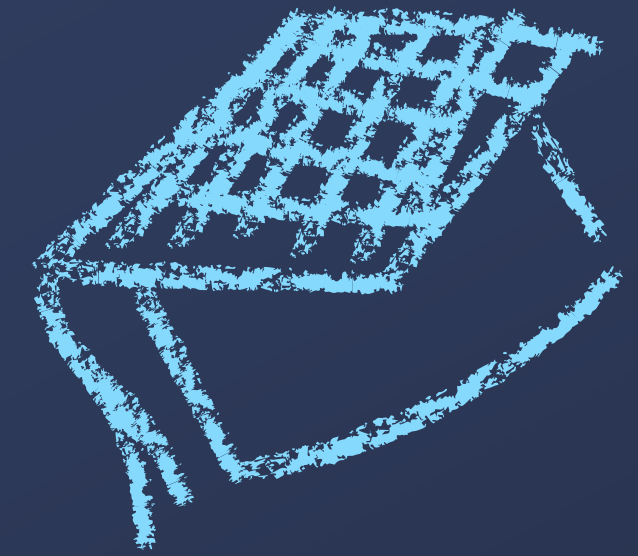


Year 11

Information Evening



IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 10th October - **Progress Report 1**

Thursday 6th November-Wednesday 19th November - **Mock Exams**

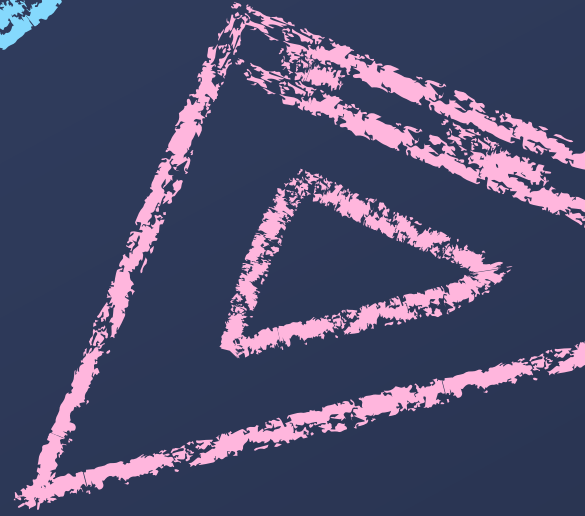
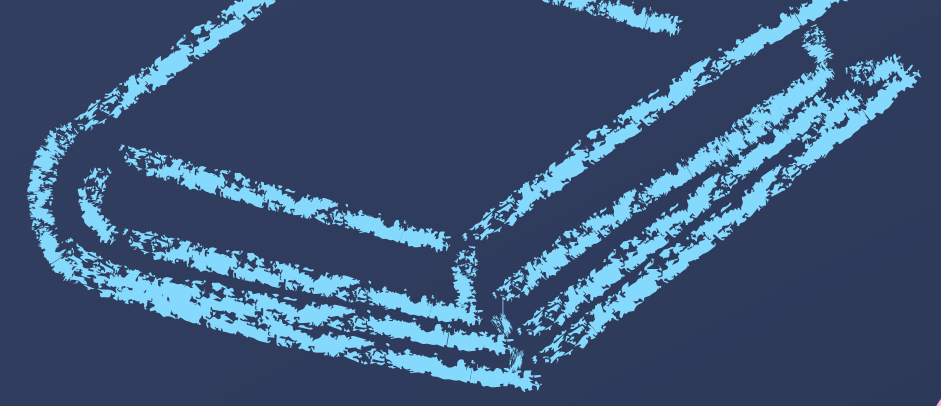
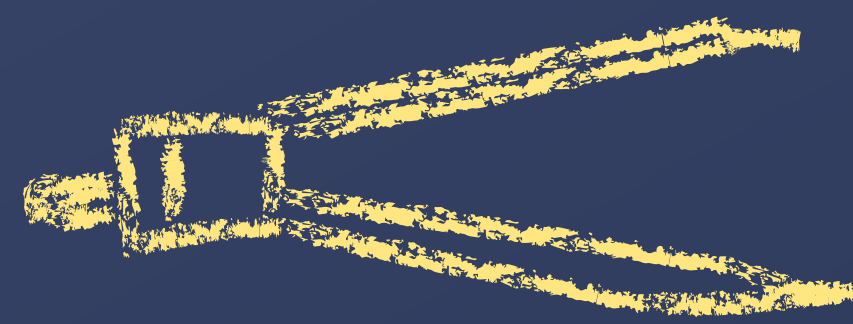
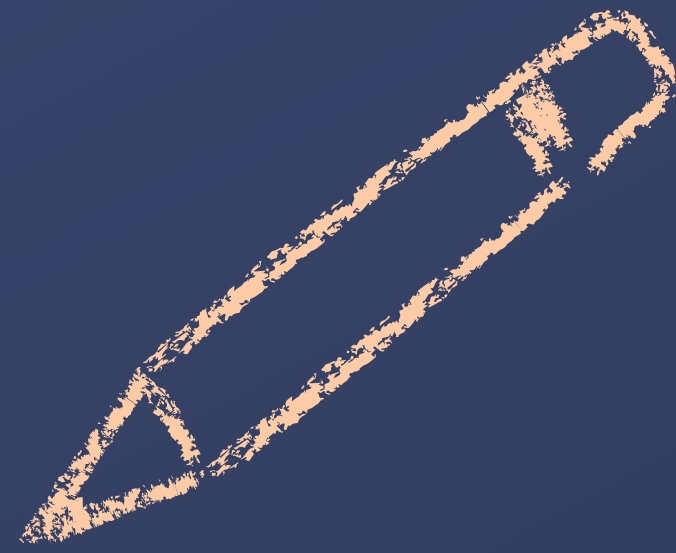
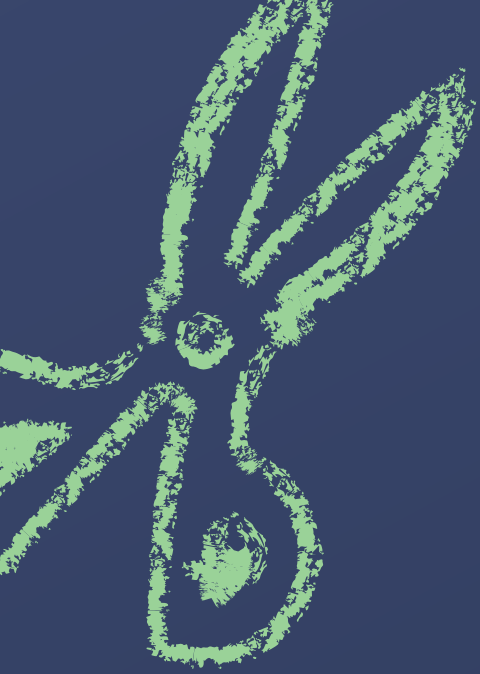
Tuesday 25th November - **6th form open evening**

Friday 5th December - **6th Former for a day**

Monday 8th December - **Results Assembly; Progress Check 2**

Thursday 15th January – **Parents' Evening**

Thursday 5th March - **Progress Check 3**



WHAT IS REVISION?

- Going back over what has already been taught.
- Strengthening memory and understanding.
- Practising skills so they become second nature.

STAGES OF REVISION

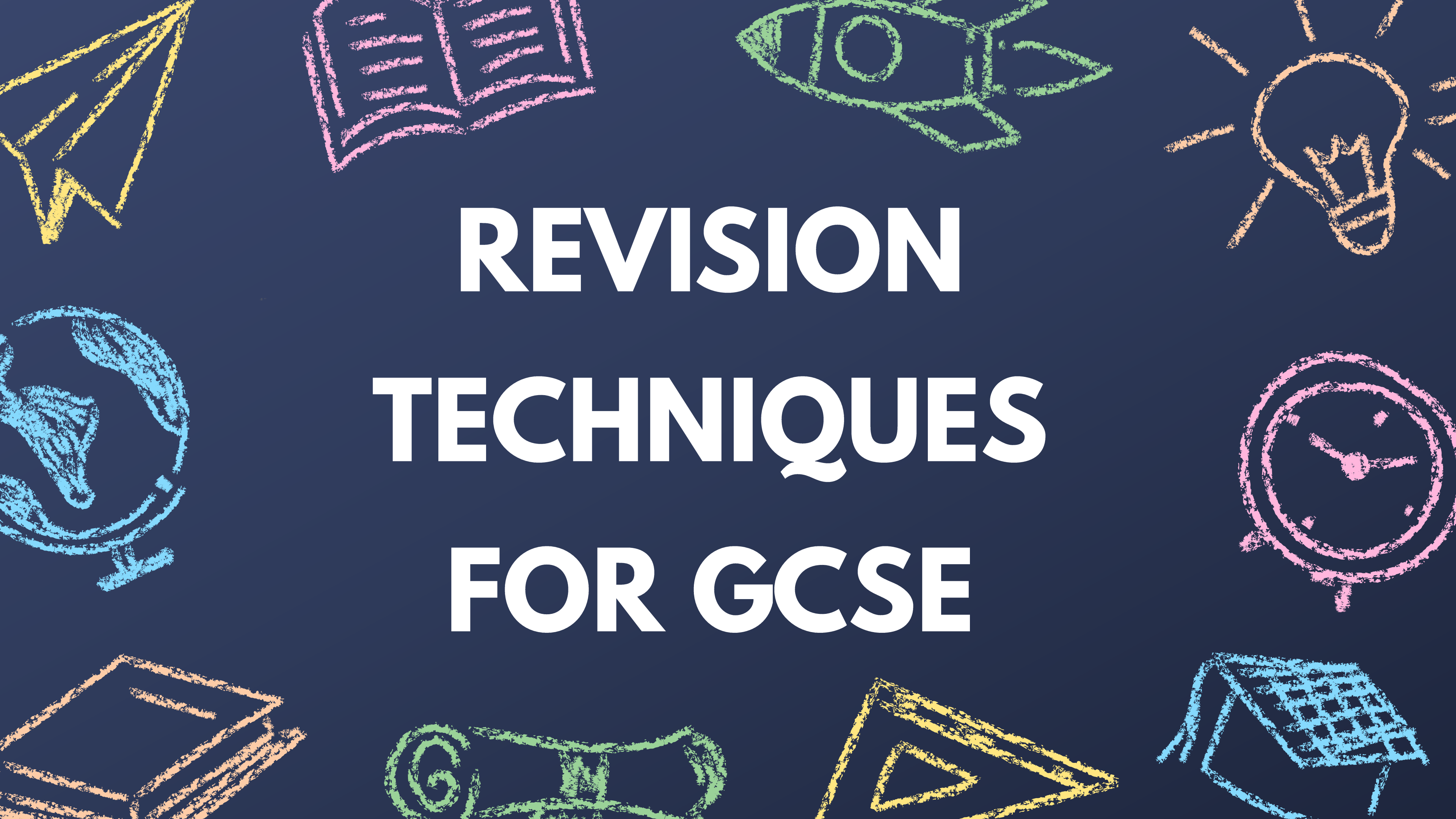
1. **Condense** – break big topics into key points.
2. **Memorise** – use techniques to store information (flashcards, mnemonics).
3. **Retrieve** – practise recalling without notes.
4. **Apply** – test knowledge in practice questions.
5. **Review** – check progress and focus on weaker areas.



EXTRA SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL



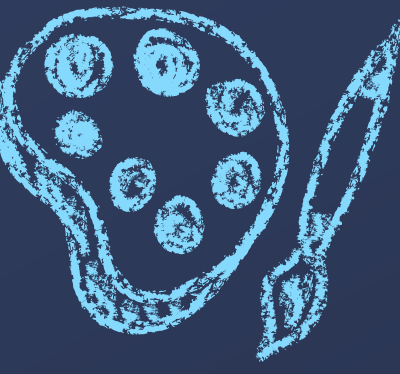
- Ongoing revision and support sessions (English begins this Friday after school!)
- Pastoral support & SFC
- Cramming for exams isn't always helpful but some last-minute tips and reminders from teachers can really help.
 - Booster sessions will run before summer GCSE exams:
 - For a morning exam from 8.00 - 8.30
 - For afternoon exam from 12.00 - 12.30



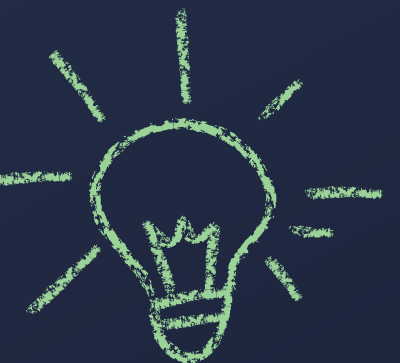
REVISION TECHNIQUES FOR GCSE



1. FLASHCARDS

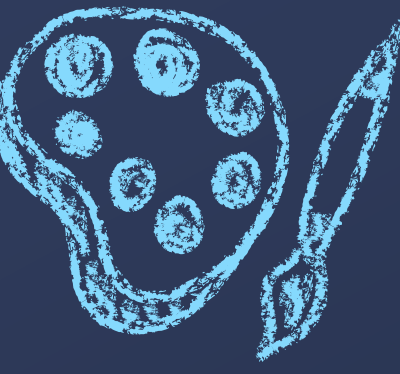


- Short flashes of important facts and figures stick in your memory, meaning you'll be able to use the information in your exams.
- Every time you make a flashcard, make sure that it is actually testing a "Learning Objective" that is stated in your specific subject specification.
- Phrasing your flashcards as questions actually forces your brain to think about the question before you shout out the answer.





2. YOUTUBE TUTORIALS/VIDEOS



- It can sometimes depend on what kind of learner you are. For example, a visual or aural learner would benefit more from video tutorials
- Videos are great for revising, as long as you're watching videos on your course content. – Ask your teachers,

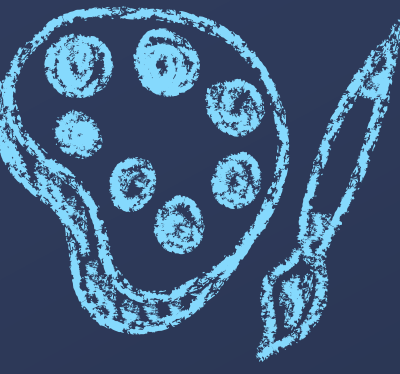
English Language and Literature (Mr Bruff

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>)





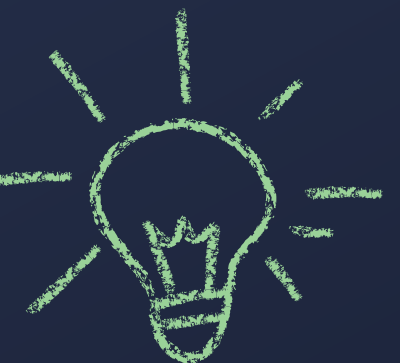
3. Mind Maps



They consist of writing down all that you can remember, and then you can work out the gaps in your knowledge.

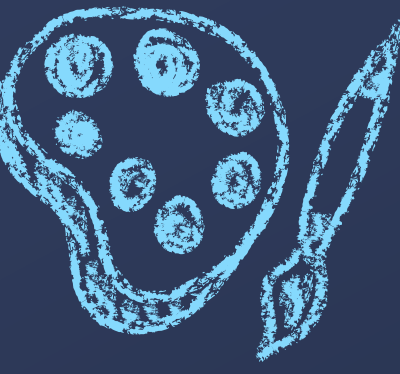
A mind map is essentially a visual representation of the knowledge that is contained inside your head.

They should be used at the start of a revision session so that you can identify all of your knowledge gaps for a particular subject.





4. PAST PAPERS

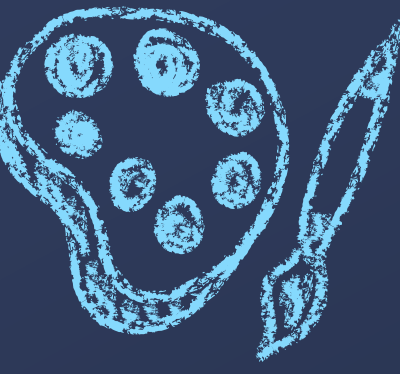


- The great thing about them is, there's a past paper for every subject you could possibly do.
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- Exam technique is essential for any student, as without it you could lose a lot of marks.
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- Possibly the most common (and most simple) way of going through past papers is to do all the questions in the allotted time, and then check your answers after.

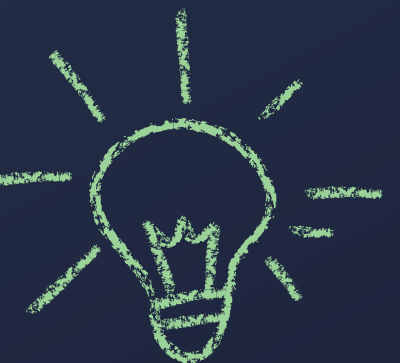




5. Group revision

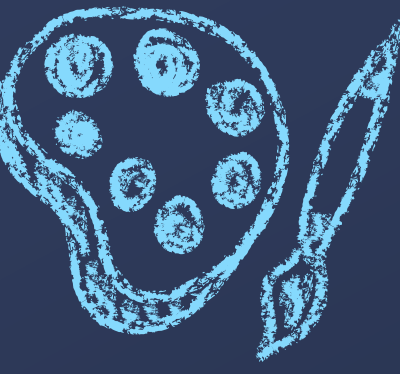


- When you are teaching someone, they will ask a lot of questions. Each of these questions you will have to explain in detail. Therefore, it is very likely that they will ask a few questions you won't know the answer to.
- It's important to question your knowledge, as otherwise you may have hidden gaps.
- Ask questions about your child's revision, get them to 'teach' you.

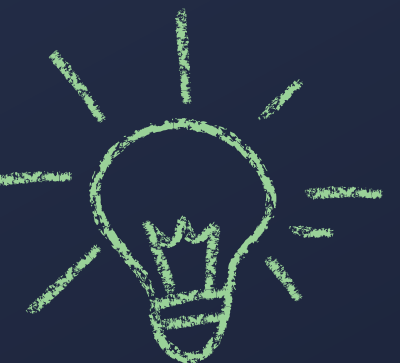




6. Environment



- Research has found that learning **environments** play a crucial role in student success.
- Several factors can affect learning ability, including seating, light, noise, and even colour.
- Students who study in a positive learning **environment** have been shown to be more motivated, engaged, and have a higher overall learning ability.



ATTENDANCE

100% 0 Days absence

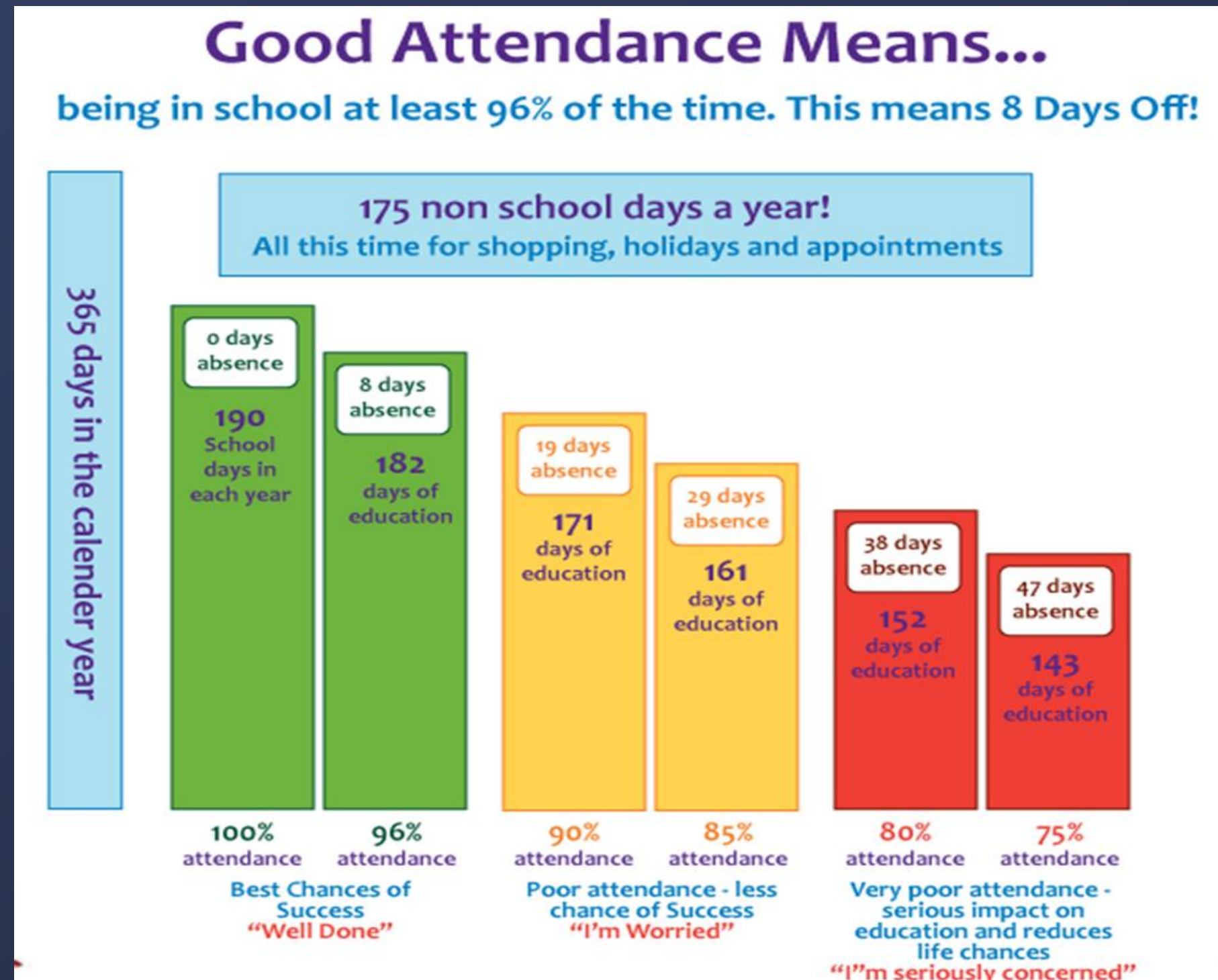
96% 8 Days absence

90% 19 Days absence

85% 29 Days absence

80% 38 Days absence

75% 47 Days absence





EXAM WORRIES

- Feeling stressed during exam season is completely normal – it's your body's way of helping you rise to a challenge.
- A little bit of stress can be helpful, as it encourages focus, effort and motivation.
- If stress starts to feel overwhelming, it can get in the way of learning – that's why it's important to find healthy ways to manage it.

Common worries include:

- Feeling like you haven't prepared enough
- Being nervous about performance on the day
- Putting pressure on yourself or feeling pressure from others
- Comparing yourself to friends
- Thinking ahead and worrying about the future



MANAGING STRESS

- Do what you enjoy – make time for hobbies and fun activities.
- Talk it out – share how you feel with friends, family, or others in the same situation.
- Keep balance – take breaks, pace yourself, and remember exams are temporary.
- Look after your body – sleep well, eat healthily, stay hydrated, and keep active.
- Focus on you – avoid comparisons and remind yourself of your strengths.

PARENTS AND CARERS

- Environment – make sure there is a quiet place to study.
- Help organise and plan revision but don't plan it yourself.
- Help with resources where you can.
- Phones can be helpful for revision!
- Help make sure the revision is active – talk to them about it.
- Staying calm.
- Help with quizzing.
- Listen while they explain a topic to you.
- Help build in breaks, healthy food, exercise, relaxation.
- Keep in touch but give them space.
- Trust them.
- Do contact school with any concerns.



THE EXAMS - THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Check your exam details.
- Get everything ready that you need (calculator when needed!)
- Relax and even do some self care.
- Keep messaging positive (especially on phones and social media)
- Get an early night.
- Set an alarm.

THE EXAMS – ON THE DAY

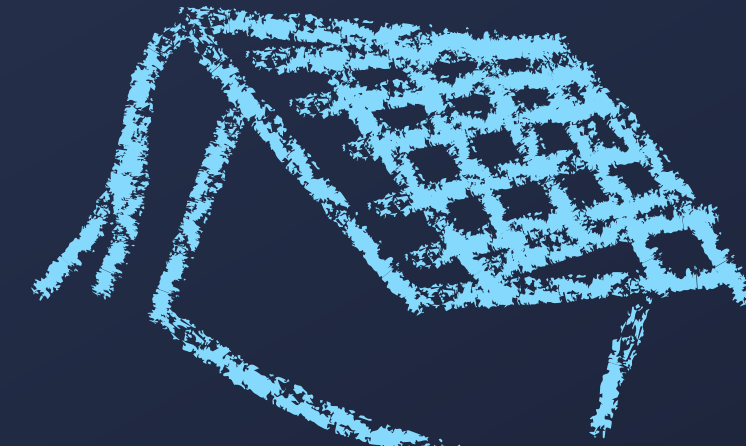
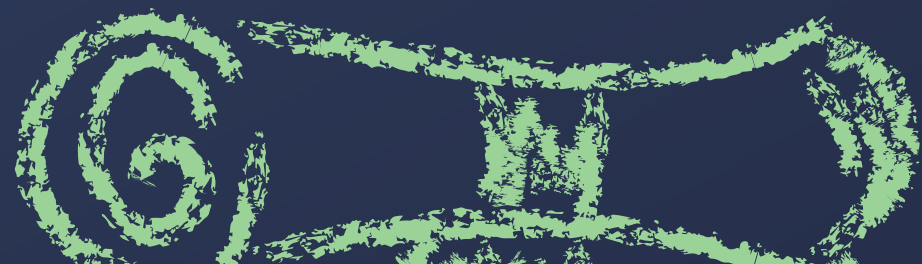
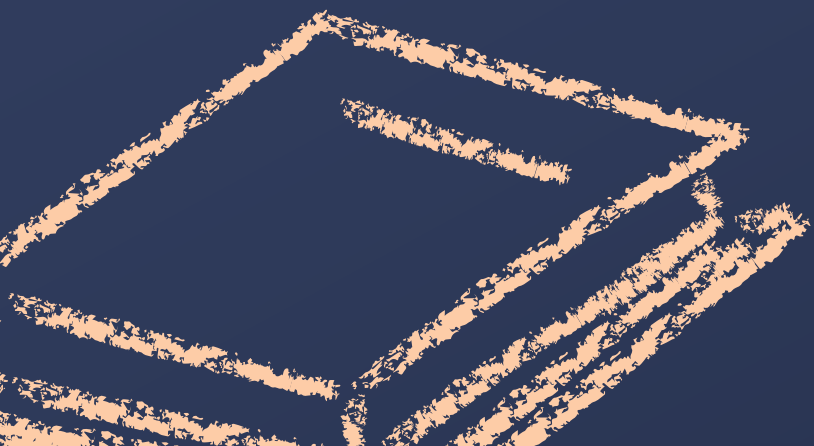
- The exams are where they are and can not move!
- If you are ill contact school. Exam regs ensure you are well supported through special consideration.
- Clear pencil case and water bottle
- Full school uniform
- Arrive with plenty of time to spare but not too early!
- AM exam 8.45 - plenty of time but not too early
- PM exam 12.45
- Finished – phew! Don't talk about the exam, it's done now.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mocks: Thursday
6th November –
Wednesday 19th
November

25th November 6th
form open
evening

Friday 5th
December 6th
Former for a day

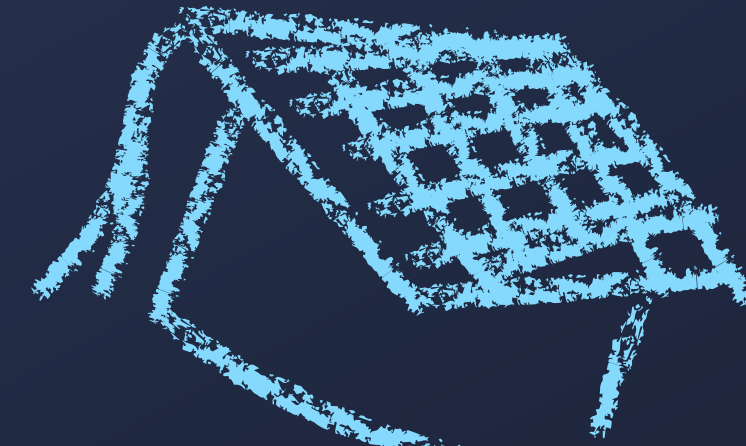
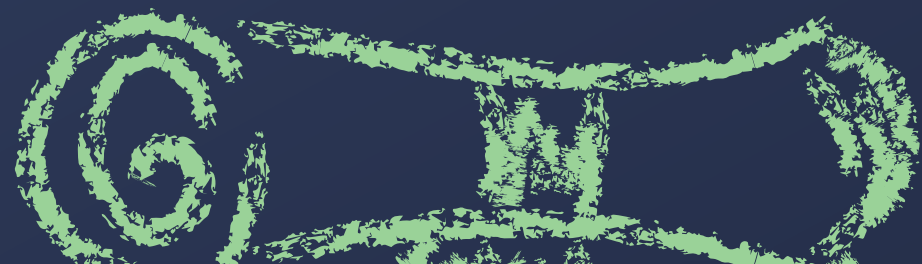
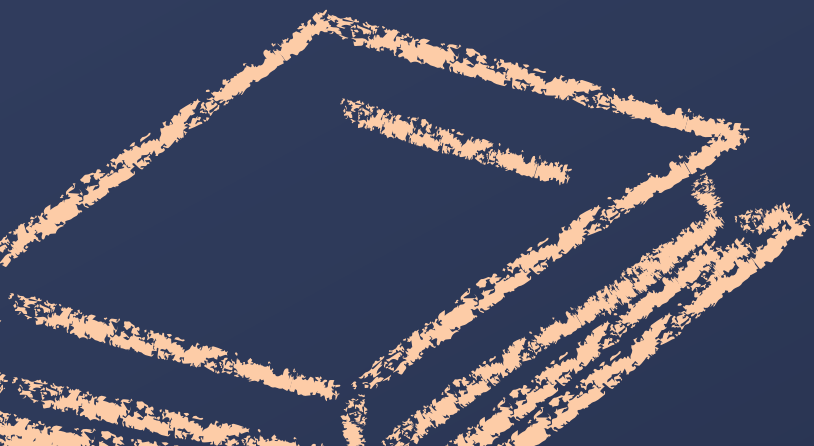


IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 17th
June: the final
GCSE exam.

Wednesday 24th
June:
Contingency day

Monday 29th June,
2026: Transition
Day for Sixth Form.



EXAM RESULTS DAY

- Expected to be Thursday August 20th
- Collection in person.
- Letter confirming Sixth Form offers to NGS students.
- Results and Sixth Form registration from 9.00-10.30






PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

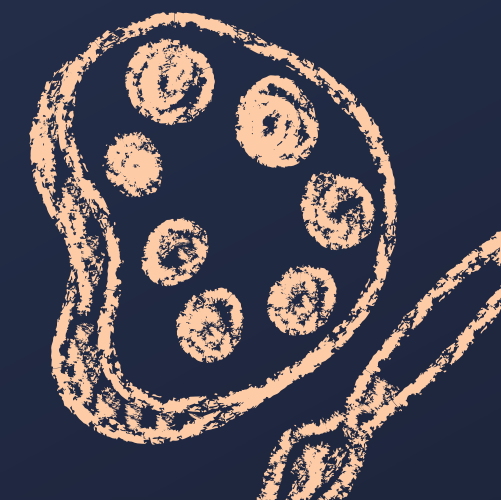
After GCSEs – What's Next?

- Sixth Form/College – A Levels or vocational courses (e.g. BTECs).
- Apprenticeships – combine work with training/qualifications.
- T Levels – technical qualifications with industry placements.
- Employment with training – some jobs offer work-based study.



Important: students must stay in education, training, or employment with training until age 18.

NGS 6TH FORM





6TH FORM TIMELINE



NEWLANDS SIXTH FORM
COURAGE COMMITMENT COMPASSION

OCTOBER

- Progress 1 follow-up meetings with Year 11 Form Tutors.
- Prospectus sent out.

NOVEMBER

- Sixth Form Open Evening.
- Post-mock exams follow up meetings with Year 11 team.

DECEMBER

- Sixth Former for a Day.
- Interview preparation workshops.
- Sixth Form Assembly.

JANUARY

- Sixth Form Interviews.
- Sixth Form tours.

MARCH

- Sixth Form Assembly.
- Sixth Form Offer letters.

AUGUST

- Results day meetings.

JUNE

- Transition Day – 29th June.

MAY

- Sixth Form drop-ins.
- Year 11 Celebration.

Year 11

Year 11 marks the final part of your student's GCSE journey and the start of their future. We know this future will look different for each individual, with the next year of education playing a vital role in securing your child's goals and ambitions. By providing support, encouraging high attendance and maintaining effective communication with school, you will be able to assist your child through their GCSE's.

Please find on this page revision tips and our homework timetable to get your child off to a flying start.

Expectations for Year 11 Students

In this section

YEAR 11 HOMEWORK TIMETABLE

TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES



GOOD LUCK YEAR 11!

We wish you the very best as you work towards your GCSE exams at the end of this year. Remember, all your hard work and determination will pay off.

If you have any questions or concerns along the way, your Form Tutor is your first point of contact – we are here to help and support you.