

Exam Rubric - Practical Suggestions to Support Year 10 Revision

Staff in all departments have used their expertise to produce an Exam Rubric for each of their subjects in order to further support GCSE students in their study and revision. A rubric is, simply, a document which **makes explicit the criteria by which students' assessments are marked**. At Millthorpe, we recognise the value of exam rubric in supporting each student to understand *how* to make the progress needed in order to achieve excellence in each subject and to secure the best possible final outcomes.

Each department's rubric contains information across the following four areas:

- **Description** - Task/Assignment/Exam Overviews for Each Paper, Grade Boundaries.
- **Criteria** - Assessment Objectives, Mark Schemes, Inserts/Formula Grids, Knowledge Organisers, 'Top Tips'.
- **Levels** - Explicit Success Criteria for Each Level or Grade Point.
- **Standards** - Model examples of Answers at Each Grade Point, including 100% Answers, with Clear Rationale, Key Points from Examiner Reports.

Our Exam Rubrics are being formally launched to Year 10 students this week in lessons and through a year group assembly. There is also a dedicated 'Year 10/11 GCSE Exam Rubrics and Revision' Google Classroom on which students can find all of their exam rubrics for each subject in one place, as well as some revision tips - all students have been invited and just need to accept the invitation to access this.

As the PPE season gets underway for Year 10, please do encourage your child to make the most effective use of their exam rubrics and to put the information they contain at the heart of their revision - published revision guides are great, but our rubrics have been written by *our* staff specifically for the students *we* teach, meaning that every page is relevant to them and contains vital information to help move *our* students forward in their understanding in the ways that experience has taught us will work best for them.

Please see some simple tips below for how your child can make effective use of their exam rubric today:

1. Review your current marks against grade boundaries - every mark matters, so be clear how many marks you need to reach your best possible outcome in each subject.



2. Revise using Knowledge Organisers - use these alongside our Fab Four Revision Strategies - Flashcards, Brain Dumps, Mind Maps and Self Quizzing.



3. Study example answers to understand what excellence looks like - if you deconstruct great answers you can better understand how to then produce these yourself.



4. Self-assess your own answers using mark schemes - recognise your own areas of strength and set personal targets for improvement.

