Preparing for the exam: study tips for Year 12 students

Hi Students,

The end of your exam period is fast approaching.

A timetable of the entire Year 12 end of year examinations can be found at this link:


Please read this information carefully as it contains important rules about the conduct of the examinations.

Your course material no doubt has lots of information about revising for the exam, and many of you will have attended or plan to attend exam revision seminars for your subject. Here is some extra information for you to consider. Remember, all these are just ideas or hints, always choose the best study method that works for you.

Session 1: Making your knowledge work

Prepare a study plan for each subject:

Go through your course material for the year and identify the key knowledge areas for each of the outcomes. These should be the main topics that you need to cover during your revision time. Ask your teacher if you need help finding these.

Be active when revising or reading your notes:

Once you have identified the key knowledge areas for each of the outcomes, draw up a piece of paper with each key knowledge area as the heading. Then, ask yourself these questions:

- What are the key ideas that relate to this key knowledge area?
- What do I already know about this key knowledge area?
- Which of the key knowledge areas are difficult for me to recall or remember?

You should start your revision with those key knowledge areas you cannot recall or remember. That will help maximise your study time. You can also turn the key knowledge statement into questions and then try and answer them.
As you revise your learning material, make notes, underline the main ideas and read the information out loud. At the end of each paragraph, summarise what you have just read by:

1. Writing down the main ideas in point form, then try and summarise them down even further into a concept wheel or mind map. This is also a good idea to show how ideas are linked, which is a key skill in an exam.
2. Once you have summarized your ideas down into a concept wheel or mind map, write a summary sentence about how each of the key ideas is linked.
3. Put these ideas into a picture or diagram. This will help you recall the information by linking it to something visual.

Every 10 minutes, stop and go back over what you have just covered to consolidate what you have just learnt.

**Review**

To check what you have revised ask yourself these questions:

- Can I explain the key knowledge area in my own words?
- Can I explain to others what I know about it?
- Can I give an example to explain my understanding of the key knowledge area?

And finally, remember that your DECV teachers are always here to help you!

Stay calm, eat well, sleep well and good luck!