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Steps to Success Evening

Part One

15th October 2026

HEARTWOOD LEARNING TRUST

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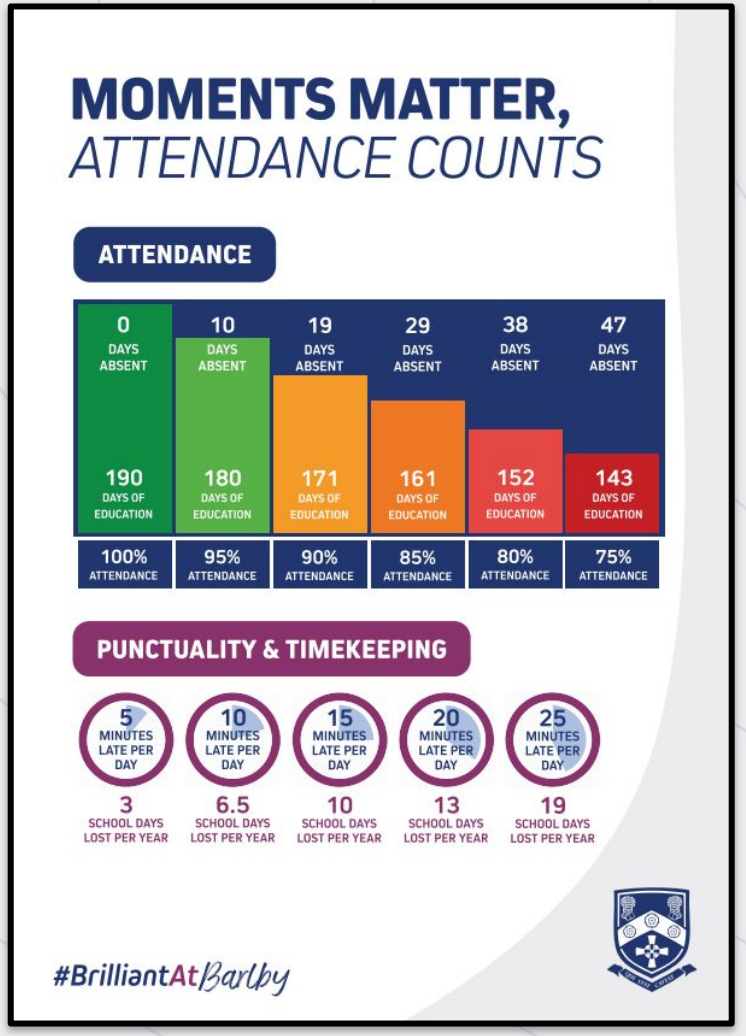
#Attendance Matters

In 2026, Y11 students who attended 95% of the time, achieved one whole average GCSE grade more than students between 90-95%. This pattern was reflected across all subjects.

Lesson resources are available on Google Classrooms to support catching up missed learning.

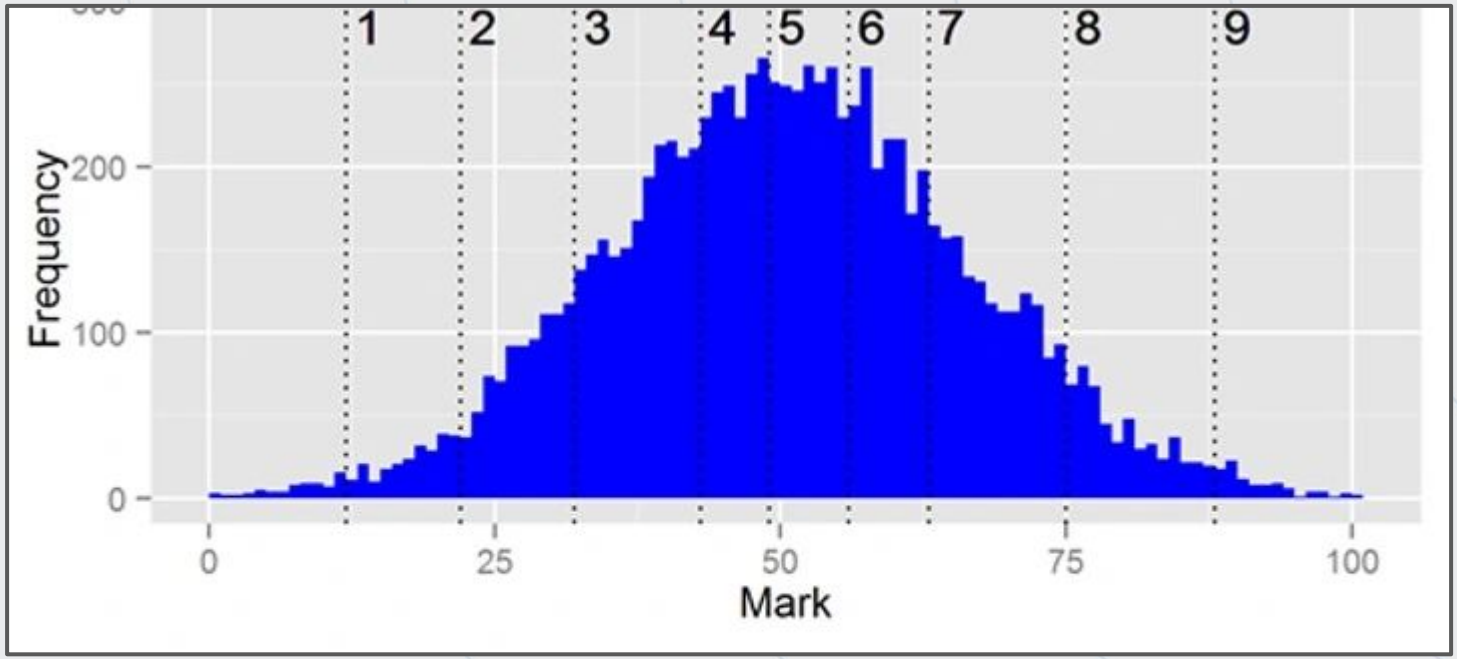


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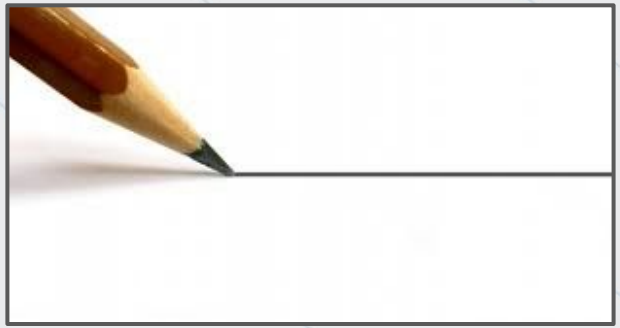




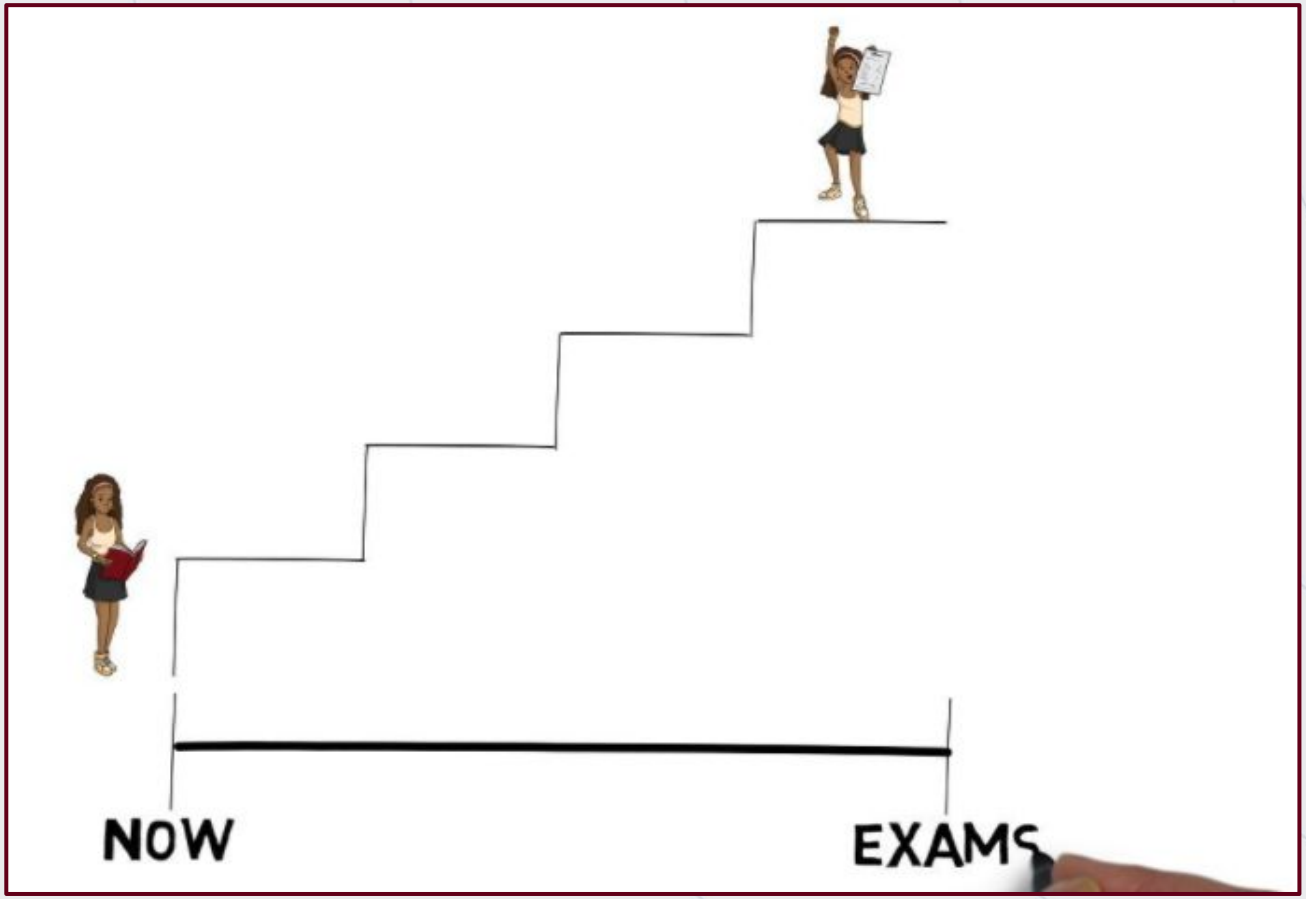
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7 months

23 school weeks

107 school days

535 lesson hours

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Don’t lose sight of the envelop



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Thursday 19th August 2027

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Revision Time....

Mocks and final exams are approaching quickly so it's time to start thinking about revision!

But how can you support your children in their independent study at home?

Your child (?)



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Shopping List....

- Revision Guides
- Revision Workbooks
- Revision Flashcards
- Flashcards
- Notebooks
- Highlighters
- Pens
- Pencils
- Post-it notes
- Plastic folders
- A kitchen timer!



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STUDENT TRIES TO 'ABSORB'
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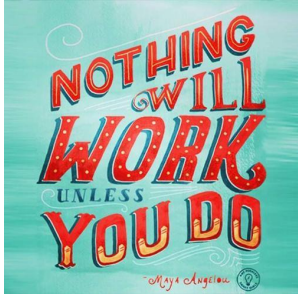

GET STARTED

What does and doesn’t work….

- ‘I’m doing history tonight’
- ‘I’m not stopping for tea’
- ‘I’m revising until midnight’
- ‘I’m revising with my mate’
- ‘I’m revising on my phone’
- ‘I’ll learn it all tonight’
- Stress and no stress
- #AttendanceMatters

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Revision Timetables - why?



- To know what works for you and what doesn't
- To prepare strategically for your exams
- So that you don't start revising too late and put yourself under undue stress and anxiety
- So that you don't under-prepare in certain subjects or topics
- To ensure that you don't forget to look after your own mental and physical well-being

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Revision Timetables - how to start?

- List all of the subjects that you need to revise for
- Prioritise/rank these subjects. Which subjects did you underperform in during your mocks? Which subjects are you considering studying at college? Which subjects do you struggle with the most?
- Break your subjects down into topics – what are the component elements of each GCSE?
- Use your exam timetable to consider when each of your exams is.

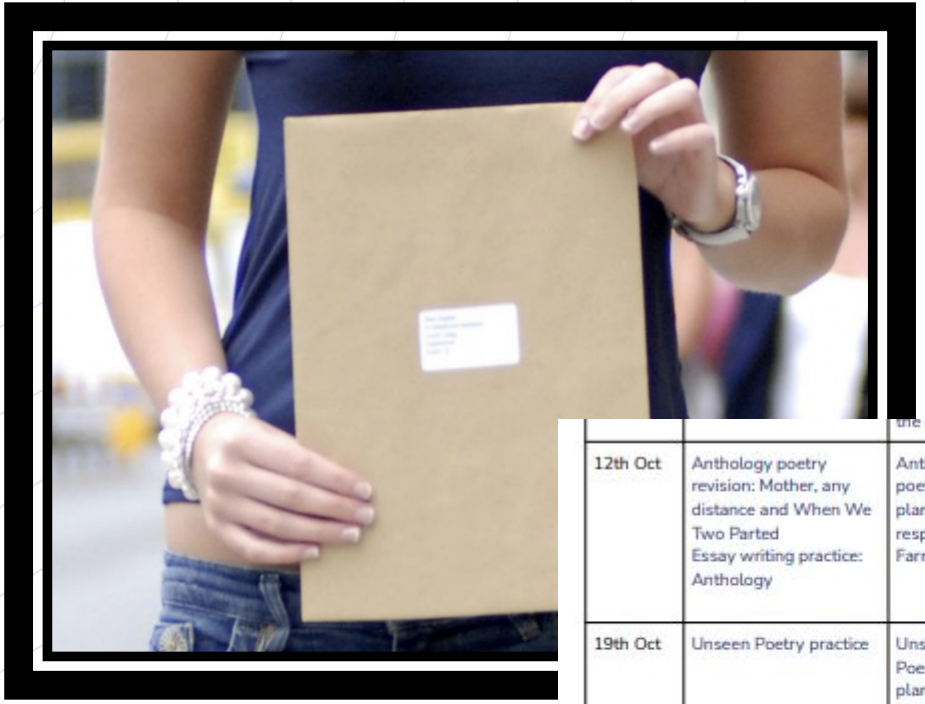
Revision is not a prison

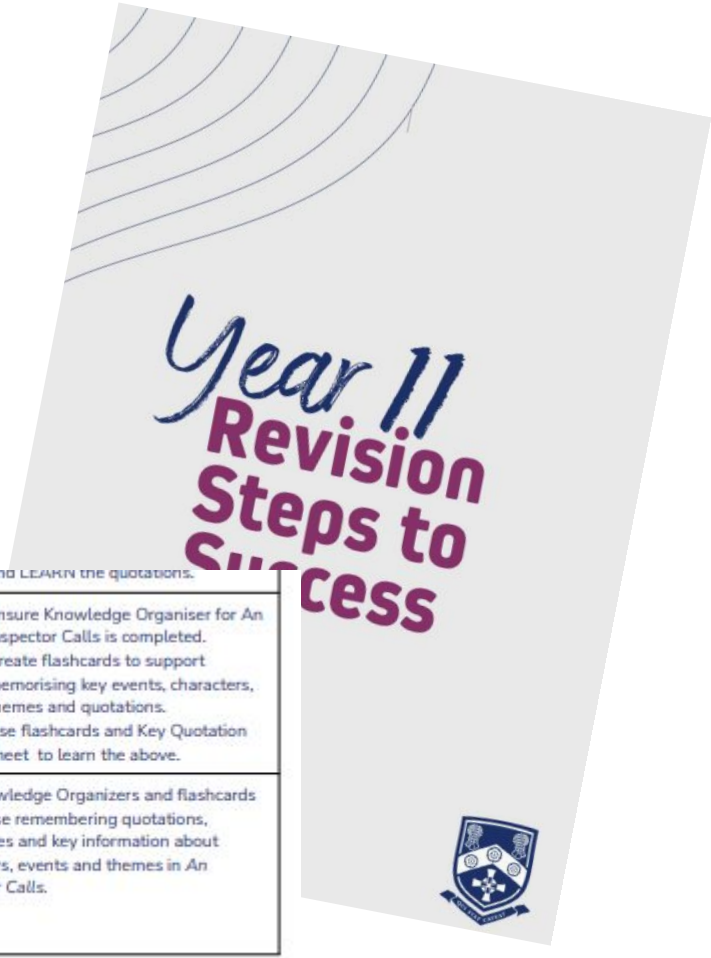


- Are there commitments that you have to keep to?
- Plan in time for **you**
- Plan in time spent with your **family and friends**
- Plan in time spent **away** from your desk
- It is healthy to plan to **reward** yourself for revising

Day	08.30-10.15	10.15-11.30	11.30-13.15	13.15-15.15	15.15-16.15	16.15-17.15	17.15-18.15	18.15- 19.15	19.15-20.15	20.15-21.15	21.15-22.15
Monday					P6 Maths	Homework	Relax Tea	English Lang Biology	History Sociology	SPARX Maths	Relax
Tuesday					P6 Sociology	Homework	Relax Tea	English Lit Chemistry	Maths Business	SPARX Science	Relax
Wednesday					Homework	Homework	Relax Tea	Maths Physics	Sport History	Relax	Relax
Thursday					P6 History	Homework	Relax Tea	Football training		English Lang Biology	Relax
Friday					P6 Business	Homework	Relax Tea	English Lit Chemistry	History Sociology	Relax	Relax
Saturday	Sleep in	Football match			Maths Business	Sport Sport	English Lang Biology	Relax	Relax	Relax	Relax
Sunday	Sleep in	Work			Maths Physics	English Lit Chemistry	History Sociology	Relax	Relax	Relax	Relax

Revision Time....





		the essay.	and LEARN the quotations.
12th Oct	Anthology poetry revision: Mother, any distance and When We Two Parted Essay writing practice: Anthology	Anthology poetry: planning a response Farmer's Bride	1. Ensure Knowledge Organiser for An Inspector Calls is completed. 2. Create flashcards to support memorising key events, characters, themes and quotations. 3. Use flashcards and Key Quotation sheet to learn the above.
19th Oct	Unseen Poetry practice	Unseen Poetry: planning and writing responses to BOTH questions	Use Knowledge Organizers and flashcards to practise remembering quotations, techniques and key information about characters, events and themes in *An Inspector Calls*.

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Remember



- No more than 30-40 minutes non stop revision at a time

- Don’t overdo it…

    - Revising solidly from 4pm until midnight will exhaust you and your brain. A tired brain can’t learn. Make sure you get plenty of sleep and have a proper break for meals

    - Take a ten minute break in between sessions; get a drink, stretch your legs and give your brain a break

Remember

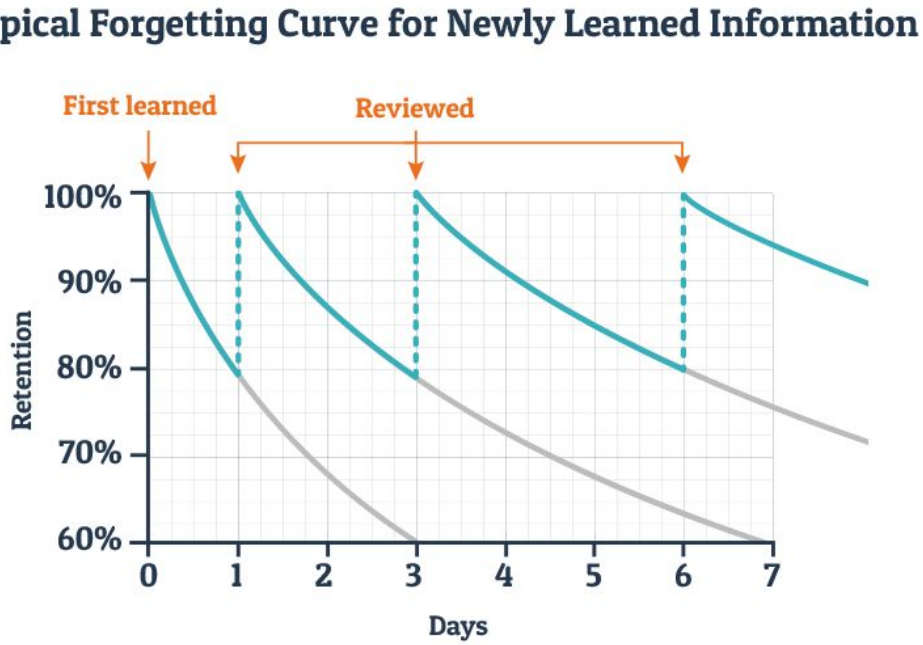
- Be proactive
  - Simply reading notes is no help to you – use a range of revision techniques - keep your brain busy

- Spread your subjects out
  - Don’t choose to revise all three sciences one after the other on the same day. You will get bored! And make sure you use a variety of techniques.

- Lastly, don’t panic!
  - If you are organised, you will be fine. Lots of regular revision, slotted into your normal routine, is a million times better than manic cramming the week before the exam!

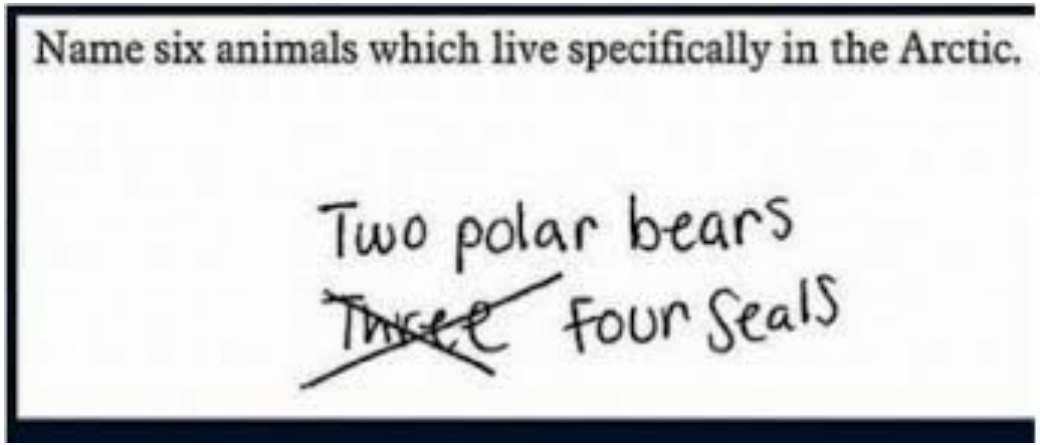
What do we know about memory?

- Consistent practice and revisiting previous material strengthen memory and boosts learning.
- Our working memory is finite and limited and so overloading this or cramming for revision doesn't work.
- Information, if not revisited, is 'lost' from our memory.



Strategy - Past papers & practice questions

For the majority of exam boards, past papers are available online for free and these allow you to get a feel of what to expect in your exams.



Completing exam questions is tough...but you will have to do it, so you might as well get some practice in. **Revision shouldn't be easy!**

The ‘Foldy Method’



Use this for learning MFL vocabulary, key dates for history, key terminology and meanings for geography and more….

The ‘Dual Coding’ method





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The ‘Dual Coding’ method





“If men will not learn their lesson they will be taught in fire and in blood and in anguish”

The ‘Dual Coding’ method

“I wear the chains I forged in life”

“Tell me how I may sponge away the writing on this stone”

“Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent under’t”

“Is this a dagger which I see before me?”

“It is as if we are mixed up together like bees in a hive, community and all that nonsense”

“Unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable”

Strategy - Flashcards

A great way to reinforce key definitions and facts; but **less is more** - a few per session is best.

Don't cram!

Flash cards should:
-have a simple cue on the front
-the answer on the back
-reduced information



GCSE Maths theory

Front	Back
What are the first 10 square numbers?	1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100

GCSE Maths theory

Front	Back
What is the definition of Median?	The middle value after the data has been ordered from smallest to largest

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Key Y11 Dates

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Autumn Term	
W/C Mon 2nd Nov	Drama NEA GCSE Practical exam
Monday 9th Nov - Fri 20th Nov	Mock Exams Round #1
Tue 1st Dec - Fri 4th Dec	French Speaking Mocks
Thu 3rd Dec	Mock Interview Day
Tue 8th Dec	Music NEA Group performance
W/C 7th Dec	Mock Exam Results Morning
Thu 10th Dec	Y11 Parents/Carers Evening
Mon 14th Dec	Creative iMedia Coursework deadline

Spring Term	
Fri 8th Jan	Music Composition 1 submission deadline
Thu 14th Jan	York College Taster Day/Askham Bryan Taster Day
Wed 20th Jan	KS4 A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip
Mon 25th Jan - Fri 5th Feb	Mock Exams Round #2
Mon 8th Mar	Music NEA Solo performance
Mon 15th Mar - 19th March	Food Tech GCSE practical exam
Fri 19th March	Music Composition 2 submission deadline
March Date TBC	Steps to Success Evening Part 2
Summer Term	
Mon 12th Apr - Fri 16th Apr	Drama and Art GCSE practical exams
Mon 26th Apr - 30th Apr	French GCSE Speaking Exams
Mon 10th May	GCSE Exams start
Fri 18th June	Final GCSE exam
Fri 2nd July	Prom

Student Progress Interventions

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor	Intervention for English, Maths and Science will take place in small groups throughout the week.				
Lunch	Year 11 students have a priority queue in the canteen to enable them to go to lunchtime revision held by class teachers.				
Period 6	Maths	English	Independent study due to staff training	History / Geography	Science
Period 6	Art / Drama / Music	Sociology / BTec Sport / French		Food / DT	Business / Computer Science
45 Ahead	Staff supervised Independent study	Staff supervised Independent stud		Staff supervised Independent stud	

45 Ahead

Revision in class

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Tutor time

Sparx

Easter holiday sessions

1:1 mentoring meetings

PSHE interventions

Exam Masterclass sessions

Pre exam assemblies

Mock Exam Window #1

- Most students will have 1-2 exams a day across the fortnight.
- Morning exams 9.00am start, Afternoon exams 1.00pm.
- Core subjects in morning, Options subjects in afternoon.
- Some subjects will replicate the exact summer exam format, some not yet.
- Insist on following exactly same exam rules and regulations. We will contact you if expectations are not being met.
- Many subjects will continue teaching exam content as normal - students should not rely on being able to use lesson time to revise and prepare.
- How can parents/carers support?
    - Revise and prepare well in advance
    - Create revision timetables
    - Good sleep and diet routines, especially breakfast and hydration
    - Equipment
    - Promote punctuality
    - Have conversions about exams

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Mock Exam Window #1 9th-20th Nov

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Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable | November 2026

Week A

	Monday, 9 November 2026	Tuesday, 10 November 2026	Wednesday, 11 November 2026	Thursday, 12 November 2026	Friday, 13 November 2026
0900	English Language Component 1 (Paper 1) 1hr 45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Science Biology Paper 1 1hr 15 or 1hr 45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Science Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 15 or 1hr 45 — Main Hall Dance Studio
1130					
1300	Geography Paper 1 Physical 1hr30 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Food 1hr30 — Main Hall Dance Studio	History: Crime and Punishment & Germany 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	French: Reading and Listening 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Computer Science Paper 1 2hr — Main Hall Dance Studio Music 1hr30

Week B

	Monday, 16 November 2026	Tuesday, 17 November 2026	Wednesday, 18 November 2026	Thursday, 19 November 2026	Friday, 20 November 2026
0900	English Language Compoment 2 (Paper 2)2hrs — Main Hall Dance Studio	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Science Physics Paper 1 1hr 15 or 1hr 45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	English Lit Component 2 (Paper 2) 2hr 15 — Main Hall Dance Studio	DT 2hr French Writting 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio
1130					
1300	Business Paper 1 1hr45 & Drama 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Sociology Paper 1 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr45 — Main Hall	Geography Paper 2/3 Human/Fieldwork — Main Hall Dance Studio	Business Paper 2 1hr45 — Main Hall Dance Studio

Y11 Parents Evening Thu 10th Dec



- 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Virtual appointments 3.30-4.00pm
- In person appointments 4.15-6.30pm
- Make appointments through Edulink.
- Electronic feedback can be provided on request if unable to attend.
- Appointments can be booked from end of November.
- Contact Mr Sladen or Miss Macgregor with any queries or problems.

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Post-16 Pathways Open Events

- Bishop Burton College (Sat 21st Nov, Sat 30th Jan)
- York College (Open Event Sat 7th Nov, Open Evening Thu 19th Nov)
- Selby College (Open Day Sat 17th Oct, Open Evening Wed 18th Nov)
- Askham Bryan College (Open Mornings Sat 17th Oct, Sat 28th Nov)
- Fulford Sixth Form (Open Evening Thu 20th Nov)

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Key contacts

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General admin, day-to-day matters	**Form Tutors:** Mrs Fillingham Mr Killen Mr Joyce
Attendance, Pastoral, Well Being matters	Miss Macgregor (Y11 Learning Manager)
Subject specific matters (including P6 and intervention matters)	**Faculty Leaders:** Maths - Mr Arbon English - Mrs McMullan Science (incl. Food, DT, Comp Sci) - Mrs Poulton Cultural (Hist, Geog, French) - Mr Sladen Sociology/Business - Mrs Milne PE - Mr Joyce Creative - Mrs McMullan
Overall academic progress matters	Mr Sladen (KS4 Academic Achievement Impact Lead) Mr McNaught-Roberts (Assistant Vice Principal)
Careers	Mrs Lister Mr McNaught-Roberts
SEND, Exam Access Arrangements	Mr Anderson (SENCO)

Thank you for your time and support!

Revision Guides and resources available to buy in the foyer. Cash only. Revision Guide orders can be made through ParentPay.

Steps to Success Part 2.....March 2027.

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