

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

How to make a difference – A guide for parents and guardians

Exam timetable

All written GCSE examinations for Year 11 take place between Wednesday 16th May and Friday 22nd June 2007.

For Design and Technology the dates are:

Resistant Materials - (Friday 25th May)
Graphic Products – (Tuesday 5th June)
Food Technology – (Friday 22nd June)
Systems & Control – (Wednesday 15th June)

For Mathematics the dates are: Maths Paper 1(non-calculator) – Monday 4th June
Maths Paper 2 (calculator) – Monday 11th June

For Science the dates are: Biology – Wednesday 6th June
 Chemistry – Wednesday 13th June
 Physics – Friday 15th June

Get your son/daughter to check that they have all the notes and books they need for revision. Get them to talk to their teacher if they are missing any.

Check that they have a revision timetable which includes the dates and times of the examinations.

Use the revision timetable to plan their time effectively. Include coursework deadlines on the revision timetable. They will not be able to do much revision when they are working hard on coursework.

Having the timetable displayed in their room is a good idea as it will help them stick to the plan.

Check how they are doing by letting them explain something they have just learnt. It's a good rule of thumb that if you can follow their explanation then they will be able to produce a good answer to an exam question on that topic.

Encourage your son/daughter to ask for help at school on any parts of the work they do not understand.

Encourage your son/daughter to persevere and to work hard in the run-up to the exams.

What can you do to help?

You can help by:

- Recognising how important these exams are and how much time your son/daughter will need if they are to do as well as they can.
- Not asking them to do too many chores or look after younger brothers or sisters.
- Encouraging the rest of the family to help by not disturbing revision.
- Securing a quiet place for study, where their work can be safely kept.
- Encouraging planned relaxation time (too much study is not helpful)
- Praising hard work.
- Emphasising the need for plenty of sleep.
- Helping them forget about each exam as it is finished.
- Reminding them that it will soon be over and there will be a good break from school when they can catch up on what they have been missing!