



Our mission

Create a remarkable school where no child is left behind



Our vision

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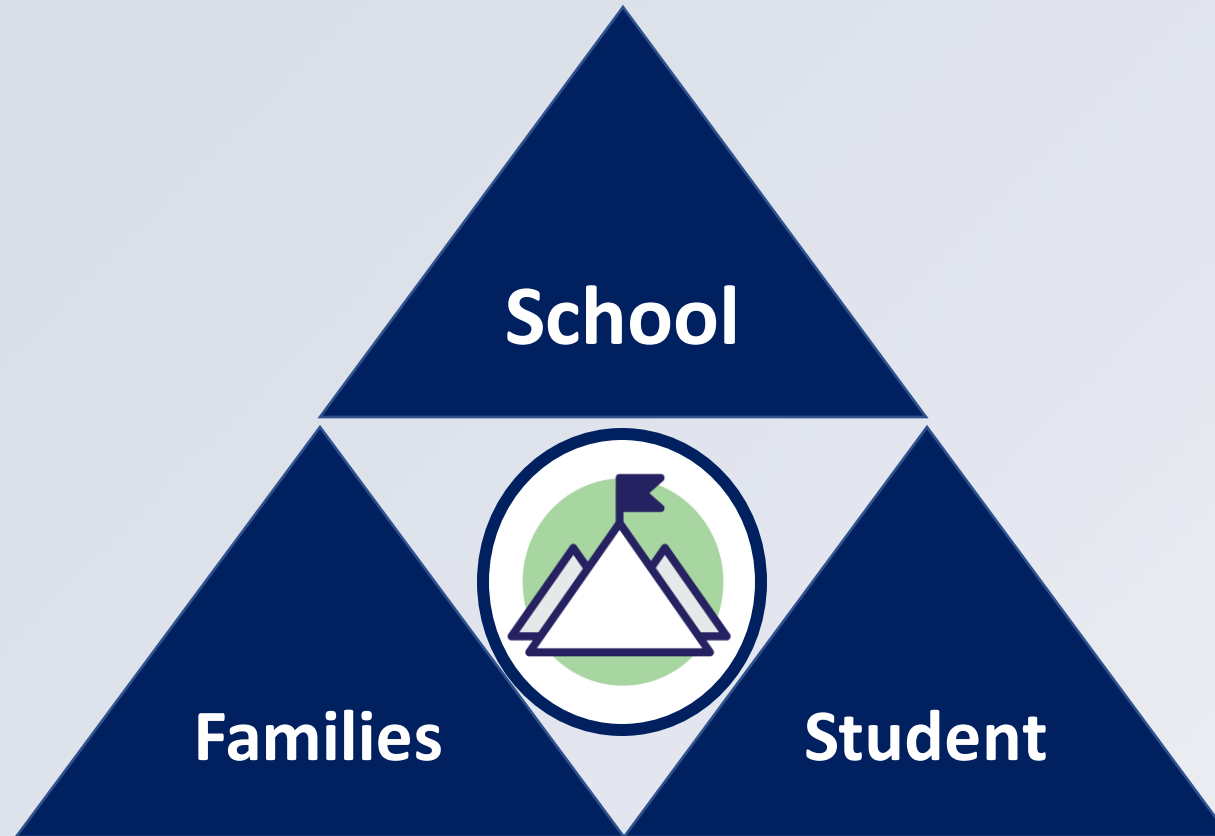
Our values

- **Enjoy** - We do whatever it takes. We keep it simple and do it brilliantly
- **Learn** - We aim for excellence. No one gets left behind
- **Succeed** - All students can achieve great things. We focus on being the best possible version of ourselves



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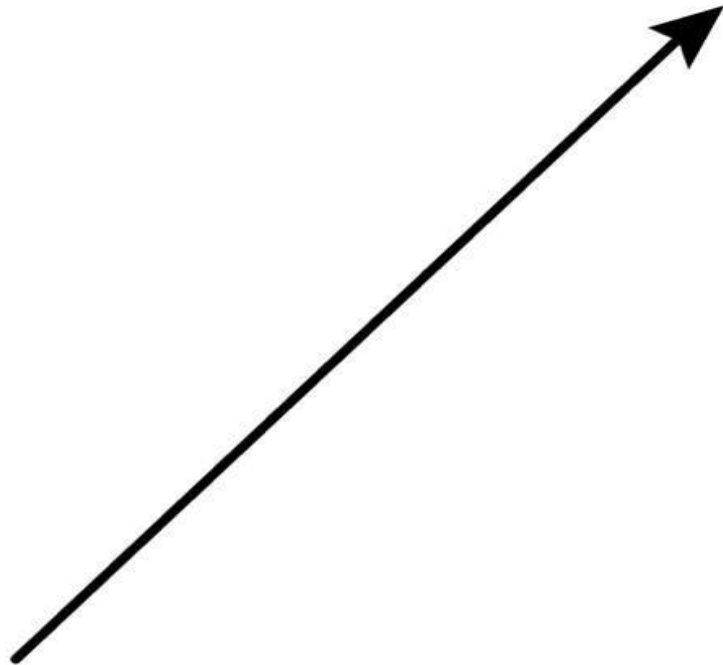
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**It is more important than ever that we work
together to support your child**

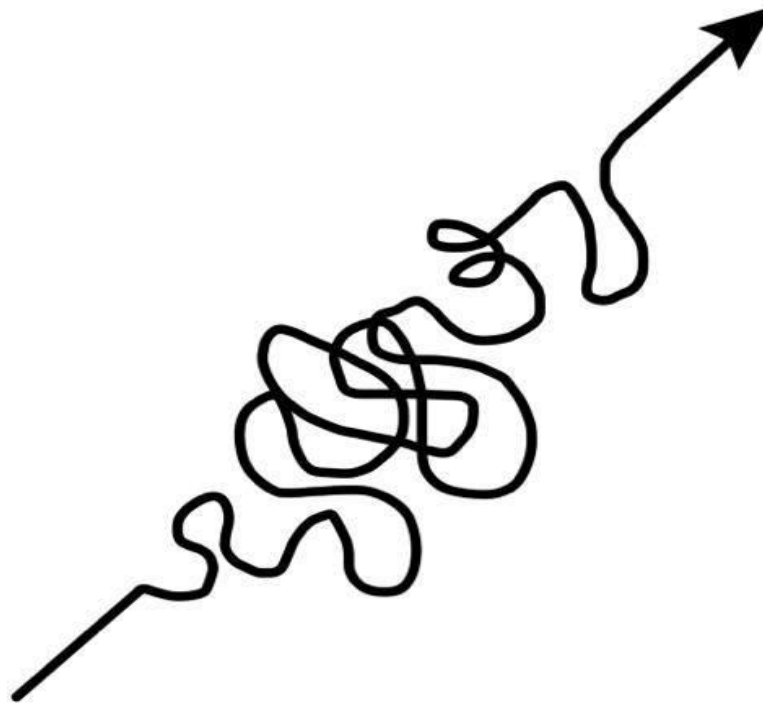
- Opportunity for each Year 11 student to demonstrate what they know and remember
- Year 11 is about ensuring that your child is able to have a choice about their next stage in education
- The year will disappear very quickly – the majority of exams will start in May
- Year 11 is a challenging year for families
 - Difficult for you to know how to best support your child
 - Difficult for students in making sure that they are prepared and ready for external exams
 - Stressful for everyone
- We are here to work with you to help support your child every step of the way

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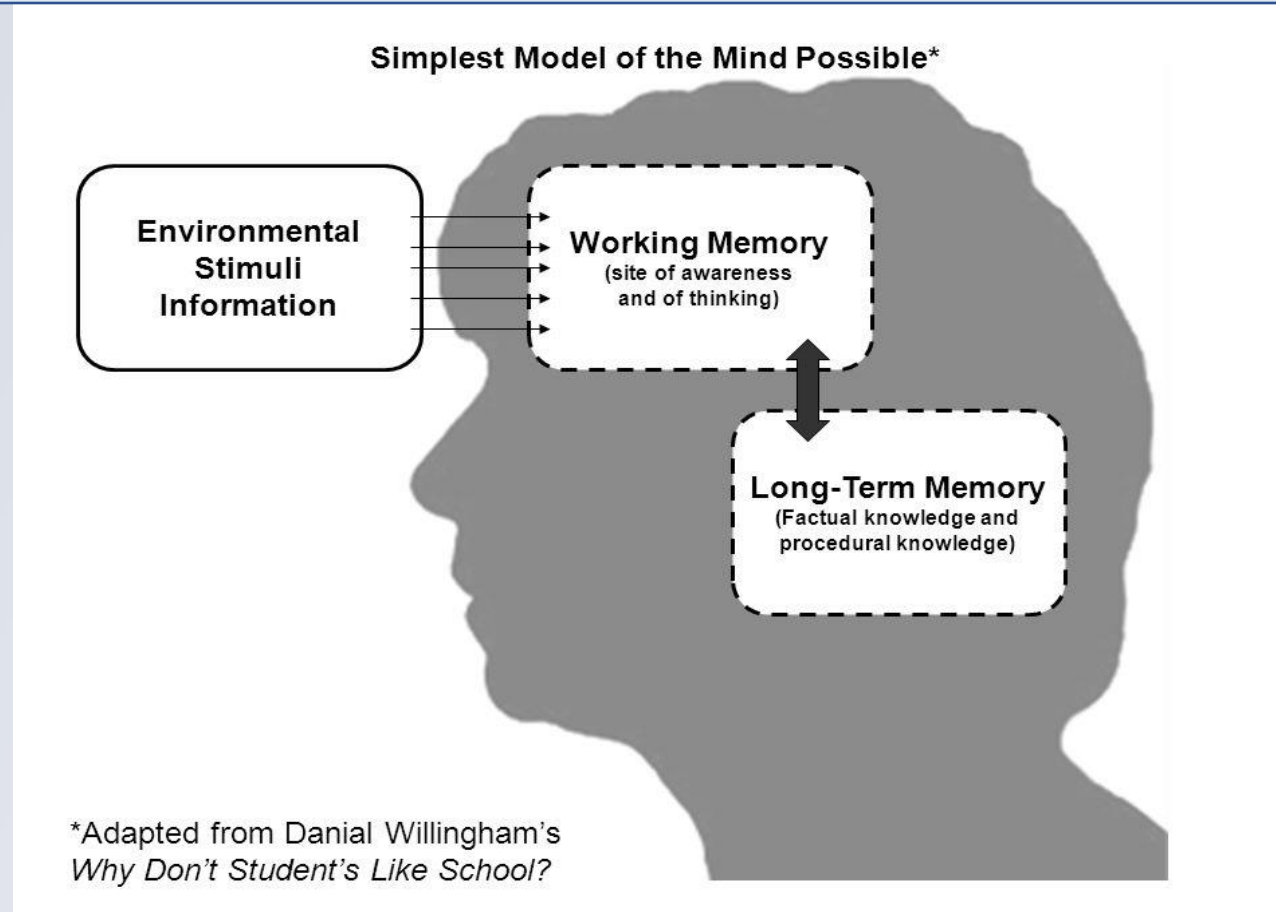
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What does
the path
to success
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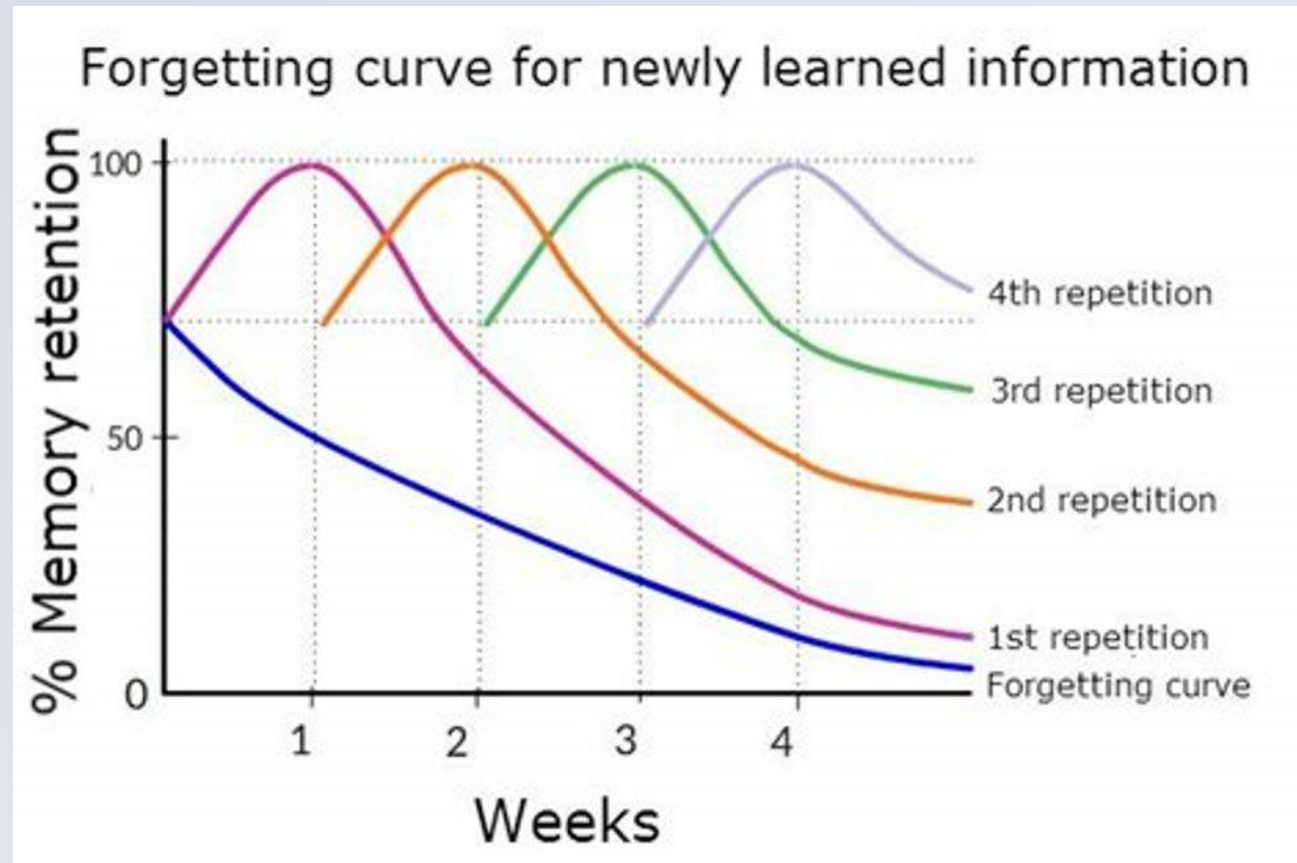
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- We want to do everything that we can to support your child to do their very best this year.
- We know that Year 11 is challenging for a lot of our students and that their views about what helps them succeed are important.
- We have based this year's strategy on the feedback from the 2021/2022 Year 11 cohort
- What worked well
- What we needed to change
- What we needed to do differently

Your child will have to remember a lot of information over the next 18 months for a lot of different subjects. This is tested in a small period of time. We want to make sure they are fully prepared!



On average, students will sit a total of 20 - 22 exams at the end of Year 11, over a short period of time.





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Practise these tasks independently with your knowledge organisers.

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Recreate It



Recreate **diagrams**, maps or images – first by copying from the sheet, eventually moving on to recalling entirely from memory.

Prioritise It



Identify the **top three** most important pieces of content on the sheet – **justify** your reasons (explain why).

Be a Photocopier



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Reduce It



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Mind-map It



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Look, Cover, Write, Check



Choose a section and **look**, trying to remember it. **Cover** it up. **Write** it out. **Check** what you missed and add it in **green pen**.

Connect It



Find **connections** between ideas, vocabulary or facts on the knowledge organiser. How many connections can you find between them?

Quiz It




Write yourself a **quiz** based on the KO. Come back to it another day and see if you can answer it from memory. **Red pen** your answers.









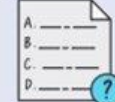
Developing pupils' metacognitive knowledge of how they learn—their knowledge of **themselves as a learner**, of strategies, and of **tasks**—is an effective way of improving pupil outcomes.

EEF – metacognition and self regulated learning report














- We need you to know more and remember more and we think these 9 study skills will help you do this.
- You might like one more than the other
- You might like one for English and another for maths
- Trial and error – we are all different
- By the end all of you will know how to use these study skills to revise.

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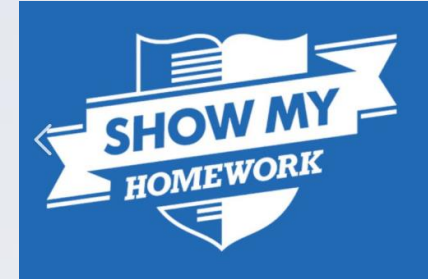
Study Skills Cycle 1 Timeline September 2022

Icon	Week and Date	Name
	1 – 5/09/22	Quiz it
	2 – 12/09/22	Recreate it
	3 – 19/09/2022	Transform it
	4 – 26/09/2022	Be a photocopier
	5 – 3/10/2022	Look, cover, write, check
	6 – 10/10/2022	Reduce it
	7 – 17/10/2022	Prioritise it
	8 – 31/10/2022	Mind-map it
	9 – 7/11/2022	Connect it
	10 – 14/11/2022	Department Choice
	11 – 21/11/2022	Department Choice
	12 – 28/11/2022	Department Choice
	13 – 5/12/2022	Department Choice

What are we doing?

Study Skills Whole School	Study Skills Dept Choice
English (1 per week)	Maths (1 per week)
Science (1 per week)	PE (3 out of 9)
Geography (1 per week)	Music (3 out of 9)
History (1 per week)	Art (3 out of 9)
REW (3 out of 9)	CS (3 out of 9 at KS3 but 1 per week at KS4)
MFL (1 per week)	Tech/Food/Engineering (3 out of 9)
	Business (1 per week)

- Linked our homework's to our study skills programme
- Why?
- To allow you to practise and embed the strategy more than once
- To reduce the cognitive load on our brains
- To develop good habits
- To improve our resilience and independence





- 6 th Form / Colleges / Apprenticeships will nearly all require at least a grade 4 in both English and Maths.
- Students not achieving a grade 4 in either or both will need to resit this qualification in Y12 wherever they go.
- Maths and English are the key to your child's next steps. [?] We work very closely with the students who have not yet got there



- P7
- Saturday School – After Christmas
- Mocks – adapt our curriculum
- Study club – 13:00-13:30 Monday – Thursday
- Bespoke Revision Timetable After Easter
- Walking Talking Mocks
- Knowledge tests – Registration
- GCSE POD

- Period 7/6 – one of our most effective ways to help your child
- Period 7 will commence on Tuesday 12th September, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. On a Friday it will run 2:30pm – 3:0pm
- Period 7 will run in cycles of approximately 6 weeks – Test, Teach. Test!
- In most subjects over 75% of Year 11s said that Period 6 helped them to make progress.

- 96% of Year 11 students said that private tuition at Saturday school helped them to make progress
- On average, there was an increase of 1.5 grades between the end of February and May

- There will be 2 weeks of exams starting the 1st November 2022 and 21st February 2023
- Every exam will be taken in the hall.
- These will give students first hand experience of what it is like to sit GCSE examinations in the hall.
- It will give teachers vital information about what your child needs more support in mastering – if they have revised!
- New P7 lists will be generated based on results.
- Results will be shared at parents' evening on Thursday 8th December for November mock examinations

How will Study Club run?

- Study Club will run Monday to Thursday straight after lunch (13:30 to 14:00)
- Groupings are slightly different to tutor groups
 - This will enable us to do targeted intervention and support students of a similar ability
- Each day will have a different subject focus
- Form Tutors will stay in their normal teaching rooms as shown on the new timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	English	Wellness Wednesday (PHSCE)	Science

- After Easter students will be given a bespoke timetable.
- There will be revision sessions held before the majority of exams.
- Before each exam there will be an exam briefing in the hall. 85% of Year 11 students felt the bespoke revision timetable helped them to feel more prepared for the final exams

- On average, 75% of Year 11 students felt Walking Talking Mocks helped them to feel more confident in the exams.
- Walking Talking Mocks took place in English, Maths and Science as well as in subject lessons.

- The rationale behind FT knowledge tests is to help students revise key knowledge for their GCSEs.
- We would ask you to support these by purchasing the relevant revision guides, and ensuring your child brings them to form time.
- As students grow in confidence, they will be encouraged to complete the tests from memory, rather than relying on the revision guides.
- These knowledge tests are designed to consolidate your home revision.

65% of Year 11 students felt that the FT knowledge tests helped them to make progress in the subject.

- In the Autumn term students will be given a login code to our GCSE revision site.
- GCSEPod is proven to engage students and consolidate subject knowledge.
- It will be a very useful resource in helping students revise for their GCSEs



Key Dates

- Knowing the key dates both for the short-term and the long-term will help you and your child plan for the year.
- Y11 Mock Examinations start –WC 31st October 2022
- Y11 Mock Examinations – W/C 20th February 2022
- Exams begin May 2023



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