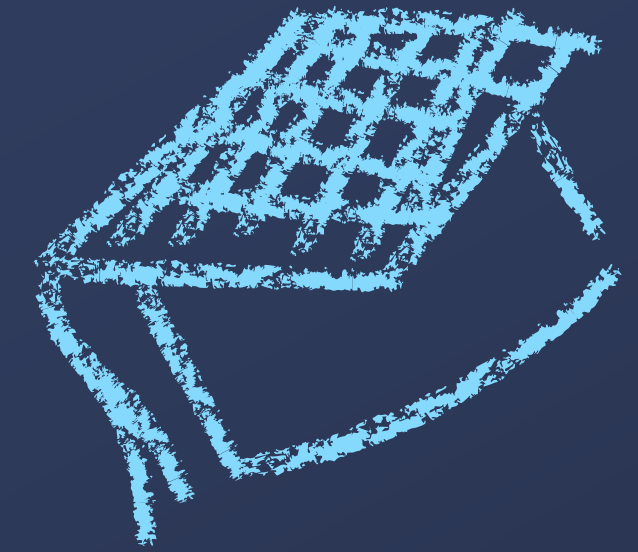


Year 11

Information Evening 2026



IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 9th October - **Progress Report 1**

Thursday 5th November-Wednesday 18th November - **Mock Exams**

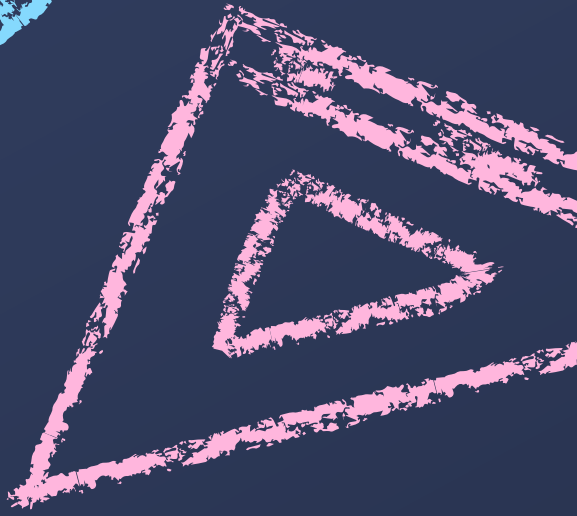
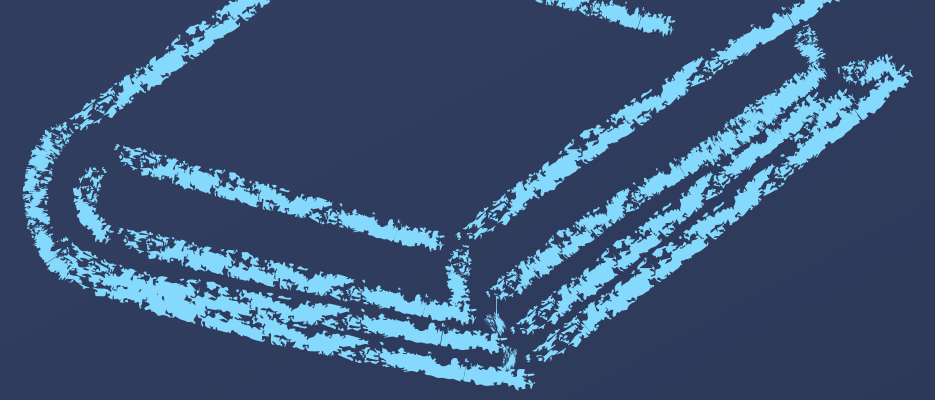
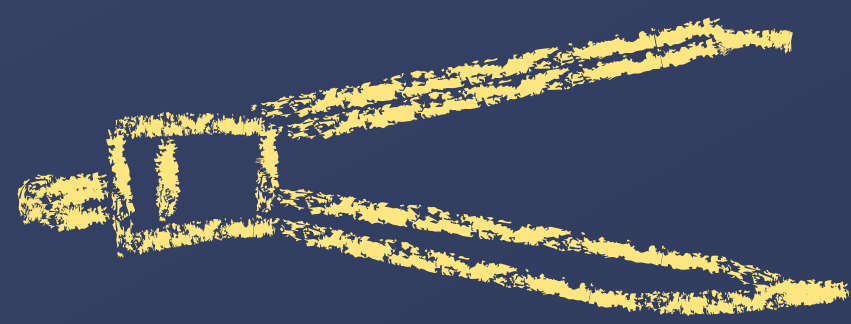
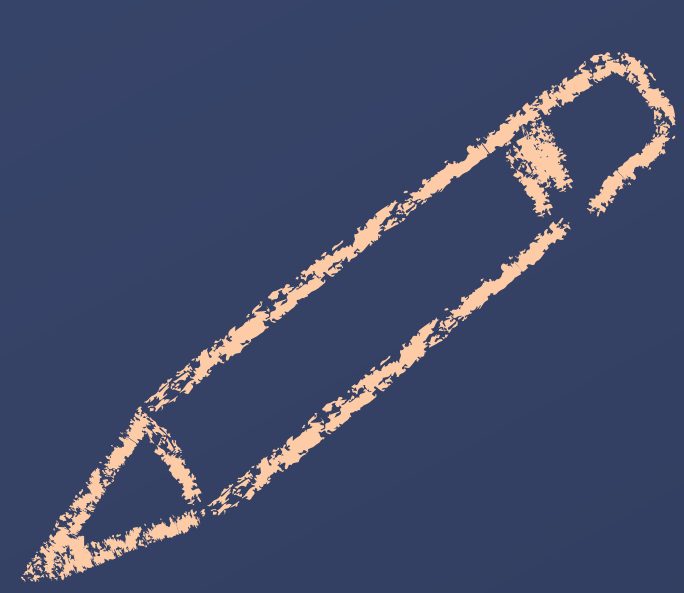
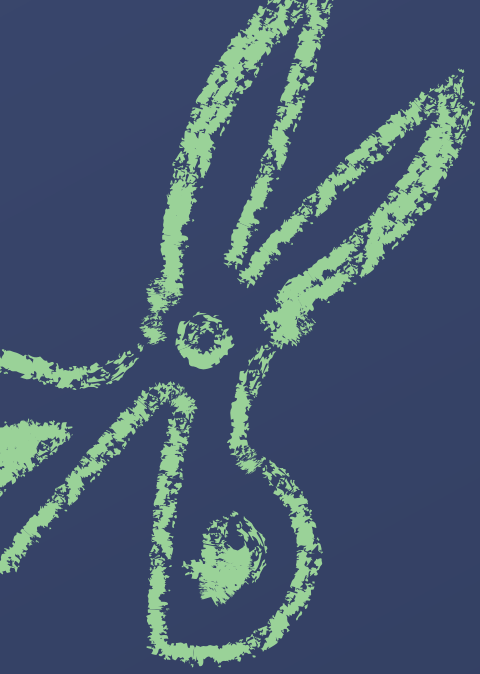
Tuesday 24th November - **6th Form Open evening**

Friday 4th December - **6th Former for a day**

Monday 7th December - **Results Assembly; Progress Check 2**

Thursday 14th January – **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Thursday 4th March - **Progress Check 3**



WHAT IS REVISION?

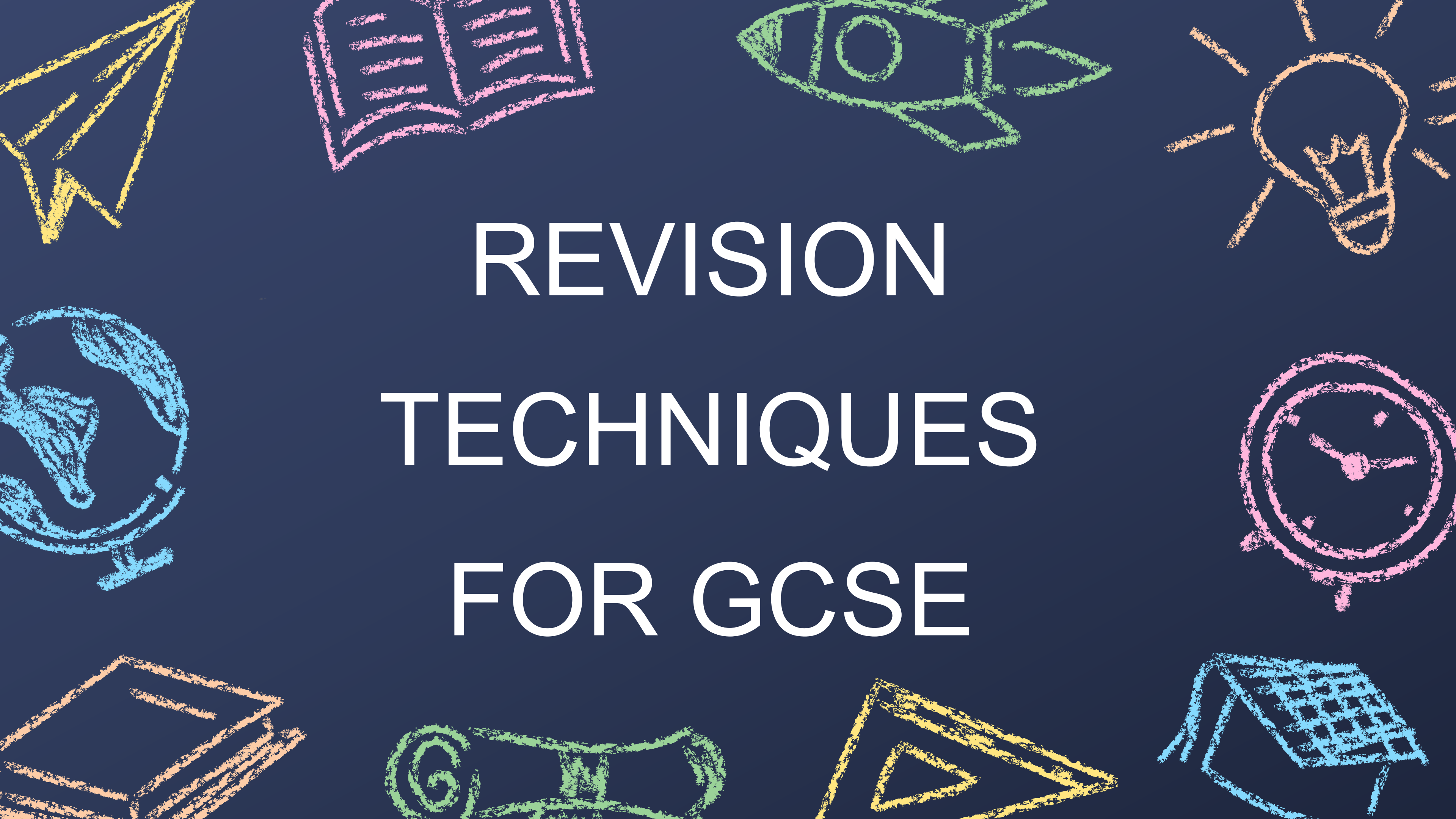
- Going back over what has already been taught.
- Strengthening memory and understanding.
- Practising skills so they become second nature.



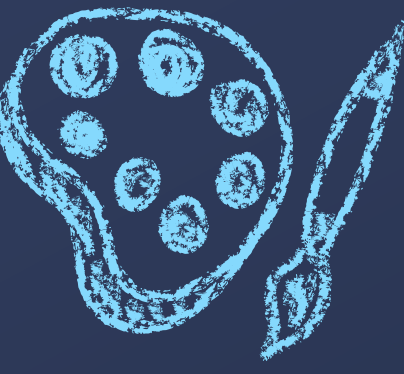
EXTRA SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL



- Ongoing revision and support sessions)
- 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



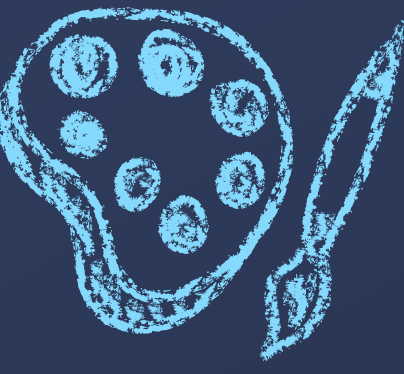
REVISION TECHNIQUES FOR GCSE



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.
- Videos are great for revising, as long as you're watching videos on your course content. – Ask your teachers,

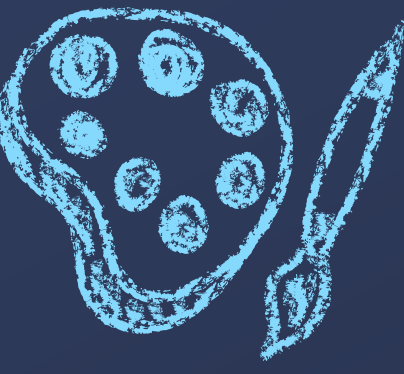
English Language and Literature (Mr Bruff

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



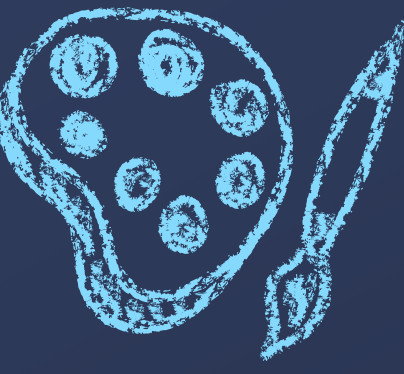


3. Feynman Technique



- The Feynman Technique should primarily be used at the start of new content, great for any subject, to effectively understand the content first.
- It consists of explaining the topic/ concept you are struggling with as if you were talking to a 5 year old.
- This allows you to deeply understand the basic fundamentals of the topic your are studying, allowing you to start to apply your knowledge





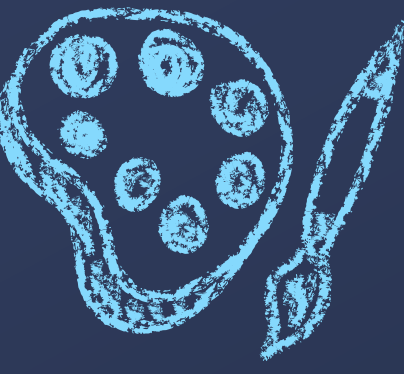
4. PAST PAPERS

- The great thing about them is, there's a past paper for every subject you could possibly do.
- **Exam technique** is essential for any student, as without it you could lose a lot of marks.
- 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.
- Ensure after each past paper you keep a log of questions you got wrong, and ensure to learn these off by heart.





5. Environment

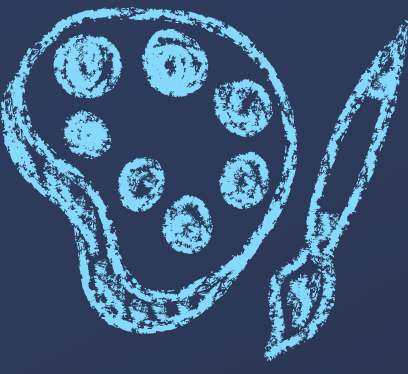


- Research has found that learning **environments** play a crucial role in student success.
- Several factors can affect learning ability, including seating, light, noise, and even colour.
- Students who study in a positive learning **environment** have been shown to be more motivated, engaged, and have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





6. The 3 step technique



- After talking about all these effective revision techniques, we find when students sit down to revise, they never actually know which one to start with.

UNDERSTAND

- Get to grips with the core concepts first
- Feynman Technique
- YouTube videos

LEARN

- Commit facts to memory
- Flashcards
- Spaced Repetition

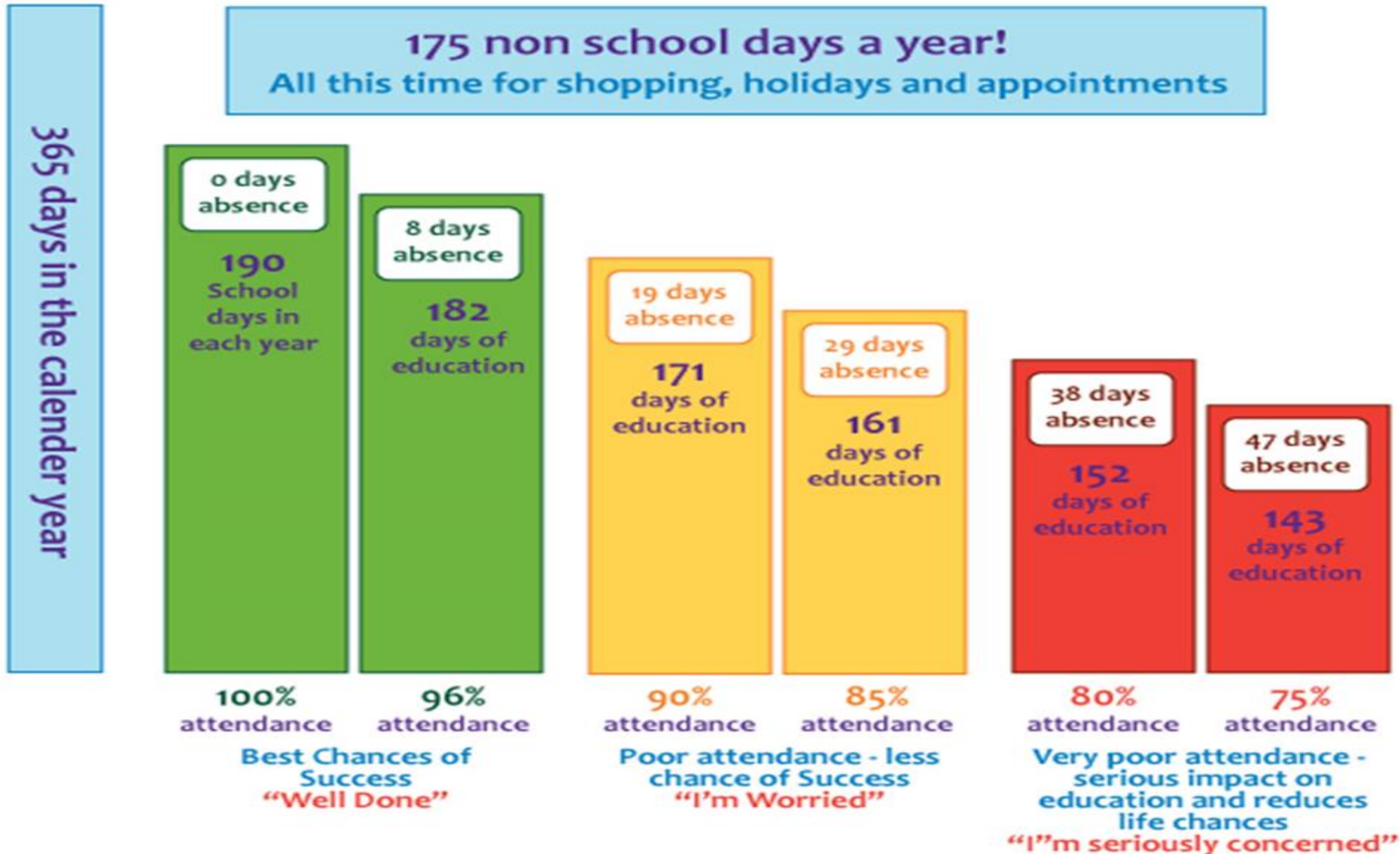
APPLY

- Put your knowledge to the test
- Past papers
- Topic exam questions
- Learn from mistakes



Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time. This means 8 Days Off!





We're on the same team



- . We really appreciate your support!
- . We know that sometimes students struggle to come to school. You know your daughter best, and we'd love to work alongside you. Our shared goal is simple: a happy, confident student who feels she belongs here.
- . Being in school every day is where that grows — friendships, routines, alongside focused learning, clubs, activities, house competitions and many other opportunities.
- . We know there'll be days when she's genuinely unwell, and days that are just plain tricky. Either way, you're not on your own — talk to us early and we'll figure it out together.

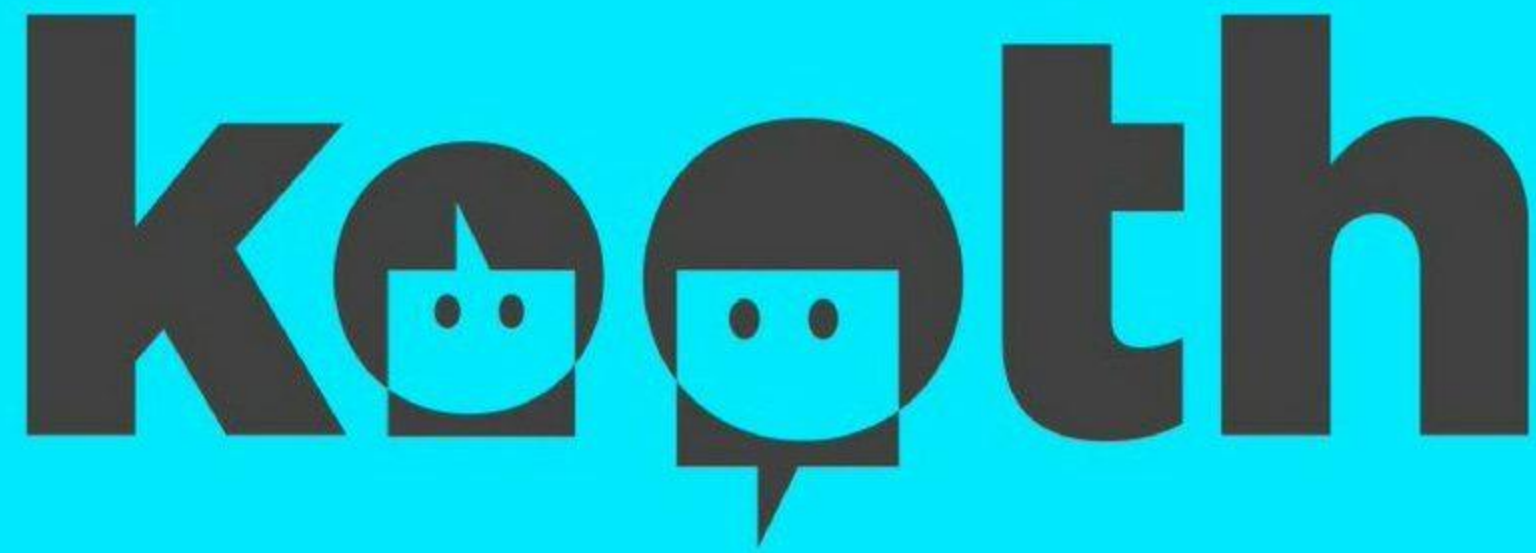
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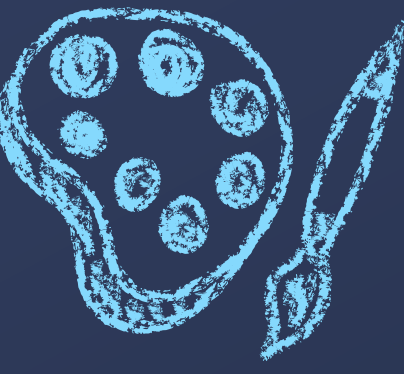
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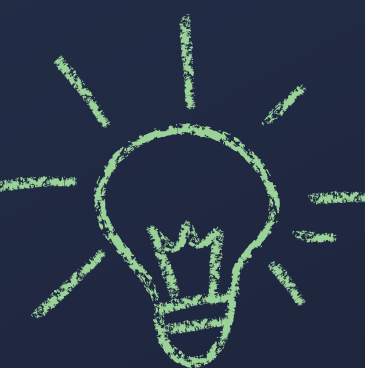




Here to Help



- . If we ever spot things starting to slip, we'll reach out early.
- . Whatever's going on at home or for your daughter, please be open with us. We're here to help you find what works.
- . Small changes early often make the biggest difference.
- . Whenever you need us, the form tutor is your first port of call. A staff member who knows your daughter well.





WHEN YOUR DAUGHTER IS UNWELL

- . Not sure if she's well enough? You know her best — and the NHS "Is my child too ill for school?" guide is a handy second opinion (it's the same advice on Studybugs when you report illness).
- . A runny nose, slight cough or headache without a high temperature usually means she's fine to come in — just let us know and we'll keep a caring eye on her through the day.
- . For medical appointments, outside school hours is ideal where you can. If not, your daughter coming into school before and/or after her appointment will limit the number of lessons she misses.
- . If mornings are ever a struggle, please don't sit with it on your own — a quick word with us will help.



Year 11 – Weekly Form Time Programme

Monday	○ Celebrations, notices and preparation for the week ahead
Tuesday	○ Pastoral Programme
Wednesday	○ Study Skills
Thursday	○ Assembly – Main Hall
Friday	○ PSHE

- Students should be **sat** in their form room by 8:40
- Uniform will be checked every day
- Room changes and notices to be given daily

Courage Commitment Compassion



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

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- 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.
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PARENTS AND CARERS

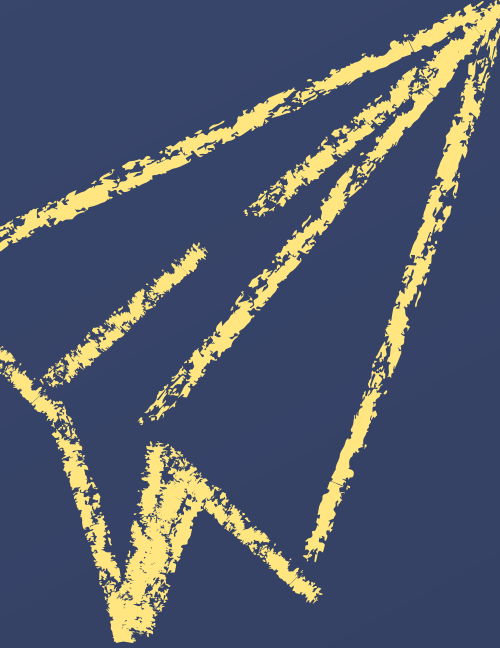
- Environment – make sure there is a quiet place to study.
- Help organise and plan revision but don't plan it yourself.
- Help with resources where you can.
- Phones can be helpful for revision!
- Help make sure the revision is active – talk to them about it.
- Staying calm.
- Help with quizzing.
- 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.



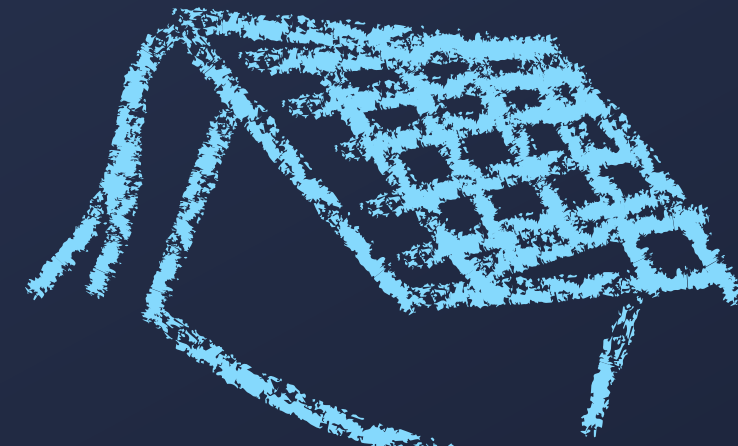
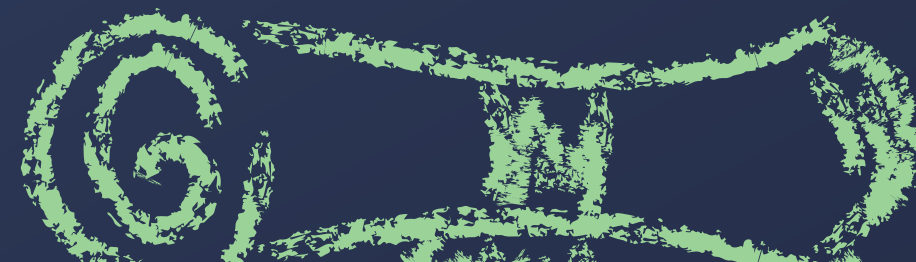
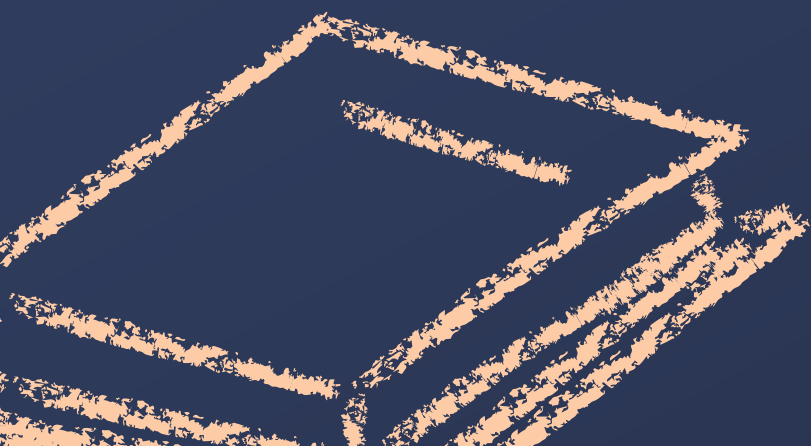
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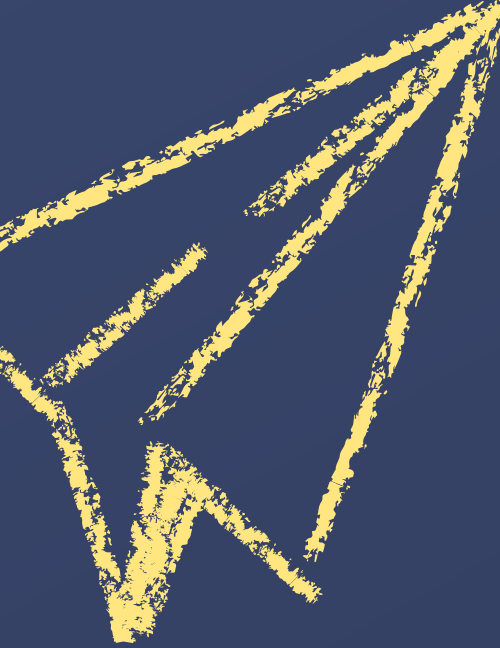


Mocks: Thursday
5th November –
Wednesday 18th
November

24th November 6th
form open
evening

Friday 4th
December
6th Former for a
day





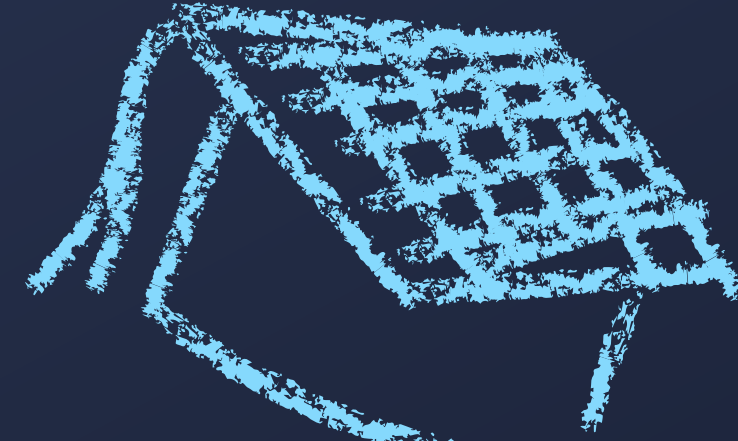
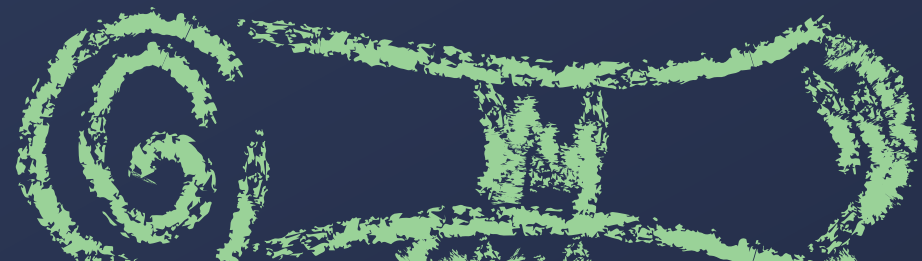
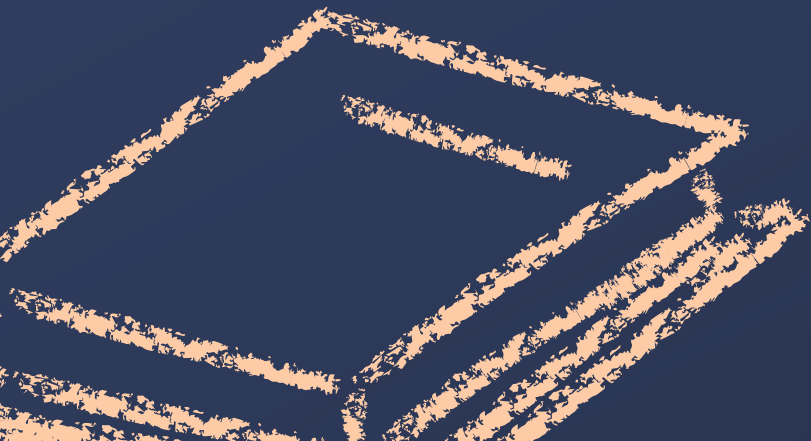
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Thursday 17th
June: the final
GCSE exam.

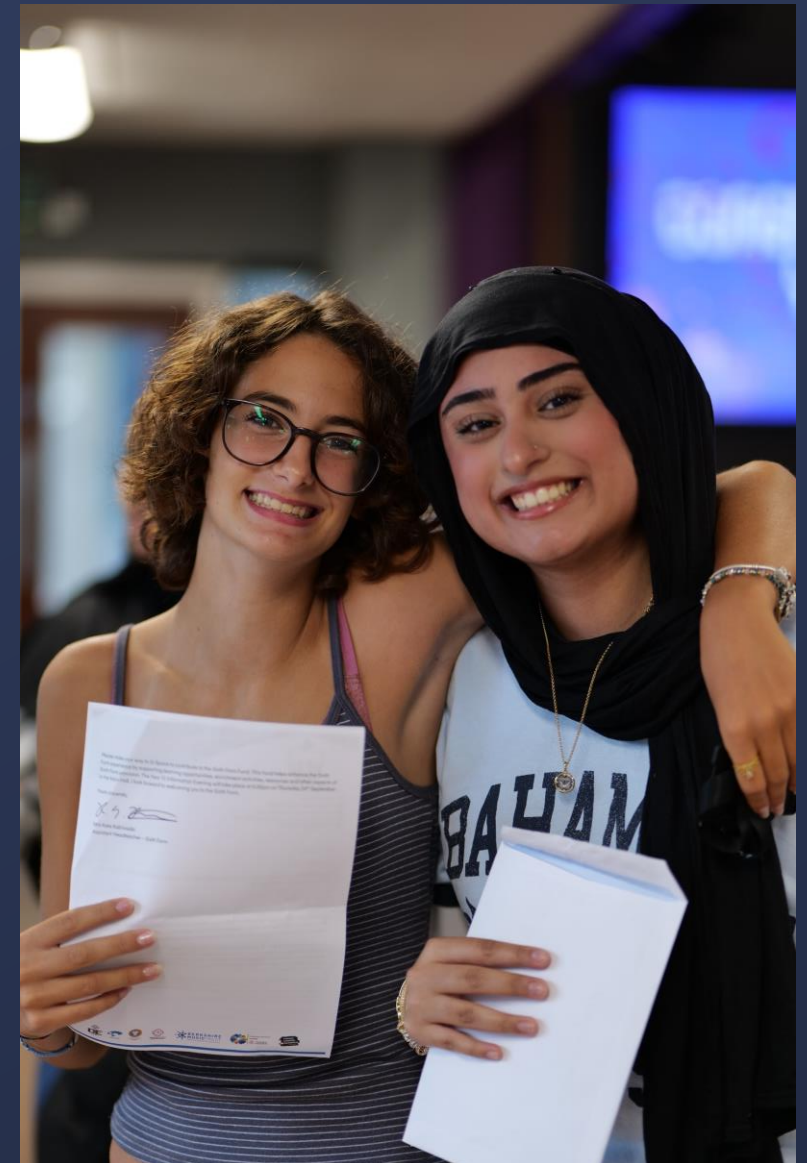
Wednesday 23rd
June:
Contingency day

Friday 18th June,
2027: Transition
Day for Sixth Form.



EXAM RESULTS DAY

- Thursday 19th August
- 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?

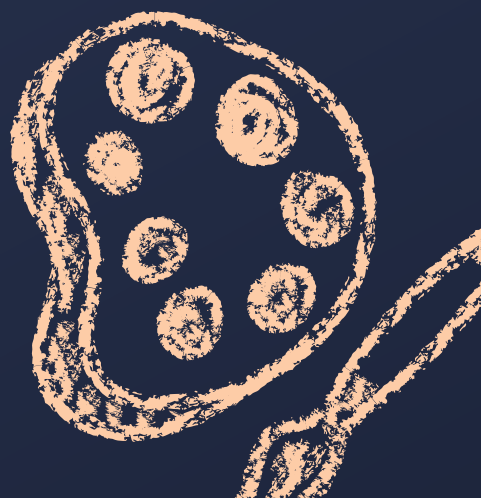
- Sixth Form/College – A Levels or vocational courses (e.g. BTECs).
- Apprenticeships – combine work with training/qualifications.
- T Levels – technical qualifications with industry placements.
- V Levels – vocational, practical courses
- Employment with training – some jobs offer work-based study.

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

NGS 6TH FORM



NEWLANDS SIXTH FORM
COURAGE COMMITMENT COMPASSION





6TH FORM TIMELINE



NEWLANDS SIXTH FORM
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OCTOBER

- Progress 1
- Prospectus sent out
- Interview preparation workshops

NOVEMBER

- Sixth Form Open Evening

DECEMBER

- Sixth Former for a Day
- Sixth Form Assembly

JANUARY

- Sixth Form Interviews
- Sixth Form tours

MARCH

- Sixth Form Assembly
- Sixth Form Offer letters

AUGUST

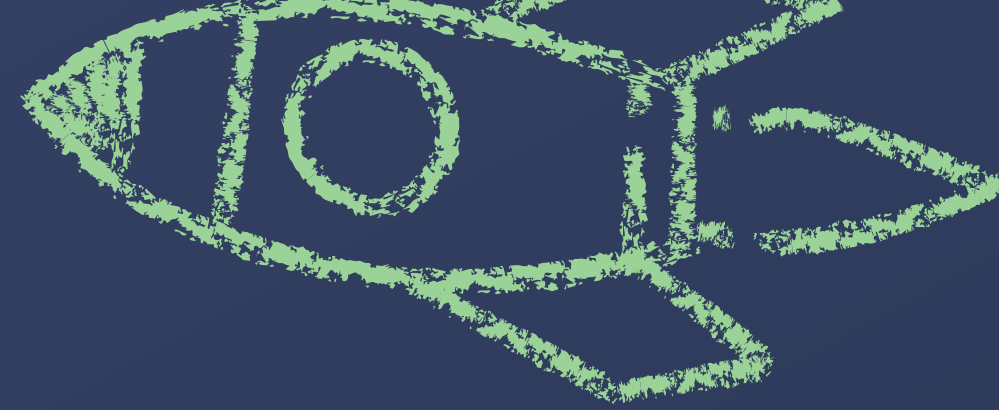
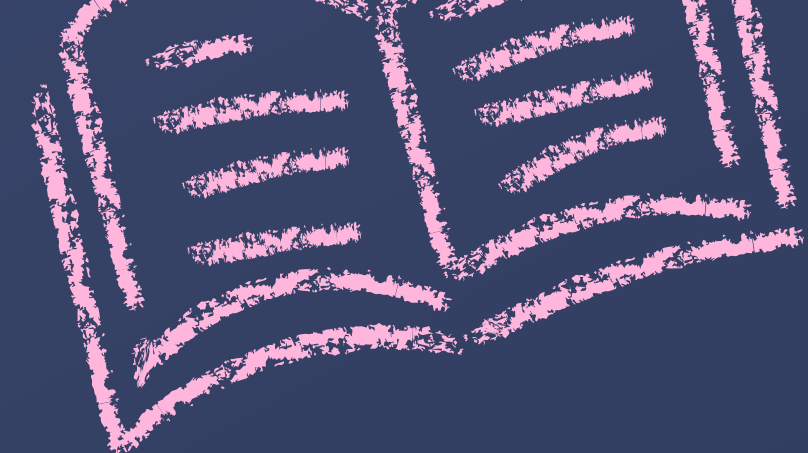
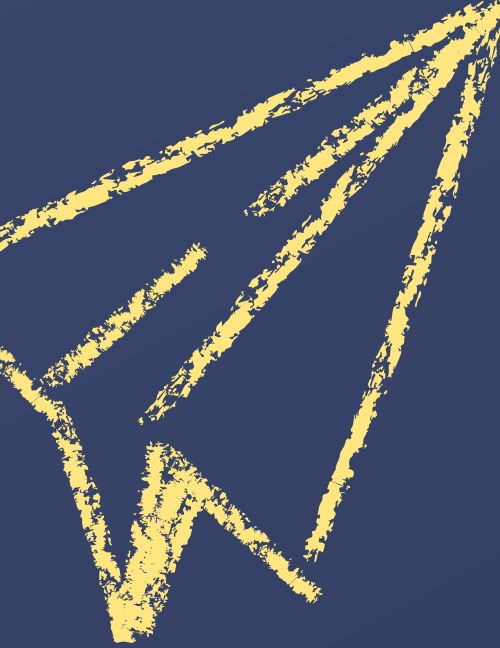
- Results day meetings

JUNE

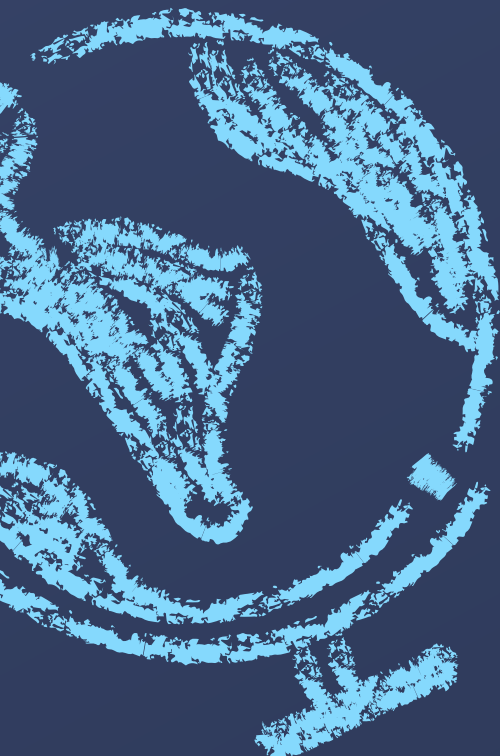
- Transition Day – 18th June

MAY

- Sixth Form drop-ins
- Year 11 Celebration



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.

