



Croydon High School

for girls aged 3-18yrs

GDST

GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST



GCSE 2018-2020 STUDY GUIDE



Introduction

As your daughter enters Year 10, she makes a transition that moves from Key Stage 3 (KS3) where all subjects are compulsory, into Key Stage 4 (KS4) where some subjects (such as English and Maths) are compulsory and others have been chosen through the Options Evening in Year 9. At the end of KS4, pupils will take external examinations, the results from which will give them the formal qualifications which will be required to continue onto A levels.

This booklet is aimed at the girls and parents alike, to help clear the mists that can surround the start of GCSEs. It aims to offer advice and guidance on

- the information you need to find out from teachers
- how to manage your time

For parents, who understandably want the best for your child, it will also offer some support about how to keep your daughter motivated and how you can help her.

From the start, please be assured that if you have any questions regarding any subject you should contact the appropriate subject teacher, head of department in the first instance. If you have any concerns pastorally, please contact your daughter's form tutor, Mrs Webb or Mrs Beck who will endeavour to clear things up as quickly as possible.

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Mrs Webb – E.Webb@cry.gdst.net

Mrs Beck – S.Beck@cry.gdst.net

Your daughter is starting a very important two years of her education. As well as enabling her to attain the highest grades possible in August 2020, we also hope to help her develop a strong sense of self-confidence in her ability to study and revise effectively which will stay with her for the rest of her life.

AQA English Language 8700 – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

CIE IGCSE English Literature 0992 – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics A (2016) - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Edexcel IGCSE Biology - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

IGCSE Chemistry - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Edexcel IGCSE Physics 4PH1 - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

IGCSE French - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Edexcel IGCSE Spanish - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

IGCSE German - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Latin - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

IGCSE Computer Science – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Physical Education: AQA GCSE 8582 - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

IGCSE History - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Geography - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Religious Studies - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Art & Design: Edexcel GCSE - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Drama - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Music - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the specification.

Starting the course

Moving from Year 9 to 10 involves many changes. The girls have new classes, new teachers, new routines, new subjects, new friends AND the knowledge that GCSEs are important. And of course these young ladies are teenagers full of hormones and all the right answers! All this can create pressure for both parents and the pupil.

Tasks for students

- Become responsible for your own learning - don't just rely on what you do in class do some extra reading or research
- If you don't understand..... ASK
- Keep yourself and your work organised – create an organised work area
- Know what each course involves (What are the deadlines? Make a note of important information etc.)
- Meet all deadlines
- Use the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) after school, somewhere fairly quiet to get on with work and access resources/computers
- Find out your learning style and how you learn best
- Look out for the extra support sessions available by the different subjects

Tasks for parents

- School has an important role to play in getting pupils through exams, but parental support is also important in determining success. You don't have to be an expert in any subject you just need to be there to offer support and guidance
- Ensure your daughter is in school. Learning cannot take place if she is absent
- Check your daughter is using her Firefly and completing work when required
- Provide the tools for homework – somewhere quiet, pens, papers etc.
- Take away temptations mobile phones, facebook, etc – the girls will survive for a short while without access to them!
- Be someone who will listen. Help your daughter break down large tasks into smaller ones
- Find out your child's learning style to determine how they learn best
- Talk to your child about the work they have done and get them to explain it to you
- Acting as a go between your daughter and the school. If you have any concerns please contact us.

Important skills to develop are:

Organisation

Time-management

Note-taking skills

Coping with stress

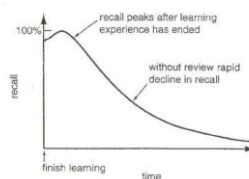
Remember people who **fail to prepare** for their exams are **preparing to fail** their exams.

1. Organization

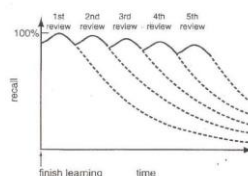
- Lots of students misplace important notes/documents etc.
- Invest in some ring binders & file dividers. You may like to use different colours for different subjects.
- Get a memory stick or e-mail work from home to school – always back up your work.

2. Time-Management

- Plan your time effectively between homework etc. and leisure activities. Know when you can and should do your homework!
- Go over your notes regularly - the graphs show how much this can help your memory



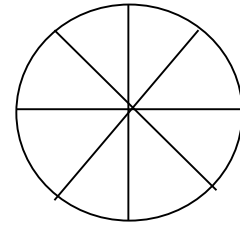
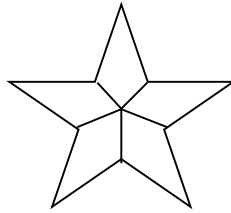
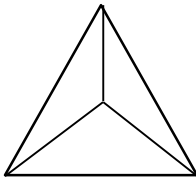
Without review, information is forgotten almost immediately.



Recall is dramatically improved with regular review.

3. Note Taking

- Don't copy out your notes again!
- You need to find ways of making summary notes. This will depend on you and the topic you are studying. Techniques include using:
 - Symbols
 - Key words
 - Colour
 - Diagrams & annotations
- Aim to summarise a topic on an A4 or A3 piece of paper. You can even use a shape to help organize your notes



4. Coping with Stress

- A common cause of stress is when a pupil feels they are not able to control their circumstances. This can be avoided by:
 - Planning ahead
 - Talking to teachers/parents and asking for help
- Take time out to have fun – continue to do the things you enjoy to relax you and take your mind of study
- Strategies to help maintain your self-confidence include:
 - Set yourself ambitious but realistic and achievable goals.
 - Try to use mistakes as offering opportunities for feedback rather than as 'failures'.
 - Recognise that your achievements are the result of your abilities and hard work rather than just a result of chance or good luck.
 - Celebrate and reward yourself for short-term achievements.
 - Complete tasks rather than leaving them unfinished.

Please use the diagram below to channel your concerns or any queries you may have to the correct member of staff. You may contact by phone or email to arrange an appointment.

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Pastoral Concerns

E.g.

Behaviour in/out of school

Friendship issues

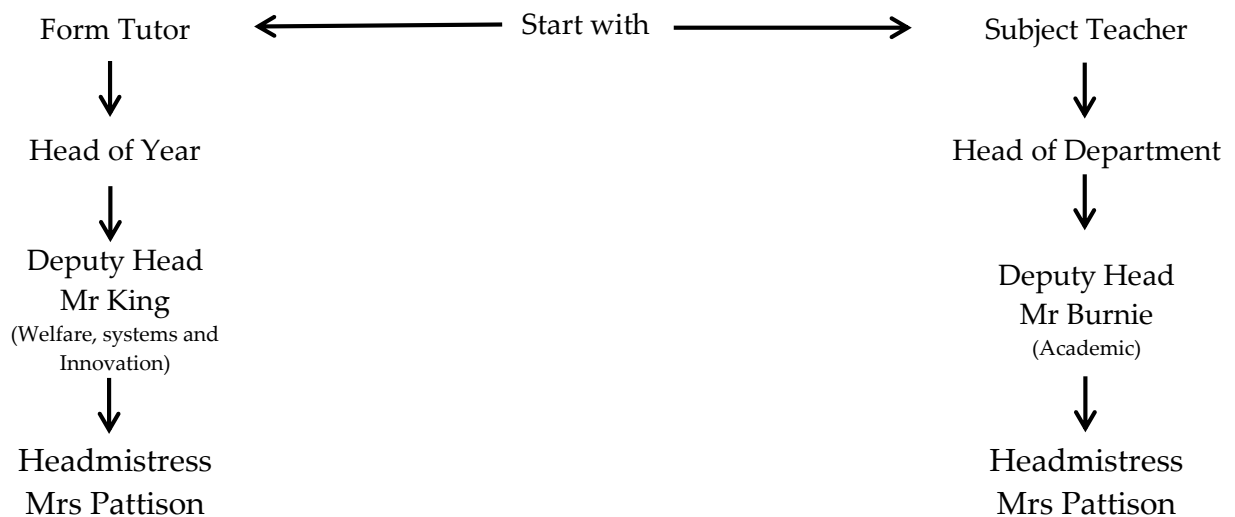
Attendance, punctuality

Academic Concerns

E.g.

Behaviour in lessons

Quality & standards of classwork,
homework, tests and exam study
skills



YEAR 10 TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019 - HOMEWORK

WEEK A							LESSON	HW
MONDAY	Mon: Reg am	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
	Mon: 1 Pool D	10D Biology Miss Baptist 33	10D Computer Science IT2	10D 3D Design Mrs Smith DT1	10D PE Ms Head 12			
	Mon: 2 Pool F	10F Biology Miss Baptist 33	10F Chemistry Mr Gaudoin 41	10F Spanish Ms Diez 7				
	Mon: 3 Pool E	10E English Mrs Tooke 45	10E Geography Mr Pickering 51	10E RS Mrs Gower 6	10E Spanish Ms Diez 7	10E Study Skills Mrs Sharples 5		
	Mon: Reg pm	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
	Mon: 4 Pool H	10H Biology Mrs Conrad 32	10H Chemistry Mrs Kugathas 41	10H History Mr Thorpe 23				
	Mon: 5 Pool A	10A Computer Science Mr Brady IT2	10A French Ms Paris 1	10A Geography Mrs Corner 50	10A Physics Mrs Simmons 37	10A RS Miss Kelly 6		
TUESDAY	Tue: Reg am	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
	Tue: 1 Pool A	10A Computer Science Mr Brady IT2	10A French Ms Paris 1	10A Geography Mrs Corner 50	10A Physics Mrs Simmons 37	10A RS Miss Kelly 6		
	Tue: 2 Pool D	10D Biology Miss Baptist 33	10D Computer Science IT2	10D 3D Design Mrs Smith DT1	10D PE Mrs Beck 3			
	Tue: 3 Pool C	10C Chemistry Mr Gaudoin 41	10C Latin Mr Loudon 15	10C Music Mr Suranyi 48	10C Physics Mr Coley 38			
	Tue: Reg pm	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
	Tue: 4 Pool B	10B Art Mr Robertson 44	10B English Ms Cotton 17	10B German Mr Symes 9	10B History Ms Fenwick 23			
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	Wed: 2 Pool G	10G Drama Mrs Webb 19	10G English Ms Ellard 22	10G Physics Mr Pickering 39				
	Wed: 3 Pool C	10C Chemistry Mr Gaudoin 41	10C Latin Mr Loudon 15	10C Music Mr Suranyi 48	10C PE General 4 Ms Head			
	Wed: Reg pm	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
	Wed: 4 Pool C	10C Physics Mr Coley 38	10C PE General 1	10C PE General 2 Mrs Copland	10C PE General 3 Ms Head			
	Wed: 5	Mathematics Ms Nowitzke 21 Mr King 10 Mr Fletcher 14 Mrs Zielska 12						
THURSDAY	Thu: Reg am	10H Registration Ms Head 24	10N Registration Ms Nowitzke 21	10T Registration Mrs Tooke 22				
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	English	D	G		Maths
	F				

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Core subjects – 1 hour per week

Please note that the English GCSE is actually two separate examinations – English Literature and English Language. Due to this the English staff may set additional work to cater for both examinations.

Foundation subjects – 45 minutes per week

Those students taking Art and 3D Design **must** attend the afterschool club every Thursday, this will count towards their homework and 'post it' work should be completed out of school hours.

Note from Mrs Beck - From my experience, those girls who have not attended fall behind very quickly and end up having to spend a lot of time at weekends catching up which can result in added stress to the pupil, parents and staff at school.

All homework set will be given over a period of time to allow pupils to complete and ensure the work is of good quality.

School absence

Pupils will be expected to catch up classwork and complete any homework set. It is encouraged for pupils to see subject teachers for further explanation to work missed due to the absence.

Year 10 – Some important dates

Autumn Term

Starts: 05/09/18

Half Term: 22/10 – 02/11/18

Ends: 14/12/18

- Year 10 Welcome Evening: 06/09/18, 1900 – 2030 in the Senior Hall
- PTA Coffee Morning: 07/09/18, 0830 – 1000 in the Junior School
- Second Hand Uniform Sale: 10/09/18, 1445 – 1545 in the Junior School
- Individual photos: 17/09/18 in the Senior Hall
- Barbados Fundraiser: 21/09/18, 1900 – 2200 in the Senior Hall
- Overseas Universities Fair: 24/09/18, 1600 – 1730 in TBC
- **Open Day: Saturday 13/10/18 – Attendance is expected**
- Reporting home: 17/10/18
- Mufti Day: 19/10/18
- Second Hand Uniform Sale: 05/11/18, 1445 – 1545 in the Junior School
- Fashion Show: 09/11 – 10/11/18, 1900 – 2100 in the Senior Hall
- Creative Careers Networking Breakfast: 29/11/18, 0800 – 0930 in the LRC
- Christmas Concert: 29/11/18, 1900 – 2100, in the Senior Hall
- PTA Winter Fair: Saturday 08/12/18
- Reporting home: 12/12/18
- Christmas Service: 12/12/18, 1800 – 2100 at Croydon Minster
- **Term Ends: 14/12/18**
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Spring Term

Starts: 08/01/19

Half Term: 18/02/19 – 22/02/19

Ends: 05/04/19

- PTA Panto: 18/01/19, 1800 – 2200 in the Senior Hall
- Whole School Musical: 07/02/19 – 09/02/19, 1900 – 2200 in the Senior Hall
- Reporting home: 13/02/19
- **Year 10 Parents' Evening: 27/02/19, 1700 – 2000 in the Senior Hall**
- Year 10 Art & 3D Design Exams: 01/04/19
- Reporting home: 03/04/19
- Spring Concert: 04/04/19, 1900 – 2100 in the Senior Hall
- **Term Ends: 05/04/19**

Summer Term

Starts: 24/04/19

Half Term: 27/05/19 – 31/05/19

Ends: 12/07/19

- Year 10 Exams: 26/04/19 – 03/05/19
- May Day Bank Holiday: 06/05/19
- Chamber Music Festival: 09/05/19, 1900 – 2100 in the Senior Hall
- **Open Evening: 15/05/19, 1800 - 2100 – Attendance is expected**
- Years 10 – 12 Oxbridge Evening: 13/06/18, 1900 – 2030 in the Lecture Theatre
- Morrisby Tests: 14/06/19, 0900 – 1200
- PTA Golf Day
- Year 7-10 Summer Production: 27/06/19, 1900 – 2100 in the Senior Hall
- PTA Summer Fair: 30/06/19
- Reporting home: 10/07/19
- **Term Ends: 12/07/19**

Please note that the Summer Term has not been 'calendared' completely at this stage of the year.