

Sacred Heart Secondary Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

Your son/daughter will be sitting their first set of Year 10 Mock Exams at Sacred Heart Secondary, week beginning the 24th April 2017 and will be issued with Mock exam timetables at the beginning of April.

In order to help your son/daughter prepare successfully for their mock and final exams a Revision Evening will be held for you to attend with your son/daughter. The event will take place on **Thursday 23rd March 2017 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm** and it is designed to provide information and outline a range of revision techniques. We hope that this will enable you to support your son/daughter through, what can be, a very challenging time.

We have run this format of Revision Evening for our Year 11 students for three years now and the feedback has been very positive from both students and parents/carers. The feedback on Parents' Evening Consultation forms has also indicated a desire to have more support regarding revision techniques in Year 10. Therefore we have decided to run the evening again for Year 10 students.

On arrival you will be provided with a timetable for the evening and there will be an opportunity to order (cash/cheque must accompany all orders) any relevant revision guides at a discounted rate than buying direct from Amazon or WHSmiths etc.

The evening will begin with a talk, to be held in the Academy Hall, outlining the support available to students from now until the end of their Summer GCSE exams. Mrs Luke, Subject Leader for English, will then share information relating to the English courses delivered at Sacred Heart. You will also have the opportunity to attend a range of revision technique workshops where the technique will be demonstrated before you are challenged to put your newly acquired skills into practice.

All students attending will be given a free revision pack worth £1.50, containing a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter, index cards, post it notes and a plastic transparent case that can be taken into the exam hall.

To help with planning, I would be grateful if you complete and return the attached reply slip. It would also be useful if you would indicate which of the revision technique workshops you would like to attend with your son/daughter. I have included a summary of each workshop below in order to help inform your choice of workshops. **Please return your reply slip to the main office no later than Wednesday 8th March 2017.**



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1. **Effective Note Taking** – Providing a range of strategies to take notes effectively e.g. flash cards, use of index cards, highlighting important information.
2. **Learning through Association**- Using cues to aid recall. Providing strategies for jogging your memory, reducing the time trying to recall information you've revised for an exam. It's helpful for courses that are very knowledge based such as Science, History and Geography.
3. **Effective Maths Revision** – How to use a variety of maths resources to improve/ focus maths revision
4. **Mind Maps** - A mind map is a spider diagram that contains information in a format of pictures, diagrams and text.
5. **Command Words** – Providing students, parents and carers with a greater understanding of command words used in all subjects to ensure maximum marks are gained when answering questions.
6. **Effective French Revision** - A variety of techniques to improve/ focus French revision.
7. **How to be successful on a Science paper** – Tips and techniques for gaining maximum marks on Science exam papers.
8. **Creative Revision** – Making and Creating revision aids using colour and images. Templates will be provided on the night for the Revision Wheel, Dominoes, Star Revision Activity and Rock around the Clock.

I look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 23rd March** and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



M. Hill
Assistant Head Teacher
Student Achievement and Lifelong Learning

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Student Name _____ **Form** _____

I Parent/Carer shall/shall not be attending the Year 10 Revision evening on Thursday 23rd March.

I would like to take part in the following revision technique workshops (Please choose 3 sessions).

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| Effective Note taking | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effective French Revision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Learning through Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | How to be successful on a Science paper | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective Maths Revision | <input type="checkbox"/> | Creative Revision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mind Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> | Command Words | <input type="checkbox"/> |