



## Hall Green School An Academy

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### Revising for GCSEs during Easter

Dear Parent/Carer

The Easter holiday is nearly upon us and whilst tired Year 11 pupils deserve a well-earned rest this weekend, the next fortnight also represents a vital opportunity for extensive revision in preparation for the final exams in May and June.

As shared with pupils, my advice is for them to schedule in five 45-minute revision sessions on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of both weeks of the holiday (25 sessions per week). This still allows time for weekends and evenings to relax and get away from the pressures of study, whilst ensuring a good amount of revision can be completed.

All pupils have a green revision tips guide that gives excellent advice on the most effective types of revision. To supplement this, I have provided a link to a further revision strategies guide that gives additional advice. You will also find a link to a timetable template that pupils can use to plan their revision for the holiday. Please encourage your child to complete this template, or use a similar timetable. A link to the popular Cornell Notes Sheet, which many pupils find useful, is also provided below.

[Revision Strategies Booklet \(pdf\)](#)

[Easter Revision Plan \(pdf\)](#)

[Cornell Notes Sheet \(pdf\)](#)

All departments have put extensive revision materials in ClassCharts and these will help direct revision. Other helpful websites include the exam board websites (including advanced notification of topics for 2022, syllabi and past papers), BBC Bitesize, Seneca Learning and subject specific websites. Please encourage your child to use these - and if you have issues with ICT availability at home please contact me at school.

At this time of year, many pupils start to suffer from a degree of exam anxiety and the green revision guide gives advice on how pupils can best cope. This Government website also provides helpful information on dealing with exam anxiety:

[Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

If your child is suffering with exam anxiety, please look to reassure them as much as possible. It is also important that you let us know at school so that we can put additional measures in place to help your child.

Finally, we are delighted with the progress of Year 11 this year. They deserve to do well this summer and with your support over Easter will return to school ready for the challenges ahead.

Best wishes and enjoy the holiday!

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