

# YEAR 11 BULLETIN

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## Y11 FINAL COUNTDOWN

Thank you for your attendance at the recent Final Countdown event. It was a great opportunity to show that we are coming together as a school community in order to ensure that Year 11 have the best possible start to the Summer exam series.

After five years at St Michael's, the students are approaching their final weeks and we understand that they will need our support and encouragement in many different ways. We hope that the event highlighted that we are behind them every step of the way. We also hope that it highlighted the support available to parents/carers as they also navigate what can be a stressful time for the whole family.

We would be grateful if you could fill in a survey with feedback from the evening:

<https://forms.gle/beHqtYU1NxK7cgcX9>

Our support will continue in many facets over the coming weeks, as students engage in final revision sessions, final subject lessons, study support sessions and those important final exams.

## Your Best

If you always try your best  
Then you'll never have to wonder  
About what you could have done  
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best  
Was not as good  
As you hoped it would be,  
You still could say,  
"I gave today  
All that I had in me."

## OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

What does the  
*Lord* ask of you?

To act justly, to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your  
God.

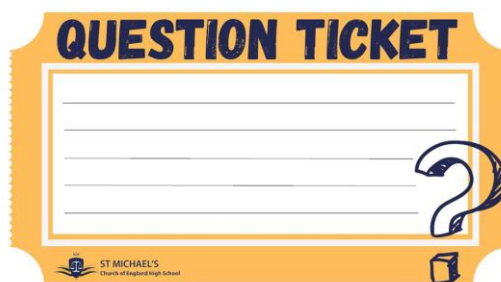
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During the event, we asked parents if they had any questions left to ask. Mr Mackinney was on hand on the evening to address these questions. However, please find below a list of responses to questions that were most frequently asked.

**Q: When will students receive their exam timetable and how do they get a replacement?**

**A:** Exam timetables were issued in the packs received on the Final Countdown evening. Replacement timetables can be obtained through the Exams Officer.

**Q: Will students be allowed to leave school early after each exam?**

**A:** Students will have a full revision timetable throughout the exam period so that they can be adequately prepared for their next exam. This involves revision sessions in subjects throughout the day and also study support sessions after-school for exams taking place the following morning. This is intended to help support students with last minute advice and tips from subject specialists.

**Q: Why isn't my child allowed to wear a watch in the exam?**

**A:** JCQ (the regulator for exams) have rules about what can be taken into the exams. Previously, the advice has been related to mobile phones, labels on water bottles and clear pencil cases. However, with the advent of smart watches, these have also now been included in the guidance. With smart watches moving to looking more and more like a 'normal' watch, JCQ have made the decision for no watches to be allowed.

**Q: Do students need to wear uniform for their exams?**

**A:** Full uniform is expected for every exam. Students should also come fully equipped for the exam with multiple black biro's to use. Students will usually get through multiple pens over the exam series so they will need more than one!

**Q: When will students find out their exam results?**

**A:** Students will receive their exam results on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Additional information about this day will be sent out in due course.



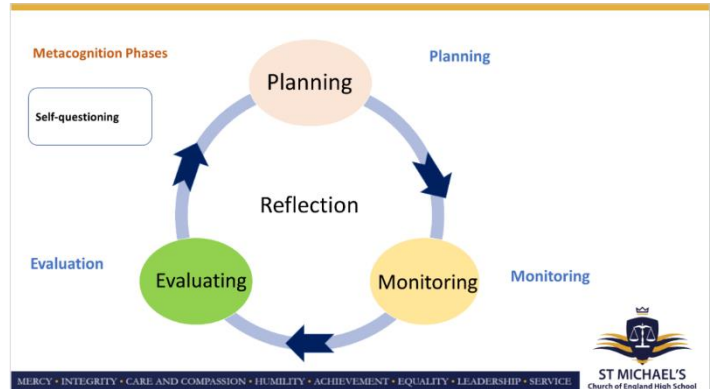
# OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER FOR YEAR 11

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD?

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- DO NOT BELITTLE THEIR ISSUES
- LISTEN AND ASK WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE FROM YOU
- SET REALISTIC AND MANAGEABLE TARGETS
- TAKE TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD. ASK ABOUT THEIR DAY.
- PRAISE AND POSITIVITY

TO LISTEN  
TO PROVIDE ADVICE  
TO FIND A SOLUTION



## THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

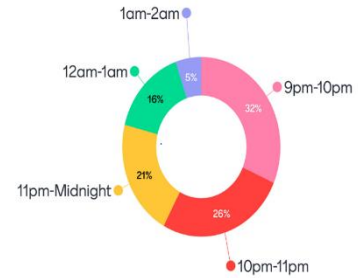
IF WE DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP, WE RISK REDUCING OUR:

- DECISION-MAKING SKILLS
- MEMORY
- CONCENTRATION AND EFFICIENCY
- ALERTNESS
- AWARENESS AND ABILITY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO SITUATIONS
- REACTION AND THINKING TIMES

'SLEEP IS THAT GOLDEN CHAIN THAT TIES HEALTH AND OUR BODIES TOGETHER.'

THOMAS DEKKER

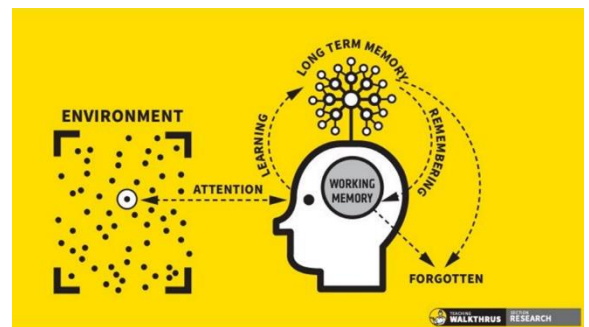
On average, what time do you go to sleep?



## A REMINDER ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK:

### YOUR ST MICHAEL'S SUPPORT TEAM

- MR J GRAHAM, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER
- MR S DIX, HOY
- MISS K FELLOWS, AHOY
- MS R HODGETTS, FAMILY LIASION OFFICER
- MRS K WHITEHOUSE, STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OFFICER
- YEAR 11 FORM TUTORS



## RESOURCES

All of the presentations for the event are available for you to view again on the school website:

<https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/exams-information/>

On the evening, students were given a pack of information that they can use to help guide their revision. Subject staff are available to help guide students in lessons on how best to use this information.

Students are also being provided with a 'Final Countdown' booklet that contains revision resources, revision timetables and other guidance in order to prioritise topics for revision using this subject-specific guidance.

**Parent tip:** Please ask your child what their priorities are. Are they focusing on key areas in each subject area to maximise their time? Do they have a plan of action?



### EASTER REVISION

EASTER SCHOOL

**KS4 REVISION SESSIONS TO SUPPORT UPCOMING EXAMS**



**MONDAY 3RD APRIL**

9 AM TO 10:30 AM	10:30 AM TO 12 PM	12 PM TO 1:30 PM
English Language & Literature	Geography History Art	Art Computer Science

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**TUESDAY 4TH APRIL**

9 AM TO 10:30 AM	10:30 AM TO 12 PM	12 PM TO 1:30 PM
Science DT Art	Dance DT BTEC DIT (IT) Yr 10 Art Spanish / German / French	Dance BTEC DIT (IT) Yr 11 DT Art

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**WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL**

9 AM TO 10:30 AM	10:30 AM TO 12 PM	12 PM TO 1:30 PM
Maths	Art	Art

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**THURSDAY 13TH APRIL**

9 AM TO 10:30 AM	10:30 AM TO 12 PM
Maths	RE

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Please sign up for the sessions using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/FJL8A2eaxZuezFR1A>