HOW TO DEAL WITH EXAM STRESS

Don't let the stress of exams overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
If you work hard and stay focused with positive energy, stress will be reduced. Believe in yourself and have the confidence to succeed.

GET ORGANISED
You’ll feel more confident and in control if you make a list of everything you need to study and create a schedule.

MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY
Without getting the proper rest it will be even harder to retain information. A good sleep of between 7-9 hours every night helps you have a relaxed and well-rested mind and body.

OVERCOME PROBLEMS
If you find you don't understand some of your material, getting stressed out won't help. Instead, take action to address the problem directly by seeing your teacher or revising on GCSEPod.

FIT EXERCISE IN EVERYDAY
It's easy to put off exercise but remember a healthy body = a healthy mind. Doing at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day can help to improve focus and keep you relaxed.

EAT RIGHT
Eat three healthy meals a day and limit your consumption of caffeine and sugars. Power foods for your brain include blueberries, salmon and nuts.

TALK ABOUT YOUR NERVES
Nervousness is a natural reaction to exams, but bottling it up will only make it worse. Talking to your friends and family about how you are feeling is a great way of alleviating stress and worry.

KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE
The exams might seem like the most crucial thing right now, but in the grander scheme of your whole life they are only a small part. Just concentrate on the actual exam in hand not what may or may not happen after.

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS