Supporting your child through their GCSE’s

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Parent Seminar
Research: Why do the top students get the top results?

Work with the top students around the world (2000+ schools, across 5 countries)

13 key study habits
13 key skills
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Time Management
Elevate Education – Study Timetables

Study Timetable

One of the hardest things about being a student isn’t necessarily the actual work we’ll be doing, but rather finding the time to DO that work. We all lead busy lives, we procrastinate, and there’s always something we’d rather be watching on Netflix than doing homework. One of the best ways to make sure we’ve got the time to study is to create a study timetable. Before you cringe at the term, check out the 3 steps below for making a study timetable that will...

MONDAY
7:00 Sleep in
8:00 School
9:00 Basketball
11:00
12:00
1:00
2:00
3:00 Swimming
4:00
5:00 Guitar lesson

TUESDAY
6:00 McDonald's
7:00 Party
8:00 Netflix
9:00 Netflix
10:00
11:00
12:00

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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Motivation
Hierarchy of Motivation

- Fully Motivated
- Largely Motivated
- Flat liners
- Unmotivated

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Setting a goal

Step 1: Consider options and write down what you want to do

Step 2: Determine entrance requirements

Step 3: Account for rising entrance scores

Step 4: Write the goal down & make it visual
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What to do
3 types of work

1. Practice Papers

2. Making notes during term

3. Extra reading
   [literary analyses, in depth facts, alternative arguments, quotes]
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Dealing with Technology
Dealing with tech

- Controlling behaviour → self-regulating behaviour
- High powered vs low powered work
Welcome to the Student Portal.

If you’ve seen an Elevate seminar, your presenter would have given you a **password**. Enter it below for premium access!

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Continue without password
Next steps you can take
Upcoming student seminars
Register here

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Confirm Here
Fill out the form to receive your Guidebook and resource email.

Email Address

First Name

School Name

Send the Guidebook & Resources

Point Phone Camera
Parental Influence

• Parental support is 8 times more important in determining a child’s academic success than social class. The Campaign for Learning found that parental involvement in a child’s education can mean the difference between an A* and an ‘also-ran’ at GCSE.

• The good news is that you don’t need to be an expert in any of the subjects your child chooses to make a real difference. You also don’t need to give up your life and other responsibilities – you just need to know how best to spend the time you do have.
A three-way partnership

- **School staff:**
  - Quality of teaching
  - Interventions
  - Support & guidance

- **Parents:**
  - Support & guidance

- **Students:**
  - Work ethic
  - Independence and maturity
  - Organisation
  - Resilience
Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour

- Minimum of 97%
- Today’s lesson depends on the understanding of yesterday’s learning
- Affects current performance as well as future achievement
- Full access to learning and the curriculum
- Maturity & independence
- Post 16 applications
CHOICES AT 16

By law young people **MUST BE** in education, training or employment with training until they are 18.

It is important to get the course or training to suit **your** skills and aspirations in an environment **you** feel happy with.
Where do Ninestiles leavers go?

Cadbury 6th Form College
Stratford upon Avon College
UCB
St Albans Academy
Access Creative College
Warwickshire College
Grammar Schools
Tudor Grange
Sutton Grammar School
Alderbrook
Apprenticeships

Solihull 6th Form College
Solihull College
South and City
Aston University 6th Form
Joseph Chamberlain 6th form college
WMG Academy
BMET
Bournville College
Sandwell College
What choices do they have?

Which one will suit your child best?
Choosing the right pathway for you!

A Levels

Study 3 subjects.

Usually need at least grade 6 in 2 GCSEs and at least grade 4 in 3 other GCSE subjects including English and Maths.
Choosing the right pathway for you!

Vocational Courses

Known as BTECs, Diplomas, CACHE........

Study one subject

Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Business, Health and Social Care, ICT, Media, Performing Arts, Engineering, Motor Vehicle, Hairdressing, Sport, Science, Childcare, travel and Tourism........
Learning and earning!
Many types of career choices
Gain a nationally recognised qualification
Vacancies advertised from November onwards
Maths & English at minimum grade 4 usually required.
Competitive – apply to college as a back up
Entry requirements

Does the course get good results?

How will you be taught and assessed?

What do students do afterwards?

travelling distance – bus/walk/train

Cost of uniform, trips and books

Check the college/school Ofsted report

Things to Research
You MUST go to the open evening and collect the information packs with the application form.

Applications take time as they are usually handwritten.

Application support - most Tuesdays 2pm-3pm in the WRL office.
English Language and Literature

How to be successful

Mr Collins – Head of English
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Language Paper 1 – Explorations in creative reading and writing

- Exam 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks • 50% of GCSE
- Section A: Reading
- Section B: Writing
Language Paper 2 - Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

• Exam 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks • 50% of GCSE
• Section A: Reading
• Section B: Writing • writing to present a viewpoint
Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

- A presentation using Standard English
- A grade of pass, merit, and distinction is awarded
- This is a separate award from GCSE English Language
English Literature Paper 1- Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Exam 1 hour 45 minutes • 64 marks • 40% of GCSE

Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on *Macbeth*. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on *A Christmas Carol*. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.
English Literature Paper 2- Modern texts and poetry

• Exam 2 hour 15 minutes • 96 marks • 60% of GCSE

• Questions Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on *An Inspector Calls*.

• Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from the *Power and Conflict* cluster.

• Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.
Intervention

• Six-seven week after school intervention programmes throughout the year based on targeted students

• Class teacher to set intervention resources after each assessment. For example, students have just completed a Paper 1 assessment. Students have had feedback on how to improve and have been told to use Pixl 10 for 10 videos on Cloudnine

• If there is any additional support that you need, please speak to your child’s English teacher
Language revision

- Revision guides. School to loan each student a CGP revision guide for Language. Additional discounted revision guides will be available on Parent Pay
- Encourage wider reading – high quality fiction and non-fiction
- Ensure that your child is aware of current issues
- Access Year 11 page on Cloudnine
- Complete tasks in timed conditions to get used to the constraints
- Test your child on key information on the knowledge organisers
Literature revision

• Students need to learn quotations. Test your child using flashcards and knowledge organisers
• Write key quotations on post it notes and dot them around the bedroom/house – you will be surprised how quickly they sink in!
• If your child can own their own copy of the text and read, re-read, it will help. Copies are available for purchase from school.
• Watch recommended films of the texts to consolidate understanding
• Watch a live performance at the theatre
• CGP revision guides are available for purchase at a discounted rate
• Practice papers are available on Cloudnine
In the quote below, a word has been replaced with asterisks. Each asterisk represents a missing letter. Type the missing word into the asterisks and then answer the question below.

{smiling} Sheila and I had better go to the *****-room and leave you man –

Whom or what is this quotation about?

- Clothes
- Current affairs
- Education
- Eric

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How to Succeed

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Maths

• Our Lessons
• Tutor Time
• Weekly Homework
• The Exams
• What can you do to support?
• Exam success!
Our Lessons

- Six lessons per fortnight
- Topic calendar available on cloudnine
- Regular topic tests in class
- The most important exam preparation!
Tutor Time – Monday

- Pupils have half an hour for independent study or reading.

- They can use this time to revise for any subject, but should use it to ask their tutors for help with any problems in maths.
Tutor Time – Wednesday and Thursday
Weekly Homework

Substituting & solving

Example
Given that \( 7x - 3y = 11 \)

(i) Find \( x \) when \( y = 3 \)

(ii) Find \( x \) when \( y = -2 \)

189 - Substituting & solving

Learn how to substitute values into formula in order to solve for an unknown term.

Video watched 0.00x

Your score New lesson HegartyMaths avg 47%

Do quiz
# Weekly Homework

## Building blocks

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The Exams

• Pupils will sit one non-calculator and two calculator exams in the summer.

• Each exam is 1hr 30mins long.

• After each set of practice exams in school, pupils will be given individual HegartyMaths sheets to guide their revision.
What can you do to support?

• Regularly look through your son/daughter’s maths book with them – they take their books home every lesson.

• Ensure they set aside time to complete their weekly Hegarty Maths tasks, whether at home or using the school computers in the OLA.

• Let us know if there’s anything else we can do!
Exam Success!

• Last year, pupils improved by one grade on average across Year 11.

• 20% of pupils made two grades of progress, and eight pupils improved by three grades.

• Rapid improvement is achievable, but only through continued effort over the year!
Order of events

• Introduction
• Highlights
• Data
• Planning
• Team building
• Summary

Respect – Commitment – Achievement

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Head of Science

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Science: 6 lessons per fortnight
3 teachers – biology, chemistry, physics

**AQA Combined Science**
- 6 x 1hr 15 exams
  - 2 biology, 2 chemistry, 2 physics
- 21 required practicals
- 21 physics equations

**AQA Separate Sciences (Triple)**
- 6 x 1hr 45 exams
  - 2 biology, 2 chemistry, 2 physics
- 28 required practicals
- 23 physics equations
Science Skills lesson – 1 extra per fortnight

• Focus on required practicals
  • 21 for Combined science
  • 28 for Triple science

• Exam questions will examine the knowledge and understanding students have gained by carrying out the practical activities.
• These questions will count for at least 15% of the overall marks for the qualification.
• Many of the questions will also focus on investigative skills and how well students can apply what they know to practical situations often in novel contexts.
Homework

Combined – 1 hour per week

Triple – 3 hours per week
Science Intervention

- **Wednesday after school**
  - Targeted intervention, updated on a half termly basis
  - Let your science teacher know if you need some extra support

- **Monday and Friday after school**
  - Drop in sessions for help with homework or to go over any areas of uncertainty
Useful websites

• BBC Bitesize – AQA Combined/Separate Sciences

• YouTube – Freesciencelessons
Useful websites

https://www.my-gcsescience.com/

- Entry level – free access for 1 year
- Upgrade subscription options (£24.95/£49.95 per year per student)
Primrose Kitten

https://www.primrosekitten.com/

- Free videos available on YouTube
- Free revision guide available on website
- Subscription available (£18 a year)
Year 11 students are encouraged to see Mr Francis regarding the completion of a GCSE in their home languages, even if they are unsure or just have questions. Examples of GCSEs available include Urdu, Arabic, Italian, German, Greek and Polish.

The additional GCSE is a way of them being able to evidence this when they go on to apply for colleges/jobs/universities.
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Over 3,500 audio-visual podcasts
Watch on mobile devices, tablets and PCs
Designed to squeeze exactly the right knowledge you need for exam success into short 3-5 minutes chunks
Helps you with learning, homework and revision
Students will be given ENGLISH, MATHS & SCIENCE revision guides to borrow.

They must be returned at the end of their last exam in June 2020.
Keep in touch
Thank you for coming