

Springburn Academy



S4 Parents' Seminar
Supporting your child in
learning
20th September 2011

Aims

- ❑ To help parents/carers support their children so that they can learn well and achieve
- ❑ To outline some learning/study skills
- ❑ To help pupils and parents plan for the future

Overview

- Study techniques
- Time management
- Exam preparation
- Useful information/contacts
- Ian Dalglish - Careers
- Evaluation

Study Technique - example

- Read the information about 5 of the Study Techniques
- Use the coloured post-its to make 'cards' about the next 5 Study Techniques
 - 1 colour for the Study Techniques
 - 1 colour for the definitions
 - 1 colour for the bullet points
- Mix the cards then organise them again
- Tell someone about Study Techniques
- Which ones have you remembered best?

Study Techniques

- ❑ Understand LEARNING STYLES
- ❑ Must be ACTIVE
- ❑ OWNERSHIP
- ❑ SHARE
- ❑ REVIEW

Study Techniques (continued)

- ❑ Revision Posters
- ❑ Index cards
- ❑ Mind Maps
- ❑ MP3 Revision
- ❑ Card Games Definitions
- ❑ Thinking Tools
- ❑ Question and Answer
- ❑ Revision Timetable
- ❑ Spot the Question – Past Papers
- ❑ Bullet Point answers

Making Notes

- Read the text on 'Making notes' hi-lighting the key points as you read
- Look at the 'Note-taking frameworks'
- Which one would you use to take notes about what you have read?
- Explain your choice to someone else
- Turn the text into notes (if we have time!)

Time Management

- Plan ahead
 - Term, week, day
- Study Timetable
- To do list – categorise & prioritise
 - 1 = must do, 2 = should do, 3 = could be left
- Time management partner(s)
- Treats & bribes!

important
urgent

not important
urgent

important
not urgent

not important
not urgent

Study Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Deadlines				
3.00 pm	Supp. Study Biology	school	school	Supp. study Maths
4.00 pm		Library	Library	
5.00 pm				
6.00 pm	Meal	Meal	Meal	Meal
7.00 pm			Sport/Club	
8.00 pm	TV		Sport/Club	
9.00 pm				

Supports

- Individual Interviews
- Tracking
- Parents' Evenings & Reports – 24th November, 8th February
- Supported Study
- Mentors
- Prelims: 6th-9th December, 20th-22nd December
- Work Experience: 12th-16th December

Exam Preparation

- Past papers
 - www.sqa.org.uk
- Get to know the types of questions
- Work through questions
- Talk to teacher
- Learn how to time answers
- Against the clock – whole papers & questions
- Shows what you can do & need to improve

Useful Information

- www.sqa.org.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/bitesize
- www.springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk

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