

Welcome!

A message from the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of Exam News 2008. You will be receiving regular editions over the next few weeks which will contain important information about the examination process, as well as advice, hints and tips to help you to prepare for your GCSE examinations in Summer 2008. I hope the information included proves useful and will help guide you over this rather tense period.

We will also be updating the St Mark's website to include links to helpful websites and I would like to invite you all to contribute with advice, good tips or even the odd moan!

Preparing for exams involves work but need not involve panic. If you have been organised and systematic during your studies, exams at the end can be quite satisfying. If you have skimmed earlier work, planned revision can help. At this stage, there should be no problems with motivation and if you are properly organised, preparation for exams won't take over your entire life.

Louise V Ceska MA
Principal

Half Term Revision Classes

The school is open every day during the February half term holiday for Year 11 students to come in to attend revision classes or complete coursework. The programme for the week is shown below:

Day	Revision classes
Monday 18 February	Mathematics
Tuesday 19 February	English
Wednesday 20 February	Science
Thursday 21 February	History Geography REC Leisure and Tourism
Friday 22 February	BITE Business and Communications Business Studies Drama Music

All sessions begin at 9.30 am and will finish at 12.30 pm. School will be open from 9.00 am each day and there will be a break from 10.45 to 11.15. Revision classes are an excellent way to ensure that you are well prepared for your GCSE exams and to help you to avoid exam stress and panic.

GCSE Exam Timetable

There is a provisional GCSE exam timetable on the other side of this edition of Exam News 2008. Personal exam timetables will be issued to all Year 11 students by Mrs Rogers, the school's Examinations Manager, later on this term.

Well prepared students will highlight the exams that they will be taking on this timetable. You can then plan backwards; how many weeks do you have to prepare for your first exam?

Remember, the earlier that you begin to plan and prepare for your exams, the less stressful revision will be and the more successful you will be.

Year 11 GCSE Timetable Summer 2008 (Provisional)

This timetable shows the main exams only. Mrs Rogers will issue you with your own personal exam timetable.

Day / Date	AM session begins 8.30	PM session begins 1.15
Wednesday 14 May		Edexcel Religious Studies (short course) (2h)
Friday 16 May	Edexcel Italian Listening and Reading (1h 45min) Edexcel Physical Education and Sport (1h 45min)	AQA Music Listening (1h 15min)
Monday 19 May	Edexcel Mathematics Paper 1 (1h 30min)	Edexcel Religious Studies (full course) (2h)
Tuesday 20 May	AQA English Literature (1h 45min)	OCR ICT Paper 1 (1h 15min)
Wednesday 21 May	Edexcel Business and Communications (1h)	OCR Biology Ideas in Context / B7 (1h)
Thursday 22 May	AQA Food Technology (2h)	
Friday 23 May		OCR Chemistry Ideas in Context / C7 (1h) OCR Additional Science Ideas in Context (45mins)
Monday 2 June	Edexcel Italian Writing (1h)	Edexcel Mathematics Paper 2 / 4 (1h 45min)
Tuesday 3 June	English Paper 1 (1h 45min)	AQA History Paper 1 (1h 45min)
Wednesday 4 June	AQA Geography Paper 1 (1h 45 min)	
Thursday 5 June		AQA English Paper 2 (1h 3min)
Friday 6 June	ICT Paper 3 (1h)	
Monday 9 June		AQA Textiles (2h) AQA Leisure and Tourism (1h 3 min)
Tuesday 10 June		Edexcel Business Studies (2h)
Wednesday 11 June	History Paper 2 (1h 45 min)	
Thursday 12 June		AQA Geography Paper 2 (1h 3min)
Tuesday 17 June	OCR Additional Science B4C4P4 OCR Biology B4B5B6 (40min)	
Wednesday 18 June		OCR Additional Science B5C5P5 OCR Chemistry C4C5C6 (40min)
Thursday 19 June		AQA Graphic Products (2h)
Friday 20 June	OCR Additional Science B6C6P6 OCR Physics P4P5P6 (40 mins)	