

Study Hints for Senior Students

Doing well in exams requires consistent effort during term time. The weeks before a major exam should be used for consolidation of prior learning.

Preparing For Examinations

1. Start preparing early, at least four weeks prior to the exams.
2. Check the exam timetable and prioritise.
3. Draw up a revision timetable for every day that remains – set yourself specific tasks and allow more time for weaker subjects.
4. Check all notes and summaries and make any necessary adjustments.
5. Practise recall often – half your study time should be devoted to recalling what you have learnt.
6. Ask teachers for help in clarifying things you are unsure of.
7. Plan answers to anticipated questions.
8. Practise essay writing with a time limit.
9. Do brain gym as it helps you to concentrate and remain focussed.
10. On the night before an exam you should only revise topic summaries.
11. Be confident and believe in yourself, if you are prepared you should do well.

Doing the Exams

1. Make sure you are rested and have eaten breakfast.
2. Allow sufficient time to get to school prior to the exam.
3. Ensure you have all the necessary equipment. ie. Pens, ruler, calculator etc.
4. Read the instructions carefully, then re-read.
5. During the time allocated for reading, plan your attack ie. what questions to answer, in what order etc.
6. When writing an essay take five minutes to make a plan.
7. Choose the questions carefully as some may involve higher order thinking than others.
8. Watch the time carefully. Some people say do the easy questions first. I say do the questions with the most value first.