Revision Shopping List

- Large A4 ring binder
- Large pad of A4 paper
- Pack of highlighter pens
- Biros black, red, green and blue
- Pack of lined postcards
- Post-it page markers



By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail!

- 1. Start your revision NOW.
- 2. Make a realistic revision timetable and stick to it. Include favourite T.V. programs, training nights, nights out, jobs.
- 3. Display your timetable clearly for your family to see the fridge is ideal.
- 4. Prepare a desk or table that can be solely used for revision. Do not be tempted with sitting on your bed, it does not work!
- 5. Lock yourself away from any distractions i.e. T.V., music, Xbox, Wii
- 6. Try using a desk lamp to focus your attention.
- 7. Be strict on your timings. Work for 45 minute sessions and then have a 10 minute break before starting work again.
- 8. Do not bring food or drink to your revision area.
- 9. Ensure you have a copy of the syllabus and tick the areas off as you cover them.

- 10. Do not just read text You have to write notes for the information to go in. Try to abbreviate your notes each time.
- 11. When note taking, using coloured pens to highlight main points.
- 12. Do not just rely on your class notes, use text books and other materials you have sourced to ensure you have as much information as possible.
- 13. Practise using past papers and get used to working under time constraints.

Revision Timetable

Mon						
Tue						
Wed						
Thu						
Fri						
Sat						
Sun						

Exam Tips

Exam Technique

- 1. Ensure you have all the required equipment you need.
- 2. Write in black ink. Studies have shown that those writing in black score higher!
- 3. Read the question booklet carefully first.
- 4. <u>Underline key words</u> in the question to ensure you <u>understand</u> what is being asked, and <u>how many marks</u> are being <u>awarded</u> for the question.
- 5. Describe, Identify, Explain, Compare, Discuss, Sketch/Plot, Suggest, Differences, Characteristics are terms regularly used in exams. Ensure you know what they mean so that you know how the question wants you to respond.
- 6. For higher marked questions ensure you plan your response. Label it as a plan, but do not scribble it out!
- 7. Write using paragraphs and full sentences, but do not write in the margins.
- 8. Before moving on to the next question, re-read the question and your response.
- 9. Ensure you attempt to answer every question, even if you have to guess.
- 10. Once you think you have finished read through all the questions and your responses.

Exam Command Words

Define/What is meant by.....?

Principle

Describe

Characteristics

List

Suggest

Identify.....and explain

Advantages

Plot/Sketch and label

Differences

Discuss

Name

Explain

Exam Command Words

Analyse Discuss Discuss the extent to which... Means you should: Means you should: Means you have to: build an argument or balanced written debate judge the validity of the evidence or outcome examine investigate give examples and try to reach a conclusion agree and disagree comment for and against ('yes, but...') give an account or evaluation Explain Critically evaluate Justify Means you should: For example, 'Critically evaluate the impact of Means you have to make a decision, e.g. justify media on sport'. the placement of something on a continuum give reasons or causes show understanding Means you should: weigh the issue up or assess it in terms of not just give a description (it's not enough on its own and may not be advantages/disadvantages ■ provide an independent opinion (and evidence) needed anyway)