



Perins Year 11 Getting Exam Ready

We wanted to share key subject information to support Year 11 in the lead up to their mock examinations in November. Working towards GCSE exams is like running a marathon, not a sprint. The race started in year 7 and you have now entered the closing stages, it can seem that this is the most difficult phase, but you have done all the hard work already the key to overcoming the final stages and making your exams a success is revising little and often because it is more sustainable than last minute cramming and you will feel more confident and optimistic about being successful. Therefore, please read this document carefully it is full of top tips, equipment lists and key revision resources for each subject.

Important Dates-

Year 11 Parents Evening- 16th October

Year 11 Mocks- 7th-30th November

Year 11 Mock College Interviews- 1st December

Year 11 Mock results day- 8th December

Year 11 Summer Exams- 9th May- 19th June

Year 11 Prom- 28th June

Get Organised!

- You need to get yourself some revision resources e.g. highlighters,
- coloured pens, paper, cue cards.
- Create a folder for each subject for all your revision materials.
- Put a topic list at the front of your folder for each subject.
- RAG the topic lists to identify strengths and weaknesses.
- Make sure you plan in time for you with things you enjoy doing.

Equipment List- Non-Negotiable

- Clear pencil case.
- Minimum 3 working black pens.
- Purple and Green pen.

- Minimum 3 pencils + Pencil Sharpener.
- Eraser.
- Complete Maths set plus Scientific calculator.
- 3 Highlighters.

Top tips from 2023 Leavers

- Be organised early, don't leave revision until Easter; the sooner you start, the easier it will become.
- Try to take mocks as an opportunity rather than a threat. It may seem scary having all these exams but it is a great way to learn how to prepare for the real thing and get used to the environment
- When revising, don't just read textbooks, make sure to do practice papers as well, teachers are usually more than happy to mark them for you and give you feedback.
- Still make time to do the things you enjoy.
- Remember that the rest of the school look up to you, set a good example for them!
- Vary how you revise, don't do the same method for all your subjects as 1, some may not work for all subjects and 2, it will get repetitive, and you will lose interest in what you're doing.
- If you need help, don't be afraid to ask. Even ask a different teacher as they may be able to explain something in a different way than which may make more sense.
- If you worry about exams, then it's best to talk to someone before it gets worse and negatively affects your performance.
- Finally, year 11 is your last year of proper school and college is very different so enjoy it!

When should I revise?

To revise effectively, you have to think hard. Thinking hard is tiring. Therefore, when you revise, you should choose a time when find it easiest to focus. This should be a time when you are well-rested and when you are used to working. This time can be different for different people. Find what works for you.

- Revising when you are tired: Reduced output as time increases.
- Revising when you are well-rested: Work harder and better for longer.

You should also take regular breaks when you revise.

- Revising without a break: As time increase focus decreases.
- Revising with small regular breaks: With regular breaks focus is maintained throughout.

What's your 'why'?

Intrinsic motivation is a key driver when it comes to staying disciplined and focussed with your revision. Having an underlying reason why you want to succeed will help you develop and sustain good revision habits.

Such reasons shared by past students include:

- To get better grades.
- To make parents/ family proud of me.
- Personal pride in my achievements / satisfaction in knowing I did my best.
- To have opportunities and success when I am older / achieve great things.

- To get into college (and university) on the course I want.
- To prove I can do it/prove doubters wrong/exceed expectations of others.
- To have a specific job / career.
- To inspire other people / be a role model to siblings.

The Importance of balance

- Plan in time for hobbies and activities you enjoy.
- Taking part in regular physical activity.
- See friends and family.
- Getting enough sleep.
- Being organised; planning and pacing work.
- Taking regular breaks from revision and studying.
- Practice mindfulness.

Prom Qualification Criteria

During Year 11 students will have to meet a Prom qualification criteria to attend Prom they will be asked to do the following things:

Targets from 1st December – 19th June:

- 0 Suspensions
- No more than 5% late to lessons
- No more than 10 W4's
- 100 Reward points (Net score)

Failing these targets will automatically lose the invitation to prom.

You will gain reward points for positive actions during year 11.

You will lose points for negative actions during year 11.

You will get a monthly update, if you are below the threshold then you will not be able to attend.

You and your parents will receive the monthly update. There will be no nasty surprises.

Actions to gain points:

- Perins Value reward points
- Attendance of over 95%
- Attendance at revision sessions
- Postcard home/ Equivalent

Actions to lose points:

- Poor uniform
- Lateness
- Behaviour Points
- W4/Parking
- Suspensions

All final decisions on attending are decided by the head of school and SLT.

Year 11 Trial Exams

Y11 Trial exams will be taking place during November 2023. This will be an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the expectations of the public examinations that they will sit in the summer of 2024. Students will be expected to conduct themselves as they would do in the formal summer examinations and will need to ensure that they have the correct equipment for each exam they sit. An exam timetable overview is provided below. Students will also be sent personalised timetables via email in due course.

In some cases, students may find that, as can happen in the summer series, two of their subjects are timetabled at the same time. Where such a clash occurs, every attempt will be made to provide an opportunity for them to complete a trial paper in the clash subject at another time.

Those students who are entitled to use laptops during formal exams, must ensure that their laptops are fully charged prior to entering the exam room. Students using Claroread will need to bring wired headphones.

Date	Start	Subject	Length	Finish	Extra time
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	08:50	Photography - Externally set assignment trial	All day	15:15	N/A
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	08:50	Photography - Externally set assignment trial	All day	15:15	N/A
Thursday, November 9, 2023	08:50	Art - Externally set assignment trial	All day	15:15	N/A
Friday, November 10, 2023	08:50	Art - Externally set assignment trial	All day	15:15	N/A
Monday, November 13, 2023	08:50	Combined Science (Biology)	1:10	10:00	10:17
	08:50	Biology	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	French (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Spanish (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	German (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Italian (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Polish (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Portuguese (Writing)	1:15	14:15	14:33
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	08:50	History	1:30	10:20	10:42
	13:00	Sports Studies	1:00	14:00	14:15
	13:00	i-Media	1:30	14:30	14:52
	13:00	Geography	1:30	14:30	14:52
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	08:50	English Language	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	Citizenship	1:45	14:45	15:11
	13:00	Food Preparation & Nutrition	1:45	14:45	15:11
Thursday, November 16, 2023	08:50	English Literature	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	Computer Science	1:30	14:30	14:52

Friday, November 17, 2023	08:50	Combined Science (Chemistry)	1:10	10:00	10:17
	08:50	Chemistry	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	Media	1:30	14:30	14:52
Monday, November 20, 2023	08:50	Combined Science (Physics)	1:10	10:00	10:17
	08:50	Physics	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	Child Development	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Economics	1:30	14:30	14:52
Tuesday, November 21, 2023	08:50	Maths Non Calculator	1:30	10:20	10:42
	13:00	Business Studies	1:30	14:30	14:52
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	08:50	Psychology	1:45	10:35	11:01
	08:50	Design & Technology	2:00	10:50	11:20
	13:00	PE	1:15	14:15	14:33
	13:00	Dance	1:30	14:30	14:52
Thursday, November 23, 2023	08:50	Drama	1:45	10:35	11:01
	08:50	Religious Studies	1:45	10:35	11:01
	13:00	Music	1:30	14:30	14:52
Friday, November 24, 2023	08:50	Maths Calculator	1:30	10:20	10:42
	13:00	Buffer	1:30	14:30	14:52
Monday, November 27, 2023	8:50	MFL Speaking	All day	15:15	N/A
Tuesday, November 28, 2023	8:50	MFL Speaking	All day	15:15	N/A
Wednesday, November 29, 2023	8:50	MFL Speaking	All day	15:15	N/A
Thursday, November 30, 2023	8:50	MFL Speaking	All day	15:15	N/A