



# Midhurst Rother College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## KS5 - The Final Push

It hardly seems possible, but the external exams for all A-level and BTEC subjects begin w/b Tuesday 7 May 2019 and our thoughts turn towards the final preparations for these very important exams.

### Study Time

Outside of normal timetabled lessons, all students should be spending **at least 15 -20 hours per week on study**. National research as well as our own experiences suggest that students who achieve the top grades/make the most progress will spend 10 hours per subject per week on study. Study periods should now be used exclusively for these purposes and they are best spent in College where distractions from social media, TV, games etc. can be avoided. Students also have access to their teachers, learning resources and past papers.

### Paid Work

Throughout KS5 we have advised that students should take part in no more than 10 hours paid work per week. Over the coming weeks and certainly during the scheduled exams, we suggest that students put paid work on hold, or reduce their hours, so they can concentrate fully on their exams.

### KS5 Study Plans

There are many approaches to study and each student will have their own methods of reviewing key materials and revising content. We will be covering these in College over the coming weeks. There are five basic principles that will make study more effective;

- Having a clear weekly timetable for study with sessions equally divided between all three subjects
- Approaching each study session with a learning aim linked to the subject specification content
- Regularly testing keywords and concepts supported through the use of revision cards
- Start with the more difficult content or content that is less known
- Maintaining an equal balance between purposeful study and rest and relaxation.



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### **Last Day of Term**

The last official day of Year 13 is **Friday 26 May 2019**. Your son/daughter's time at Midhurst Rother College will conclude with a special farewell assembly and buffet lunch provided by the College. This will be an opportunity for students and staff to mark the end of a very special seven year journey.

In each subject, staff will continue to run lessons up until the last exam in that particular subject. Students are expected to attend these lessons.

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Nathaniel  
Director of KS5