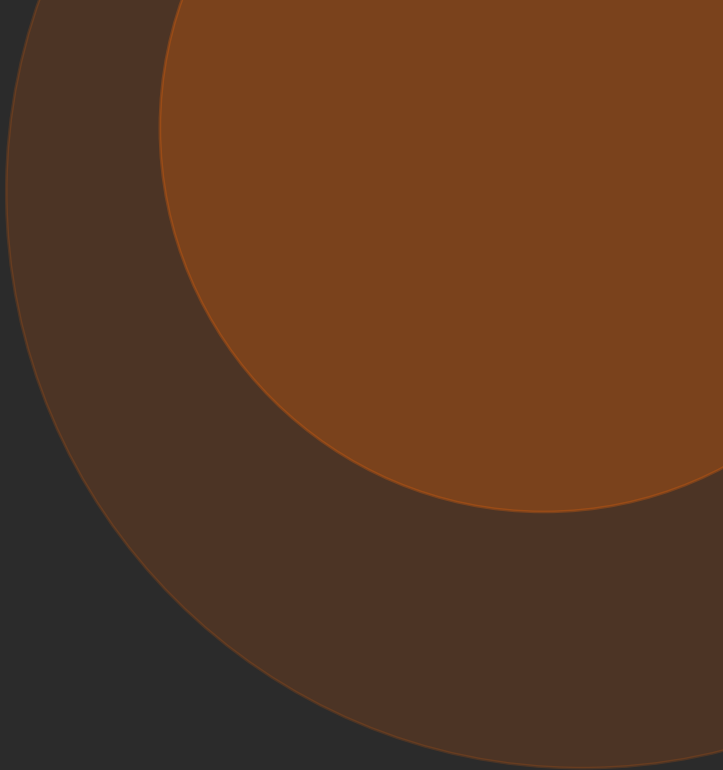
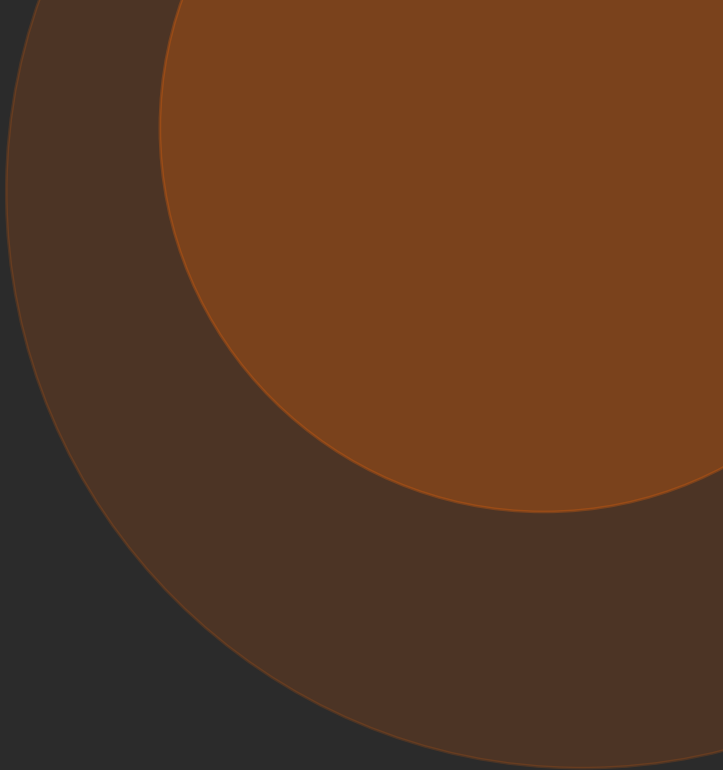




Year 11 Elevate

Wednesday 21 October 2026



Our ambition: Oak's best-ever GCSE results

OAK ACADEMY

Post-16 and Beyond – Mrs Cummings

Year 11 Leavers Events

How do you wish to celebrate the end of school – The Class of 2027

Year 11 Photo

Year photo/tutor groups and friendships photos will be taken in March and available to buy.

Leavers Book

Students and families will be asked to share photos for the Year book of the Class of 2027

Year books can be purchased for £20

Leavers Hoodies

Hoodies can be ordered in a range of colours and sizes. Students can opt to have a name on the back.

Hoodies can be purchased for £25

Leavers Trip

Students will have the opportunity to vote for their Leavers Trip – this will be after the last exam and before Prom.

Price TBC

Year 11 Prom

The biggest event of their school career – Prom Friday 2nd July at The Three Tuns Inn, Bransgore, BH11 9JJ from 6.30pm to 11pm. Transport will be provided back to Oak Academy £40 per ticket

Payment Plans will be in place

Payment plans will be available on Parent Pay. Students will have the opportunity to earn money off or opportunities to win prizes.



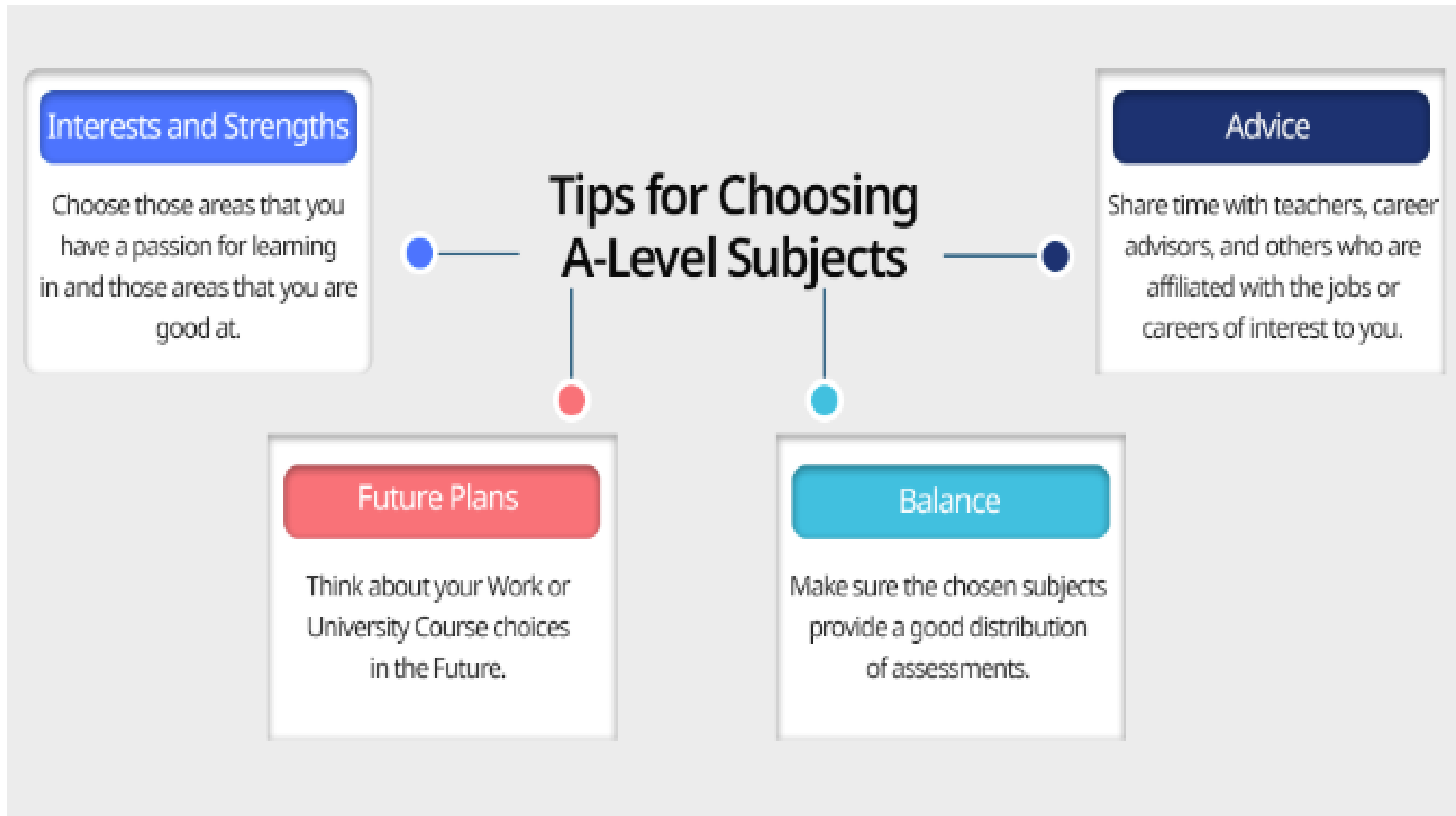
What Does Post-16 Look Like?

What Are Some Post-16 Options and Pathways?



What subjects do A Level students take?





Sixth Form

A sixth form is an extension of a secondary school where students continue their education in the same place. It prepares them for their next steps, whether that's further education, additional training, or employment.

Schools that have their own sixth form locally:

Leaf Studio	Poole Grammer
Magna	Parkstone Grammer
Bourne	Canford
Bishop of Winchester	Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form
Poole High	Ferndown Sixth Form
Avonbourne	BSB/BSG
St Peters	Bournemouth Collegiate



College



Colleges provide vocational and academic qualifications like BTECs, A-Levels, and T-levels who don't want to stay at their secondary school for sixth form.

You can take courses in:



Mechanics



Hair and Beauty



Engineering

... and more!

Art and Design Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Beauty Level 3 Diploma	Find out more
Digital Software Development T Level	Find out more
Education and Early Years T Level	Find out more
Health & Social Care (Health Studies) Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Health T Level	Find out more
Music Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Performing Arts Practice Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Personal Training & Instruction Level 3 Diploma	Find out more
Pre-cadetship for the Merchant Navy Level 3 Diploma	Find out more

Just some of
the courses
available!

Professional Photography Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Sport and Exercise Science Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Sport Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Travel and Tourism Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more
Uniformed Protective Services Level 3 Extended Diploma	Find out more

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job, with a real employer, where the apprentice will both work and study, learning new skills and knowledge towards the apprenticeship standard.

Apprenticeship benefits

Apprenticeships are an exciting paid option for anyone wanting to gain experience, upskill or change career because they offer the chance to earn a wage whilst they work and study.



Employed



Paid a salary



Contract

80%
Work
20%
Study



Typically
1-4 years +

600+
Apprenticeship
routes



Level 2 -
degree level



Industry
specific



Real job = real
responsibilities

Apprenticeships

Learn a job whilst working

Earn money from working

Spend some time at college, too!

Post 16 Information Days – Do check websites before visiting

Colleges

Bournemouth and Poole College

Saturday 14th November 9.30am – 12.30pm

Apprenticeship talks at Poole Campus 10am/11am/midday

Rockley

November 7th – 10am

Coastland College - Weymouth Campus

10th November

Sixth Forms

Parkstone Grammer Sixth Form – Thursday 22nd October 6pm – 8pm

BAMM – Music College

Tuesday 20th October – 4pm – 6pm

Pro Direct Academy Trials, Hamworthy - Football - you must register

Thursday 29th October 10am – Midday in half term

Ferndown Sixth Form - Wednesday 4th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm

St Edwards, Poole - Wednesday 4th November 6pm 8pm

Bournemouth Collegiate - Wednesday 4th November 6pm – 8pm

Bournemouth School - Thursday 19th November 5pm – 7pm

Leaf Studio – Thursday 26th November 5.30pm – 8pm – talk at 6pm

Careers Appointments
Every Monday in
school
Mrs Bowman
Parents are welcome
to attend

Revision & Expectations – Mr McBride

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Revision & expectations | BMC



Year 11 Mock 1 timetable

High Expectations lead to High Achievers

Day	P1 Session 1 09:00 - 11:00	P2	Break	P3 Session 2 11:20-12:20	P4/ Lunch	P5 Session 3 13:00 - 15:00
Monday 02/11/26	English Literature - 2h 15m					Triple Science: Biology - 1h 45m Combined Science: Biology - 1h 15m Higher & Foundation
Tuesday 03/11/26	Maths paper 1 - 1h 30m Higher & Foundation					
Wednesday 04/11/26	English Language paper 1 - 1h 45m					Triple Science: Chemistry - 1h 45m Combined Science: Chemistry - 1h 15m Higher & Foundation
Thursday 05/11/26	Maths paper 2 - 1h 30m Higher & Foundation					
Friday 06/11/26	Option Z: Business - 1h 30m Child Development - 1h 15m Drama - 1h 45m History paper 1 - 1h 30m Hospitality & Catering - 1h 20m PE - 1h					Option E: Geography paper 1 - 1h 15m History paper 1 - 1h 30m Spanish Reading Higher - 1h Spanish Reading Foundation - 45m
Monday 09/11/26	Maths paper 3 - 1h 30m Higher & Foundation					Option X: Business - 1h 30m Computer Science paper 1 - 1h 30m Geography paper 1 - 1h 15m Sociology paper 1 - 1h 45m Further Maths paper 1 - 1h 45m
Tuesday 10/11/26	Triple Science: Physics - 1h 45m Combined Science: Physics - 1h 15m Higher & Foundation					Option E: Geography paper 2 & 3 - 1h 15m History paper 2 - 1h Spanish Writing Higher - 1h 20m Spanish Writing Foundation - 1h 15m
Wednesday 11/11/26	English Language paper 2 - 1h 45m			Option Y: Spanish Listening Higher - 1h Spanish Listening Foundation - 45m		Option Y: Computer Science paper 1 - 1h 30m Spanish Reading Higher - 1h Spanish Reading Foundation - 45m
Thursday 12/11/26	Option X: Computer Science paper 2 - 1h 30m Geography paper 2 & 3 - 1h 15m Sociology paper 2 - 1h 45m Further Maths paper 2 - 1h 45m			Option E: Spanish Listening Higher - 1h Spanish Listening Foundation - 45m		Option Z: History paper 2 - 1h
Friday 13/11/26	Option Y: Computer Science paper 2 - 1h 30m Health & Social Care - 1h 15m Hospitality & Catering - 1h 20m PE - 1h Spanish Writing Higher - 1h 20m Spanish Writing Foundation - 1h 15m					

Mock exams: your daily routine

Know where to be. Arrive on time. Be ready to do your best.

01 Line up on time

Morning line-up: **08:25**, as normal.

Afternoon exam line-up: **12:50**.

02 Lunch before a PM exam

If you have an afternoon exam, lunch starts at **12:20** — the start of P4.

03 No exam? Normal lessons.

If you do not have an AM or PM exam, follow your **normal timetable** for that session. Daily arrangements will be explained at line-up.

04 Hand in your mobile phone

Hand your phone to staff at your **morning exam**.

Phones will be returned at **15:00**, not after the exam.

05 Bags stay in the Main Hall

After the exam briefing, leave your bag in the **Main Hall**. Collect it after your exam.

06 Empty your pockets

Put notes and other items in your bag. Only take **permitted exam equipment** into the exam room.

Mock exams: inside the exam room

Respect the rules. Protect your result. Let everyone do well.

01 Silence from entry to dismissal

Do not talk, signal, communicate or disturb others. Do not borrow equipment. **Follow every invigilator instruction.**

02 No unauthorised items

No phones, **watches of any kind**, earbuds, smart devices or notes — even if switched off or not used.

03 Bring the right equipment

Use a **clear pencil case** and a clear water bottle with its label removed. No notes or writing on items. Bring **black ink pens** and permitted equipment. No gel/erasable pens or correction fluid.

04 Check before you start

Check the paper and tier. Do not open the paper or write until told. Use a calculator **only where permitted**; clear its memory/use exam mode as instructed; remove covers with instructions.

05 Need help? Raise your hand.

Tell an invigilator if you feel unwell, have the wrong paper, need more paper, or your agreed access arrangements are missing.

06 Finish properly

Stop writing when told. Stay silent and seated until dismissed. Leave exam papers, answer booklets and rough work behind.

Breaking the rules may result in disqualification. Treat mocks seriously: results can inform predicted grades and college references.

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A-C			
Week	Day	P6 provision	Independent revision — 1 hour
A	Monday	Science	English
A	Tuesday	Maths	Science
A	Wednesday	No P6	Option E
A	Thursday	Options / Independent Study	Maths
A	Friday	No P6	Option X
B	Monday	Humanities, Spanish or Independent Study	English
B	Tuesday	English	Maths
B	Wednesday	No P6	Option Y
B	Thursday	Options / Independent Study	Science
B	Friday	No P6	Option Z

The Digital Revision Pack

Make a Plan. Know What to Revise.

1. Check the Mock Timetable & the Revision Timetable
Know which exams are coming and when.
2. Use the Subject Guidance
Choose the topics and resources you need.
3. Plan a specific Task
“Revise Maths” isn’t a task.
“At 5pm, practise solving equations, using the Sparx Code.”

An Inspector Calls

Historical Context	
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Performance Vs Learning

- In class, you are performing. Your teacher will teach you a new topic, by the end of the lesson you can perform the skill.
- Learning is about remembering. Do you still know that information or skill after:
 - An Hour?
 - A Day?
 - A Week?
 - Two Weeks?
 - A Month?
 - A Year?

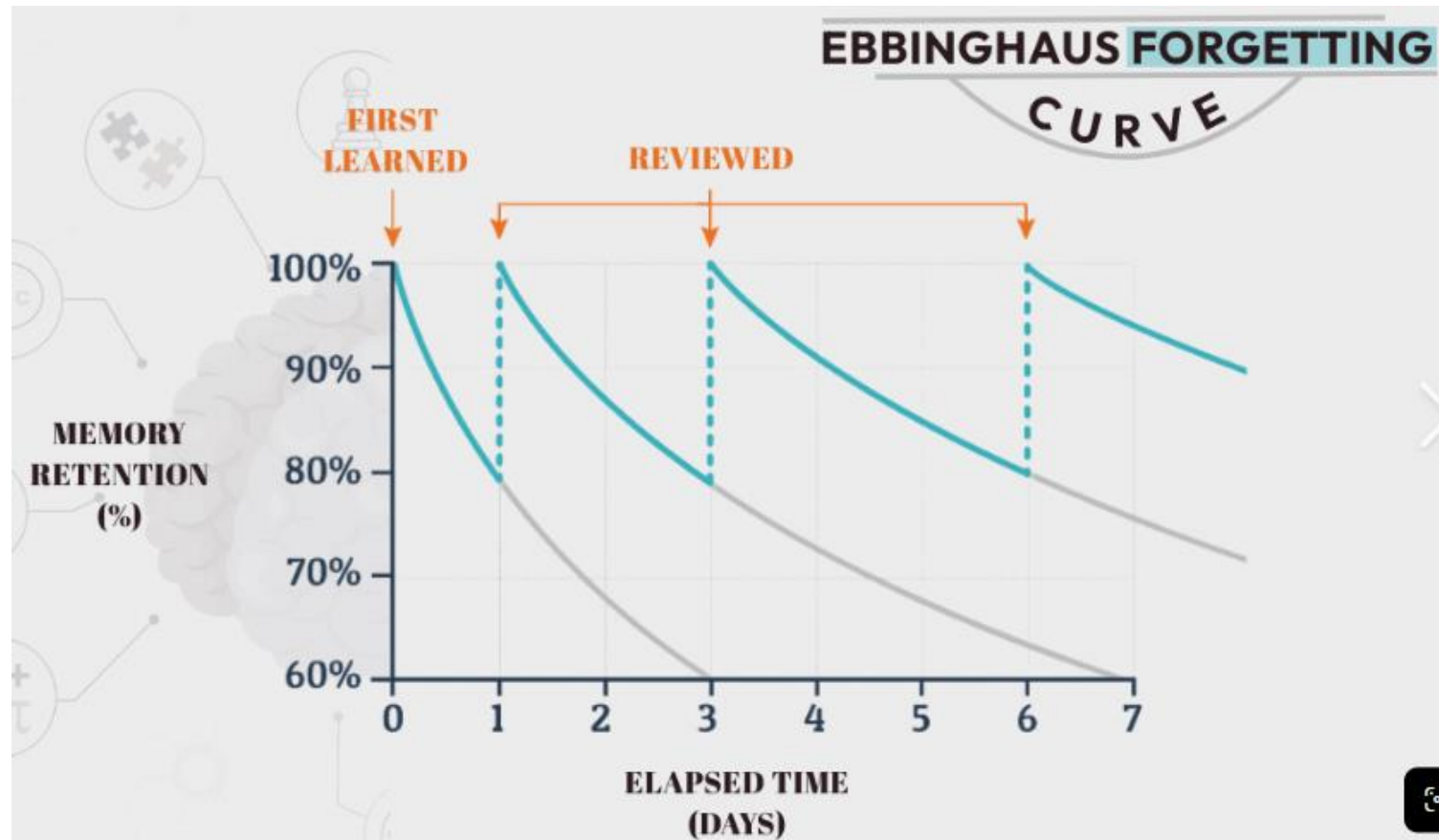
Not All Revision is Equal

- Practice. Don't read or make notes on their own.
- Flash Cards are a great way to do a quick 5 - 15 minute recall each evening.

Close it → Recall it → Check it → Correct it

1. **Close** the book or hide the answer.
2. **Recall** what you know: write, say, draw or answer a question.
3. **Check** against your notes or the correct answer.
4. **Correct** mistakes and fill the gaps.

Spaced Practice & the Forgetting Curve



Year 11 Homework after the Mocks

- To aid with these revision strategies, Year 11 students will receive homework catch-ups on Fridays after school with me if they fail to do their homework.
- Rather than a sanction, this is an opportunity to do some retrieval practice and complete homework in a calm, quiet space.
- You will be notified on Thursday afternoon/evening if your child has a catch-up session on a Friday.
- If a student would like to attend voluntarily, they are welcome.

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English Revision tips – Miss Hill

English Mock Exams

English Language Paper 1 and Language Paper 2



GCSE English
Language Exams

How to approach the
questions

English Literature Paper 2

- An Inspector Calls
- Power and Conflict Poems
- Unseen Poetry



KS4 English

Knowledge
Organisers

English Language Suggested Revision

1. Reduce cognitive load in the exams by learning the approaches for each question e.g. MEE, SEW, SMEEL
2. Read example Question 5s / Practice Plans for Question 5s
3. Complete the practice questions for each paper and submit to teacher for marking.
4. Use class books for further examples and models.



GCSE English
Language Exams

How to approach the
questions

English Literature Suggested Revision

1. Knowledge Organiser Key Terms revision

- Use 'Look-cover-write-check' to practice the key literary terms used for each of the literature texts. Then practice how to apply them in a sentence in an essay.

2. Quotation recall flashcards

[Amazing Flashcard Method for Literature Ft Macbeth and Exposure - YouTube](#)

3. Plot/ Character timelines

- Create an A3 timeline of the plot of each literature text. As you do this and mark on the key events and quotations- also think about how each character changes and map their development. What is their character arc?

4. Thematic or character mind maps

- Characters are how they are presented
- Themes: i.e. social responsibility, greed and masculinity in 'An Inspector Calls'. For each theme create a mind map with 4-5 key moments where the theme is most prevalent in the text



KS4 English

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Bubble/Mind Maps

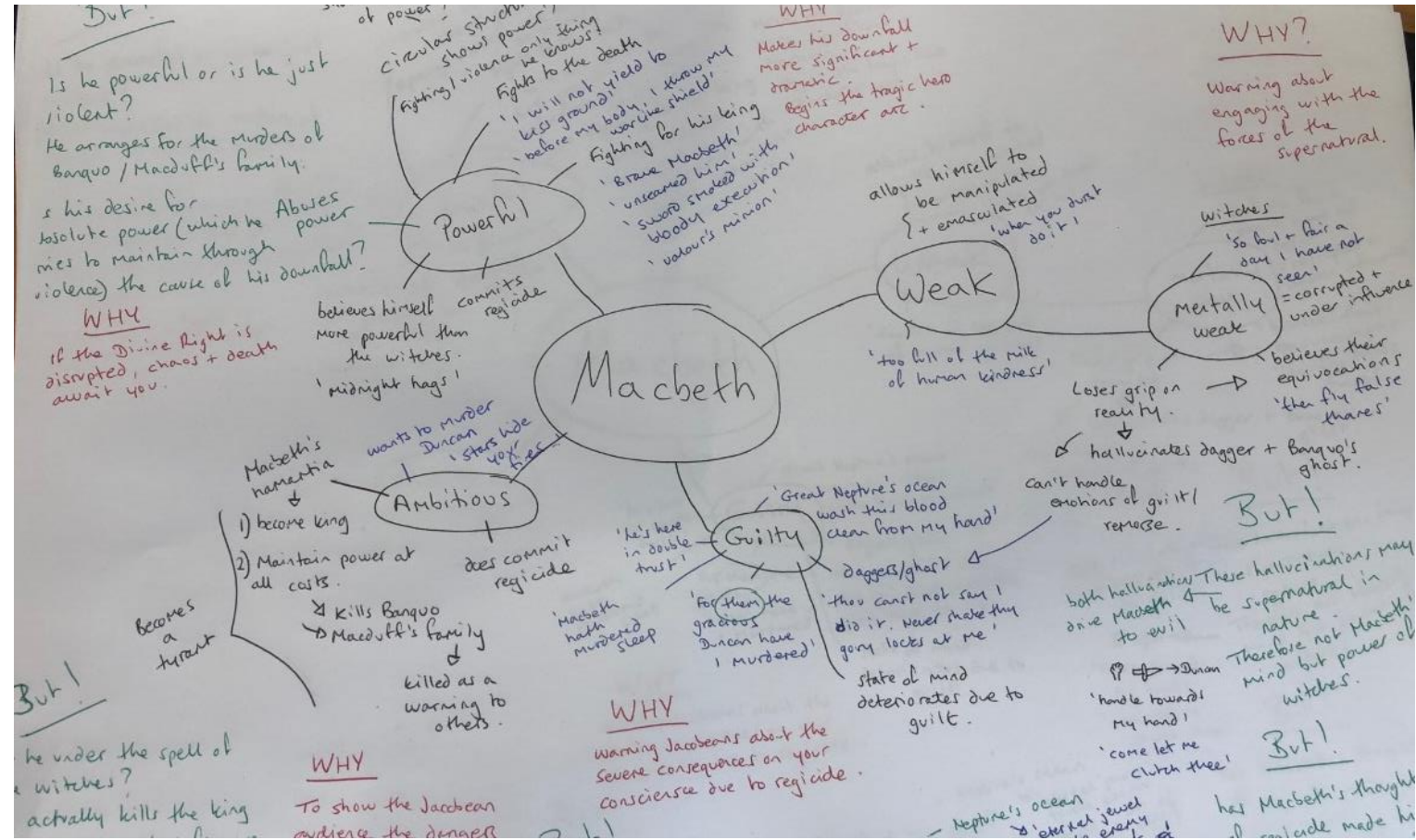
1. Choose a character or key theme

e.g. Mr Birling in An Inspector Calls

2. Generate ideas from key themes: selfish, greedy, unwilling to change

3. Add ideas, key quotations.

4. Always consider WHY the character has been presented in this way to hit higher marks.



Flashcards

Exposure
<u>Themes/Key Messages</u>
Reality of war, effects of war, power of nature
<u>Summary</u>
War is presented as futile as the soldiers are dying in the trenches because of the weather conditions.
The soldiers become desensitised/traumatised to the horrors they see
<u>Quotations</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Our brains ache in the merciless iced east winds that knife us” • “for love of God seems dying” • “All their eyes are ice, but nothing happens.”
<u>Structural feature</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a repeated line ‘but nothing happens’ • This shows how the soldiers are stuck in a cycle of suffering

We have revised 5 key poems in the run up to the exam.

1. London
2. Remains
3. Exposure
4. Checking Out Me History
5. Kamikaze

An Inspector Calls	Character
“unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable”	
An Inspector Calls	Character
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dramatic irony makes Birling look foolish. 2. Priestley doesn’t want the audience to listen to his capitalist opinion. 3. Priestley associates capitalism with ignorance. 	

Science Revision tips – Mr Williams

Unique challenges

Language specificity – Mark schemes are make or break

(c) (more) respiration (in mitochondria)

*do **not** accept anaerobic respiration*

1

(which) releases more energy

allow (muscles) need more energy

*do **not** accept energy produced / made / created*

*do **not** accept provides more energy for respiration*

1

(so the heart) muscle contracts

1

Unique challenges

The tier system

- Triple Science (Higher)
- Triple Science (Foundation)
- Combined Science – Trilogy (Higher)
- Combined Science – Trilogy (Foundation)
- Key to know which tier you are so you know what you need to revise

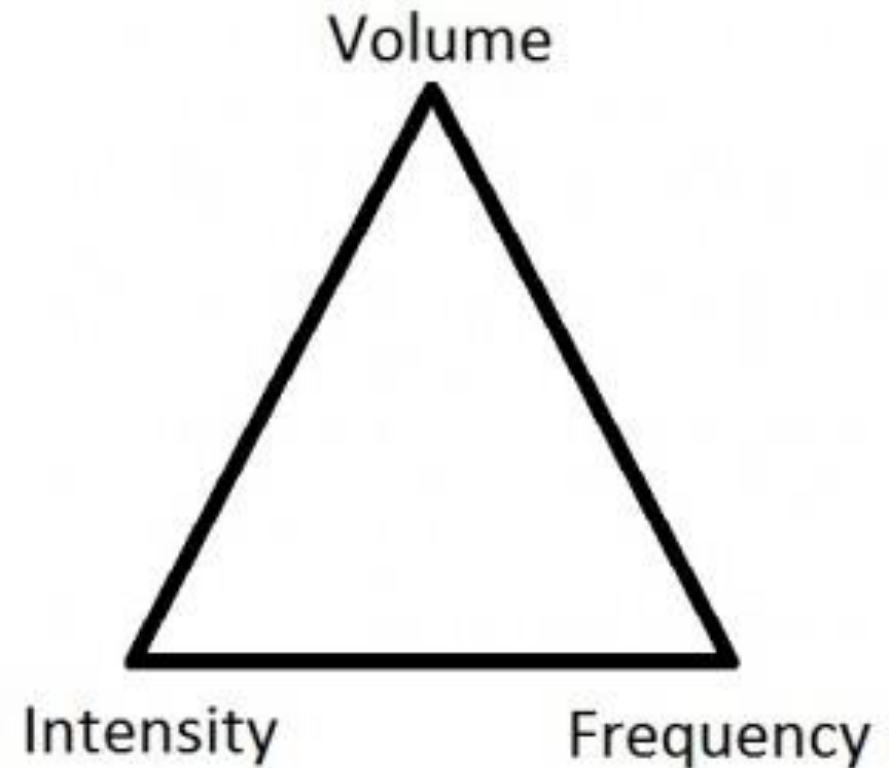
Unique challenges

Volume

- 6 papers total
- Biology has as much content as most other GCSEs by itself. Imagine adding in chemistry and physics

Start with something 'easy'

- Flashcards
- Youtube videos – Cognito, Free science Guy, Fuse-school are two great creators
- KS3 tests
- Mini quizzes
- Multiple choice quizzes
- Foundation past papers (higher and Triple students)
- Exam questions – 1 topic at a time (Foundation)



Good revision requires feedback

- Quizzes where there is a markscheme
- Flashcards with the answers on the back
- Exam papers that you mark with a markscheme
- Copying notes out doesn't work for most students, if that's all you do.

Feedback Loop



Benefits of early revision

- We learn and forget and learn again
- Long-term memory is where you want most facts
- You'll understand lessons better and remember things easier
- Front-loading stress is wise, so you can 'cruise' instead exam period

Maths Revision tips – Mr McBride

The Revision Cycle

1. Complete Mixed Questions

- Attempt a past paper or mixed revision task

2. Identify Areas for Improvement

- Record mistakes and weak topics

3. Learn and Practise

- Use notes, videos and targeted questions to strengthen understanding

4. Check Your Progress

- Reattempt questions and complete similar problems

Preparing for upcoming mocks

Foundation Paper 1 Revision List - Edexcel

Topic	Sparx Code	RAG
Calculating midpoints	U933	R A G
Calculating the median, range and finding the mode	U456, U526, U260	R A G
Calculating with roots and powers	U851	R A G
Calculating with speed	U151	R A G
Converting between fractions decimals and percentages	U888	R A G
Converting units of length, mass and capacity	U388	R A G
Drawing and interpreting scale diagrams	U257	R A G
Estimating calculations	U225	R A G
Factorising into one bracket	U365	R A G
Factorising to solve quadratic equations of the form $ax^2+bx+c=0$	U228	R A G
Finding fractions of amounts without a calculator	U881	R A G
Finding percentages of amounts without a calculator	U554	R A G
Finding the area of triangles, Finding the area and perimeter of simple shapes	U945, U993	R A G
Finding the surface area and volume of cubes and cuboids	U929, U786	R A G
Interpreting scatter graphs	U277	R A G
Line and shape properties	U121	R A G
Operations with money	U659	R A G
Plotting horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines	M797	R A G
Plotting straight line graphs	U741	R A G

Circle one for each row

R- Need Support

A – Developing

G - Confident

Some alternative websites

- 1) 1stclassmaths.com
- 2) Onmaths.com
- 3) Corbettmaths.com
- 4) Mathsgenie.co.uk

Preparing for upcoming mocks

Higher Paper 1 Revision List – Edexcel

Topic	Sparx Code	RAG
Finding the surface area and volume of similar shapes	U110	R A G
Using lines of best fit	U128	R A G
Solving quadratic inequalities	U133	R A G
Properties of trigonometric graphs	U156	R A G
Using recurrence relations	U171	R A G
Factorising to solve quadratic equations of the form $ax^2+bx+c=0$	U228	R A G
Finding the area of trapeziums; Expanding brackets with surds	U265, U449	R A G
Interpreting scatter graphs	U277	R A G
Finding the percentage an amount has been changed by	U278	R A G
Finding unknown sides in right-angled triangles	U283	R A G
Using a written method to multiply decimals	U293	R A G
Using the exact values of trigonometric ratios (Higher)	U319	R A G
Solving inverse proportion word problems	U357	R A G
Using trigonometric graphs	U450	R A G
Position-to-term rules for arithmetic sequences	U498	R A G
Sharing amounts in a given ratio; Converting between ratios fractions and percentages	U577, U176	R A G
Calculating experimental probabilities	U580	R A G
Expanding triple brackets	U606	R A G
Simplifying expressions using index laws	U662	R A G
Probabilities of mutually exclusive events	U683	R A G
Adding and subtracting algebraic fractions, Solving equations with two or more steps	U685, U325	R A G
Converting recurring decimals to fractions	U689	R A G
Graphs of linear inequalities	U747	R A G
Finding the turning point of a quadratic graph by completing the square	U769	R A G
Proving the circle theorems	U807	R A G

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After their Mocks – Feedback and learning Gaps.

Q	Topic	SPARX Maths clips	Marks possible	Marks gained	Knowledge level
1	Rounding integers	U480	1	0	Insecure
2	Converting between fractions, decimals and percentages	U888	1	0	Insecure
3	Understanding, measuring and drawing angles	U447	1	0	Insecure
4	Understanding and ordering decimals	U435	1	0	Insecure
5	Calculating with roots and powers	U851	1	1	Secure
6	Add & subtract decimals, use a written method to multiply & divide with decimals	U478, U293, U868	4	1	Developing
7	Drawing bar charts	U363	4	2	Developing
8ai	Angles on a line and about a point	U390	2	2	Secure
8aii	Angles on a line and about a point	U390	1	0	Insecure
9a	Function machines with numbers	M175	1	1	Secure
9b	Function machines with numbers	M175	2	2	Secure
9c	Function machines with letters, Constructing and solving equations	M428, U599	2	0	Insecure
10	Writing and simplifying ratios	U687	2	1	Developing

Useful websites for targeted topic related resources, including videos, practise questions and answers. They also include GCSE past exam papers.

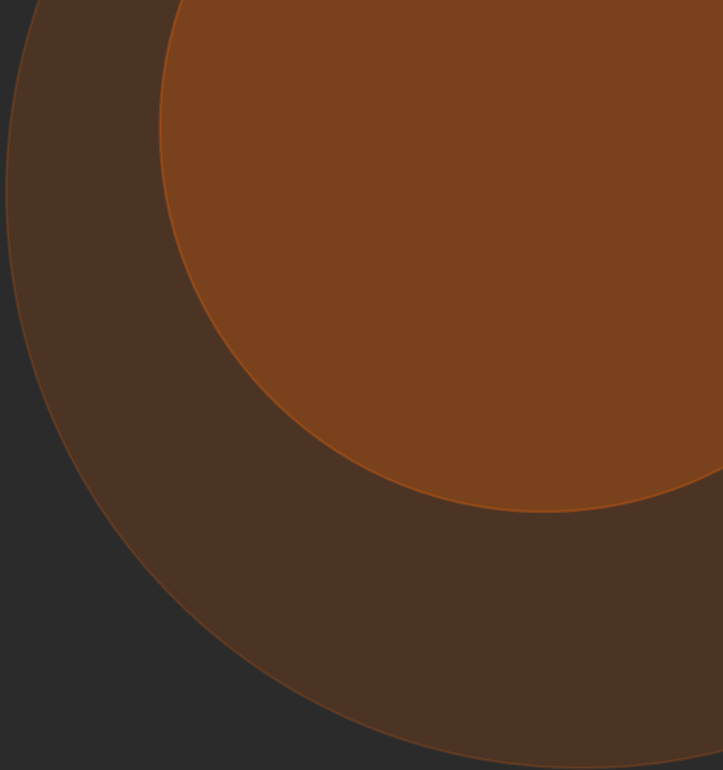
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