

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's GCSEs are well underway and we hope that they are feeling supported and confident about their remaining exams after half term.

We know that half term will be an important time for your son/daughter to revise effectively for their final exam papers, and as such we have produced some further resources to support in English, Maths and Science. These resources have been produced by the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Core Subject Leads and provide insights into the types of exam questions students might expect to see in the remaining examinations for the core subjects. We have also provided strategies to help them prepare for these final examination papers. The resources are outlined briefly below.

## English

Many students find it difficult to revise for English Language with its focus on unseen extracts, but it is possible! Students will have been given a **booklet** by their class teacher (or had one uploaded to their Google Classroom) to help them prepare for English Language Paper 2. This is their final English Language exam on Friday 6th June and sees them reading and responding to a pair of non-fiction texts and producing their own non-fiction writing. **The booklet contains a past paper, and lots of activities and links to videos to guide them through the questions and some model answers to help them understand what good quality work in the subject looks like.** 

## Maths

The second Mathematics paper is on Wednesday 4 June, so it's really important that students keep their Maths knowledge and skills fresh over half-term. To help with this we have prepared:

- A sequence of online practice questions called a Solo Mission that focus on the most frequently examined topics.
- A series of quick revision videos covering the three most common topics at each grade.
- A list of top ten tips for the paper and video explanation of these tips.

You'll find the Solo Mission, videos and top tips for the <u>Higher Tier paper 2H here</u> and <u>Foundation tier paper 2F here</u>. Students should work through the Solo Mission using the U button to repeat a topic and the <u>Ans</u> button check their answers. Students should watch the videos for their target grade **and** the videos for each grade below that to help ensure they don't miss easier marks early on in the papers.

On Tuesday 3 June students will also be provided with a comprehensive workbook of Maths practice questions focussed around their target grade in school revision sessions. It is vital for students to attend this session (and the one before paper 3) to get the best coverage of the topics that are likely to come up and the support of the Maths department to help ensure they know how to answer questions on these topics.



## Science

The next run of exam papers will focus on Biology paper 2, Chemistry paper 2 and Physics paper 2. At this stage in your revision, past paper work will be the most essential form of revision to do.

We have created a science revision tracker to support students with this process. The tracker will show you the content being tested in each paper, online lessons to revisit science concepts, past paper questions by topic and finally links to all the past papers currently published online.

The science revision trackers can be found on this link that leads to a temporary google classroom: <u>https://tinyurl.com/mpucav8d</u>

This video is an explanation of how the science revision trackers work: <u>https://youtu.be/WYjFU\_01B2M</u>

We hope that your son/daughter finds these resources to be useful and helps them to remain focused over the half term break. We wish them every success in these remaining examinations and look forward to celebrating with them in August.

Kindest regards,

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