



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF GCSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL

The value of parental interest and involvement at this stage should not be underestimated. Exam success requires motivation, persistence, good organisation, careful preparation and planning of revision and 'exam technique' – all of which you can influence.

Pupils in Year 10 and 11 are expected to:

- Be more self-motivated.
- Take greater responsibility for their own learning.
- Organise themselves, their notes and information for different subjects and different topics within these.
- Complete more work at home, independently.
- Understand the exam structure and the relative importance of each piece of work to their final grade.
- Plan and carry out their revision.
- Perfect their 'exam technique'.

Perhaps the hardest demand on Year 10 and 11 pupils is that of understanding the long-term importance of doing the best they can and learning to shelve short-term fun at times in the interest of long-term benefits.

Unfortunately, from the teenage perspective, interest and effort in education and the long-term benefits these can bring often come along way down the priority list. Furthermore, children differ in their levels of maturity and motivation. Your support, encouragement and interest can make a great difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with the academic and organisational demands of the exam years. Your role in helping your child to succeed will, of course, vary according to their needs and strengths.