

10 Ways to support your son/daughter in being successful in the Summer Exam:

1. Have the date of the exam displayed somewhere prominent (stuck on the fridge door?!) and regularly countdown to the day with them, reminding them how many weeks/days remain until the exam.
2. Use the excellent revision guide they have each and every day even if only for a short period (see separate document, 'Making the most of your revision' to find out how to use it best)
3. Constantly refer them to the key words sheets, check each word is known and understood and practice using them by talking about the Science as much as possible with them. Ask them to explain the meaning of the key words to you and to explain where they might use them.
4. Check their progress against the 'Learning outcomes' sheets. Can they achieve each of the aims listed there?
5. Make sure they bookmark and repeatedly use the excellent BBC Bitesize revision pages. CARE: MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE YOUR REVISION GUIDE TO ENSURE THAT YOU ONLY REVISE THE TOPICS YOU NEED TO.
 - a. Go to www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize
 - b. Select 'Science' then 'OCR Gateway Science'
 - c. If they are in year 9 or 10 they will need to use;
 - i. Understanding our environment
 - ii. Chemical resources
 - iii. Energy resources
 - d. If they are in Year 11 they will need to use (OCR Gateway Additional Science, pre 2011)
 - i. It's a green world
 - ii. Chemical economics
 - iii. Radiation for life
6. Have your son/daughter log on and use SAM learning to practice exam skills as much as you possibly can! (There is a link to SAM learning at the bottom of the school Home Page)
7. Support your son/daughter in attending the extra revision sessions provided by the Science department, remind them of when they are and check that they have attended (we are very happy to provide attendance feedback to you)
8. Have a system of rewards for targets that are clear and achievable to help promote revision and hard effort.
9. Remind them that these exams are real GCSE exams and the outcome of them could have a significant impact on their future pathways, be it college courses, apprenticeships or jobs!
10. Contact us here in the Science department if there is anything that you need further help or support with.