



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now into the seventh week of revision tips sent out to you, as parents and carers, to help you to support your son with his revision. With a remaining **7 school weeks** until the exams begin in mid-May, here is this week's 'Tip of the Week'.

'Tip of the Week'

Play the long game: Look at the time your son has remaining before reaching mid-May and go back to the weekly revision schedules: is he doing enough revision each night, and at weekends, and is he revising the 'right' areas? What I mean by this is: is your son revising material he already knows or, from his gap analysis post mock results, is he slowly working away at the areas he finds difficult and that he needs to revise more often?

To 'play the long game' students need to be strategic: once your son has identified the areas of weakness, he needs to break the area down into smaller chunks and be drip feeding some of this into several revision slots each week. Your son needs to be using you as a resource and getting parents, siblings etc to then test him more frequently to ensure that these harder areas are slowly being broken down and that your son is remembering the material.

Scientific studies have proven that the more you revisit a topic or area, list of vocabulary, quotes etc, the more likely you are to be able to recall them. It makes sense that if you only look at something once, now in March, you cannot expect to recall it in mid-May once sat in front of the exam paper! You will also notice the growth in memory recall as well: if you test your son on a topic on Monday and then test him again on Friday you will spot what he is able to recall with ease and where he is still struggling, and needs greater revision in this area.

With 7 school weeks to go, this is a prime opportunity for your son to be thinking about is he revising the right material in the right place on his schedule or does he need to make tweaks?

Yours faithfully,

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