

# ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL

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GCSE READY  
Thursday 28 September 2023



OUR VISION IS TO BE  
'OUTSTANDING IN EVERY RESPECT'  
THROUGH THE CONSTANT DRIVE  
FOR EXCELLENCE ACROSS  
THE SCHOOL.

'TOGETHER WE LEARN,  
ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED'.

# Mr Fisher & Ms Higginbottom

Co - Headteachers

# Welcome Back



# EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

# Examination Outcomes - GCE

On roll & taught roll	2023	2022	2019	2018
A*-B% (GCE + EPQ)	58% (Nat 53%)	63% (Nat 62%)	42%	45%
A*-C% (GCE + EPQ)	78% (Nat 75%)	82% (Nat 82%)	63%	69%
A*-E% (GCE + EPQ)	94% (Nat 97%)	98% (Nat 98%)	95%	94%



## Summer results 2023 – GCE / combined

Arjun Notay	A*A*A*+A	DT, Ma, Ph, (FMa)	Imperial College London- Aeronautical Engineering
Alexander Pandey	A*A*A+A	Co, Ma, Ph, (FMa)	University of Manchester- Computer Science
Matthew Nunan	A*A*A+A	Bi, Ma, Gg (EPQ)	University of Sheffield - Geography
Bryn Horton	A*AAA	Ph, Ch, Ma, FMa	UCL -Physics
Ahmed Mustafa	A*AA	Ma, Bi, Ch	tbc – medicine / gap year
Arham Khalid	A*AA	Ph, Hi, Ma	University of Southampton- Physics with Nanotechnology
Veer Kundi	AAA	Ec, Ma, Ph	University of Birmingham- Economics
Hamza Lodhi	AAA	DT, Ma, Ph	Queen Mary- Aerospace Engineering
Denzal Mansaray	AAA	Bi, Ch, Ma	UCL- Biomedical Sciences
Ali Khan	AAA	En, Hi, Fi	University of Kent- Film and Media
James Daher	AAA	Ch, Ma, Bi	Kingston University- Pharmacy MPharm
Ayman Ahmad	ABB	DT, Ma, Ph	Possibly clearing or Queen Mary Aerospace Engineering
Wahab Faizi	ABB	Ma, Ec, Ph	Queen Mary - Electrical and Electronic Engineering

## Summer results 2023 – Level 3 Vocational

Abdullah Al Jammal	D*D*D	Royal Holloway -Management with inter bus (year in industry
Callum Fox	D*D*D	Kingston University- Cyber Security and digital forensics
Cristian Johnson Castro	D*D*D	Queen Mary- Business Management
Khadar Mahammed	D*D*D	Brunel University London- Law
Zain Muhammad	D*D*D	University of Westminster- Computer Science
Mohamad Rosstom	D*D*D	Brunel University - Computer Science (Software Engineering)
Alexander Standing	D*D*B	UCFB - Football coaching and talent development
Haaris Shaikh	D*D*B	Brunel University - Computer Science (Software Engineering)
Sam McMaster	D*D*	St Mary's University - Sports performance analysis and talent ID
Tamim Amini	D*DD	Tbc
Hashim Mamo	D*DD	IT,ApS,Bs University of Exeter- LLB law with professional placement
Daniel Pugin	D*AC	St,Ar,PE University of West London- Interior design



# OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

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# TRADITIONAL VALUES

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# Traditional Values



# Mr Dargan

Assistant Headteacher  
Pastoral Leader Years 7&10

# What are your aspirations?

## Being GCSE ready will help you achieve them



'If there is no struggle there is no progress'





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# GCSE countdown

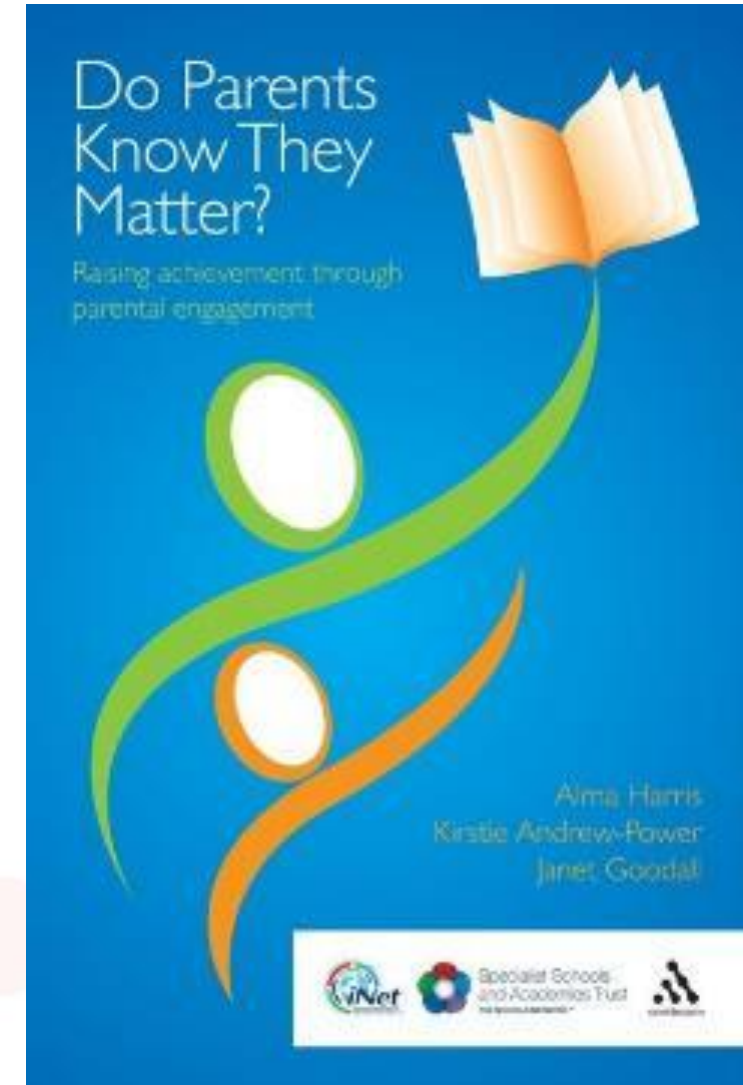
- 4500 lessons .....4500 hours
- Research shows that it takes approximately 10,000 hours become an expert.



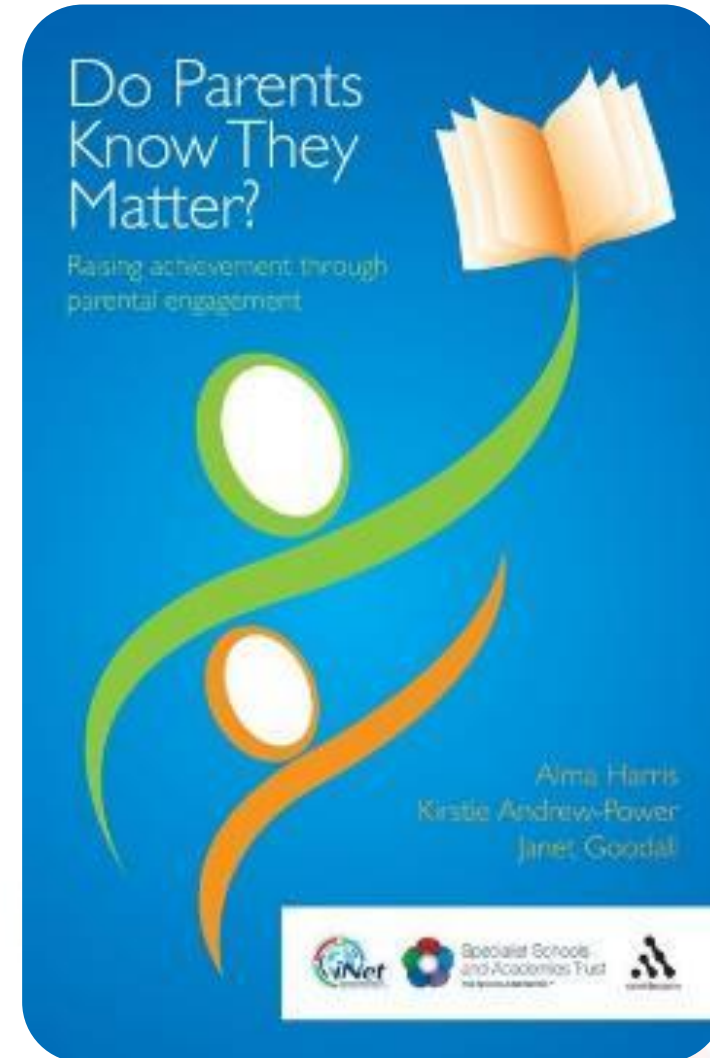
**11% - approx. 1/10  
of this time will be in school**

## Professor Alma Harris – Do Parents Know They Matter?

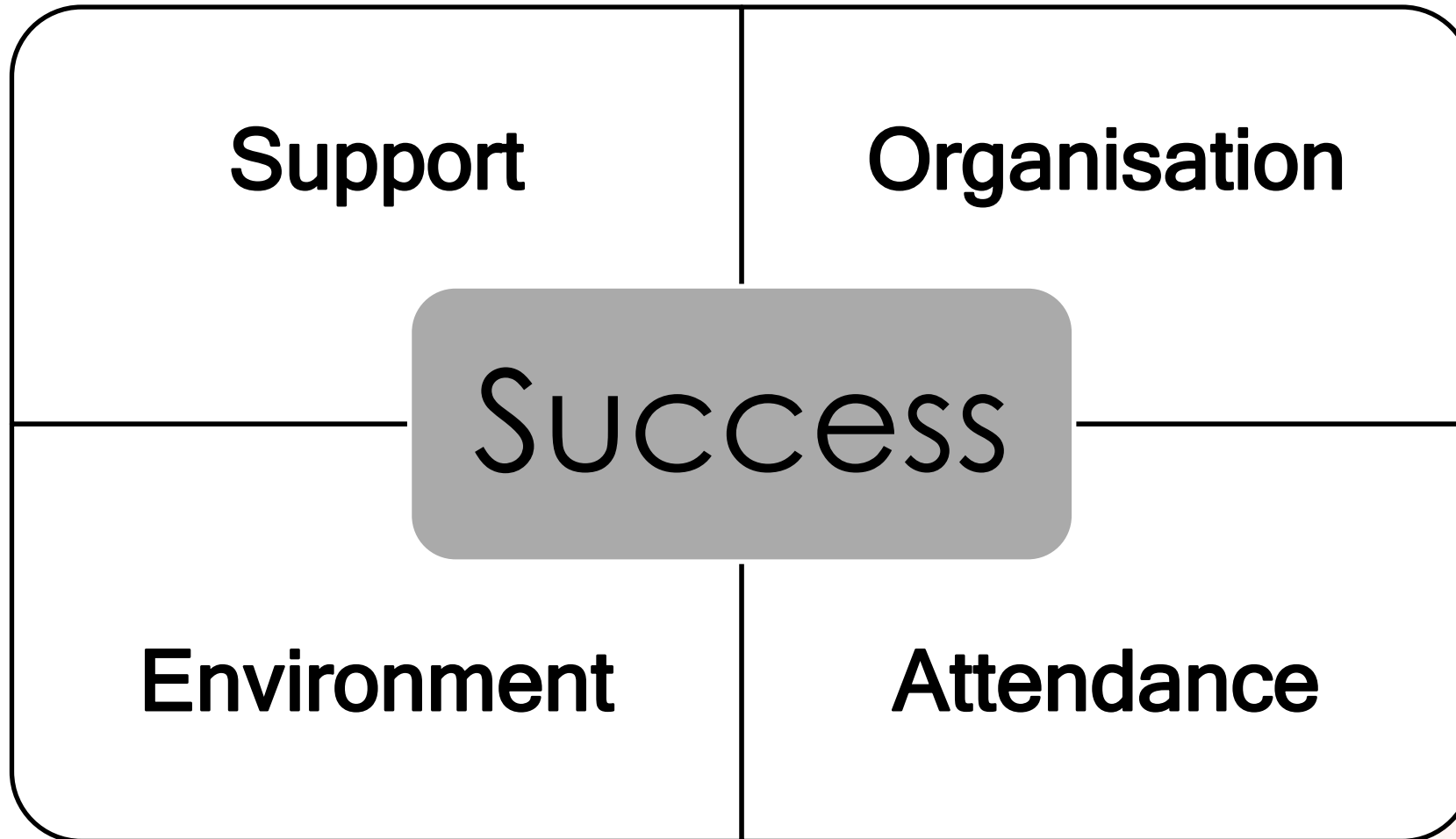
- ‘... the greatest influence on the achievement of pupils is through supporting their learning *in the home* rather than supporting activities in school.’
- ‘It is their support of learning in the home environment that makes the maximum difference to achievement.’



# NO MINUTES LOST



## Parent/Carer Support



# Half term 1 - we are ready

- We don't lose minutes
- We are equipped for learning
- We meet all deadlines
- We begin to revise - little and often
- Research shows it takes 30 days to break a habit.

**Take  
Positive  
Action**

**Every  
Lesson  
Matters**



Health A-Z

Live Well

Care and support

# How much sleep do children need?

## 10 years

- night time: 9 hours 45 minutes

## 11 years

- night time: 9 hours 30 minutes

## 12 years

- night time: 9 hours 15 minutes

## 13 years

- night time: 9 hours 15 minutes

## 14 years

- night time: 9 hours

## 15 years

- night time: 9 hours

## 16 years

- night time: 9 hours

# Aims of the evening

We will:

- explain how GCSEs are graded
- give you a copy of your son/ward's minimum GCSE expected grades and explain what these mean
- advise you of the academic expectations for a GCSE student at Isleworth and Syon School
- direct you to subject specific support
- explain the importance and process of securing a work experience placement.



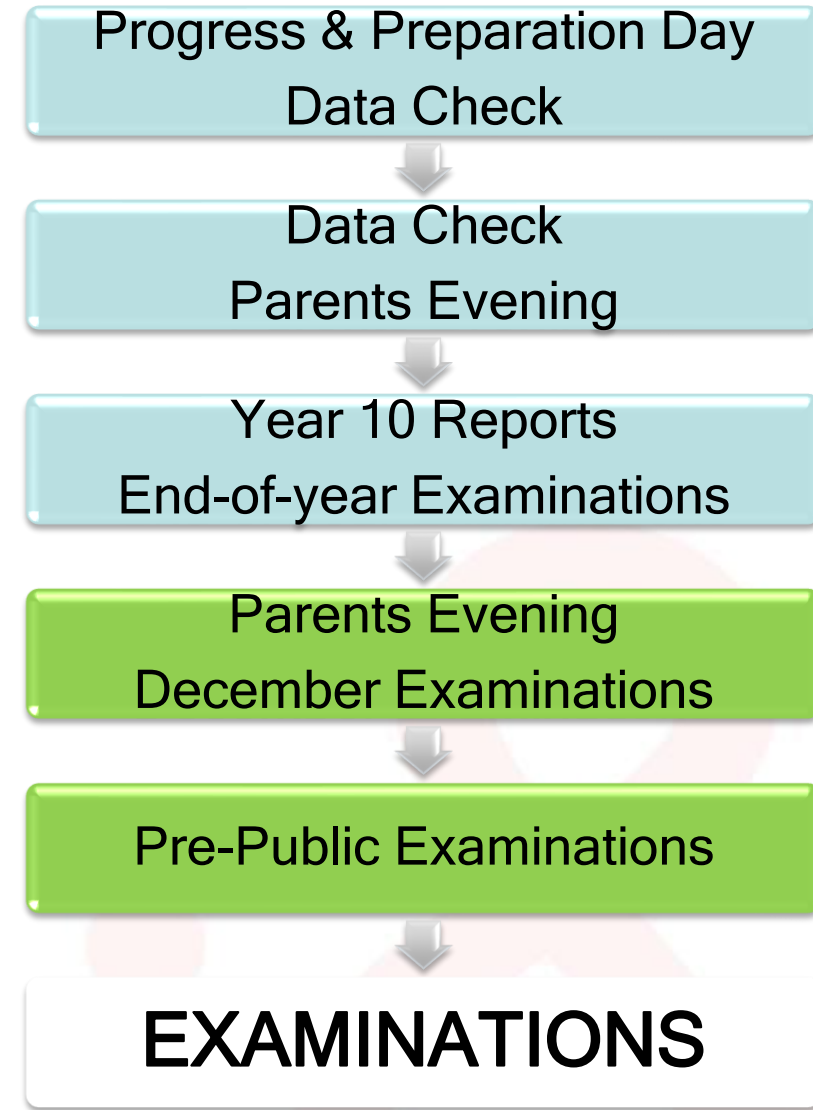
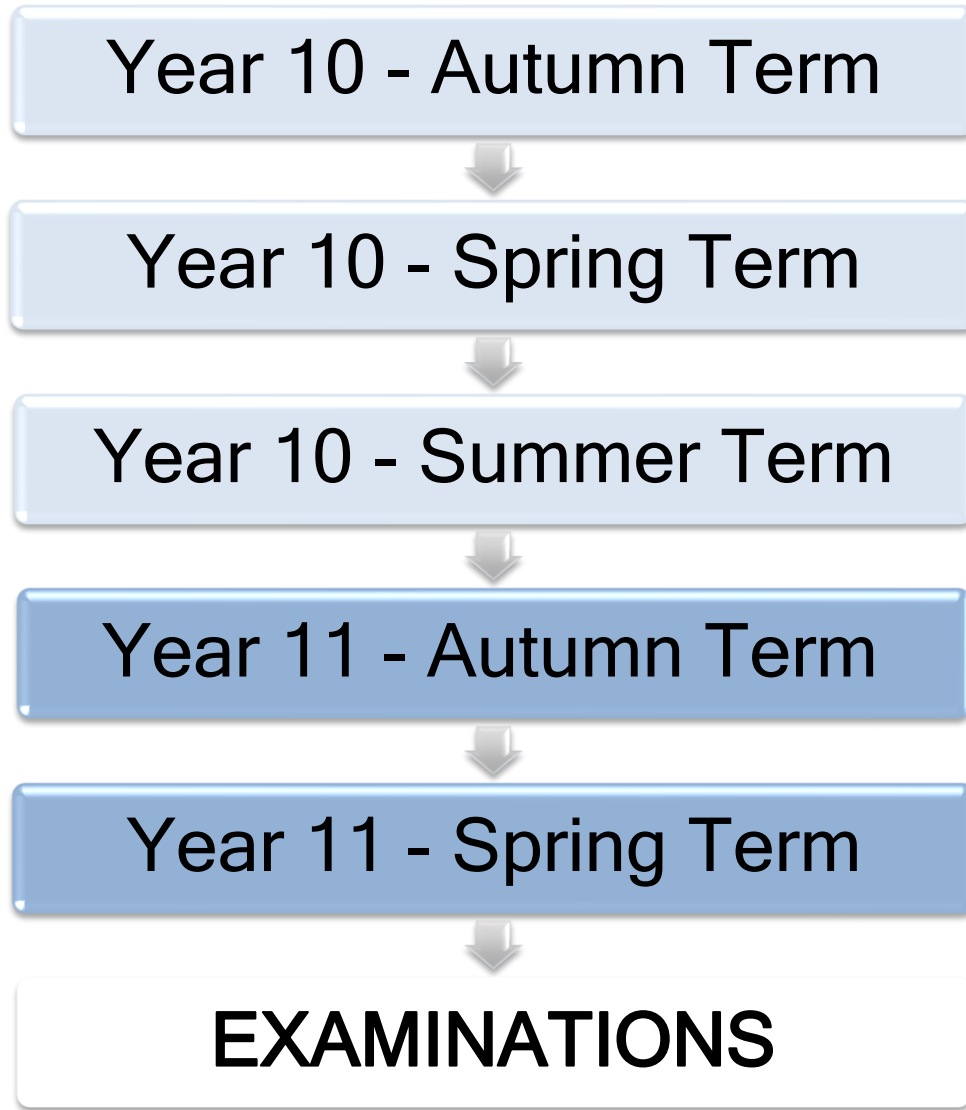
# Ms Higginbottom

## Co-Headteacher

# Transition - KS3 to KS4

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- Subjects that were studied in Year 9 gave the chance to learn the skills and knowledge that will be needed to be successful.
- All students will study a minimum of nine subjects including GCSE Statistics
- 5 terms left until the majority of exams take place
- The bulk of GCSE work is covered in Year 10.



## Tracking Grades through KS4

GRADES
9
8
7a
7b
7c
6a
6b
6c
5a
5b
5c
4a
4b
4c
3
2
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**6a:** Targeted to get a grade 6 but potential for a 7



**6b:** Working at a grade 6

**6c:** Only just! May just be as likely to get a 5

## Expectations of Progress

We track using all available data to challenge and support progress.

Is this is a cohort without KS2 SATs but we know your son/ward

For example:

- Minimum grade 4 in all subjects
- Top grades 9-7 where possible.

## KS4 Mathematics

Students will leave Isleworth & Syon with the numeracy skills they need to live healthy, happy and successful lives.

- **All** students must attend school every day with a calculator
- PPA is to be completed weekly. Dr Frost mathematics will be used to tackle individuals' strengths and weaknesses
- Departmental PLCs contain links to instructional videos
- Past paper practice is essential
- The subject has two tiers - higher and lower and we track students' attainment carefully before making final decisions on entries at Easter in Year 11.

## GCSE Statistics and Mathematics Pathway

Mathematics and statistics are taught together in a combined programme of study. GCSE Statistics is a good steppingstone qualification, with important skills for life.

In addition to half-termly assessments in class, there are these important dates:

- Year 10 - GCSE Statistics Pre-Public Exams (PPE) - May 2024
- Year 10 - 2 GCSE Statistics Examinations - June 2024
- Year 10 - 2 Maths papers - June 2024
  
- Year 11 - December examinations - December 2024
- Year 11 - Pre-Public Exams - March 2025
- End of Year 11 - GCSE Mathematics Examination - May / June 2025
  
- Syllabus - Edexcel examinations for both statistics and mathematics.



## English Language and Literature

- **Every** student in Year 10 is following the same combined course which enables them to gain two GCSEs.
- Students will be entered for the exams in the summer series 2024.

AQA English Language

External examination  
(100%)

AQA English Literature

External examination  
(100%)

# English Language and Literature

## AQA English Language

Paper 1 – Explorations in  
creative reading and writing

Paper 2 – Writers' viewpoints  
and perspectives

Spoken Language Endorsement

## AQA English Literature

Paper 1 – Shakespeare and the  
19th century novel (Romeo &  
Juliet/A Christmas Carol)

Paper 2 – Modern texts and  
poetry (Lord of the Flies and  
Power & Conflict poetry)

## How can I support my son/ward in English?

- Encourage:
  - wider reading, especially of fiction texts (30 minutes per day)
  - proof-reading of both class work and PPA
  - completion of spelling, punctuation and grammar activities on SAM Learning.
- Talk about topics studied in lessons and read and discuss the set texts with them.
- Encourage your son/ward to regularly revisit topics studied over the GCSE course. This is a linear course so secure knowledge of set texts is essential. Relevant study guides are available in the school shop.
- Ensure that your son/ward completes PPA on Educake. He can also set quizzes to additional revision.

## GCSE science

- All students are studying GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - AQA
- There are two tiers and again final decisions about tiers are not made until Easter of Year 11
- Some students will be given the option of studying separate sciences (three GCSE's) but this will not be made until January of Year 11, after the Year 11 December exams. We can then ensure the correct students are on the correct courses.
- Students will be given a log-in to My GCSE Science - this is a really useful comprehensive resources of video tutorials to supplement gaps in their knowledge

# Mr Fisher

## Co-Headteacher

# 1. Learning – Making Rapid Individual Progress



## 2. Learning – Making Rapid Progress

- Active learning: *think hard, work hard*
- Presentation of work
- Homework - online *Progress & Preparation Activities* (PPA) - two hour per evening - involving:
  - reading
  - research
  - revision
  - re-drafting
- Transparency and accountability via INSIGHT





### 3. Learning – Struggling, Expert Questioning and Rapid Progress



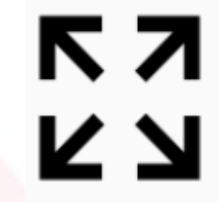
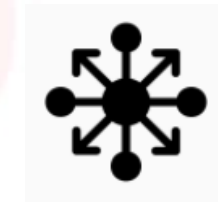
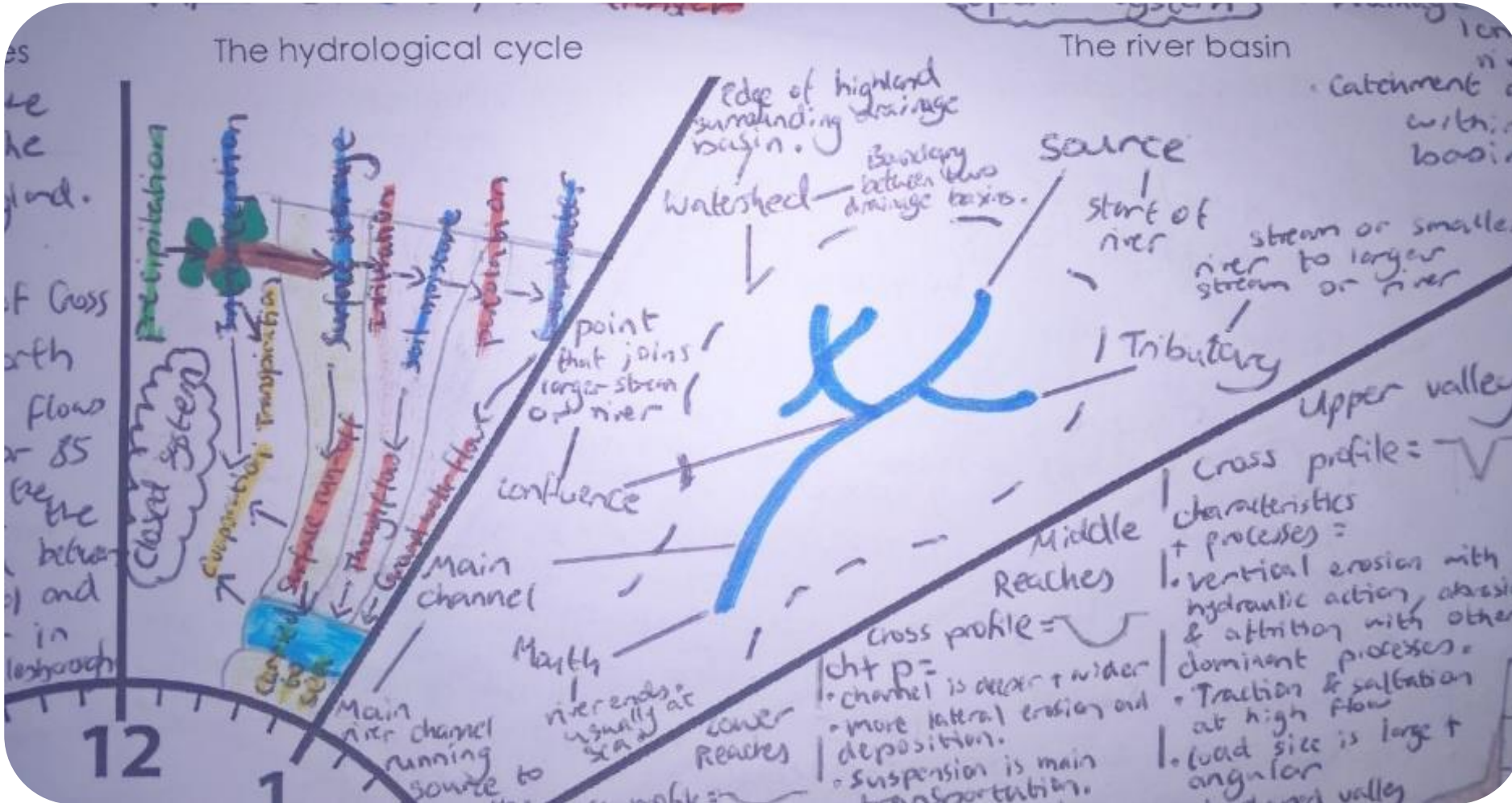


## 4. Self-Regulation, Responsibility And Rapid Progress

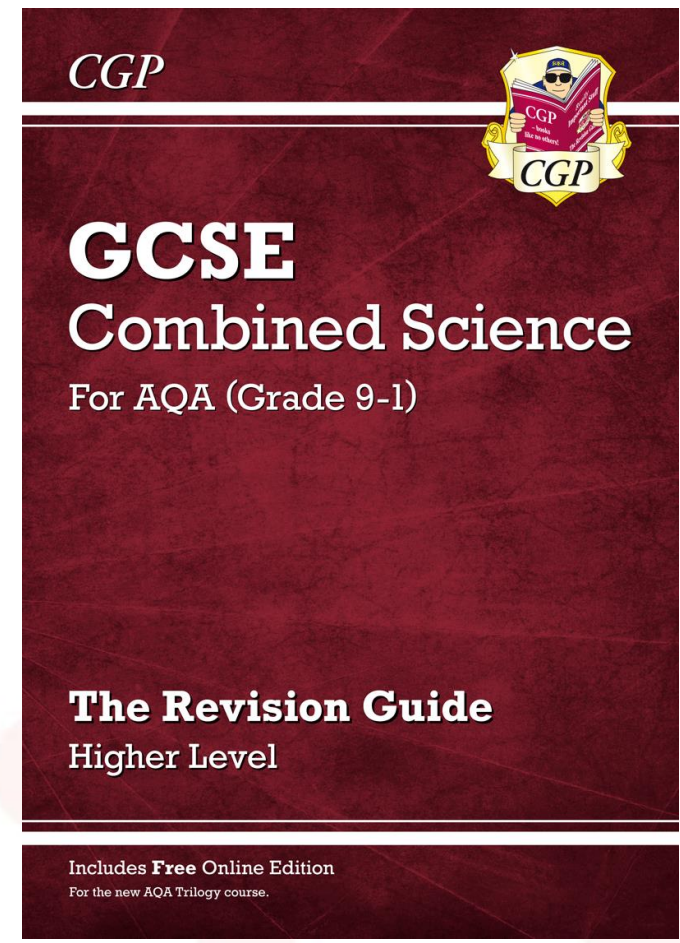
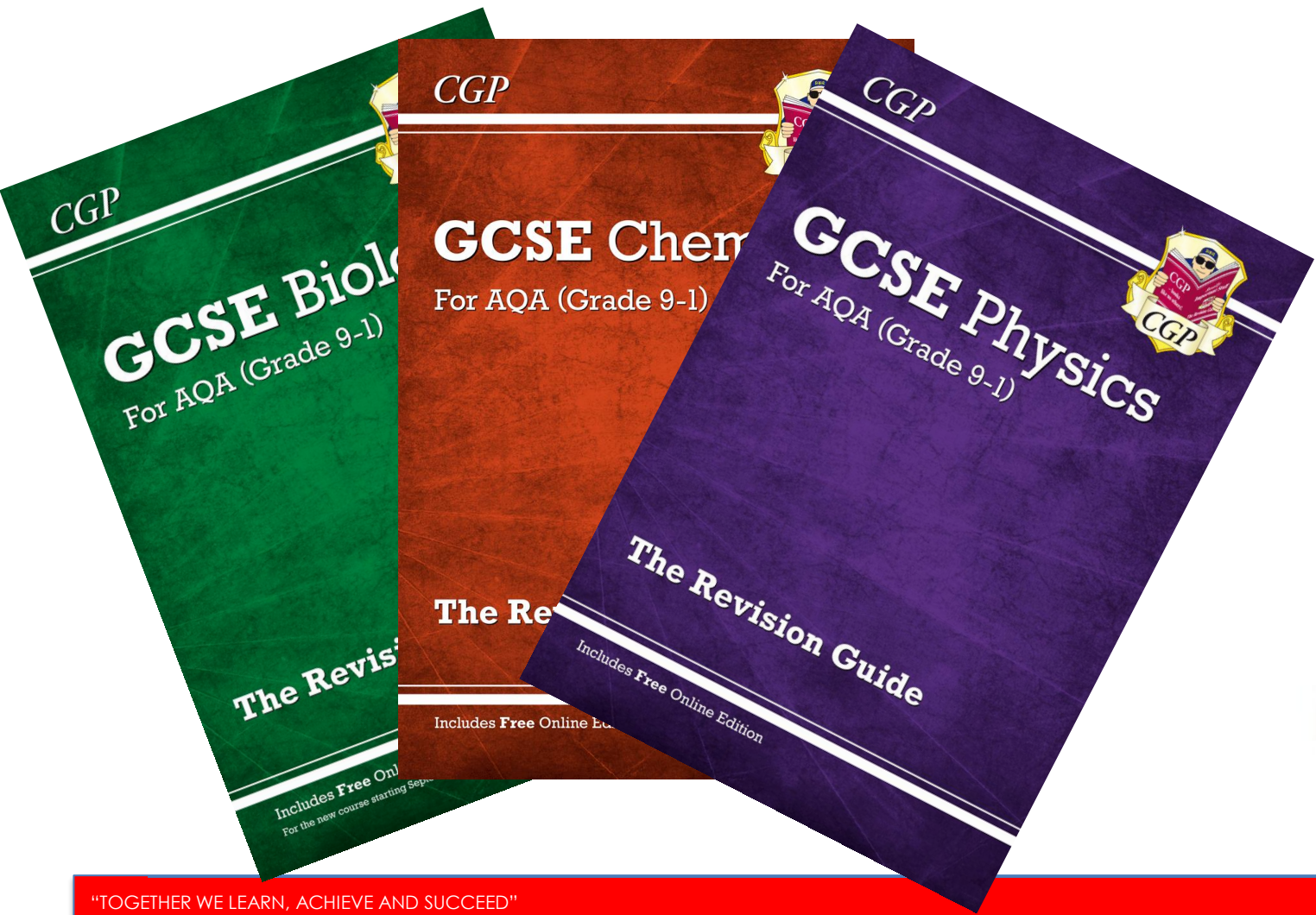
Skill	Questions	RED 	AMBER	GREEN 
Ecosystems, communities of plants and animals, biospheres, biodiversity, tropical rainforest (TRF), deciduous woodland				
Identify	The world's ecosystems and where they are distributed..			✓
Describe	Large-scale ecosystems and know their characteristics.			✓✓
Explain	How the distribution of large-scale ecosystems is influenced by climate and other factors			✓✓✓
Identify	Why the biosphere is vital to humans and how humans have exploited it.			✓✓✓
Describe	How the nutrient cycle transfers nutrients around ecosystems.			✓✓✓
Explain	A model of ecosystems interactions.			
Describe	The UK's main terrestrial ecosystems and interpret a map of their geographical distribution.			
Explain	Why the UK's marine ecosystems are important. (inshore / offshore)			
Explain	How human activities can harm ecosystems in the UK.			
Describe	The characteristic features of tropical rainforest ecosystems.			
Interpret	A nutrient cycle diagram and food web to explain characteristics and features			
Explain	Tropical rainforest (TRF) biodiversity as well as plant and animal adaptations.			



# 5. Learning – Active Revision and Rapid Progress



# 6. Preparation for Learning – Revision Resources & Rapid Progress



## 7. Learning – Reading and Rapid Progress

- A reading book in the school bag
- Reading age of 15.3 years
- Read for 20 minutes everyday
- Reading at home
- Earned trust

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.”  
~ George R. R. Martin



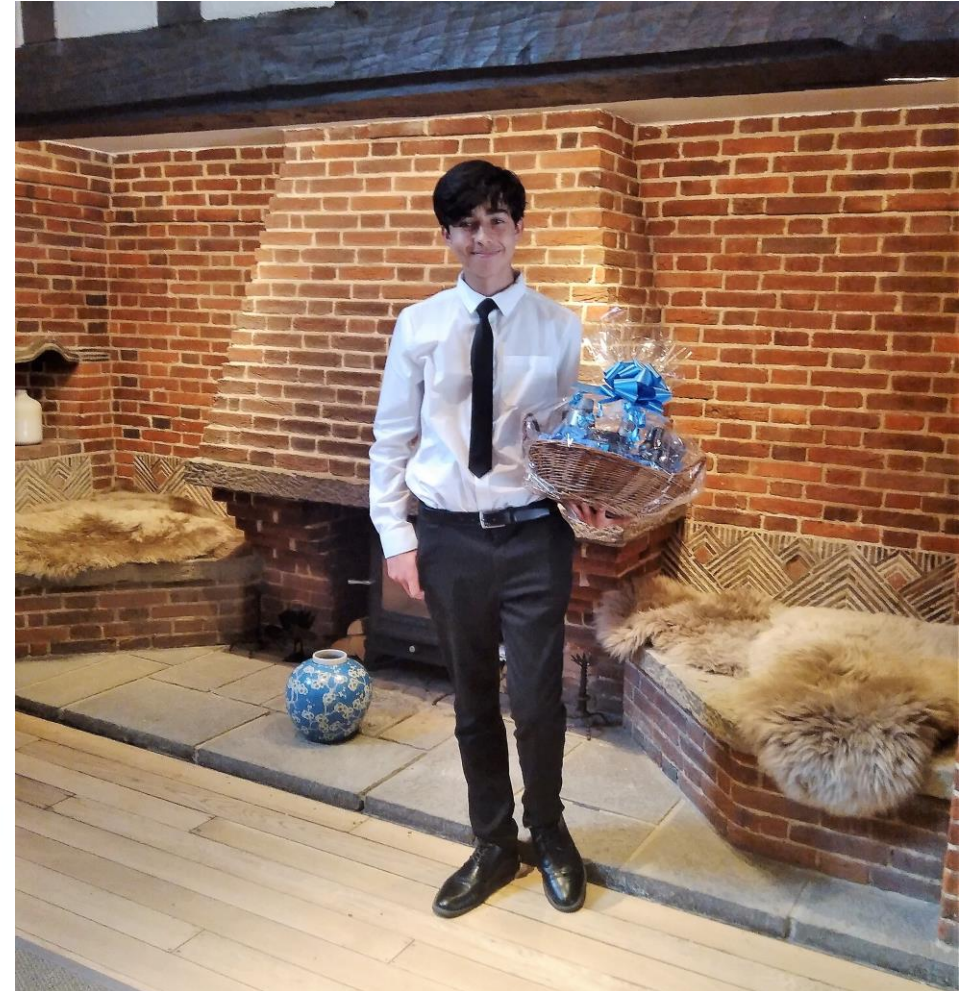
## 8. Employability: work experience

- "*Pathways not corridors*" - light at the end of a long tunnel
- Ten days in July 2024 - identify an "own find" through family links



# Work experience and your "next steps"

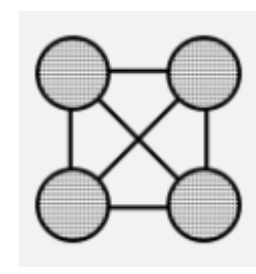
1. Nilan @ UNILEVER
2. Feedback for references
3. Career interviews
4. Mr Adams - contact our Careers Leader
5. UNIFROG
6. Explore "next steps"



# 9. Learning – Enrichment and Rapid Progress



# 10. Parent / carer engagement: partnership working





# Sleep Deprivation



Sleep deprivation causes:

1. Lack of concentration in-class
2. Falling asleep in lessons
3. Failure to store, deep long-term memories
4. Slower academic progress
5. Mental health - attachment - issues
6. Not reaching their potential

# Working towards a common goal on mobile phone usage



Effective parenting involves proactive decision-making: the biggest challenges are -

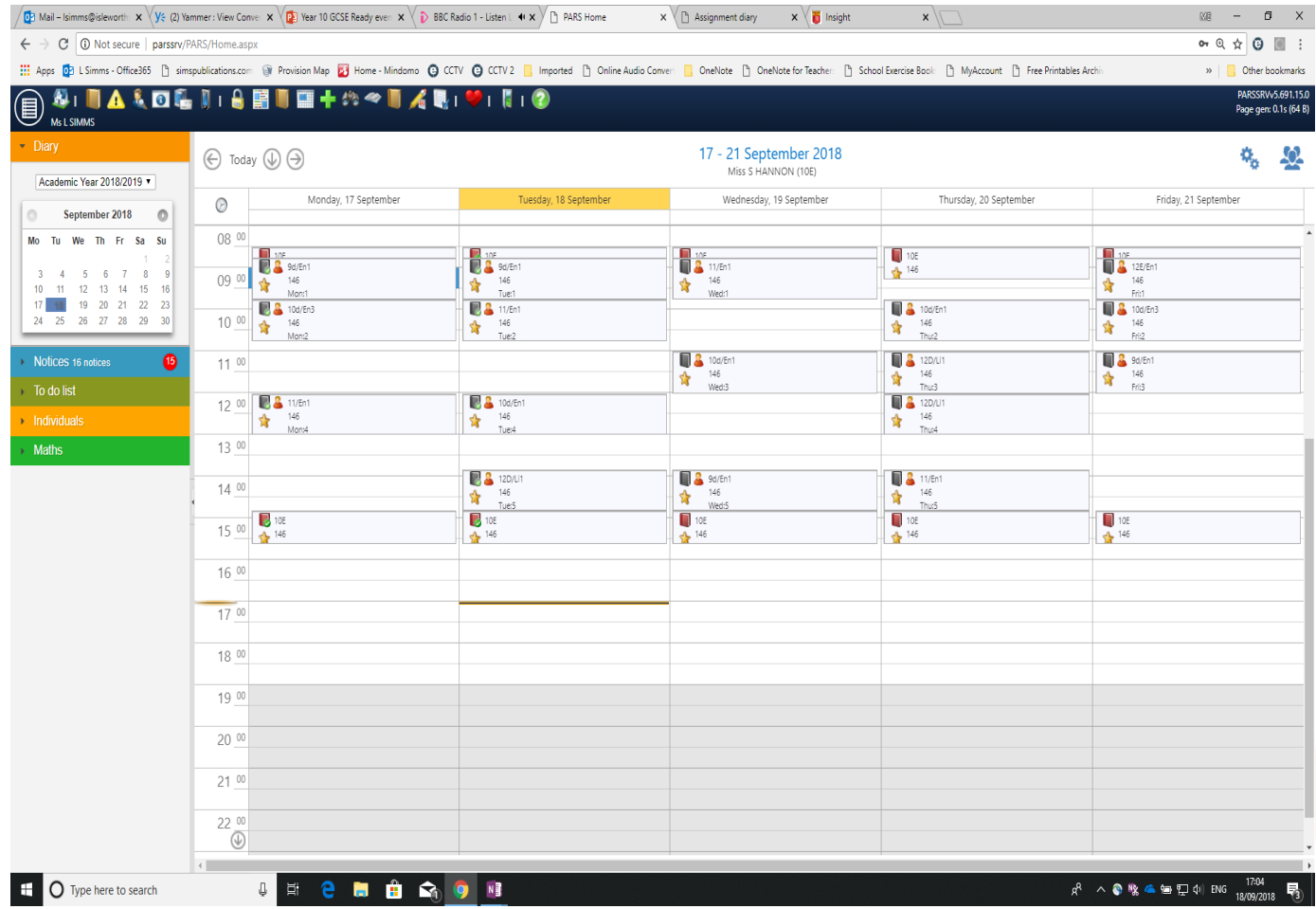
1. providing a digital detox - respectful discussion about, both, physical attachment to mobile devices and obtaining a balanced lifestyle. Demonstrating *earned trust*
2. developing good sleep routines - using our checklist
3. insisting on lights out / curfew times
4. charging phones / tablets outside of bedrooms
5. checking mobile devices for malicious communications
6. confiscating mobile devices until *earned trust* is realised



# Mr Dargan

Assistant Headteacher  
Pastoral Leader Years 7&10

# PARS & Parent Portal




The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL `parssrv/PARS/Home.aspx`. The page title is "PARSSRV5.691.15.0 Page gen: 0.1s (64 B)". The user is logged in as "Ms L SIMMS".

The main content area shows a weekly timetable for "Miss S HANNON (10E)" from "17 - 21 September 2018". The timetable is organized by day and time slots:

Time	Monday, 17 September	Tuesday, 18 September	Wednesday, 19 September	Thursday, 20 September	Friday, 21 September
08:00	10E	10E	10E	10E	10E
09:00	9d/En1 146 Mon1	9d/En1 146 Tue1	11/En1 146 Wed1	10d/En1 146 Thu2	13E/En1 146 Fri1
10:00	10d/En3 146 Mon2	11/En1 146 Tue2			10d/En3 146 Fri2
11:00			10d/En1 146 Wed3	12D/L1 146 Thu3	9d/En1 146 Fri3
12:00	11/En1 146 Mon4	10d/En1 146 Tue4		12D/L1 146 Thu4	
13:00					
14:00		12D/L1 146 Tue5	9d/En1 146 Wed5	11/En1 146 Thu5	
15:00	10E 146	10E 146	10E 146	10E 146	10E 146
16:00					
17:00					
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19:00					
20:00					
21:00					
22:00					

On the left side, there is a "Diary" sidebar with a calendar for "September 2018" and a list of notices: "Notices: 16 notices", "To do list", "Individuals", and "Maths".

Contact Students ▾ Parents/Carers ▾ Calendar ▾ Enrichment ▾ Site Map

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BOOK an Open Morning Tour

**YEAR 11 RESULTS**  
Year 11 are celebrating amazing examination results today.  
Click this banner to read the full report, including some of the top performers and their plans for September. Congratulations to everyone who picked up results.  
*Notice published on: Thursday 24 August.*



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# INSIGHT



Sign in

General Attendance Behaviour Assessments Subjects

The Day

**THE DAY**  
NEWS TO MINDS

GET THE MOST FROM THE DAY  
Learn about our new and improved website with helpful videos

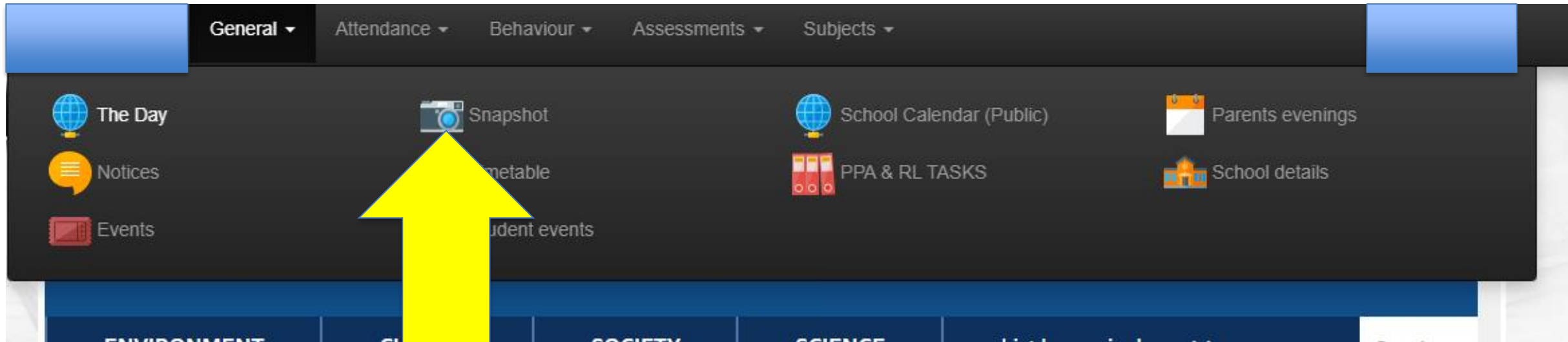
Take a Tour

ENVIRO CULTURE SOCIETY SCIENCE List by curriculum Search...

21.09.21 Reading level: 1 2 3 4 5 UK International


SOCIETY  
**Energy crisis to plunge Europe**


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The image shows a screenshot of a school website's navigation menu. The menu is dark grey with white text and icons. At the top, there are dropdown menus for 'General', 'Attendance', 'Behaviour', 'Assessments', and 'Subjects'. Below these are several menu items, each with an icon: 'The Day' (globe), 'Snapshot' (camera), 'School Calendar (Public)' (globe), 'Parents evenings' (calendar), 'Notices' (speech bubble), 'Metable' (document), 'PPA & RL TASKS' (binders), and 'School details' (school building). 'Events' (calendar) and 'Student events' (calendar) are also visible. A large yellow arrow points upwards from the bottom of the page towards the 'Snapshot' icon.






0
Unread notices


6
PPA








599 pts
Positives


89.3%
Attendance



-14 pts
Negatives


0
Conclusion

Today

	10Br	In ML2	
08:30-08:45			
	Maths Mr U IQBAL	In 241	
08:40-09:40			
	History Mr A NOWICKI	In 119	
09:40-10:40			
	Science Ms T BILLIMORIA	In 220	
11:00-12:00			
	English Mrs Z MENSAH-	In 146	


Recent behaviours

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Thursday 28/09/2023 Thu:2

ABOVE & BEYOND HOUSE POINT


History

1
- 

Thursday 28/09/2023 Thu:4

ABOVE & BEYOND HOUSE POINT

English

1
- 


Monday 25/09/2023 Mon:3

ABOVE & BEYOND HOUSE POINT

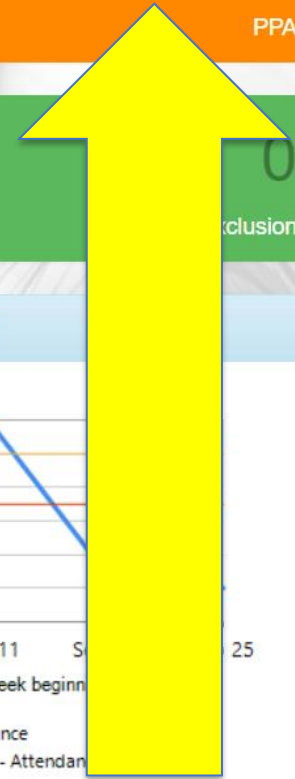
Geography






1

Cumulative attendance




— Cumulative attendance  
— Between 95 and 98 - Attendance Concern  
— Less than 95 - Serious Attendance Concern



 0 Unread notices		 6 PPA	
Science Biology MDA: Required practical microscopes	26/09/2023		
English Autumn 1: English Language: PPA 2	27/09/2023		
Maths Dr Frost Maths	29/09/2023		
Science MDA Biology: Cells	02/10/2023		
Science Chemistry-History of Atom	02/10/2023		
History Create revision aids	05/10/2023		

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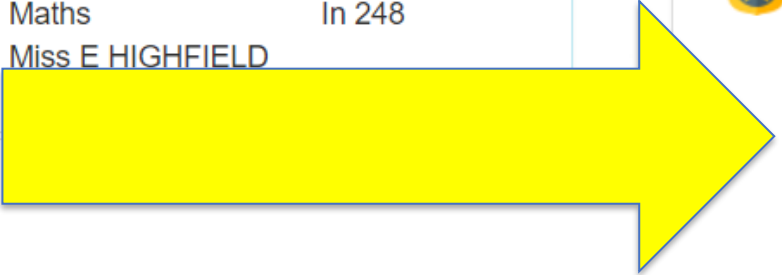
Subject	Category	Issued date	Due date	Ready			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Precis</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Ready</b>	
History	Create revision aids	28/09/2023	05/10/2023	10C/Hi1	Mr A NOWICKI	PPA	✘
Using support material and PLC, create revision aids for the period 1250 - 1500							
Science	MDA Biology: Cells	27/09/2023	02/10/2023	10ad/Sc4	Mr M DARGAN	PPA	✘
Task 1: Complete a labelled diagram of a cone cell.							
Task 2: Describe the function of a cone cell and explain how it is adapted for it's job							
Science	Chemistry- History of Atom	27/09/2023	02/10/2023	10ad/Sc4	Mrs Y KHADEMH...	PPA	✔
Please do the history of Atom worksheet which is given out in lesson by next Monday.							
Maths	Dr Frost Maths	22/09/2023	29/09/2023	10/Ma2	Mr U IQBAL	PPA	✔

Dear all,

# Centralised repay detentions

- All detentions are 1hr (3:05 - 4.05)
- KS4 room 250 T W T
- SLT Friday 250
- Please check INSIGHT each day

Today	Recent behaviours	Detentions
<p> 10Sh In 148 </p> <p>08:30-08:45</p>	<p> Thursday 28/09/2023 Thu:5 <span>1</span> ABOVE &amp; BEYOND HOUSE POINT <i>History</i></p>	<p>26 September</p> <p> KS4 CASD 60 (Central After 15:05 School) Negative - count - Equals 4 - Whole term</p>
<p> English In 142 Mrs K AXTEN</p> <p>08:40-09:40</p>	<p> Thursday 28/09/2023 Thu <span>-2</span> Uniform/Appearance Violation YELLOW CARD <i>10Sh</i></p>	<p>05 July</p> <p> KS3 CASD 60 (Central After 15:05 School) Negative - count - Equals 4</p>
<p> Maths In 248 Miss E HIGHFIELD</p> <p>09:40-10:40</p>		



# Subject specific support – passwords needed



## YEAR10 REVISION GUIDANCE

Access the links below via the digital version, available on [the school website](#).

SUBJECT	WHERE CAN YOU FIND SPECIFIC GCSE PAPERS?	WHICH REVISION WEBSITES WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?	IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE LINKED TO REVISION IN YOUR SPECIALIST AREAS?
Art	Students can find papers through the <a href="#">AQA website</a> .	<a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> is the best site for examination guidance.	Read through examination paper. A generic checklist has been provided; work with this.
Business Studies	Sample exam papers can be found for both paper 1 and paper 2 on the <a href="#">Edexcel website</a> .	<a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> is helpful. Tutor2u (for <a href="#">Business</a> and <a href="#">Economics</a> ) and <a href="#">Business Bee</a> have brilliant sections for GCSE Business students. It includes YouTube revision videos as well as mini-tests and learning checklists.	Students can access revision from the many textbooks available in school. Booklets are available for revision and practice exam questions are available online. The CGP Business revision book is also an invaluable tool for their learning.
Computer Science	<a href="#">AQA website</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">AQA</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Repl.it</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sam Learning</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teach-ICT</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Seneca Learning</a></li> </ul>	Students do have access to their own revision booklets (GCSE Computing - AQA). This will have been provided to them by their teacher and is also available in electronic format from the student section of the ICT SharePoint site.
Drama	<a href="#">Edquas website</a> .	<p><a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> for general drama terminology is very well done for self-testing.</p> <p>For <i>DNA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Great resource from WJEC</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Revision World</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Section A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Read their own copy of <i>DNA</i> making sure they are familiar with the play from the perspectives of a director, actor, set designer, lighting and sound designer and costume designer.</li> <li>2) Watch versions of the play available on YouTube.</li> </ol>

## Key Dates – Year 10

- **28 September** GCSE Ready Evening
- **20 October** PPD ATL IL
- **December** Data Report 1
- **7 March** Data report 2
- **7 March** Parent/Carer Evening
- **June** Statistics GCSE public exams
- **June** Year 10 internal exams 2 weeks
- **8 July** Work experience (WEX) 2 weeks



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