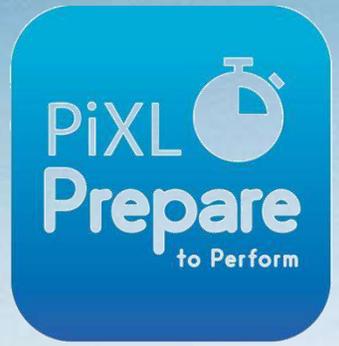


**Top tips to support your child
through their exams**

What is Prepare to Perform?

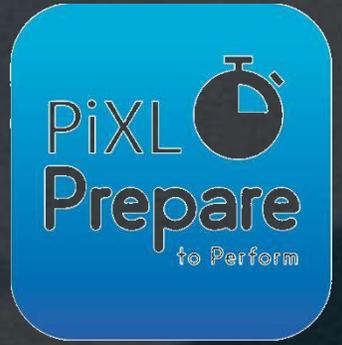


Staying calm, feeling good, being effective

- ✓ A toolkit to help your child control different aspects of their life to help them perform better when it comes to exam time
- ✓ It will allow them to focus, set themselves a plan and work towards being prepared in the best possible way



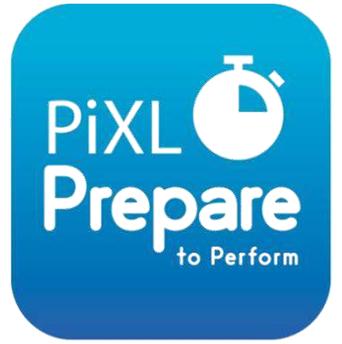
How can you help your child and prepare them to perform?



1. Being a role model
2. Help them set goals
3. Time out
4. Sleep patterns
5. Unplugging
6. Staying cool & calm
7. Belief
8. Be supportive

Each day you can support your child to make choices which can impact how they perform during the exam period

1. Being a role model



Set a good example by modelling the behaviour you want your child to adopt...

- Planning for the week
- Eating healthily and well
- Keeping hydrated
- Leading an active life
- Staying calm
- Being organised
- Good sleep habits

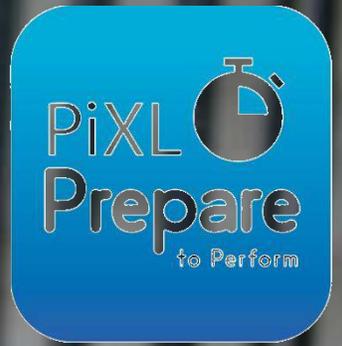


2. Goal Setting

- **Encourage** them to keep their goals planner visible – e.g. printed and displayed on their bedroom wall
- **Help focus** them and talk to them about their goals regularly
- Give **positive reinforcement**
- **Connect** with them about ‘**why**’ and ‘**what**’ they want to achieve



3. Time Out



Encourage them to build in opportunities to take some time out every week, away from study. For example:

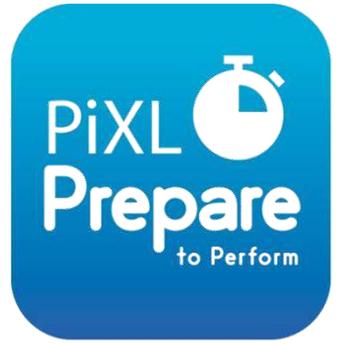
- Going out for food
- Seeing friends
- Having a bath
- Listening to music
- Reading a book
- Doing a hobby
- Going shopping
- Going to the cinema



TAKING TIME OUT

IS AS IMPORTANT AS PUTTING TIME IN

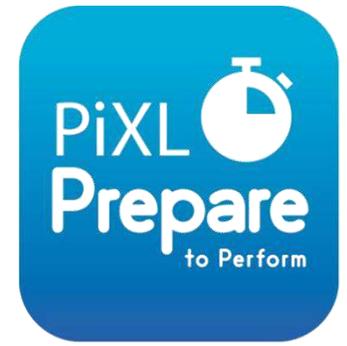
4. Sleep Patterns



- Young people need between 8 – 9 hours sleep per night
- Help your child create a relaxing evening routine
- Make sure they don't eat too late at night
- Avoid giving them caffeine or sugary drinks late at night
- Make sure they don't work or revise too late before going to bed
- Encourage them to switch off from social media / technology at least an hour before bedtime



5. Unplugging



- ✓ Encourage them to unplug from technology everyday
- ✓ Help them switch off from technology at least 30 mins- 1 hr before going to sleep
- ✓ Support your child to appreciate the world around them rather than being governed by their phone
- ✓ Make sure they put their phone away, & on silent, while they are concentrating on tasks / revision / homework
- ✓ Help them learn to have the control to not be obsessed with their phone
- ✓ Choose some time each day/week to switch off and unplug from technology with them

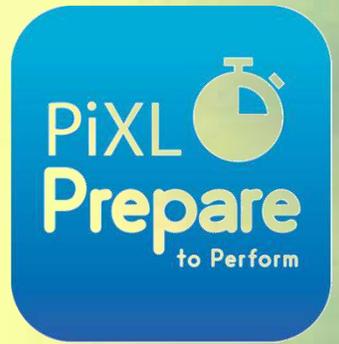


6. Staying Cool & Calm



- Set a good example by staying calm yourself
- Create a relaxing environment for your child
- Help them plan out coping strategies to deal with their stress
- Give them positive distractions away from studying
- Help them understand their stress & to focus on controlling the controllables
- Promote a balance of their academic studies & other activities during the week

7. Belief

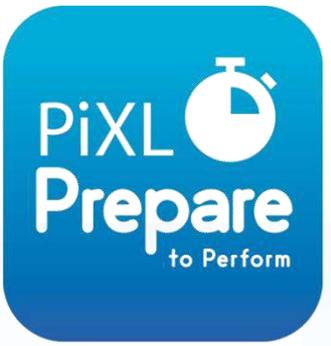


- Give them positive reinforcement
- Boost their confidence daily
- Celebrate any successes and reward them e.g. if they have achieved their mini-goals
- Try not to set your expectations too high
- Show them how proud of them you are
- Highlight things to make them feel good
- Give them the belief in themselves to help them achieve

**BELIEVE
YOU CAN
& YOU'RE
HALFWAY
THERE.**

A black-framed sign with white background and bold, black, hand-drawn style text. The sign is set against a background of a person holding a red balloon against a bright sky.

8. Be Supportive



- Be a good listener
- Be approachable
- Encourage them to take breaks in between revision
- Show some understanding of what they are going through
- Help them deal with their emotions & feelings
- Offer caring advice
- Just be there for them!

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