

Term: Spring 2
Date: March 2024

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

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/C8XakGr1NXdaWhon7>

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.

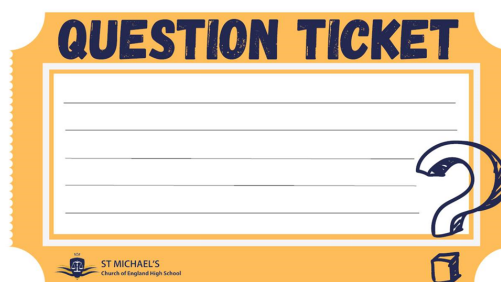
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During the event, we asked parents if they had any questions left to ask. Please find below a list of responses to questions that were most frequently asked.

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 22nd August 2024. Additional information about this day will be sent out in due course.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER FOR YEAR 11

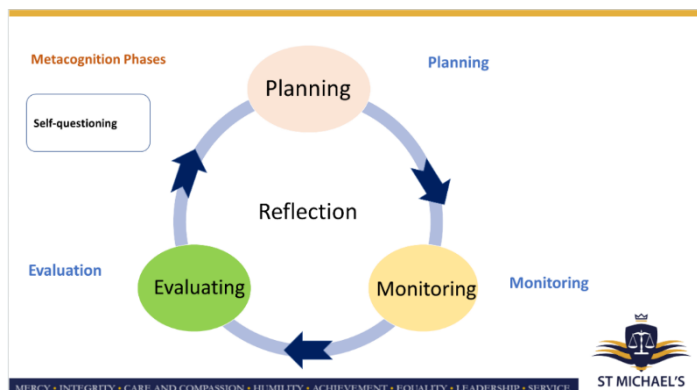
HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD?

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



1. DO NOT BELITTLE THEIR ISSUES
2. LISTEN AND ASK WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE FROM YOU
3. SET REALISTIC AND MANAGEABLE TARGETS
4. TAKE TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD. ASK ABOUT THEIR DAY.
5. 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:

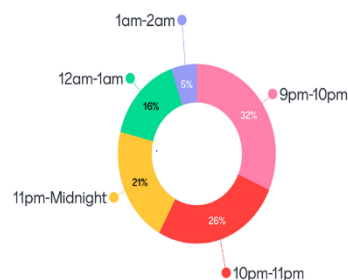
- DECISION-MAKING SKILLS
- MEMORY
- CONCENTRATION AND EFFICIENCY
- ALERTNESS
- AWARENESS AND ABILITY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO SITUATIONS
- REACTION AND THINKING TIMES

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

THOMAS DEKKER



On average, what time do you go to sleep? 

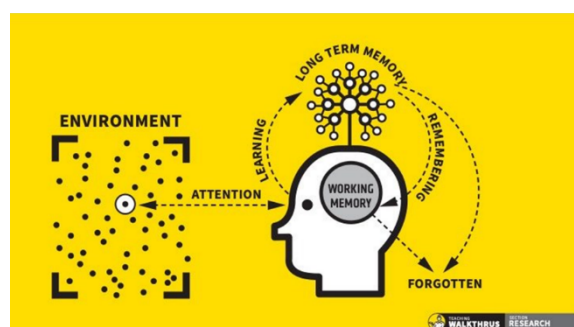


A REMINDER ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK:

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


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 BOOSTER SESSIONS 2024						
	Monday 25th March	Tuesday 26th March	Wednesday 27th March	Thursday 28th March	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April
9am - 10:30am	Religious Education or Geography	Art & Textiles	Maths	Enterprise	BTEC Sport Exam	Health & Social Care
10:30am - 12noon	Maths or English	Science	Art & Textiles	Hospitality (Invite Only)	History BTEC Sport (Year 10)	Child Development
12noon - 1:30pm	IT & Computer Science	Music (Invite Only)	Art & Textiles			
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