



Pudsey
Grangefield
School

Yr 11 Parent Information Guide

2020-2021

Role of Parents in Yr 11

The role of parents is critical to the success of a child in year 11. With students only spending 5-6 hours a day in lessons, the work they do at home can make a significant difference to the grades they achieve this summer.

This year, more than ever, you play an integral role in ensuring students drive on to succeed whilst maintain balance between their studies, relaxing and other interests. You can help support your child in a variety of ways including:

- Creating a suitable workspace, free from distractions
- Help to keep to timetables for both homework and revision
- Build in regular breaks, distractions and rewards for hard work
- Ask questions about their work
- Quiz them on topics when revising
- Ensure you have the ClassCharts app downloaded to help monitor progress
- Attend parents evenings and the exam success evening later in the year

The following guide should provide key information that we hope you will find useful for the year ahead. As ever please contact the year team if you need any further support throughout the year:

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Yr 11 Lesson Times & Homework

Lesson times:

8:30-9:00	Form time
9:00-9:55	Period 1
9:55-10:55	Period 2
10:55-11:15	Break
11:15-12:10	Period 3
12:10-13:30	Period 4
13:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:55	Period 5
14:55-15:45	After school interventions and revision

Homework:

In any year at school homework plays a key part of ensuring students consolidate and secure their understanding of work covered in lessons. In year 11 homework will be set regularly in all subjects. In total students should have about 10 hours homework a week. It is important that students see this homework as part of their revision and any work they are doing at home contributes to their revision timetable.

Students who do not complete homework will sit a same day detention in one of our computer based rooms, where they can catch up on the tasks missed.

Key Dates for Year

Term 1:

Post 16 Open Evening (virtual)	Date TBC
October Half Term - Intervention sessions	26th-30th October
Targeted coursework intervention after school	After Half Term
Trial exams	16th-25th November
PSHEE Day 1	9th December
Post 16 Interviews	14th-16th December
Christmas Holidays (no homework set)	21st December - 3rd January

Term 2:

Parents Evening	7th January
External exams in some vocational subjects	First few weeks of term
February Half Term - Intervention sessions	15th-19th February
Trial exams (Core)	23rd-26th February
Twilight revision begins	1st March
Exam Success Evening	4th March
English Lit trial exam	23rd March
Easter Holidays - Intervention sessions	2nd-18th April

Term 3:

Final exams	7th June - 2nd July
End of year celebration assembly	23rd June (TBC)
Prom	24th June (TBC)
Results Day	27th August

Curriculum Overview

Subject	Type of course	Exam Board (linked to course website)
Art	GCSE	Edexcel
Business Studies	GCSE	Edexcel
Computing	GCSE	OCR
Dance	GCSE	AQA
Drama	GCSE	OCR
English	GCSE	AQA
English Literature	GCSE	AQA
Enterprise	BTEC	Pearson
Food Preparation & Nutrition	GCSE	AQA
French	GCSE	AQA
Geography	GCSE	AQA
Health and Social Care	BTEC	Pearson
History	GCSE	Edexcel
ICT	BTEC	Pearson
Maths	GCSE	Edexcel
Media Studies	Camb. National	OCR
Music	BTEC	Pearson
Photography	GCSE	OCR
Physical Education	GCSE	OCR
Product Design	GCSE	Eduqas
Religious Studies	GCSE	AQA
Science	GCSE	AQA
Spanish	GCSE	AQA
Sports Science	Camb. National	OCR

Recommended Revision Guides

Subject	ISBN	Title
Business Studies GCSE	9781292190709	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Workbook
Business Studies GCSE	9781292190716	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide
Computer Science	9781782948605	New GCSE Computer Science OCR Complete Revision & Practice - Grade 9-1 (with Online Edition)
Design and TEchnology	PP-DT-GCSE	the pocket sized revision guide GCSE Design & Technology all gcse specs (9-1) - pocket posters
Drama	9781782949626	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide
Drama	9781782949664	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Play Guide - Blood Brothers
English Language	9781782943693	GCSE English Language AQA Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course
English Language	9781782943709	GCSE English Language AQA Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course (includes Answers)
English Lit	9781782943099	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Text Guide - A Christmas Carol
English Lit	9781782943648	New Grade 9-1 GCSE English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide - Book 1
English Lit	9781841461151	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Text Guide - An Inspector Calls
English Lit	9781841461168	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide - Macbeth
Enterprise	9781292245607	Revise BTEC Tech Award Enterprise Revision Guide
Food Preparation and Nutrition	9781782946496	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Revision Guide
Food Preparation and Nutrition	9781782946502	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Exam Practice Workbook (includes Answers)
French	9781292131351	Revise AQA GCSE French Revision Workbook
French	9781292131429	Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) French Revision Guide
Geography	9780198423461	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide
Health and Social Care	9781292245614	Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Revision Guide
History	9781292169712	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Early Elizabethan England Revision Guide and Workbook
History	9781292169774	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The American West Revision Guide and Workbook
History	9781292169736	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany Revision Guide and Workbook
ICT	9781292272740	BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Revision Guide
Maths	9781447988045	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Revision Guide (with online edition)
Maths	9781447988090	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher Revision Guide (with online edition)
PE	9781510405257	My Revision Notes: OCR GCSE (9-1) PE 2nd Edition
Religious Studies	9780198422839	AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide
Science	9781782945598	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: AQA Revision Guide with Online Edition - Higher
Science	9781782945604	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: AQA Revision Guide with Online Edition - Foundation
Spanish	9781292131412	Revise AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook
Spanish	9781292131443	Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish Revision Guide

Revision - top 6



1. Make time

- Create time in your evenings and weekends to revise regularly
- Create a revision timetable and stick to it
- Revise in 30 minute chunks and then break
- Revise additional content (on top of your set homework) that you studied last week/month/year
- Keep practising recalling the knowledge. Do it again, and again and again
- Revise away from other distractions (like your phones)



2. Recall from memory

Write or say everything you know about a topic, without looking at your notes.

Independently

Read a revision guide/your notes and then re-write everything you can without looking. How much can you remember? Do the same task a day and then a week later. Check back at the guide to see what you missed. Then do it again.

With a friend, parent or carer

Give them the revision guide/your notes and ask them to ask you questions on the core knowledge. How much can you recall? Can you answer all their questions accurately?



3. Condense it down

Take a lot of knowledge, then make it smaller (but so that you could still expand it again in its entirety)

- Turn 100 words into 30 words **OR** Turn 1 long quote into 1 word
- Make a mind-map but only write down key facts and words
- Memorise acronyms and then think up your own

Revision - top 6



4. Visual variety

The use of colour and drawing can help you remember key factual information

- Make and memorise flashcards
- Revise using different colours and colour-code your topics
- Draw small pictures next to your annotations
- Turn your bedroom, home, bathroom into a revision palace by sticking mind-maps on the walls
- Stick up annotated post-it notes all over your bedroom/house



5. Perfect past papers

Completing past papers are excellent ways to test whether you can apply your knowledge and skills

- Complete an additional past paper at home
- Check whether you can do it without looking at a revision guide
- Check whether you can do it in the right amount of time

6. The Technology Type



- Use your phone or your computer to support revision
- Use an app e.g. Gojimo/Memrise
- Use GCSE Bitesize
- Record yourself and listen back to what you could recall

Taken from the PGS Revision Guide:

<http://www.pudseygrangefield.co.uk/years-7-11/year-11/revision-techniques/>

Useful Documents

Blank Revision Clock -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16JC7nE_pseMBsOZMUNWwv61t-3lrAAu70k4654eaN18/edit?usp=sharing

Blank Mindmap -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18MecuoYsyz3ZCNGTwgLOgzBqEknBTLUIBFoxkifeT0A/edit?usp=sharing>

Blank Revision Timetable -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Los3TVdMmVblxAHSwH2TImZCEwSG8PP2ZhH18UA_oo/edit?usp=sharing

Useful Websites and Apps

Website	Link	What is it?
BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3	Lot's of revision Content
SparkNotes	https://www.sparknotes.com/	Great for learning English Quotes
Exam Solutions	https://www.examsolutions.net/	Maths tutorials and exam question
Seneca Learning	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/	Covers a range of subjects
Oak National Academy	https://www.thenational.academy/	A collection of tutorials and online lessons for a range of subjects
Study Tracks (Youtube channel)	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpe-DhgmuxVzNDy32tnzxg?reload=9	An organisation to puts core knowledge to contemporary music
Young minds	https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/exam-stress/	Amongst other support some great advice on dealing with exams
Kooth	https://www.kooth.com/	Online counselling and support for mental health issues
MindMate	https://www.mindmate.org.uk/	Signposts support in Leeds for mental health issues

App	What does it do?
Gojimo	This app offers multiple choice questions to practise a range of subjects.
Quizlet	Search millions of study sets or create you own. Improve your school results by studying with flashcards, games and more.
Adapt - Revision Timetable	Helps build revision timetables specific to your subjects and exam boards.
Study Tracks	Use this app to aid your recollection and retention of the core syllabus. It's as easy as remembering the lyrics to a song... core knowledge from a range of subjects is put to great music and beats which sticks in your head. Then test yourself on what you've learned. Great for recall in exams!
Past Paper Ku	Over 100,000 past exam papers for free!
SimpleMind Lite	A beautifully simple way to create mind-maps.

**These can be downloaded onto phones/tablets for revision on the move. There may be a small cost for some of these apps. There could also be in-app purchases so you may wish to disable this facility on the device to avoid any extra costs.*