

Middle School Study

Skills Evening

Workshop

Tuesday 11 August,

2009

College Prayer

God of love and understanding,

You are the source of strength and inspiration.

You called Pope Saint Leo the Great
to guide your people by his word and example.

We ask you to fill our community
with the spirit of respect and dignity.

Guide us in the light of your truth.

May we grow in purpose and learning,
And proclaim your wisdom to the world.

Give us courage and hope to face the unknown.

May we be faithful to God's law in our hearts

And live with the peace of the Holy Spirit.

God help us to bear witness

To the mystery of the cross and resurrection

So we may be people of integrity and justice,

Walking in the footsteps of Christ your son.

St Leo.....Pray for Us

Working Smarter Not Harder

*Use of your laptop - iCal - print out your Daily; Weekly; Monthly view - AMEND with pen

* Use of College Diary - different colour pen / highlighter

* Assessment Task -

Label “Do Research”; “Collect Materials” “Organise the Information” “Do 1st Section” “Do 2nd Section” “Put in Supporting Pictures/Graphs” “Finalise Presentation” “Print Assignment”

Work Smarter Not Harder!

- * Summary Cards (half an A4 piece of cardboard)
- * One card per topic, per subject
eg Maths - Fractions; Algebra; Ratio & Rates; Area & Volume
- * Use of colour; diagram; rule; working - 1 example of each type of sum.
- * Store in a file box
- * Revision for exams - all organised; topic by topic; all in one place!

Working Smarter Not Harder!

- *Use of mind maps - "Inspiration" on your Macs.
- * What do I do with all my sheets I get from school?
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Quick Quiz!

Question:

Which of the following do you think teachers find most annoying?

- a) Talking instead of listening
- b) Forgetting homework
- c) Not doing the work in class
- d) Disturbing other students

Answer

- a) Talking instead of listening - 41%
- b) Forgetting homework - 17%
- c) Not doing the work in class - 2%
- d) Disturbing other students - 40%

How can you improve on these distracting habits?

Let's have a look at Talking instead of listening!

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You may not like the voices (rhythm, pitch, tone) of some people.

- You may not be as interested in one subject or topic as you are in others.
- You may be bored at times or not in the mood to listen.

BUT

You do need to find ways to get yourself engaged in every lesson in order to give yourself the best chance of academic success.

- To do this: ask yourself questions about what is going on : what is this related to, what will come next, do I need to ask any questions
- Take notes. By writing things down it forces you to concentrate.
- Try and predict what will come next
- Periodically summarise what the teacher is saying to yourself.

Working Smarter Not Harder!

- * The Homework Club - Mon, Tues & Wed
- * “Destiny” - better than google!
- * Ask your teacher!
- * Check with our Teacher Librarian - Mrs Sheldon
- * Resubmit your re done task - after it has been marked! (a bit of self evaluation with guidance).