



Get Smart for KS3 Tests

SMART TACTICS FOR REVISION

1. Listen to and act on teacher advice and feedback.
 2. Devise a Revision Timetable and stick to it (your tutor can help you with this)
 3. Revise in short bursts of 20 to 40 minutes with short breaks in-between.
 4. Make sure that you have a list of revision topics from your teachers.
 5. Be creative in the ways that you revise
- Summarise topics onto a special Revision Book or Cards.
 - Keep lists of key subject specific terms with their definitions.
 - Summarise topics by drawing Spider Diagrams or Mind Maps.
 - Use the formula of "Study it, Cover it, Summarise it, Check it"
 - Summarise key points onto "Post It" notes and display them in your house.
 - Record topics and then listen to what you've recorded.
6. Use BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision) and the School's VLE
 7. Avoid leaving revision to the last minute because cramming does not work.
 8. Persuade parents, brothers or sisters or friends to test you.
 9. Ask teachers to explain topics you find difficult.



SMART BEHAVIOURS



1. Be absolutely clear of dates and times of your tests.
2. Enter the classroom in a sensible manner and sit where the teacher places you. Your cooperation in responding well is vital.
3. Make sure that you have pens, pencils, a rubber, ruler and for Mathematics a calculator, pair of compasses and protractor. Many of these items can be bought cheaply from the school office, but don't leave it to the last minute!





4. Don't forget that a COMPLETE SILENCE rule is enforced from the moment you start a test. Fidgeting and turning around is a distraction to other learners and will not be tolerated.
5. Mobile telephones are not allowed in classrooms and will be confiscated if brought to class out of consideration for other learners.
6. If you finish the test early, you should carefully read over your work as a double check for accuracy. You must remain silent until all test papers are collected by your teachers.

WHY ARE TESTS IMPORTANT?

1. Every year hundreds of thousands of students across the country take GCSE and other examinations. It is vital that you as a learner are prepared well for sitting tests/examinations and understand and experience the disciplines surrounding test/examination revision and taking.
2. Tests will provide a measure of how you have progressed from term to term and year to year. Your performance in tests helps us to gauge your National Curriculum levels. They are also a measure of how successful a learner you are. This is important to you and your parents. It is also important to us as a school that you are developing and maturing as a learner.
3. The test results will influence the school's decisions on the sets you will be placed in for the following academic year.

There is an excellent revision guide that can be accessed via the Student Learning Gateway called "get revising" which enables students to create their personal revision timetable. This facility provides a wide range of revision tips which students may find useful and which parents will also find helpful in supporting their child through the revision process.

Good Luck!
Your teachers have high hopes and expectations of your success and progress.