



22nd March 2024

Dear Year 12 Students

We all hope you enjoyed our trip to the UK University & Apprenticeship event at King Power stadium this week. There were lots of university and apprenticeship representatives there to talk to and we hope you were able to gather some information to inspire your imagination and get you thinking about your future pathways. It was a pleasure to take you all to the event, you were all very mature and responsible and a credit to BGLC. Following on from our visit we will start our Post 18 Pathway programme on Monday 13th May where your tutor will guide you through all of your options and support you with your applications.

You have reached the end of your second term of your first year of A levels and your mock exams are just around the corner. You can find your mock exam timetable on Arbor. These mocks are set to test what you have learnt so far and give your teachers a good indication of how you are doing and what support/intervention needs to be put in place moving forward. It also gives you a taste of sitting a more formal assessment/exam. After Easter you may want to focus on revision and we have put together a few things that may help you start to plan over the Easter break.

On the following pages we have attached some useful tools. A revision timetable to get you started thinking about how you will split your week of revision in the run up to the mocks. Once you have completed it, take a photo of it so you can refer to it at school, pin one on your bedroom wall and on the kitchen fridge. Letting your parents know when you are revising will also allow them to support you better.

Also remember to look after your wellbeing. Good sleep and healthy food will help you through the mock exam season. Make sure that you take plenty of rest between revision and look after yourselves. Our website has some great tips on wellbeing [here](#).

Your teachers, tutors and Post 16 Team are here to support you through to your mock exams, if there is anything you need, any advice or support that you feel would help please come and talk to us.

We have a busy last term ahead. Here are some key dates:

- 29th April - 10th May - Mock weeks
- 6th June - UCAS Convention @ Lincoln University. This is a paid trip, bookable on Arbor.
- 24th June (TBC) - Drayton Manor Trip
- 1st July to 5th July - Work Experience Week
- 10th July - Young Drivers Day - Red Enrichment Star

We hope you have a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back for your third and final term of Year 12.

Kind Regards

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As the Summer term begins we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the standards and rules related to Post 16 study. All of these are also found on our website [here](#).

Dress Code	<p>Please ensure you are adhering to the dress code especially with the warmer weather approaching. Students who fail to adhere will be asked to go home and change.</p> <p>The dress code is found here.</p>
Lanyards	<p>You need to be wearing your lanyard at all times whilst on campus. If you forget your lanyard at any time please come and borrow one from the Post 16 Office for the day.</p>
Signing in	<p>Please make sure you continue to use the sign in app to sign in to the campus. This is a safeguarding measure as we need to know where you are on campus at all times and especially around mock exam time.</p>
Study Rooms	<p>As we approach exam time our study rooms will be used even more for revision etc. To ensure the right environment for you to revise we will be making more study rooms SILENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silent Study Area - SILENT studying - CLOSED Wed 10th April• Post 16 Study Area G43 - SILENT Study and Computers• Common Room - Quiet Group Study• Post 16 Dining Room - Quiet Group Study• Library - Silent Study <p>These rooms will be monitored and should students not be using the rooms appropriately they will be asked to leave. Please be respectful to your fellow students and adhere to the rules of the study rooms.</p>



Revision Timetable



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Scheduling

1. Do the revision! Allocate time and dates for your revision and stick to it - Eastenders can wait!
2. Little and Often. An hour a night allows your brain to process and archive all the information for long term retrieval - cramming it in the last minute does not.
3. The minimum you should be doing is 5 hours a week per subject, now it should be increasing
4. Ramp it up. As you approach the exam you should allocate more time to it!

Accountability

1. Work Smart - Don't do hours of 'reading' when one hour of synthesis or practice would work better
2. Target Weakness - Find out which areas you struggle with, those you don't like doing, those you avoid. Then spend most of your time on these because if you're struggling it means you need more time.
3. Be Honest with Yourself - Mark all your own work harshly. Do not let yourself get away with anything!
4. This is your qualification, earned by you if your teacher hasn't helped then it's your responsibility to skill yourself up

Synthesis

1. Take, Check and Summarise notes on each and every topic
2. Rewrite the notes to be more concise
3. Turn the notes into 'cheat sheets' on index cards or study notes
4. Test your knowledge using the 'cheat sheets'

Revision Skills

from lessthanahacker.com
Using images from thetinaunaproject.com

Practice

1. Attempt every past paper and list Paper Question
2. Check each answer and mark it **harshly**
3. Make notes on what you got wrong and write out the correct answer
4. Come back to the questions and try steps 1 - 3 at least four times

Peers

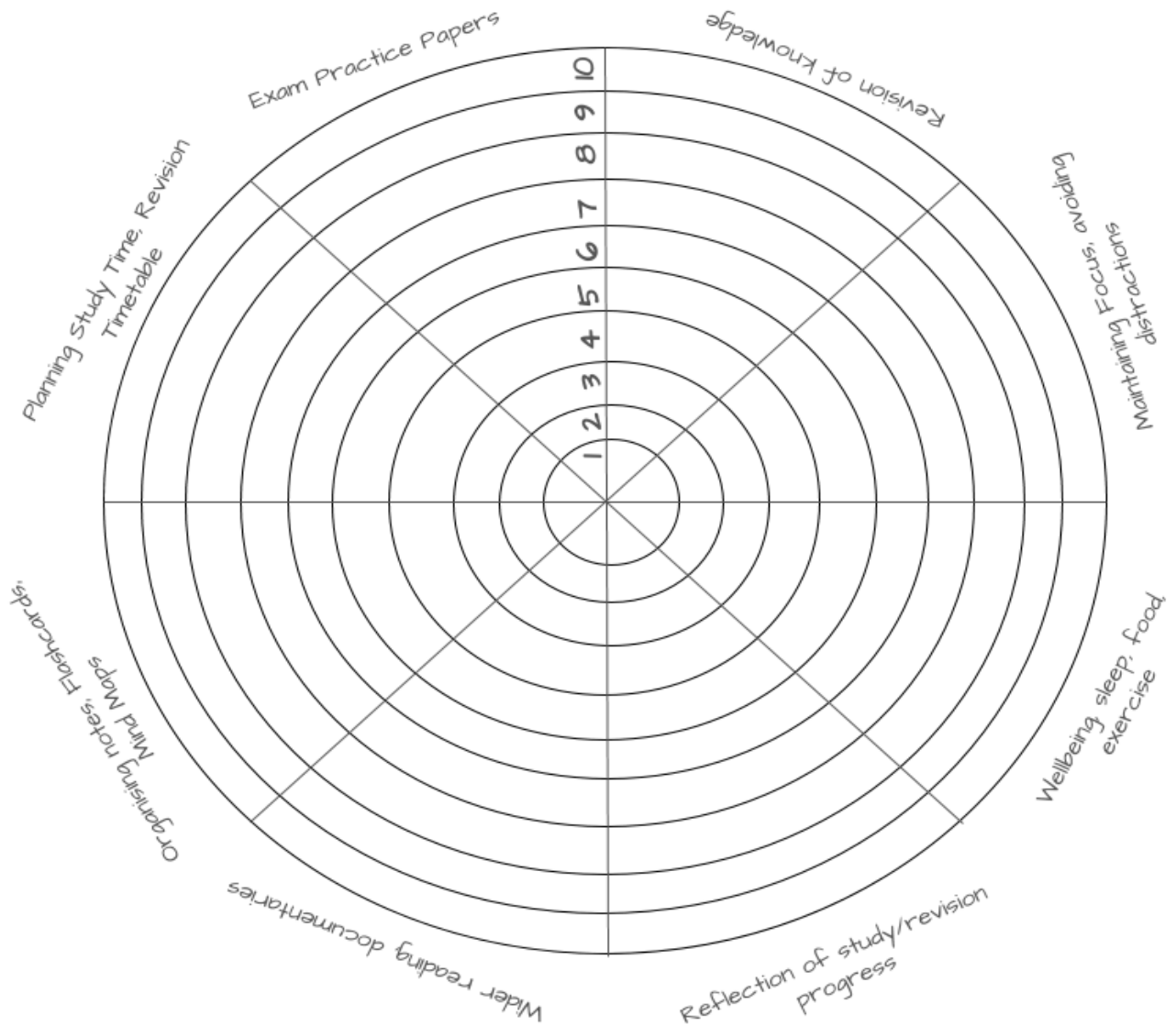
1. Don't fool yourself - if the person you're working with knows more than you then make sure they are not answering every question for you
2. Peer Marking - Both work on a past paper question and mark each other's work being as harsh as possible. Follow the practice rules
3. Hot Seat Topics - Find out what topic the other person suks at and ask them questions about it. Constantly. Get them to do the same for you

What can we do?

- As Parents you can do a huge amount to help your child prepare for the examination, even if you know nothing about computers!
1. Help Enforce the plan - Assist the student in constructing a realistic revision timetable that they can stick to, and then hold them accountable to sticking to it
 2. Make the student evidence their work - get them to show you the sizeable chunk of work they have produced for revision to ensure they are using the time effectively
 3. Become an Examiner - Non Specialist teachers often mark exam papers based solely on the mark scheme, by doing this for your child you can force them to be more accurate in their answers



This sheet will help you to consider your own strengths and weaknesses in revision



SCORING YOUR STUDYING

SUBJECT:

Target:



THE SLEEP FLOW CHART



Feeling persistently tired? Journey through this flow diagram to think about improving sleep quality.

