



GCSE Information Evening

September 2025



Raising Standard Leader – Miss Laura Thomas

RSL Role

- Tracking
 - Progress
 - Achievement
- Implement
 - Interventions
 - Support

Parent and School Partnership

- Communication is key, the more we know the better
- Parent involvement
 - Improved confidence
 - Greater attendance
 - Larger enthusiasm for learning
- Better results



Attendance – 190 days to make a difference

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Learning Hours	Context
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0	The best chance of achieving good GCSE and A Level grades
	99%	188 days	2	10	
Good	98%	186 days	4	20	This is equivalent to missing an entire GCSE Science topic
	97%	184 days	6	30	
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern. School letter 1 Attendance pathway started	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5	This is the equivalent of missing one entire GCSE English unit
	94%	179 days	11	55	
	93%	177 days	13	65	
	92%	175 days	15	75	
	91%	173 days	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95	GCSE courses are made up of 120 guided learning hours
	89%	169 days	21	105	
	88%	167 days	23	115	
	87%	165 days	25	125	
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135	This is almost 40% of an A Level course
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5	
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158 days	32	160	
	82%	156 days	34	170	
	81%	154 days	36	180	
	80%	152 days	38	190	

Year 11 students with near-perfect attendance are twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE

Compared to those attending 90-95%



Grades as numbers

- Process changed in 2017
- Grade 1 is the lowest grade achieved
- Grade 9 is the highest
- 4 and 5
 - 4 = pass
 - 5 = strong pass
- If a 3 (or lower) in Maths and/or English they must be studied again

GCSE Grading

New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D E F
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Revision Guidance

Make sure you include

- School day
- Commitments your child already has
- Social times
- Meal times

Weekly Revision Timetable

Name: _____

Day	9:00 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 3:10	3:10 – 4:30 (Revision / Intervention)	4:30 – 5:00	5:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 7:00	7:00 – 8:00	8:00 – 9:00	9:00 – 10:00
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Tuesday												
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Sunday												

****Remember: make sure you give yourself breaks and allow time to relax and do the things your want to do and enjoy doing.*



Revision Guidance

Revision DO's

- Put your revision timetable in a part of the home where everyone can see it!
- 20minute chunks
- Practice exam style questions
- Tackle the hard stuff

Revision DON'Ts

- Have an awesome revision timetable and not use it!
- Put aside hours and hours
- Make life all about revision



I don't have time to revise!

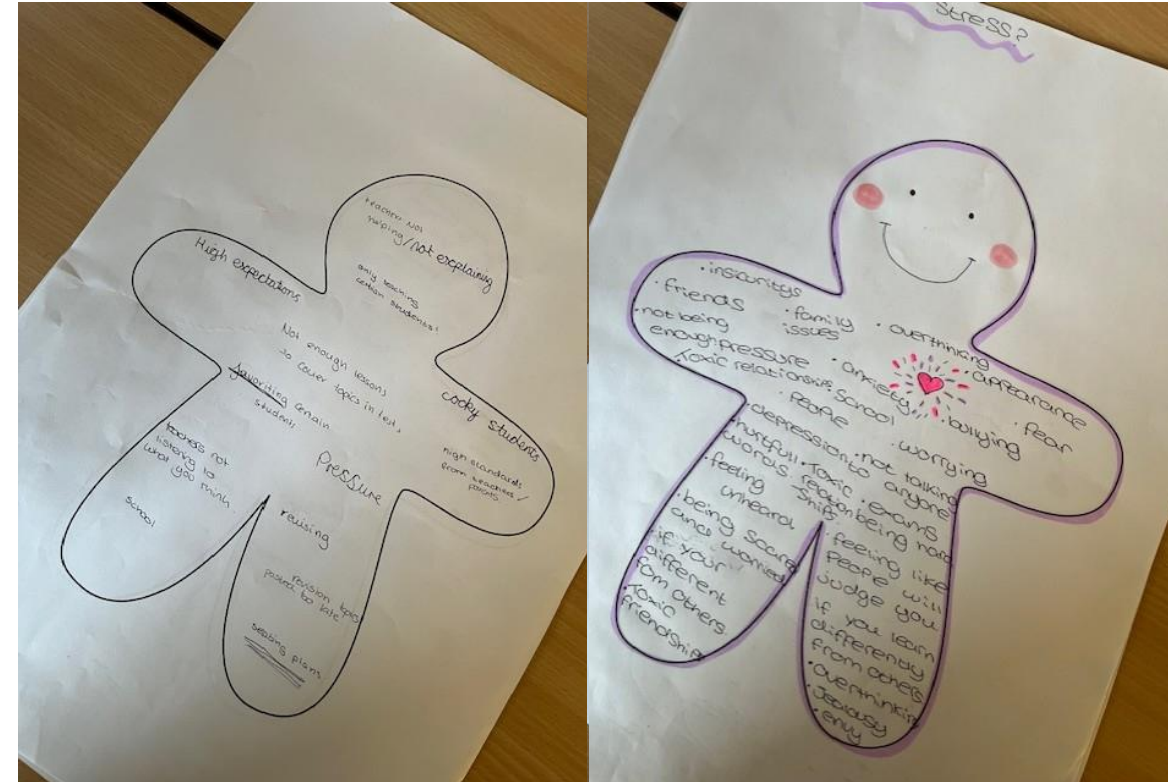
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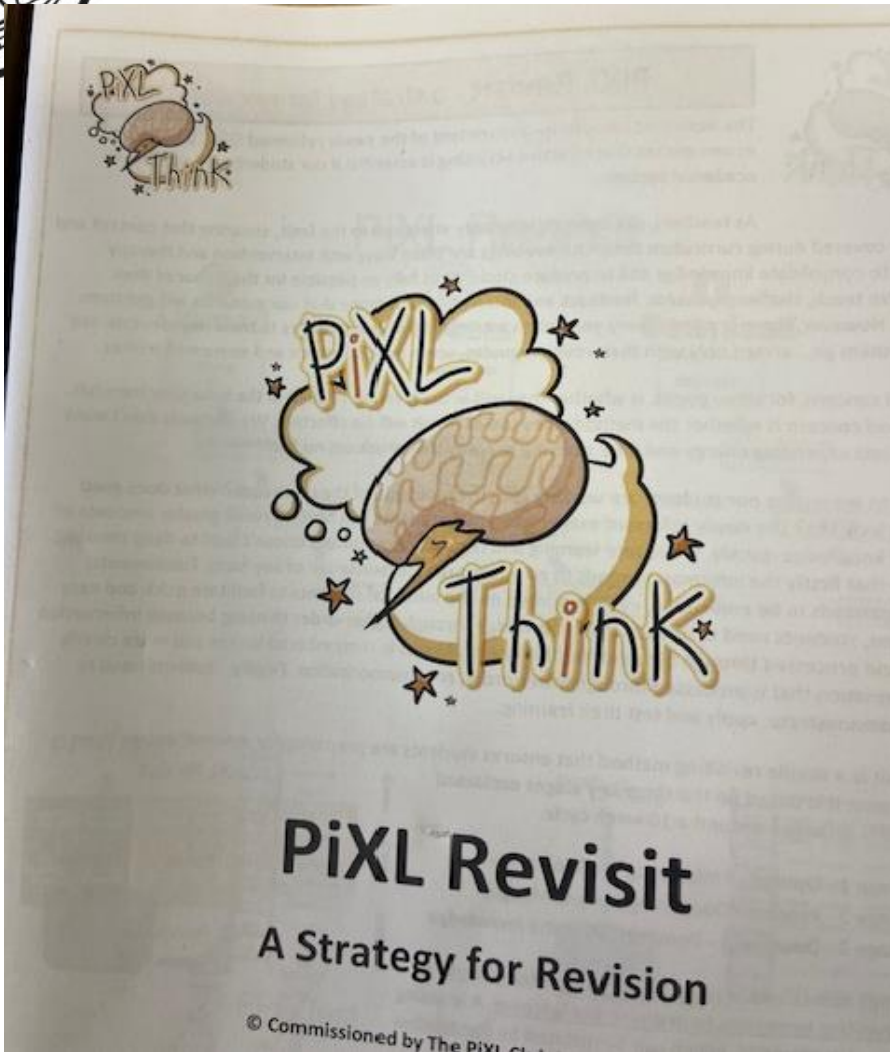
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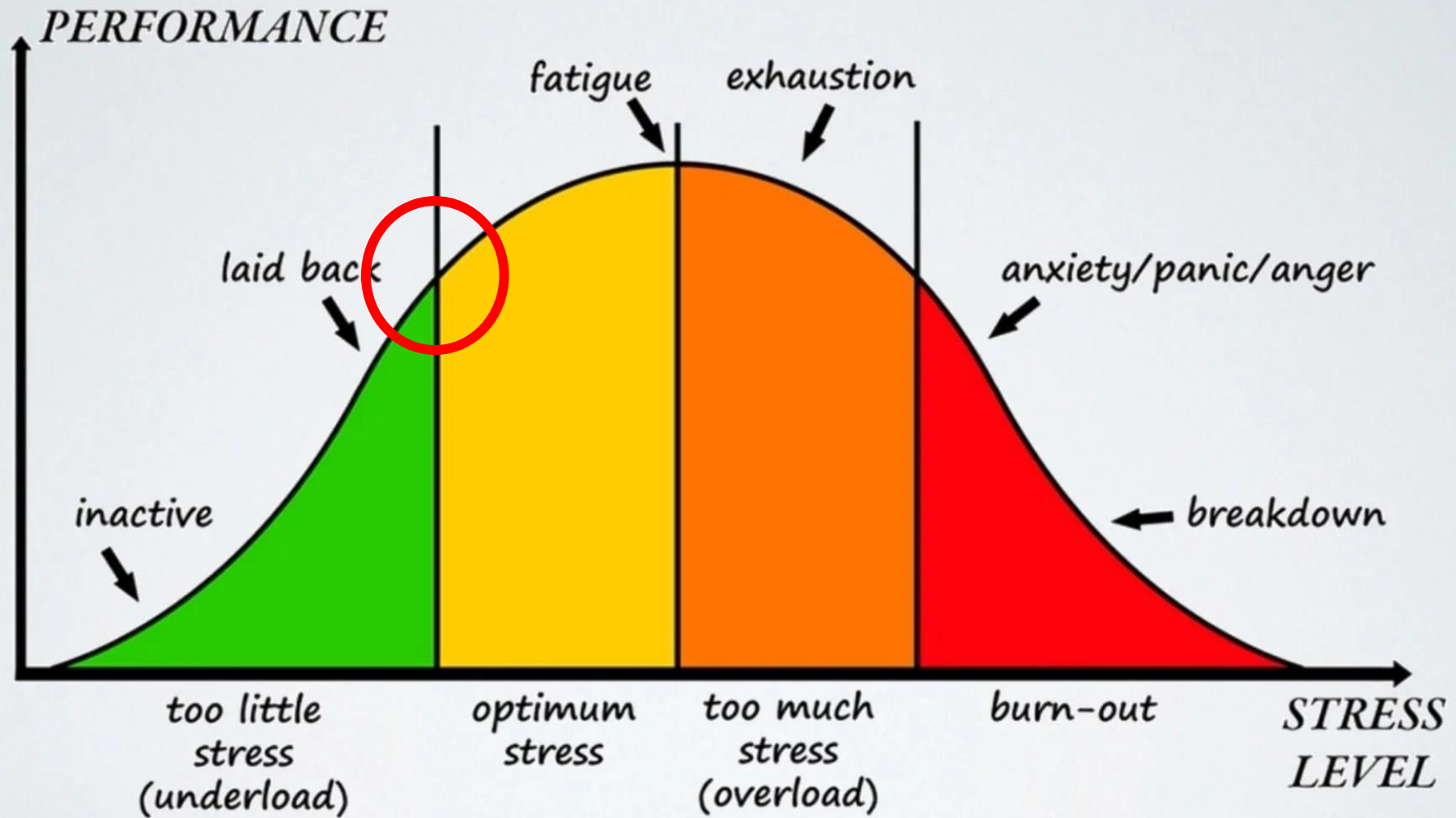


Year 11 Workshops





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Artificial Intelligence in Year 11

- Ai – it can be useful!
 - Can help with revision
 - Can create exam style questions – check the exam board!
 - Can help with planning revision
- Ai – It could also break some very serious rules
 - Ai must NOT be used to create work
 - Ai must NOT be used to better coursework



Key dates for your diary

- **PPEs** – Oct (Term 1)
- **Sixth Form Open Evening** – 11th November
- **Year 11 Parent Interviews** – 20th November
- **Year 11 Trip** – Friday 12th December
- **PPEs** – Feb (Term 3)
- **Year 11 Second Parent Interviews** – Thursday 26th March
- **GCSE window** – First Week of May



PPE – Pre Public Exams

- 2 windows
 - October
 - February
- Full exam schedule
- Exam conditions – exam hall
- Lessons used for study time
- Practice under pressure
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Refine exam technique
- Results become feedback



Normal Feelings

- Anxious



- Stressed



- Dread



- Unmotivated

- Doubtful

- Pressured





Ideas for the year ahead

Plan ahead – in terms of holidays, family commitments, sporting events



Limit phone use/social media time



Space at home for them to use for study



Healthy eating habits



Share the revision timetable in shared area



Monitor sleep – intervene if needed



A little bit of tough love





Small things to avoid...

Countdowns! 

Taking things personally 

Trying to solve all the problems

Want me to listen or to solve? 

Making exam season life



Comparisons with
siblings/cousins/family
members 

‘things were different in my day’ 

Thinking it's too late 



Support in Year 11

Miss Laura Thomas: Year
11 Raising Standards
Leader

Mrs Lane: AHT Raising
Standards

Year 11
Form
tutors

Subject teachers

Careers Team

Community
Leaders



LANGUAGE PAPER ONE

Q1	Simple Retrieval (Multiple Choice) 4 marks	4 minutes
Q2	Analysis of <u>Language</u> 8 marks	8-10 minutes
Q3	Analysis of <u>Structure</u> 8 marks	8-10 minutes
Q4	Evaluate a statement 20 marks	20 minutes
Q5	Creative Writing Descriptive or Narrative 40 marks (24 = Content and Organisation/ 16 = Technical Accuracy)	45 minutes

LANGUAGE PAPER TWO

Q1	Choose 4 TRUE statements 4 marks	4 minutes
Q2	Summary of Similarities and/or Differences 8 marks	8-10 minutes
Q3	Language Analysis 12 marks	12 minutes
Q4	Comparison of Writers' Attitudes 16 marks	20 minutes
Q5	Non-fiction Writing 40 marks (24 = content / 16 = Technical Accuracy)	45 minutes





LITERATURE PAPER ONE

40% of GCSE

A	Shakespeare Play 34 marks	45 minutes
B	'A Christmas Carol' 30 marks	45 minutes

One question per section.
Write about an extract
and the text as a whole.



LITERATURE PAPER TWO

60% of GCSE

A	'An Inspector Calls' 34 marks Choice of TWO questions; answer ONE	45 minutes
B	'Power and Conflict' Poetry Anthology 30 marks	45 minutes
C	Single Unseen Poem 24 marks	30 minutes
	Unseen Poetry Comparison 8 marks	15 minutes





Maths

How to revise in Maths

- There are over 300 skills in the maths GCSE – it's a marathon not a sprint
- Break it down into manageable chunks
- Aim for 1 topic every night, 20 mins
- One question, one answer

The Process

- Find a topic you can't do in the book
- Read the example
- Try a question
- Check the answer IMMEDIATELY
- If it's right, move on. If it's wrong, try it again



Maths

Past Papers

- Use these sparingly for now, you haven't covered all the content yet.
- Do enough to get a 'feel' for papers – perhaps fortnightly.
- Use the mark scheme to diagnose weaker areas to work on in your books.

Intervention

- Maths form groups – 30 minutes daily.
- Afterschool – 1 hour every **Tuesday**.
- AM Bootcamp – 20 minutes Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Breaks, lunches & end of lessons – my team and I are here to help and we're always happy to answer your questions.



Science

Combined (Double) Science

2 exam papers for each subject: **Biology, Chemistry, Physics** for a total of **6 exams**

Paper 1- 1 hr 15 minutes - 70 marks

Paper 2- 1 hr 15 minutes - 70 marks

All marks are combined to award 2 GCSE grades for Science.

Separate (Triple) Science

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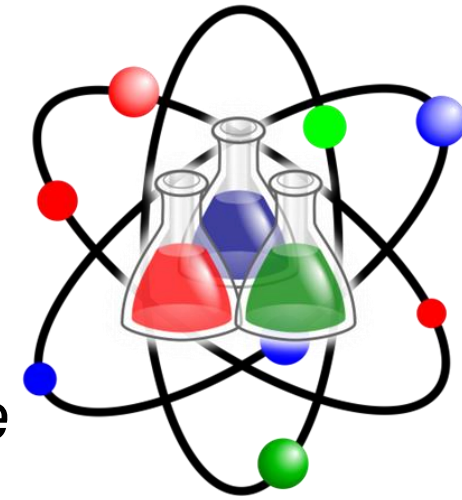
Paper 1- 1 hr 45 minutes - 100 marks

- **Paper 2**- 1 hr 45 minutes - 100 marks

- Marks are combined for each subject to earn a GCSE grade in each subject Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. 3 grades in total.



Science Revision



- **Knowledge-** *learn the material*
 - Online textbook
 - Flashcards
 - Mindmaps
 - Knowledge organisers, one sheet for each topic
 - Revision guides (available for purchase from the department)
 - Combined Science £13 for one book
 - Separate Science £20 for three books

- **Application-** *apply the material*
 - -Explain concepts to another person
 - -Attend support sessions
 - -Practice questions
 - -Exam Past Paper Questions



Next steps and keeping focus

- We offer 9 GCSE subjects
- Sixth form places are very rigid and strict
- Most want a minimum of 5 grade 4/5 to gain entry
- All subjects can be the final grade 5 to get them a place at sixth form



Sixth form open evening

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Tuesday 11th November

Head of Sixth Form and Headteacher – 5.00pm or 6.40pm

Rooms open to explore the range of subjects

All Different

Look out for booking links (2 weeks prior)



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Geography: Mock	BW		3-	
Geography: Predicted	BW	4+	4	
Media Studies: Current	JB TR		4+	4 - Excellent
Media Studies: Mock	JB TR		5-	
Media Studies: Predicted	JB TR	5	5+	
Physical Education: Current	AR		Not required	4 - Excellent
Personal Development: Current	RG		Not required	4 - Excellent
Psychology: Current	DMM		3+	3 - Good
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Religious Studies: Current	FAS BB		3-	4 - Excellent
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