

Revision Thursdays

The aim of the Thursday tutor lessons is to focus on revision techniques and how to successfully prepare you for each of your exams. You will be supported and guided step-by-step by your tutor who will provide you with hints and tips along the way.

One of the biggest issues which previous Year 11s have mentioned is that they have been expected to revise but they have not been taught HOW to revise; like anything, revision is a skill which gets better and easier with constant and regular practice. These sessions have been carefully constructed in a logical order which builds up step-by-step, bit-by-bit- nothing too heavy or overloaded.

If you embrace these sessions, then I am in no doubt that you will be successful in your exams- “you get out what you put in”! All I ask is that you trust that I know what I am doing and follow what I am asking!

Let's do this Year 11, working towards the best results the Academy has ever seen!
Mr Anderson.

Half Term 1- Being Prepared and Making a Start

The aim of half term 1 is to help you be prepared for the year ahead and ‘make a start’. You will learn about the basic building blocks which will form the foundation of your success. This year is about setting yourself targets/goals, being motivated, being organised and being aware of the factors which can affect/lead to successful revision. Half term 1 will help you feel mentally prepared to tackle your first round of PPE exams.

Date	Session/Focus
Thursday 14 th September 2023	Setting Targets/Goals- Personalised Progress Plan
Thursday 21 st September 2023	Getting Started- The Key to Successful Revision
Thursday 28 th September 2023	How to Revise- Learn, Revise, Test
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Effective Retrieval Practice- Spacing and Interleaving
Thursday 12 th October 2023	Organising Study Time- Revision Timetable
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Look After Yourself- A Healthy Body and Healthy Mind

PPE Round 1- from Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 10th November 2023

Half Term 2- Understanding Revision Techniques

Once you have completed your first round of PPEs, and know what you need to learn/remember, the aim of half term 2 is to teach you the specific revision techniques which you can use to successfully remember the information you need to in all your subjects.

Date	Session/Focus
Thursday 16 th November 2023	What is the exam question asking?
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Mind Maps/Knowledge Organisers/Flip and Fold
Thursday 30 th November 2023	Flash Cards/Bullet Points/30 words/In one minute
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Flow Charts/Revision Clocks
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Memory Techniques/Acronyms/Mnemonics/Draw Pictures
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Question+Answer Pairs/Exam Questions/Black Pen vs Red Pen

Half Term 3- Applying Revision Techniques

Once you have been made aware of the different strategies which can be used for effective revision, half term 3 is about choosing which strategies work best for you and then applying these strategies to information you struggle to remember in subjects of your choosing, preparing for PPE Round 2.

Date	Session/Focus
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 1 st February 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques

PPE Round 2- from Monday 5th February 2024 to Friday 23rd February 2024

Half Term 4- Applying Revision Techniques

Following your final round of PPEs, you will know what information you are still struggling to remember. The aim of half-term 4 is to continue to create revision materials, based on the revision strategies which work best for you, so that you can remember this information for your final GCSE exams.

Date	Session/Focus
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 7 th March 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques
Thursday 21 st March 2024	Independent Revision- Applying Revision Techniques

Half Term 5- On the Day

Show time! The aim of the last four weeks before your exams is to simply help you to relax (as best as you can). At this stage, there will not be too much more you can do but relax and just trust in all the work you have done.....and believe in yourself! There will be hints and tips on how to prepare yourself physically and mentally before an exam, how to take control of the situation during the exams and what to do after the exams.....other than to have a party that it is all over!



Date	Session/Focus
Thursday 11 th April 2024	Before the Exam
Thursday 18 th April 2024	During the Exam
Thursday 25 th April 2024	After the Exam
Thursday 2 nd May 2024	Positive Messages from Staff