

# Exam Top Tips

**Timing** – Make sure you know how much time you have for each exam. Knowing how to split your time between each question will help you

**Read everything** – It is worth having a quick read of the paper from start to finish. Without even realising you will be thinking about the answers to the later questions.

**Plan your answers** – This can be anything from highlighting key words to doing a small rough plan. Examiners say that time given to planning is important, especially in essay questions.

**Show your working** – In any exam with an equation, such as maths or physics, you should show your working as you may receive marks for your method even if the answer is incorrect.

**Clock watch** – Make sure you keep an eye on the time as you are going through the exam paper; you don't want to run out of time at the end!

**Handwriting** – as you are frantically writing away your handwriting may become a little less neat than normal. It is important to remember if the examiner can't read it, they can't mark it! Double check your spelling as you may be awarded marks for accuracy here. And remember to use black pen only.

**Be prepared** – Have you got the correct equipment? Do you know which room and seat you should be in? Do you know the date and start time of each exam? Having the solutions to these questions can help reduce stress on exam days.

**Keep calm** – Easier said than done, but take a few second to stop and breathe. Remember you have two years' worth of knowledge to show off to the examiner.

**Move on** – after each exam it is a case of onwards and upwards. There is nothing more you can do about it once you leave the exam room. The best thing to do is go home, relax, and start revising for the next one.