

There is support:

The school website has links to many excellent revision sites:

www.elginhigh.co.uk

(Click on the tab "General info" and then choose the red box labelled "Revision". This has direct links with a wide range of useful sites. Most departments also have key information and revision links on their sections of the website.)

The school library has a wide range of revision books and study guides. There are also copies of past papers. These can be used in the library or borrowed on overnight loan.

Revision/study clubs will be offered by many departments either before the Prelims or in March and during the Easter holidays. Full details will be on the noticeboards and sent to parents in March.

One of the local booksellers will have an extensive range of study materials and past papers available at the S.4/5/6 Parent Evening on Wednesday 12 November.

Teachers will be available at the S.4/5/6 Parent evening on Wednesday 12 November - Make sure you get appointments!



Because they're worth it - Improving your grades

The importance of getting the best results possible in national courses cannot be stressed enough. Exam results make a difference to the future. They can open up educational opportunities whether in school, college or university. Many job opportunities depend upon getting particular grades. Employers continually emphasise that they look for the personal qualities of dedication, hard work and commitment that are reflected in good results.

Sadly, some pupils let themselves down by getting results that do not show their real ability. This can reduce the options open to them when they leave school.

There is no substitute for hard work. This leaflet lists some of the actions pupils can take to improve their chances of getting results that reflect their potential.

20 ways to improve your grades...

Tick the three that will make the most difference to your results!

- 1 Spend more time out of school on course work (10 hours a week is recommended).
- 2 Use the library at lunchtimes or after school to do course work.
- 3 Use Y3 for revision/school work at lunchtime or after school.
- 4 Buy or borrow (from the school library) past papers - and use them regularly.

"The college didn't let me into the course I wanted, because my grades were not good enough." (Former EHS pupil)

- 5 Buy or borrow (from the school library) study/revision books - and use them regularly.
- 6 In the evenings, look over your notes from the day's lessons and make summaries or highlight key points/information.
- 7 Sort out your folders/notes from third year and start going through the information.
- 8 Speak to the teachers who expressed concerns about your progress, and ask for help.
- 9 Behave in all classes.
- 10 Use the school website to access revision sites.
- 11 Make a revision programme covering all your subjects, and keep to it.
- 12 Identify times in the week when you will commit yourself to school work - and keep to them. Again, 10 hours a week is the target.

- 13 Use your school diary to plan your studying.
- 14 Complete the homework issued by your teachers and hand it in on time.

*"I wish I had started working sooner and harder."
(Several current S.5/6 EHS pupils)*

- 15 Reduce the amount of time you spend going out with your friends/socialising and spend some of the time on school work. The sacrifice in your S.4 year can bring long term benefits.
- 16 Turn up for extra lunchtime or after school tuition or revision clubs offered by teachers - particularly before and after the prelims.
- 17 Pay greater attention in classes where teachers think you are not achieving your target grade.
- 18 Identify the parts of courses that you are having difficulty understanding and ask your teachers for help.
- 19 Cut down on the hours you are working at an out of school job and use the time for course work. Evidence shows that the better your exam grades the more money you will earn in the future.
- 20 Spend time every day learning the course content for each subject.

"I always look first at the exam results to see if the applicant is a good worker." (Local employer)