



Supporting the transition from KS3 to KS4

Why your support matters

Parental involvement plays a crucial role in student success. With the right support, encouragement, and resources, your child can feel more confident and prepared for their GCSE examinations. Here's how you can help!



Create a study-friendly environment

Help your child set up a quiet, well-lit space dedicated to revision. Reducing distractions like TV, social media, and mobile phones during study time will improve focus. A tidy, organised space can make revision feel more structured and manageable.



Encourage a smart revision routine

Support your child in creating a realistic revision timetable that covers all subject areas. Encourage active recall methods such as using flashcards, answering past examination questions, or teaching you what they've learned. Short, focused study sessions (25-45 minutes) followed by short breaks will help maintain concentration and avoid burnout. Consistency is key!



Promote well-being & motivation

Examinations can be stressful, so remind your child to take care of themselves. Ensure they get enough sleep, eat well and stay hydrated, as this will boost focus and memory. Encourage a healthy balance between revision and relaxation and keep a positive atmosphere by celebrating progress rather than just focusing on results. Small rewards, like breaks, treats or fun activities, can help maintain motivation.



Use subject-specific revision tools

Using a range of revision tools can support success across all subjects. Effective revision isn't just about memorising facts, but understanding ideas and applying knowledge. Techniques like mind maps, videos, and practice questions help reinforce learning in different ways. Online resources such as **BBC Bitesize** and **Seneca Learning** can also make revision more interactive and engaging..

Need support? We're here to help!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch

Contact: enquiries@SRPA.co.uk

English

Useful Websites

Our Exam Board:

Literature: Pearson Edexcel

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/>

Language: AQA

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification>

Revision Resources:

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

<https://www.savemyexams.com/>

How can you help?

- Encourage little & often revision (20–30 mins, 3–4 times a week)
- Ask simple questions about themes, characters, and

Mathematics

Useful Websites

Our Exam Board:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects>

Revision Resources:

<https://www.Sparxmaths.uk>

<https://www.onmaths.com>

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk>

<https://vle.srpa.co.uk/app/os>

How can you help?

Ask your young person questions and encourage them to do a little bit regularly:

- “How did you get on with your starter questions today?”
- “Which topic are you going to have a look at tonight? Watch the video on Corbettmaths and have a go at the questions it'll only take 10 minutes.”
- “Which topic are you going to get tonight on Sparx?”

Science

Useful Websites

Our Exam Board:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science>

Revision Resources:

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

<https://cognitoedu.org/home>

<https://www.savemyexams.com/>

How can you help?

- Ask students to explain concepts aloud
- Use flashcards and self quizzes
- Complete exam questions regularly
- Encourage time away from phones while completing homework/ revision