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Welcome to our
Power to Perform
Year 11 Parents' Evening – all you need to know

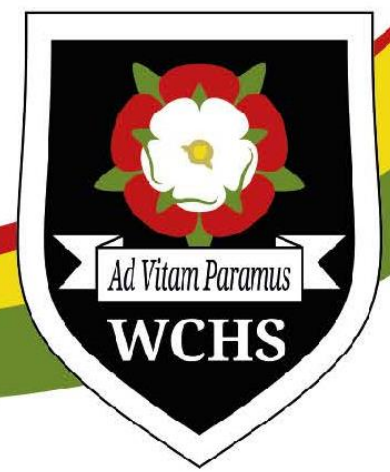
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Monday May 11th GCSE exams begin

Students have reflected on what they have
achieved already (Year 10 mocks)





The rhythm of the year

September 2025

18th Revision Skills Workshop

15th Nelson and Colne College Workshop Session

October

6th,7th,8th and 9th Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam

November

10th – 21st mock exams

24th & 25th Art mock exam

27th & 28th Photography mock exam

25th & 26th 3D Design mock exam

27th Year 11 Mock interview Day TBC

December

3rd College Application Day

8th Reports to parents

15th Parents' Evening

19th College Application Deadline

19th Hospitality & Catering Coursework Deadline



The rhythm of the year

January 2026

30th Health & Fitness coursework deadline

February 2026

16th Half Term revision

23rd – 6th March Year 11 Mocks

March 2026

2nd Careers Week

23rd Mock 2 results and reports to parents

April 2026

Easter Revision (Dates TBC)

20th to 24th GCSE Art and Photography exams

27th to 30th GCSE 3-D Design exams

W/C 27th MFL speaking exams

May 2026

11th GCSE exam timetable starts

June 2026

GCSE exams continue – the contingency date is the 24th June, students must remain available up to and including this date

Exam Timetable Summer 2026 (on the website & emailed)

	MORNING EXAM All morning exams start at 9am		AFTERNOON EXAM All afternoon exams start at 1.30pm
Mon 20 and Tues 21 April	AQA Art and Design (Photography) 10 hrs in total		
Weds 22 and Thurs 23 April	AQA Art and Design (Photography) 10 hrs in total		
Thurs 23 and Fri 24 April	AQA Art and Design (3D Design) 10 hrs in total		
Fri 24 and Mon 27 April	AQA Art and Design (Fine Art) 10 hrs in total		
Mon 27 and Tues 28 April	AQA Art and Design (3D Design) 10 hrs in total		
Mon 27 April to Fri 1 May	EdExcel Spanish Speaking Exam		
Tues 28 and Weds 29 April	AQA Art and Design (Fine Art) 10 hrs in total		
Mon 11 May	AQA English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45m		AQA Business Paper 1 1hr 45m
Tues 12 May			AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Biology Paper 1 F/H 1hr 45m
Weds 13 May	AQA Geography Paper 1 1hr 30m		
Thurs 14 May	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m		
Fri 15 May	AQA History Paper 1 2hrs		
Mon 18 May	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Chemistry Paper 1 F/H 1hr 45m		
Tues 19 May	AQA English Literature Paper 2 2hr 15m		NCFE Health & Fitness 1hr 30m
Weds 20 May			
Thurs 21 May	AQA English Language Paper 1 1hr 45m		AQA Business Paper 2 1hr 45m
Fri 22 May			

Mon 1 Jun			
Tues 2 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Physics 1 F/H 1hr 45m		
Weds 3 Jun	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m		AQA Geography Paper 2 1hr 30m
Thurs 4 Jun	AQA History Paper 2 2hrs		
Fri 5 Jun	AQA English Language Paper 2 1hr 45m		
Mon 8 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Biology 2 F/H 1hr 45m		
Tues 9 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Listening F 45m EdExcel Spanish Listening H 1hr		
Weds 10 Jun	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m		
Thurs 11 Jun	AQA Geography Paper 3 1hr 30m		
Fri 12 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Chemistry 2 F/H 1hr 45m		WJEC Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20m
Mon 15 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m AQA Physics 2 F/H 1hr 45m		
Tues 16 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Reading F 45m EdExcel Spanish Reading H 1hr		
Weds 17 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Writing F 1hr 15m EdExcel Spanish Writing H 1hr 20m		
Weds 25 Jun	Contingency Day		Contingency Day

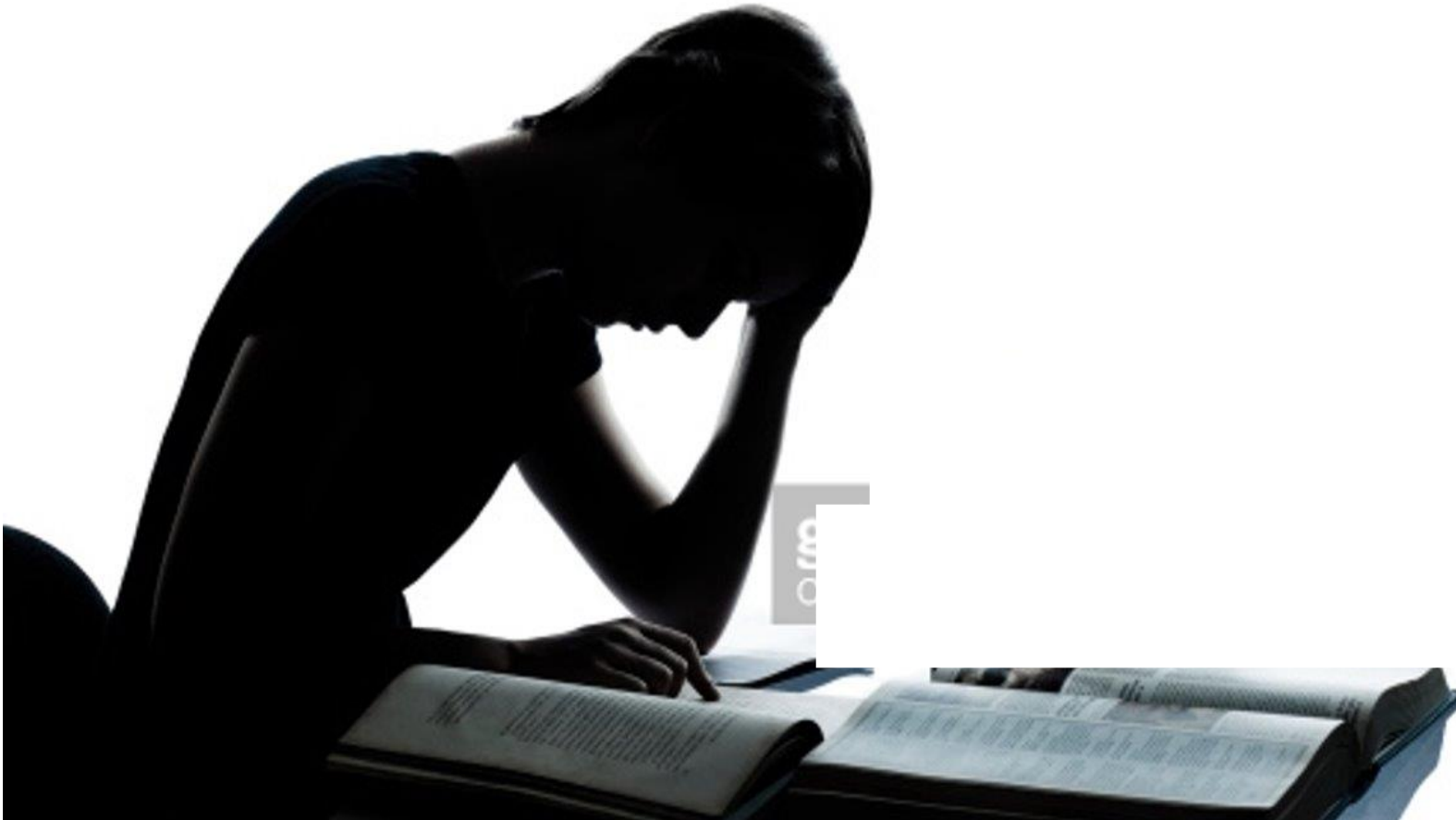


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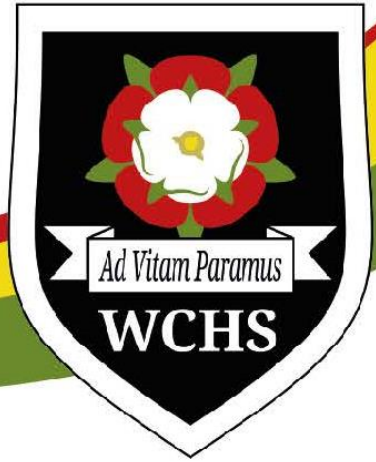


How can I help my child prepare for their GCSEs?

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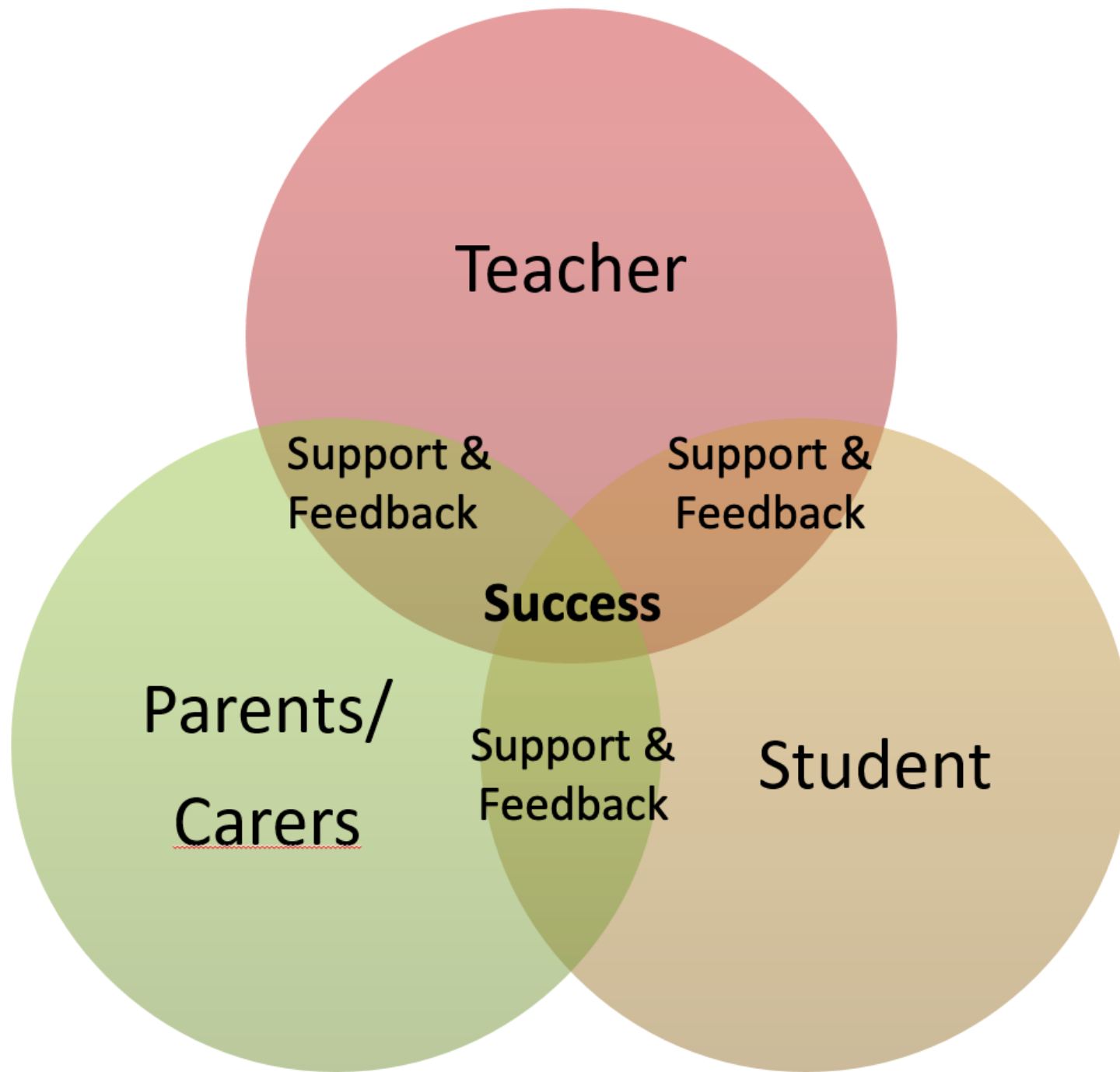
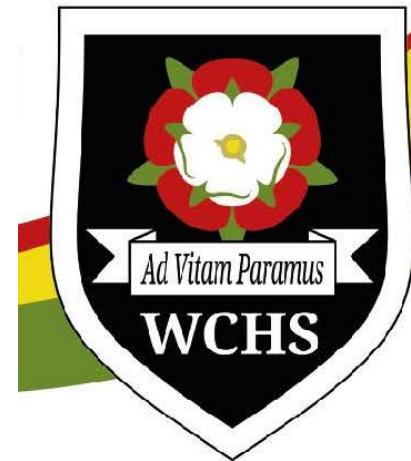
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We will do everything possible

- Teachers delivering high impact lessons – attendance is crucial.
- Weekly Homework & GCSE Pod Revision.
- Additional Revision Sessions 'Period 6' Monday to Friday.
- Skills Workshops – WCHS & External Company to provide skills which will aid further progress through a series of practical workshops.
- Revision Guides.
- Revision Calendars.
- Targeted Intervention – Communication with home, compulsory sessions, mentors/tutor monitoring.
- One to one student interviews.





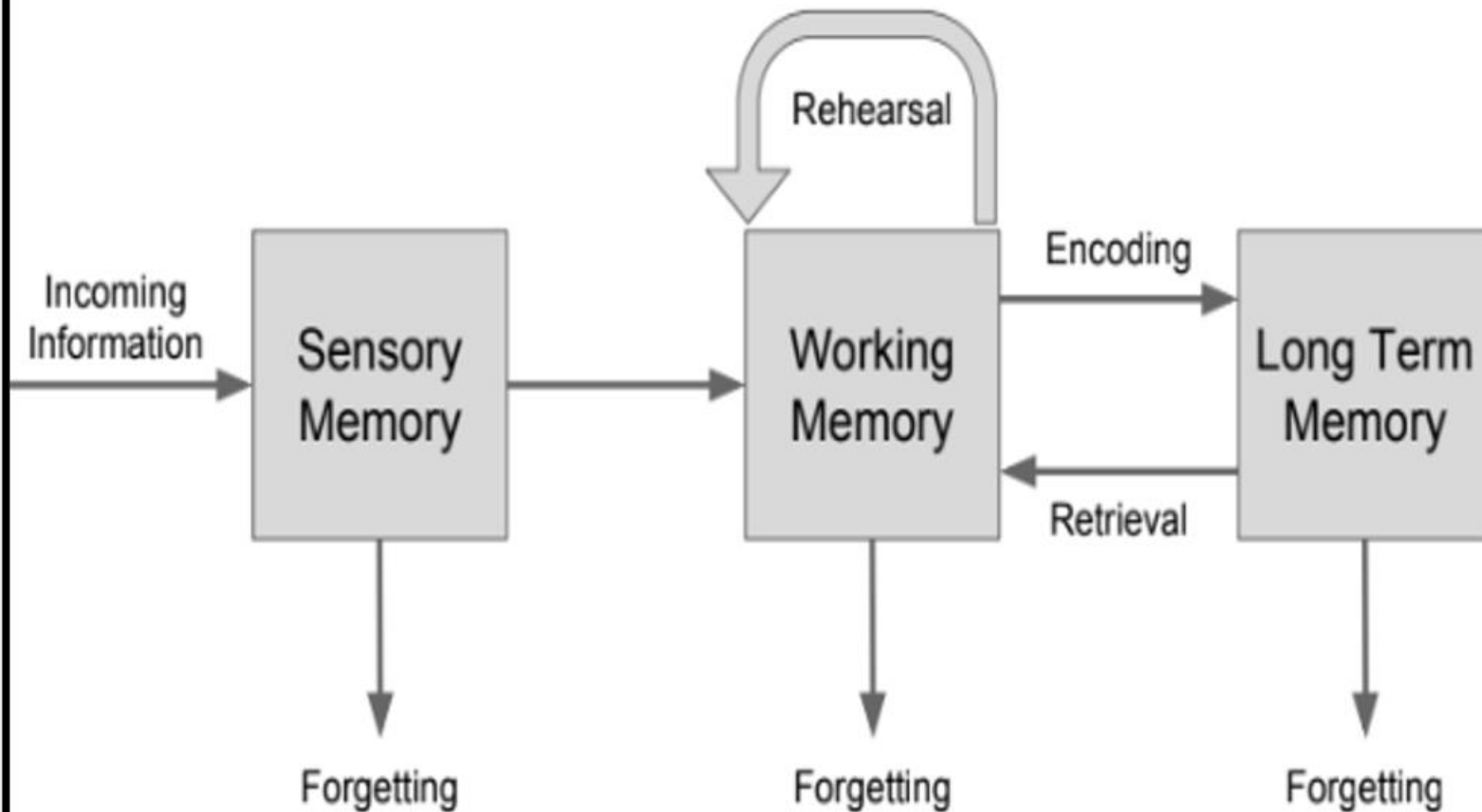
Ex year 11 quotes

What advice/tips would you give to next year's Year 11?

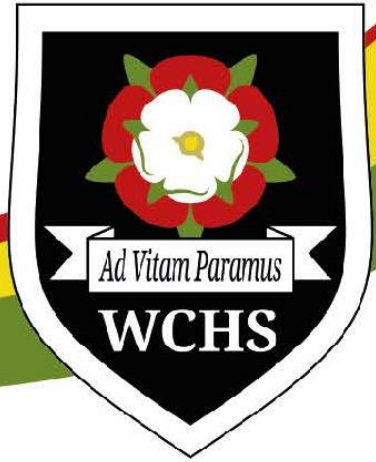
- “Start revision really early”
- “Revise!”
- “Revise earlier”
- “Revise everyday at least an hour or 2”
- “Revise now”
- “Take the mocks seriously”
- “Do some revision early”



Working Memory & Long Term Memory

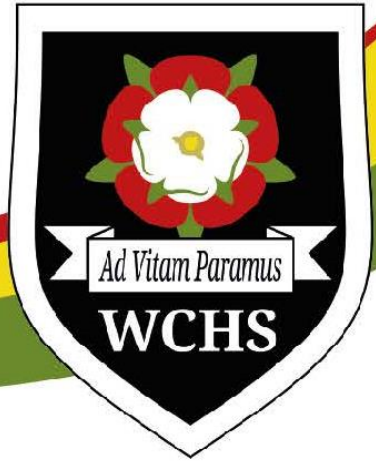


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Your child is remarkable

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- 86 billion neurons
- 150 000km of neural networks
- Forming pathways



We learn:

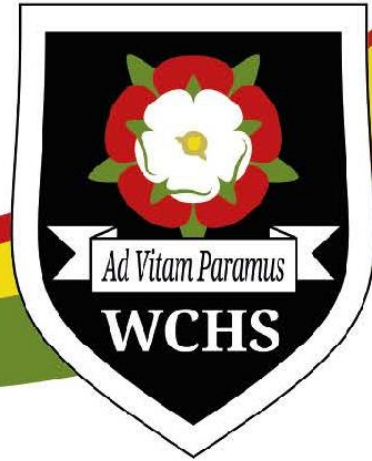
- 10% of what we read**
- 20% of what we hear**
- 30% of what we see**
- 50% of what we see and hear**
- 70% of what we discuss**
- 80% of what we experience**
- 95% of what we teach others**

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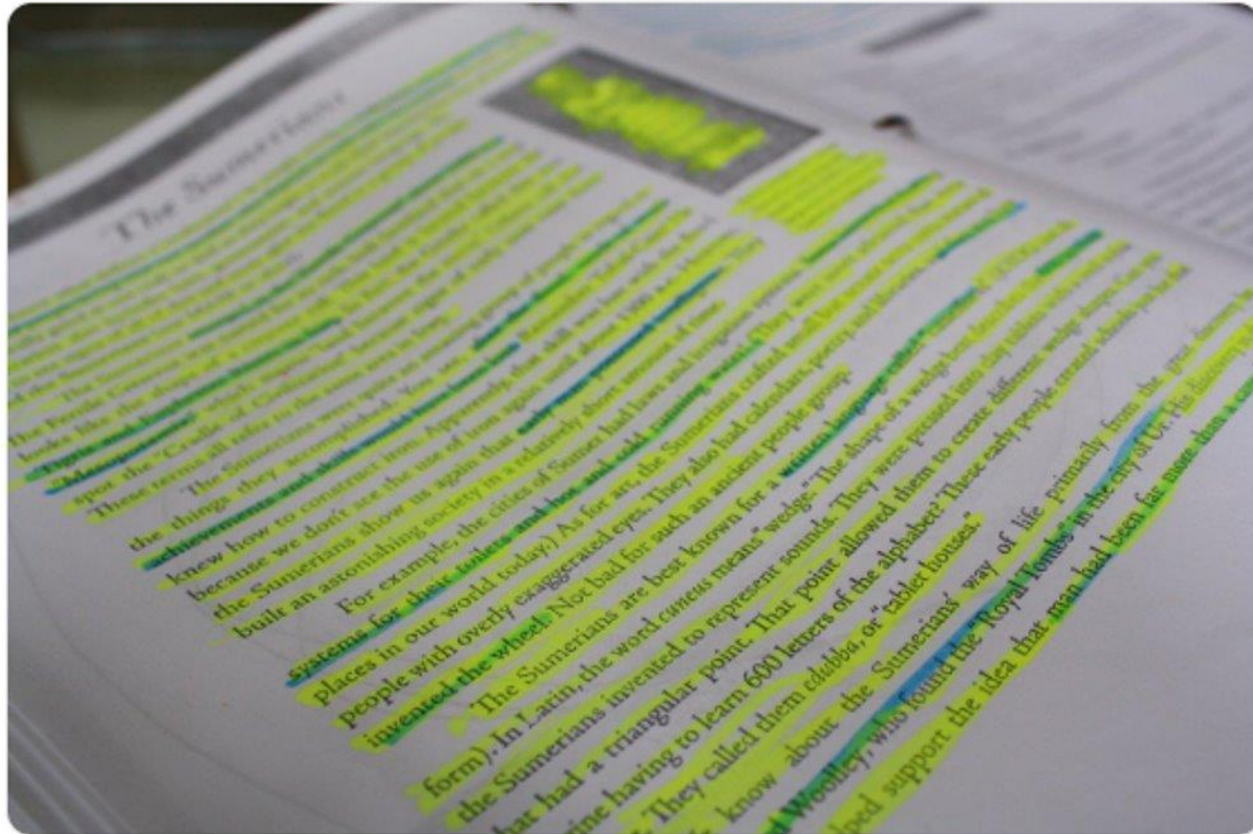


- Start now (revision folder per subject)
- Find time in preparation for Mock Exams (November & February)
- Create a dedicated space for revision
- Talent is a **Myth**. Practice yields success – Practice, Practice, Practice
- Test Often - Just Reading or copying out is not learning.
- Reminders (Sticky notes, Mnemonics, Mind maps) – You can not over do it!
- Stay up-to-date with homework (ClassCharts) – This is **PRACTICE**

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When your teacher tells you to highlight the important bits...! #revision





Supporting with revision



- Mind map, Diagram, or Chart
- Text into images
- Reduce/Limit the number of words
- Turn & Learn
- Rank Order/Venn Diagram

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Supporting with revision



Get them to put it to
good use for once!



Parent Handbook	School Prospectus
Family Learning	Uniform
Letters 2022/23	Options Booklets
Year 11 Revision Timetable	GCSEpod
Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)	Homework timetable
Leading Parent Partnership Award	Exam Information
Useful Links	Recommended Student Reads
Options Event 2022 +	Consent & Medical Information Form and Immunisations
Parent Pay	Free School Meals
Progress 8 and Attainment 8	Catering +



Welcome to West Craven High School



WELCOME MR BATES

Helping your school or college to get maximum impact from your investment in GCSEPod is our top priority.

With your feedback we can measure our progress in your school and see how we can improve.

In return we'd like to thank you with entry into a prize draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher for your school.

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RESULTS DAY FEEDBACK
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MY COURSES



AQA: English Language: Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing Comprehension

5 November 2018
Chapters: 22

[VIEW](#) ▶



Edexcel: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Higher)

6 November 2018
Chapters: 181

[VIEW](#) ▶



Edexcel: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Foundation)

6 November 2018

ASSIGNMENTS

No assignments set

[VIEW ALL ASSIGNMENTS](#) ▶

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MY PLAYLISTS

No playlists set up yet.

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TIPS & BEST PRACTICE

My Courses

Click the "View playlist" button to see the relevant Pods.
Please note that the Pods may not cover every topic in the course you are taking.



MATHS (FULL COURSE) 6 exams



Filter by exam board:

Edexcel

Edexcel: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Foundation)	6th November 2018	133 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶
Edexcel: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Higher)	6th November 2018	181 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶
Edexcel: Mathematics: Paper 2: Calculator (Foundation)	8th November 2018	133 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶
			SEE MORE ▼



ENGLISH LITERATURE 2 exams

AQA: English Literature: Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel	15th May 2019	264 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶
AQA: English Literature: Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry	23rd May 2019	380 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶



ENGLISH LANGUAGE (FULL COURSE) 2 exams

AQA: English Language: Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing Comprehension	5th November 2018	22 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶
AQA: English Language: Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	7th November 2018	26 Pods	VIEW PLAYLIST ▶

TIPS & BEST PRACTICE





PPE Pre-Public Examinations - Mocks

Week beginning 10/11/25 for two weeks

Week beginning 23/02/26 for two weeks

- to prepare students academically and help them to build resilience and have an understanding of what the examinations will be like
- PPEs in all subjects – it will be intense but experience has shown it prepares students well for the Summer
- Results will follow

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Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th December 2025 4pm-6.45pm on site in person
(College representatives attending)

Thursday 26th March – Specific Parents Invited

Government and Exam Board Guidance

“evidence collected and retained under this guidance would be used to determine grades only in the unlikely situation that exams and formal assessment could not go ahead”.



What does this mean for you?

Prepare properly for the exam (that's we are telling you now).

Exam conditions means Exam conditions

Medical proof of absence

No Catch-up sessions with the same paper



Effort and Progress

Diagnosis

Progress

^B
Low Effort and
High Progress

^A
High Effort and
High Progress

^D
Low Effort and
Low Progress


^C
High Effort and
Low Progress

Effort

(HELPS)

Individual Interviews

All year 11 students will get a individual interview to discuss:

- Current progress towards targets
 - Future plans for next year
 - Support for maximising your potential
 - Some interviews may be with parents/carers to ensure we are all working together.
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Exam Stress

Stress refers to the situation of too many demands and not enough resources – time, energy – to meet them.

Taking control and realistic expectations reduces stress

‘By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.’



Breaks, Rest and Time-out

Student well-being is very important to allow students to secure the best outcomes and leave West Craven High as well-rounded young adults.

- Food
 - Sleep
 - Exercise
 - Balance
 - Boundaries
 - What learning behaviours are we looking for?
- Resilience, use of initiative, challenge.

If you feel that your son/daughter needs some support, please contact Mrs. Gartland

TIPS FOR HEALTHY SLEEP



✓ YES

- GET UP AT THE SAME TIME (Alarm clock icon)
- EVENING WALKS (Walking shoes icon)
- BEDTIME ROUTINE (Toothbrush and toothpaste icon)
- COMFORTABLE BED (Pillow and blanket icon)
- COOL AND DARK ROOM (Thermometer and lightbulb icon)
- RELAXING BATH (Bathtub icon)

✗ NO

- HEAVY FOOD (Burger and drink icon)
- BLUE LIGHT (Smartphone icon)
- HARD TRAINING (Dumbbell icon)
- ALCOHOL, SMOKING (Bottle and cigarette icon)
- CAFFEINE (Coffee cup icon)
- STRESS (Head with lightning bolts icon)

Year 11- Prom, Hoodie and Leavers' book

- There is a 'PASSPORT' to the Prom in order to qualify to attend.
- – The criteria is very clear and if students do not meet it then they will not be able
- to attend.
- – Attendance and punctuality
- – Attitude to Learning (ATL)
- – Aspire points/behaviour points (more Aspire than behaviour!)
- – Uniform & Appearance – no more than 2 logs for issues

- This is an incentivised programme where we hope students are aware of their behaviour and progress and strive to be better at all times



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Form time: Careers & CV writing in form groups

- Ensure CV/Personal Statement is regularly updated – additional voluntary work, references, sport, D of E etc.
- Take Ownership
- Gives employers/college first impression of you
- Opportunity to show an employer why you are an ideal candidate for the job/course
- Draw attention to your skills, experience, achievements and potential



Careers Events and support available....

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Form time: weekly activities in a computer room supported by form staff covering: CV writing, college and university research.

PSHE Sessions: Focus on careers, interview and personal skills.

College assemblies and post 16 pathway sessions: Craven College, Nelson & Colne and Burnley College to all deliver information assemblies between now and Christmas.

Mock Interview sessions: all students meet an employer and have a mock interview in school on 27th November to prepare for college and apprenticeship interviews.

1-2-1 advice and guidance: In school with an external provider, follow-up from Year 10 where appropriate.

College Applications day: N&CC, Craven and Burnley colleges all providing staff to support students apply for college 3 December.

College lunch time drop ins: N&CC staff will be available throughout the year.



School leaving age

Your school leaving age depends on where you live.

England

You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do one of the following until you're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

You could take a range of subjects that lead to qualifications that keep your options open, like GCSE or A levels. Courses like T Levels or BTEC allow you to focus on a chosen career area like construction, healthcare science or digital careers. Some careers may ask for specific qualifications, so always do some research into where the course you are interested in might lead.

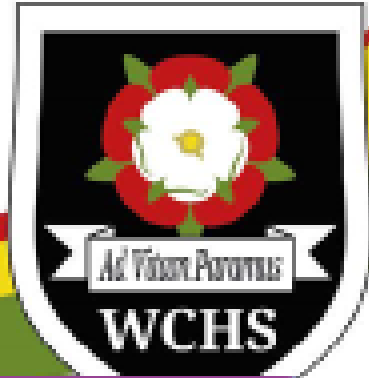
- [A levels](#)
- [T Levels](#)
- [Technical and vocational qualifications](#)
- [Applied qualifications](#)
- [Exam retakes](#)

Combine work and study

Gain practical skills, get work experience and a qualification that employers need.

- [Traineeships](#)
- [Supported internships](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#)





Which course or level is right for you?

Level 6	Degree BSc, BA, BEng			Degree Apprenticeship
Level 4/5	HND/HNC Foundation degree			higher Apprenticeship
Level 3	A level	T levels	Advanced diploma	Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSE grades 9 - 4		First diploma	Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 1	GCSE grades 1 - 3		Entry level/Foundation diploma	Entry level with functional skills
Entry level	KS3		Entry level/Foundation diploma	

Apprenticeships

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- 80% on the job and 20% off the job either at college or in the workplace (1 day week)
- Paid – currently £5.28 an hour (some employers top up salary)
- Gain a qualification in a wide range of professions
- Work with local employers who may keep you long term

Training providers that offer apprenticeships in this area:-

- Burnley College/Themis
- Craven College
- Nelson & Colne College/Accrington College
- NLTG
- Training 2000

Levels of apprenticeship

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Some apprenticeships may also give you an additional qualification, such as a diploma.

BTECs are broken down into three main levels of study:

- **BTEC Firsts are available from entry level to Level 2 (similar standard to GCSEs). These offer an introduction to work in a vocational sector**
- **BTEC Nationals are available from Level 3 (similar standard to A levels). Many of these are well regarded by universities, further education colleges, and employers**
- **BTECS are sector specific i.e. Hairdressing, Health & Social Care and Sport**
- **Combination of practical and exam assessment**

BTEC/Vocational Qualifications

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What grades do I need to study A levels?

- You normally need: at least five GCSEs at grades 5 - 9
- At least grade 5 in the specific subjects you want to study
- The specific requirements needed to study A levels will vary across schools and colleges. It's important to check what you will need with the school or college you are looking to study at

Not all colleges provide A level courses

Who are they for?

If you're not sure what career or job you want to do, studying a selection of A levels can be a good way of keeping your options open.

Graduate schemes employ people with degrees in a wide variety of roles



What are T Levels?

- T Levels are new two-year courses equivalent to three A levels.
- T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, designed by employers, and will offer around 1,800 hours of study over two years
- They include a 45-day work placement, so T Levels will be more suited to students who know what occupation or industry they want to move into.

T Levels include compulsory elements:

- A technical qualification which includes core skills, theory, and concepts for the industry area
- Specialist occupational skills and knowledge of the career
- An industry placement with an employer
- Minimum standard in maths and English, if students haven't already achieved this

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

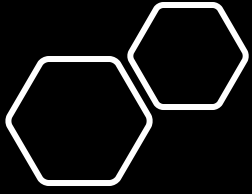
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Apply Early!

Apply to sixth forms, colleges and training providers. Most colleges open for applications from mid-October,
Do apply for more than one college or training provider!





What support is available?

- Mr Brook as Careers Lead
- Lois Turner – Independent Careers Advisor from Education Business Partnership North West, in school by appointment
- Form tutors – one to one tracking and referral to the above where required



If you or your child needs help or advice please phone school for an appointment with Mr Brook – No question too silly!



Further information:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> - Information on apprenticeships and T Levels

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> - Search for apprenticeship vacancies in your area

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/> - Careers Advice on further and higher education

<https://www.ucas.com/> - Careers Advice on further and higher education

<https://successatschool.org/> - Careers Advice on further and higher education

<https://lancashire.startprofile.com/page/home-page> – Local labour market information and career pathways

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/pathways-at-16/> - A parent's toolkit for career conversations

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16> - National careers service

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G15 – Revision Strategies
G16 – Using Past Papers
& GCSE Pod