

Securing Success

- Allie Woodford (Head of Year 11) – Support & tutoring
- 15 mins: Mark Warner – our role in your child's success
- 15 mins: English demystified (S J Davies)
- 15 mins: Science demystified (J Hall)
- 15 mins: Maths demystified (R Strong)
- Questions

If not us, then who?
If not now, then when?

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Examinations: Context

- We've just had some of the best results in the city (**GCSE 2017**).
- You've had more time in your subjects (**your GCSEs started in yr9**).
- We now have additional time to study core subjects (**an extra lesson in Eng and Maths & in yr11 a lesson 6 in Science**).
- We have specialist teachers in all areas (**the potential for your success is huge**).
- Many exams are now linear (**lots of knowledge to learn for one BIG day**).



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“The parental effect on test results is around five times more powerful than the influence of pupils’ schooling.”

(Royal Economic Society)



How can you help?

- Providing space and time to revise;
- Talk to your family;
- Encouragement/reassurance (nag?);
- Making sure there is downtime or time to relax;
- Listen to and test revision;
- Cut them some slack;
- Be watchful.



Important dates...

- 10th October Yr11 Post-16 Progression Evening;
- 13th October Yr11 reports onto Parent Gateway;
- 8th November Yr11 CEIAG Enrichment Day;
- 14th November Yr11 Parents' Evening;
- 27th Nov – 5th Dec Yr11 Mock Exam Week 1;
- 19th January Yr11 reports onto Parent Gateway;
- 24th January Yr11 Parent/Tutor Academic Review;
- 26th February – 2nd March Yr11 Mock Exam Week 2;
- 26th March Yr11 reports on Parent Gateway;
- 7th -11th May Yr11 Maths and English Booster Week.

Wellbeing

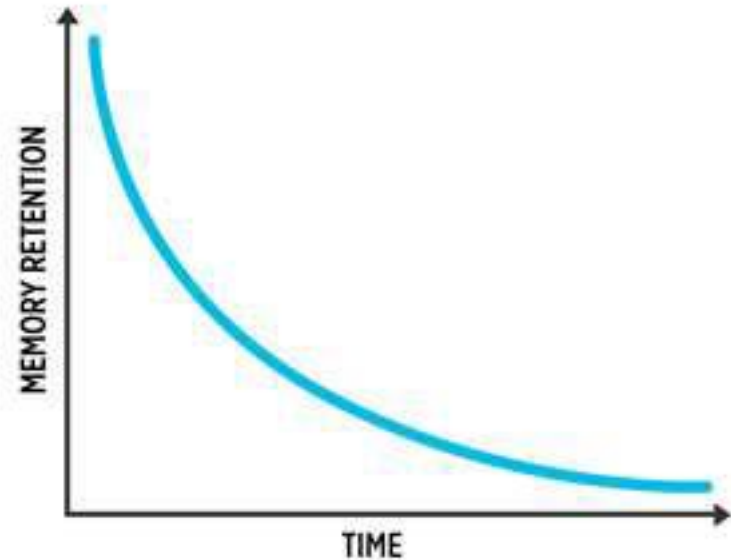
Exam success will improve if your child is well & happy.

- Physical: Eating, drinking water, sleeping.
- Emotional: Reassurance about exam nerves & pressure; keep communication open; your child will read your concerns.
- Support is available if you have concerns.

Latest research: quizzing

- Specific
- Frequent
- Repetitive
- Measureable

FORGETTING CURVE





Revision Tips

- Draw up a revision timetable & STICK to it;
- Mix up subject revision;
- 20-30 min study sessions max;
- Small rewards & breaks;
- Test and test recall again, and again;
- Mind mapping;
- Use of colour;
- Flash cards & post-its.

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SUCCESS — • IS THE • — **SUM**

OF SMALL EFFORTS,

REPEATED

DAY IN ←
AND
→ **DAY OUT**





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How can you help your Year 11 child?

Overt

- How do you fit into their revision timetable?
- Listen to and test revision
- Post it notes around the house
- Purchase revision equipment
- Regular check-ins



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Revision Tips

- The play Macbeth becomes...
- Selected text becomes...
- Selected quotations
- Becomes images to aid memory ..(show images)

Failing to PLAN is planning to FAIL!

Where is your child at now?

- Is his/her ABOVE its target grade?
- Has s/he identified gaps in understanding?
- Does s/he know how to improve grades?
- When was his/her last conversation with a teacher about their progress?
- Do YOU know when & where all of the after school session are?

You know that every lesson counts!



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"YOUR **FUTURE** IS CREATED BY WHAT
YOU DO { TODAY }
NOT { TOMORROW }"



Further resources...

- BBC Bitesize Mind Set:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/highlights/curations/zpbdxfr>
- Weekly exam papers
- School portal????



Examinations

- When is the first exam?
- Final assembly?
- When is study leave?
- What happens during study leave?



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After-school sessions...

- Add list...