



# **Year 11 Parents Information Evening**

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# Aims of the Evening

Below are the areas that we are going to cover during this evening's event:

1. Topics/areas for revision
2. Maths Information
3. Booklets and revision aids Preparation
4. How are we supporting students? (School day, revision/intervention)
5. Importance of attendance
6. Mock timetable
7. Exam protocols/regulations
8. Mental Health and Careers
9. What are the next steps?

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# **Topics/Areas for revision ahead of January Mocks**

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<b>English Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Macbeth and Jekyll and Hyde or Frankenstein</li> <li>Paper 2: An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry, Unseen Poetry and Unseen comparison</li> </ul>	<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Medicine in Britain (inc Western Front)</li> <li>Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany</li> </ul>
<b>English Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</li> <li>Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives</li> </ul>	<b>Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Natural Hazards, Living World, Coasts and Rivers</li> </ul>
<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Calculator</li> <li>Paper 2: Non-Calculator</li> <li>Paper 3: Non-Calculator</li> </ul>	<b>Religion, Philosophy and Ethics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christian Beliefs and Practices</li> <li>Islam Beliefs and Practices</li> <li>Philosophical and Ethical Themes: Life and Death, and Good and Evil <b><u>ONLY</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Combined Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> <li>Chemistry: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> <li>Physics: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> </ul> *ALL CONTENT TAUGHT MAY BE COVERED*	<b>GCSE PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1 – Applied anatomy and physiology, movement analysis, physical training and use of data</li> <li>Paper 2 - Sports psychology and socio-cultural influences</li> </ul>
<b>Triple Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> <li>Chemistry: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> <li>Physics: Paper 1 and Paper 2</li> </ul> *ALL CONTENT TAUGHT MAY BE COVERED*	<b>Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 hour out of book piece based on research and planning done previously.</li> </ul>
<b>French</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening</li> <li>Reading</li> <li>Writing</li> <li>Speaking</li> </ul> <p>Theme 1: Identity and Culture            Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest            Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p>	<b>DT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written exam which could cover the following: Composite materials, smart materials, manufactured boards, mechanisms, commercial manufacturing methods, manufacturing in volume, prototyping, product analysis, anthropometrics/ergonomics, user centered design, orthographic, perspective drawing</li> </ul>
<b>Statistics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1</li> <li>Paper 2</li> </ul> *ALL CONTENT TAUGHT MAY BE COVERED*	<b>Hospitality and Catering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written exam which could cover: Employment contracts, qualifications, kitchen equipment, types of accommodation, HACCP, food allergies and intolerances, EHO and customer requirements</li> <li>Food practical exam on 29th November</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 2 – Theme E (Taking Citizenship Action) and questions from Themes A-C.</li> </ul>		

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# Year 11 Maths

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## What our pupils can do to revise

- Complete their Sparx Maths homework
- Using Sparx QLA to fill the gaps in knowledge
- Work through the revision list provided
- Complete past papers
- Use online resources: Maths Genie, OnMaths

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# Websites

## Maths Genie

Good for practising a specific topic and for practice papers

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

## Onmaths



Exam style questions

<https://www.onmaths.com/>

## Corbett Maths



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A mixture of short questions, videos and exam questions.

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## Maths Drop in Sessions

When?	Wednesdays Week 1: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Format?	Past papers Homework Solving problems





# Booklets and Revision Support

We understand that students find it tough to revise. We wanted to give a few pointers to you and students to support with this.

- Sybil Andrews Academy Revision booklet
- Revision guides/booklets
- Websites such as Seneca, BBC Bitesize and 123 Revision
- Exam Board websites (which include past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports)
- YouTube videos/playlists

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## The Pomodoro Revision Technique

Whichever revision techniques and strategies you use, making sure these are productive is incredibly important. Below is an excellent example of the Pomodoro Technique to support your revision. This ensures that you have productive periods of revision, but also the right amount of time to break and look after yourself. Give this a go, especially if you are struggling to focus on your revision!



The following article covers the technique in more detail.

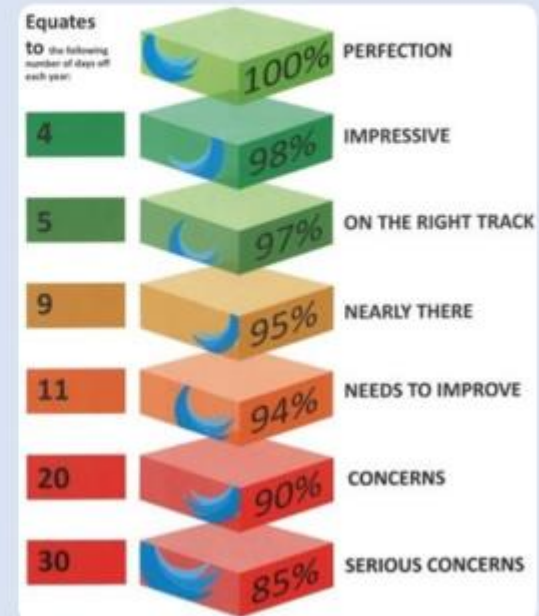
<https://www.schoolonline.co.uk/gcse-hacks-using-the-pomodoro-technique/>

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## Attendance

Every lesson of  
everyday counts!



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## Students Achieving English and Maths

Attendance Band	Grade 9-4	Grade 9-5	Grade 9-7
>95%	63.37%	71.83%	83.33%
90 - 94.99%	23.76%	21.3%	12.5%
85-89.99%	5.94%	2.82%	4.7%
80-84.99%	3.96%	2.82%	0%
70-79.99%	0.99%	0%	0%

**We attend school every day.**

**We arrive to school on time.**

**We arrive to lessons on time.**

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# How are we supporting students?

- Tutor Time Revision/Intervention programme
- Assemblies to support tutor time programme
- After School Revision Year 11 Preparation for GCSE's/Revision booklet
- Ongoing assessment and feedback within subject areas
- Careers/Next step advice and support
- School website
- NEA deadlines located on school website
- Mental Health support

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# Year 11 Revision sessions

	Lunchtime	After Schools
Monday	Art & DT	English
Tuesday	Art & DT	RPE - Week A only Citizenship - Week A only Science (Triple, F & H)
Wednesday	Art & DT PE - week B	Maths Drop in - Week 1 only French - Week 2 only
Thursday	Art & DT	History + Geography
Friday	Art & DT	DT + Hospitality

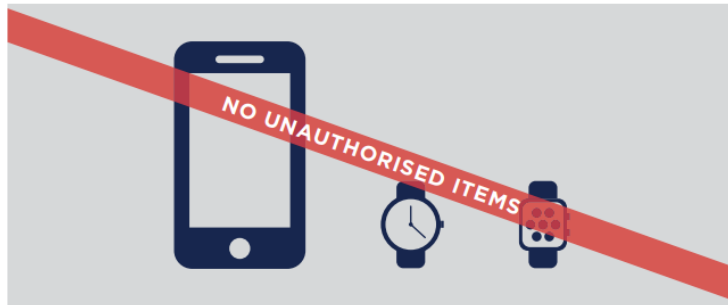
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# Exams - Protocols and Regulations

**NO MOBILE PHONES  
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB  
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

**DISQUALIFICATION**

from your examination and your overall qualification.

## Exam/Exam Hall reminders

This page has been designed to include key points to remember about the exam process and being in the exam hall. It would be useful for parents as well as students to be aware of the below:

- Students must enter the exam hall, spend the entirety of their time in the exam hall and leave the exam hall in absolute silence.
- You must only take equipment, and a sealed, clear, see through plastic bottle of water into the exam hall with you. Note: Equipment includes multiple pens (black ink only), pencils, ruler, and rubber. You will also need a calculator for certain exams.
- Many items are prohibited from the exam hall, these include but are not limited to mobile phones and electronic devices, headphones, exercise, or textbooks and non-transparent pencil cases.
- Exam rules are strict on cheating or communicating with others. To be clear, cheating could be any of the following:
  - Being in possession of a mobile phone.
  - Communicating or attempting to communicate with other candidates (this could be looking around, making eye contact etc). As well as copying another candidate.

**PLEASE NOTE BREACH OF THE ABOVE SUCH AS CHEATING OR FINDING AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE IN THE EXAM HALL COULD RESULT IN STUDENTS BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM TAKING EXAMS.**

For more on exam regulations or information you can visit the GCSE Examinations page on the school website (linked below), which has several exam related documents, as well as the contact information for the school's examination officer, Mrs Chamberlain.

<https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/examinations/>



AQA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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## Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

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# Students Mental Health

At Sybil Andrews we recognise the impact GCSEs can have on some student's mental health and wellbeing.

The GCSE journey can be a stressful and difficult time for many. However, we hope that it allows an opportunity to build key life skills such as resilience and managing workload and stress.

On the next slide is some key tips and advice to help manage the mental health and wellbeing impacts of GCSEs.

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# Students Mental Health – Key advice

- Build a revision schedule – planning out revision alongside other events, will ensure that students feel on top of their preparation and helps to ease the stress of unexpected work/requirements.
- Building in time to be ourselves – revision is incredibly important. However, we should also try to build in opportunities to do things we enjoy e.g., playing sport and meeting up with friends.
- Seeking out further support/advice - there are lots of sources of support including BBC Bitesize and Kooth amongst others.
- Speaking to pastoral/year team or Mr Hope (Senior Mental Health Lead).

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# Careers Advice Service

**Christine Wilson** (independent Careers Advisor) will be offering:

- 40 minute 1-2-1 session in school throughout the year.
- 40 minute 1-2-1 online (prebooked) session every Tuesday evening from (4:30pm – 6:30pm) after half term for students / add or parents to attend to help with applications, careers choices.

**1-TO-1 CAREERS MEETINGS**  
EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
- ONLINE

**WHEN?**  
TUESDAYS  
4:30 PM - 6:30

**WHERE?**  
ONLINE

**WHO WITH?**  
INDEPENDENT CAREERS ADVISOR  
• Explore career options  
• Get help with college/apprenticeship applications  
• Discover pathways that suit your interests and strengths  
• Ask questions in a private, supportive setting

**HOW TO BOOK?**  
SPEAK TO MR KING OR FRONT OFFICE  
TO RESERVE YOUR SLOT

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# Key Dates – Next Steps

- Year 11 Mocks 8<sup>th</sup> December – 19<sup>th</sup> January. (French speaking 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December)
- Year 11 Reports 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.
- Parents Evening Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Statement of GCSE Entries issued to students (after February half term)
- Yr 11 Report 23<sup>rd</sup> January & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- Individual GCSE timetable issued to students (April 2026)
- Prom End of June/Start of July – Date TBC

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# Key Dates – Open Days

## **Abbey Gate**

Saturday 15th November – 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 28th January 5pm – 7:30pm

## **Suffolk One**

Wednesday 5th November 5pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 26th November 5pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 4th February 2026 5pm – 7:30pm

## **West Suffolk College**

Saturday 22nd November 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 11th February 2026 5:30 – 7:30 pm

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Thank you for attending this evening. We hope this has been useful and hugely appreciate your engagement and support.

Please feel free to speak with a member of staff if you have any questions or speak to the Post-16 colleges in the canteen.

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