



# YEAR 11 BULLETIN

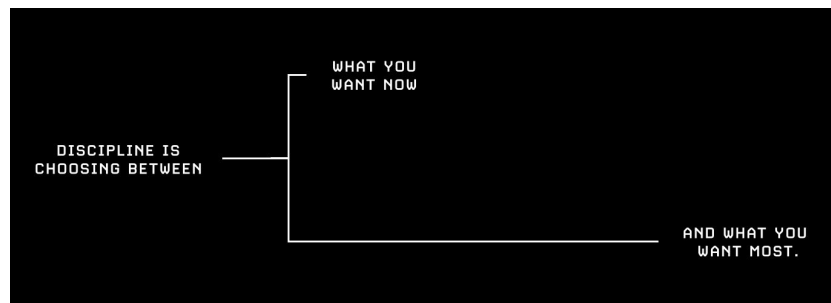


## Merry Christmas!

It has been a very successful second term for our Y11 students, finishing with the wonderful school production of A Christmas Carol. There has also been plenty of sporting success, including our Y11 rugby and football teams. The Y11 teaching team are also pleased to report that students are increasingly motivated about preparing for their MOCK exams next term by using the 6th form hub for silent study or attending one of the many period 6 sessions.

### GCSE mindset: Now vs Most.

Abraham Lincoln is quoted saying “Discipline is choosing between what you want now, and what you want most.” This a pertinent quote for our Y11 students, when often what they want now potentially damages what they want most. The example used with the students is that they really want to go on holiday in the future and so need to save money but what they want to do right now is buy a new pair of jeans.



Occasionally choosing what you want to do now, such as watching a movie with the family instead of doing some revision, isn't going to damage the 'most' goal (getting your best GCSE grades to move onto your next steps). There is only a problem is when we always choose 'now' over 'most', when we do this we may never reach our ultimate goal.

This week, students looked at what the temptations are that will stop them reaching their ultimate 'most' goal. Students made a list of all their 'most' goals for this year and then all the possible daily temptations. Common daily temptations include spending time on their phone or gaming or binge-watching the latest hit TV show. The students then identified which of these 'now' activities were the most damaging in reaching the 'most' goal.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Discuss with your child what their ultimate goal is, what do they want the most?
- What are their temptations, what is distracting them from reaching their ultimate goal?
- How can you support them to tackle these distractions so they can focus on achieving their goal?

## Y11 Mock examinations.

You will have received letters regarding the upcoming mock exams next term. Letters and the mock timetable can be found on the school website in the December 2023 folder [here](#). All students will receive a personalised mock exam timetable before the mocks begin.

In addition to taking some time to relax and enjoy the Christmas break, students are to continue to put into practice everything they have learnt from their period one GCSE mindset and revision strategies sessions. A lot of revision advice and subject-specific revision guides can be found in the Year 11 Revision Guide found in the September 2023 folder [here](#), including a blank revision guide on page 7 that can be printed to plan each week's planned revision. When planning their revision timetable, students should be clear on what they will be revising and what they are going to do when they are revising. For example, below are some suggestions of retrieval tasks.

**4 Methods of Retrieval Practice**

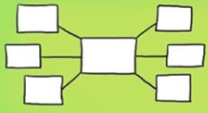
Before you start put away all your books & classroom materials.

**Retrieval Practice Examples**

- \* Exit Tickets
- \* Starter quizzes
- \* Multiple choice quizzes
- \* Short answer tests
- \* Free write
- \* Think, pair, share
- \* Ranking & sorting
- \* Challenge grids

**BRAIN DUMP**

Write, draw a picture, create a mind-Map on everything you know about a topic.



Give yourself a time limit, say 3 minutes, then have a look at your books & add a few things you forgot.

**QUIZZING**

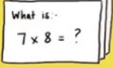
Create practice questions on a topic. Swap your questions with a partner & answer.

Question - What is a metaphor?

- A comparison using 'like, as, than'.
- A comparison where one thing is another.
- A comparison with a human attribute.

**FLASHCARDS**


Create your own flashcards, question on one side answer on the other. Can you make links between the cards?



You need to repeat the Q&A process for flashcards, you fail on more frequently & less frequently for those you answer correctly.

**KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS**

Complete a knowledge organiser template for key information about a topic.

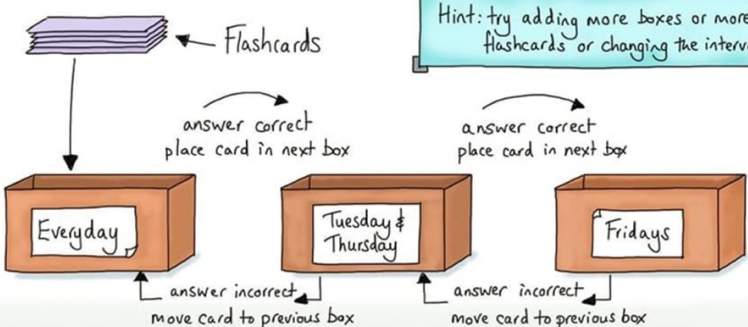


You can use knowledge organisers to learn new vocab & make links in between subjects or ideas.

After you have retrieved as much as you can go back to your books & check what you've missed. Next time focus on that missing information

**LEITNER Flash card method**

Hint: try adding more boxes or more flashcards or changing the intervals



An effective use of flashcards to prompt & recall learning using spaced practice proposed by Leitner in the 1970s. It focuses on the proficiency of recall of the learner. Information which is easily recalled has a longer time lapse before the next recall opportunity.

Students will likely want to spend some of their revision time doing timed practice, completing past exam papers in exam conditions, in preparation for their mock exams. Lots of past paper resources can be found on the [Virtual Y11 classroom](#).

## Leavers Prom update:

The prom will be held at Mercure Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone on **Friday 12th July 2024**.

Tickets are £42 each, a **deposit of £12 is due by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and final payment of £30 by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

More details on the Prom code of conduct and the permission letter can be found on the school website in the November 2023 folder of the [letters page](#). Hard copies are also available from T10 at lunchtimes.

## Period 6 Timetable: 3.30-4.30 pm

In addition to the period 6 sessions offered, students are encouraged to use the 6th form hub for independent silent study from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Tremendous Thursdays: Lunchtime English revision session in TSS

DAY	SUBJECT	LOCATION
Monday	Art, 3D Design & Textiles	Art studios
	Science	R8
Tuesday	History	B9/B10
	Business	R19
	Textiles—invite only	Textiles studio
Wednesday	Maths	Maths corridor
	Computer Science	B4
	Spanish (invite only)	MFL corridor
Thursday	English	English corridor
	Spanish	T20
	French	MFL corridor
	Psychology	B5
	Music & Drama	M6
	Hair & Beauty	Salon