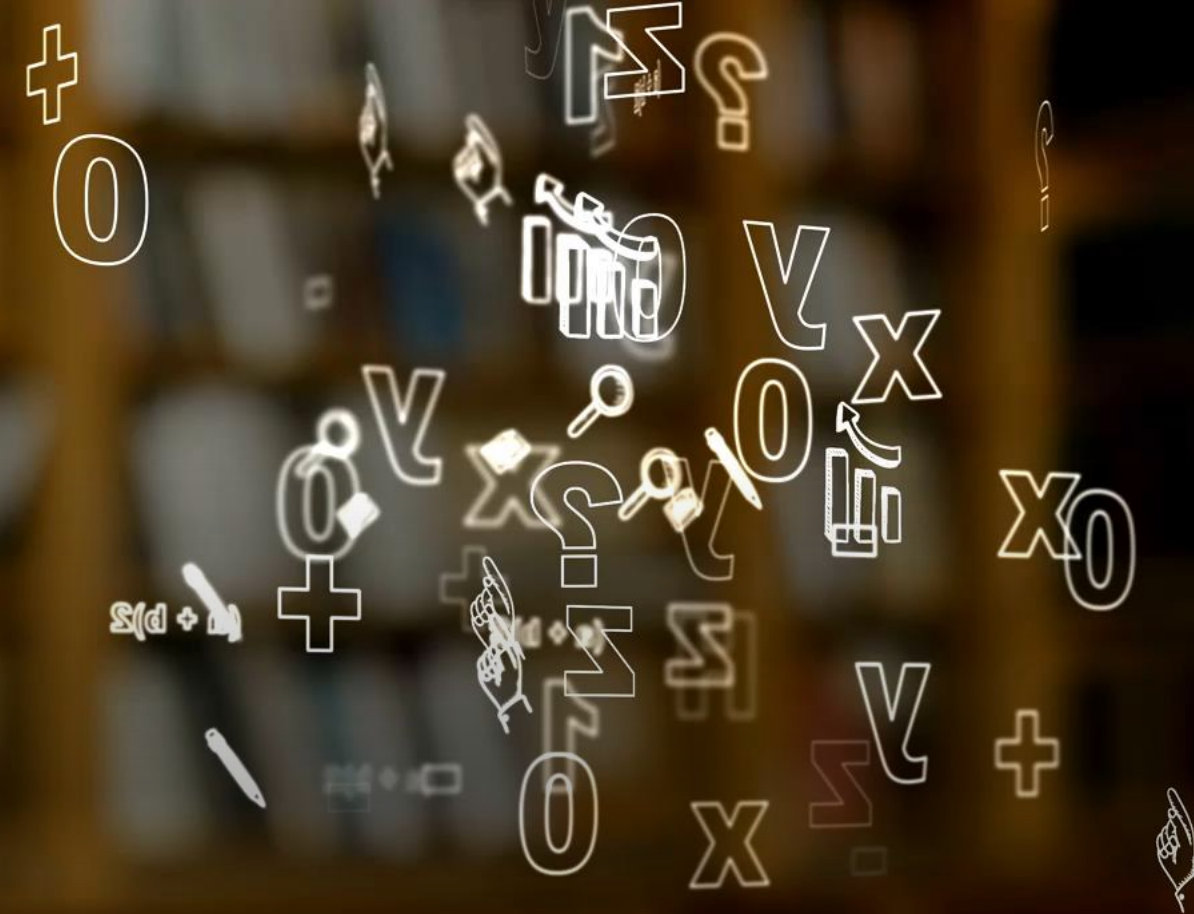
WEEK BEGINNING - MONDAY 13th MAY 2024

P WEEK	PRIORITY	BREAKFAST CLUB	Lesson1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch/Exam	Lesson 5
			8:50 - 9:50	9:50 - 10:50	11:10 - 12:10	12:10 - 13:10	Starts (1:30)	2:20 - 3:20
MONDAY 13th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM: ENGLISH LITERATURE – PAPER 1		NO EXAM		EXAM: MEDIA STUDIES – PAPER 1 EXAM: SPORTS STUDIES – CONT. ISSUES	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	ENGLISH LITERATURE REVISION			Media Studies revision Sports Studies revision		French revision All other Year 11 pupils to attend English revision	
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – Science 1xTS 11B – RS	Option E	Option C	11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS	Wellbeing – 2 x TS	
TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM: FRENCH (F&H) – LISTENING AND READING		NO EXAM		EXAM: BUSINESS – PAPER 1	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	FRENCH REVISION before school			Business Studies revision History revision All other students to attend science lesson			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option F	Option D	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – English History REVISION	11A – RS 11B – Science 1xTS History REVISION	Maths	
WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM: HISTORY – CRIME & PUNISHMENT		NO EXAM		EXAM: COMPUTER SCIENCE	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	HISTORY REVISION			Computer Science revision All other students to attend Maths revision		11A Chemistry revision 11B RS Revision	
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option C	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – RS	Option F	11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS	11A – PE 11B – English	
THURSDAY 16th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM: MATHS (F&H) – NON-CALCULATOR		NO EXAM		EXAM: RELIGIOUS STUDIES	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	MATHS REVISION			11A RS revision 11B Chemistry Revision	11A Chemistry revision 11B RS Revision		
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Maths	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – English	Option E	Option D	Option C	
FRIDAY 17th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM: TRIPLE SCIENCE CHEMISTRY EXAM: COMBINED SCIENCE CHEMISTRY (F&H) – PAPER 1		NO EXAM		EXAM: GEOGRAPHY – PAPER 1	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	CHEMISTRY REVISION			Geography revision All other students to attend English Literature revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – Science 1xTS 11B – English	11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS	11A – RS 11B – PE	Maths	Option F	

WEEK BEGINNING - MONDAY 20th MAY 2024

Q WEEK	PRIORITY	BREAKFAST CLUB	Lesson 1 8:50 - 9:50	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:50	Lesson 3 11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 4 12:10 - 13:10	Lunch/Exam Starts (1:30)	Lesson 5 2:20 - 3:20
MONDAY 20th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:ENGLISH LITERATURE – PAPER 2		NO EXAM		EXAM:MEDIA STUDIES – PAPER 2	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	ENGLISH LITERATURE REVISION			Media Studies revision German revision All other students to attend Physics revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option E	Option C	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – RS	11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS		Option D
TUESDAY 21st MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:GERMAN LISTENING & READING (F&H)		NO EXAM		EXAM:SOCIOLOGY – PAPER 2 EXAM:CHILD DEVELOPMENT EXAM:COMPUTER SCIENCE – PAPER 2 <i>(Individual timetable provided to students with exam clashes after Easter)</i>	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	GERMAN REVISION			Sociology Child Development Computer Science revision All other students to attend Physics revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Extra Maths 2 x TS classes	11A – Science 1xTS 11B – English	Option D	11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS		Option E
WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:TRIPLE SCIENCE PHYSICS EXAM:COMBINED SCIENCE PHYSICS (F&H) – PAPER 1		NO EXAM		EXAM:GCSE PE - FITNESS & BODY SYSTEMS	
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	PHYSICS REVISION			GCSE PE revision All other students to attend English Language revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		Option F	11A – Science - 1xTS 11B - RS	11A – English 11B – Science – 1 x TS	Option G		Maths
THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1		NO EXAM			
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REVISION			French revision German revision			
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – RS 11B – Science 1xTS	Maths	11A – Science - 1 x TS 11B - English	Option E		Option D
FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024	1.EXAMINATION		EXAM:FRENCH WRITING (F&H)		NO EXAM			
	2.COMPULSORY REVISION	FRENCH REVISION			Maths revision			Leavers' Assembly
	3.NORMAL LESSONS		11A – English 11B – Science 1xTS	Option F	11A – PE (1 x TS) 11B – English	Maths		11A – RS 11B – PE (1 x TS)

SUBJECT REVISION



Year 11 revision - Wellbeing

What factors promote a positive well-being during exams? How can I support my child?

It starts with good habits:

1. Suitable revision space
2. Water
3. Sleep
4. Caffeine levels
5. Active revision



Year 11 revision – Utilise in-school support

Important contacts

At Blue Coat School, we are blessed to have dedicated teachers who are experts in their field

Should you feel the need to contact school to discuss further support for your child, please send correspondence to an identified member of teaching staff or for the attention of your child's Form Tutor/Student Services. In addition to this, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Mr C Barnes– Director of Learning (Year 11)

Mr M. Lockett – Assistant Headteacher/Director of Key Stage 4



**Any Questions and
Feedback**

