

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019

## **Supporting Students to Success**

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to support your son/daughter in their GCSE revision, Jewellery Quarter Academy has bought an online programme called Tassomai, which enables students to revise Biology, Physics and Chemistry, right up to the night before their exam.

Tassomai is an intelligent learning programme that helps students to achieve the best possible results. It uses multiple choice style micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress. As it is an online programme, students can work on it wherever they like, and on any device, including smart phones and Ipads. The more often students log on and complete a quiz, the better.

Parent/Carers and teachers can see how much time and effort students are putting into their revision, as the programme is personalised to each user. It keeps statistics about tests completed and hours studied.

In order to complete the course, students would need to spend approximately one hour a night on Tassomai, with additional hours during the weekends. We will also be using it in Science lessons, to ensure students are confident with the programme, and that they are logging on to it regularly. There is further information about the programme on the next page.

Support from home makes an enormous difference, and any ways in which you can encourage your son/daughter to use this useful revision tool will benefit them. If you would like any further information, please contact the Head of Science; Miss K.Spencer, or your child's Science teacher.

Yours faithfully,

E.Plumpton  
Deputy Headteacher

[www.tassomai.com](http://www.tassomai.com) Academy Code (to set up an account): **FW7GC33D**

Tassomai works for students...

- Tassomai helps students in years **9, 10 and 11** prepare for their GCSE science exams.
- Content is written by **science specialists** and **teachers**, and is specific to the exam board that students are taking, AQA Science Trilogy
- Micro-quizzes reinforce a student's **knowledge**, build their **confidence** and can even be used as flipped learning to teach new material ahead of lessons.
- The **intelligent algorithm** learns what students already understand and what they don't yet know. The program **prioritises** topics where students are struggling, and **adapts** to ensure they finish in time for their exams.
- The Tassomai method of targeted repetition makes learning as **effective** and **efficient** as possible.
- Tassomai **works best when used over a long period of time** alongside schoolwork, but it is also an effective revision tool for students who start later in year 11. Students who start at the beginning of year 11 typically take around **ten to fifteen minutes a day** to complete the course.

90% of students who used Tassomai regularly, i.e. every day, gain a Grade 5 or higher in their Science GCSE