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Preparation For IGCSE EXAMINATION *Useful Tips!*

Software, etc.

- Past question papers: Great for giving learners practice at answering different types of question. Use past question papers during personal study time. (The password to passing exams is consistent solving of past questions).
- Mark schemes: These will help learners understand how marks are awarded for each question and what examiners look for when they mark.
- Examiner reports: Examiners write detailed reports describing learners' overall performance on each part of the question. The reports give insight into common misconceptions shown by learners. Also, read the examiner tips for the subjects you would be tested in. You should take note of these mistakes and avoid them
- Use Revision Checklist: Revision checklist will help you plan your revision programme for the written examinations and it will explain what the examiners are looking for in the answers that you write.
- Useful Websites:
CIE Learn website - <http://www.learn cie.org.uk>
CIE Cambridge Students website - <http://www.cambridgestudents.org.uk>

TIP 3: "WHAT WILL YOU BE TESTED ON?"

The full syllabus, which your teacher will have, lists the assessment objectives in detail. It describes the areas of knowledge, understanding and skills that the Examiners will test you on.

TIP 4: "WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?"

This shows the syllabus content in a simple way so that you can check:

- what you need to know about each topic
- how the Extended syllabus (Supplement) differs from the Core syllabus
- how much of the syllabus you have covered

TIP 5: "WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IN THE EXAM"

In the examination,

- You should take into the examination only instruments that you need.
- You may use an electronic calculator at all times unless a particular subject forbids it.
- Answers should be written in blue or black ink (except for graphs and diagrams, which may be done in pencil).
- All working should be written in the answer spaces provided.
- It is essential that you show as much working as possible in all questions on all the papers as marks are awarded for the working in many questions.
- Diagrams should be drawn as accurately as possible.
- Points in graphs should be plotted as accurately as possible.

TIP 6: "EXAMINER ADVICES FOR IGCSE EXAMINATION"

These tips highlight some common mistakes made by students;

General Advice

- The question papers assume that you will have all the equipment listed on the front cover. Make sure that you have all the items on this list the day before you go into the examination.
- On the papers where you write your answer on the question paper, it is not acceptable to give a choice of answers on the answer line. Examiners will mark the worst answer in these cases.
- The question papers are set so that you have time to finish them and check your answers. It is important that you read the question carefully and not make instant assumptions about what you are being asked to do.
- You are advised to show working as well as solutions as marks are awarded for the working even when answers may be incorrect. Marks are given for the work that you do correctly, not subtracted for the work that you get wrong.

TIP 7: "KNOW THE FORMULAS FOR SUCCESS"

- Proper Preparation: Plan your revision early. Avoid fire brigade approach. Practice exam questions regularly. Know the type and the duration of the exam papers you would be writing ahead of time. Don't procrastinate.
- Understand Yourself: Don't follow the crowd. Understand the best time it suits you to study, the best posture (sitting standing laying etc.) and environment of learning.

"By different methods, different men excel" ... Charles Churchill

- Be Organized: Academic success is a function of how organized you are.
- Be Disciplined:
 - i. Be disciplined with your time. Good time management is a tool in the hands of excellent students.
 - ii. Always attend lectures early and do revision promptly.
 - iii. Associate yourself with the right friends.
 - iv. Be close to smart students in your class and upper class in order to tackle tough questions together and to ask questions when the need arises.
 - v. Join a very good study group or start a good one with your friends.
 - vi. Use past question papers during personal or group study.
- Set Grade Goals
 - i. Write down the grades you desire to score in your entire subjects before the exam day.
 - ii. Believe in yourself
 - iii. Be confident in yourself but don't be over confident.
 - iv. Never accept failure no matter how often it visits. Keep on going and never give up.
 - v. Work hard as if your success depends entirely on it.
 - vi. Pray hard knowing that it is a crucial ingredient to your success.

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WE'RE BACK AGAIN!

Welcome to another stimulating and exciting edition of R.E.A.D. This edition contains very juicy information to get you inspired. Our major article for the edition is 'Preparation for IGCSE (Useful tips to know)' - this is especially for those who would take the exams in October or May next year. We would also be sharing on Entrepreneurship for teens, advent of the Ipad/minicomputers; funny classroom jokes; back to school shopping/supplies and of course showing you some of our summer seminar pictures!

As you begin this term and academic session, please know that the key to outstanding academic success lies in your hands. Some people believe success is a secret but nothing is secret about success other than that:

Success is a choice
Success is a decision
Success is determination

If you truly desire success this new term and academic session, here are some few tips that could come in handy explained with the acronym-

L. E. A. R. N:

List your desired academic grades and set goals to achieve them
Expect nothing but the best grades - aim for 100%
Always attend classes and ask questions when you lack understanding of a particular concept/theory
Rely on Past questions and make it your most important study tool
Never forget that choice, decision and determination are the bedrock of success and you WILL succeed!

I'll leave you with this quote from the famous Bruce Lee which says,
"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do"

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The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is provided by University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), one of the world's leading providers of examinations. IGCSE is a high profile qualification with an excellent reputation. It is recognized by universities and institutes of higher education around the world.

What are IGCSE courses and examinations like?

The course differs for each subject, but throughout there will be a mix of assessment methods, including coursework, practical exercises, oral and listening tests, projects and written examinations • IGCSE courses usually take two years to complete and examinations are taken at the end of this period

The groundwork for success in IGCSE examination is laid much earlier, and is determined to a degree by the quality of the work done in the earlier years. The following tips will guide any candidate planning to write any IGCSE examination.

TIP 1: "HOW WILL YOU BE TESTED?"

In IGCSE examination, you will either be tested based on Core syllabus or Extended syllabus. Whether you follow the Core syllabus, or the extended syllabus will depend on the progress your teacher thinks you have made and which Papers best suit your particular strengths. You should discuss this with your teacher.

The table below shows Core and Extended Papers for IGCSE Mathematics Examination.

CORE Paper 1: About 20 to 22 questions 35% of the marks Total Marks 56 Time 1 hour	EXTENDED Paper 2: About 20 to 22 questions 35% of the marks Total Marks 70 Time 1 hour 30 minutes
Paper 3: 9 or 10 questions 65% of the marks Total Marks 104 Time 2 hours	Paper 4: 9 or 10 questions 65% of the marks Total Marks 130 Time 2 hours 30 minutes

IGCSE GRADING SYSTEM: The grades awarded at Cambridge IGCSE are A*-G, with grade A* being the highest and grade G being the lowest. The breakdown is as follows:

A* = 90 - 100 A = 80 - 89
B = 70 - 79 C = 60 - 69
D = 50 - 59 E = 40 - 49
F = 30 - 39 G = 20 - 29

The grade awarded for special case of failure is Ungraded (U) = 0 - 28
The grading system is also based on whether a candidate is based on Core syllabus or Extended syllabus. It therefore means that the grade range for the Extended level is A*-G, with A* being the highest, while that of the Core level is C-G.
Candidates should note that good IGCSE grades count towards entry to universities and colleges around the world.

TIP 2: "WHAT DO YOU NEED TO OBTAIN?"

Get the following exam preparation materials: Past papers, Mark schemes, Examiner reports, Revision Checklist, Worksheets, Websites,



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	Writing instruments - Pens, Pencils, Markers and more: You can never have enough pens, pencils, sharpeners, markers, highlighters, or other writing instruments. Buy in bulk and you won't have to worry about running out to the store (or running out of ink) anytime soon.
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	Staplers, tapes & glues: You need this to stick to doing well in school by sticking your grades and inspiring pictures on your walls, notebook covers or desk.
	Calculators: Math can be a major drag, but with the help of a calculator, it can become your major! Have one handy.
	Lunch boxes/bags: Don't forget to pack lunch! Carry your lunch off in style with cute lunch boxes or bags. This is probably useful for day students.
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I-excel 2013 Summer Seminar
Images of I-excel's one day post-secondary/pre-university seminar tagged, 'Preparation for International Education' held on Saturday, 27th July 2013 at LCCI Conference & Exhibition Center, Alausa, Ikeja.



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TECHNOLOGY: KNOW ABOUT THE IPAD

The iPad is a line of tablet computers designed and marketed by Apple Inc. which runs Apple's iOS operating system. The first iPad was released on April 3, 2010; the most recent iPad models, the fourth-generation iPad and iPad Mini were released on November 2, 2012. The user interface is built around the device's multi-touch screen, including a virtual keyboard. The iPad has built-in Wi-Fi and, on some models, cellular connectivity.

An iPad can shoot video, take photos, play music, and perform online functions such as web-browsing and emailing. Other functions—games, reference, GPS navigation, social networking, etc.—can be enabled by downloading and installing apps; as of 2013, the App Store offered more than 800,000 apps by Apple and third parties.

There are five generations of the iPad. The first generation established design precedents, such as screen size and button placement, that have persisted through all models. The iPad 2 added a dual core Apple A5 processor and VGA front-facing and 720p rear-facing cameras designed for FaceTime video calling. The third generation added a Retina display, the new Apple A5X processor with a quad-core graphics processor, a 5 megapixel camera, HD 1080p video recording, voice dictation, and 4G (LTE). The fourth generation adds the Apple A6X processor and replaces the 30-pin connector with an all-digital Lightning connector. The iPad Mini features a reduced screen size of 7.9 inches, in contrast to the standard 9.7 inches, and features similar internal specifications as the iPad 2. It also uses the new "Lightning" connector as the iPad 4. iOS 6 adds Siri to the third and fourth generations and the iPad Mini.



Zoe Damacela

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TIPS FOR TEENS

When you're a teenager, finding time to hang out with friends or even finish your chemistry assignment can be more difficult if you also have customers who depend on you to deliver their purchases on time. Yet, teens that own businesses have learned that you might have to put in a little extra effort, but the benefits of entrepreneurship are enormous once you find the right balance between school, the business, and friends.

This story below tells about how a 17 year old - Zoe Damacela started business and learned how to find fun while financing her future. Talk about being fashion forward, Zoe

Damacela, 17, has been making and selling her own original clothing designs since she was a freshman in high school, but no one expected the hobby would take her to the White House

Although the trip to meet her fellow Chicagoan, President Barack Obama, was her award for winning second place in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship competition earlier this month, Damacela believes that running her business and selling her apparel is a reward in and of itself.

"I love being able to be my own boss and set my own hours," says the senior who is proud to have earned almost all A's throughout high school. "I'm not only making more than the minimum wage teenage job, but I'm also doing something that is fun and I'm making a name for myself instead of making a name for someone else."

Damacela estimates that she has made \$10,000 over three years, but she also wants teens to know that her accomplishments require a lot of hard work and sacrifice. She's been doing this for such a long time that she has found ways to balance her time and make her business more profitable.

Here are her tips on how to get a leg up on the runway to success:

- Keep your grades up.
- Work hard, but know your limits
- Learn from your mistakes
- Stay confident

Look out for the next edition on: 10 Awesome Business Ideas for Teen Entrepreneurs

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CLASSROOM JOKE

1. In an English Language class, the teacher introduced the new topic:
Teacher: Today we are going to learn about 'Tenses - Past & Present tenses'
Students: Yes Ma.
Teacher: Now, if I say, "I am beautiful", what tense is this?
Students: Obviously it is the 'Past' tense
2. English Language blunders - Omissions & Commissions
 - Both of you stand together separately
 - Why are you looking at the monkeys outside when one is inside?
 - Will you hang the calendar or else I will hang myself?
 - I have two daughters, both are girls (Obviously)
 - Give me a blue pen of any colour
 - All of you stand in a straight circle
 - Open the window - let the air force come in.

Jokes By:
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Keele is one of the few universities to offer Dual Honours degree programmes, where students study two degree subjects in equal amounts. Students leave Keele with the same depth of knowledge as graduates from other universities, but with a wider knowledge of other areas and an appreciation of the bigger picture.

A Dual Honours degree - combined with Keele's commitment to helping students develop employability skills - make Keele graduates highly employable. It is no wonder that Keele is in the Top 3 for graduate employment*.

Students that do not have the requirements for direct entry to a degree can take a preparation programme at the Keele University International Study Centre. The International Year One is a three or four term programme that combines academic modules, English language and study skills training to fully prepare students to meet the challenges of undergraduate study. Students who achieve the required grades can progress directly to the second year of a three year undergraduate degree - either Dual or Single Honours.

Abigeal from Nigeria has completed the International Year One course at the International Study Centre and is now studying BA (Hons) International Business and Media Communications and Culture. Abigeal shared her experiences from the International Study Centre, studying in the UK and Keele University.

Why did you choose to study at Keele University?
 One of the things that intrigued me about Keele University is the beautiful campus, I immediately felt at home. Also Keele's Dual Honours programme confirmed my decision as it was a great opportunity for me to study two courses which are in totally different fields. This is a unique opportunity that I could not miss. There is also a wide range of facilities available, including a large

library, restaurants and lots of accommodation options.

How will the Dual Honours benefit you in the future?
 The Dual honours course is a wonderful option as it is a great opportunity to combine two totally different fields of interest - business and media. I'm sure this will greatly benefit me as I'll no doubt be highly accessible to a wide range of career options while using the knowledge I have grasped from both fields to the best of my ability.

How do you think studying in the UK will help your future career?
 The UK academic system is structured in such a way that students are taught to be independent. Critical thinking and understanding are important as are respecting other people's work and input - skills that I believe are important at being successful in life. I have also had the opportunity to participate in some volunteering and societal activities which has boosted my confidence and leadership skills. Team work has been highly significant and this will no doubt assist me in my future career.

What is the best thing about living in the UK?
 Opportunities are abundant and there is really no limit to what you can achieve if you put your mind to it. Also, my perception on life has changed as I have learned skills in organisation, orderliness and time management - attitudes typical of the British work ethic. As a result, I hope that I can be an atom of change in my country, as life in the UK has taught me to value my origin, I am still a very proud Nigerian.

What advice would you give to an international student thinking of coming to the UK?
 Firstly, be open-minded and willing to interact with people from different cultures. Be positive and hold on to what you believe in, and of course, bring a coat for the winter season.

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*3rd in England for employability of graduates 2011 in the Higher Education Statistics Agency graduate employment table

ENTERTAINMENT

"ONE HEAD IS BETTER THAN TWO," - KCEE
 (What do you think?)



It's been just over two years since Kcee parted company with his former partner Presh. In that relatively short time, Kcee has admitted that he has made more progress as a solo artiste than when he was part of a group.

The man behind summer hit "Limpopo" was recently interviewed and he explained why the English saying "Two heads are better than one" isn't always true; at least not in his case.

According to him, "They say two heads are better than one. Sometimes yes; Sometimes No. KC Presh achieved a lot together as a group; but as Kcee, in less than two years I would say that one head is better than two heads."

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