YEAR 9
EXAM REVISION GUIDE

4 weeks to go
This booklet has been made to help you get ready for your Year 9 exams. You have been studying for these exams since arriving at Arthur Mellows Village College.

You will only have exams in Maths, English and Science.

Why Bother?

Exams are never pleasant but your results will effect which Year 10 group you are placed into so do your best.

Message From Mr Foxton

“At the start of Year 8, I challenged you to be the best Year Group. You have all done really well and I want you to continue to be successful and show how good you can be!

Remember, start revision early and ask for help if you find anything hard.”
How To Study

To do well, aim high.

Start revising now; the more you prepare the more confidence you will have in the exam.

Do not leave the difficult topics until the end of your revision time.

Check you know what topics to revise. You want to learn the correct information.

Ask teachers for help if you need it as you get ready for your exam.

Find a quiet place to study. Don’t distract yourself with Facebook or texts.

Keep calm. Exams are not there to trick you; they are to see how much you have learnt.
Study Methods

There is no ‘right way’ to revise – different methods suit different people.

Choose a way that will let you to gain a solid grasp of the facts and strengthen your knowledge.

You may want to mix methods as variety will help you concentrate for longer.

You could read your notes and make diagrams or revision cards of main points.

Use colour, a highlighter and lots of pictures as prompts to help you remember. Write the main points only as you will want to recall all of the important things.

If your notes are not clear, recheck your text book, do not copy wrong details.
Make posters and write key facts then display these in your house where you will see them.

Create Mind Maps with the subject in the centre and key words/pictures linking to it.

Record yourself reading notes to listen to on the move. Include questions, a pause and then the answers so you can test yourself as you listen.

Study with a friend and test each other's knowledge, but remember you are meeting to revise rather than to chat!

Work through past question papers – use a watch so that you can practise timing your answers.
Choose study and revision guides sensibly. You will need to judge which are the best for your needs. Get recommendations from your teachers and/or friends.

Attend any revision classes that your teachers may be running at school.

Reward your hard work with the things you enjoy. Learn something then watch a film, have lunch with friends, take a walk or play football outside for some fresh air before returning to revision.

Know how long you can concentrate effectively – if it is 30 minutes, take a short break after 30 minutes and then come back. Short blocks may be better for you than a solid 3 hours if nothing goes in!

**Before Your Exam**

Know what time your exam is and which room you need to be in for it.

Make sure you have all of the equipment you will need.

Make sure you eat breakfast and have a drink to help you focus.

Do not stay up late the night before!
Your Revision Plan

Revision takes time (not just a quick read of your book the night before) so set out a revision plan. It’s not a competition to stay up later than your friends!

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Key Points

Start revising now.

Choose methods of revision that suit you.

Make a realistic revision plan and use it!

Remember, short blocks of revision can be more effective than endless hours.

Science is on Friday 27 April

English is on Tuesday 1 May

Maths is on Tuesday 8 May and Wednesday 9 May

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMS