Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Meeting will begin at **5:00pm** 

# St Bede's Inter-Church School

# SUPPORTING YEAR II STUDENTS: PRIOR TO AND THROUGHOUT GCSE EXAMS

ST BEDE'S INTER-CHURCH SCHOOL













# Headteacher's Welcome

Parents & Carers Hub > Support Your Child at St Bede's > Academic Support > Exam Information > GCSE Revision

Welcome to St Bede's Inter-Church

our website will provide an insight into the life of

w.st-bedes.org.uk/parents-and-carers-hub/

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#### Key timelines



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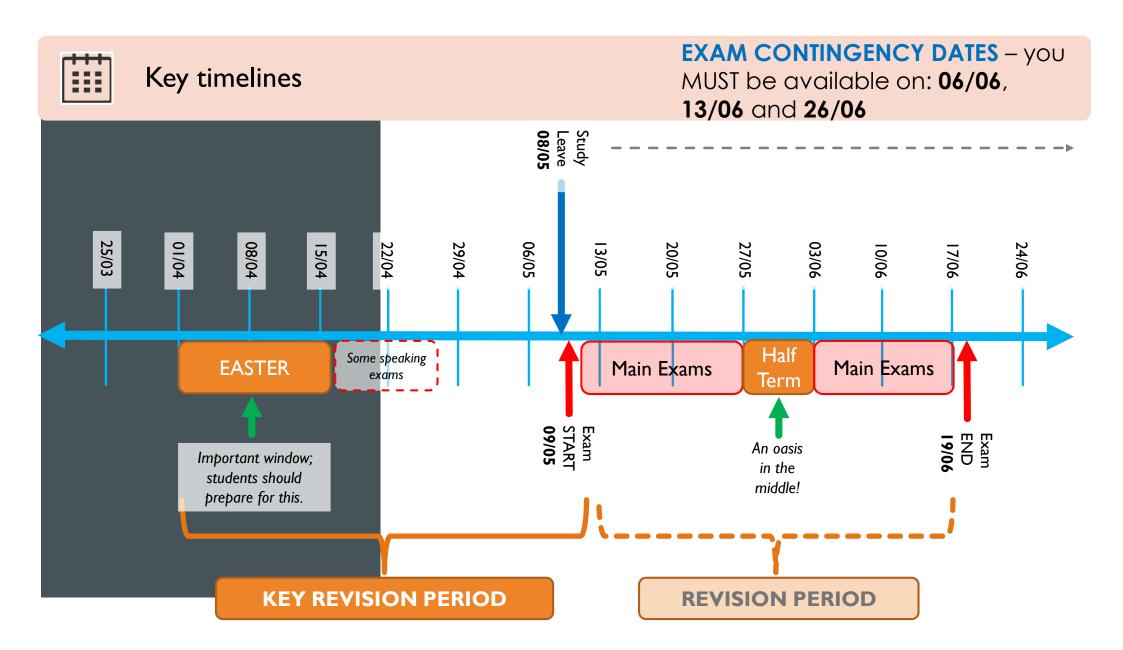


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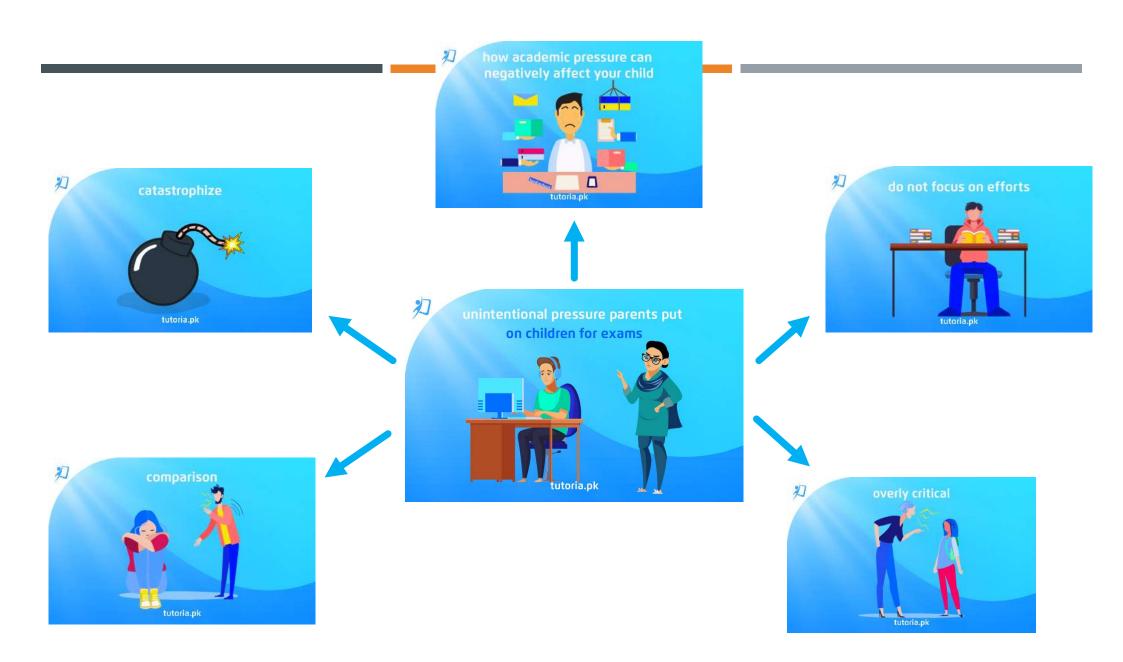




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https://tutoria.pk/blog/unintentional-pressure-parents-put-on-children-for-exams/





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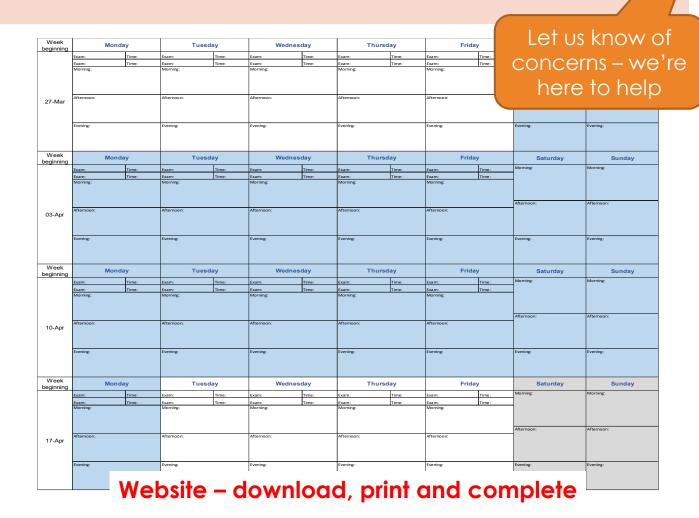
The biggest barrier to revision is fear and anxiety;

- Too much to do
- Too little time
- Unsure where to begin

# Revision timetables are designed to reduce all of these fears

- Tailor a strategy help them do this
- Make sure the timetable is flexible

Jump on the positives and celebrate the progress they have made and are making





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# DURING EXAM PERIOD – the following are **COMMON**:

- Fear generally peaks in the week before the first exam. Remind them of all that they have done, and that their best is good enough!
- They believe they've had a bad exam and are demotivated. Remind them that reality is often nowhere near as bad as perception
- They are tired and finding it difficult to keep revising.
   Encourage rest and relaxation better to have a rest and return fresh. Revision timetables can, and should, adapt.



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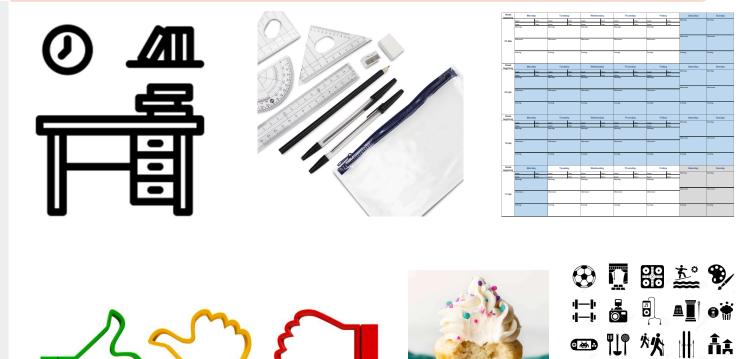


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- 1. Provide a **quiet space**, free from distraction
- 2. Ensure they have all the equipment they need (stationery and revision materials)
- 3. Check in with them and their revision timetable **take an interest**
- 4. Have them reflect on what is working well, and what isn't, and how they might adapt
- 5. Recognise **effort** and remind them of the progress they are making. **Celebrate it**
- 6. Really do encourage periods of **rest and relaxation**



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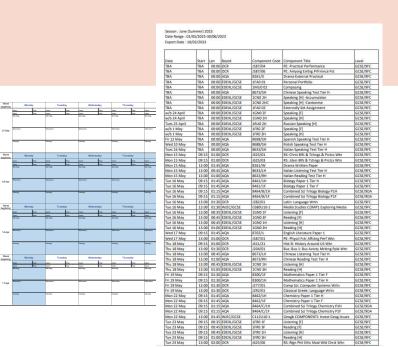
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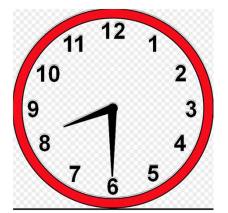
- 1. Double-check the exam start time in advance of the exam (their revision timetable should show whether they've recorded it correctly)
- 2. Use a checklist every morning to reduce headspace (i.e. exam equipment, revision notes, food, drink, etc.)

#### 3. Arrive in plenty of time!

Know exactly what to do in case of emergency (such as running late): CALL ST BEDE'S

 store in phone (EXAMS)









Six Strategies for Effective Learning



#### TALK TO THEM ABOUT <u>HOW</u> THEY WILL REVISE:

They have been given information during their revision assembly – ask them about **this** resource (**made available on website**)

- Majority of revision time should be spent PRACTISING QUESTIONS (once preparation has been completed...)
- We encourage 30 minute sessions (give or take) think 25 minutes DO, 5 minutes REVIEW
- Refer to topic CHECKLISTS (or equivalent) and UPDATE
- 10-15 minute break CUP OF TEA + BISCUITS!



#### Food Preparation and Nutrition Revision 2023

Written paper 1 hour and 45 mins	5			
Section A 20 x multiple choice questions to test your knowledge and get you thinking		Section B A series of longer questions. Starts with 2 – 4 mark questions, then longer 6 – 15 mark questions which require more discussion type answers.	Themes Food Nutrition and Health Food choices Food science Food Provenance Food safety	
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	A free revision platform with tutorials and quizzes.			
	https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/			
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#### French and German revision

Oak National Academy	Online lessons that are tailored to our course content.	https://teachers.thenational.academy/subjects/french/key- stages/key-stage-4 https://teachers.thenational.academy/subjects/german/key- stages/key-stage-4
BBC Bitesize	Useful for Topic and Grammar revision.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhv647h https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8i2tfr
Seneca learning	Select a topic to revise key vocabulary and expressions.	https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/979a083 205a-4001-8213-7ec4a3f4cd9d/section/0e56bf04-b1fe-4dd4 881f-2b6dd9db2b1a/session https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/66ff4329 876c-4c78-85fa-38a628355b92/section/e74b9ef3-ee04-4a71 9e9d-aee94a224f9e/session
Quizlet	Search the database for interactive vocabulary revision.	www.quizlet.com
Edexcel website	Our exam syllabus website has lots of information for students about to sit exams, including links to past papers and markschemes.	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-for- you/students.html

### Subject-specific revision guides (all available on website)

#### IN-HOUSE:

- TEAMS Lots of revision help in the 'files' folder. Including:
  - Interactive vocab tests
  - Role-play and Picture-based-discussion past papers. Also included is the teacher/examiner information, so students can look up what the unprepared questions are.
  - Picture-based-discussion prompt sheet.
  - Course companion (key expressions and advanced structures).

Revision The 'workbook' provides students with exam-style questions in all four skills, plus guides revision tips.

- The 'guide' summarises key vocabulary and expressions, as well as essential aspects of
- grammar. Extra Students have been building up a list of key exam structures and vocabulary across all lessons five Themes – write these words / expressions up on to a separate sheet of paper and

learn them.

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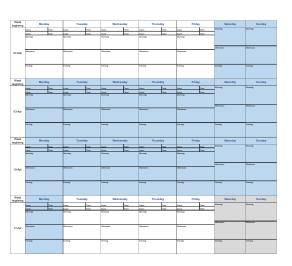
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