

The Exam Issue

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The News up to date

- Access the exam timetable on the school website.
- Make sure you check your personalised exam timetable and you are aware of your exam room and seat.
- Please take care around the school site whilst students are completing their exams.
- There are many booster sessions happening during half-term. Ask subject teachers for more information.

Interview

This month, we had the chance to interview our new Head of School – Mr Williman.

Q. Good afternoon, Mr Williman. Firstly, on behalf of our students here at South Hunsley, we would like to wish you a warm welcome. How has your first week been as Head of School? What were your highlights?

A: Good afternoon and thank you. Firstly the highlight of my week has been meeting all of the staff and all of the students. I have met all of the students in House assemblies this week – which has been great.

Q. What is the best piece of advice you would give to year 11 and sixth form students, in terms of how to revise effectively?

A: Believe in your ability. Plan your revision using a revision timetable and use revision strategies that work for you. It is important to have a plan in place and stick to your plan.

Q3. How might students maintain a healthy lifestyle during the exam period?

A: Eat healthily, drink plenty of water and ensure you have plenty of rest and sleep.

Q. How would you advise students to tackle exam stress and anxiety, leading up to the exam?

A: Don't analyse what you have done previously – focus on the present. If you have any problems or worries, then talk about them. There are lots of people who are here at South Hunsley to support you – including the pastoral team, your Teachers, friends and family.

Q. How would you tackle exam stress during the exam?

A: Again, focus on the present – if you have put all of the things as previously mentioned in place, you should be confident. Believe in your ability and don't spend too long worrying what other people have said about their exam; stick to your answers - not anyone else's. Once one exam is done – focus on the next one.

The Arts:

Where can your exams take you? Have a look at some celebrities who have studied further education.

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| 1. J.K. Rowling
Exeter University
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in French and Classical Studies | 6. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson
University of Miami
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in General Studies |
| 2. Emma Watson
Brown University
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in English | 7. Meryl Streep
Vassar College, Yale University
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Drama, Masters of Fine Arts in Drama |
| 3. Rowan Atkinson
Oxford University
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering | 8. Arnold Schwarzenegger
University of Wisconsin-Superior
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Business and International Economics |
| 4. Oprah Winfrey
Tennessee State University
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Speech and Drama | 9. John Legend
University of Pennsylvania
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in English |
| 5. Hugh Grant
New College Oxford
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in English Literature | 10. Kourtney Kardashian
University of Arizona
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Theatre Arts |
| | 11. Will Ferrell
University of Southern California
Degree Earned: Bachelor's in Sports |

Henry's History by Henry Elvin

GCSE's & A-Levels sounds normal we take them for granted, right? We need exams to get a job. But what is the history behind them?

- In 1988, the Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph said schools would begin teaching the General Certificate for Secondary Education (GCSE).
- But what tests were beforehand? O levels (ordinary levels) came before GCSE. In 1951, General Certificate of Education (GCE), O-levels and A-levels were introduced, replacing the School Certificate (SC) and the Higher School Certificate (HSC).
- In 1965, The Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) was introduced for secondary modern pupils to cater for those not sitting O-levels. In 1995, The Government introduced National Curriculum Tests, often called SAT's, for all children aged 7, 11 and 14 (tests for seven year olds were first tried in 1991).

Exam advice

Here are some exam tips we have collected this month:

- 'Most students use social media – so utilise this for revision purposes! For example, apps like Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Instagram are a great tool to find new resources, which you might not have. Simply # your subject, level of qualification and/or exam board in the search bar. For example, #AQAENGLISH.' - Miss Melia (Teacher of English)
- 'Using flashcards really helps, I write the question on one side and the answer on the other. I also revise my own notes over and over to make sure the revision sticks!' – Andy Smith (Year 11 student)
- 'When revising, the best tool you can have is a highlighter. Highlight the key information to help you revise.' Mrs Kirby (Indus Head of House)
- 'I really do find peer support helps me to revise; working together with friends discussing exam content puts my anxiety at ease.' – (A Y13 student – who wishes to be anonymous)

Good luck in your exams! Smash it!

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