**Tips for parents**

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| **Date** | **Message** | **Key events on calendar** |
| 26/02/18 | **Revision timetable begins - Test their Knowledge!**  For **English**, ask your child to recite some quotations from the Power and Conflict poetry. For **Maths**, test them on the formula needed for their exams. It would also be a good idea to encourage them to read more up to the exams (articles, newspapers, books, anything!). For **Science**, ask them about ‘Cell Biology’ and refer to pages 11-19 to help you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  10 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 05/03/18 | For **Science**, encourage students to use ‘Educake’ to set themselves tests for revision and then check their scores. For **English**, test your child on quotations from ‘Romeo and Juliet’. For **Maths**, look at Mathswatch tutorial videos together and talk through methods and working out. For **Science**, ask them about ‘Atomic Structure and Periodic Table’ – use their revision guides to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  Please remind your child to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  9 weeks until the external exams start! | Enrichment day 7th March  Elevate – Ace your exams |
| 12/03/18 | For **Maths**, test your children on the formula needed for their exams. For **English**, ask to hear quotations from *‘A Taste of Honey’*. For **Science**, ask them about ‘bonding structures and properties’.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  8 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 19/03/18 | For **English**, ask to hear quotations from *‘Great Expectations’* or ask your child what the differences between Victorian- and 21st century life. For **Maths**, look at Mathswatch tutorial videos together and talk through and areas of difficulty. For **Science**, ask them about ‘Electricity’ – use their revision guides pages 186-192 to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  7 weeks until the external exams start! | . |
| 26/03/18 | For **English**, give your child a newspaper article and ask them to tell you what makes it a good piece of writing. For **Maths**, test them on the formulae needed for their exams and ask them to show you examples of them using them. For **Science** (Physics), ask them to tell you about infection and response and use pages 42-49 of the revision guide to help you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  6 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 2/04/18 | For **English**, ask students to tell you about the contexts of the texts they have studied (i.e. what was life like in the Victorian times; how did life differ between the 1950s and now etc). For **Maths**, look at Mathswatch tutorial videos together and talk through and areas of difficulty. For **Science** (Physics), ask them about ‘Forces’ – use their revision guides pages 203-210 to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  6 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 09/04/18 | For **English**, give students a newspaper article (or one online) and ask them to select three interesting language techniques and the effect on the audience. For **Maths**, test them on the formulae required for their exams. For **Science** (Chemistry), ask them about ‘The Chemistry of the Atmosphere’ – use their revision guides pages 155-158 to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  4 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 16/04/18 | For **English**, ask students to tell you three quotations for Romeo (‘Romeo and Juliet’), Helen (‘A Taste of Honey’) and Magwitch (‘Great Expectations’). For **Maths**, look at Mathswatch tutorial videos together and talk through topics with which they have confidence and those with which they lack confidence. Create an action plan for tackling these areas. For **Science** (Double), ask them about ‘Cell Biology’ – use their revision guides pages 11-23 to aid you. For Triple Science, ask them about ‘Ecology’ and use pages 116-125 of the revision guide to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  3 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 23/04/18 | For **English**, encourage students to read a chapter of ‘Great Expectations’ and tell you about the language used by Dickens to make the reader respond to a character. For **Maths**, look at a tutorial for one of the problem topics identified last week; complete an activity and see how they did. For **Science** (Double), ask them about ‘Electricity’ – use their revision guides pages 180-192 to aid you. For Triple Science, ask them about ‘Particle Model and Matter’ and use pages 38-42 of the revision guide to aid you.  Please remind your child to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  2 weeks until the external exams start! |  |
| 30/04/18 | For **English**, give students a quotation to write a PETACL paragraph; they could also recite their stories to you. For **Maths**, try a Maths past paper together. For **Science** (Double), ask them about ‘Quantitative Chemistry’ – use their revision guides pages 123-127 to aid you. For Triple Science, use pages 41-50 of the revision guide to aid you.  Please encourage your child to stick to the revision schedule for options subjects revision activities and remind him/her to check the after school period 6 classes for this week!  1 week until the external exams start! |  |
| 07/05/17 | **Encouragement**. As the students start their exams, please support them with their revision at home and offer encouragement as this is a stressful time. | 8th May External exams start |