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Dear Pupil

Revision for Mock Examinations

Your mock examinations are about a month away. Now is the time that you should begin to prepare for these examinations with some serious revision. It is well known that thorough revision at this stage is good preparation for next summer's examinations. When you make revision notes **do not throw them away** – they can be expanded upon and used for further revision.

When you come to revise you should ensure the following:

- Find a suitable area in which to study.
- Be realistic in what you hope to achieve. You should study in short (25 minute) spells and then have a break for a couple of minutes. For the next session study a different subject.
- Use one short session each night to recap previous work.
- About one and half hours per weekday night (minimum) is appropriate for most people.
- Draw up a revision timetable. An example pattern is shown below.

MONDAY RE 25 minutes Option A 25 minutes Option B 25 minutes	TUESDAY RE (recap of Mon) 10 minutes Option C 25 minutes Option A (recap of Mon) 10 minutes Maths 25 minutes Option B (recap of Monday) 10 minutes
WEDNESDAY Option C (recap of Tues) 10 minutes English 25 minutes Maths (recap of Tues) 10 minutes Recap Monday subjects 15 minutes	THURSDAY English (recap of Wed) 10 minutes Science (Core) 25 minutes Recap Tuesday subjects 15 minutes Science (Additional) 25 minutes
FRIDAY Science (recap of Thurs) 25 minutes Recap Wednesday subjects 15 minutes	SATURDAY / SUNDAY Recap all subjects 20 minutes each

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When you are making revision notes don't just copy out your books/files. Remember the following:

- Notes should be well organised, clearly set out, and **condensed**. You may wish to set them out on cards.
- They should be arranged in **subjects** and then subdivided into **topics**.
- Use highlighters, red pen or underlining to draw attention to the most important points.
- All notes must be **in your own words** for them to be most effective. By using your own words you will have more chance of remembering them.
- Good notes and preparation now will ease the pressure next year.
- Try using the website www.getrevising.co.uk to help you plan your revision programme.
- MyStudyPlan is an iOS app that works on iPhones and iPods. This will help you create your own personal study plan for your exam revision. Get this at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41619.html>. For students without an iOS device there is a useful revision planner you can download and fill out or print.

Finally, good luck, work hard, but above all **do not panic**, you can only do your best!

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