

Welcome to our Year 11 Information Evening



What to expect this evening?

- Key dates and what the year looks like
- What parents can do to help
- Effective revision and exam techniques
- Coping with stress

The Team

Person	Role
Subject teachers	First port of call for subject specific queries or support
Form tutors	First port of call for non subject related queries and pastoral matters
Miss Kelly	Pastoral Support Assistant
Ms Wilkins	Head of Year 11
Mr Brown	Assistant Head Teacher- Key Stage 4 Lead

Tutor Time Programme

- In May students were given a 24 page Revision Strategies booklet.
- This was worked through in the build up to the Summer Mock Exams.
- Its intention was to provide the students with a variety of revision techniques to try.
- Students will be revisiting this booklet throughout the year in order to support them with revision strategies.
- This booklet will be shared with parents



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Revision Strategies

Preparing for Exams

YEAR 11 Mocks 2024

DATE	START	Subject	Duration	Candidates	Venue
??	TBA	Music performance exams	All day	17	Music block
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Wednesday 27th Nov	09.00	English Literature	90min	234	Gyms
	11.30	Religious Studies	75min	78	Gyms
	11.30	Music	90min	17	RECITAL HALL
	14.15	History Paper 1	60min	110	Gyms
Thursday 28th Nov	09.00	Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator	90min	234	Gyms
	11.30	Spanish writing	80min	90	Gyms
	11.30	French writing	80min	83	Gyms
	14.15	DT paper 1	60min	26	Gyms
Friday 29th Nov	09.00	English Language	105min	234	Gyms
	11.30	Spanish Listening and Reading	105min	90	C Floor
Monday 2nd Dec	09.00	Economics	90min	49	Gyms
	09.00	Business	105min	54	Gyms
	09.00	Drama	90min	18	Gyms
	11.30	Chemistry	75min	234	Gyms
Tuesday 3rd Dec	09.00	German writing	80min	72	Gyms
	11.30	Biology	75min	234	Gyms
Wednesday 4th Dec	09.00	Maths Paper 2 - calculator	90min	234	Gyms
	11.30	German Listening and reading	105min	72	C Floor
Thursday 5th Dec	09.00	Geography	90min	128	Gyms
	11.30	Computing	90min	48	Gyms

Notable Dates

Year 11 Parents evenings: 8th and 10th October

Sixth Form Open Evening: 7th November

Mock Exams: 27th November-6th December

Interviews with SLT: early January

Reports home: 14th January

Year 11 Options for Sixth Form due: mid January

Extra Maths and English mock: March (TBC)

Easter revision

Study leave begins: mid May

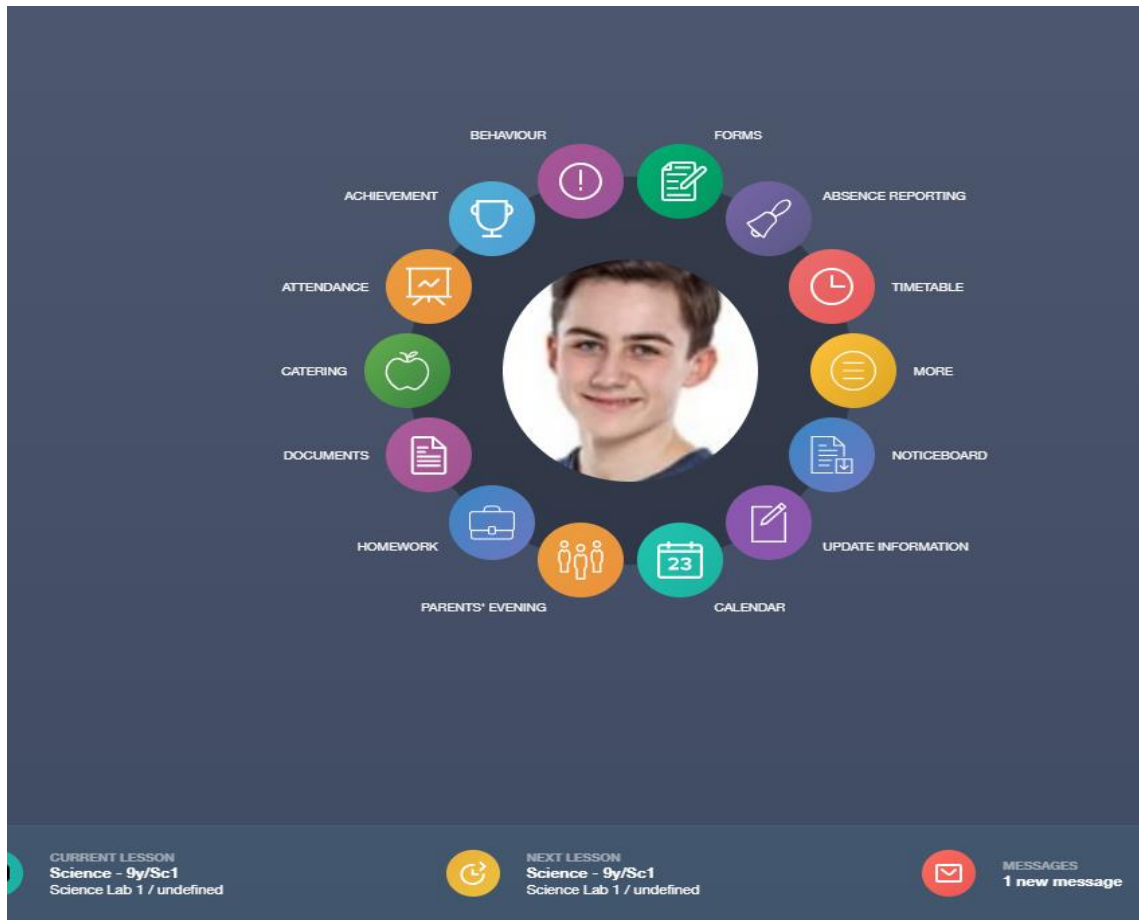
Exams start: 8th May

GCSE results: 21st August



Behaviour

I am very pleased to say that maturity, attitude and behaviour of Yr11 since our return has been, on the whole, fantastic.



Edulink is a great resource for parents to check on their child's behaviour and achievements.

You can also help support your child with homework as homework is now set on Edulink.

Can contact teachers easily using the message function.

Attendance

There are 175 non-school days a year (holidays etc). This means:

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which are approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	290 lessons

Encourage robustness
Limit absences

What can parents do to help?

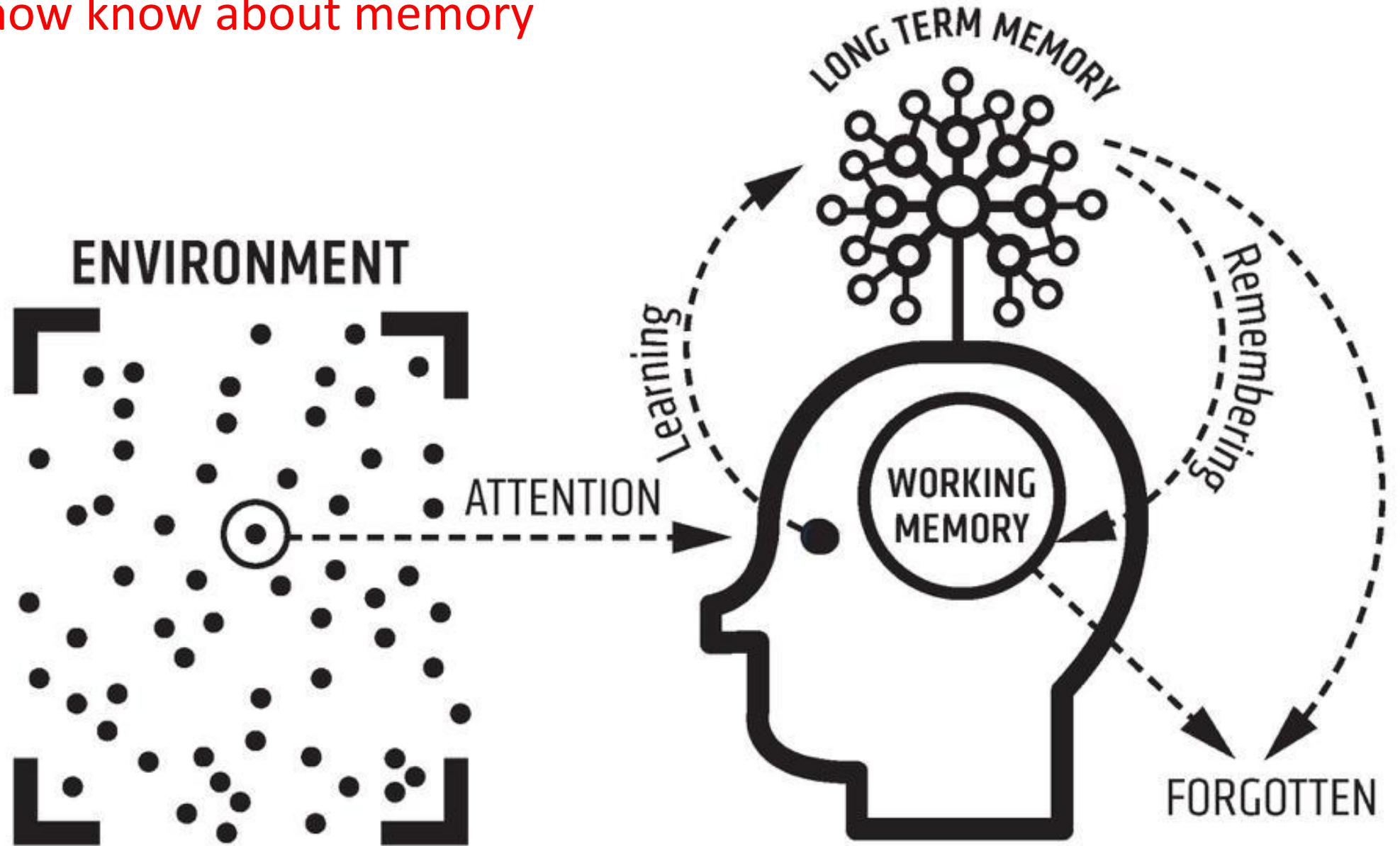
- **DO**

- Be aware of deadlines & examination dates
- Help with planning & organisation
- Encourage and enforce routine eg bed times, phones away etc.
- Be prepared to talk and listen- keep a low profile
- Help maintain a sense of perspective- encourage regular breaks
- Liaise with school
- Respond positively when they ask for help
- Recognise that this is a stressful time and that this is natural.

What can parents do to help?

- **DON'T**
 - **Make comparisons with siblings.**
 - **Unintentionally add to worries by constantly mentioning exams.**
 - **Worry if revision techniques are strange or unusual.**
 - **Distract them unnecessarily.**
 - **Expect them to study all the time.**

What we now know about memory



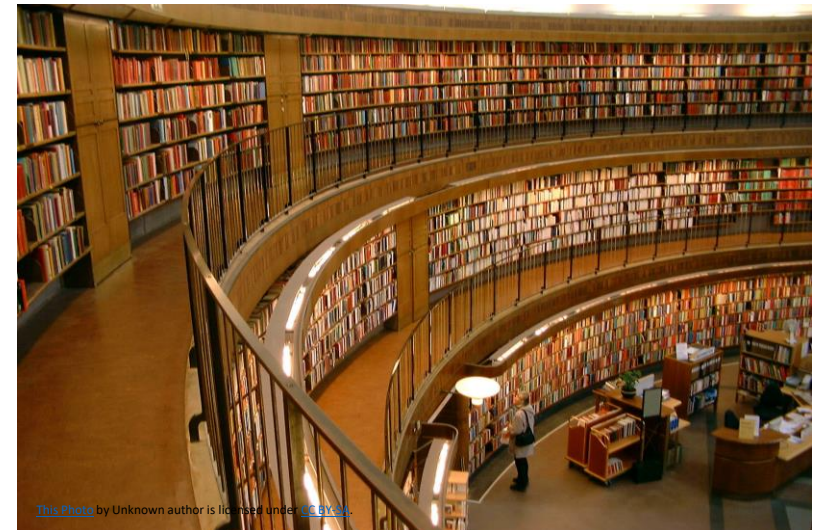
Interventions

- Interventions take place in the classroom
- Research states interventions are effective when they are targeted rather than blanket.
- Interventions will run for students who are targeted-those furthest from target grades. To be reviewed in January.
- Subject leaders will contact parents and students.
- If your child is struggling in a subject then speak with their teacher.

Revision and memory

To move things to our long term memory, where it will stick, and from where we can retrieve the knowledge we need and then apply our brains need to:

- Revisit knowledge
- Retrieve it – through questioning and testing
- **Deliberately practise using it**



Effective Revision Strategies

- **Active revision is key!**
- **Active revision means involving your eyes, ears and hands in a variety of ways**
 1. What do they need to know? Specification, revision checklists-rank understanding
 2. writing revision notes, condense them
 3. Create mindmaps and flashcards
 4. reading notes aloud,
 5. recording key points on your phone, group chats
 6. discussing topics with friends,
 7. testing yourself or getting others to test you,
 8. using revision websites, videos
 9. Research tells us that the BEST way to prepare for exams is.....

The best way to prepare....

USE PAST PAPERS OR MODEL EXAM QUESTIONS

- Practise in timed conditions
- Use a question and then time hours securing the knowledge
- Re-write past questions
- Ask a teacher to check that you on the right track
- Access the mark schemes online to check

Planning your revision.

- **Produce a revision schedule**
 - **Day by day**
 - **Subject by subject**
 - **Topic by topic**
- **Useful to draw up a trial schedule lasting one week.**
- **Are they following it?**

Key takeaways

- **Make revision a priority**
- **Start early- cramming simply will not work**
- **Revision timetable-help them stick to it.**
- **Put in the hours**
- **Revise all topics**
- **Tackle past papers**
- **Take every opportunity to revise**
- **Use exam board websites**

Looking ahead



Total points of 46 or higher
(best 8)

6 grade 'B' (in 'old money')
and 5 grade 'C' (in 'old money')

6 x 6 = 36 (6 high B grades)

2 x 5 = 10 (2 high C grades)

Total 46

Subject entry
requirements

A base level of numeracy and literacy (grade 4 in English Language and Maths. grade 5 in one of Maths, English Literature or Language.

Coping With Stress

- **Talk about it**
- **Take time out to have fun**
- **Do some exercise**
- **Think positively**
- **Eat well**
- **Use breathing techniques**
- **Ask for support**



Thank you for coming