

Easthampstead Park Community School

Countdown to Success

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

This is our first bulletin with details of support offered to our current Year 11 students. As you would expect it is very important to make sure that students continue to complete controlled coursework and attend any necessary extra sessions. Hopefully this email will help you as parents and carers to encourage your son or daughter to make the most of what is on offer. In this bulletin you will find:

- Pre Public Exam Timetable
- Subject support
- Learning apps
- Sixth Form Open Evening details

As part of meeting the challenges of Year 11, I would ask that you encourage your child to act upon any advice or information received in the email. Enclosed is a copy of the Pre Public Exam Timetable which takes place in November. The impetus is now on all stakeholders working together to ensure your child achieves the results to which they aspire.

I hope you find Parents Evening informative this evening as we work with you and your child to ensure they reach their potential.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns in this vital year.

Kind Regards,

Mr Puttick – Head of Year 11



24 JUNE 2019

EXAMS CONTINGENCY DAY

Even if your timetable doesn't have an exam on this date - you still need to be available!

DO NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY BEFORE THIS DATE!

During the exam weeks commencing the 2nd & 9th December you will be based in your tutor groups to use your PREP time in preparation for your PPEs.

Week A	Monday 02/12	Tuesday 03/12	Wednesday 04/12	Thursday 05/12	Friday 06/12
9:00 hrs	Maths P1 1h 30	Maths P2 1h 30	Geography P1 1h 30	Computer Studies P1 1h 30	Geography P2 1h 30
11:00 hrs	Media P1 1h 30	English Lang P1 1h 45	History P2 1h 45	English Lang P2 1h 45	Computer Studies P2 1h 30
13:45 hrs	Child Development 1h 15				History P1 1h 15
Week B	Monday 09/12	Tuesday 10/12	Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 12/12	Friday 13/12
9:00 hrs	Maths P3 1h 30	Enterprise 1h 30 & Creative iMedia 1h 15	Food (Practical) 3h	German & Spanish (Speaking) Whole Day (Library)	
11:00 hrs	Chemistry (Comb) P2 1h 15 & Chemistry P2 1h 45	Media P2 (Audio Visual) 1h 30	3D Design & Graphics (Practical) 2h	German & Spanish (Speaking) Whole Day (Library)	
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Art

All support documents can be found on Google Classroom

Students to refer to the STRUCTURES slideshow for layout, order, examples of annotations.

Students to refer to ART ANALYSIS sheet for annotation guidance.

Students to refer to SKETCHBOOK EXAMPLE google slideshow to help with layout, annotation and order.

Students to refer to DIGITAL SKETCHBOOK example for ideas, annotation examples, layout and help with photo-shoots and photo manipulation.

Catch-up sessions every Monday to Thursday after school.

Computing

Use your revision guides that you purchased or borrowed. Go through the units from front to back methodically. Small chunks at a time. Use the exam practice questions to test your knowledge.

Use <http://www.teach-ict.com/2016/revision/revision.html> and **GCSE POD** to

	<p>help you. Fully engage with the 6-a-day challenges in class and with the Seneca homework tasks. Try Memrise to help you learn key words https://www.memrise.com/course/288175/ocr-gcse-computing-3/</p> <p>Use the knowledge from the NEA programming project to help with paper 2 knowledge and understanding for application of these skills.</p>
English	<p>This term pupils are studying Romeo and Juliet. It would be enormously beneficial for them to watch the film, the Zeffirelli version from 1968 is the most accurate with regard to dialogue and setting.</p> <p>Students will be able to find lots of helpful videos, games and questions about Romeo and Juliet on the PIXL app and on GCSEPod both of which are services that the school has paid for as we believe they are incredibly helpful when used regularly.</p> <p>We also recommend that students are consistently re-reading their other Literature texts. If students read one chapter of Great Expectations every night they could complete the novel in fifty nine days; after that they could read one conflict poem a night for fifteen nights and after that - now that they are in the habit - they could read (or perform) an act from An Inspector Calls every evening. If they did that they could re-read all the texts before Christmas!</p>
Enterprise & Marketing	<p>Your countdown to success has begun! Over the next two weeks you will be giving your practice pitch for your hat design to your peers. You will then have the opportunity to write about how you would improve your pitch before giving your final pitch in November. Remember you will be assessed on your ability to give feedback to others as well as to give a pitch.</p> <p>Both pieces of your coursework will be submitted in January so it is important you make any necessary improvements before then. You are very welcome after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in R115.</p> <p>Your exam (yes the real one!) is on 9th January at 9am. Remember to do your weekly homework as these are based on the theory you need for the exam.</p> <p>There are knowledge organisers for each Learning Objective in your Google Classroom. Good luck and keep working! We're nearly there...</p>
Geography	<p>Geography revision every Thursday after school.</p>
Graphics	<p>Students to refer to Google classroom.</p> <p>Catch-up sessions every Wednesday and Thursday after school.</p>
Health & Fitness	<p>Unit 1 (40% of the overall grade)</p> <p>For some students, they have completed their Unit 1 exam and will not need to resit. However, if students are resitting the Unit 1 exam, this will take place on Wednesday 20th November 2019. The results for this exam will be released on</p>

	<p>Wednesday 29th January 2020 and will be issued to students as soon as we receive them.</p> <p>Revision sessions for the Unit 1 resit exam will take place every Friday, after school in room 54 starting from Friday 4th October 2019. During these sessions we will look at exam questions and apply students knowledge to the exam questions. Additional revision sessions can and will be put in place as we get closer to the resit.</p> <p>All resources are available for students to use on our Google Classroom and in their folders and exercise books in room 54. Students are encouraged to use these to support their revision in their own time.</p> <p>Unit 2 (60% of the overall grade)</p> <p>We are currently covering the content needed for the Unit 2 coursework element. The scenario is released in December 2019, this is when students will begin their coursework portfolio. The deadline for this piece of coursework is Friday 6th March 2020.</p> <p>Students are expected to plan and carry out a training programme, each student in the group has been paired up or grouped into a three to allow them to have someone to work with. Attendance is crucial during the completion of this coursework, if students are absent for a lengthy period of time, this will make the completion of the coursework difficult for themselves and their partner.</p> <p>All the resources are again available on our Google Classroom and students are encouraged to utilise these in their own time. All students have been provided with a Distinction example piece of work and they need to be using this to model their answers to ensure they achieve the highest grade possible on their coursework.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>History revision every Thursday after school.</p>
<p>Media</p>	<p>Media students have now completed their coursework which accounts for 30% of their GCSE and are now in the process of studying the last three remaining modules to be covered in the two exams in June.</p> <p>There are no set days for after school Media intervention, however the Department is available Monday - Thursday to help any student who needs additional support. Some students will however be required to attend homework intervention should their grades need to be improved.</p> <p>WJEC GCSE Media Studies is a recommended revision source, however the Department is in the process of creating a concise revision booklet for all Media students which will be issued over the coming weeks.</p>

MFL



GCSE GERMAN and SPANISH

TOP REVISION TIPS

Start now to prepare for your GCSE MFL examinations:

1. Get organised now!
2. Use your personalised learning checklist (PLC) to identify strengths and areas for improvement and create a revision timetable.
3. Spend 3 x 20 minutes each week learning topic specific vocabulary from the specification. (This can be from MEMRISE or from the AQA vocabulary booklet)
4. Make a shortlist of hard to remember words from each topic. Use post-its, coloured paper, highlighters to organise your vocabulary.
5. Use kerboodle.com and to access online listening resources. Try to do at least two listening tasks each week - this will really help to develop your listening skills.
6. Prepare and learn your General Conversation questions for the speaking exam. Ask a friend/family member to test you regularly. Remember these paragraphs can also be used in the writing exam.
7. Practise spontaneous writing i.e can you write a description of your school uniform/an account of a holiday in the past/the advantages and disadvantages of social media etc...?
8. Attend all after school intervention workshops.
9. Brush up on your tenses. Have you got 5+ PAST and FUTURE tense sentences for each topic/subtopic?
10. Practise giving and explaining opinions for all topics.
11. Ask for help if you need it. Remember we want you to succeed and will do everything we can to help you!

Photography	<p>Students to refer to the google slides 'Atmosphere' presentation which has all resources and lessons covering the whole unit.</p> <p>Students are able to access room 43 after school Monday to Thursday to catch up. Official catch up with Mr Proctor is on a Thursday after school.</p>
Science	<p>In lesson time, we recently had a Biology Assessment on Thursday 10th October which covered the following topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B5 Homeostasis • B6 Inheritance, Variation and Evolution • B7 Ecology <p>In order to prepare fully for future assessments, please ensure that both students and parents/carers have accessed the revision material supplied by the Science teachers on Class Charts. Log in details were re-issued in form time this week.</p> <p>Students should use the personalised learning checklists (PLCs) to audit their content knowledge and key skills. There are also links to the relevant GCSE Pod Playlists, shared again below:</p> <p>Triple: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/playlists/playlist/100218</p> <p>Higher: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/playlists/playlist/109806</p> <p>Foundation: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/playlists/playlist/109803</p> <p>In addition, parents/carers should have received a letter regarding revision guides that are available through the Finance Department. May I stress that these are an excellent starting point for revision and can be used alongside their exercise books in class to support students' learning.</p> <p>Please do get in contact with the Science teachers or Mrs Hird (Head of Department alexandra.hird@epschool.org) if you would like more information.</p>
Spanish	<p>Hola Chicos,</p> <p>Students should be regularly accessing the following in order to improve vocabulary knowledge and understanding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Memrise (Sign in with School Google Account for access) 2) Quizlet 3) BBC Bitesize (Excellent website for topic based revision) 4) Languages Gym (Access Games Room or Verb Trainer) 5) GCSE Pod (A number of topic revision resources available)

	<p>The key to success in Spanish Reading and Listening is expanding your range of vocabulary. Hard work now discovering new vocabulary will really pay off come your exams.</p> <p>Buena Suerte Chicos</p>
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Year 11 PREP 8:50am to 9:20am

This programme helps our pupils to develop the skills and attitudes in order to be successful in the three core subjects. Students are currently practicing tasks in preparation for their exams.

Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
D1 & D2	Science	Assembly	English	Maths	Current Affairs Revision
D3 & D4	English	Assembly	Maths	Science	Current Affairs Revision
D5 & D6	Maths	Assembly	Science	English	Current Affairs Revision

Please find below a number of additional applications to help with reinforcing your child's knowledge and understanding. Please discuss with your child to ensure they can access these resources.

Logins	My login
<p>My maths www.mymaths.co.uk Username: eps Password: shape</p>	
<p>Kerboodle (Science) A digital teaching, learning and assessment service from Oxford University Press.</p>	

<p>GCSE Pod (majority of subjects) This app allows them to download podcasts to support their learning.</p>	
<p>PiXL Maths/English/Humanities This app successfully highlights your strengths and your areas to develop.</p>	

PIXL

ENGLISH

To find the APP type 'PIXL English' into your phone's APP store.
Or visit this website to use it on your desktop/laptop
<http://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/>

EP219

Surname
For example Tobias Francis = FRANCIS
Your USERID is in capital letters

Your first name in CAPS
For example Tobias Francis = TOBIAS
You can change this once you log in.

MATHS

To find the APP type 'PIXL Maths' into your phone's APP store.
Or visit this website to use it on your desktop/laptop
<http://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>

EP219

Surname
Surname and first letter of first name.
For example Tobias Francis = FRANCIST
Your USERID is in capital letters

Surname
Surname and first letter of first name.
For example Tobias Francis = FRANCIST
Your PASSWORD is in capital letters

HUMANITIES

To find the APP type 'PIXL History' or 'PIXL Geography' into your phone's APP store.
Or visit this website to use it on your desktop/laptop
<http://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/>
<http://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/>

EP219

Surname
Surname and first letter of first name

Surname
Surname and first letter of first name followed by the

ClassCharts

All students and parents are expected to access the ClassCharts app. Homework is set using this system so it is important that you check it taking responsibility for your progress. Staff update ClassCharts at the end of the teaching day.

Please contact Heidi Spurdle (heidi.spurdle@epschool.org) if you require a new password.

Parent access instructions	Student access instructions
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open www.classcharts.com/parent/login2. Enter your email address3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'4. Enter your parent access code and name5. Choose a password6. Click Log-in	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open www.classcharts.com/student/login2. Enter your email address3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'4. Enter your student access code and name5. Choose a password6. Click Log-in

Being organised

- Work out a revision timetable for each subject.
- Break revision time into small chunks - hour-long sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well.
- Make sure your child knows what to revise - keep this information centrally.
- Make sure your child has all the essential books and materials.
- The right space to study.
- Make sure the space is quiet and away from distractions.
- Ensure you have the right equipment during lessons, revision and exams: pens, paper, cards, colours, folder per subject.
- Your own notes are best. Whilst revision guides can be useful, the more you personalise your revision the more effective it will be, so the notes you make are best. The process of making the notes is part of your revision and once you “own” the work it is easier to remember.
- Revision works best when students are recalling from their memory, making mistakes and correcting them. (This could also apply to looking at work they have had feedback from their teachers on)

Please find below the email address for tutors in Year 11. If you need to speak to them directly, please call main reception on 01344 304567 outside of teaching hours.

Year 11

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11D3 mark.wedge@epschool.org	11D6 preeti.devine@epschool.org



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EPCS 6 Stay close, to go far.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 28 November 2019

6pm - 7.30pm

Students and parents are invited to visit our Sixth Form area to speak to our subject leaders, see displays of students' work, and meet our current students.

Mr Tamale, Head of Sixth Form and the Student Head Team will give a presentation at 7pm in the Common Room. See why EPCS6 is the best choice for you and your future.

Mr R Tamale and Mr P Stalenhoef

Application forms will be available on our website from the beginning of November 19. You may also collect one from reception or on the night.

For further information please telephone reception on 01344 304567 or contact us via email at ronnie.tamale@epschool.org or paul.stalenhoef@epschool.org

