

Year 11 Study Evening

Monday 20th January 2025

Mr Wordsworth — Head of School

Mrs Gavin — Deputy Headteacher and Year 11 Lead



Welcome

- Priorities for Year 11
 - PPEs (pre-public exams)
 - Wellbeing support and success
 - Awards, rewards, positive recognition and celebration events
 - Post-16 progression pathways
 - Belonging and participating
 - Revision classes and intervention

Tutor time – revision and planning focus, including interventions

Richard Huish College & BTC interviews – post-16 planning and focus

Year 11 Study Evening – Monday 20th January in school – students and families

Curriculum enrichment days – 22nd and 23rd January – metacognition & revision skills – PPE booklet - revision planning, techniques, exam command words – and bowling!

Yr 11 pre-public exams (PPEs) – Feb/March 2024 – your last set of practice exams before the real exams – all subjects

Mid/end of March – Leavers' hoodies distributed

Thursday 3rd April – PPE results day, Easter Eggs assembly, Yr 11 Progress Evening

Final externals exams begin Thursday 8th May (some subjects will have controlled assessments / non-examined assessments before this date, such as the arts)

Leavers assembly – Friday 20th June 9:30am



Prom – Wednesday 25th June evening at Oake Manor Golf Club



Results Day – Thursday 21st August



Do you know how to revise?

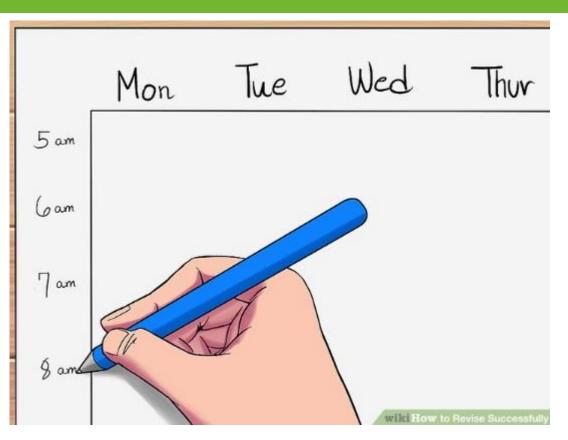
- The purpose of revision is to build knowledge. Revisiting content again and again means it will stay in your brain!
- It isn't going to just happen... being in lessons is a good start, but you are going to need to do much more than this
- Being 'present' or being 'busy' doesn't mean you are learning
- You need to be tactical and focussed with revision...





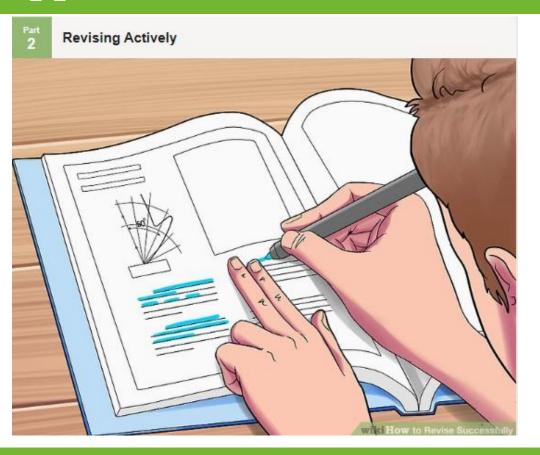
- Quiet, well lit space
- No phone or social media
- Avoid distractions but do what helps you – music for example
- Revise in different places if it helps you – library, different rooms, coffee shop – if you're not at home, no TV or console





- A timetable, or plan of some sort, will help keep you focussed and will also reduce anxiety – you are in control and you can see your goals being met
- Even a list of topics that you can tick off will help





- Revise actively doesn't mean walk around reading...
- To revise successfully, you have to do something with your information/knowledge – this might include:
 - Mindmap/poster/cards
 - Exam Qs / practice applying
 - Quizzing
 - Read and summarise
- Don't just read or highlight do more with the information





- Find support this year from family, friends, teachers and school staff
- You are not alone in this and we've been through it all before – so we know what you need and how to help
- Manage your year with the right balance of relaxation, enjoyment and hard work



PPE Booklet

Name:	The Castle School	Tutor Group:
	Pre-public Exams	(PPEs)
	Success Booklet	

Your PPEs are the final opportunity before the real exams to:

- Check your knowledge and skills, to understand best where to focus your revision and learning
 Experience exams under exactly the same conditions, so you know what to expect
 - Experience a busy exam block of time, to help you practice prioritising and managing work
- Practice different revision techniques and strategies, so you know what works best for you
- Have a set of accurate current grades, so that you can see the progress you are making

Only YOU can maximise the time and resources that you have now, to get the most out of your

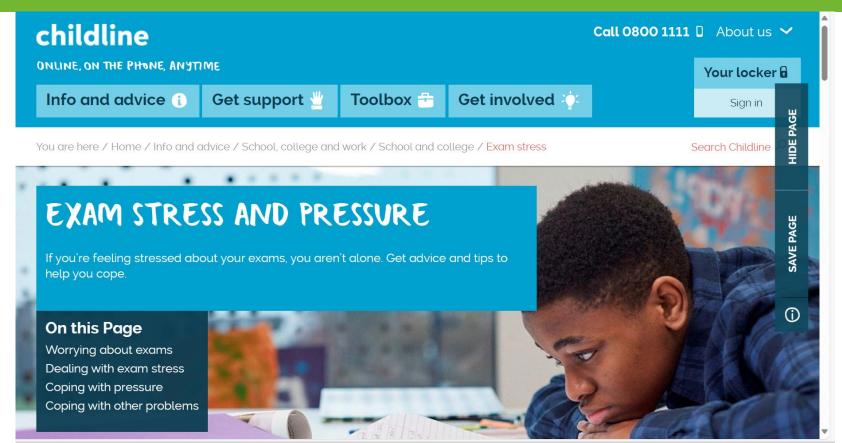
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Week 1 Monday Check-In		Friday Check-out
To do this week	~	Next steps and reflections

- Plan your revision effectively
- Keep you organised
- Prioritise and track key topics/questions/areas you need to focus on in revision! Use in lessons...

Subject	Targets/Topics for Improvement	~
English		
Maths		
Science		



How to support your child



Achieve . Belong . Participate



How to support your child



Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for children and young people and their parents or carers. But there are ways to ease the stress.

Watch for signs of stress

Children and young people who are stressed may:

- worry a lot
- fool tonco



How to support your child

- Watch for stress
- Make sure your child eats well
- Help your child get enough sleep
- Be flexible during exams
- Help them study
- Talk about exam nerves
- Encourage exercise during exams
- Do not add to the pressure
- Make time for treats
- Manage their devices with them



How long have we got left?

19 school days until February half term
30 school days until the Easter break
Then, 11 school days
8th May – first formal GCSE external exams

You have 60 school days until the exams begin...



This evening...

A focus on the core subjects that all students will complete:

English (Literature and Language)

Maths

Science (either Combined (two GCSEs) or Separate (three GCSEs))

as well as a session on...

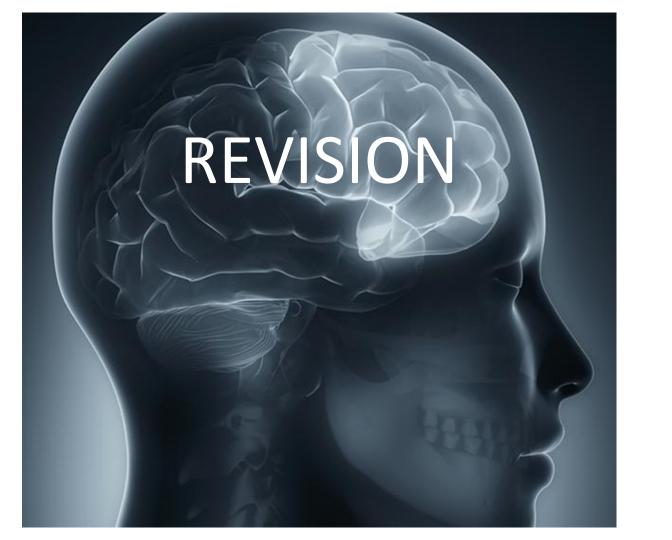
Metacognition and revision skills

Revision guides and other materials available to purchase online.

Tutor Groups	6.00pm – 6.10pm	6.15pm – 6.30pm	6.30pm – 6.45pm	6.45pm – 7pm	7pm – 7.15pm	
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Thank you very much for taking the time this evening to be here and work with us to support your child.



Long Term Memory

More space!

Less Tiring
To access

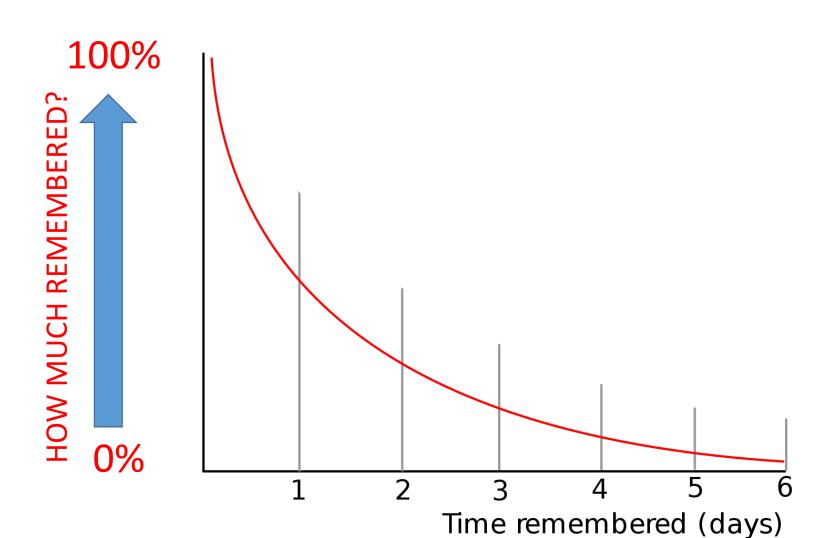


Working Memory

Short term

LIMITED Space

Uses Energy



The Forgetting Curve 100% HOW MUCH REMEMBERED? Time remembered (days)

"Memory is the residue of thought".

Daniel Willingham Professor of Psychology



Familiarity

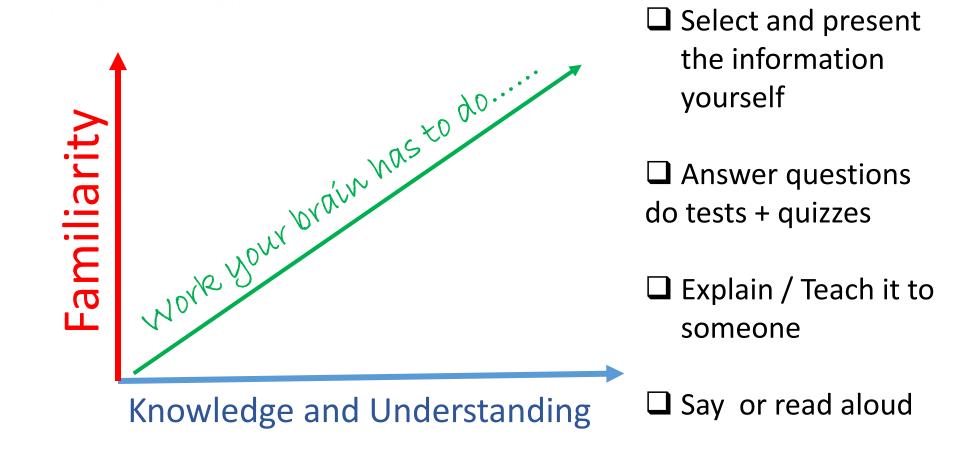
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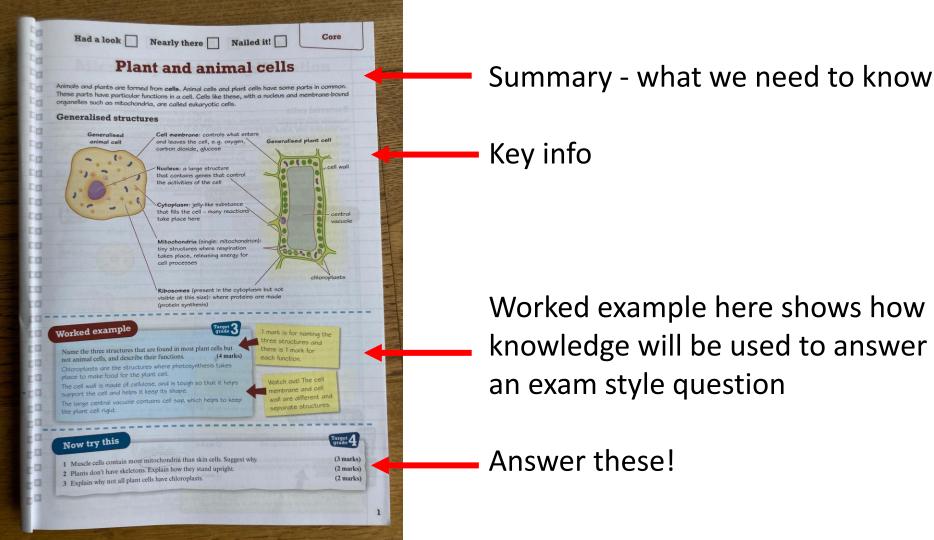
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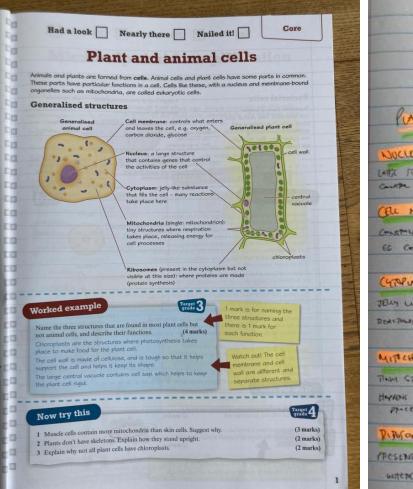
Looking through books

Saying it in your head

Knowledge and Understanding

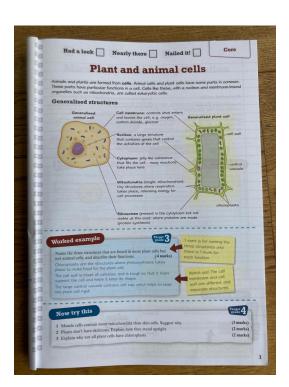


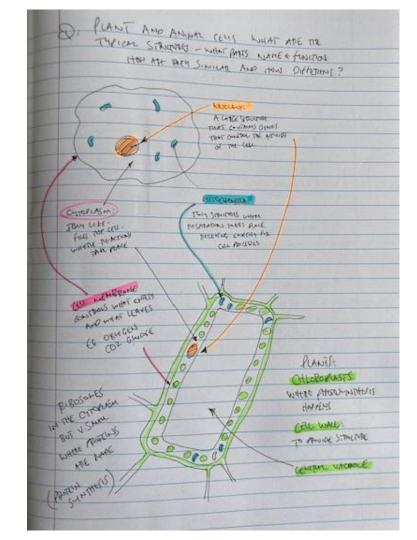




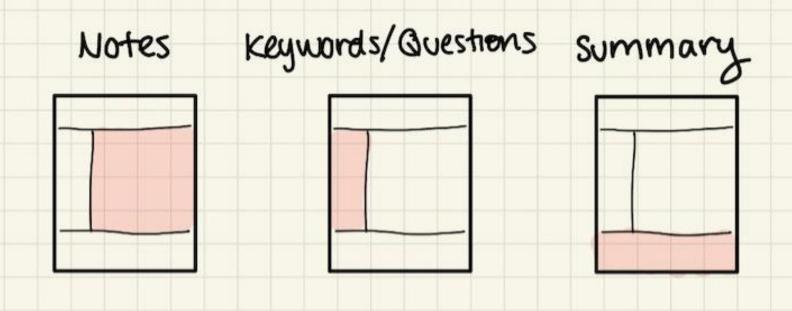
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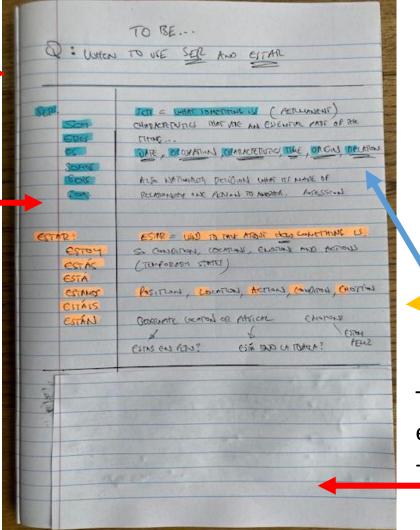


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The thing I need to learn

Key facts
Or defining key words

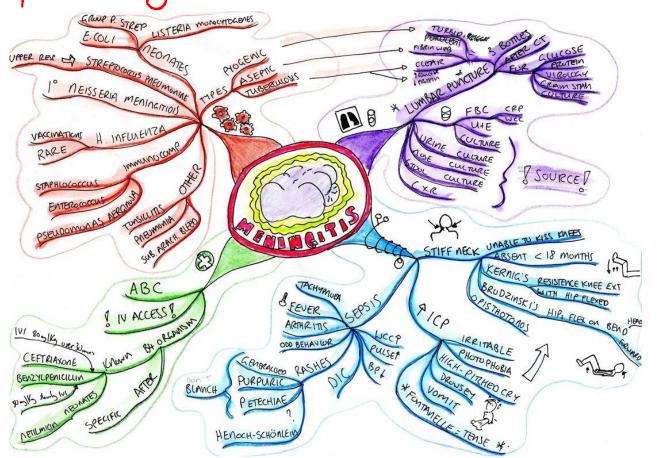
Here I have reminded myself of the conjugations of Ser and extra – present tense. I really need to know this well.

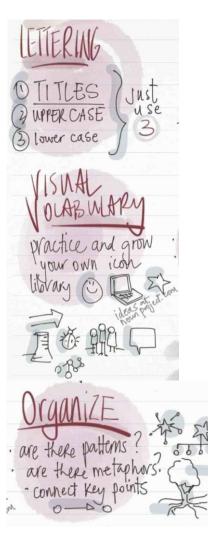


My explanation of how to use Ser and Estar.

This bit for examples / practise - now or later...

Map what you know

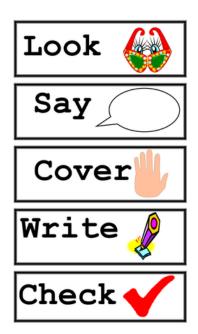




Flash Cards







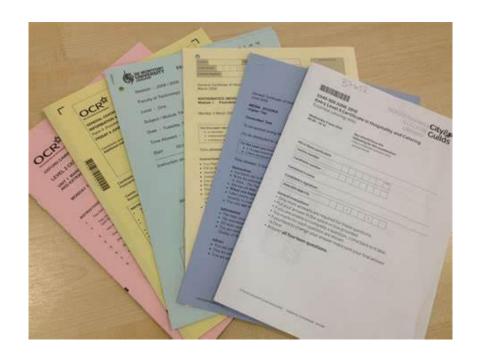
Bought or home made.

Question on one side, answers and key explanations on the other.

Use for look/say/cover/write/check, for Self Test, or for Testing / Explaining with a partner.

Practice Questions

Past papers
Practice Qs
Online quiz
Test me on this...
Self test







English

Mrs Whysall – Head of English

Now

- Students are sitting Literature Paper 1 (today and tomorrow).
- Everyone then moves onto revising English Language.
- We then have a rolling programme of revision (everyone revises the same topic at the same time).
- Homework is set twice a week.
- Revision runs every week.
- Intervention (for invited students is on four mornings a week).

English Language 2 exams: each 1h	nour 45 minutes.
Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
Assesses one literature fiction text from either C20th or C21st	Assesses two non-fiction texts linked by theme but from different centuries – C19th and either C20th or C21st
Section A Reading: Q1 find facts	Section A Reading: Q1 Identify statements which are true
Q2 Analyse effect of language	Q2 Summarise differences/ similarities from both texts
Q3 Exploration of the extract as a whole	Q3 Looking at only one of the texts, analyse effects of language
Q4 Explores impressions of characters created and how the author achieves this	Q4 Comparing both texts, explore how attitude is conveyed
Section B Writing: Choice of two questions. a)Write a description suggested by an image b)Write part of a story or describe emotions	Section B Writing: Writing for purpose Letter Article Speech

Can they explain terminology? This is all needed for both Language and Literature

- Do they know the difference between a common noun, a proper noun, an abstract noun and a pronoun?
- Can they tell you what an adjective does for a noun?
- Can they explain how verbs and adverbs work? What about modal verbs?
- Can they identify a simile and explain the effect?
- What about a metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, sibilance, juxtaposition and oxymoron?
- What about zoom in, focus shift, narrative perspective, wide view?
- There are lovely exercises on BBC Bitesize to help with these

How to revise English Language

- Make sure you understand the skill of each of the questions on the two papers (8 questions in the combined Section As): get someone to test you
- Make sure you are practising annotating extracts so that you are actively reading and identifying information as you go
- Use past papers to see which questions are weak or strong and practise these (watch Mr Bruff's videos to help you).
- Read articles what is the viewpoint, how is this attitude created through the language, sentence length and punctuation?
- Make sure you know lots of different techniques and you are able to talk about the effect created.
- Revise the very specific terminology for Q3, LP1 (different to every other question)
- Attend revision and the targeted intervention sessions (tutors have lists of students' names and parents have been informed)

English Literature 2 exams: 1 hour 45 minutes and 2 hours 15 minutes

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the C19th Novel	Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry
Section A Shakespeare, one question on play studied Explores character in an extract and the wider play	Section A Modern texts, one essay question from a choice of two. This must show knowledge of the whole novel
Section B C19th Novel, one question on the text studied Explores an extract and the wider novel	Section B Poetry, one comparative question on one named poem printed on the exam paper and one other from their chosen anthology cluster
	Section C Poetry, one question on an unseen poem and one question comparing that poem to another unseen poem.











"Choir! Stand still!" "I ought to be chief,' said Jack with a simple arrogance" "Jack drew his knife again with a flourish" "the enormity of the knife descending and cutting into living flesh" "'We've got to have rules and obey them. After all, we're not savages."











"We're English; and the English are best at everything." "He was down like a sprinter" "The opaque, mad look came into his eyes again" "Jack planned his new face" - "white", "red" and "black" "an awesome stranger."

How to use the metacognition sheets

- Print the sheets, cut them up into individual images and quotes (remember to write the character's name on the back).
- First, learn the quote with the image.
- Next, fold the quote behind and recite the quote (keeping the images in the same order).
- Then, muddle the images up and recite the quotes linking to context if possible.
- Once confident with characters' quotes, create theme maps (see slide 9: savagery).
- Again, start with quotes and images (but you should be much faster at being able to recite quotes from just the images).























"A blackness within, a blackness that spread"



"Jack planned his new face" -"white", "red" and "black"



"stuck his fist into Piggy's stomach"



frightened of people"



"bloodthirsty

snarling"

"Wielding a "Shut up, nameless fatty!" authority"





"Roger sharpened a stick

at both ends."



"the desire to squeeze and hurt was over mastering"



"Ralph wept for the end of innocence"













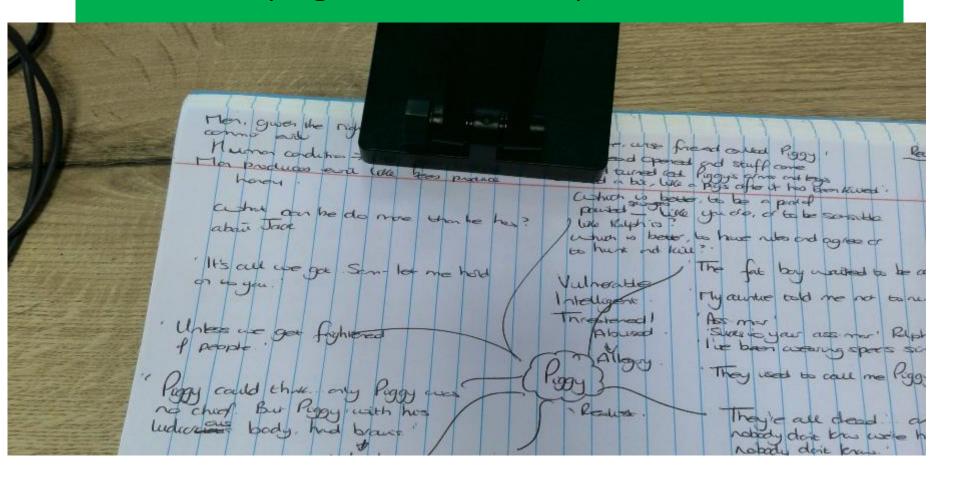




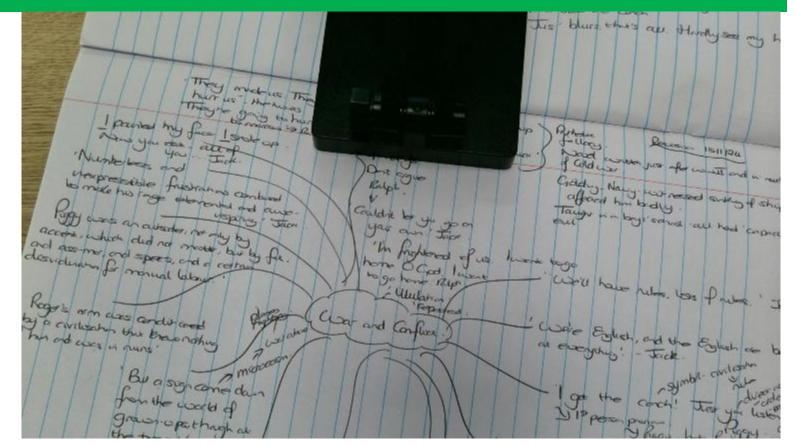




Character pages – collated quotes



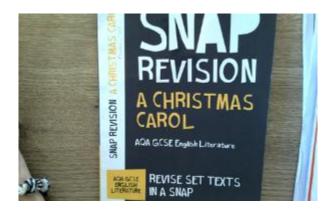
Theme pages –allows you to think 'bigger' so that different characters' quotes go together



Context: Talking about why the author wrote the text is key. If students do not include this, they will limit their potential grade.

Level 6	A01	• text	Critical, exploratory, conceptualised response to task and whole	
Convincing, critical analysis and exploration		-	Judicious use of precise references to support interpretation(s)	
	AO2	• judiciously	Analysis of writer's methods with subject terminology used	
		-	Exploration of effects of writer's methods on reader	
26-30 marks	AO3	-	Exploration of ideas/perspectives/contextual factors shown by	
		specific, detailed links between context/text/task		
Level 5	AO1	•	Thoughtful, developed response to task and whole text	
		-	Apt references integrated into interpretation(s)	
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consideration AO2	AO2	• effectively	Examination of writer's methods with subject terminology used to support consideration of methods	
21–25 marks		-	Examination of effects of writer's methods on reader	
	AO3	shown by e	Thoughtful consideration of ideas/perspectives/contextual factors examination of detailed links between context/text/task	

Revision Resources



We sell a range of books - all really good. Character and theme pages, exam style questions and responses.



Flip Cards
We have them for all of the topics
Again, cover characters, themes, key terminology



How you can help with Literature and Language revision

- Make sure your child is completing homework and taking it into school.
- Around your child's room, encourage them to have key quotes for each of the key characters for the three texts and 15 poems.
- If you have time, ask them to recite quotes. Can they separate them into themes? Can they link them to context? Can they explain how different character's quotes can be linked together?
- Make sure they understand the requirements for each question in the Language exams.
- They should know where their gaps are in Language: this would be any question where they received less that half marks. Work on these skills at home. If they log into 'youtube' and look at 'Mr Bruff' his videos talk students through the questions.
- Encourage attendance at intervention and revision sessions.
- On revision timetables, don't just write 'English' but build in time for each of the topics covered (including English Language), spending less time on areas they feel most confident.
- If you are concerned, please contact your child's teacher who will be able to help.





How to prepare for a Maths exam.

How will we be helping your child prepare?
What can your child be doing at home?
What resources are available?



Exam board - AQA

PPEs: 27 Feb, 4 March, 6 March

GCSEs: 15 May, 4 June, 11 June

THREE written exams

Paper 1 Non calculator (80 marks)
$$1\frac{1}{2}$$
 hours

Paper 2 Calculator (80 marks)
$$1\frac{1}{2}$$
 hours

Paper 3 Calculator (80 marks)
$$1\frac{1}{2}$$
 hours

There are 2 tiers of entry, Higher or Foundation.

Final decisions will be made after the PPE.



PREPARING FOR EXAMS IN SCHOOL

In Lessons:

- Targeting topics specific to reaching their milestone
- Problem-solving
- Practicing exam technique through online exam papers

Morning registration:

- targeted intervention for selected pupils
 Lunchtime & after school:
- revision sessions for all pupils



REVISION SESSIONS

Class	When	Where	Teacher
11A1	Wed 3.20pm	S2	Mr Buckingham
11A2	Thurs lunch	S4	Mrs Davis
11A3	Wed 3.20pm or Thurs lunch	S13	Mrs Sully
11A4	Tues 3.20pm	T4	Mr Keay
11A5	Wed 3.20pm	09	Mr Berriman
11B1	Tues 3.20pm or Frid 3.20pm	Q12/Q13	Mr George
11B2	Wed 3.20pm or Thurs lunch	S13	Mrs Sully
11B3	Wed 3.20pm	S1	Mr Pitts
11B4	Wed 3.20pm	09	Mr Berriman
11B5	Tues 3.20pm	S14	Mr Owen



How can you support your child with maths revision?





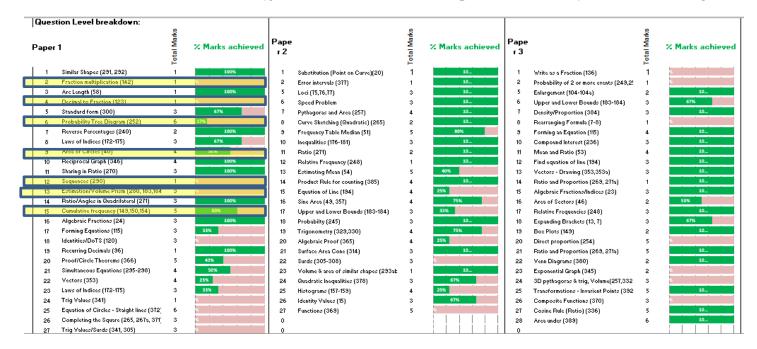


Mock exam & PPE

Teachers will provide feedback identifying what topics your child needs to work on



How to use a PLC (personal learning checklist) effectively



Revision list

HIGHER REVISION LIST:

In February/ March you will sit three maths papers, each lasting 1 hour 30 mins. Paper 1 is non-calculator; papers 2 & 3 both require the use of a calculator. To all exams you should also bring a black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor and compasses. The topics shown below are topics that will appear in the Spring term PPE. You should RAG rate your understanding of each of these, based on your PLCs from the October PLCs, then spend longer working on your red and amber topics.

To revise you should

- watch the Corbettmaths video & make revision notes
- do the practice questions and mark them
- use your revision guide, workbook & Corbettmaths revision cards to revise & practice topics
- · come to revision sessions, ready with questions to ask

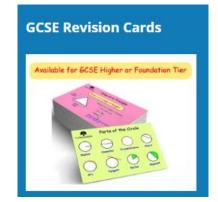
TOPIC	CORBETTMATHS		
Add subtract, multiply & divide decimals	90,91,92,93,94		
Reverse fractions	138		
Reciprocal	145		
% of quantities with and without a calculator	234,235, 238, 239		
Write one quantity as a fraction or % of another	136, 233, 237		
Compound interest & depreciation	236		
Change between fractions, decimals & %	121 - 129		
Limits of accuracy & error intervals	183, 184, 280, 377		
Prime numbers & product of prime factors	225, 223		
Multiples, factors, HCF & LCM	220,216, 218, 219, 224		
Indices (incl. negative & fractional)	172, 173, 174, 175		
Ratio	269 - 271		
Standard form	300 - 303		
Direct & inverse proportion	254, 255		
Surds	305 - 308		
Substitution	20		
Linear Sequences	286 - 290		
Expanding single, double & triple brackets	13, 14		
Factorising	117, 118, 119, 120		
Completing the square	267a		
Solve quadratic equations by factorising	266		
Solving equations	110 - 115		



Go back through the topic. You can use...



The Corbettmaths videos



Test them on remembering facts



Attend extra Maths revision



Dr Frost videos



Mathsgenie videos



• Practice by doing questions. You can use....



Corbettmaths
Practice questions



Dr Frost Practice questions

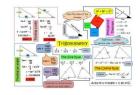
• CHECK – mark your work



Maths Genie Practice questions



" Do all the guided practice papers."

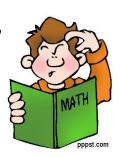




" Make revision cards."

Which method is best?

" Use revision guides."





" Use maths websites to practise"



Resources

- Maths equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, compasses £2.50
- Scientific calculator £9.50
- Corbettmaths Revision cards £6.30
- Grade 8/9 Targeted workbook £3.50



Year 11 Study Evening Science: Key Messages

20th January 2025



2025 Exams

- Normal exams (post covid)- all content covered.
- All pupils will sit 6 examinations: Paper 1 and 2 in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- Higher and Foundation Tier
- Formula sheets will still be provided- no need to memorise the formulae but they still need to be selected and applied.



GCSE Science Exam dates

- Biology Paper 1: Tuesday 13th May (pm)
- Chemistry Paper 1: Monday 19th May (am)
- Physics Paper 1: Thursday 22nd May (am)

All exams are 70 mins (Combined Science) or 105 mins (Separate Sciences)



GCSE Science Exam dates

- Biology Paper 2: Monday 9th June (am)
- Chemistry Paper 2: Friday 13th June (am)
- Physics Paper 2: Monday 16th June (am)

All exams are 70 mins (Combined Science) or 105 mins (Separate Sciences)



Need for revision



- Vital in science.
- Fact/ knowledge based work as well as application.
- Approx 250 taught content lessons as well as details of required core practical lessons.
- 100% of final assessment via terminal exams.

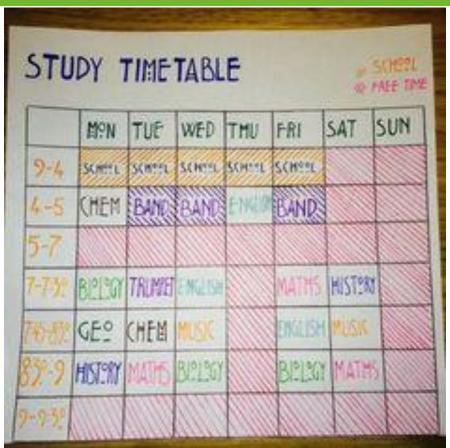


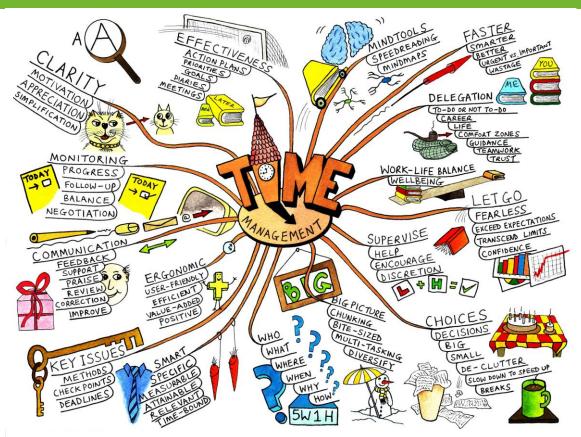
What does good revision look like?

- > Active
- > Frequent
- Planned

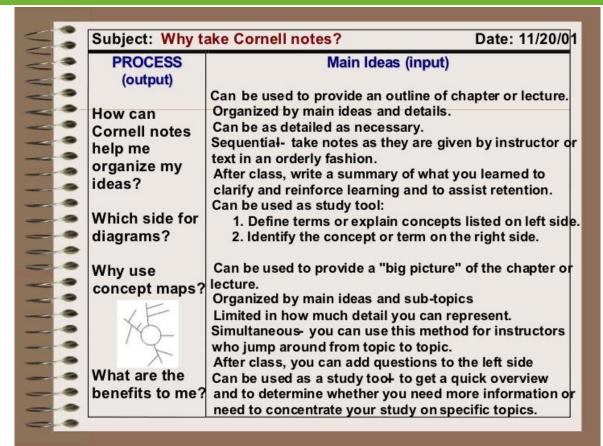








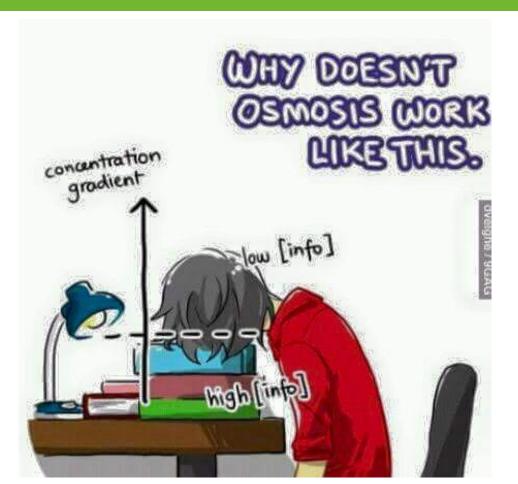






What does bad revision look like?







7 known species of sea turtle today

flatback sea turtle which is native to Australia

green sea turtle which is found all over the world

larger populations of the green sea turtle in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans

hawksbill turtle is a critically endangered species of sea turtle and can be found all over the world

kemps ridley furtle is the rarest species of sea turtle in the world and is found in the Atlantic ocean and in the Gulf of Mexico

leatherback sea turtle is the largest species of sea turtle and is the most widely distributed species of sea turtle, found all over the world.

loggerhead sea turtle is known for it's large head and is mainly found in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans

olive ridley sea turtle is the smallest species of sea turtle and is generally found in the Indo-Pacific and Atlantic oceans

Sea furtles are found in all of the major oceans and smaller seas

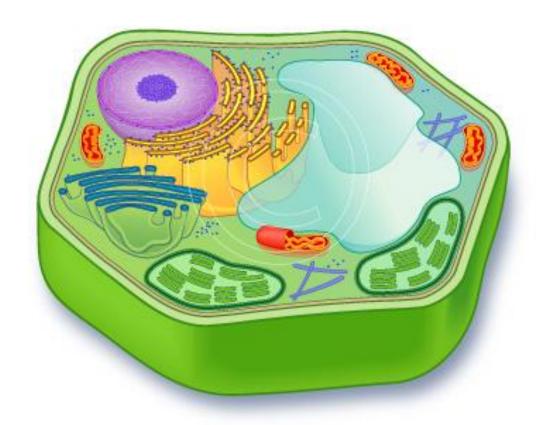
all of the 7 different species of sea turtle are under threat from extinction.

decline in the world's sea turtle population is thought to be mainly due to the sea turtles being caught accidentally by large fishing boats and due to the fact that humans will often take the eggs of the sea turtle to eat as a delicacy.

sea turtles spend their time out at sea, sea turtles always go back to the same beach to breed and often travel huge distances to get there.

female sea turtles bury their eggs in the sand on the beach where they were born. After laying her eggs the female sea turtle will return to the sea, leaving her eggs to hatch in their nest under the sand. When the baby sea turtles hatch, they walk straight into the ocean and begin their life at sea.

Achieve . Belong . Participate





Resources

- PPEs- feedback and next steps. Next set in February/ March- 2 x paper 2 (Year 11 work).
- **Edexcel revision guide and workbook.**
- Teachers splitting up revision materialsupported by questions on SENECA.
- Revision sessions- LUNCHTIMES/ EVENINGS AFTER SCHOOL.
- Science revision YouTube channels- cognito etc.

- After school revision sessions with class teacher-FREE TUITION!
- Various lunchtimes/ evenings- 3.30-4.30 (contact class teacher for details if not already attending)
- Topics chosen by those which regularly appear in papers or students have common misconceptions in.
- Teacher input plus guided practice questions.
- All pupils need to be attending if available please.



Be prepared for the day!





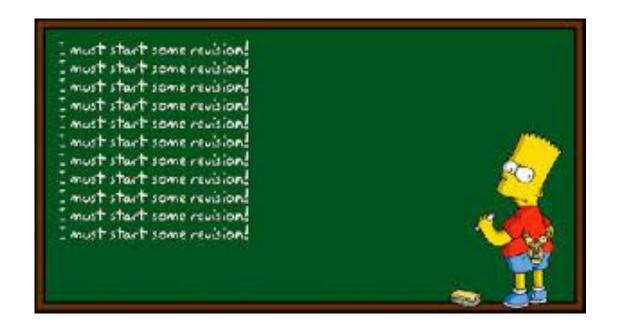


Equipment

- ➤ More than one working black pen.
- > Ruler
- Pencils (sharp!)
- > Eraser
- Own calculator (preferably), or one borrowed well in advance.



Best of luck. Start revising NOW!





Finally- THANK YOU

