

Welcome to Year 11 Information Evening



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TRANSFORMING LIFE CHANCES

What do we stand for?

- Holcombe is an ambitious and supportive Grammar School where life chances are transformed through Mastery, Endeavour and Thinking



- Record breaking 6th form numbers
- Excellent exam results in recent years
- New facilities opening around the site, and exciting further plans
- An accredited Advanced Thinking School and an accredited Rights Respecting School

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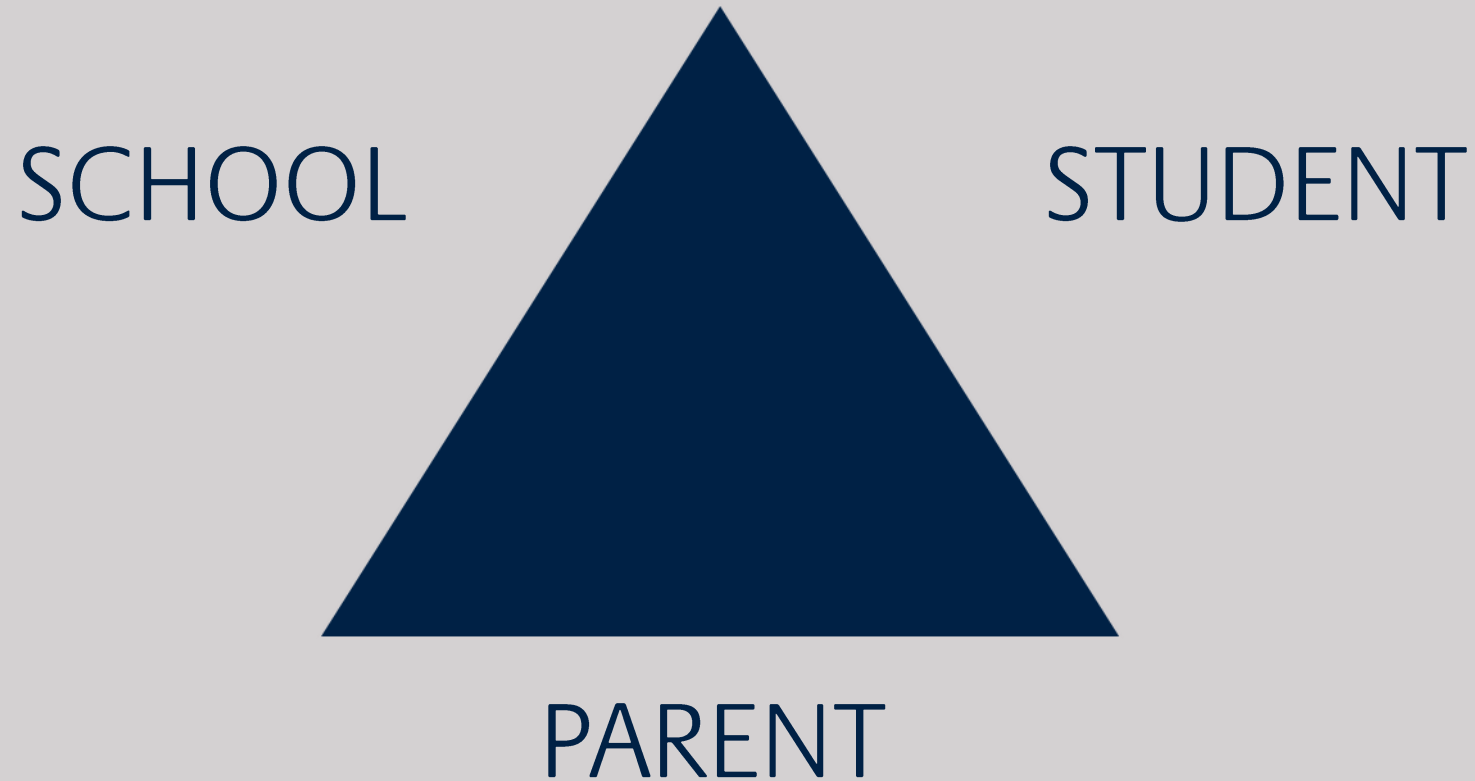
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Home-School partnership



- Please do not see this as a ‘year’

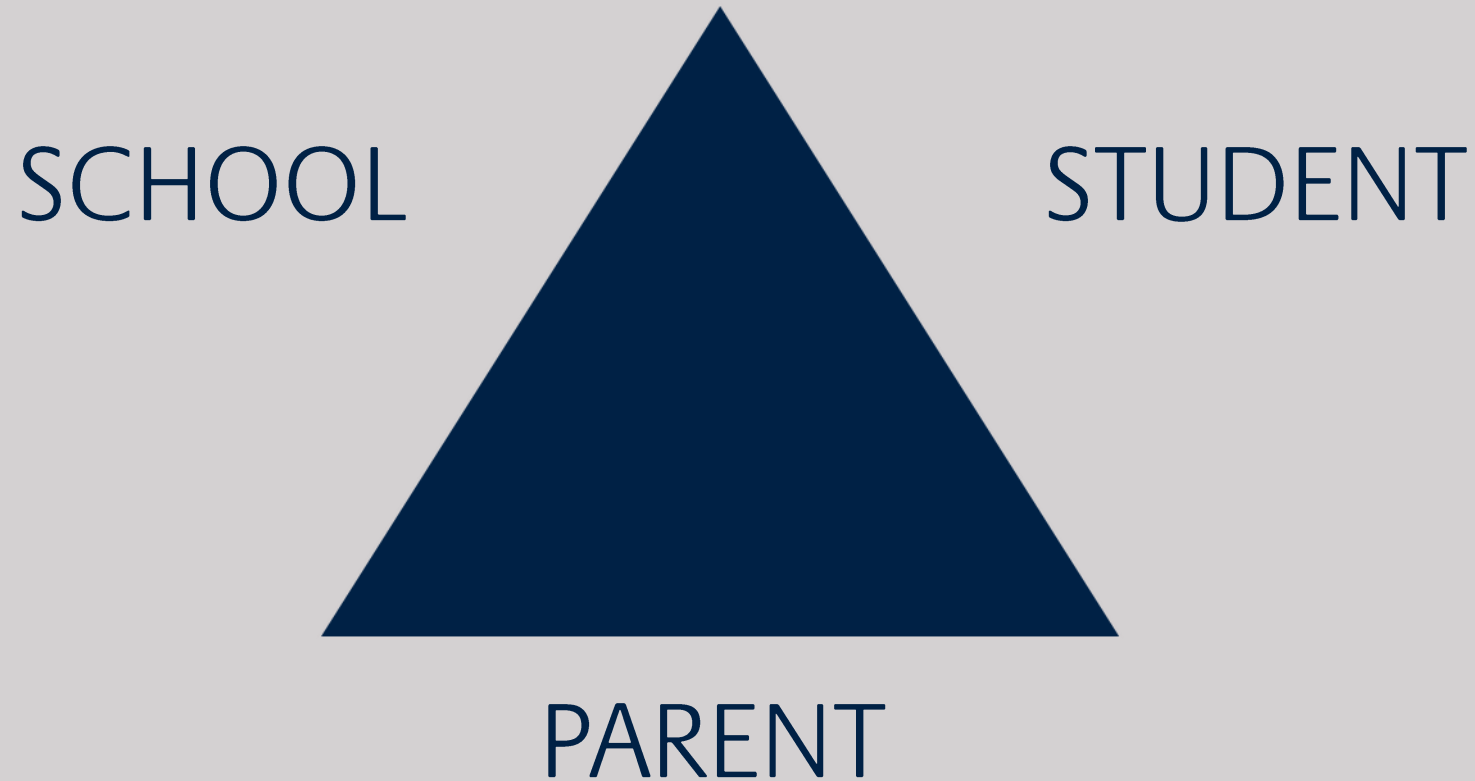
- Now to Oct ½ term = 16 days
- Oct ½ term to Christmas = 35 days
- Jan to Feb ½ term = 30 days
- Feb ½ term to Easter = 30 days
- Easter to May 1st = 10 days

- TOTAL = 121 DAYS

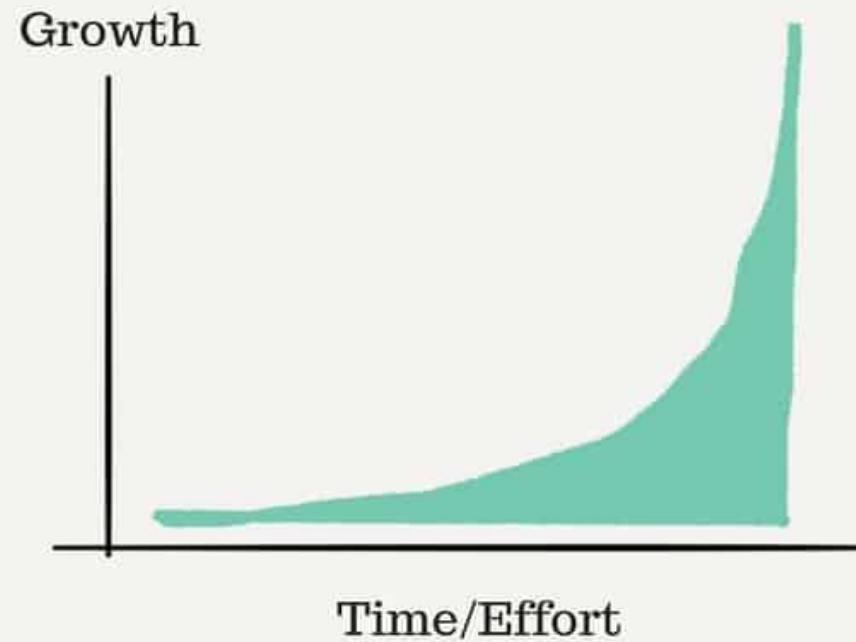
- Take out 4 weeks of prelims = 101 DAYS
- The odd dentist appointment / illness etc? = a few days?
- **WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 95 - 110 SCHOOL DAYS**

- BUT
- There is a lot of time at home
 - 95 – 100 school days
 - Oct half term, Feb half term, May half term
 - Christmas holidays
 - Easter holidays

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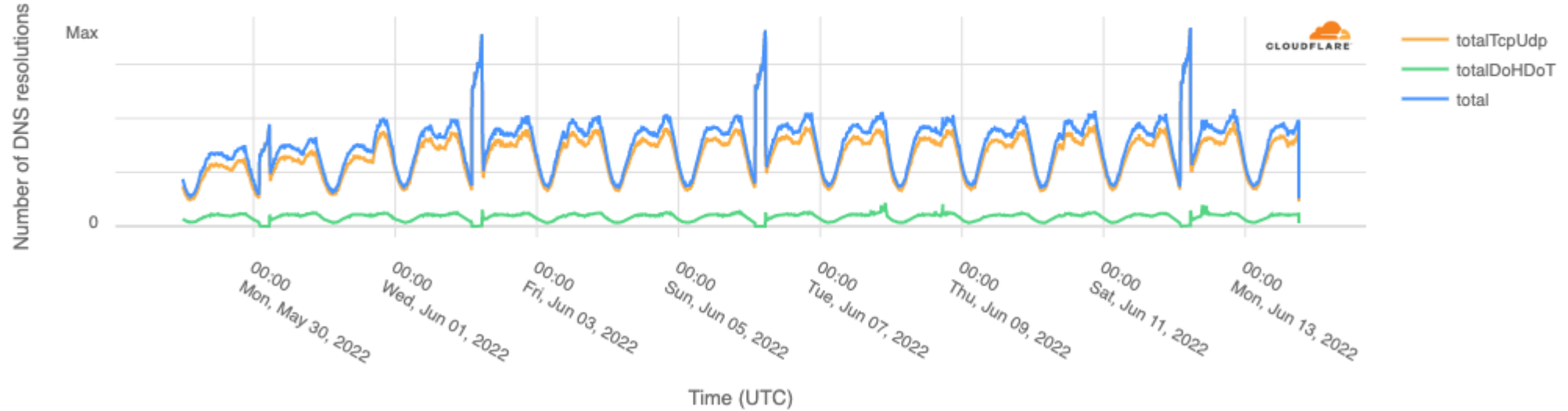


EXPONENTIAL GROWTH CURVE



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DNS Queries in SY (1.1.1.1)



- A cautionary tale...

Try to recall the items on screen



Preliminary Examinations

- The first set of prelim exams the week beginning **Monday 9th of October**
- **Students are in school for normal school hours during this time.**
- You must know your **candidate number, seat number & room for each exam – each student will receive an exam timetable**
- Please eat breakfast before an exam and bring water with you!
- Your revision should have already started – little and often (the revision packs you were given in Term 6 to help you should be used not. You can collect more resources from Miss Tanti and Miss Lyons office.
- This first set of prelim examinations are the results you have to provide for any sixth form application. Therefore, these are incredibly important.

This Terms Preliminary Examinations



YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMS

Exams will take place in the Sports Hall unless stated otherwise

Students with Access Arrangements will take their exams in P20

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your exam is due to start and ensure that you have all the relevant equipment.

WEEK B	Monday 9th October 2023	Tuesday 10th October 2023	Wednesday 11th October 2023	Thursday 12th October 2023	Friday 13th October 2023
9am	Maths - Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	English Language 1 hour 45 mins	Spanish 1 hour 45 mins	Chemistry - 2 hours Combined Science Chemistry 1 hour 45 mins	Art - All day (D20)
1pm	History 1 hour 45 mins	Business Studies 1 hour 45 mins	PE - 1 hour 15 mins Media Studies 1 hour 30 mins Religious Studies 2 hours	Geography 1 hour 30 mins	Art - All day (D20)
WEEK A	Monday 16th October 2023	Tuesday 17th October 2023	Wednesday 18th October 2023	Thursday 19th October 2023	Friday 20th October 2023
9am	English Literature 1 hour 45 mins	Biology - 2 hours Combined Science Biology 1 hour 45 mins	DT - 2 hours	Physics - 2 hours Combined Science Physics 1 hour 45 mins	School Closed
1pm	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins	Music - 1 hour 30 mins (E21) Psychology - 1 hour 30 mins Sociology - 1 hour 45 mins	French 1 hour 45 mins		School Closed

☆ Examination Equipment ☆

Please bring your exam equipment (pens, pencils, rubbers, maths equipment) in a clear pencil case or bag

Pens must have BLACK ink - but gel pens are not allowed

If you bring a bottle of water, please remove the label

Please ensure you have a calculator for the exams that require one

Examination Rules

- **Arrive at school to register at 8.40am and 1pm for the exams. You must attend lineup at 8:30 so that your tutor can register and escort you up to your exams.**
(take into account the traffic)
- **If you are running late, please phone the school**
- Students will line up outside of S Block first
- **No mobile phones**, watches of any kind, iPods, earphones (inc. AirPods) and MP3s or calculators unless permitted (these should all be in your bag which will be locked away)
- You should not have notes on your possession (please check your blazer pockets)
- You must bring black pen - **NO GEL PENS**
- Only clear pencil cases are allowed on your desk
- There is absolutely **no talking or communication** between students
- **Full uniform** must be worn for the exam. Your blazer must be worn to enter the hall and kept on the back of your chair if taken off.
- No food is allowed in all examination rooms
- Water bottles are allowed in the exam hall if necessary. These should be clear bottles with a spill-proof cap, water only in the bottles. There should be no label or print on the bottle.

Preparing for the Examinations

- You will be given an exam timetable – keep it safe!
- Have you got a quiet place to study? If not what are you doing about it.
- Have you got the necessary **revision guides**?
- Have you got the class notes?
- Have you devised a **revision timetable**?
- Do you know what the exam paper is going to look like(eg How many questions and what it entails, the topics being examined?)

● DO

1. Make a list of all the topics you need to revise.
2. Create a realistic schedule.
3. Plan ahead by working backwards
4. Revise using your preferred learning style.
5. Take breaks and chunk working time (no more than 40 minutes)

● DON'T

Just keep going! The body and the mind need regular 'time-outs'.
Use breaks effectively, particularly after completing a task.

- Language Speaking exams start on 22nd April 2024
- Written exams start on 13th May 2024
- Details of the exam boards for each subject can be found on the school website
- Exam timetables can be found on the exam board websites
But.....

- Each year the exam boards designate dates as 'contingency days', which are additional exam dates which will be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations:
- 6th June 2024 (pm)
- 13th June 2024 (pm)
- 26th June 2024
- All exam students should therefore ensure that they are available until **26th June 2024** should there be exceptional circumstances that require an exam board to reschedule an exam

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22nd August 2024

We are not able to email results to students, so if you are unable to attend, you can nominate someone to collect your results on your behalf.

What is missing?



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Did you correctly identify the missing items?



Revision Methods

- Mind mapping
- Put diagrams up in the house
- Talking to somebody
- Questioning each other
- Flash cards
- Talk out loud
- Even record yourself
- Condense notes
- Highlight notes
- Test yourself
- Time yourself doing past paper questions
- Use websites e.g bitesize or mymaths



ALL REVISION and REVIEW should be ACTIVE.

Simply re-reading your notes isn't good enough.
Do something with your notes..

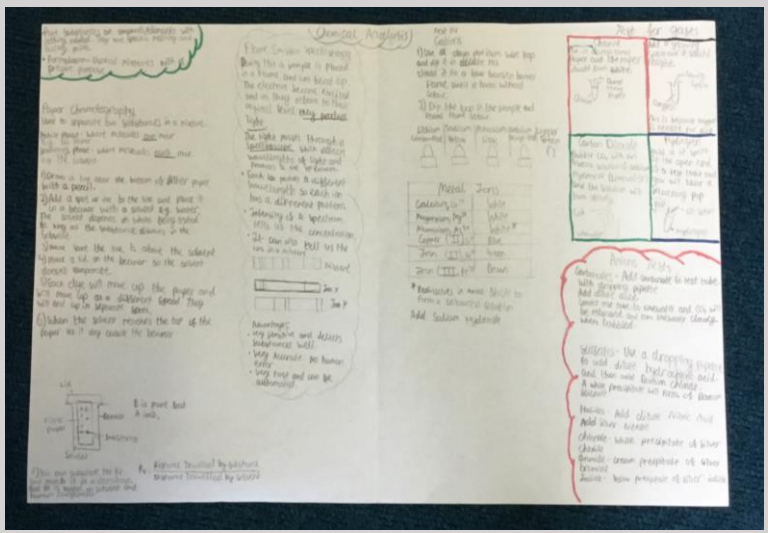
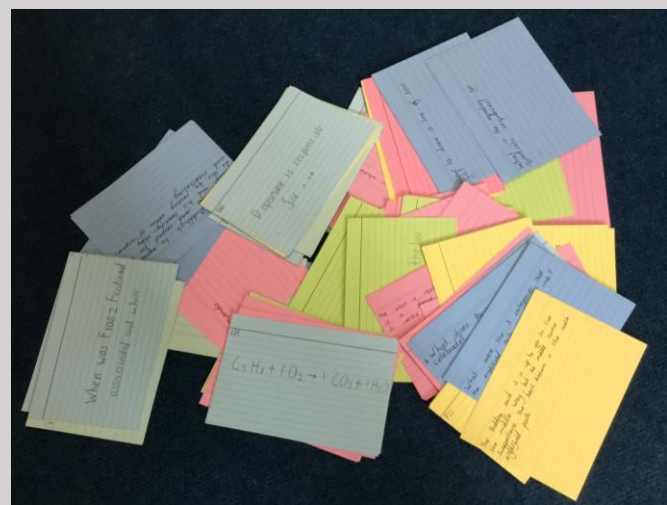
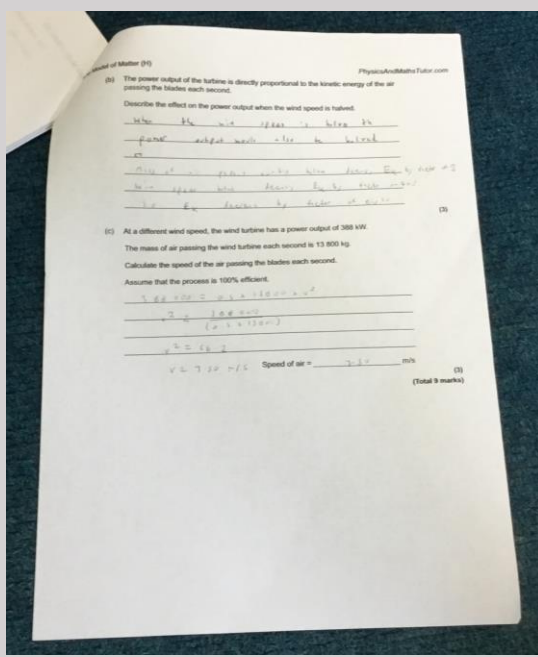
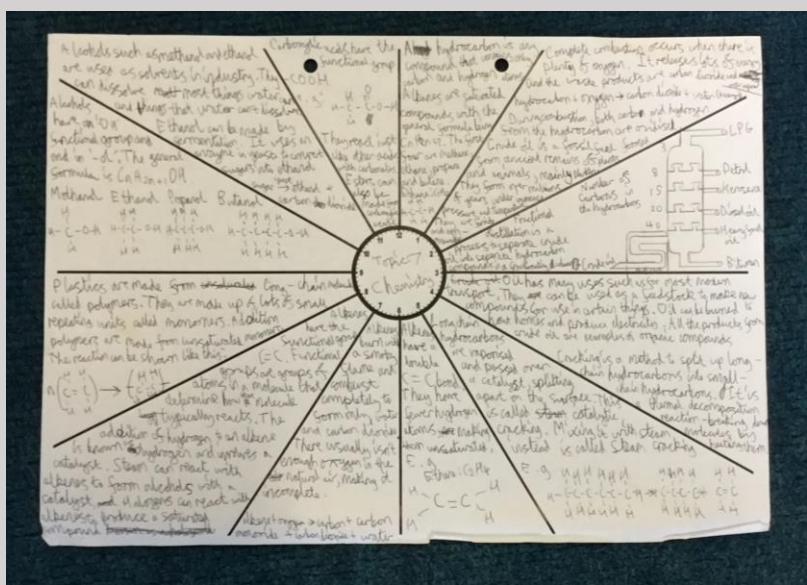
Re-write your notes as MIND MAPS o

Create FLASH CARDS or MEMORY RHYMES

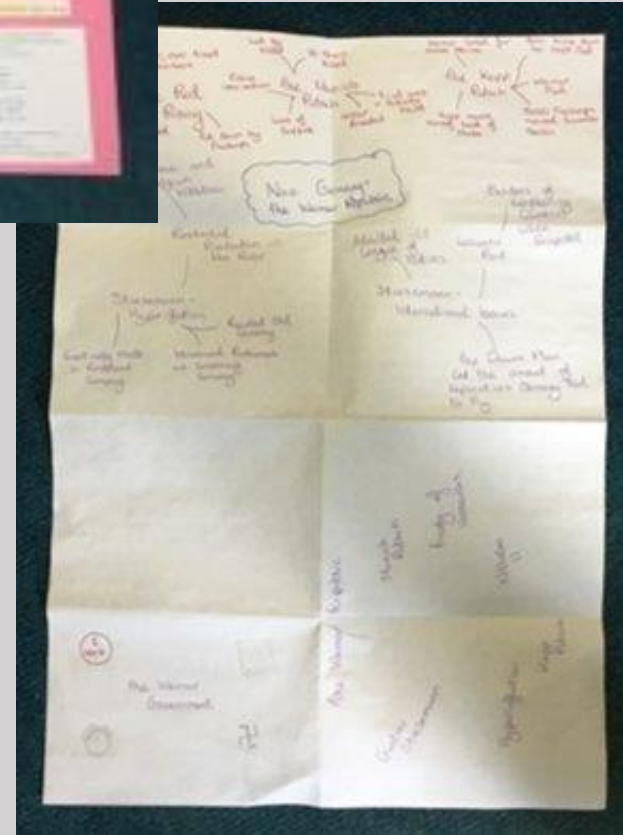
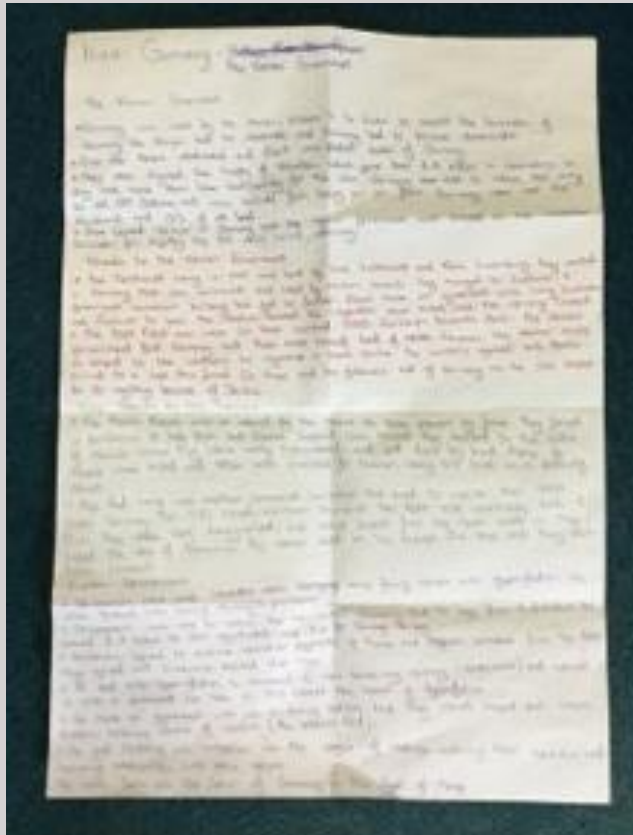
TEACH someone else what you've learned

APPLY your knowledge

Example Revision Resources



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- Students were given a revision pack during Term 6 of year 10
- The aim of this pack was to help students do some revision over the summer to help them get ready for their prelim exams.
- The pack contained:
- A4 paper, lined paper, A3 paper, Post It Notes and some stationery, revision planner booklet, revision timetable template and information on different revision techniques

How do we celebrate achievement?

- Postcards home to top achievers in exams
- Posters of attainment and progress in S Block
- Lunch with Mr Preston (best summer revision packs)
- Breakfast or Break with Miss Tanti
- Top attendance at intervention sessions
- Tutor awards
- Head of Year awards
- Subject awards
- Blog posts (first one for Yr 11 in the first edition of this academic year!)
- Positive emails home

Intervention after school sessions

- Timetable for interventions for term 1 is on Teams

 Year 11 Term 1 Support Session Timetable			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Drop-In's D20 (3:15-4:00pm)	DT D10 (3:05-4:00pm)	Geography H14 (3:15-4:00pm)	Art Drop-In's D20 (3:15-4:00pm)
Music C Block (3:15-4:00pm)	PE P22 (3:15-4:00pm)	Media B15 (3:15-4:00pm)	RS M14 (3:15-4:00pm)
History H25 (3:15-4:00pm)	Business Studies S11 (3:15-4:00pm)	French S14 (3:15-4:00pm)	Business S11 (3:15-4:00pm)
Sociology M11 (3:15-4:00)		Computer Science H11 (3:15-4:00pm) (Week B ONLY)	Spanish S16 (Lunchtime) Grade 7-9
		Spanish S10 (3:05-4:05pm)	
		Music C Block (3:15-4:00pm)	
		Psychology M10 (3:15-4:00pm)	

What can you do to help?

- Attendance - students have to be here to learn
- Encourage your child to be well equipped for their lessons which will help them in their prelims
- Study Buddy – question & answer sessions, quiz them,
- Entertainment – time to work time to play. Ensure balance between study and rest (and monitoring social networking time)
- Reward for effort (not bribery!)
- Go-between – contact school for support
- Keep students focused on work
- Revision timetable - help them plan ahead
- Encourage attendance to revision sessions after school, if possible

Please ensure you have collected an Information Evening booklet!

Upcoming Deadlines for Students



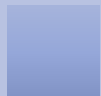
PE - The deadline for practical performance submissions is 9th February 2024.



Media - The deadline for coursework is 9th February 2024.



DT - Two Making days will run in Easter half term. Please make arrangements to allow students to attend. Dates To be confirmed. NEA coursework final assessment to allow for adjustments/improvements - 18th April 2024. NEA/Practical- 26th April 2024.



Geography - 2 compulsory Geography trips to complete the fieldwork element of the course due to go out on the 6th November and 27th November visiting Minster on Sea and Ashford Town Centre.



Music - Composition : 4th March 2024 - This includes 2 compositions: Free composition and composition to a brief (minimum 3 minutes total and minimum 1 minute each). Performance: 4th March 2024 - This includes 2 performances: Solo performance and group performance (minimum 4 minutes total and minimum 1 minute each).

- **Produce a revision timetable!**
- **Seek advice and support from your teachers**
- **Revise** for your Prelim Examinations (these are the grades that you will need to put on any references you complete).
- **Use Unifrog to research the range of opportunities that are available to you**
- Ensure you are looking for the right courses or apprenticeships for you
- **Attend** Open days/evenings

Any Questions – please ask a member of staff

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Information for Sixth Form will be shared with students prior to the Open Evening.