

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

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Happy New Year

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I hope you all had a peaceful and wonderful Christmas.

As we move into your child's last full term at St Michael's, we get even closer to their Year 11 exams. We have **89 days left** before the start of their GCSE exams, however, as Mr Beezy said, **"it is about making the days count, not counting down the days"**. The first week back, we welcomed Mr Beezy, a motivational speaker, to inspire our Year 11 students to reach their full potential. His inspirational talk made it clear that we are now in Hunting Season, no matter what has been done up to now - this is the time we need to work hard to ensure we reach our full potential. The message was clear - being successful takes hard work and believing in yourself.

We have launched the Year 11 Revision Challenge to provide structure and support for students on the run up to their mock exams. The Revision Challenge is the Year 11 homework until after the mock exams. Students will have their homework checked once a week by their class teacher in each subject to ensure they have completed it. This provides flexibility for students to complete subjects on a different day if they are unable to complete the tasks on the day set. Each week, teachers will sign your child's A5 Revision Challenge to confirm they have completed it. We have also listened to student feedback and spread the same number of tasks over a longer time so students have more time to do them.

Year 11 Mock Exam Revision Planner Feb/March 2023 – All subjects							
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5 B Week	6 th Feb English Literature 6	7 th Feb Religious Studies 5	8 th Feb Maths 9	9 th Feb Biology 6	10 th Feb Exams Spanish AM History PM	11 th Feb Chemistry 5	12 th Feb Biology 7
		OPTION B Session 6	English Lang 5	OPTION A Session 5	OPTION C Session 6	English Literature 7	English Literature 8&9
Exam Week	13 th Feb English Lit P1 exam	14 th Feb Maths P1 exam AM	15 th Feb DT exam AM Dance exam AM	16 th Feb History exam AM	17 th Feb Maths P2 exam AM	18 th Feb Maths 12	19 th Feb Physics 3
	Maths 11	DT/Dance Option A/C	History German	Geography Option A/B/C		Religious Studies 6	OPTION A Session 6
Half-Term	20 th Feb English Lang 6	21 st Feb Physics 4	22 nd Feb Religious Studies 7	23 rd Feb Physics 5	24 th Feb OPTION B Session 8	25 th Feb Chemistry 6	26 th Feb Chemistry 7
	OPTION A Session 7	OPTION B Session 7	Maths 13	Geography OPTION A/B/C		French/German/ Spanish Geography OPTION A/B/C	English Lang 7
Exam Week	27 th Feb English Lang P1 exam AM	28 th Feb French exam AM English Lang P2 exam PM	1 st March Geography P2 exam AM Computer Science P2 exam PM	2 nd March German exam AM Maths P3 exam PM	3 rd March Physics P2 exam AM French/German Spanish exam PM	4 th March	5 th March
	French/German/ Spanish	Geography	Maths 14	Physics 6			

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Each subject has a number beside it that relates to the task students need to complete for that evening. These tasks can be found in their revision booklets; an example of chemistry is below. It provides the topic to work on, the resources the students can use, and the task to complete.

Year 11 Revision Challenge 2023

Subject: Science – Chemistry Paper 2



Session Number	Topic	Resource to use	Compulsory Task to be completed/signed off by subject teacher
1	Topic C6 – Rate & extent of Chemical changes (Rates & EQM)	Higher Revision guide – pages 142-145 Foundation Revision Guide - 138/139 Triple Chemistry – pages 68-70	Make revision notes/questions on rates of reaction and factors affecting rates of reaction (including collision theory) – set by your teacher Use the video to make detailed notes – Cognito (higher only) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4HXaUBbv04
2	Topic C6 – Rate & extent of Chemical changes (Rates & EQM)	Higher Revision guide – pages 145-146 Foundation Revision guide – 140-142 Triple Chemistry – page 71	Use the video to understand and make notes on how to do rate of reaction calculations – Cognito (Higher only) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCR5xeduq2o Complete the booklet on rate of reaction calculations set by your teacher (Higher/Foundation).
3	Topic C6 – Rate & extent of Chemical changes (Rates & EQM)	Higher Revision guide – pages 147-148 Foundation Revision Guide – 144 Triple Chemistry – pages 72-73	Watch the video – Cognito on Reversible reactions and Equilibrium (higher only) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9TczsW5ew Complete the Revision map issued by your teacher on Reversible reactions, equilibrium, and Le Chatelier's Principle (Higher/Foundation versions)
4	Topic C7 – Organic Chemistry	Higher Revision guide – pages 150-152 Foundation Revision guide – pages 146-149 Triple Chemistry – pages 75-84	Complete the revision map/questions on crude oil, fractional distillation of crude oil, structure and properties of alkanes and alkanes and types of the cracking process issued by your teacher Triple Chemistry: includes reactions of alkenes, Alcohols, carboxylic acids and esters, addition polymerization and condensation polymerization.
5	Topic C7 – Organic Chemistry	Higher Revision guide – pages 150-152 Foundation Revision guide – page 146 149 Triple Chemistry – pages 75-84	Complete the exam questions issued by your teacher on organic chemistry Triple Chemistry: includes reactions of alkenes, Alcohols, carboxylic acids and esters, addition polymerization and condensation polymerization.
6	Topic C8 – Chemical analysis	Higher Revision guide – pages 153-156 Foundation Revision guide - pages 150-153 Triple Chemistry – pages 86-90	Complete the booklet of questions issued by your teacher on purity & formulations. Paper chromatography and test for gases. Triple Chemistry: includes required practical on testing for ions, tests for positive ions and negative ions, Flame emission spectroscopy.
7	Paper 2 topics		Complete the Paper 2 practice exam paper provided by your teacher or questions

The full Year 11 Revision Challenge and subject specific tasks can be found at the following link: <https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/curriculum/year-11-revision-challenge/>

We have seen an increase in participants to Breakfast Club 8 am - 8:40 am in DTIT as students are completing one of their subjects in the morning before school so they have less to do in the evening. Bagels, toast, and drinks are available to set students up for the day.

Parents are often told by their child that they have no homework. Please ensure your child keeps on track with their revision challenge as it only becomes overwhelming when students have not done anything for a week and then they are playing catch-up. Little and often will support your child with improving their grades and reduce stress and anxiety for their upcoming mocks as they will feel more prepared.

Thank you for your continued support.



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