

#### **Parents Information Evening**

#### **Committed to Excellence**

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#### Student Achievement 2019 Examination Performances

Students at John Colet achieve above or in line with national expectation. Results reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and students.

GCSE		%9-7	%9-5	%9-4
Total GCSE (JCS)	2019	12.4%	51.6%	71.1%
Total GCSE (JCS)	2018	11.3%	44.0%	66.0%

- Increase in %9-7 compared to 2018.
- Increase in % 9-5 compared to 2018.
- Slight increase in %9-1 compared to 2018.





#### Meet the Y10 Team:



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### The Home – School link

- •Year 10 is about developing 'good' habits both inside and outside of school. Habits need to be taught.
- •For this your child will need support, from school and from home.



Avoiding a 'War'

- Negotiate a set of '*Rules for Homework*' that you can both live with.
- Talk about whether combining homework or revision with music, social media, snapchat etc... will help or hinder them.
- <u>Be prepared to compromise.</u>
- If it works their way fine.
- Have a trial period and review of '*Rules for Homework*'



### The Home – School link

- Do the best work, first time.
- Take mock exams seriously
- Stick to deadlines;
  - create a revision timetable
  - use Show My Homework.
- Be prepared for revision.
   -develop good habits and systems now
- Don't ban extra curricular activities this is too important to help your child manage their stress. Balance is key.



### The Home – School link

- Where revision is concerned take the "little and often" approach as it's never too early to start.
- Be organised files, timetable, plan.
- Make topic summaries.
- Make class books revision friendly.
- Useful websites include GCSE Bitesize. Add to favourites.
- Turn off / time limit social media.





### **Getting Enough Sleep**

•Between 12 and 18 years old the recommended amount of sleep is 8.5-10 hours sleep

•Quality of sleep is just as important as the quantity of sleep

•Sleep cannot be 'caught up' at the weekend!







- Agree regular check-ins where you agree to discuss progress in each subject.
- By doing this, it avoids a situation where a progress report from school may reveal any unwanted surprises.



#### Grades at GCSE

- •Number grades from 1 to 9
- Grade '4' is a 'standard pass'
  Grade '5' is a 'strong pass'
  Grade '7' equivalent to grade 'A'
  - Grade 4 approximately equivalent to a grade 'C' Grade 9 awarded to top 4% of students nationally





Subject		October 2018	December 2018	
	Target Grade	Attitude to Learning	Likely to Achieve Grade	Attitude to Learning
English Language	6	Inconsistent Homework	5+	Good attitude
English Literature	6	Good attitude	6-	Inconsistent Homework
Mathematics	5	Good attitude	4+	Good attitude
Combined Science	65	Exceptional Attitude	5+ 5+	Exceptional Attitude
Business Studies	6	Good Attitude	4+	Good Attitude
Drama	6	Inconsistent organisation	5=	Inconsistent organisation
History	6	Good attitude	6-	Good attitude
Photography	6	Good attitude	6=	Good attitude

When interpreting the report look at the difference between the LtA and the target grade.

# Ready Respectful Responsible

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# What does Ready to learn mean for Year 10?

#### Arriving on time

A student with an attendance rate of just 90% is missing the equivalent of one half day every week or the four school weeks over the year

- Arriving with the correct equipment
- Arriving in the correct uniform



10 days lost!

13 days lost!

19 days lost!

15 Minutes late each day

20 Minutes late each day

30 Minutes late each day



# What does Ready to learn mean for Year 10?

• Attendance:

2019 GCSE exams Progress 8 scores:

Students with more than 95% attendance +0.32

Students with attendance between 85-95 -0.24

Students with attendance less than 85% **-1.34** 





# What does Respectful mean for Year 10?

- Everybody has the right to their education
- Arriving to lessons with the correct attitude to learning
  - There is no time for distraction





# What does Responsible mean for Year 10?

- Students owning their learning
- Fill in any gaps in their learning
- Students taking the opportunities they are offered
- Going the extra mile with their revision do more than attend sessions





### Dates for your diary - Y10

 12 December- progress report sent home.
 9 January 4.00- 7.30- Parent consultation meeting.
 19 March- progress report sent home.
 29 June to 3rd July - Work Experience.
 13 July- progress report sent home.

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All dates can be found on the School website under the 'What's on' section.



#### **Core Subjects Details**

The pH scale measures the acidity or alkalinity of a solution. The pH of a solution can be measured using a pH probe, or estimated using universal

**Battery Acid-**

**Stomach Acid** 

**Orange** Juic

Pure Water

Vinegar

Increasing

Acidity

Neutral

indicator and a colour chart.

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6 7

- English
- Science
- **Maths**

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Area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{D} \times D$ 

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English



81% of students achieved a grade 9-4 in an English GCSE qualification.

English Language: 73% achieved 9-4 (national 62%)

English Literature: 75% achieved 9-4 (national 74%)

English Language or English Literature: 8% achieved 9-7 in



#### Exam details



Exam Board: AQA

#### 2 English Language:

- Both 1 hour 45 minutes
- In both exams the marks are split equally between reading/analysis questions and creative writing

#### 2 English Literature:

- Macbeth and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde 1 hour 45 minutes
- An Inspector Calls, anthology poetry and unseen poetry 2 hours 15 minutes

Copies of texts **cannot** be taken into either English Literature exam so students must learn quotes to use in their answers



#### Mathematics

Mathematics: 77% of students achieved a grade 9-4 (national 60%)

Mathematics: 51% of students achieved a grade 9-5

Mathematics: 12% of students achieved a grade 9-7



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#### Exam details

#### Exam Board: EDEXCEL

#### **Two tiers: Foundation and Higher**

- Foundation tier Grades 5 1
- Higher tier Grades 9 4

Number of papers: 3 x 1hr 30 mins papers

Paper 1 Non-calculator Paper 2 Calculator Paper 3 Calculator





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#### Science

76% of students achieved <u>2</u> GCSE Science qualifications at grade 9-4.

Biology: 100 % achieved 9-4, 38% achieved 9-7 Chemistry: 100% achieved 9-4, 36% achieved 9-7 Physics: 100% achieved 9-4, 20% achieved 9-7

Combined Science: 73% achieved 9-4 (national 56%)





#### Science Specification

Exam board: AQA

#### **Two tiers: Foundation and Higher**

- Foundation tier Grades 5 1
- Higher tier Grades 9 4 •

The courses are entirely exam based and are taken at the end of Year 11

- Number of papers
  - Combined Science course
     6x 1hr 15min exams
  - Triple course (separate sciences) 6x 1hr 45min exams



#### **Science Courses**



- The Science content in Year 10 is divided into three separate elements and delivered as Biology, Chemistry and Physics lessons.
- Approximately 60 students will be entered for the Separate Science exams, also known as Triple Science (3 GCSEs) with the majority of students being entered for the Combined Science course (2 GCSEs)

• The course selections are not made until after the Year 10 mock exams.



### What we will do

- English revision sessions will be offered on Wednesday from
   3-4pm through the year which all students are welcome to attend
- Revision timetable
- Learning Checklists and question level analysis
- 1-to-1 support will be offered to students during morning registration to improve their grades
- Consistent focus on exam questions and criteria in lessons and regular practice of the **problem solving** skills needed for the exams.
- Revision resources and past papers provided for students
- Support all students who get stuck and ask for help.



# What we expect students to do

#### • Come prepared

- In English it is essential that they have their own copy of the texts.
- Bring all of their Maths equipment to every lesson: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pair of compasses, protractor and scientific calculator (2/3 papers in the new specification are calculator based).

#### • Fully participate

- In all lessons.
- Attend all after-school revision sessions on offer. Follow the revision timetables provided. Arrive to intervention promptly and fully participate in the session.

#### • Be your very best

- Engage with homework assignments including past papers and complete all of the homework to a <u>high</u> standard.
- Review and revise
  - Go back over the work covered earlier in the year so that they do not forget the work/skills learnt.

Make sure they know where the gaps are and ask the teacher for help.



# Parents please could we ask that you...

- Encourage your son/daughter to attend the revision sessions and check your emails for updates on revision sessions and intervention .
- Check Homework.
  - Check that homework is fully completed to a <u>high</u> standard.

We are really trying to move away from the idea that 'a grade 4 is good enough', and we want to push the students towards the higher grades. We would really appreciate it if you could reinforce this message at home.

If you have time, test your son/daughter on quotes from the texts we will study through the year.

- Help organise
  - Check that your child has their kit/Maths equipment with them each day.
- Trust and support
  - Support any small group intervention that we do.
  - Buy past paper packs and revision books.



### Exams FAQ

- Mrs Tipping (<u>ktipping@johncolet.co.uk</u>) is the Examinations Officer
- Non Examined Assessment Coursework
  - maximise what you can control
    - Art, computing, ICT, PE, Photography, Technology (Food, Textiles and Graphic Products)
  - Break down into small sections and time management
- Exam access arrangements
  - Year 9 Reading score
  - Special considerations





#### **Student Experience**

What advice would I give to Year 10 students?







### Maximising GCSE Grades

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- •Quality first teaching and quality first learning
- •Regular review of lessons Highlighting/re-reading/spider diagrams
- •HW in Y10 will increasingly be examination style questions
- •At least 1h per day from NOW

The new age of revising

- Online video reviews
- Podcasts

https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3

All GCSE :	subjects				
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#### Maximising GCSE Grades



- Techniques to develop good revision strategies
- GCSE bitesize

https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h

- Must practice working for 2 hours book based revision and past papers close to exams
- CGP 'How to Revise'
- PLCs

# Advice for Year 10 Parents

- Decide with your child where they will do their revision.
  - Somewhere without distractions
- Praise and encouragement as they tick off revision tasks.
- Talk to your child about their revision. If they can explain it, they understand it!
- Make sure they have the resources they need

   know the examination boards they are
   sitting.

## Advice for Year 10 Parents

- When your child is finding it difficult, talk to them about the issues, acknowledge their feelings and adopt a sensible attitude in wanting to find a solution.
- Be flexible use the 80/20 rule. If your child is sticking to what they are supposed to be doing 80% of the time, they will be doing alright.
- If your child asks for your support, encourage them by helping them to see the difficulties in perspective.
   Teenagers often take an all or nothing 'catastrophic' approach to difficulties – "I've messed up this essay, I might as well give up." Encourage them to speak to their teachers.
- Reassure them that anxiety around exams is normal.

## Advice for Year 10 Parents

- Youtube it. There are a lot of educational videos on this site which will help explain complex ideas.
- Learn with them. Read through their revision books to see what has changed since you were at school. This could act as a great conversation starter on the topic.
- Mix things up. By using different techniques students do not get stuck in a rut and may even enjoy revision.



### Unifrog

Unifrog is a versatile resource and can be used for a wide variety of different purposes;

- Researching the opportunities available after GCSEs and A levels
- Building a record of skills for CVs and Personal statements
- Research different career pathways

Pupils SHOULD know how to log onto the platform already.





### Student Wellbeing

Advice to support you on JCS website

**Student Wellbeing** 







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