

Woodgrove Secondary School

Sec 4/5 Parent-Teacher Meeting 2018

Information Booklet for Parents of Secondary 4NA and 4NT Students



**A School of Choice,
A Community of Dynamic Learners**

Objectives

- ❑ To affirm students' achievement and the need to continue their good effort
 - ❑ To harness support from parents to work hand-in-hand with school
 - ❑ To provide update on upcoming events and programmes
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Lists of 2018 Sec 4NA and 4NT Form Teachers and Subject Teachers

Subject	4N1	4N2
Form Teachers	Mr Syed Aljunied, Mr Manson Yip	Ms Sherlene Ng, Mr Isham Ishak
English	Ms Rohani Ismail	Ms Clara Teo, Mr Ernest Ng
Chinese	Mdm Ang Leng Leng, Ms Wang Jian	
Malay	Mdm Siti Farhanah Abdullah, Mdm Nur Azah Ismail	
Mathematics	Mr Manson Yip, Ms Serene Khiew, Mr Justin Glen Claver	
Additional Mathematics	Ms Nicole Ng	
Science (Chemistry)	Mr Tan Siong Leong	Mdm Elaine Khoo
Science (Physics)	Mr Chian Siau Yong	Ms Kam Kit Yin
Social Studies	Mr Syed Aljunied	Ms Ang Hui Ling, Ms Chee Ailan
Geography Elective	Mr Koh Chuen Kiang	Ms Sherlene Ng
Design & Technology	Mr Andrew Oh	
Art	Mr Muhamad Isham	
Food & Nutrition	Ms Nur Adila Adam, Mr Khairul	
Physical Education	Mr Teh Wee Siong	

Subject	4T1
Form Teachers	Mdm Nora Awang, Ms Santarina Luo, Mr Ahmad Zaharan Bin Mohd Din
English	Mdm Nora Awang, Mr Ahmad Zaharan
Chinese	Mr Chew Hong Choon
Malay	Mdm Nur Azah Ismail
Mathematics	Mdm Noraiyme Mohd Yasin, Mr Lee Yang Sheng
Science	Mr Sharin Osman
Computer Applications	Mdm Teo Siew Choo, Mr Nur Abdul Karim
Elements of Business Studies	Ms Santarina Luo, Mr Eric Bay
Design Studies	Mdm Samsiyah Sakaryoh
Art	Mr Muhamad Isham
Social Studies	Mr Leon Foo, Mr Ahmad Zaharan Bin Mohd Din
Physical Education	Ms Santarina Luo

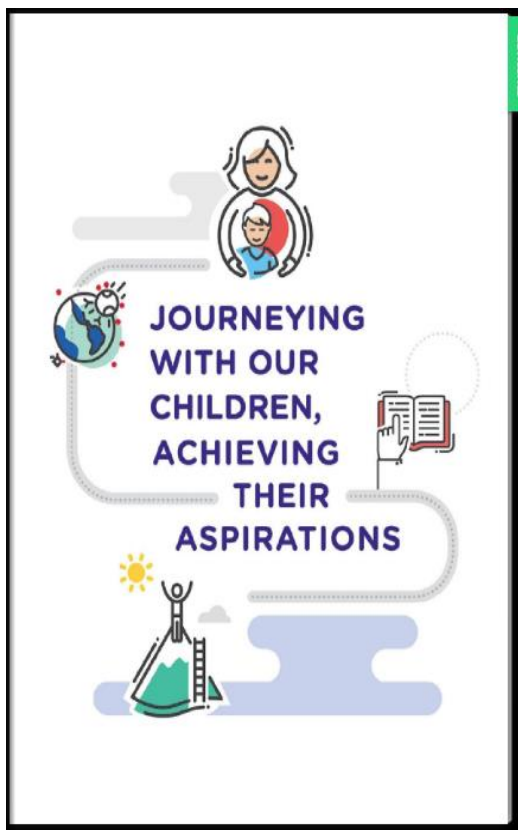
Some Key Examinations & Programmes for 2018 Sec 4NA/4NT Classes (for reference)

No.	Examination / Programme	Date	Remarks
1	Registration for 'N' Level Examination	22 Feb – 7 Mar	
2	4N(A) & 4N(T) Elective Modules	19 Feb – 22 Mar	
3	WGS Internal Deadline for Art N(T) Level Coursework Submission	25 Apr	Coursework
4	SEAB Deadline for Art N(T) Level Coursework Submission	10 May	
5	SEAB Elements of Business Studies N(T) Level Coursework (20 hour over term time)	11 May	Coursework
6	WGS Internal Deadline for F&N N(A) Level Coursework Submission	25 May	Coursework
7	WGS Internal Deadline for D&T N(T) Level Coursework Submission	29 Jun	Coursework
5	WGS Internal Deadline for D&T and Art N(A) Level Coursework Submission	29 June	Coursework
6	GCE N Level EL Oral Examination	5 – 12 Jul	Oral
7	SEAB Deadline for F&N N(A) Level Coursework Submission	9 Jul	Coursework
	SEAB Deadline for Art N(A) Level Coursework Submission	30 Jul	Coursework
8	GCE N Level MT Oral Examination	31 Jul – 3 Aug	Oral
9	SEAB Deadline for D&T N(T) Level Coursework Submission	13 Aug	Coursework
12	SEAB Deadline for D&T N(A) Level Coursework Submission	13 Aug	Coursework
13	WGS N Level Preliminary Exam	6 – 16 Aug	Written
14	GCE N Level Written Examination Part 1	10 – 20 Sep	Written
15	WGS Graduation Ceremony	26 Sep	
16	GCE N Level Written Examination Part 2	1 – 10 Oct	Written
17	WGS Graduation Night	19 Nov	

Information on Education & Career Guidance

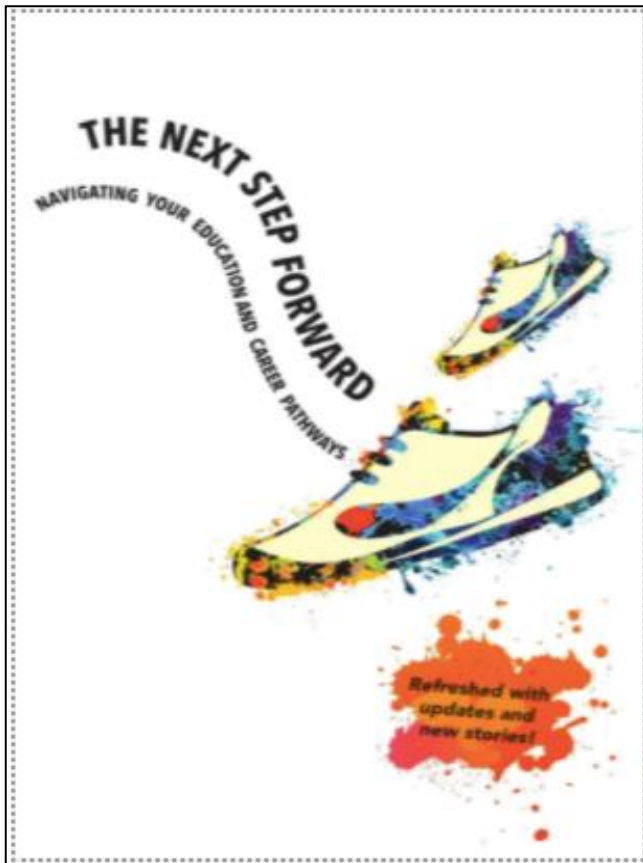
The MySkillsFuture Web Portal is a one-stop portal that could empower individuals to embark on a journey of self-discovery and make informed education and career choices. Individuals could use the information and tools to explore various education and career pathways, and be more in control of their future.

<https://www.myskillsfuture.sg/secondary>



A Guide for Parents in ECG, titled, *Journeying with Our Children, Achieving their Aspirations* is a publication intended to support parents with tips and advice on ECG, and considerations at key education stages to guide their children.





This e-book illustrates how 54 individuals go through diverse education and career pathways. There are many options that cater to the students' needs and can help them succeed in their selected paths.

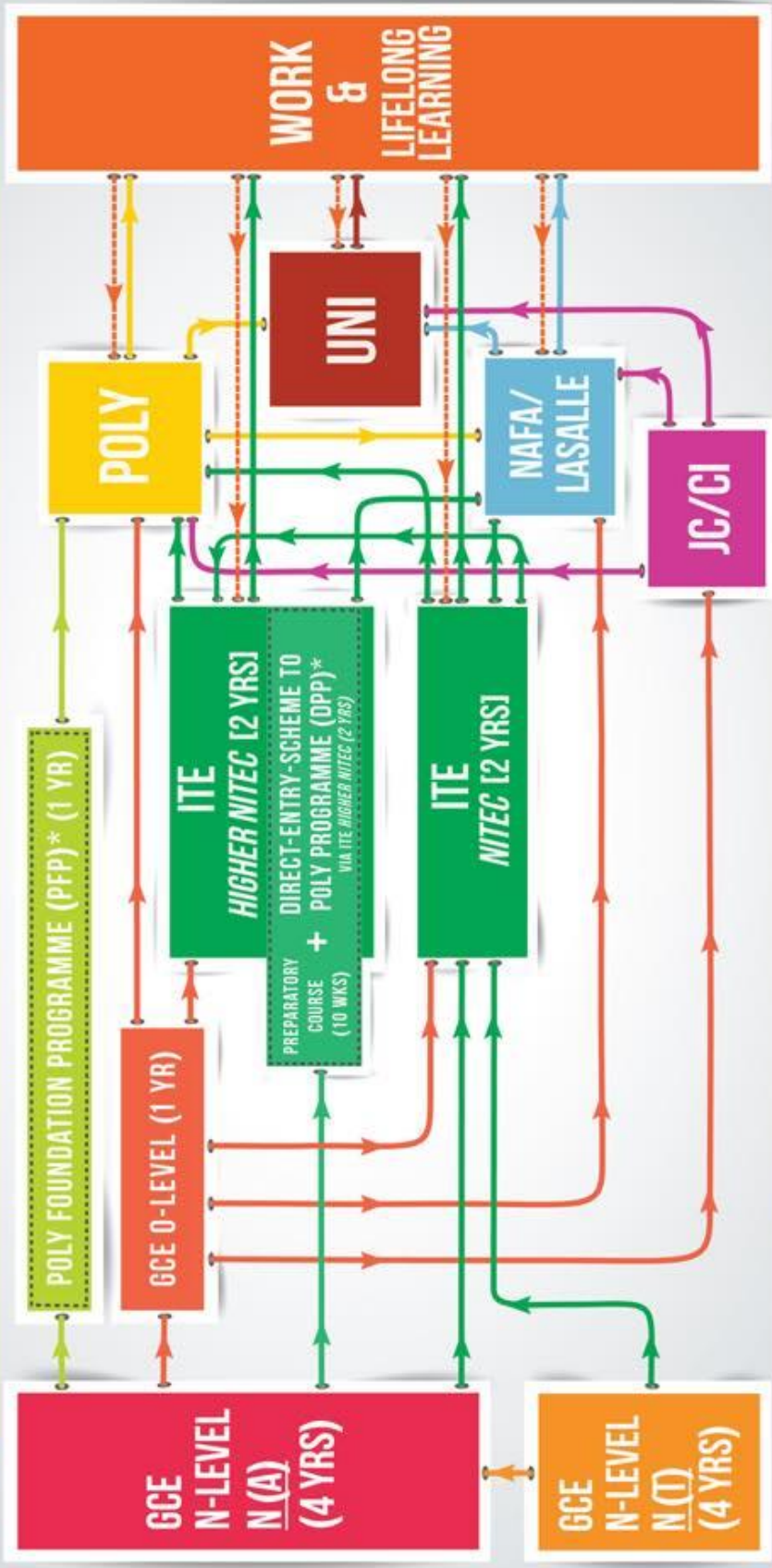


This resource helps scaffold the decision making process for GCE 'N', 'O' and 'A' Levels students at their key education stages.





MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR N(A) AND N(T) STUDENTS

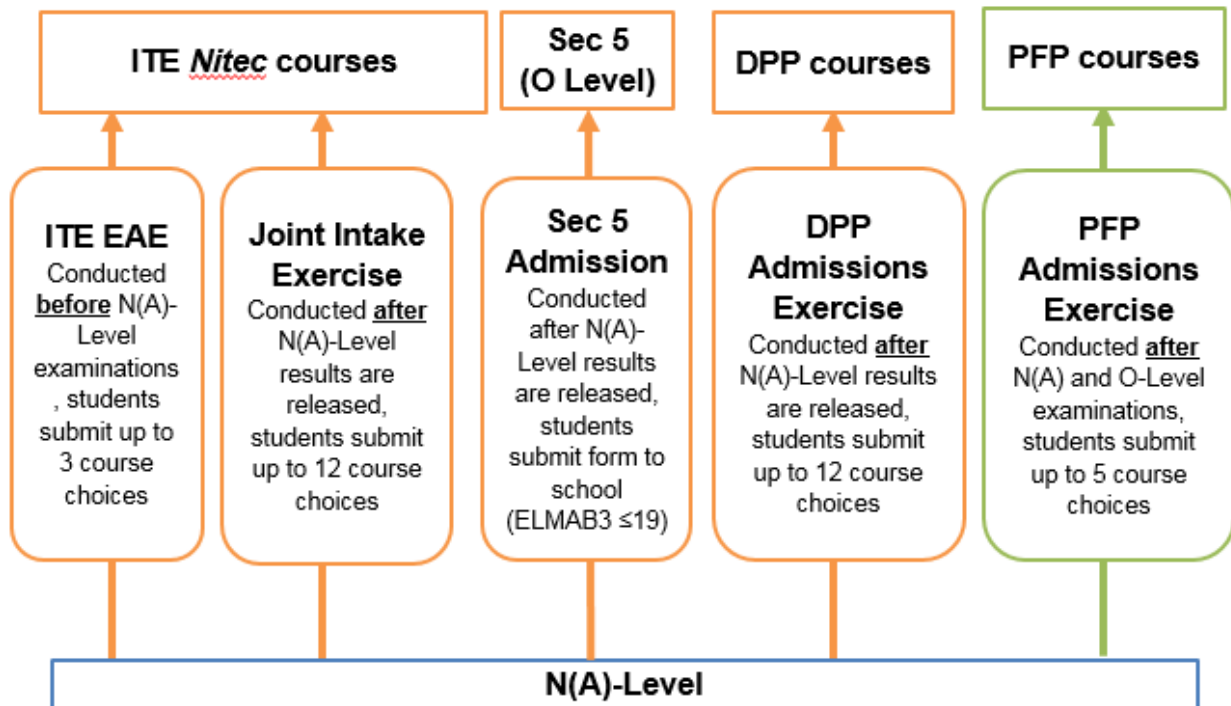


*For more information, visit these websites:

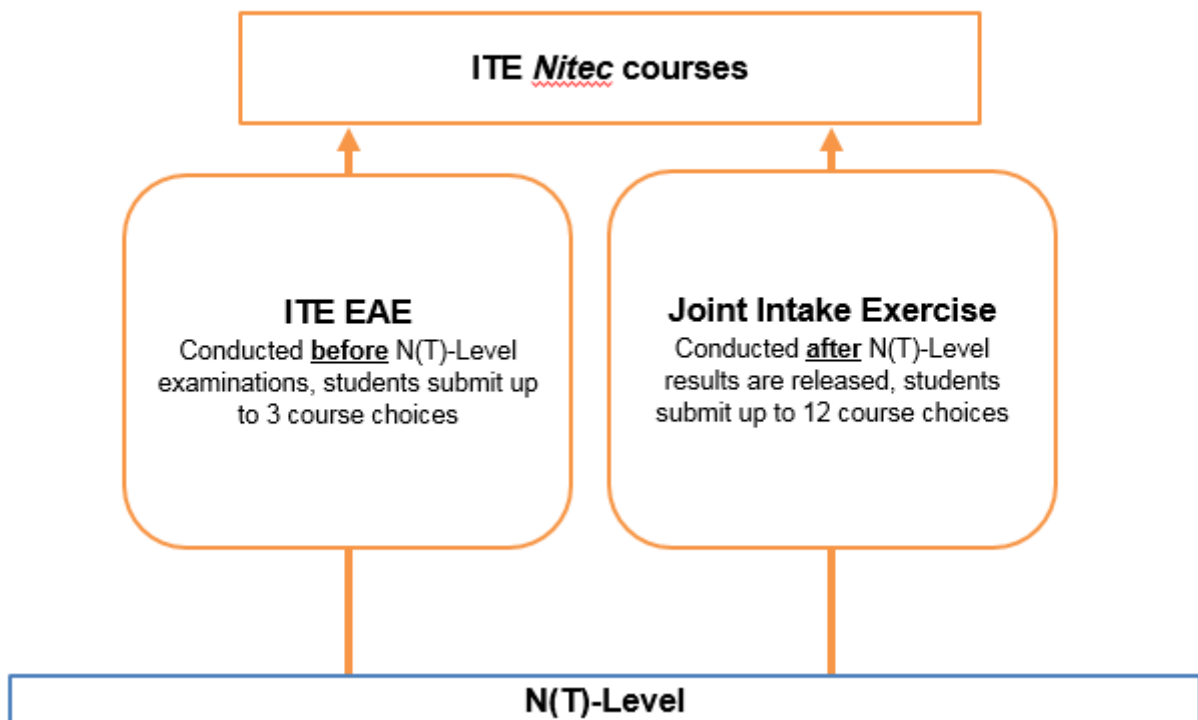
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Different Educational Pathways for N(A)-Level Students



Post-Sec Pathways for N(T)-Level Students



Early Admissions Exercise: Institute of Technical Education

Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE) allows students to apply for admission to ITE Nitec Courses based on their interests and aptitudes, and receive a conditional offer for an ITE Nitec course prior to their GCE N examinations.

To obtain more information on ITE EAE, please visit the following website:

<https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/>

Schedule of EAE – ITE

Admission Exercises	Application Stage	Selection Stage	Offer & Acceptance Stage	Withdrawal Stage
Early Admissions Exercise - ITE (Nitec Course)	21 May - 25 May (Your child can apply up to 3 courses)	25 Jun – 27 Jul	27 Aug – 30 Aug	3 Sep – 7 Sep

Do take note, upon applying, that a student may eventually receive more than one conditional offer. However, a student can only accept one. The accepted offer will only be confirmed if his or her 2018 GCE 'N' Level results meet the Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) for the course.

Once the offer has been confirmed on the date of release of 2018 GCE 'N' level results, the student will not be able to participate in Joint Intake Exercise (JIE).

Joint Intake Exercise (JIE)

If your child does not have a confirmed offer on date of release of 2018 GCE N level results in mid December 2018, he/she will participate in Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) to gain admission to Nitec Courses in Institute of Technical Education.

JIE Application

You child can select up to 12 choices (for 2-year *Nitec*) for JIE application.

All applications must be submitted online at www.ite.edu.sg

JIE application is held over a period of 4 calendar days (including weekends and Public Holidays) from the date of release of 2018 GCE N Level results.

JIE posting results are expected to be released in end December 2018.

**Information for Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and
Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)**
(For N(A) Level Students)

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, to better prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses.

PFP students are given provisional places in diploma programmes, subject to them passing all modules in the one-year PFP.

Students eligible for PFP will apply after the release of 2018 GCE O Level Results in mid January 2019.

Criteria for PFP

To be eligible to apply for the PFP, Sec 4 N(A) students must :

- obtain ELMAB3 (English, Mathematics, Best 3 Subjects) aggregate score of 12 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points)
- obtain Grade 3 or better for all 5 subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3 aggregate
- meet course-specific entry requirements
 - For Group 1 courses, obtain grade 3 or better in one of the following subjects
Combined Science or Design and Technology or Food and Nutrition
 - For Group 2 courses, obtain Grade 2 or better in English and Grade 3 or better in either Combined Humanities or Art

For the list of Group 1 and 2 courses, please visit the following webpage:
https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) prepares Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a two-year Higher Nitec course at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). DPP students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec courses and attain the required minimum qualifying Higher Nitec Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses that are mapped to their Higher Nitec course

Successful applicants will enrol in ITE in January 2019 for a 10-week preparatory course, before joining the *Higher Nitec* course in April 2019. Students who chose DPP over Sec 5NA have the advantages of direct entry to Higher Nitec, which is otherwise only available for O-level holders and assurance of 1st or 2nd year place in a related poly Diploma course, if they attain qualifying GPA scores.

DPP application is held over a period of 4 calendar days (including weekends and Public Holidays) from the date of release of 2018 GCE N Level results.

DPP posting results are expected to be released in end December 2018.

Criteria for DPP

To be eligible to apply for DPP, Sec 4 N(A) students must:

- obtain ELMAB3 (English, Mathematics, Best 3 Subjects) aggregate score of 19 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points)
- meet course-specific entry requirements
 - For Applied Sciences, Engineering and Infor-Communications Technology courses, obtain Grade 4 or better in English and Mathematics
 - For Business and Services courses, obtain Grade 3 or better in English and Grade 4 or better in Mathematics
 - Grade 5 or better in any 3 other subjects (excluding CCA)

Benefits of the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

- Practice-Based Learning Approach
The two programmes are more suitable for students who enjoy a hands-on learning style.
- Skip GCE 'O' level Exam
Successful applicants for PFP and DPP could finish their polytechnic education in 4 years without the need to sit for GCE O Level Exam. It will benefit students who may have difficulty coping with 5NA.
- Good job opportunities
The percentage of Polytechnic / Higher Nitec graduates employed within 6 months upon graduation / completion of full-time National Service is high.

Tips for parents in helping your child through exams

Assisting with revision

The secret to doing well in exams lies in planning. You can help your child to create a clear revision plan and method of studying that will make them feel in control of their work.

Tips for revision planning:

- work out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks - hour-long sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting
- go through school notes with your child or listen while they revise a topic
- time your child's attempts at practice papers

Providing an all-round support

The best way to support your child during the stress of revision and exams is to make home life as calm and pleasant as possible. It helps if other members of the household are aware that your child may be under pressure and that allowances should be made for this.

If your child is given study leave in the run-up to exams, try to be at home as much as possible so that you can share a break and a chat together.

Make sure there are plenty of healthy snacks in the fridge and try to provide good, nutritious food at regular intervals. Encourage your child to join family meals, even if it's a busy revision day - it's important to have a change of scene and get away from the books and computer for a while. Also encourage your child to take regular exercise. A brisk walk around the block can help clear the mind before the next revision session.

Try not to nag or make too many demands on your child during exam time. Arguments are counter-productive and will only add unnecessary stress and distract from revision.

It's important to get a good night's sleep before an exam, so discourage your child from staying up late to cram. And make sure he or she eats a good breakfast on the morning of the exam.

Giving encouragement to your child

Encourage your child to do well for his or her own sake rather than for money or to please you. Explain that exams aren't an end in themselves but a gateway to the next stage of life - to post-secondary institutions. Good results are themselves the best reward for hard work and will make your child proud of his or her achievements.

Make sure your child knows you're interested in their work and that you'll be proud if they do well. Although bribery isn't advisable, it's fine to provide small treats by way of encouragement - perhaps a piece of cake or some biscuits after a chunk of revision has been completed. The end of exams can be celebrated with a treat that everyone can look forward to, such as a meal out or a trip to the cinema.

Information adapted from resources found on the BBC website
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/helping_with_exams/