

JOHN MASEFIELD SIXTH FORM

EXAMS AND STUDY LEAVE GUIDANCE

SUMMER 2017

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SIXTH FORM – KEY DATES

SUMMER TERM

Y12

Monday 24 April (staff inset)	Additional tests for Y12/Y13 in specified subjects as requested by staff - see separate timetable
Tuesday 25 April – Friday 12 May	Normal lessons
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 15 May – Friday 9 June* <i>A mix of summer prediction and formal external exams have been planned for all subjects. *NB: Maths exams continue until 23 June. Students have been given exam timetables and a copy has been sent home.</i>	Study leave for AS students only – students will negotiate with their mentor which lessons they are expected to attend during this period; <i>arrangements will be different for students studying only BTEC subjects and these lessons will continue as normal</i>
Monday 15 May	Summer exams commence
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term
Monday 5 June	Study leave for AS students only – students will negotiate with their mentor which lessons they are expected to attend during this period; <i>arrangements will be different for students studying only BTEC subjects and these lessons will continue as normal</i>
Monday 12 June	Post-18 presentations from outside speakers and group workshops on CV/personal statements writing. Music, Dance, Art prediction exams (<i>6 students</i>).
Tuesday 13 June	<i>A2 teaching commences (as per normal timetable)</i>
Friday 21 July	Last day of summer term

Y13

Monday 24 April (staff inset)	Mock exams for some subjects - see timetable
From Tuesday 25 April	Normal lessons continue
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May	Study leave commences – arrangements will be different for students studying BTEC/ICT subjects and these lessons will continue as normal; revision sessions will generally run up to the exam
<i>*On Friday 26 May Y13 students will only attend P1 lesson. Students will then have a Leavers' Brunch and officially commence their study leave from mid-day.</i>	

STUDY LEAVE

- As each student's circumstance is different, students are **NOT** granted blanket study leave.
 - A student sitting only A-levels will have full study leave.
 - Students studying only BTEC/ICT **will not have study leave** and are expected to attend lessons as normal.
 - Students studying a **combination** of A-levels and BTEC/ICT subjects must negotiate their study leave with their mentors/teachers.
- All BTEC/ICT lessons run as per normal timetable.
- Revision sessions will be advertised and/or communicated by your teacher and will generally run in normal lesson times up to the exams. A list will be circulated after Easter
- If students are worried or have a query, they should speak to their Mentor, Tutor or Head of Year

Y12 ONLY

- Monday 12 June – Higher Education / Careers presentations and workshops on personal statements/CV writing. **Compulsory attendance for all students** (*except Music, Dance and Art students who have an exam*).
- A2 teaching commences on Tuesday 13 June (*as per normal Y12 timetable*)
- If you are not going to continue with an AS subject, you **MUST** discuss with your mentor and complete a Course Change Form if agreed (see Mrs Arlott) and return all text books/resources
- Gained hours will be directed to Private Study and will be added to your timetable
- *If you are considering taking a new subject in Y13: Y11 transition starts on 3 July – 5 July for an introduction to AS level work and to give a good start in September. See Mrs Arlott for a copy of the timetable and arrange to either obtain the work or attend sessions (permission will need to be gained from your teachers for any lessons you may miss)*

It's **NOT** JUST about EXAMS!

There's BTEC/ICT work to be completed too...

You should know:

- What your target grades are
- What points are required to achieve your target grades

ALL of you will have units to complete (or upgrade for Y13) before the final deadlines below. You must discuss with your teachers:

- SMART targets for exactly what needs to be done and by when
- Y13 only – which units still to be completed

If you are not sure of your target grade, “where you are at” in relation to this grade or need help in setting yourself those SMART targets – see your teachers **BEFORE** the Easter break!

ASSIGNMENT COMPLETION SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REVISION CALENDAR – DON'T JUST IGNORE THEM.

Don't think you can leave all your assignment work until after the exams – you will simply run out of time to complete work up to the required standard. Merit and Distinction work is harder and therefore usually takes longer.

BTEC AND ICT LESSONS WILL RUN AS NORMAL DURING THE EXAM PERIOD AND YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND – *unless you have negotiated and staff have agreed your absence.*

Deadlines for Year 13

- BTEC – final submission for all work to staff is **Friday 9 June** 2017.
- ICT – final submission for work is **Friday 19 May** 2017 to allow marking, any corrections and certificate claims before the exam board deadline in June.
- **Don't** book holidays without checking with subject teachers first as you will need to be officially signed off.

Deadlines for Year 12 – all two or three unit (equivalent to AS course) work must be completed to **the standard of your target grade** and handed in by **Friday 9 June** 2017. Work done from 12 June will be starting on Y13 units working towards a full four or six unit qualification (equivalent to 1 A level).

REVISION TIPS

PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Revision must be structured! Make revision timetables monthly, weekly (or both)! See templates attached 1. Plot exams; 2. Add paid work and/or hobby time 3. Add subjects. 4. Add topics</i>• <i>List topics to revise</i>• <i>Identify gaps in understanding</i>
UNDERSTAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Speak to your teachers if you are unsure of a topic.</i>
CONSOLIDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summarise facts using mind maps, flash cards, notes with bullet points, etc.</i>
MEMORISE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Know your facts / key words</i>
TEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Majority of your revision should be spent answering past paper level questions, ideally under timed conditions</i>
REVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What don't you know?</i>• <i>What do you need to revisit?</i>

Remember:

- Start early!
- Revise in **blocks** of time i.e suggest 40 minutes with a break of 10 minutes. Make sure you do plenty, you can never do too much!
- Work in a well lit area, with plenty of space, no distractions or noise
- Be healthy! Get plenty of sleep, rest and eat well
- Get the balance right! To help you relax, make sure you still do your hobbies / sport etc and leave one day a week when you do not revise
- Speak to your mentor if you are worried or need any support
- Good luck!

USEFUL REVISION WEBSITES & APPS

(THERE MAY BE MANY MORE!)

<http://www.gojimo.com/> - quick fire revision app

<https://www.goconqr.com/> - revision timetable

<https://getrevising.co.uk/> - revision timetables & resources

<https://www.memrise.com/>

<https://quizlet.com/>