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# Yr 11 Parent Information Guide

2021-2022

# Role of Parents in Yr 11

The role of parents is critical to the success of a child in year 11. With students only spending 5-6 hours a day in lessons, the work they do at home can make a significant difference to the grades they achieve this summer.

This year, more than ever, you play an integral role in ensuring students drive on to succeed whilst maintain balance between their studies, relaxing and other interests. You can help support your child in a variety of ways including:

- Creating a suitable workspace, free from distractions
- Help to keep to timetables for both homework and revision
- Build in regular breaks, distractions and rewards for hard work
- Ask questions about their work
- Quiz them on topics when revising
- Ensure you have the ClassCharts app downloaded to help monitor progress
- Attend parents evenings and the exam success evening later in the year

The following guide should provide key information that we hope you will find useful for the year ahead. As ever please contact the year team if you need any further support throughout the year:

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# Yr 11 Lesson Times & Homework

## Lesson times:

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Form time
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Period 1
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	Period 2
<b>11:00-11:20</b>	Break
<b>11:20-12:20</b>	Period 3
<b>12:20-13:30</b>	Period 4
<b>13:30-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	Period 5
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	After school interventions and revision

## Homework:

In any year at school homework plays a key part of ensuring students consolidate and secure their understanding of work covered in lessons. In year 11 homework will be set regularly in all subjects. In total students should have about 10 hours homework a week. It is important that students see this homework as part of their revision and any work they are doing at home contributes to their revision timetable.

Students who do not complete homework will sit a same day detention in one of our computer based rooms, where they can catch up on the tasks missed.

# Key Dates for Year

## Term 1:

Post 16 Open Evening	21st October
October Half Term - Some intervention sessions	25th-29th October
Targeted coursework intervention after school	After Half Term
Trial exams	15th-26th November
Post 16 Interviews	December (Dates TBC)
Christmas Holidays	20th December - 3rd January

## Term 2:

Parents Evening (Virtual)	13th January
External exams in some vocational subjects	First few weeks of term
Trial exams (Core)	14th-18th February
February Half Term - Intervention sessions	21st-25th February
Twilight revision begins	28th February
Exam Success Evening	24th March (TBC)
Easter Holidays - Intervention sessions	4th-18th April

## Term 3:

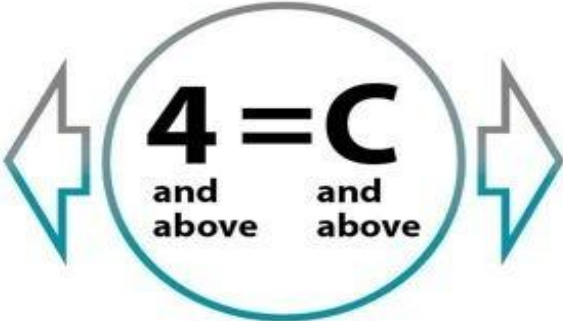
Final exams	May/June
End of year celebration assembly	June ( Date TBC)
Prom	June (Date TBC)
Results Day	25th August

# Curriculum Overview

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Type of course</b>	<b>Exam Board (linked to course website)</b>
Art	GCSE	<a href="#">Edexcel</a>
Business Studies	GCSE	<a href="#">Edexcel</a>
Computing	GCSE	<a href="#">OCR</a>
Dance	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Drama	GCSE	<a href="#">OCR</a>
English	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
English Literature	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Enterprise	BTEC	<a href="#">Pearson</a>
Food Preparation & Nutrition	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
French	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Geography	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Health and Social Care	BTEC	<a href="#">Pearson</a>
History	GCSE	<a href="#">Edexcel</a>
ICT	BTEC	<a href="#">Pearson</a>
Maths	GCSE	<a href="#">Edexcel</a>
Media Studies	Camb. National	<a href="#">OCR</a>
Music	BTEC	<a href="#">Pearson</a>
Photography	GCSE	<a href="#">OCR</a>
Physical Education	GCSE	<a href="#">OCR</a>
Product Design	GCSE	<a href="#">Eduqas</a>
Religious Studies	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Science	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Spanish	GCSE	<a href="#">AQA</a>
Sports Science	Camb. National	<a href="#">OCR</a>

# GCSE Grading

Over the last few years GCSEs have changed the way they are graded from the old A\*-U system with a new numerical system. The graphic below shows a comparison of those grades and also includes the vocational system which grades as Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction \* at Level 1 and Level 2.

Current GCSE Grading System			Old GCSE Grading System	
9	L2D*		A*	
8				
7	L2D		A	
6	L2M		B	
5				
4	L2P		C	
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3	L1D		D	
2	L1M		E	
1	L1P		F	
			G	
U			U	

# Recommended Revision Guides

Subject	ISBN	Title
Business Studies GCSE	9781292190709	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Workbook
Business Studies GCSE	9781292190716	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide
Computer Science	9781782948605	New GCSE Computer Science OCR Complete Revision & Practice - Grade 9-1 (with Online Edition)
Design and TEchnology	PP-DT-GCSE	the pocket sized revision guide GCSE Design & Technology all gcse specs (9-1) - pocket posters
Drama	9781782949626	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide
Drama	9781782949664	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Play Guide - Blood Brothers
English Language	9781782943693	GCSE English Language AQA Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course
English Language	9781782943709	GCSE English Language AQA Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course (includes Answers)
English Lit	9781782943099	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Text Guide - A Christmas Carol
English Lit	9781782943648	New Grade 9-1 GCSE English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide - Book 1
English Lit	9781841461151	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Text Guide - An Inspector Calls
English Lit	9781841461168	Grade 9-1 GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide - Macbeth
Enterprise	9781292245607	Revise BTEC Tech Award Enterprise Revision Guide
Food Preparation and Nutrition	9781782946496	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Revision Guide
Food Preparation and Nutrition	9781782946502	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Exam Practice Workbook (includes Answers)
French	9781292131351	Revise AQA GCSE French Revision Workbook
French	9781292131429	Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) French Revision Guide
Geography	9780198423461	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide
Health and Social Care	9781292245614	Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Revision Guide
ICT	9781292272740	BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Revision Guide
Maths	9781447988045	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Revision Guide (with online edition)
Maths	9781447988090	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher Revision Guide (with online edition)
PE	9781510405257	My Revision Notes: OCR GCSE (9-1) PE 2nd Edition
Religious Studies	9780198422839	AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide
Science	9781782945598	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: AQA Revision Guide with Online Edition - Higher
Science	9781782945604	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: AQA Revision Guide with Online Edition - Foundation
Spanish	9781292131412	Revise AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook
Spanish	9781292131443	Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish Revision Guide

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
7-9	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
9-11	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
11-13	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
13-15	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
15-17	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
17-19	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
19-21	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
21-23	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
23-25	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
25-27	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
27-29	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		
29-31	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		

## 1. Make time

- Create time in your evenings and weekends to revise regularly
- Create a revision timetable and stick to it
- Revise in 30 minute chunks and then break
- Revise additional content (on top of your set homework) that you studied last week/month/year
- Keep practising recalling the knowledge. Do it again, and again and again
- Revise away from other distractions (like your phones)



## 2. Recall from memory

Write or say everything you know about a topic, without looking at your notes.

### **Independently**

Read a revision guide/your notes and then re-write everything you can without looking. How much can you remember? Do the same task a day and then a week later. Check back at the guide to see what you missed. Then do it again.

### **With a friend, parent or carer**

Give them the revision guide/your notes and ask them to ask you questions on the core knowledge. How much can you recall? Can you answer all their questions accurately?



## 3. Condense it down

Take a lot of knowledge, then make it smaller (but so that you could still expand it again in its entirety)

- Turn 100 words into 30 words **OR** Turn 1 long quote into 1 word
- Make a mind-map but only write down key facts and words
- Memorise acronyms and then think up your own

Taken from the PGS Revision Guide:

<http://www.pudseygrangefield.co.uk/years-7-11/year-11/revision-techniques/>



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## 4. Visual variety

The use of colour and drawing can help you remember key factual information

- Make and memorise flashcards
- Revise using different colours and colour-code your topics
- Draw small pictures next to your annotations
- Turn your bedroom, home, bathroom into a revision palace by sticking mind-maps on the walls
- Stick up annotated post-it notes all over your bedroom/house



## 5. Perfect past papers

Completing past papers are excellent ways to test whether you can apply your knowledge and skills

- Complete an additional past paper at home
- Check whether you can do it without looking at a revision guide
- Check whether you can do it in the right amount of time



## 6. The Technology Type

- Use your phone or your computer to support revision
- Use an app e.g. Gojimo/Memrise
- Use GCSE Bitesize
- Record yourself and listen back to what you could recall

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# Useful Documents

## **Blank Revision Clock -**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/16JC7nE\\_pseMBsOZMUNWwv61t-3lrAAu70k4654eaN18/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16JC7nE_pseMBsOZMUNWwv61t-3lrAAu70k4654eaN18/edit?usp=sharing)

## **Blank Mindmap -**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18MecuoYszx3ZCNGTwgLOgzBqEknBTLUIBFoxkifeT0A/edit?usp=sharing>

## **Blank Revision Timetable -**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Los3TVdMmVb1xAHSwH2TImZCEwSG8PP2ZhH18UA\\_oo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Los3TVdMmVb1xAHSwH2TImZCEwSG8PP2ZhH18UA_oo/edit?usp=sharing)

## **Guide for Parents to helping with anxiety -**

<https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/years-7-11/year-11/useful-documents-websites-and-apps/>

# Useful Websites and Apps

Website	Link	What is it?
BBC Bitesize	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98im03">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98im03</a>	Lot's of revision Content
SparkNotes	<a href="https://www.sparknotes.com/">https://www.sparknotes.com/</a>	Great for learning English Quotes
Exam Solutions	<a href="https://www.examsolutions.net/">https://www.examsolutions.net/</a>	Maths tutorials and exam question
Seneca Learning	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>	Covers a range of subjects
Oak National Academy	<a href="https://www.thenationalacademy/">https://www.thenationalacademy/</a>	A collection of tutorials and online lessons for a range of subjects
Study Tracks (Youtube channel)	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpe-DhmuXzVzNDy32tnzxq?reload=9">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpe-DhmuXzVzNDy32tnzxq?reload=9</a>	An organisation to puts core knowledge to contemporary music
Young minds	<a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feeling-s-and-symptoms/exam-stress/">https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feeling-s-and-symptoms/exam-stress/</a>	Amongst other support some great advice on dealing with exams
Kooth	<a href="https://www.kooth.com/">https://www.kooth.com/</a>	Online counselling and support for mental health issues
MindMate	<a href="https://www.mindmate.org.uk/">https://www.mindmate.org.uk/</a>	Signposts support in Leeds for mental health issues

App	What does it do?
Gojimo	This app offers multiple choice questions to practise a range of subjects.
Quizlet	Search millions of study sets or create you own. Improve your school results by studying with flashcards, games and more.
Adapt - Revision Timetable	Helps build revision timetables specific to your subjects and exam boards.
Study Tracks	Use this app to aid your recollection and retention of the core syllabus. It's as easy as remembering the lyrics to a song... core knowledge from a range of subjects is put to great music and beats which sticks in your head. Then test yourself on what you've learned. Great for recall in exams!
Past Paper Ku	Over 100,000 past exam papers for free!
SimpleMind Lite	A beautifully simple way to create mind-maps.

*\*These can be downloaded onto phones/tablets for revision on the move. There may be a small cost for some of these apps. There could also be in-app purchases so you may wish to disable this facility on the device to avoid any extra costs.*