

## Advice for Parents of Junior Cycle 2017

As your child progresses through third year they should be encouraged to be more independent in application to study. This is the time to follow and stick to a study plan as the Mocks will begin on the 6th of Feb 2017. Some tips for parents could be;

### Tips

- Ensure that there are no distractions at the place of study
- Beware: While iPads may be needed for homework, when they are not required they should be off.
- Mobile phones or other devices should never interfere with study.
- Encourage and support the child in study.
- Check the student's Schoology for work set and work completed.
- Check homework with child – but do not do the homework.
- Encourage a balance between study, social interaction and participation in extra-curricular activities.
- Communicate with teacher if there are difficulties.

### How much study?

Suggested Time (approximate) spent on Study and Homework in Junior Cert  
2.5 to 3 hours per day; more frequent weekend study

### Absence from Class

If a student is absent from class it is the responsibility of the student to catch up on work that has been missed on Schoology.

### Homework

The Purpose of Study and Homework is to:

1. Reinforce and practise what is learnt in class.
2. Get feedback from the teacher.
3. Prepare for tests and examinations including revision work.
4. Encourage independent study, learning and regular reviewing of work.
5. Provide time to develop standards and the presentation of work.
6. Complete class work and coursework.
7. Foster an understanding of, interest in and love of subject.

## Tips for Junior Cycle Students

Read the following tips with your student;



What can help you progress?

1.
  - a. Studying at same place each day/ evening.
  - b. Only using a computer or device when needed for your work.
  - c. Deciding on time required for each homework or assignment.
  - d. Looking ahead to work set for later in the week or reviewing and studying earlier work, providing you have additional time.
  - e. Taking short breaks and rewarding yourself when work is finished.

2. Get organised before you start by having a clear desk or table containing:

- a. Homework journal.
- b. Text books and copy books.
- c. Pens, pencils, drawing equipment.

3. Do management your time by: (See note 1 above)

- a. Working at same time each evening.
- b. Allocating time for each assignment.
- c. Taking short breaks.
- d. Using any "leftover" time to review work:
  - Summarising topic in notes or bullet point form.
  - Summarising chapter in text.
  - Selecting questions from revision exercise at end of topic or chapter.
  - Highlighting headings, key facts, dates etc in book.

4. Tackle a test or exam paper by:

- a. Reading all of question or paper before you start.
- b. Allocating time for each question - spending more time on questions worth more marks.
- c. Answering your "best" question first.
- d. Moving on if you get "stuck" and returning to difficult section later.
- e. Correcting test or exam as soon as possible.