

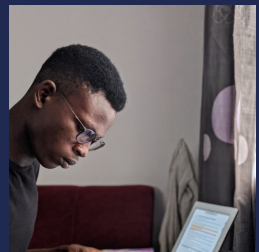


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EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

The May/June external examination sessions are looming large and a few hints for students about revision and study techniques may be helpful.

We understand the stresses that students (and parents) face preparing for examinations that are likely to influence your future study options and potential careers. For most of us, the thought of examinations does not elicit many positive feelings; indeed, they usually bring on feelings of dread. Most people have the same feelings, so you are not alone.

The following hints and suggestions will hopefully build your confidence and generate a more positive feeling towards your examinations which should, in turn, lead towards getting better examination marks.

1. Planning is essential

- Make a revision timetable with realistic goals
- Write in exam dates, times and venue
- Develop a regular work schedule
- Include other unavoidable academic, work, family commitments, and time to relax, exercise or socialise
- Plan your revision as far in advance as possible
- Do not cram everything in the last few days before exam.

2. Timing

- Practice regularly: every day is better than once a week
- Arrange your revision in short blocks of time; intense bursts then reward yourself with a break to train your focus
- Work out when your best time of day is to concentrate
- Working late at night is not a good idea
- Give yourself a reward after every session.

3. Distractions and Concentration

- Avoid distractions and practise regularly
- Remove temptations; get smartphones out of your study space
- Background noise: learn to live without it
- Do NOT revise too many subject in the same revision session
- Take short breaks
- If feeling tired take a short break and get some fresh air
- Do NOT use this as an excuse to escape studying hard topics.

4. Mock Exams

- These are useful practice: go over as many as you can
- Use past papers to get used to the way questions are worded
- Write rough drafts and plans for essay questions
- Time yourself writing essays without looking at your notes; this helps your ability to write under pressure and improve your handwriting speed
- Write practice exam answers in the allotted time.

5. Notes and Prompt Cards

- Use the course overview and read your class notes to work out the key revision areas
- Make notes on your selected revision topics and add notes to these notes during your revision
- Make your notes readable, attractive and visually compelling: highlighting and underlining
- If you prefer reading notes, read them aloud so you are using all the senses
- Use a personal glossary or summary cards to help revision
- Reduce information to a series of memory triggers (one or two words)
- These summary/prompt cards can act as revision notes in your pocket for revising in short breaks.

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6. Recall Practice

- Test yourself regularly using flashcards
- Do test and exam questions without notes
- Summarise a topic from memory on a blank sheet of paper
- Over time we forget what we learn so keep revisiting the topic over time to make it stick
- Use mnemonics/acronyms to act as the cues you need to remember.

7. Quick Tips

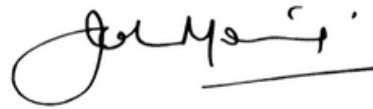
- Remember 5 or 10 minutes may be enough to remind yourself of some key points
- Short periods are also good for revising word lists, dates of formula
- Carry the small revision cards and prompt lists wherever you go.

8. Things to Avoid When Revising

DO NOT:

- Leave Revision to the last minute
- Find ways of putting off revision
- Start to panic
- Daydream or get bored.

Best wishes for successfully completing your exams.



John Morris, ONZM
Executive Principal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

TO OUR CGA COMMUNITY,

It is with immense sadness and disbelief that our entire school community watches and listens to the unfathomable events taking place in the Ukraine.

A key purpose of our school is to promote an understanding and acceptance of all cultures and peoples and as such it is difficult to view such a destructive and unjustifiable attack on your country, people and families. Perhaps over time schools such as ours will continue to break down barriers of culture and race to promote the tolerance and respect that all our school community believe in.

It is heartbreaking to watch.

It is crushing to know that our students and our staff based in Kyiv are facing such a situation.

Our inability to make a tangible difference is worrying our staff and wider community.

While we cannot do much physically, I assure our Ukrainian families that you are firmly in our minds, hearts and prayers.

The courage, determination and strength of the Ukrainian people shines through this unfolding tragedy. As this conflict has progressed over the past month the personal stories arising from our students and families have highlighted the resilience and determination to prioritise their education whenever possible. These stories have been inspiring to our staff while obviously tinged with great sadness that we cannot do more.

To our Russian families, it is clear that the actions of their Government are not reflective of the desires of the Russian people and I am confident all our community wish for a quick resolution to the crisis.

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Students sitting Pearson Edexcel examinations in May/June

All students should have received confirmation (in the form of a statement of entry) for the examinations. This statement of entry confirms all examinations and dates. The times of the examinations will vary by examination centre so students are asked to ensure they are fully aware of the start times.

Students in the Philippines will be informed individually of the arrangements given that all examination centres are closed.

We are still waiting for final confirmation about options for students in Ukraine.

PRIZE GIVING

Aoraki August 2021 and Greenwich September 2021

This will be held Sunday, July 3rd. 8pm NZT (7pm UTC)

PRINCIPALS COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Principals Commendations during the month March:

Abhi Mishra, Anastasiia Artari-Kolumb, Anna Shpyrko, Aryan Pershad, Kairav Moodley and Sofiia Polieno.

Keep up the great efforts.



Mark Philips
Principal, CGA

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S SECTION

Re-enrolment:

We would ask all parents to keep an eye out for the email inviting them to re-enroll for the next academic intake for Greenwich in September.

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN APRIL - MAY

Aoraki Aug. 2021-22:

Reports sent: Thursday April 14
Term Ends: Thursday April 14
(April 15 is Easter Friday. Two week break starts.)
Term 4 starts: Monday May 2
External A Level, then IG, **Pearson examinations** start: May

Greenwich Sep. 2021-22:

Parent Teacher Meetings: April 1-2
Two week break starts: April 4
Two week break ends: April 18 (Easter Monday)
Term 3 starts: Tuesday April 19
External A Level, then IG, **Pearson examinations** start: May

Greenwich Jan. 2022:

Term 1 ends: April 1. Weekend classes continue April 2-3.
Two week break starts: April 4
Two week break ends: April 18 (Easter Monday)
Term 2 starts: Tuesday April 19
CGA **Internal examination 2:** May 20 - 27
1 week Mid Term Break starts: May 30

Aoraki Feb. 2022:

Term 1 ends: April 14
Two week break starts: April 15 (Easter Friday)
Term 2 starts: Monday May 2
CGA **Internal examination 2:** May 26 - June 2

A portrait of Max Thomson, a bald man with glasses, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, standing in front of a brick wall.

Max Thomson

Max Thomson
Deputy Principal, CGA

GO THE DISTANCE WITH CGA

It isn't always easy to stay motivated. Here are 4 things that help Freya, a full-time student at CGA, stay on top of her game and go the distance.

[Watch Freya's video.](#)



MEET GEMMA CGA STUDENT

Meet Gemma, full-time student at CGA and based in New Zealand.

Gemma decided to join CGA because of the broad international curriculum the school offers. The flexibility of the classes allows her to fit in all her extracurriculars into her weekly schedule.

[Watch Gemma's video testimonial](#)



CGA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We want to congratulate our student Karin Rezkalla, for being one of the 2022 'The One to Watch Award' finalists, supported by the NSW Government. The award recognises girls and young women aged 7 to 17 who demonstrate a single act or ongoing acts of courage, strength, determination and kindness to help and support others.

Our student Karin was featured for her work on the creation of the online platform 'PhenomeWomen'.

If you have other achievements that you think should be recognised by the school, please email us at mycga@cga.school.





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