

BCHS

with Crosshill

A Parent's Guide to Launch Pad to Success Exam Preparation

Key Dates for Year 11



5
Basic Training

Raising
Achievement
Evening

October:
Start College
applications

4
Familiarisation

Half Term:
Revision for Pre Public
Exams

16th November:
Parents' Evening

3
Live Simulation

23rd November:
Pre Public Exams

December:
College application
deadline

2
Evaluation
(know your gaps)

January:
Start revision

22nd March:
Parents' Evening



1
Consolidation
(plug your gaps)

April:
Final preparations

Easter Holiday:
Revision
sessions

**LIFT
OFF!**

EXAMS
14th May
to 20th June

Examination Timetable



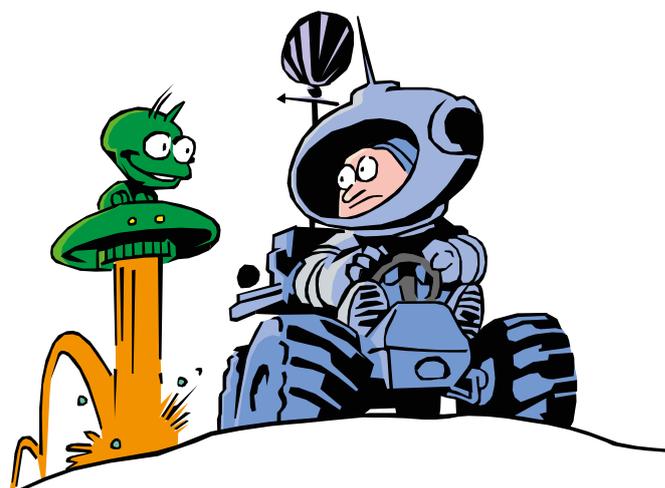
Date	Examination
26/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
27/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
28/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
1/3/18	Food and Cookery
1/3/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
2/3/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)

14/5/18	Health and Social Care: Human Lifespan
14/5/18	Music: The Music Industry
14/5/18	Computer Science: Computer systems
14/5/18	Religious Studies Component 1
15/5/18	Biology Paper 1
15/5/18	Combined Science: Biology Paper 1
16/5/18	Urdu: Unit 1 Listening and Understanding
16/5/18	Urdu: Unit 3 Reading and Understanding
16/5/18	Religious Studies Route A Component 2
17/5/18	Chemistry Paper 1
17/5/18	Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 1
17/5/18	Computer Science: Computational

22/5/18	Geography Paper 1: Environment
22/5/18	English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare
23/5/18	Italian: Unit 1 Listening & Understanding
23/5/18	Italian: Unit 3 Reading & Understanding
23/5/18	Physics Paper 1
23/5/18	Combined Science: Physics Paper 1
24/5/18	Maths Paper 1: Non-Calculator
24/5/18	Religious Studies Route A Component 3
25/5/18	Design and Technology : Textiles Unit 1
25/5/18	English Literature Paper 2: Modern Texts

Date	Examination
4/6/18	History Paper 1D: Paper 1D America,
5/6/18	English Language Component 1: Literary
5/6/18	Geography Paper 2: Human environment
6/6/18	Creative iMedia: Pre-production skills
6/6/18	Spanish Paper 1 Listening
6/6/18	Spanish Paper 3 Reading
7/6/18	Maths Paper 2: Calculator
8/6/18	English Language Component 2: Non-Lit
8/6/18	History Paper 2B: Power and the People

11/6/18	Geography Paper 3: Applications
11/6/18	Biology Paper 2
11/6/18	Combined Science: Biology Paper 2
12/6/18	Maths Paper 3: Calculator
13/6/18	Chemistry Paper 2
13/6/18	Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 2
14/6/18	Spanish Paper 4 Writing
15/6/18	Physics Paper 2
15/6/18	Combined Science: Physics Paper 2
15/6/18	Polish Listening
18/6/18	Arabic: Unit 1 Listening & Understanding
18/6/18	Arabic: Unit 3 Reading & Understanding
20/6/18	Polish Reading
20/6/18	Polish Writing
20/6/18	Arabic: Unit 4 Writing



Revision Guides



Maths - Edexcel exam board

CGP Edexcel revision guides are available from school: Higher £2.50, Foundation £5.00.

Students can use the Corbett Maths website, which contains nearly 400 videos, textbook exercises and exam questions.

Students can also log onto Hegarty Maths.
GCSE Pod.

English Literature - AQA exam board

There are a number of text guides available. Students will need the guide for the books they are studying:

CGP A Christmas Carol.

CGP Blood Brothers.

CGP An Inspector Calls.

CGP Macbeth.

CGP Romeo and Juliet.

CGP Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde.

CGPAQA Poetry Guide: Power & Conflict Anthology.

CGP AQA Poetry Guide: Love & Relationships Anthology.

CGP English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide.
GCSE Pod.

English Language - Eduqas exam board

WJEC Eduqas English Language book 1 and 2

Collins AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature All-in-One Revision and Practice

GCSE Pod.

Science - AQA exam board

School sell the revision guides:

Combined science - £5.

Triple science - £3 per book (3 needed).

GCSE Pod.

Geography - AQA exam board

Students have all received a revision guide from school.

GCSE Pod.

History - AQA exam board

AQA History revision guides are available from school for £8.00.

GCSE Pod.

RE - Eduqas Exam Board

School will provide revision materials as there is no official revision guide yet.

Computer Science

Hodder Education: Computer Science GCSE revision guides are available to borrow from the IT Department, but they must be returned after the exams.

GCSE Pod.

Creative iMedia

Hodder Education: Cambridge Nationals - Creative iMedia L1/2: Pre-production skills and creating digital graphics revision guides are available to borrow from the IT Department, but they must be returned after the exams.

GCSE Pod.

PE

Pearson: Revise BTEC Sport Unit 1 - Fitness for Sport and Exercise are available from the PE office for £3.00.

Design Technology

GCSE Pod.

Spanish - AQA exam board

AQA GCSE Spanish: Higher/Foundation: Grammar, Vocabulary & Translation revision guide is available from school for £2.50.

Viva! AQA GCSE Spanish Grammar and Translation Workbook is available from school for £2.50.

Students can use Linguascope with the school's login.

GCSE Pod.

Support your child through the exams



It's really easy at this time of year for students to make the wrong choices. It is much more tempting to watch TV, go out with friends or play video games than it is to start revising.

There are some simple things that you can do to make sure your child is prepared for exam success. We want to work together with you to help your child to make the right choices so they are prepared and can do well during the exam period.

Teamwork		
Student	School	Home
What we will do	What your child needs to do	What you can do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with College Applications • Identify knowledge gaps • Intervention when required • Pastoral Support • Mentoring • Revision skills • Provide revision material • Communicate with parents • Careers Advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a revision plan • Know which exam boards and papers they are taking • Identify knowledge and skill gaps • Plug knowledge and skill gaps • Ask for help • Revise • Practice questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a study space • Help them to be organised • Encourage them to use active revision techniques • Support them with their revision • Give them healthy food • Make sure they get enough sleep • Ensure they take breaks

Encourage your child

This can be helping them to get organised, supporting them with their revision or just some words of advice and support.

Set goals

Talk to your child about why the exams are important and what they want to do when they leave school.

Be organised

This can include a study space, a revision timetable and the correct equipment. You can find a guide to help you with a revision timetable in this booklet, and a blank revision timetable at the back.

Breaks

These should be included in their revision timetable. It is important to have a break in between revision sessions so that the brain can have a rest. Revising for too long all at once will mean the brain will 'switch off' and then the information they are trying to learn will not go in. You can ensure that the breaks are regular but not too long. Your child does need to work up to being able to concentrate for over 2 hours as some of their exams will be this long.

A healthy lifestyle

It is very important for your child to eat healthily, get enough sleep and stay active during the revision and exam season. You can support them by planning time for exercise and lights out into their timetable.

Unplug

Although most teenagers will insist that watching YouTube or listening to music whilst they study will help them, studies show that having your phone near you when you are revising is a distraction. It is just too tempting to check that message that came through. If they do want to listen to some music, relaxing background music (with no words to sing along to) can aid concentration. Remember they need to get used to concentrating in silence as there will definitely be no music in the exam hall.

Support

You may need to encourage your child to believe in themselves, calm them down if they are starting to feel overwhelmed or stressed. Encourage them to ask for help if they are struggling. They might want you to test them or be an audience for them to explain things to.

Revision Tips and Preparation



When revising your child should NOT just be reading through their notes. Revision needs to be active so that they remember the maximum amount of information. This means they should be doing mind maps, summarising notes, answering exam questions, asking you to test them, teaching you the information.

Here are some tips to ensure their revision is effective:

Where:

Find a good environment in which to revise (comfortable, no distractions).

Create an effective study space - this can help revision by removing distractions and promotes an organised approach to study. Things you can include:

- A tidy undisturbed place to work.
- A comfortable chair.
- A bright lamp / light.
- A table which gives enough room for books, etc.

Make sure they have the things they need – pens, pencils, paper, highlighters, post its, revision cards, revision materials etc.

When:

Work out when your child has free time.

Make a realistic revision timetable; mark subjects and topics on it (use each subjects' revision lists to do this). There is a guide on how to make a revision timetable in this booklet.

How:

Ensure your child knows their areas of strength and weakness; mix them up on the timetable (they won't gain by revising all the easy topics – but they'll have nightmares if they only revise the worst bits!)

Encourage them to tick off topics when they've revised them; this will make them feel good about it!

Split revision sessions into 45 minute long sessions, including time to test what they've remembered.

Give a short relaxation/exercise break between revision sessions to unwind.

Preparation for exams during Ramadan

This year Ramadan is due to start around 14th May, which is also the date of the first GCSE exam. We want to highlight that if your children observe Ramadan, it will fall during the exam season.

Starting preparation for the exams now will ensure that your children are best placed to achieve success.

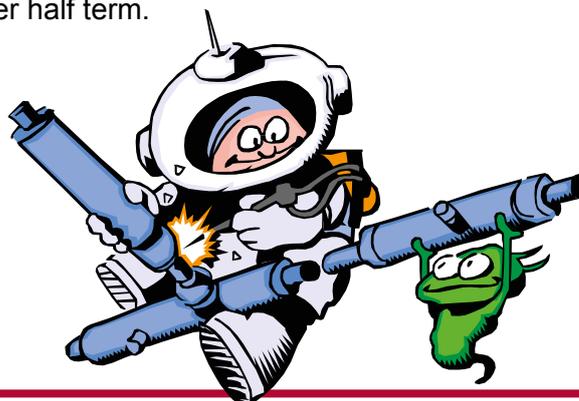
- Organise a revision timetable and stick to it.
- Do the bulk of revision before Ramadan begins.
- Utilise half term to get into good time management and revision habits.
- Ensure your child sets a strong foundation now in terms of exam preparation. This will take the pressure off nearer to the exams.
- Ramadan can mean that your child may be more focused, with less distractions.
- School will remain open throughout Ramadan and during Eid.

Half Term Revision

Some students have been invited into school for revision sessions during February half term. You will have received a letter with their personalised timetable. The timings for the sessions are:

Day	AM 10:00-12:00	PM 1:00-3:00
Monday	Science	Triple Science
Tuesday	History	Spanish
Wednesday	English	Art
Thursday	Maths	

There will be revision sessions organised for the Easter holidays, details of these will be sent out after half term.



Revision Timetable



The sooner your child starts their revision the less overwhelming it will be. We advise that students start revising now so that they are well prepared for their exams. The reason for starting this early is that there is two years of study to cover.

Before your child starts to revise they need to have a list of topics for each subject. The dates for all of the exams are on page 3 of this booklet – write these on your calendar. It is vital that your child is prepared, well rested and at school early on these dates.

It's really important to have a revision plan, this ensures that the necessary hours of revision actually take place. It also helps to make sure that your child gets the correct balance between study and leisure time.

A revision timetable need to be realistic, any pre-planned activities or commitments need to be included and there needs to some time to relax.

Your child needs to include time for all of their subjects (even if they don't like them all!). Spread out the revision for each subject over the week and vary the subjects revised on each day. You should allow about 45 minutes per subject, with a rest in between.

There are some examples of a term time and a holiday timetable below. There is also a blank timetable at the back of this booklet.

When you've completed the timetable make a copy and stick it up somewhere you will see it.

Example Term Time Revision Timetable

	5:30 - 6:00pm	6:30 - 7:30pm	8:15 - 9:00pm	9:15 - 9:45pm
Mon	Urdu	English	Science	Urdu
Tue	English	RE	Maths	Maths
Wed	English	History	Science	RE
Thur	Science	Maths	History	Early finish
Fri	History	Maths	RE	English

	11:00 - 12:00pm	11:30 - 12:30pm	1:45 - 3:00pm	4:00 - 5:00pm
Sat	History	English	Science	Maths
Sun	RE	Maths	English	Early Finish

Example Holiday Revision Timetable

	10:00 - 11:00am	11:30 - 12:30pm	1:30 - 2:30pm	2:30 - 4:00pm	4:00 - 5:00pm
Mon	Spanish	English	Science	Break	Spanish
Tue	English	Computers	Maths	Break	Maths
Wed	English	History	Science	Break	Computers
Thur	Science	Maths	History	Break	Spanish

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS 3:00-4:00PM

MONDAY SCIENCE

Biology - SC1

Chemistry - SC3

Physics - SC6

TUESDAY HUMANITIES

History - HU1

WEDNESDAY ENGLISH

11A1 - COM3

11A2&3 - COM2

11A4 - COM1

THURSDAY MATHS

11A1 - MA1

11A2 - MA6

11A3 - MA2

11A4 & B1 - MA3

11B2 - MA5



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Thur				
Fri				

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Sat				
Sun				

Holiday Revision Timetable

	10:00 - 11:00am	11:30 - 12:30pm	1:30 - 2:30pm	2:30 - 4:00pm	4:00 - 5:00pm
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					