

Welcome Year 11 Parents and Carers

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THE SNS WAY

 Stoke Newington School
& Sixth Form

Compassion

We are polite and courteous and keep our voices quiet to show consideration for our community.

Ambition

We actively participate in lessons, and use the feedback given to us to go above expectations.

Resilience

We understand that mistakes are part of learning and strive to work hard, even when the task may be challenging.

Excellence

We take pride in our smart appearance, the brilliant work in our books and our commendable behaviour.

We role model these four core values to other students in the school community.

Compassion | Ambition | Resilience | Excellence

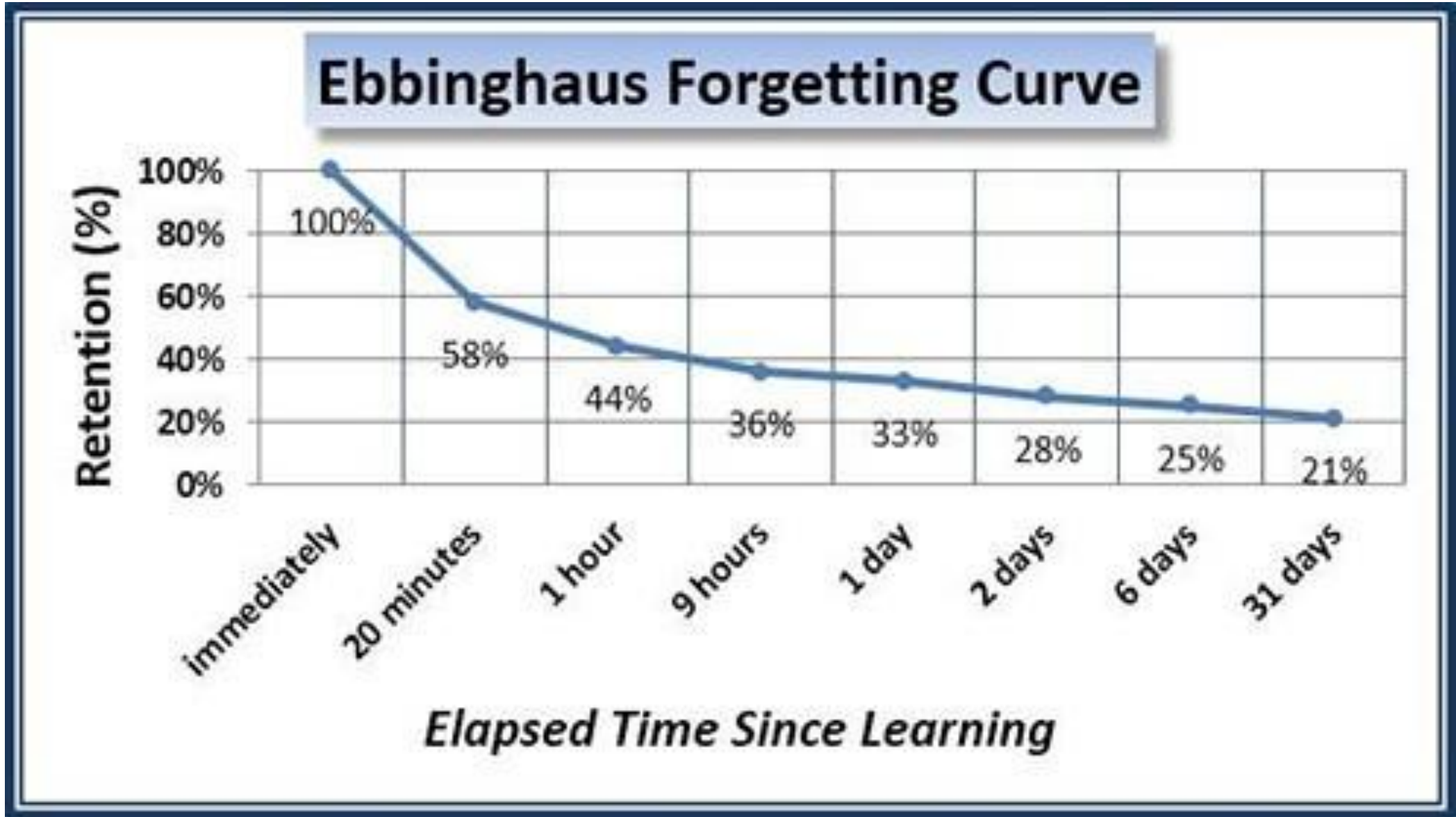
Tonight's Agenda (Information Evening 1 of 3)

- Core Subject Overview (Maths, English, Science) 5 mins each
- Additional Subject Information
- Pastoral
- Importance of Tutor Time
- Revision Support
- Additional GCSE Support
- Post-16 Preparation
- 10mins for Q&A



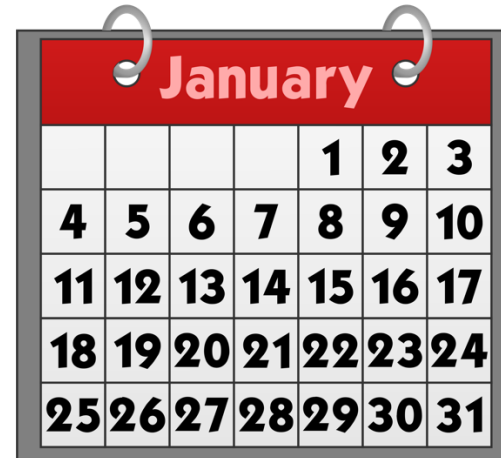
Revision
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Why revise?



2 Key principles from cognitive science and research

1. Spaced practice



2. Self testing



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SNS Revision Guide



This booklet aims to help you understand the theory behind what works and give you loads of ideas to make your revision stimulating.



Maths



Support for year 11 pupils

- Fortnightly past paper as homework
- Sparx Maths – fortnightly homework and opportunity for independent learning
 - Fortnightly in lesson quiz for retrieval practise/revision
 - Extra past papers from the Maths Office for pupils that want them for independent revision/practise



GCSE – Summer 2024

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Non Calculator	Calculator	Calculator



All papers are 90 minutes

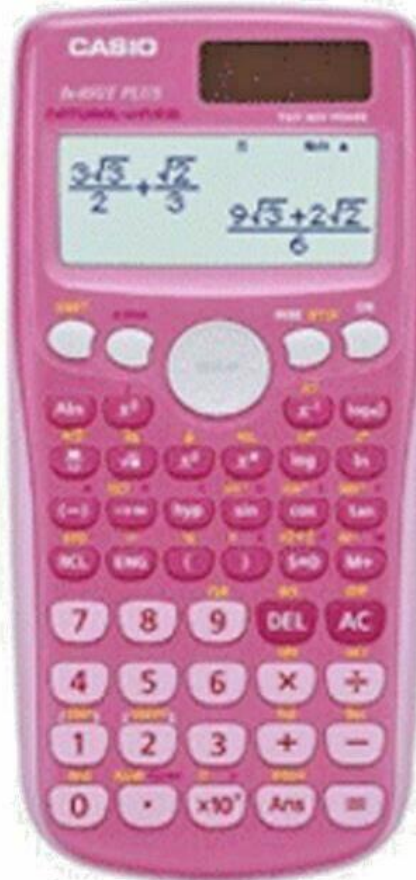
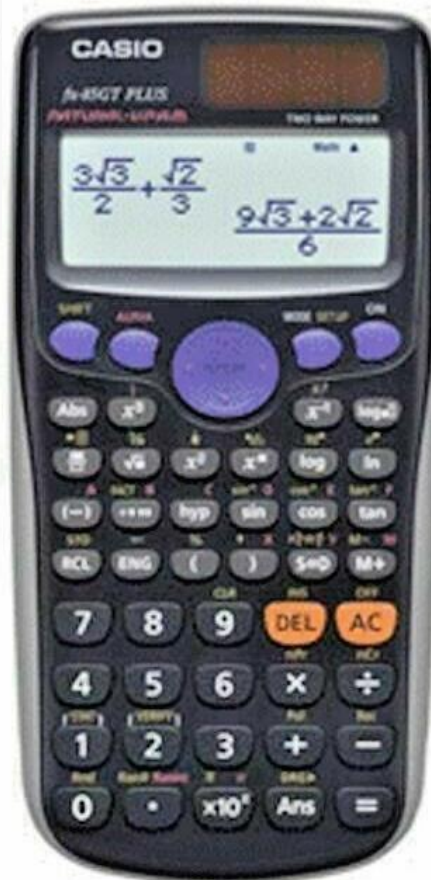
Exam board - Edexcel



Papers can contain questions from any topic in maths

There are two tiers - Foundation/Higher

Scientific calculators





Dates for mock exams

25th October 2024 (1 paper)

December mocks 2024 (2 papers)

14th February 2025 (1 paper)

March 2025 (2 papers)



Additional support – all available through school website

Maths

- [Maths Genie - Learn GCSE Maths for Free](#)
- [Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths](#)
- [Effective Maths Practice and Support for Years 9-11 \(mathskitchen.com\)](#)

Great website with easy to access video tutorials and exam questions by topic/grade. Also past exam papers:

- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

Additional questions by topic (harder):

Higher - <https://justmaths.co.uk/2015/12/21/9-1-exam-questions-by-topic-higher-tier/>

Crossover - <https://justmaths.co.uk/2016/01/03/9-1-exam-questions-by-topic-both-tiers/>

Foundation - <https://justmaths.co.uk/2015/11/29/9-1-exam-questions-by-topic-foundation-version-2/>



English



GCSE English Language and English Literature

- **2 separate GCSEs**
- **Exam board – AQA**
- **Un-tiered exam**

English Language – Two exams

Paper 1:

- Reading and writing fiction texts
- Students read one fiction text and then answer questions on language and structure
- **Own creative/descriptive writing**

Paper 2:

- Reading and writing non-fiction texts
- Students read a modern and 19th century non-fiction text and make comparisons
- **Own non-fiction writing expressing a point of view**


Section B: Writing

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.
Write in full sentences.
You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.
You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

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You are going to enter a creative writing competition.
Your entry will be judged by a panel of people of your own age.

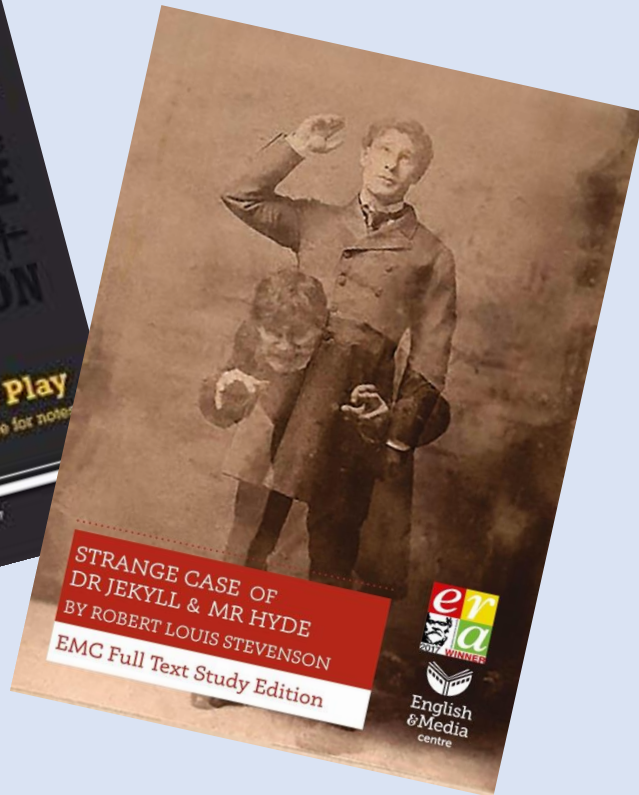
Either: Write a description suggested by this picture:



Or: Write the opening part of a story about a place that is severely affected by the weather.
(24 marks for content and organisation
16 marks for technical accuracy)
[40 marks]

English Literature – Two exams

Paper 1:



Paper 2:



Yr11 – Terms for English mock exams (specific dates will be shared well in advance)

Autumn 2:

- English Language Paper 2 – Early December
- English Literature Paper 2 – Early December

Spring 2:

- English Language Paper 1 – March 2024
- English Literature Paper 1 – March 2024



KS4 H/W – Two half-termly writing tasks

- Individual teachers will regularly set H/W according to the work being covered in their lessons
- Alongside this, all KS4 students are expected to complete two pieces of extended writing for H/W per half term
- This decision has been made to offer greater opportunities for students to practice extended writing as it makes up 50% of the overall English Language GCSE

H/W – 45mins: Autumn Term 1



Write the opening of a story suggested by this image.

or

Write a story with the title 'Mystery in the family.'

(24 marks for content and organisation 16 marks for technical accuracy) [40 marks]

H/W – 45mins: Autumn Term 1

“Our actions have consequences. People need to take responsibility for their actions to make us better people.”

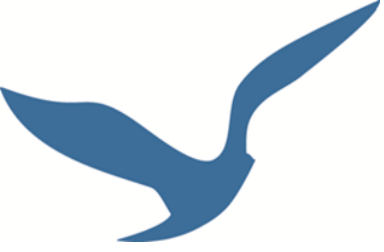
Write a speech to be delivered to your year group to persuade other students to be more socially responsible.

(24 marks for content and organisation 16 marks for technical accuracy) [40 marks]





Science

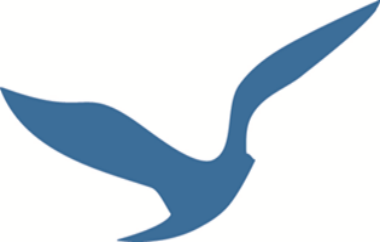


Science pathways

Exam board: AQA

Two courses:

1. Triple Science – 3 GCSEs - (top set only) - given one grade per Science
Eg. Biology 8, Chemistry 6, Physics 7
2. Combined Science – 2 GCSEs – higher or foundation tier – given two grades
Eg. Combined Science 4-4, Combined Science 7-7, Combined Science 6-5



Combined Science - tiers

- Higher tier = 99-44
(with an 'allowed' 4-3)
- Foundation tier – 55-11
- A grade 5 is a strong pass and a grade 4 is a standard pass regardless of the tier

Current GCSE science	
Foundation	Higher
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	8
	7
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	6
5	5
4	4
3	(3)
	2
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Strong pass
Standard pass

The content covered in each paper is below:

Paper	Units	Paper	Units
Biology paper 1	B1 – Cell Biology B2 – Organisation B3 – Infection and Response B4 – Bioenergetics	Biology paper 2	B5 – Homeostasis B6 – Inheritance, Variation and Evolution B7 – Ecology
Chemistry paper 1	C1 – Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table C2 – Bonding, Structure and Properties of Matter C3 – Quantitative Chemistry C4 – Chemical Changes C5 – Energy Changes	Chemistry paper 2	C6 – The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change C7 – Organic Chemistry C8 – Chemical Analysis C9 – Chemistry of the Atmosphere C10 – Using Resources
Physics paper 1	P1 – Energy P2 – Electricity P3 – Particle Model of Matter P4 – Atomic Structure	Physics paper 2	P5 – Forces P6 – Waves P7 – Magnetism and Electromagnetism Plus P8 – Space – triple only

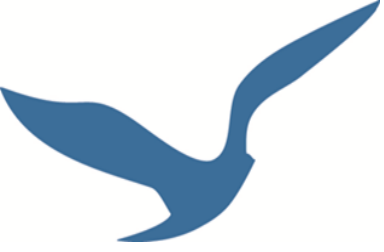
- All students sit 6 exams.
- Each Combined Science exam is 1 h 15 mins.
- Each Triple Science exam is 1 h 45 mins.



Mock Exams

- Students complete 6 mock exams over the year, one for each paper.

Week	Date	Term	Key dates	Combined Teacher 1	Combined Teacher 2	Triple
A	02/09/2024	Autum Term 1		B6	C6	B6
B	09/09/2024					
A	16/09/2024		Year 11 Parent/Carer Forum			
B	23/09/2024					
A	30/09/2024					
B	07/10/2024					
A	14/10/2024		Year 11 Parents' Evening			
B	21/10/2024		Biology Paper 1 mock	Paper 1 Revision		
	28/10/2024	Half Term				
A	04/11/2024	Autum Term 2				
B	11/11/2024		Year 11 Mocks (Chemistry and Physics paper 1)			
A	18/11/2024					
B	25/11/2024					
A	02/12/2024		PC1 Deadline	C7	P6	C7
B	09/12/2024		Mock Feedback			
A	16/12/2024	Christmas Break				
	23/12/2024					
	30/12/2024					
B	06/01/2025	Spring Term 1		C8		P6
A	13/01/2025		Progress Review Day			
B	20/01/2025					
A	27/01/2025					
B	03/02/2025					
A	10/02/2025		Biology Paper 2 mock		P7	C8
	17/02/2025	Half Term				
B	24/02/2025	Spring Term 2				
A	03/03/2025					
B	10/03/2025		Chemistry Paper 2 mock			
A	17/03/2025					
B	24/03/2025		Physics Paper 2 mock			
A	31/03/2025	Easter Break				
	07/04/2025					
	14/04/2025					
B	21/04/2025	Summer Term 1	PC2 Deadline			
A	28/04/2025					
B	05/05/2025					
A	12/05/2025					
B	19/05/2025					



Science Home Learning

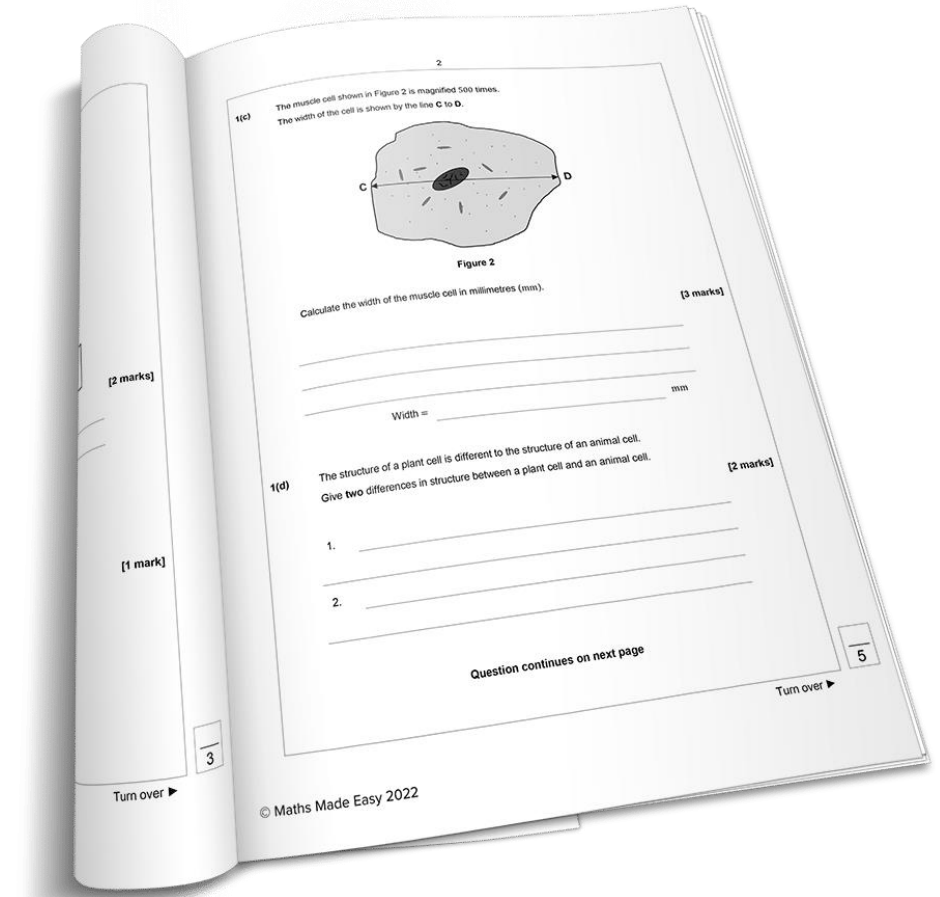
- Science home learning will focus on preparing for the mocks.
- This will be set every **Monday**.
- Remember, starting well and preparing properly will really help you to **achieve your best** in the real exams.
- Mocks are used to decide your predicted grades which you need to apply for courses next year so try your best.
- Lots of colleges ask for an average point score so even if you do not want to do Science, doing well can help increase your score as it is worth more than one GCSE.

Past Papers

- Once you know the content, the best way to revise is to practise past papers.
- You can collect past papers from the Science Workroom (on the top floor).

Intervention

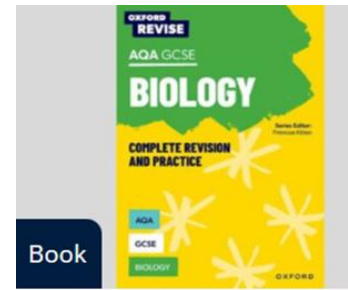
- Intervention will take place on Tuesday after school in **E22**.
- Everyone is welcome.
- You can go over any topics you find difficult or work through a paper with a teacher.



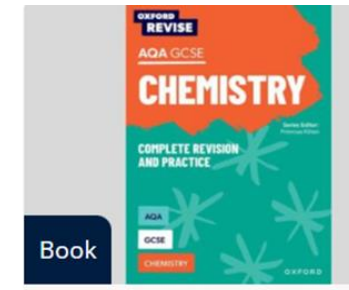
Revision Guides

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=416>

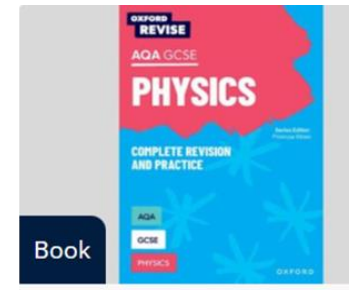
- Revision guides are available to purchase on parent pay.
- Students can then collect it after school
- The Science department provides revision guides for PP students.



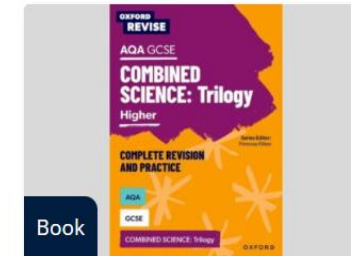
Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Biology



Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Chemistry



Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Physics



Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy Higher



Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy Foundation

Useful Websites

1 - BBC Bitesize

Topic summaries, quizzes and sample questions



2 - Cognito Science Website

Lessons, quizzes, flashcards and exam papers



3 – Free Science Lessons

Short lessons on every topic



4 - Educake

Quizzes



These links have been posted on classcharts for each class so that they are directed to the correct course / tier.



Additional Subject Information

The SNS Website- Curriculum Maps and Revision Support



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Select Language | At

School Sixth Form Curriculum

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Revision - Year 11 & Year 13

[Tools, techniques and resources to help students revise](#)

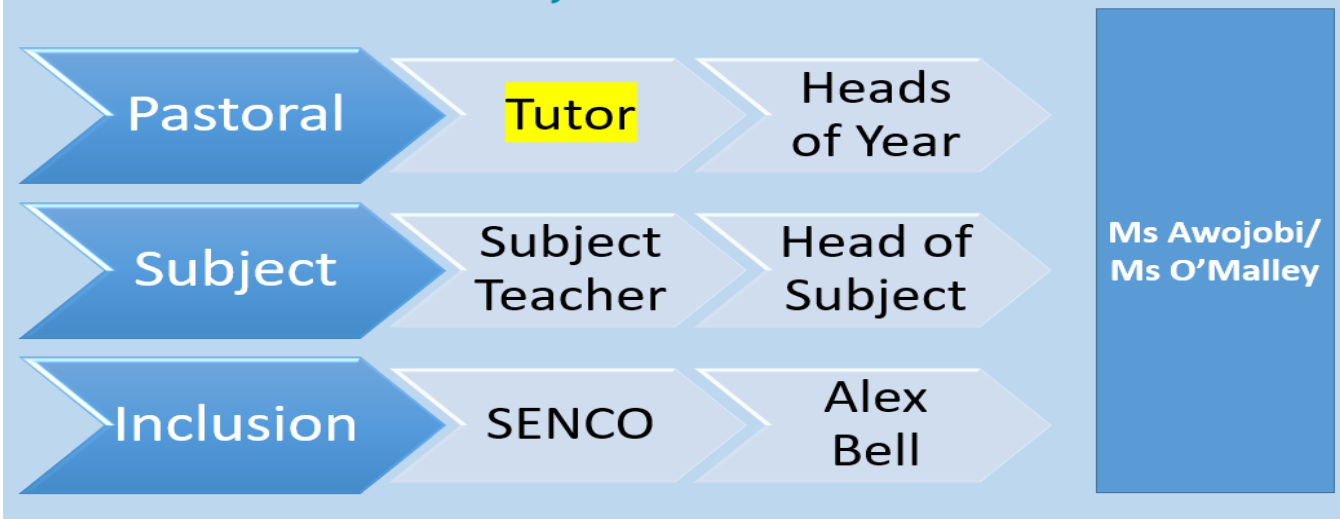
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Pastoral

Jack Lumb (Head of Year)

Who to contact, when



HOY	Jack Lumb		Tutor
Deputy Head of Upper School	Moji Awojobi	11S	Alex Gilbert
Head of Upper School	Mel O'Malley	11T	Amy Foden
KS4 Support Worker	Bree Robinson, Joshua Omolu-Gomes, Selena Leslie, Tracey Quartey	11O	Ridwan Euba
Inclusion Key Worker	Ruby Samuels	11K	Ana Maria Reyes Barrios
Deputy Head Link	Mark Bynoe, Lucy Bryant	11I	Eliz Erdal
		11N	Ed Hill
		11E	Julia Cooper
		11W	Yazmina Choudhury
		11G	Abdirashid Obsiye

Communication via Class Charts

All key dates and information this year will be collated and shared on Class Charts via the announcements tab.

This includes deadlines, mock exams, post-16 application support and whether your child is attending catch up or any intervention sessions.

It is not always possible to call home so please log in to your Parent account weekly. You will also see your child's positives, negatives, punctuality and homework



Homework updates

Teachers will add submissions status to homework's. This particularly important for coursework-based subjects as there are firm deadlines set by the exam boards.

The screenshot displays a user interface for managing homework. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels for: Behaviour, Announcements, On-Report Cards, Homework (highlighted in orange), Detentions, Timetable, Rewards, and Badges. The main content area shows a calendar icon and the text 'Since August Due date: 01/08/20:'. Below this, it indicates '0 tasks due this week'. A dropdown menu is open, showing submission status options: 'To do', 'Completed', 'Submitted late', 'Not submitted', and 'Submitted'. A purple rectangular box highlights the 'Submitted late', 'Not submitted', and 'Submitted' options.

KS5 Applications

- Open days for college begin at the start of October
 - Some application processes close at the start of November
 - Every student will receive a 1-1 meeting to support with KS5 Applications
 - Students will have a dedicated tutor time session once per week to support in their application process
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Mock and Public Examinations

- The year group adapted incredibly well to the summer mocks
 - The main autumn term mock window is between the 11th and 22nd of November
 - The GCSE Exams window begins on the 9th May
 - To be prepared students will need a full set of equipment in a clear pencil case, revision materials and a revision timetable
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SNS Think Tank



Dedicated Y11 study space at lunch across two floors.



Tutor Time

(Morning Registration)

Our Daily Expectations

- Equipment & Uniform Checks
- High Expectations on basics. Students sent home or to reception to correct uniform if needed.
- Lanyards on and coats off
- No hoodies, false nails, trainers, stud earring and nose stud only

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THE SNS EQUIPMENT WAY EXPECTATIONS

MUST HAVES!

- PENS (BLACK INK)
- PENCILS
- PENCIL CASE
- PLANNER WITH WHITEBOARD PAGE
- RUBBER
- RULER
- CALCULATOR
- EXERCISE BOOK
- A READING BOOK
- HIGHLIGHTER
- PROTRACTOR

Form Tutors will regularly conduct equipment checks. For any missing items of equipment, a behaviour incident will be issued.

The School celebrates a strong reading culture and students must bring a reading book to school every day.

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Routines

Day	Activity
Monday	Personal Development/Revision Techniques
Tuesday	Personal Development/Current affairs or WS Activity
Wednesday	Silent revision/reading
Thursday	KS5 Applications
Friday	Assembly



Personal Development

Term	Topic
Autumn 1	Sexual Health
Autumn 2	Your Future and Beyond
Spring 1	Staying Safe
Spring 2	Adult Health and Looking After Yourself



- Two consecutive days every two weeks
- Delivered in collaboration with PPP Lessons
- Taught by tutors who have the best relationship with students

KS5 Applications

TOPICS

Which Qualifications are available to me?

What should I consider when applying to a 6th form or college?

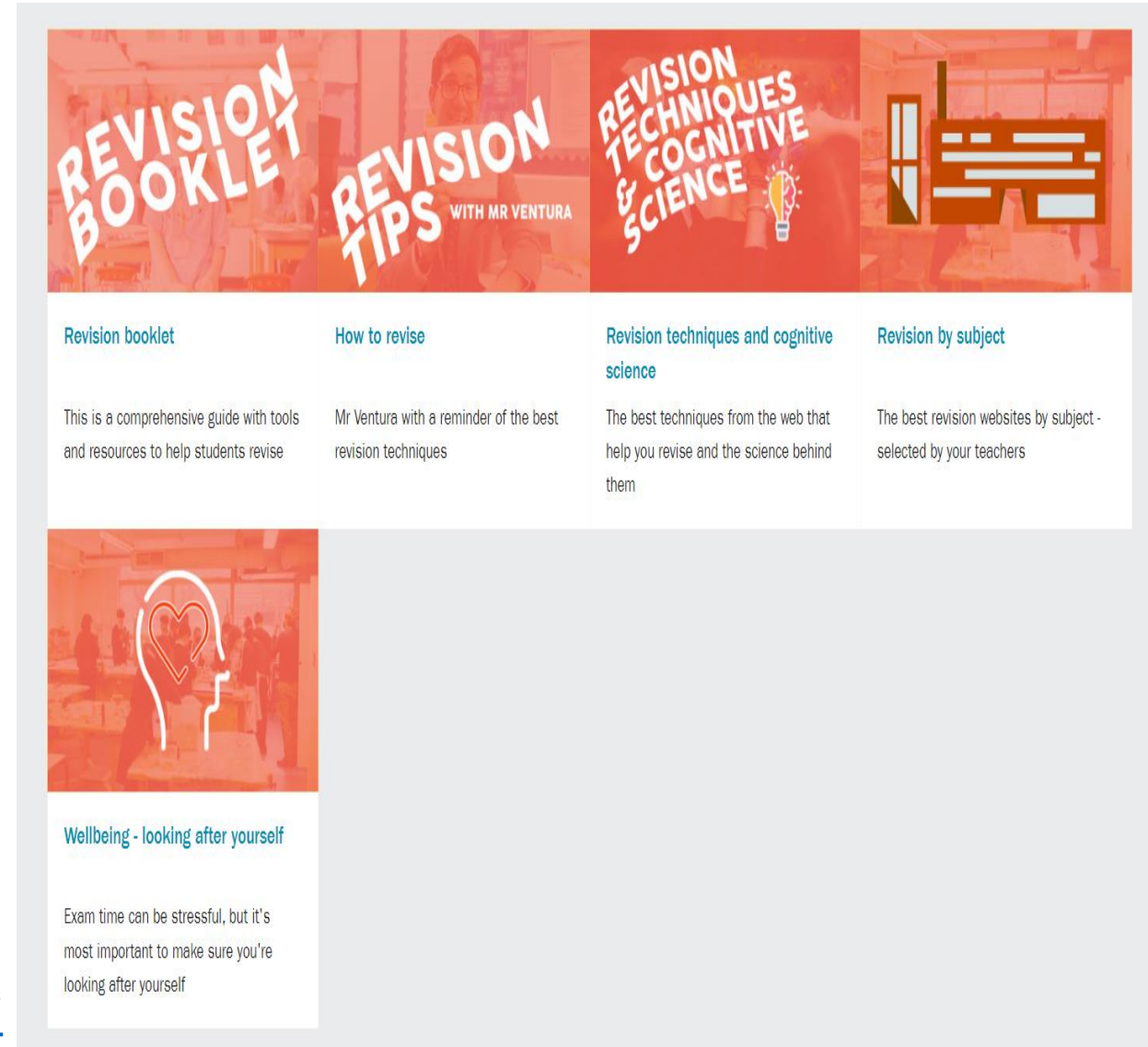
How do I create a successful application?

How do I prepare for an interview?

- Support with KS5 applications is continued from Year 10
- Tutors will provide a weekly session that informs choices and supports with applications
- Tutors will write references for student's applications

Revision Techniques

- Previous feedback from students has suggested that they are willing to revise but are unsure on where to start or how to make the time spent effective
- Tutors will spend one registration every other week supporting students with revision techniques
- We will also use other members of staff and external professionals to support
- <https://www.stokenewingtonschool.co.uk/learning/revision>




The image displays a grid of four revision resources. Each resource has a header with a red-to-orange gradient and a white text box below it. The resources are:

- Revision booklet**: This is a comprehensive guide with tools and resources to help students revise.
- How to revise**: Mr Ventura with a reminder of the best revision techniques.
- Revision techniques and cognitive science**: The best techniques from the web that help you revise and the science behind them.
- Revision by subject**: The best revision websites by subject - selected by your teachers.

Below these four resources is a fifth resource:

- Wellbeing - looking after yourself**: Exam time can be stressful, but it's most important to make sure you're looking after yourself.

Term 1: Developing independent learners



MY Y11 PR


Attitude to learning

What went well:

Even better if:

My targets for the next year:

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY
Always on time to school



MY COLLEGE OR

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT BOX

Attendance (please give the % as well as the number of days)

Punctuality (please give the % as well as the number of days)

Attitude to study

Cooperation with staff

Relationships with other students

Has the student been involved in serious incidents?

Please provide information about the incidents:

MY TEACHERS, TUTOR AND HEAD

MY PERSONAL STATEMENT WOULD BE

Revision Ticket



What subject?	Maths	How long for?	30min - leave my phone in a separate room	Where and when?	Library? Home? Bedroom? Friends house?
What skill or topic will I revise?	Remind myself how to find the area of a circle and other 2d shapes				
What resources will I use?	Hegarty Maths or Corbett Maths - Watch the videos and then try some practise questions. OR Ask a family member to quiz me on the formulae needed				
What will success look like?	Make a revision prompt card to remind me of the different formulae. Confidently answer questions on Hegarty Maths finding the area of each shape.				
<p><i>Remember to revise in a place where you can focus fully and remove any distractions (e.g., phones). Revision can be as simple as setting yourself 10 things to remember for the following week (e.g. label 9 parts of a circle)</i></p>					



Additional GCSE Support

Melanie O'Malley (Head of Upper School)

Student Wellbeing

- Our aim is to motivate Year 11 to achieve their very best.
- There is a fine line between good stress – that motivates - vs bad stress
- Speak to your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

Please look out for signs of stress

- **Headaches regularly?**
- **Feeling ill?**
- **Sleepy/lethargic?**
- **Short tempered?**
- **Lack of concentration**
- **Constant pressure to succeed?**
- **Worry?**
- **Low self-esteem?**

We are here to help

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Post 16
Information
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Open Days for Sixth forms in Hackney schools & Academies

- **Cardinal Pole Catholic School sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

Cardinal Pole offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **Clapton Girls' Academy sixth form.** Virtual Open Evening on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

Clapton Girls' Academy Sixth Form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **Haggerston School sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

Haggerston School sixth form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **Mossbourne sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

Mossbourne sixth form offers A Levels

- **Our Lady's High School sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website.

Our Lady's High School Sixth Form, a Catholic school, offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **Skinner's Academy sixth form.** Virtual Open Evening on their website.

Skinner's Academy Sixth Form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form – Open Evening.** **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

Stoke Newington School Sixth Form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **The Bridge Academy sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website.

The Bridge Academy Sixth Form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **The City Academy, Hackney sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

The City Academy Sixth Form offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **The Petchey Academy sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

The Petchey Academy Sixth Form offers A Levels, and BTECS

- **The Urswick School sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website. **Deadline to Apply: TBC**

The Urswick School Sixth Form, a Church of England school, offers A Levels and level 3 BTECS

- **City of London Academy Shoreditch Park sixth form.** Arrange a visit on their website.

City of London Academy, Shoreditch Park Sixth Form offers A Levels

Further education colleges in Hackney

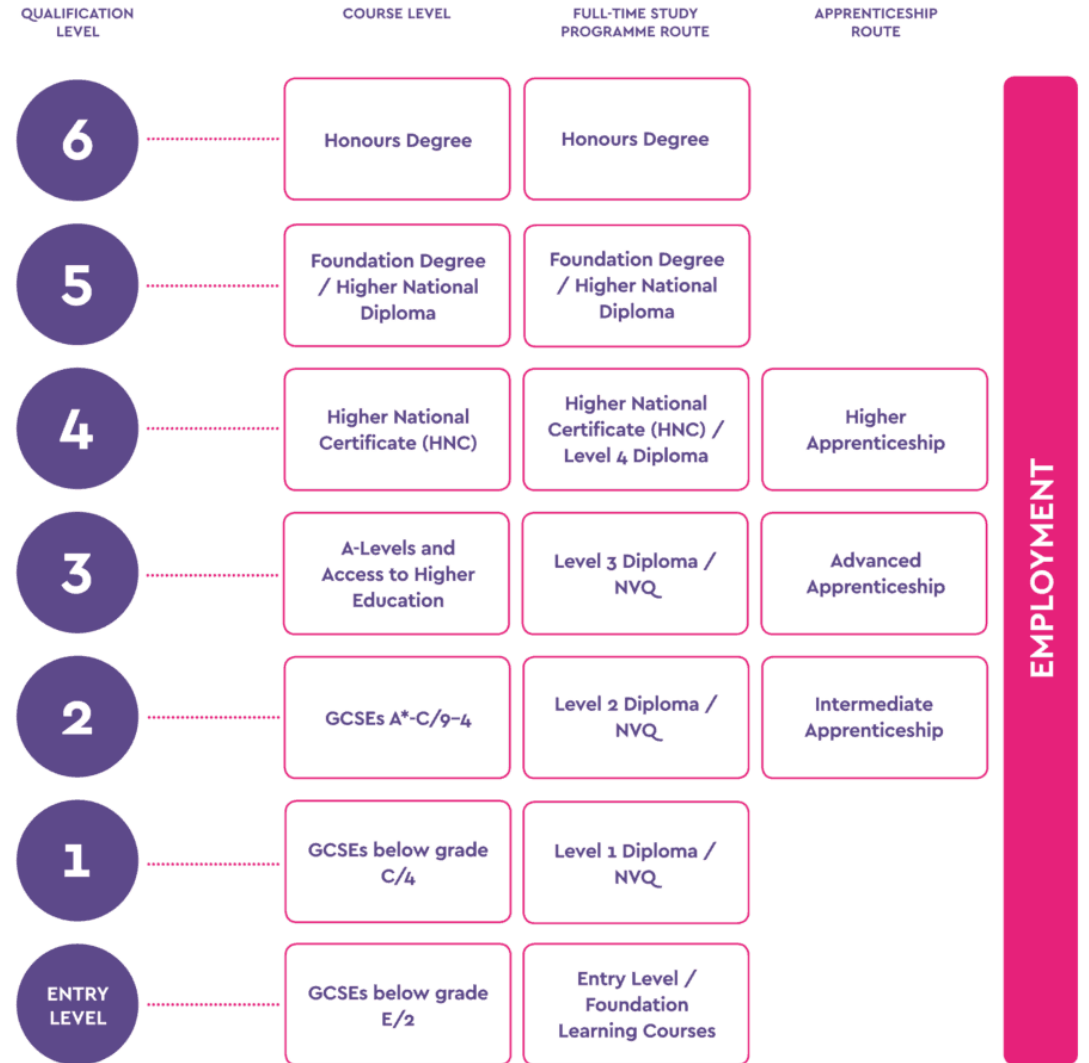
Colleges offering further education in Hackney

BSix Sixth Form College 16-19 provision

BSix Sixth Form College offers academic and vocational study programmes for learners aged 16 - 19. This includes Level 4 qualifications and Supported Internships for High Needs students.

New City College (Hackney Campus) 16-19 provision

New City College (Hackney Campus) offers a range of subjects for students aged 16+ looking to study A Level, BTEC and vocational courses. They also offer apprenticeships



Depending on your skills and knowledge, some programmes may require you to join at Level 1/2.

What do colleges look for in applications?

- What the student is currently studying
- Any clubs they are members of
- Enrichments that they took part in
- Include any work experience
- Why they want to study the course they are applying for?
- Transferable skills
- Examples using STAR method
- Future career aspirations
- Make sure there are no spelling mistakes
- Write using paragraphs

10 TIPS
FOR USING THE STAR METHOD

1. Understand the question
2. Be specific and quantitative
3. Focus on your own contributions
4. Prepare in advance
5. Use relevant examples and experiences
6. Be concise
7. Highlight your achievements
8. Be honest
9. Keep it positive
10. Be relatable



The diagram illustrates the STAR method with four colored pillars: S (Situation) in grey, T (Task) in orange, A (Action) in blue, and R (Result) in teal. Each pillar contains a large letter, a small icon, and the corresponding word in all caps. The icons are: a magnifying glass for Situation, a clipboard for Task, a gear for Action, and a document with a checkmark for Result.

S
SITUATION

T
TASK

A
ACTION

R
RESULT

What happens if students don't get the grades?

- If your child does not secure their place on results day, Sixth Forms and Colleges have walk-in enrolment days where students can enrol
- Students can retake their Maths and/or English Language GCSE whilst studying T Levels, A Levels or BTECs – dependant on the education provider
- BSix College, Westminster Kingsway and New City College allow students to retake their Maths and English GCSE

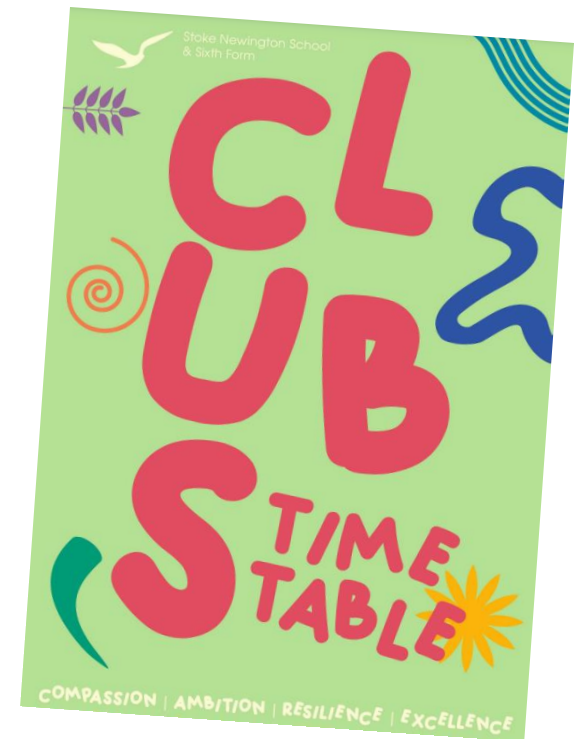
For information and advice to understand Post-16 options, please click [here](#).



To finish...

How can I support my child this year?

1. Check homework, behaviour and announcements weekly via Class Charts
2. Discuss, reflect and help set targets for each subject following their progress check and mocks
3. Encourage participation in additional school offerings, (intervention sessions, clubs, catch up, after school homework, Think Tank
4. Memory- focus at home on small manageable learning wins. What key facts can they remember now that will help in Year 11? (Revision tips)



Key Dates Autumn Term

Oct 16

**"Year 11 Parents'
Evening 4.00pm -
6.30pm"**

Oct 25

Year 11 Science and Maths Mock Examinations

Nov 8

Year 11 Taster Day

Nov 11

**Mock Period
Begins**

Nov 22

Mock Period Ends

Prom



Dates TBC



We want students to be able to help shape Prom (within reason) so a committee will be set up to meet fortnightly

Thank you

Any questions?