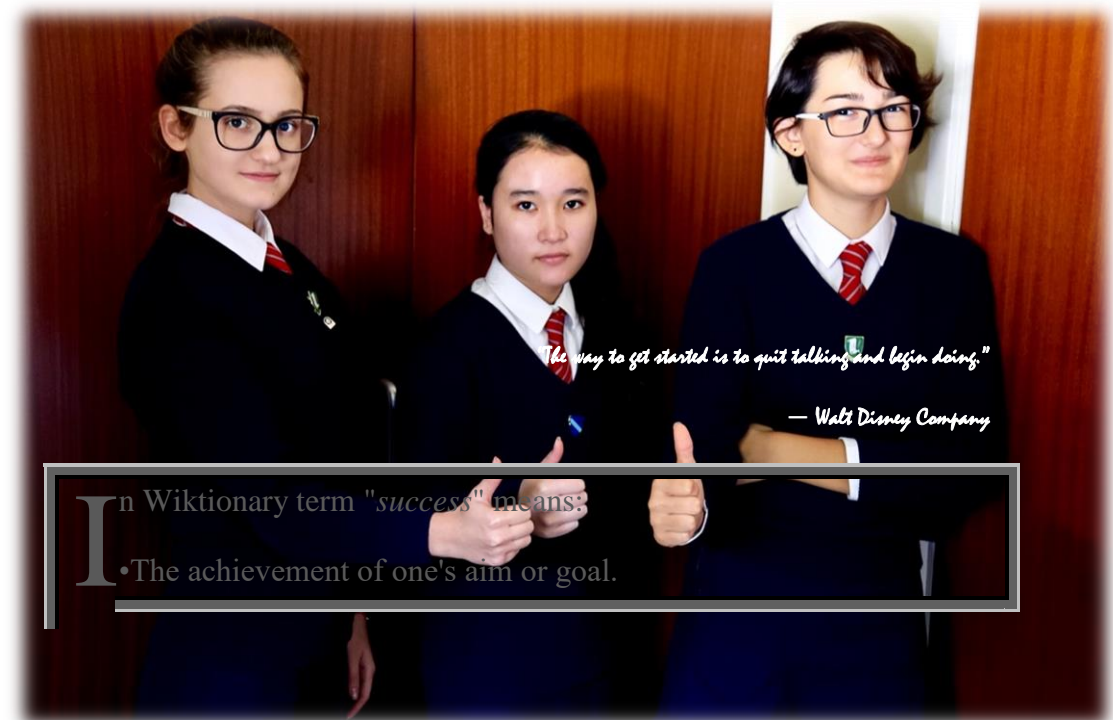


A booklet for successful students



•One who, or that which, achieves assumed goals.

Therefore, success is an ability of achieving personal goals and gaining pleasure out of it at the same time. You are not born with such ability, necessarily. You are building this attitude in yourself during your life and only the most hard working, brave and active people become successful.

Basic Steps to Succeed

So, I wanted to outline the main tips and qualities needed to develop in order to become a "successful student", a student of whom your family would be proud.

The first consideration, which is obvious, is motivation to work. Without it nothing tangible will happen. Do not think that miracles can create outcome for you, as the only miracles, as Mr. Grey told us, are ourselves. Therefore, start the magic right now! All the power is in your hands.



However, to do this, you will need to set some goals for yourself, which you will aim to reach during the next academic year, or even just during the next week. When you know exactly what you are aiming for, the process of hard work will start. Again nothing is as simple as it could be seems. The goals, aims and targets must be high, so that you will be able to escape from the mental boundaries, which are in yourself, and be ready for an unlimited amount of new, mysterious and wonderful experiences and opportunities. All you need is to forget about the chance of failure. We learn from our mistakes. And learning should not throw you off the chosen path towards success. To achieve success, often you will need to be ready to take risks. The risk does not necessarily have to be on the verge of recklessness, but to follow only the checked paths – obviously - it is not enough for success.



Keeping on track

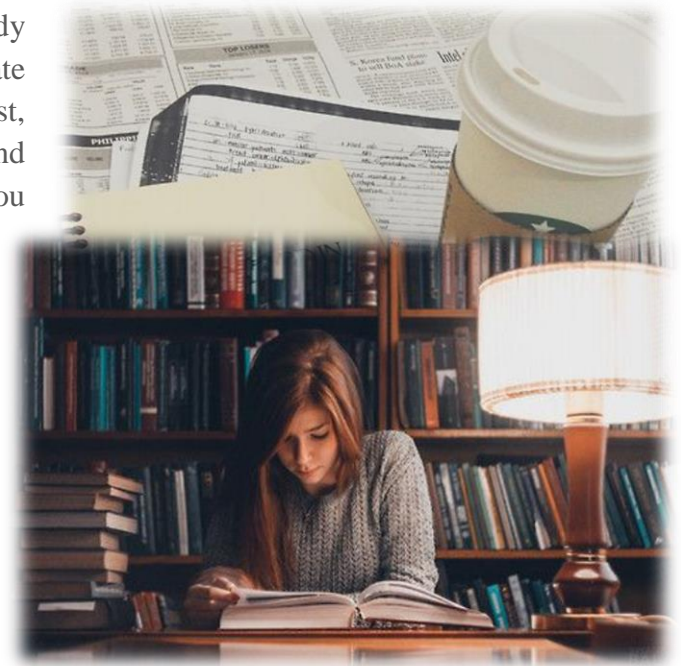
To be on top and to be able to keep up with your work will require, from you, organisational skills, meaning that the work in the folders or notebooks should be accurately divided into specific themes and all the prep should be handed to teachers in good time. Organised students are invariably on time and they will consequently plan the rest of their week, so that they know how much work should be done each day and how much free time they will have at the end. Before you even begin to think about the process of studying, you MUST develop a schedule. If you do not have a schedule or plan for studying, then you will not have any way of allocating your valuable time when the unexpected comes up. Indicate times for classes, labs, lectures, social events, and work time. The schedule you develop should guide you in how to allocate the available time in the most productive manner. Sticking to your schedule can be tough, but it is worth it. Tidiness and organisation will be in physical and spiritual tandem with you if you follow this regime. Remember that each second is sacred and can make you more



successful. Therefore, do not leave all the hard work till the last minute. I know this, as I have fallen for this mistake of planning so many times in the past, which finished in tears and unsatisfying grades. And thus a question appears: where to study?

A good place to start

You can study anywhere you want really. However, some places are better than others. Libraries, study rooms or private rooms are the best, as they are quiet and less distracting. You may study outside, when the weather is friendly and the birds are singing. This location may be even more productive as oxygen from outside will help your brain to work swifter compared to the stuffy classrooms. Make choosing a good physical environment a part of your study habits. You need to start studying without music, as in the real exam there will not be any source of music available. Switch off your phone, as when it comes to doing prep, everyone starts to bombard you with messages on Facebook, or



elsewhere, and you end by answering them for the next two or more hours. I know, it will be hard in the start, but life without difficulties is not life. Try to start this habit from the next time you need to do prep or revise.

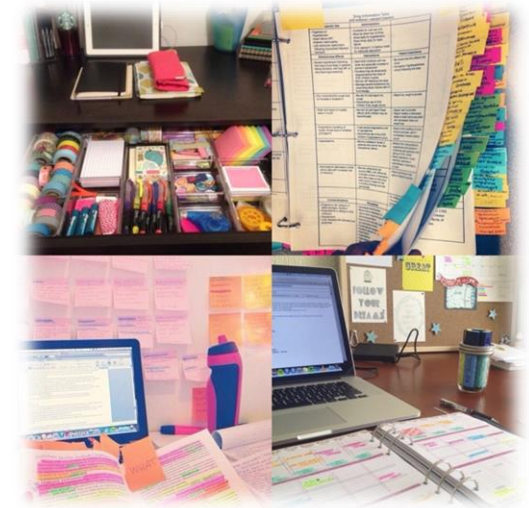
Useful tips

Now I will list for you some useful tips, which you should follow during independent studying and revision:

- Have everything needed, for studying, close at hand. Do not waste sacred time looking for books, notes, folders or other information. After you have prepared the items you need, put them where you can reach them easily.
- Practice with your friends whilst you are in school, and with your parents when you are back home. It will help to sharpen your skills and you will feel more confident about the subject afterwards.
- Do not try to study a lot in one go. Break it into small pieces of material, which you will study for no more than 30 minutes.
- Always save time for the break. Let the break be a time to think about other things. Use some break time to reflect on what you have just worked.
- Make a list of what you intend to study, prioritize the list, and stick to it.
- DO THE PAST PAPERS! They will help you a more than anything else.
- Get the examiners' reports. Print them off, highlight key points and make spider diagrams. If you're doing an essay subject, you will know that, for example for the last five years in a row,

examiners have given high marks to pupils who offer criticisms to viewpoints

- Break down your subject into ordered sections, so it will make life simpler to learn small sections rather than one and huge.
- Remember your material through key events. Associate each new thing you learnt with something funny, that happened to you at that particular moment.
- Motivate yourself. Find a role-model, who will inspire you.
- For English, try to annotate as many pages as possible and try to write as many essays as possible. And read the newspapers independently, with current events in mind, and some classic literature on the side.
- Draw mind maps if you are a visual learner. During the real exam, those pictures will appear in your memory. Print out colorful images for sciences with explanation to hang up on the wall.
- Watch video lessons in YouTube, which will help you with reviewing what you have studied and you can go through the stuff that was hard for you.
- You must learn to keep notes logically and legibly. If you can not read your own writing a few days after taking notes, they are of little use. I think the best place to keep your notes is in a loose-leaf notebook. Use dividers to separate the different lessons you



go to. It will make it much easier to find what you want, where everything, is in a logical order.

- If you want to become a "star" in the lesson, you should read through the subsequent themes in your book. This anticipated reading will help you better understand new topic for the next lesson and you can prepare some questions for your teacher afterwards.
- Taking exams is another skill, which you need to develop for yourself. Firstly, **DO NOT LEAVE REVISION FOR THE LAST DAY!!!** This strategy will not work. You will be stressed and exhausted on the day of your exam and fail.

Success is like a condiment.

So, there are three key points I covered in this talk. These are:



1. Work **EXTREMELY** hard and do not give up.

2. Be organised and plan everything to reach your goals.

3. Be positive about all the things, that you are doing.

Finally, if success is your goal, never forget that failure is the condiment that gives success its flavour.

Thank you.