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Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

*Ensuring that our pupils are prepared for their GCSEs and helping them to
maximise their potential in Year 11 and beyond*

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Programme

Introduction

Mr T Markall - Headteacher

Examination Information

Mr A Seal - Deputy Headteacher

Revision Skills and Support

Ms S Sullivan - Assistant Headteacher

Careers Information and Moving Forward

Miss K Mather - Assistant Headteacher

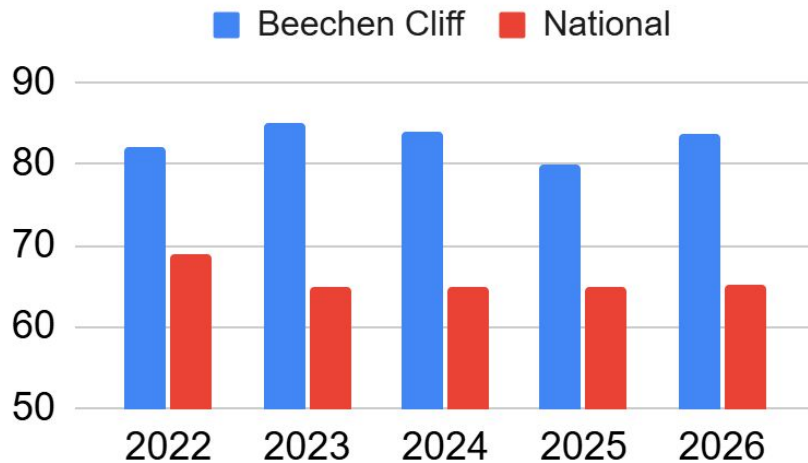
Attendance & Pastoral Support

Mr P Macdonald - Head of Year 11

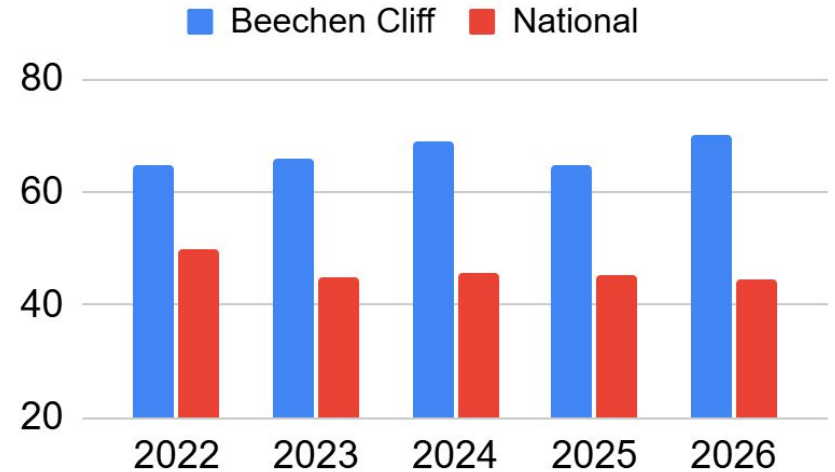
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Outcomes 2026

**% of students achieving grade 4+
in both English and Maths**



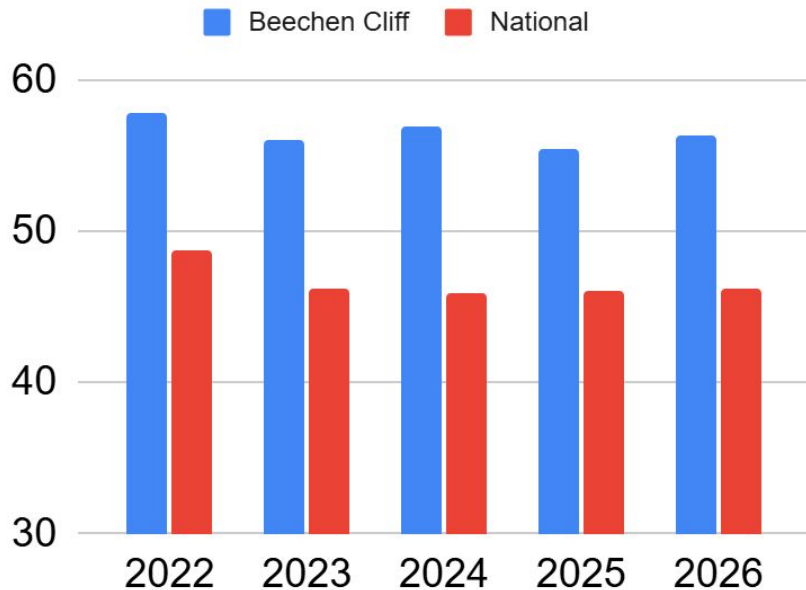
**% of students achieving grade 5+
in both English and Maths**



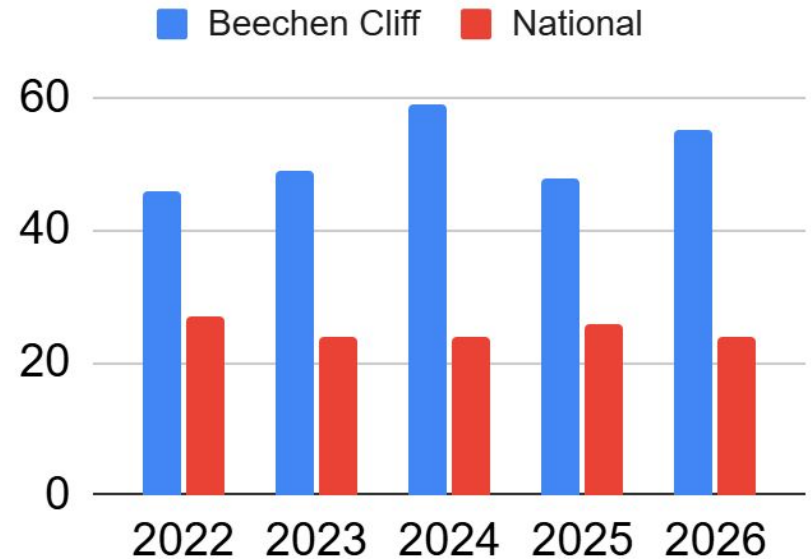
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Outcomes 2026

Average Attainment 8 Score vs national



% achieving EBacc (4+)



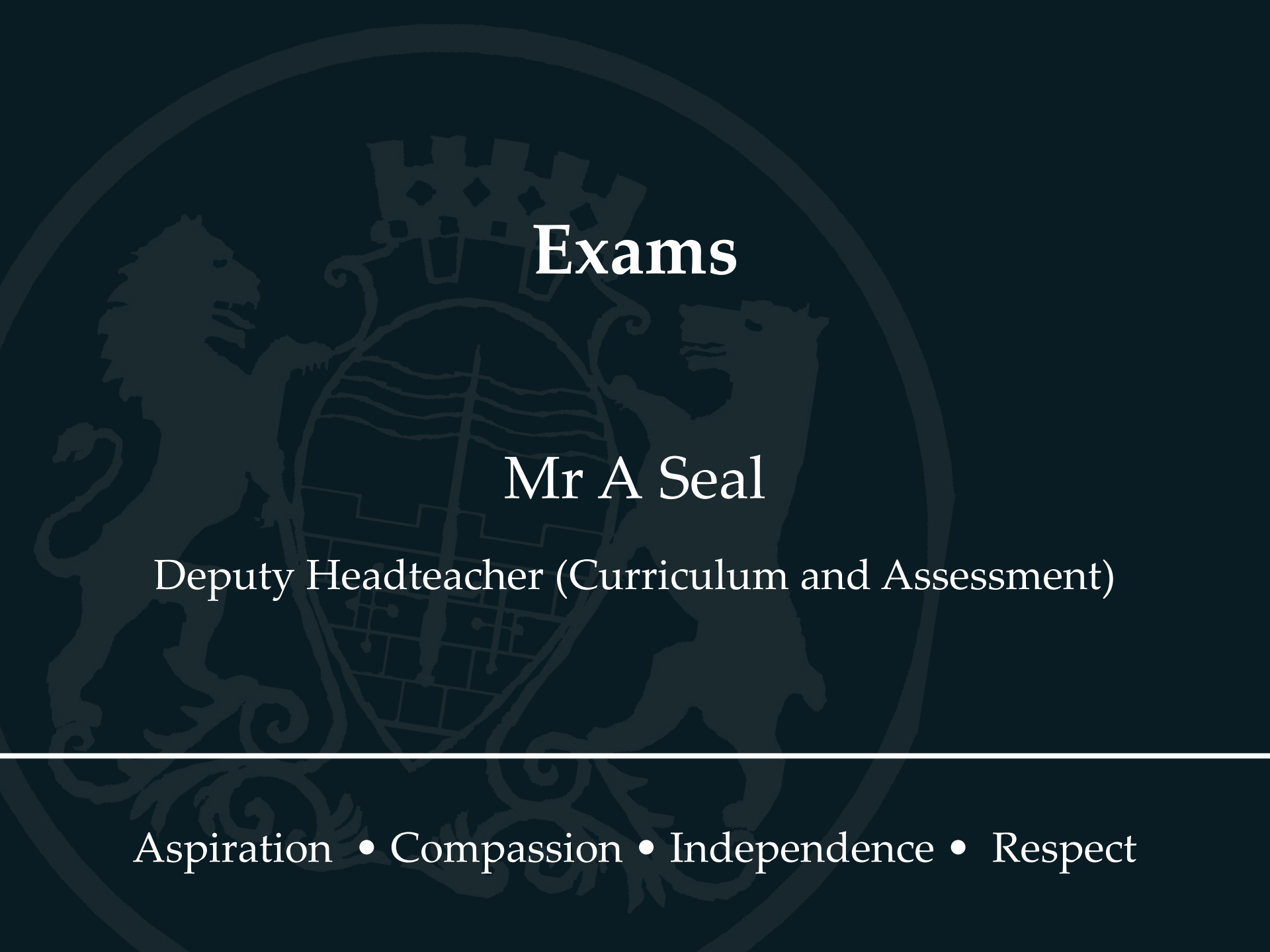
37% grades 9-7, 87% grades 9-4

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Outcomes 2026



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Exams

Mr A Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

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Key Exam Milestones

- November Mock Exams
4 school weeks away
- February Mock Exams
16 school weeks away
- Summer GCSE Exams
24 school weeks away

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 1

- Targeted English/Maths/Science revision sessions from term 1
- Mock exams assembly
- Revision skills session
- Mock exam timetable and list of all papers and PLCs

Term 2

- 1st set of Mock exams - 9th - 17th November
- Mock results day - 7th December
- Progress report - published at the end of term

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 3

- Parents Evening - Wednesday 13th January
- Wider range of after-school revision sessions begins
- Tutor mentoring program
- Revision sessions in tutor time continue

Term 4

- 2nd Set of Mock Exams - w/c 22nd February
- Final progress report published at the end of term 4
- Easter revision conference - for invited pupils

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 5

- PSHE lessons on coping with exam anxiety
- May/June - GCSE Exams begin
- Normal timetable collapsed
 - Compulsory revision sessions before each exam
 - Pre-exam briefings immediately before each exam
 - All pupils to attend school full time as usual

Term 6

- Revision sessions and pre-exam briefings continue
- Pupils must attend if they have an exam or revision session. Otherwise can revise at home.
- Leavers celebration and BBQ (Date TBC)

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Progress Reports

Published in December and March and will contain:

- Target grade
- Likely to Achieve (LtA) grade
- Mock Exam grade
- Attitude to Learning
- Behaviour
- Optional subject teacher comments - where there is a concern.

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Exam Board and revision information

Lots more information on our website

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2026-27

GCSE Mock Examinations are taking place at the following times:

- **November Mock Exams: 9th-17th November**
- **March Mock Exams: 1st – 9th March (TBC)**

These will take place in formal examination halls with external invigilators. Please use the links below to access a range of documents providing further information.

- [November Mocks Timetable](#) (Link will be added when finalised)
- [PLC's for each subject – November Mocks](#)
- [March Mocks Timetable](#) (Link will be added when finalised)
- [PLC's for each subject -March Mocks](#)
- [JCQ Guidelines on Examination Rules](#)
- [JCQ Instructions for Candidates](#)
- [How parents can support their son's revision.](#)

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Mock Exam Timetable

Year 11 Mock Examinations Timetable - November 2025

This is a generic copy of the timetable showing all examinations taking place. Pupils will be given a hard copy of their individual timetable before the end of term showing times and rooms. The following equipment will be required for all examinations: 2 Black pens, pencil, eraser, ruler, sharpener, a compass and a protractor set. This must be in a clear pencil case. A **calculator** will be required in Geography, Design Technology, the Sciences and Maths Papers 2 and 3.

Languages Listening exams

These will take place during language lessons in the preceding week. These will be in either normal classrooms or C1. Teachers will confirm this with students.

Date	Start time	Subject and paper	Length
Mon 3 Nov	2:15 am	French 11A listening H	45mins
		French 11A listening F	35mins
Tue 4 Nov	12:30 pm	French Italian, Spanish, German 11D listening H	45mins
		French, Italian, Spanish, German 11D listening F	35mins

All other exams

These will take place in the Sports Hall or the Library. A small number of students may sit these in the bungalow.

Date	Start time	Subject and paper	Length
Mon 10 Nov	9:00am	Maths Paper 1	1hr 30
		- Higher	
		- Foundation	
Mon 10 Nov	1.30pm	English Literature	55mins
Tue 11 Nov	9:00am	Biology Paper 1	1hr 45
		- triple science	
		- combined science	1hr 15

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Curriculum booklets and Exam Board information

Link to the handout



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Subject Exam board specifications and curriculum information 2025-27

Dear parents, in order to help you support your son in his studies in Year 10 and 11, please see the links below to the relevant exam board websites and subject curriculum booklets. These contain information about the content covered in each term, when assessments are planned to take place, the breakdown of the final exam structure and links to suggested revision materials.

Subject	Exam Board and Specification	Subject Curriculum Booklet	
Art	Eduqas GCSE Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design)	Art curriculum booklet	
Photography	Eduqas GCSE Art & Design (Photography)		
Business Studies	NCFE Level 1/2 Tech Award in Business & Enterprise	Business curriculum booklet	
Biology	AQA GCSE Biology 8461	Science curriculum booklet	
Chemistry	AQA GCSE Chemistry 8462		
Physics	AQA GCSE Physics 8463		

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Revision information

Further information
about Exam board and
links to the syllabus are
found at the end of each
subject curriculum
booklet

Key Stage 4

Useful resources:

- Pearson Revision Guide and Workbook (ISBNs: 9781447988045 / 9781447987925 / 9781447988090 / 9781292210889)
- MNSP MET: <https://met.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/home>
- MathsWatch: <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>
- Corbett Maths: <https://corbettmaths.com/>
- Maths Genie: <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

Final Assessment Structure:

Component	Weighting	Content	Proposed Date of Examination
Paper 1	33.3%	Non Calculator	May/June of Year 11
Paper 2	33.3%	Calculator	May/June of Year 11
Paper 3	33.3%	Calculator	May/June of Year 11

Please see exam board websites for up to date information:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

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Subject curriculum booklets and other information

Final Examination structure and suggested revision resources

Hospitality & Catering Level 2			
Component	Weighting (%)	Content	Proposed Examination Date
Unit 1: Written exam: 1 hour 20 minutes	40%	Unit 1: The hospitality and catering industry Questions requiring short and extended answers, based around applied situations. Learners will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions. 1.1 Hospitality and catering provision 1.2 How hospitality and catering providers operate 1.3 Health and safety in hospitality and catering 1.4 Food safety in hospitality and catering	May/June of Year 11
Unit 2: Controlled assessment: approximately 12 hours	60%	Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website. 2.1 The importance of nutrition 2.2 Menu planning 2.3 The skills and techniques of preparation, cooking and presentation of dishes 2.4 Evaluating cooking skills	Final hand in April of Year 11

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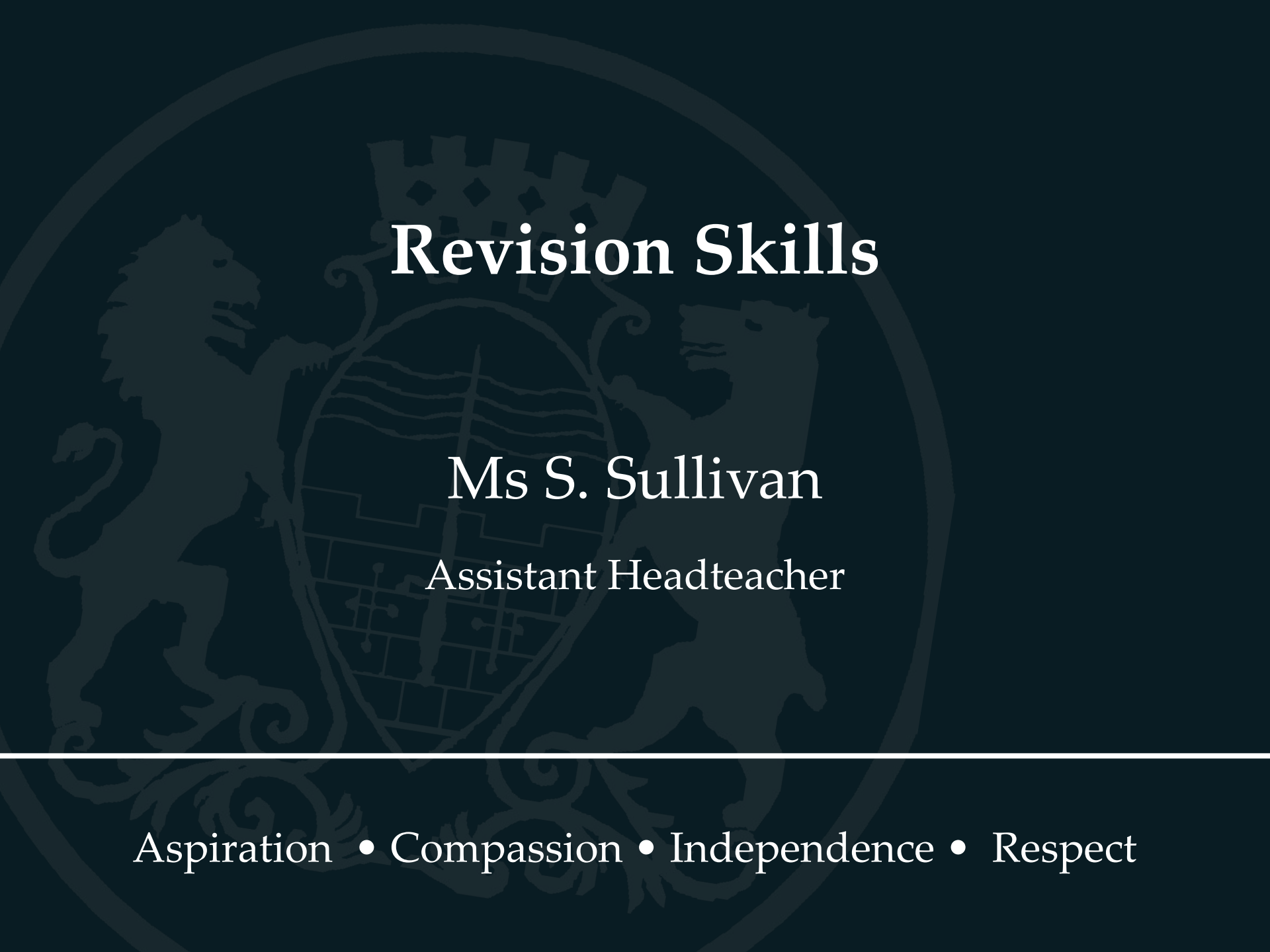
Results day

Thursday 19th August

Students will receive results in person in the morning.
Results can be emailed if requested. More details to follow.

If you have any questions about exam entries, please contact our exams officer using exams@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

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Revision Skills

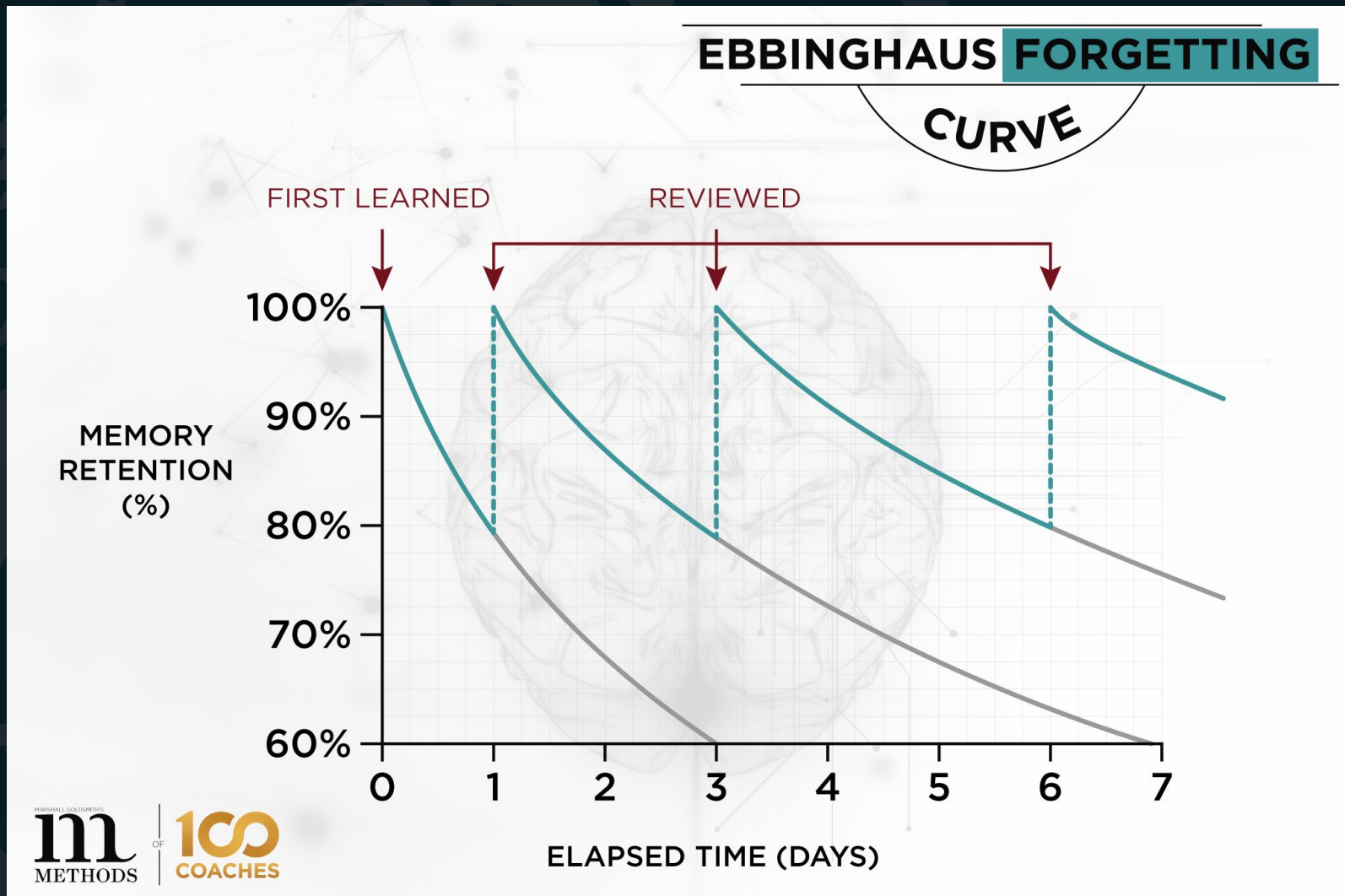
Ms S. Sullivan

Assistant Headteacher

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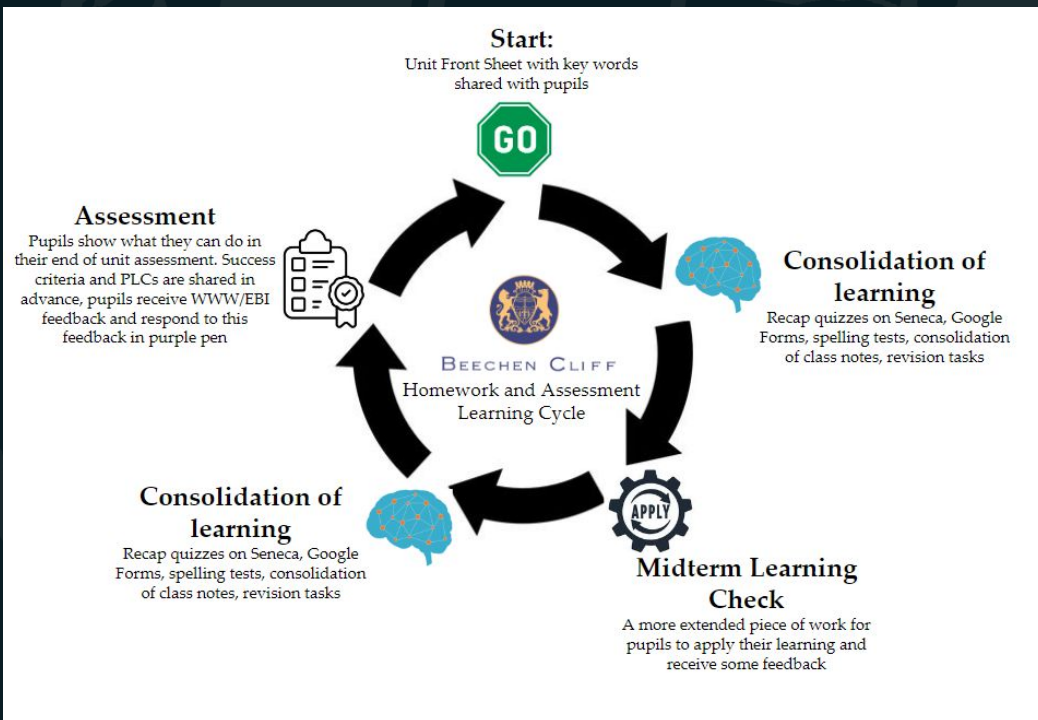
Revision Skills

- Forgetting things is normal!



Revision Skills

- Forgetting things is normal!
- Revision and recall is built into our T&L approach- Do Now tasks, Learning Cycle, knowledge quizzes, revision homework, PLCs, assessments and end of year tests



Revision Skills

Support in school:

- Revision assembly on 25th September, in January and April
- Revision Skills workshops
- Revision lessons in PSHE
- Revision time in tutor time
- Revision support in subjects

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Revision Skills and Support

Revision Skills Workshops

We covered:

- The time scale
- What has worked well for them in the past
- Sixth formers' top tips
- Ebbinghaus' 'forgetting curve' - revision starts now!
- Revision techniques
- Useful resources: revision timetables, Personalised Learning Checklists
- Looking after themselves during their exams
- 'I Commit To' statements in booklets

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5 Steps to Revise

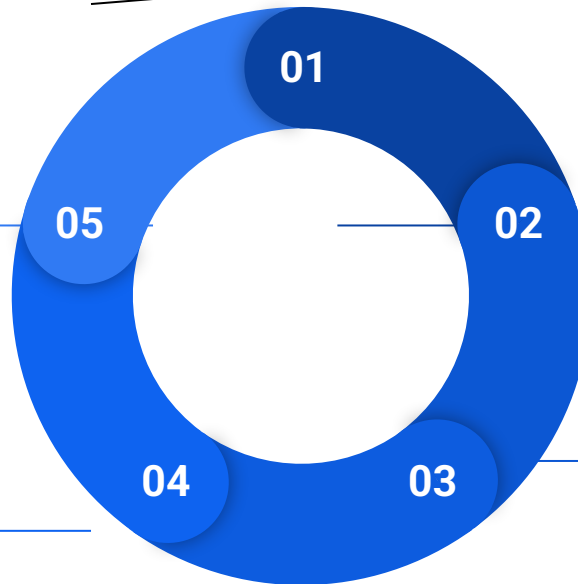
5. Apply your knowledge

Have a go at some practice questions. See if you can answer them without looking at your notes. At GCSE, you can find past papers on exam board websites. At KS3, you could use one of your old assessments to make up some new questions for this topic, or ask your teacher for some example questions. Check your answer against your notes/ the mark scheme.

4. Recite

Use your reduced notes to do look (read them), cover (turn them over/ cover them up), recite (write down or say out loud as much information as you can remember), check (go back to your mindmap/ flashcards and check if you remembered everything).

Repeat these steps with remaining units.



3. Reduce your notes

Summarise, or reduce/condense your notes. You could do this as a mindmap, a set of flashcards, a key words glossary or just by writing them out again more succinctly. You could also use the Cornell notes method.

1. Find out what you need to revise

Get your Personalised Learning Checklist (PLC), or the exam specification for GCSE. Talk to your teacher if you are unsure exactly what you need to revise. Read the PLC or exam specification through. Make a realistic revision timetable and stick to it.

2. Read your notes

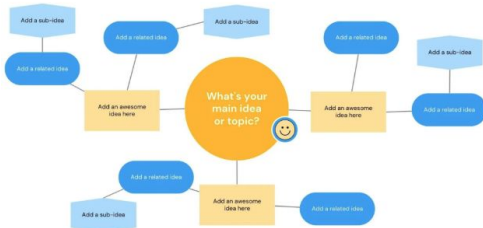
Choose a section to start with (it could be the section you feel least confident with!). Read over your notes/revision guide/ material and highlight key words or facts as you go.



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How to condense your notes

Mind Maps



Start with a central idea, then add main branches and subbranches with ideas/facts. Make connections between ideas, colour code branches and add some pictures to your branches.

Flashcards



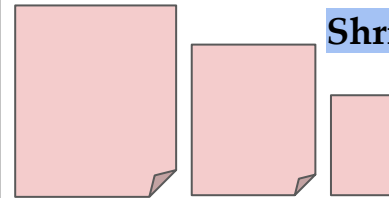
Put a title/prompt/question on one side, and summary notes/ the answer to the question on the other side. Once you have made your flashcards, read through them and use them to test yourself.

Glossaries



Read through your notes/ revision guide/ BBC Bitesize, and extract key words that are specific to that topic. Write them out with a subject-specific definition. Add pictures to help you remember the meaning of the words. Use look, cover, write, check to test yourself on the words and definitions.

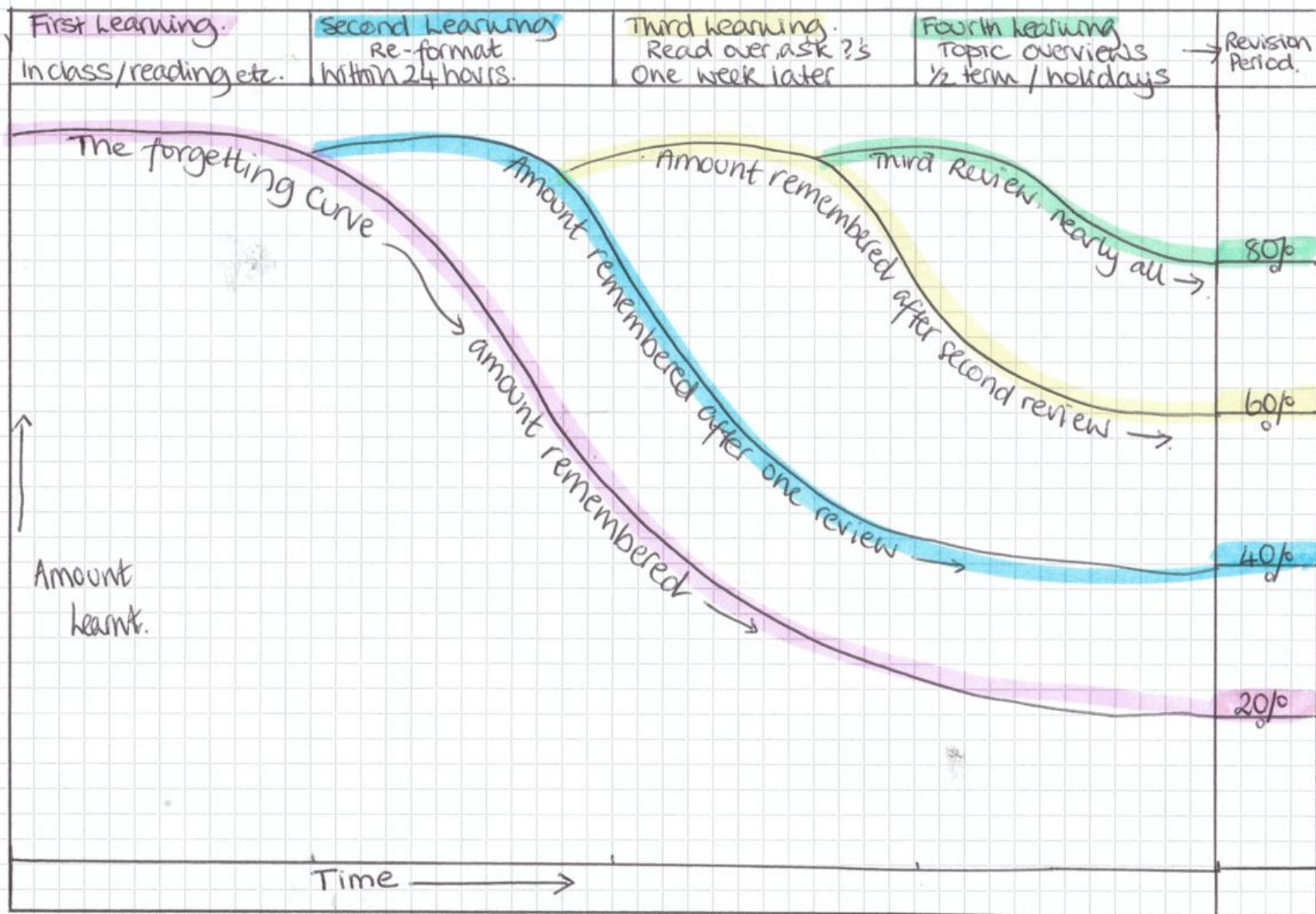
Shrinking notes



Start with a chunk of text, your mindmap or summary notes. Get some post it notes/ flashcards/ coloured paper in different sizes. Summarise your notes onto the largest piece first, then condense them down to fit onto the middle piece, then again into 2-3 bullet points or words on the smallest piece.

Re-
Learning

Revision starts
NOW!



Revision Timetables



Name:

Tutor Group:

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable, October – November 2025								
Weeks to first Mock Exam	Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	September	28 Revision Skills Workshop	29 Parent Information Evening	30	1	2	3	4
5	October	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4	October	12	13	14	14	16	17	18
3	October	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2	October/ November	26	27	28	29	30	31	01



Name:

Tutor Group:

	(Half Term)							
1	November	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Exams	November	09	10	11	12	13	14	15

Revision Timetables

- We recommend 8-10 hours of revision a week in the lead up to mock exams. This includes homework set by teachers
- Break this down into 20 minute/ ½ an hour/ 1 hour stints on different subjects
- Block out times they know they won't be able to revise, but make sure they're making up time elsewhere
- Balance is key- add rewards/ things to look forward to onto the revision timetable

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Revision Skills and Support

- Provide a study space
- Provide the materials they need – folders, stationery, equipment etc.
- Help choose one good revision guide for each subject (using curriculum booklets)
- Help your child to plan their revision timetable
- Help them to plan their week - routines
- Help them to achieve balance
- Quiz them on content and ask them to explain what they have just read over/ written out revision cards for

Revision Skills and Support

Key take homes:

- They need to knuckle down for the next six weeks
- Everything they do now counts for their final exams
- They should go beyond just revising content - apply it
- Vary revision
- Routine is key
- Balance is important
- They only have 8 months left!

Year 11 Careers and Destinations

Miss K Mather
Head of Sixth Form &
SLT Lead for
Careers



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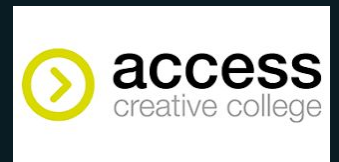
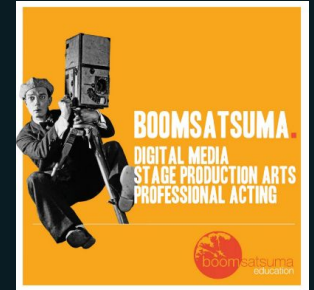
Post-16 Applications

Check the key dates information you will shortly receive from the Careers Department to attend lots of **Open Events (pre-book these)**

Read the prospectus for a number of different providers

Check the deadlines for applying

Apply to ALL you are considering - decide later.



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'Level 3 ' Courses Explained

A Levels, BTECs and V Levels

Subject-based qualifications

A Levels are **exam based**,
BTECs / V Levels are more
coursework based with exams

Delivered over 2 years in Sixth
Forms or Colleges

100% classroom-based

T Levels (Technical)

Classroom-based course with
industry placement

Delivered over 2 years by an
FE provider (colleges usually)

80% school, 20% on-the-job

Course examples:

Engineering, Business
Management, Media and
Production

Apprenticeships

Minimum 12 months.

Intermediate: Level 2
Advanced: Level 3

Work-based training,
preparation for entry into
skilled work

80% on-the-job, 20%
college

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Thinking about A Levels?

Beechen Cliff Sixth Form

Saturday 17th October 2026 – Sixth Form Open Morning - pre-book talks on the school website

Friday 11th December 2026 - Deadline to apply

March/April (during school day) - Interview

End of June - Induction days

August - On GCSE results day you will hear whether your son has been accepted into the Sixth Form
(based on **strict grade requirements**)



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Thinking about T Levels?

MNSP Sixth Form Hub OPEN EVENING

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



YOUR FUTURE
Fast-Track.



Tuesday 20th October • 5.30-7.30pm



Radstock Campus

Writhlington and Somerset Studio School sites



Come and find out more

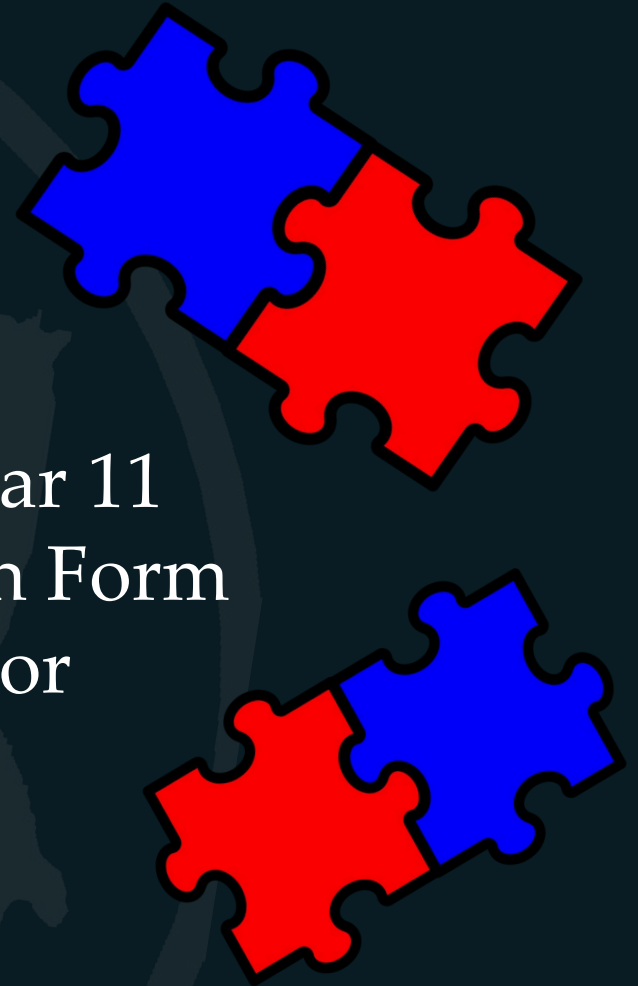
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Website



Who can help?

- Parents/Carers
- Subject Teachers
- Year 11 Tutor
- Mr Macdonald- Head of Year 11
- Miss Mather - Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Pascoe - Careers Advisor
- Sixth Form Team



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Attendance and Pastoral Support

Mr P. Macdonald

Head of Year 11

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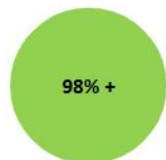
Attendance

- Punctuality - Start at 8:25am
- What IS good attendance?



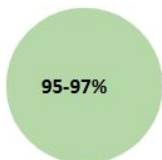
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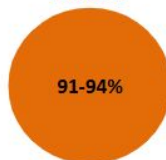
98% +

Good



95-97%

Worrying &
less chance of
success



91-94%

Persistent
absence - Serious
Concern

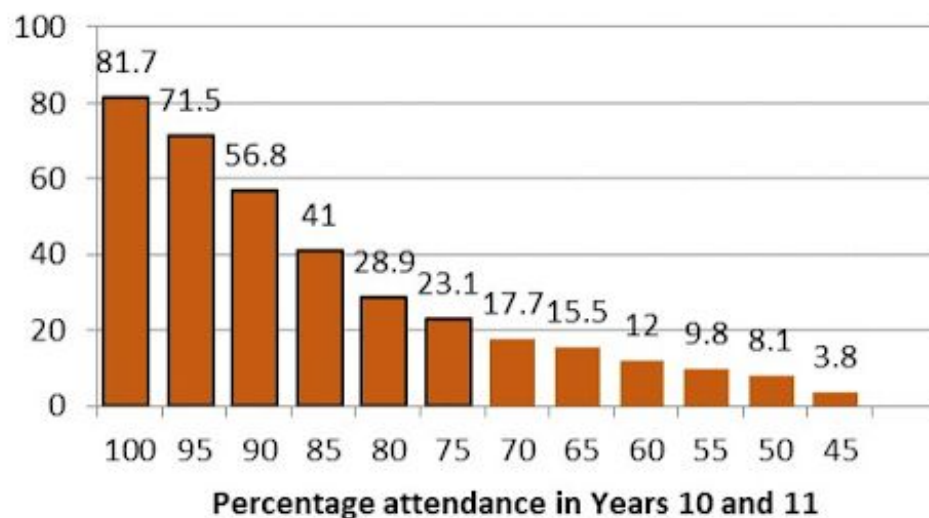


90% or
below

Attendance during one school year	Equals – days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
97%	5 days	1 week	25 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	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths

Percentage of students achieving



Attendance at Year 11

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

- Time will go fast this year!
(123 school days until the first exam)
- Curriculum time pressures
- N.E.A and other assessments
- Knowing that you are on track and making progress
- Pressure and potential anxiety issues

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Attendance at Year 11

**MOMENTS
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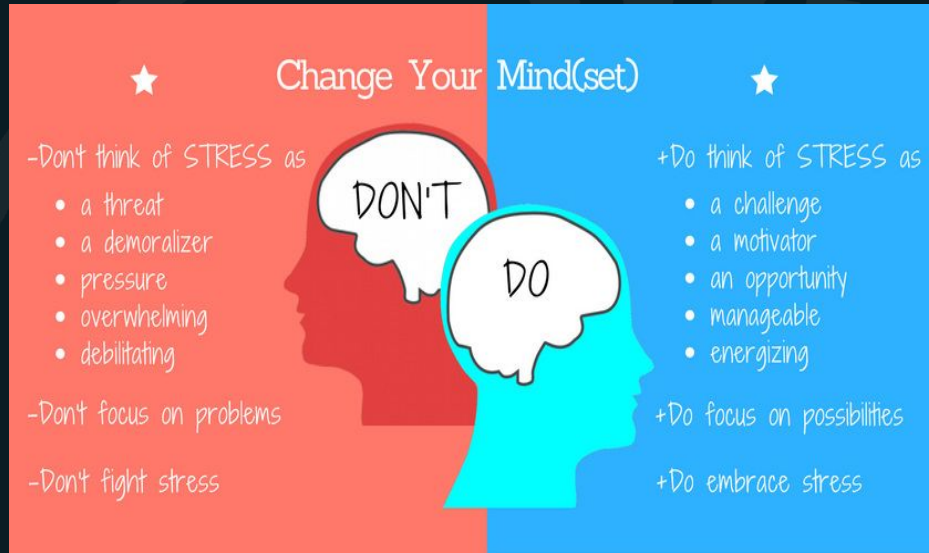
Crucial Times:

(always important but specifically):

- During NEA e.g. Technology, Business, Art etc.
- During Nov/Feb mock exams - invaluable experience
- During the revision programme - exams (May/June)

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Pastoral Support



Year 11 is an exciting yet challenging year and we appreciate that at times your child will need support from our pastoral team and services.

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Sources of support

- Tutor / Head of Year / Wider pastoral and safeguarding team
- PSHE lessons on mental health and dealing with stress
- Solution Focused Counsellor, Mentoring plus, School Nurse, Luxe Mentoring
- External counselling services (eg. Off the Record)
- GP / CAMHS
- Safeguarding & Social Care

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Year 11 GCSE Revision Information Evening

Thank you for your time and support.

This presentation will be on the school website tomorrow.

Contact - headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Follow us on instagram - @beechencliffbath

Get involved with the PTA! - info@beechenpta.org

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