

PREPARATION FOR EXAMINATIONS – GCSE Sciences (Double and Triple Award)

The best advice that can be given to parents in order to prepare students for a GCSE Science examination is that **students should take as varied an approach as is possible**. There is no such thing as a website or published 'Revision Guide' that will comprehensively provide sufficient materials to offer a full programme of exam preparation.

Despite this statement, many publishers do provide good materials such as 'Practice Papers', Revision Guides, containing all relevant materials, and Workbooks which provide revision exercises.

The list below has some fundamental facts that need to be considered when creating a Revision programme in Science.

1. When purchasing Revision Materials, ensure that you know the correct Exam Board that your son/daughter is studying for. At Harton, we sit AQA Science exams. If you would like any information or recommendations about which books to buy, you can contact Mr. Lamb (Head of Science) by email at the address pl@harton-tc.co.uk
2. There are a number of techniques that a student can take in order to make revision as motivational and effective as possible. Many of these are listed by Mr. Brooks-Tyreman (Examinations Officer) in a separate section of the school's VLE.
3. The school has invested heavily in a revision programme known as SAM Learning. This has all revision materials, as well as many 'exam style' questions. The students can then assess themselves, using the mark schemes provided. If carried out in the correct manner, students can use the assessment to identify areas of weakness.

Passwords are issued by the school, and if forgotten can be found again by asking Mr. Brooks-Tyreman.
4. Past Papers are published by the exam board at www.aqa.org.uk. In the Students/Parents section of the homepage, there is a link which directs you straight to the 'Past Papers'. All mark schemes are provided. It may be best to consult with the Science teacher on this as some papers will be covered in class. Every Science teacher can provide a large number of Past Papers if required.

Again, it should be reiterated that if you have a query, you can contact Mr. Lamb on the email address pl@harton-tc.co.uk.