# Parents Guide to Year 11 and Beyond

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

#### Agenda

► GREETINGS – TRENICA KING (HEAD OF SCHOOL)

► WELCOME – MRS LEGGETT (LEADER OF LEARNING)

► YEAR 11 – ACHIEVING SUCCESS – MRS VADALI (VICE PRINCIPAL)

SIXTH FORM – DR WALKER (DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM)

► PATHWAYS BEYOND YEAR 11 – MRS LEGGETT

CLOSING REMARKS – MRS LEGGETT

#### The Year 11 Team

## MRS LEGGETT - LEADER OF LEARNING YEAR

MRS BARLOW – ASSISTANT LEADER OF LEARNING YEAR 11

| DAY            | DATE                                  | WHAT'S ON   |  |  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Wed            | 06/09/2023                            | Parents Information evening – 6.00pm                          |  |  |
| Thurs          | 14/09/23                              | Maximise Revision Session                                     |  |  |
| Thurs          | 28/09/23                              | Sixth Form Open Evening 6.30-9pm                              |  |  |
| Thurs          | 05/10/23                              | Main School Open Evening 6:00 – 8:30 pm                       |  |  |
| Week beginning | 09/10/23                              | GCSE Mock Fortnight   |  |  |
|                | October Half Term                     | Additional classes and Revision Sessions in selected subjects |  |  |
| Thurs          | 16/11/23                              | Report 1 available including Mock Results                     |  |  |
| Thurs          | 23/11/23                              | Parents Evening + Raising Achievement Evening                 |  |  |
| Fri            | Every Friday from 30/10/23 to 2/12/23 | Sixth Form Taster Sessions Programme                          |  |  |
| Wed            | 13/12/23                              | Sixth Form Application Due in                                 |  |  |
| Mon            | 12/12/22                              | Achievement Assembly  |  |  |
|                | Christmas Holiday                     |   |  |  |
| Wed            | 4/01/24                               | Exam Skills Sessions start                                    |  |  |
| Week beginning | 29/01/24                              | Second GCSE Mock Fortnight                                    |  |  |
| Mon            | 19/02/24                              | Sixth Form Interviews and IAG                                 |  |  |
|                | Feb Half Term                         | Additional classes and Revision Sessions in selected subjects |  |  |
| Thurs          | 07/03/24                              | Report 2 available including Mock Results                     |  |  |
| Thurs          | 21/03/24                              | Raising Achievement Evening                                   |  |  |
| Mon            | 25/03/24                              | Sixth Form Offer Letters Issued                               |  |  |
|                | EASTER HOLIDAY                        | Additional classes and Revision Sessions                      |  |  |
| Wed            | 24/4/24                               | Year 11 Celebration Evening                                   |  |  |
| Week beginning | 13/05/24                              | Breakfast and lunchtime revision sessions                     |  |  |
| Week beginning | 13/5/24                               | FINAL GCSE EXAMS BEGIN (To be confirmed)                      |  |  |
|                | MAY HALF TERM                         | Additional classes and revision sessions in selected subjects |  |  |
| Fri            | 21/06/24                              | Year 11 Prom Date   |  |  |
| Wed            | 3/07/24                               | Sixth Form Induction day                                      |  |  |
| Thurs          | 22/8/2024                             | GCSE Results Day (To be confirmed)                            |  |  |

## Timeline



After School Revision Exam Skills Study Sessions

- AFTER SCHOOL REVISION SESSIONS CHANGE INTO COMPULSORY EXAM SKILLS SESSIONS IN JANUARY 2024.
- THESE ARE HIGH QUALITY PREPARTORY SESSIONS ON EXAM SKILLS.
- THEY PROVIDE EXAM STIMULUS TO THE STUDENTS.

#### Other Curriculum Opportunities

- ADDITIONAL REVISION SESSIONS
  - February Half Term
  - Easter Holiday
  - May Half Term
  - Saturday morning











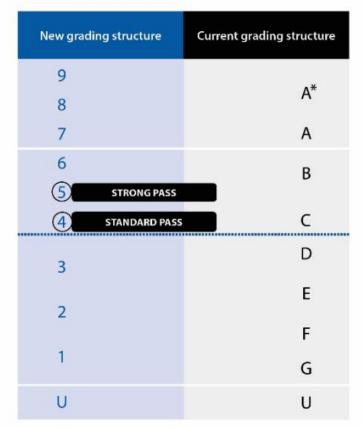


## GCSE grading

- ALL GCSE'S HAVE BEEN GRADED WITH 9-1 GRADES SINCE SUMMER 2018, REPLACING THE OLD A\*-G
- A GRADE 4 IS CONSIDERED A STANDARD PASS
- A GRADE 5 IS CONSIDERED A STRONG PASS
- STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ACHIEVE A GRADE 4 IN ENGLISH OR MATHS WILL NEED TO CARRY ON WITH THESE SUBJECTS IN THEIR 16-19 PROVISION AND TAKE THE EXAMS AGAIN.
- THE NEW HIGHEST GRADE (GRADE 9) IS AWARDED TO FEWER STUDENTS THAN THE OLD A\*



#### Grading new GCSEs from 2017

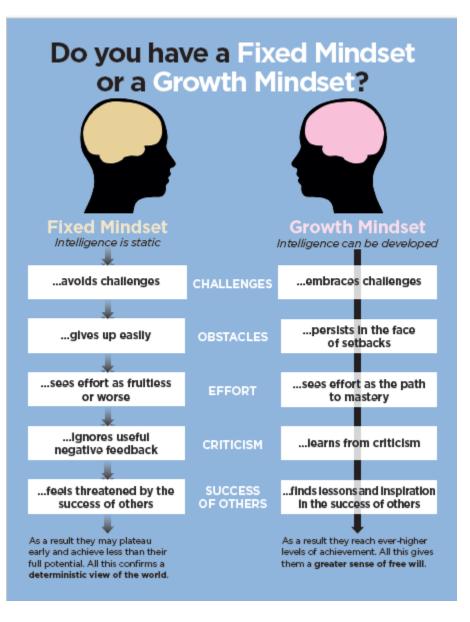


#### Tutor periods in Year 11

- **SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:20 AM IN YEAR 11.**
- ALL STUDENTS ARE PLACED INTO AN INTERVENTION TUTOR GROUP.
- THIS IS TO GIVE STUDENTS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE GRADES.
- TEACHERS WILL BE GIVING UP THEIR TIME TO PLAN AND TEACH AN INTERVENTION FORM.

THERE IS ALWAYS A CHOICE ABOUT THE WAY YOU DO YOUR WORK, EVEN IF THERE IS NO CHOICE ABOUT THE WORK ITSELF.





## WORK WITH YOUR TEACHERS.

YOU HAVE AN ADVANTAGE; YOU ATTEND A VERY GOOD SCHOOL.

THE GRADES WE ACHIEVE AS A SCHOOL ARE A RESULT OF THE HARD WORK PUT IN BY THE SCHOOL AND THE STUDENTS.

### Every Lesson Counts....



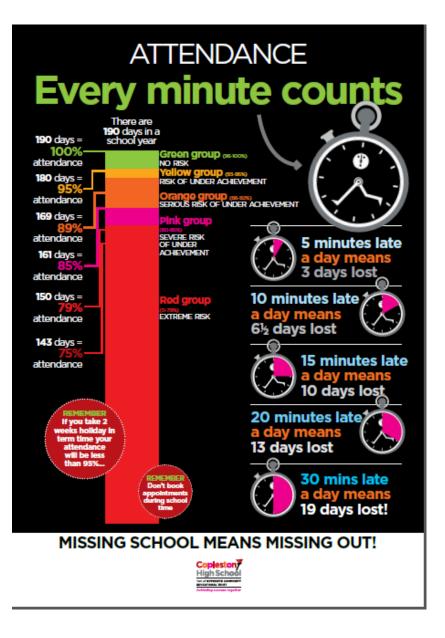




Attendance is crucial.

90% attendance is half a day missed a week.

Consider the impact on your grades. How will you make up the time?



# Making the most of your time

#### This is an important year!

You will have to work hard to get the best results.

With effective planning, you can ensure that you find a healthy work/life balance. USE YOUR REVISION PLANNERS.

The risk of becoming overwhelmed is reduced.





## Achieving Success- Mrs Vadali

#### W/B 9 OCTOBER FIRST SET OF MOCK EXAMINATION IN ALL SUBJECTS

| WHOLE SCHOOL STATISTICS Yr 11<br>2023                 | 2019  | 2022  | 2023  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Cohort  | 288   | 289   | 295   |
| Whole School Performance % 7 - 9<br>English and Maths | 21    | 23    | 20    |
| Whole School Performance % 5 - 9<br>English and Maths | 48    | 58    | 54    |
| Whole School Performance %4-9<br>English and Maths    | 71    | 80    | 77    |
| %EBacc Ave Points                                     | 4.35  | 4.53  | 4.47  |
| A8 Overall  | 50.20 | 53.7  | 50.39 |
| P8 Overall  | +0.37 | +0.43 | +0.31 |
| P8 Eng  | +0.46 | +0.54 | +0.52 |
| P8 Maths  | +0.36 | +0.49 | +0.38 |
| P8 EBacc  | +0.37 | +0.41 | +0.27 |
| P8 Other  | +0.29 | +0.35 | +0.09 |





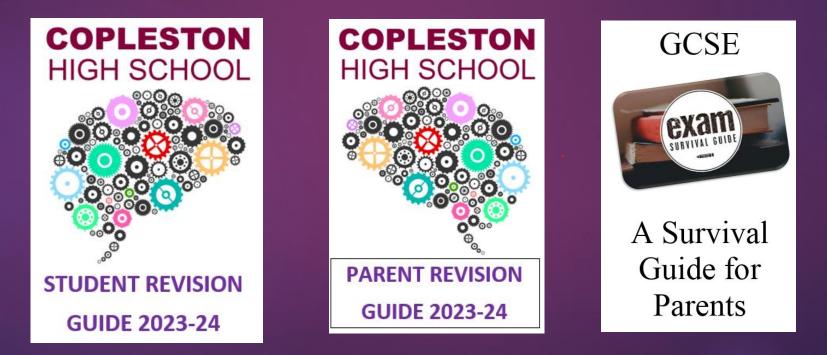


#### "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

- Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne

## Preparing for Exams

There is a lot of useful information in the pack that we have given out today.



## Other Opportunities for Support

- RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENINGS AS PART OF PARENTS' EVENING
  - Invitation by letter
  - Virtual meetings
  - Opportunity to discuss your child's progress

#### STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR FOR ALL STUDENTS



## TOP MARGINAL GAINS TIPS FOR EXAM SUCCESS!





## 1. BEFORE YOU START, PLAN

- Construct a Study Planner that includes all their subjects, key topics and the exam details
- In the packs given out to your child tomorrow, there are exemplar planners to support them with their planning.
- Your child will also be issued with a blank planner up until the end of this term which includes details of the Autumn Mock Examinations.
- You MUST use it.

"Those who fail to plan, plan to fail"

|           | Graphics and Res<br>Materials 7.15-8.15 | School      |         | Science Main Hall/A Gym<br>3.15-4.15           | Maths       | Geog  |
|-----------|---|-------------|---------|--|-------------|-------|
| Tuesday   | Media 7.45-8.15 ICT 1                   | Sch         | 001     | English Lang Main Hall/ A<br>Gym 3.15-4.15     | English Lit | Food  |
| Wednesday |   | Sch         |         | Maths 2.10-3.30 Art/Food<br>Tech 3.15-4.15     |             | Maths |
| Thursday  |   | School      |         | English Lit Main Hall/A                        |             | Gym   |
|           | Graphics and Res<br>Materials 7.15-8.15 | School      |         | Computer Studies and IT<br>ICT Rooms 3.15-4.15 | Friends     |       |
| Saturday  | Maths                                   | English Lit | Science |  | English Lit | Geog  |
| Sunday    | Frie                                    | nds         | Food    | Maths  | Science     |       |



## 2. START WORK EARLY

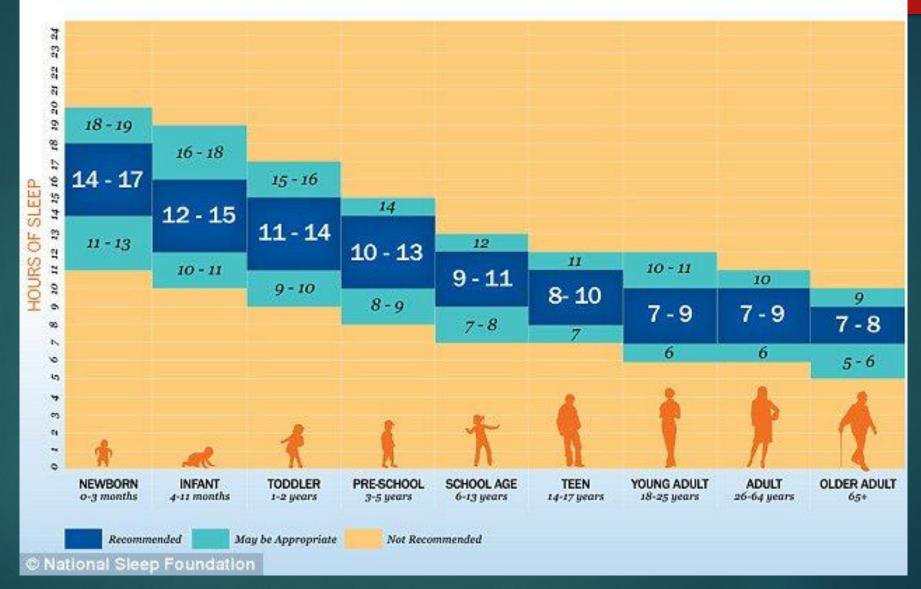
- Work when your mind is fresh it's easier to concentrate
- Do not work really late at night



## 3. GET TO BED EARLY

8 to 9 hours sleep per night is best to keep you rested and fresh

### SLEEP DURATION RECOMMENDATIONS





## 4. QUIET SPACE TO STUDY

Find somewhere quiet and free from interruptions



## 5. SWITCH OFF MOBILE DEVICES

Avoid interruption and temptation



## SelfControl

A free Mac application to help you avoid distracting websites.

View code on GitHub

Download SelfControl

SelfControl is a free and open-source application for Mac OS X (10.5 or above) that lets you block **your own** access to distracting websites, your mail servers, or anything else on the Internet. Just set a period of time to block for, add sites to your blacklist, and click "Start." Until that timer expires, you will be unable to access those sites--even if you restart your computer or delete the application.

### Teens, Social Media & Technology 2018

YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat are the most popular online platforms among teens. Fully 95% of teens have access to a smartphone, and 45% say they are online 'almost constantly'

### Fortnite addiction: Girl, 9, in therapy after becoming hooked on violent survival game

### Parents should leave phones on kitchen table at night to set 'good example' to children, says government adviser

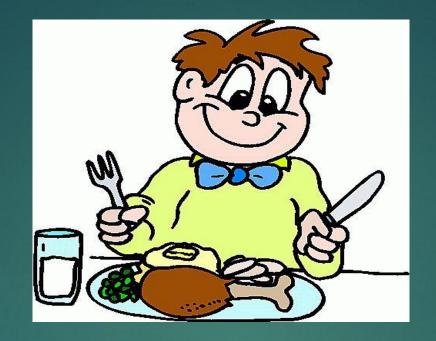
### IT'S GOOD TO TALK. TEXTING Less so.

## Most parents want smartphone ban in schools



### 6. REVISE IN SHORT BURSTS

25-30 minutes then break for 5-10 minutes – this will help your concentration



### 7. EAT FOOD AND DRINK REGULARLY

Eat healthy snacks and keep hydrated to aid concentration If not well hydrated revision is only 80% effective



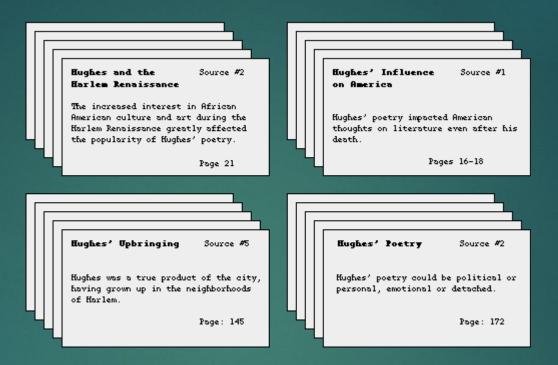
### 8. MIX THE TOPICS UP A BIT!

Don't just revise the topics you like – work harder on the ones you find the most difficult

### Revise Weaknesses

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|                | Angles - Rightangle, Staight<br>line, ata point | 32 | Line Sy                   | mmetry               | 62          | Percentage of an amount     |  |  |
| 3              | Angles in a Triangle                            | 33 | Congru                    | ent Triangles        | 63          | Percentages - Reverse       |  |  |
| 4              | Angles in Parallel Lines                        | 34 | Multiple                  | s                    | 64          | Indices - Laws              |  |  |
| 5              | Angles in Polygons 1                            | 35 | Factors                   |                      | 65          | Indices - Negative          |  |  |
| 6              | Angles in Polygons 2                            | 36 | Prime n                   | umbers               | 66          | Linear Graphs - Drawing     |  |  |
| 7              | Bearings  | 37 | Square                    | numbers              | 67          | Linear Graphs - Gradient    |  |  |
| 8              | Mode  | 38 | Cube ni                   | umbers               | 68          | Linear Graphs - Equation    |  |  |
| 9              | Median  | 39 | Roundir                   | ng                   | 69          | Linear Graphs - Parallel    |  |  |
| 10             | Mean  | 40 | Significa                 | ant Figures          | 70          | Probability Scale           |  |  |
| 11             | Range   | 41 | Order o                   | fOperations          | 71          | Basic Probability           |  |  |
| 12             | Mean from Grouped Data                          | 42 | BestBu                    | iys                  | 72          | Listing Outcomes            |  |  |
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### 9. MAKE NOTES, USE FLASHCARDS

You will remember what you have written down more easily



# How to Create Revision Cards

- WRITE SMALL GET FINELINER PENS
- USE DIFFERENT COLOURED PENS
- SUMMARISE USE ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS
- FOCUS ON KEY WORDS AND CONCEPTS
- KEEP THEM ORGANISED IN A BOX

# Why are revision cards so good?

- THEY ARE ACTIVE
- THEY ARE PORTABLE
- THEY SHOW THAT SOME WORK HAS BEEN DONE
- THEY ARE USEFUL TO REVISE FROM
- THEY CAN BE USED RIGHT UP UNTIL THE EXAM STARTS – THEY FIT IN A POCKET
- THEY ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN SIMPLY READING THROUGH NOTES
- YOU CAN USE THEM TO CHECK WORK AND TEST UNDERSTANDING

 REVISION CARDS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED FOR KEY SUBJECT AREAS SUCH AS MATHS.
 CORBETT MATHS DO EXCELLENT REVISION CARDS WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE.





### 10. USE POST IT NOTES TO HELP YOU REVISE

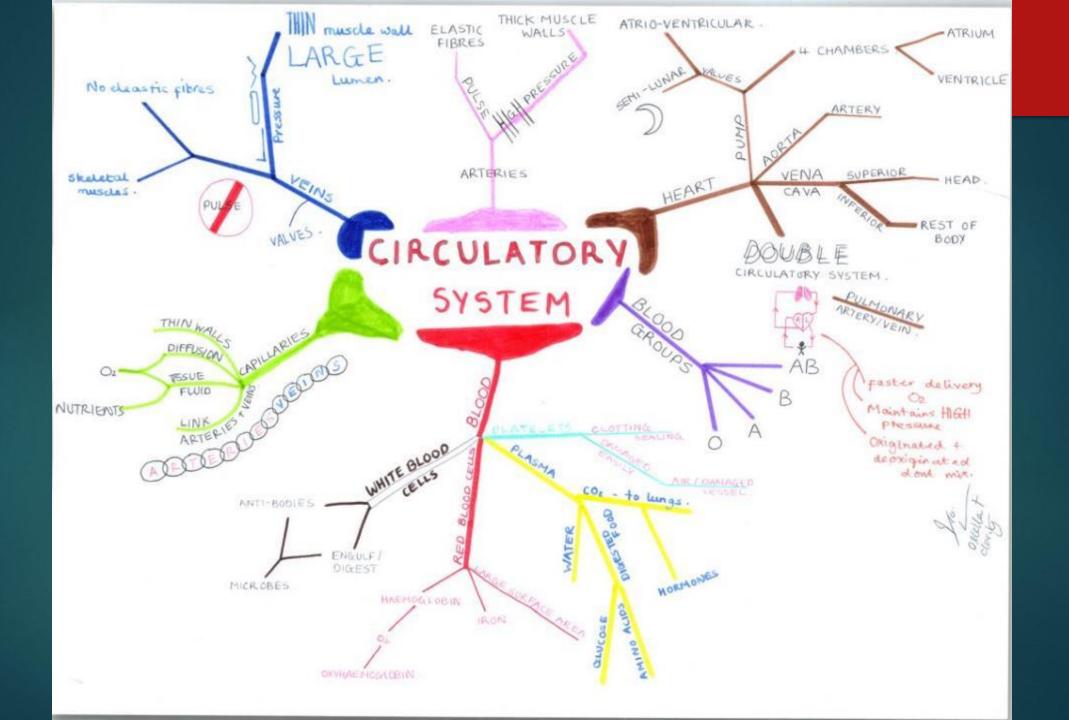
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#### 11. USE THE REVISION TECHNIQUES THAT WORK FOR YOU AND USE A VARIETY

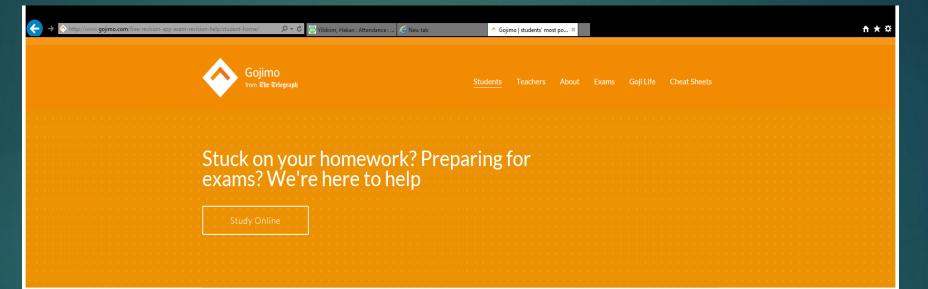
- Use different techniques for different subjects e.g. making mind maps; writing key words, quotes or dates on post-it notes/flashcards; mobile apps like ANKI; revision websites, revision guides.
- Every student is being provided with a revision guide and revision workbook in almost all subjects they study.



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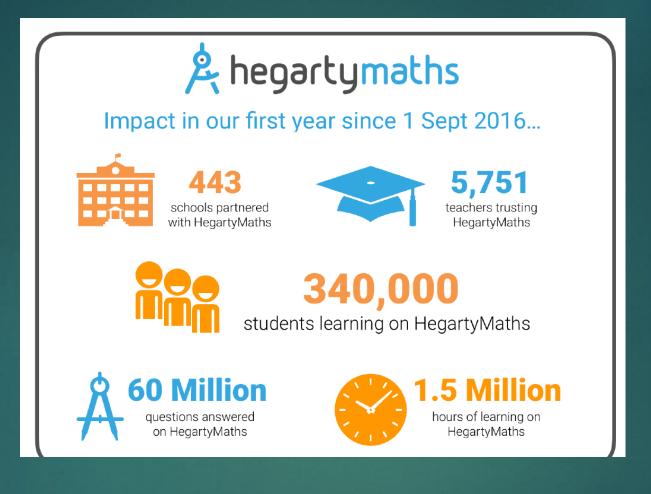




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Maths Genie GCSE Revision A Level Revision New Spec A Level GCSE Exam Papers A Level Exam Papers Resources Home **GCSE** Revision This page is for the 1-9 GCSE with first assessment in 2017. Drawing Quadratic Graphs Revision arranged by topic The A\*-E 2016 Specification **Revision Notes** Drawing Quadratic Graphs Quadratic Graphs 0 4  $y = x^2 + x - 12$ -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 -12-12-10-60 8  $(4)^{2} + (4) - 12$  $(3)^{2} + (5) - 12$  $(1)^{1} + (1)^{-12}$ (0)2 -12 (-1)2+(-1) -12 + (-2 (-2) Bringing maths alive Username: copleston Password – ask your Maths teacher if you don't know this





### 12. USE A HIGHLIGHTER

 Highlight key words and phrases when revising. Take a highlighter pen into the exam to highlight key words in a question – don't highlight your answer though!



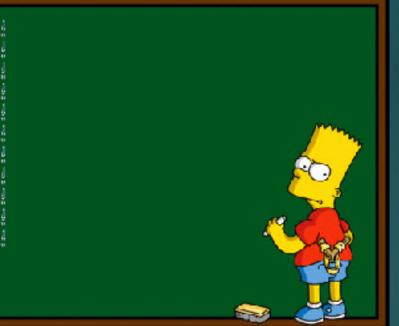
### 13. EXPLAIN A TOPIC TO A PARENT OR FRIEND

We remember twice as much of what we say than what we read



### 14. ASK FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO TEST YOU

Repetition is the key. Answering over and over again will help you to remember.



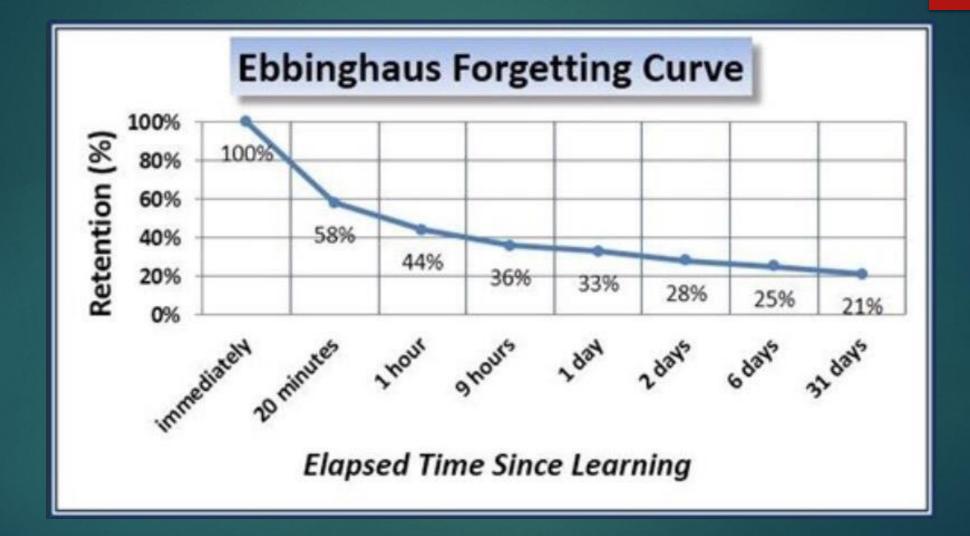
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### 15. REVISE TOPICS OVER AND OVER AGAIN

Practice makes perfect

After a typical revision session ...

- After 1 day 54% is remembered
- After 1 week 35% is remembered
- After 2 weeks 21% is remembered You need to make your learning stick
- Learn a topic
- Repeat within 24 hours
- Repeat again for 10 minutes at the end of the week
- Repeat again for 10 minutes 2 weeks later
- Repeat again for 10 minutes 1 month later



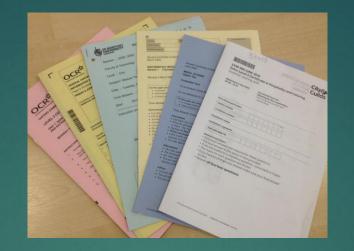
16. Ensure that the presentation of your work in exams is legible

POOR HANDWRITING 'MAY HINDER STUDENTS' CHANCES OF EXAM SUCCESS'

"ONCE AGAIN, EXAMINERS COMMENTED THAT THE ANSWERS OF MANY STUDENTS WERE DIFFICULT TO READ. IN SOME CASES THIS WAS THE RESULT OF POOR HANDWRITING OR UNTIDY AND DISORGANISED PRESENTATION. IN OTHER CASES IT RESULTED WHEN STUDENTS HAD NOT FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTION ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXAMINATION PAPER TO USE BLACK INK OR BLACK BALLPOINT PEN." (GUARDIAN 2016)







#### 17. USE PAST PAPERS AND SUBJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Do as many as you can. Doing lots of past papers will teach you much more than doing just one
- They can go a long way to help you improve your <u>exam</u> technique, revision knowledge and, ultimately, exam grades.
- After Christmas all students will need to attend our new Period 6 Exam Skills programme where the focus will be on completing exam questions in exam conditions with teachers providing live feedback.

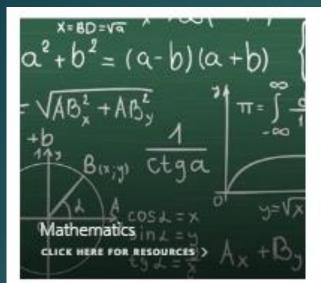


Either go through Students/GCSE Revisio Parents/GCSE Revision







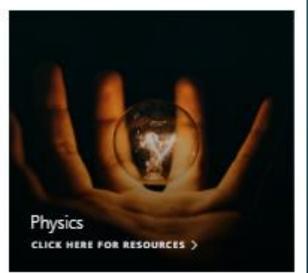












#### **Example of an Insufficient Response**

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This response gained only 3 out of a possible 10 marks

#### **Example of a Detailed Response which** gains all the marks

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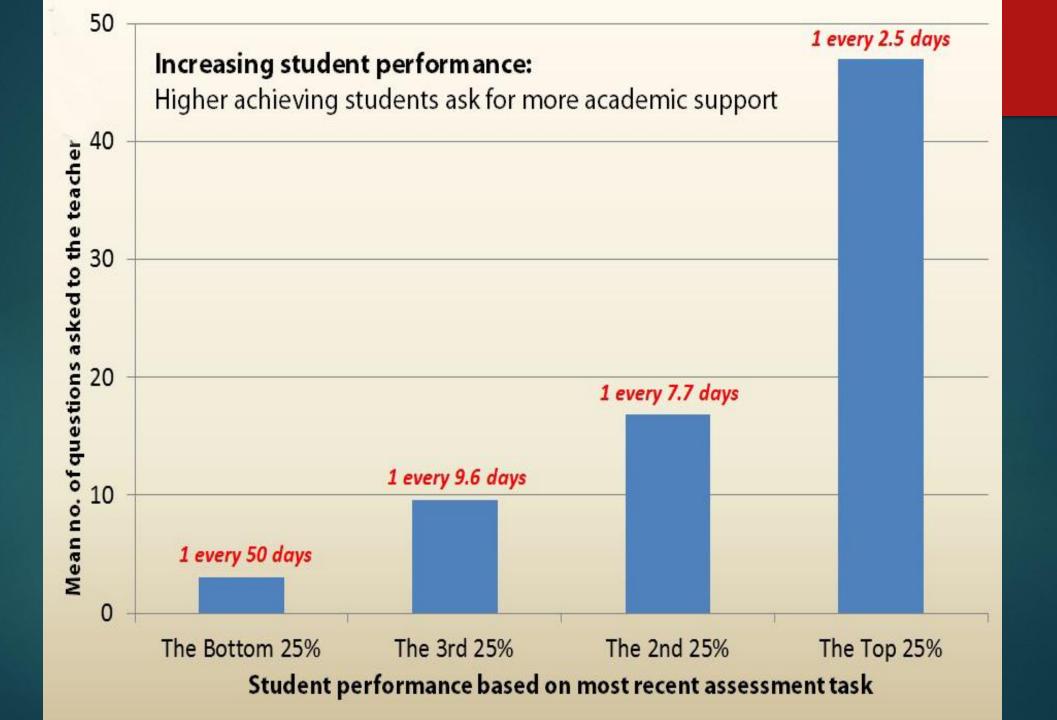
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### 18. ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT

You can e-mail teachers or speak to them during the lesson and come to after school catch up classes



## Knowledge Organisers

- All students have been given knowledge organisers for all the subjects they study.
- Knowledge organisers are essentially resources containing the key knowledge within topics in a subject.
- These should be used as part of the retrieval practice by students to recap key knowledge within a topic or subject.
- Teachers will also be referring to knowledge organisers as part of their teaching and will be setting activities which incorporate the use of knowledge organisers in lessons or as part of home learning
- Students must bring their knowledge organisers folder to school every day.

## **TOP TIPS FOR EXAM SUCCESS**

















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A river cuts through rock not because of its power but because of its persistence.

- Jim Watkins

## If we attack our problems with determination we shall succeed.

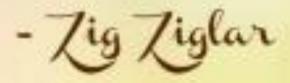
Franklin D. Roosevelt

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If you can't fly then run If you can't run then walk If you can't walk then crawl But whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

-Martin Luther King

I believe success is achieved by ordinary people with extraordinary determination.



## Parental Support

Parental engagement in 'supporting learning in the home' is the single most important changeable factor in student achievement.

Harris and Goodall, 2007

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZIXWp6vFdE

# Parental Support



## How Can Parents Help?

- What matters is that you care about your children and their learning
- You don't need to *know* the answers
- You need to *care that the answers get found*

# Dialogue between a parent and student

Student: I'm not bothered about a 15 minute detention for not doing my homework

Parent: WHAT!

Student: Homework takes half an hour. It's a fair trade

Parent: !!!!!!

Student : I'm more worried the school will tell you and then you will be disappointed in me. That's what makes me do my homework

Relationship with & expectations of the child far more effective at inspiring good habits than detentions. Prevention is better than cure with the school and parents working in partnership.

## Key Advice to Parents...

- Challenge and support
- Manage social media and gaming mobile phones, PCs, ipad etc – and turn off or confiscate if you can – try to get agreement!
- 3 hours per night x 4 nights a week minimum
- Set a revision timetable schedule (see your pack)
- Support your child and don't accept excuses
- Check you child has done some work e.g. revision cards, and test them on it
- Test your child by asking them to explain a topic. If they are not sure insist that they ask for help

SELF CARE is a priority AND NECESSITY -NOT A LUXURY-



INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

### HAPPINESS IS enjoying the little things in life.



## **Copleston Sixth Form**



Mr Walker Director of Sixth Form

Mr Goodrich Assistant Director of Sixth Form

#### Copleston Sixth Form

#### **Our Sixth Form**



- A centre of Academic Excellence
- Wide range of courses and pathways
- Outstanding outcomes for all students
- Superb purpose built study facilities
- High quality Oxbridge and university preparation programme
- Employer engagement opportunities
- Outstanding enrichment programme
- Excellent care, support and guidance for all students
- Thorough monitoring and tracking to ensure success
- Elite Sports Academy in Basketball and Dance

#### Copleston Sixth Form

#### **Results 2023**

• We are very proud to say that we are one of the highest performing state Sixth Form for A levels in Ipswich and one of the top Sixth Forms in Suffolk.

• 41% A\* - B

• 75% A\* - C – Well over three quarters of our A level grades were A\* - C



#### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

• Will take place on Wednesday 28 September, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Your chance to find out everything about the Sixth Form

 Help you to decide on the subjects you want to take at Sixth Form

Find out about our cutting edge enrichment offer and leadership opportunities



#### **The Application Process**

- Sixth Form Taster Sessions Friday 3 November Friday 2 December
- Application Deadline Wednesday 13 December 2023
- Sixth Form Interviews W/B Monday 19 February 2024
- Sixth Form offer letters sent in April 2024



#### Come and find out more about your Sixth Form

#### Sixth Form Open Evening Wednesday 28th September





## Pathways after Year 11

### Options at the end of Year 11

The **Raising of the Participation Age** (RPA) means that every young person is now required to stay in some form of **learning** until they are 18.

There are many options available when you turn 16, look at what option best suits you and your situation, strengths and interests.

The National Careers Service and Unifrog can support you with these choices.

#### How do I decide?

A good place to start planning your post-16 options is to think of these three questions. Where am I now? (What qualifications, skills, and interests do I have?)

Where do I want to get to? (What would I like to be doing in 5 years time - job, living away from home, etc?) How will I get there? (What course, training or future job is likely to get me where I want to go?)

#### **Continue your studies**

<u>A levels</u>- **Sixth Form:** Study a subject you took at GCSE in greater depth or choose a new one like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 broad subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose ones you need for a specific career.

<u>Technical and vocational qualifications</u> - e.g. Suffolk New College, West Suffolk College. Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in e.g. hairdressing, accounting, professional cookery, plumbing..

<u>T Levels</u>- Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. Combines classroom learning with industry placements to prepare you for skilled work or higher-level study. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

#### **Combine work and study**

#### Supported internships:

Supported internships are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.

Apprenticeships: Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.

<u>School leaver schemes</u>: A chance to learn and train with a large company while earning a wage. Offered in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail. Similar to graduate employment schemes run over a longer period of time.

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## **Post 16 options timeline**

#### Helping you choose

Attend open events; information is provided in your pack tonight.

> You may apply to more than one course at more than one place.

Start with the subjects you really enjoy, and take it from there

► Think about how you enjoy learning new things: is it in a classroom, passing exams and writing essays? Or is it doing more practical activities?

► Don't be influenced by where friends are going. Ask yourself: what do I enjoy? What would I like to do? And what do I want to get out of my life?

► Talk to teachers and career advisors - they have lots of knowledge and wisdom to share!

# unifrog

- Unifrog is a one-stop-shop for destinations, where young people can explore, find and apply successfully for their best next step.
- It helps students compare every opportunity available to them (not just universities), to make an informed and independent decision about the courses they apply for.
- It allows students to explore different careers and pathways, as well as apprenticeship opportunities, which are updated daily.

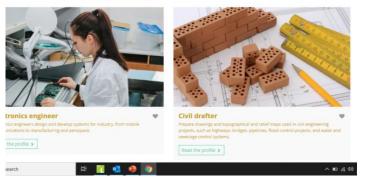
Account details can be found in students' Unifrog welcome email

Sign in here <u>https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in</u>

#### How can Unifrog help?

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- Personality and interests quizzes.
   Results link to careers that suit your personality type.
- Careers library can be searched in a variety of ways e.g. by subject, competency or pathway.
- Careers profiles give information on required skills, entry requirements and local labour market Information.
- Wider and deeper reading opportunities on hot topics and influential academics, podcasts and journals. Is university right for me? What is an apprenticeship?
- CV tool targets the right information at each point in CV. Select from 'power words' and useful examples.

### How will we help?

Guest speakers, trips and workshops from a range of sectors and STEM backgrounds, such as; BT, NHS, Sizewell, Waterfront Developments, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

Other examples of engagement include The Next Generation Project, WS Training, The Aim Group, Apprentice Nation and Teen Tech.

Higher education opportunities include Cambridge University, Nottingham University, Glasgow School of Entrepreneurship, Essex University and support from the Neaco Take Your Place project.

Links with local businesses such as Scrutton Bland, Birketts, Morgan Sindall, Rubix, Elliston Steady & Hawes Ltd, Ransomes Jacobsen Ltd, Richard Jackson Ltd, BT, Delta Pharmacy, Concertus, Suffolk Police, Ipswich Borough, Suffolk and East Suffolk Council who notify us of upcoming apprenticeship opportunities.

# How will we help?

Assemblies which link directly to skills and sectors such as NHS breakout careers, careers in the armed forces, creative careers, renewable energy.

Talks, drop-in sessions and visits to local providers such as Suffolk New College and Suffolk One.

A week of work experience for year 10 students and support for year 12 students looking for work placements.

► Virtual work experience opportunities via Speakers for Schools, Springpod, Young Professionals and the NHS Academy.

► Enterprise Advisors providing mentoring and up to date labour market information to help students make informed decisions about their next steps.