



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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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



Corbettmαths

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.

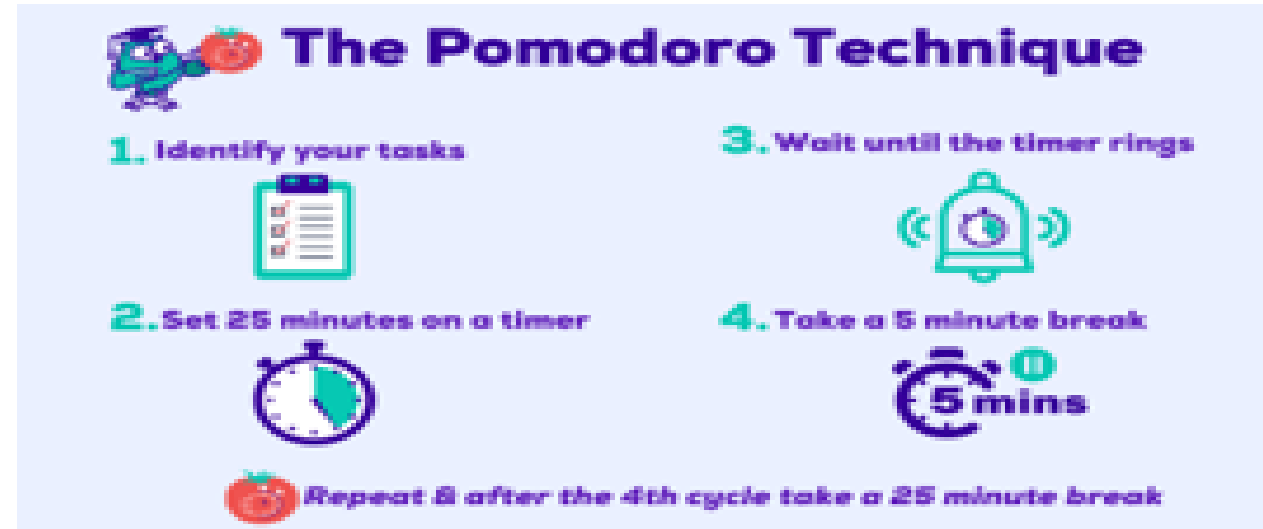
- Sybil Andrews Academy Revision booklet
- Revision guides/booklets
- Websites such as Seneca, BBC Bitesize and 123 Revision
- Exam Board websites (which include past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports)
- YouTube videos/playlists

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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.

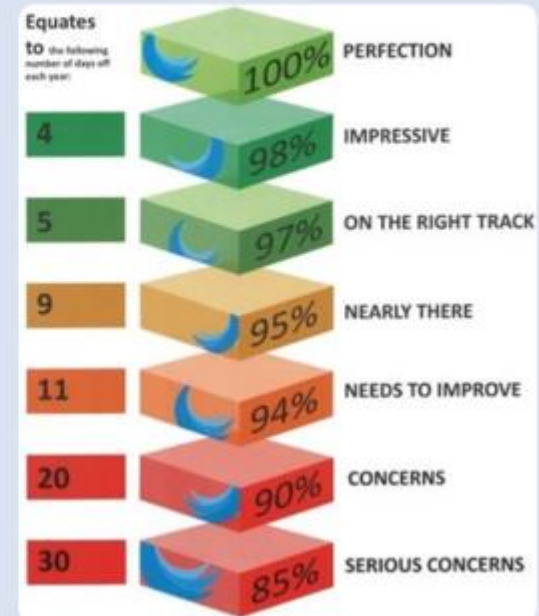
<https://www.schoolonline.co.uk/gcse-hacks-using-the-pomodoro-technique/>

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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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Mock Timetable



Year 11 Mock Examinations: Spring 2024

4th – 12th January

		Periods 1&2 EXAM START 9AM	Period 3	Period 4 LUNCH 1220- 1245pm	Period 5 EXAM START 1250pm
Thurs 4 th Jan		ART EXAM ALL DAY			
Fri 5 th Jan		ART EXAM ALL DAY			
Mon 8 th Jan		History P1 1h15 Sports Hall	Individual Revision for PM exam		Maths: Non-Calculator 1h30 Sports Hall
	Extra Time	1h34			1h52
Tues 9 th Jan		Triple Biology Paper 1 1h45 Sports Hall	Combined Biology Paper 1 1h15 Sports Hall	Individual Revision for PM exam	Geography Paper 1 1h30 Sports Hall
	Extra Time	2h11	1h34		1h52

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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

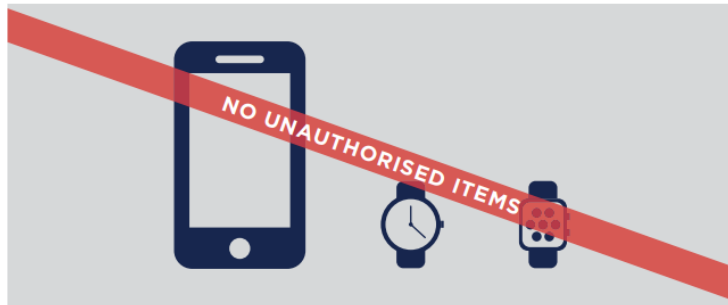
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Exams - Protocols and Regulations

**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



Key Dates – Next Steps

- Year 11 Mocks 11th December – 16th January.
- Year 11 Reports 23 January 2025.
- Parents Evening Thursday 29th January 2025
- Statement of GCSE Entries issued to students (after February half term)
- Yr 11 Report 25 March 2025.
- Individual GCSE timetable issued to students (April 2025)
- 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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