

12 Days of Christmas

Year 11 Christmas Revision Plan

Name: _____ Form: _____



The Christmas holiday is a time to recharge the batteries and spend time with your friends and families. However, it is also **VITAL** for success in Year 11 (and I am not over exaggerating!). We break up from school on Friday 16th December 2011 and return on Wednesday 4th January 2012. This is a staggering 18 days off school!

When we return to school in January you will have your modular exams (REAL GCSE's) along side Mocks in all your subjects.

Mocks may not count towards your final grade but they are VERY important. They give us a real indication of what we are likely to get in the summer exams and if anything goes wrong in the summer can in extreme circumstances be submitted to the exam board.

Revision over the Christmas break is VERY IMPORTANT.

I would like you as a **MINIMUM** to complete this '12 Days of Christmas' revision plan over the break to help you prepare. To be successful in January you should be completing more than just this revision plan.

Warning! A lack of preparation for the exams can be seriously damaging to your future.

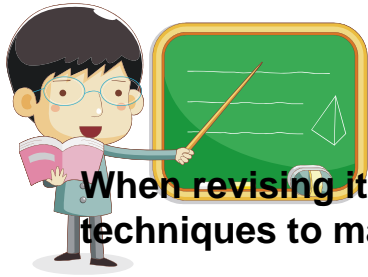


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	Subject	Task	Time to spend	Completed
On the 1 st day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	English	Pick up a piece of advertising and find 5 aspects of the language that make it persuasive. Now write your own example of a persuasive advertisement for the things you got / want for Christmas.	1 ½ hours	
On the 2 nd day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	Science	Revise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Homeostasis – How your body controls it's temperature. THINK control and feedback. •Hypothermia and heat stroke •How your kidney's regulate water balance – THINK hormones! •You could use BBC Bitesize or your revision guide. 	1 ½ hours	
On the 3 rd day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	Maths	Log on to SAM Learning. Click on Activities/GCSE/Maths/All Maths Courses. Find the appropriate tier for you. Select 'Number' and then choose a topic that you feel you need to spend some time on.	1 ½ hours	
On the 4 th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	CZ	For the mock make sure you carefully revise ;) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Theme 1 – Rights, responsibilities, (employment rights & multiculturalism) •Theme 2 – Power, politics and the Media (UK Voting, How are laws made & the role of the media) •Theme 3 – Global Community (Climate change and Poverty) 	1 ½ hours	
On the 5 th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	RS	Do you know your RS key words? Create a list with definitions for all the key words from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Believing in God •Marriage and the Family •Matters of Life and Death •Hindu Make sure you know what they mean.	1 ½ hours	

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On the 6th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	English	Pick a topic you feel strongly about (e.g. drink driving is wrong; football referees should use replay technology; etc.). Plan then write a speech aimed at adults to express your views. Now write one aimed at young people.	1 ½ hours	
On the 7th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	A subject of your choice	Read the revision ideas on the back page. Choose 1 idea and apply it to one of your option subjects. <i>e.g. For Geography...go through the topics of Coasts and Tourism with a highlighter pen and pick out the golden nuggets from each page.</i>	1 ½ hours	
On the 8th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	Science	Revise Motion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Speed Time graphs, equations for calculating speed, momentum and kinetic energy. •Learn how forces effect motion. 	1 ½ hours	
On the 9th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	A subject of your choice	Revise online today! Log onto BBC Bitesize and select a topic you study. Just watching the clips isn't enough! Test yourself to show that the information has been absorbed!	1 ½ hours	
On the 10th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	Maths	Log on to SAM Learning. Click on Activities/GCSE/Maths/All Maths Courses. Find the appropriate tier for you. Select 'Number' and then choose a topic that you feel you need to spend some time on.	1 ½ hours	
On the 11th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	English	Choose a past paper from the Revision Zone. Complete the paper, giving yourself 1 hour for the Reading and 1 hour for the Writing, straight after each other. Did you manage your time well? How can you manage your time better?	2 hours	
On the 12th day of Christmas my Head of Year gave to me...	A subject of your choice	Free Choice! You choose the topic and the task... Make it a good one!	1 ½ hours	



Revision Tips!

When revising it is always a good idea to try and use a variety of techniques to make sure you don't get bored. Try some of these ideas:

- A glossary (a list, like a dictionary) of the key words we have used in each topic. What are their meanings?
- Add some photos and diagrams of processes. Sometimes it can be easier to revise pictures rather than chunks of text.
- When making notes use colour or highlighter pens to pick out the key words or 'golden nuggets' of information.
- Use a double page to produce a mind map of a case study.
- Repeat lists or processes aloud over and over again.
- Set yourself questions from your notes – go over wrong answers.
- Try the activities on Bitesize and Bitesize videos (just watching the video isn't good enough – you need to make sure the information is absorbed!)
- To create a Mnemonic all you have to do is write down your list of facts or information. As an example I am going to try to remember the order of the planets that circle our sun. So the first thing I do is write them down in order: Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune Pluto. Then I need to take the first letter from each of the planet names:
M V E M J S U N P.
- Colour code your notes. (e.g. Red for "difficult", green for "easy", blue") for needs more explanation from the teacher.
- Put main points only onto small plain cards (e.g. index cards). Read them through regularly.
- Use main points to test yourself. Read a case study through and make a list of the key points from memory. Adopt a "look, cover, write, check" regime. You could even score yourself.
- Number points on list (e.g. seven colours of the rainbow).
- Use a revision guide and revision websites (e.g. Bitesize) to help make your revision more interactive.
- Place key words, quotes etc on large posters in your bedroom and be surrounded by things you have to learn.
- Ask a friend or parent to test you: they set you a question and you respond.
- Print out a photo from the internet and annotate it with detailed labels.

***Remember revision should be done regularly over a long period of time.
It should be enjoyable and varied.***

