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Dear Pupil

Revision for Christmas Mock Examinations

Your mock examinations are just over a month away. You should have already started to prepare for these examinations with some serious revision. It is well known that thorough revision at this stage is good preparation for the summer 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:

Routine

- Find a suitable quiet area in which to study, away from distraction
- Put mobile phones away in a different room
- 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.

Plan

- 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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Revision notes

When you are making revision notes don't use copying out your books/files as your single method of revising. Variety can aid successful revision. 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 later in the year.
- Try using the website www.getrevising.co.uk to help you plan your revision programme.

Revision material

There are lots of resources provided for you to help you revise - don't forget to look at the subject pages on Firefly as there is a wealth of material available. Some of your teachers may give you specific resources or tips such as past paper packs in Maths or the suggestion to please re-read Macbeth in English!

There are also lots of online tools that can help you with your revision such as Seneca Learning and Hegarty Maths.

Homework club

If you wish to make use of the homework club in the bridge as a quiet space in which to revise it is available to you every lunchtime and after school until 4.15pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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

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