



A "HOW TO"WHEN IT COMES TO STUDYING

FROM MR HARTLEY

This year has been very similar to last year, in being a year to overcome challenges. I believe that the difference is that in this year, the pandemic has taught us that we are resilient, resourceful and also that teachers are some of the most important people in this world.

During the time of the pandemic, more than 90% of the world's enrolled student population, which equates to 1.6 billion learners, have been affected by school closures. In this crisis, most teachers have shown great leadership and innovation to ensure that no kid is left behind. They have created new learning environments and have found solutions to allow education to continue.

It is important that we recognise the role of the teachers in helping a generation that could have been known as the "lost generation" to rather be known as a generation that I would like to label the "bounce-back kids".

It has been so good for me to be working on a very busy campus. We have been involved in a full extra-curricular roster as well as sporting fixtures against a number of our traditional rivals. One thing that our new normal is

teaching us is that the emphasis is shifting to the appreciation of participation rather than placing unneeded emphasis on the results.

Week number five of the final term means that we are very close to the commencement of the final examinations for the Intersen Phase boys. It can be a time of anxiety for some, but with proper preparation, it does not have to be so. Please read the article included in this bulletin to help you and your son prepare for this important time.

For those who might be wondering if we are going to have the return to another "normal" annual activity, that being our prize-givings. Yes, we will be having these events with some differences in that we have to break the prize-giving into a lot of smaller prize-givings and that these will be taking place after the examination period.

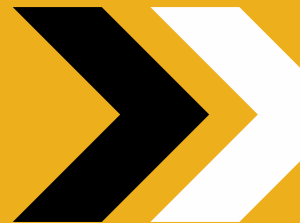
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Warm greetings

Queen's College Boys' Primary

KUDU BULLETIN

Whichever test or examination your son has coming up, it's important that they feel confident and prepared for the big day. In this article, we outline our top revision tips for our boys.



START REVISING EARLY

There's no substitute for beginning a revision programme early. The sooner your child starts revising, the more material they'll be able to cover before the exam.

CREATE A REVISION TIMETABLE

When it comes to revising, having a structured plan in place can make all the difference. Try to agree on a study timetable with your son, half an hour every other night can be all it takes to improve your child's confidence. A revision timetable can be as simple as a spreadsheet or a handwritten table displayed in your son's bedroom.

FIND A STIMULATING PLACE TO REVISE

It's important that your son has a quiet place they can go to revise. Trying to get work done when surrounded by distractions of TV, the internet and other family members can be very challenging, especially for boys of primary school age. Try to find a space at home where your son can revise uninterrupted for half an hour.

REVISE LITTLE AND OFTEN

The average attention span of a 10-year-old is around 30 minutes, any longer and they start to get distracted and unmotivated. When it comes to creating a revision timetable, make sure that you limit revision to half an hour at a time. This time can gradually increase as they get older.

RECORD REVISION NOTES

An effective and fun way to revise is to have your son read their revision notes out loud into a voice recorder or mobile phone. Your son can then listen back to the recordings

during revision time or in the lead up to the exam. However, it is important when using a mobile phone, that it does not become a distraction.

STAY POSITIVE

Revising at primary school can feel daunting. If there's a lot of material to cover, your son can sometimes feel overwhelmed at the amount of work they have to do. By breaking each task down into small, manageable chunks and staying positive, your son will learn the material more effectively and feel more resourceful leading up to the test.

USE PRACTICE EXAM PAPERS

Not only do practice papers help familiarise your child with the layout of the exam, but they can be a great way to improve your son's time management skills.

STICK REVISION NOTES AROUND YOUR HOUSE

Visual aids are a great tool for revising. All you need is some post-it notes with buzz words or formulas written on them to help jog your son's memory of their revision material. You can also test your son with revision notes by asking them to explain them verbally in more detail.

DO THE HARD STUFF FIRST

Children are at their most alert when they first start a revision session, so it makes sense to start revising the most difficult subjects first. Once the challenging parts are out of the way, your son will see the rest of their revision time as more enjoyable and will be more likely to retain the information they're studying.



I hope that this advice will help in the revision process and will enhance your son's confidence for the forthcoming examinations.

