

# YEAR 11 BULLETIN

## CARING - DETERMINED - REFLECTIVE

### GCSE mindset: Building Independence

The top performing students are setting themselves work in addition to what their teachers are setting them. Developing independent study skills is not only important for Year 11 but vital for success in post-16 courses. However, this is not easy for most of people to do. So, this week, students learnt about how to set themselves their own independent work.

This week, students looked at how they can plan for their independent study. We have broken it down into four steps for the students.

- 1) **Topic?** - Identify the topic, what are you going to be spending time working on?
- 2) **What?** - What are you going to be doing? This might include watching a YouTube video, reading a book, using your revision guide or curriculum booklets.
- 3) **Resources?** - What are you going to need in order to complete the task?
- 4) **Activity?** - What will you actually do during the session, remembering that active work is more beneficial than passive activities.

This is an example from English:

Subject: English			
Topic	What	Where	Activity
A Christmas Carol	Watch a video about context	<a href="#">YouTube video - Social &amp; Historical context</a>	Create a mind-map whilst watching the video

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Refer to their revision timetable and ask your child to describe exactly what they plan to do during their allocated study time.

#### A new addition to our revision support!

##### Tremendous Thursdays

Join Mrs Miller for a 20-minute English revision session in TSS. Every Thursday lunchtime.

Sessions will focus on an aspect of the English literature and language exams based on student requests.

Starts Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Weekly.

#### A change to MFL p.6 sessions

Spanish: Thursday in T20

French: Wednesday in T16

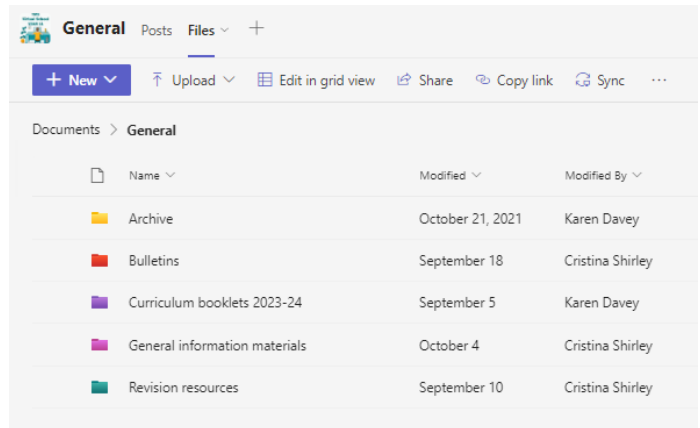
## Half-Term Revision:

Make sure your child is making the most of your break from school by coming up with a revision timetable for the week. One that will include plenty of time for relaxation, hobbies, sports and hanging out with friends but also includes some revision sessions. They should be putting into practice all they have learnt from GCSE mindset and allocate revision sessions to the time of day they will be most focussed.

They should be specific with what they are going to accomplish during each revision session.

Check out the revision resources in the Virtual Year 11 Classroom on Teams

There is a whole host of past papers and revision plans e.g. [A science revision plan](#)



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### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ◇ Provide a quiet study environment, consider places students can work; a parent's home office, an attic room, a relative's house
- ◇ Remove distractions, such as smart phones from where students are working
- ◇ Help students construct a revision timetable and keep a copy somewhere visible
- ◇ Be positive, particularly in moments of panic
- ◇ Be aware of their road map and any missions and medals they planned for themselves, offer some incentives to work
- ◇ Make sure they have a healthy balanced diet to support effective studying
- ◇ Try to avoid tension or arguments
- ◇ Encourage regular exercise and a good night's sleep

### What to revise this week?

**Biology:** 3. Genetics - Genes & Inheritance- [BBC bitesize: Genes & Inheritance](#)

**Chemistry:** 3. Acids, alkalis & pH - [BBC bitesize: Acids & Alkalis](#)

**Physics:** 5. Light and the EM spectrum - [BBC bitesize: EM spectrum](#)

**Geography:** River Landscapes - Physical processes, River valley changes, weather & climate challenges - Rev guide p.14-17

**History:** Beliefs about causes of disease, methods of prevention and treatment 1700-1900—[resource](#)

**Business Studies:** Theme 1.3 Sources of Finance

**Psychology:** Memory key terms and Amnesia - [Memory CB P 4-5 \(fill in\), P6-8](#)

**Sociology:** Marriage and divorce - Purple book p.38 and your curriculum book

**GCSE Modern Foreign Languages:**

- **BBC bitesize KS4** [select your language and choose AQA], revise all topics.
- You Tube: **Easy French/Spanish** chose a topic to revise/learn and practise the vocabulary/listening and grammar.
- **Duolingo App** to revise/learn and practise the vocabulary/listening and grammar.