



Welcome to Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

15th October 2020



Outline of Evening

- Key differences from KS3 & KS4 overview
 - Key Stage 4 courses
 - Subject specific information for English & Maths
 - Keys to success
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Key Differences from KS3

- Fewer subjects, but more lessons
 - Courses end in public examinations
 - GCSE-level work starts immediately
 - Exam “build-up” spread over a minimum of two years
 - Variety between students’ programmes
 - Inform future pathways
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Key Stage 4 Overview

- Year 10: 39 weeks
 - Mock exams w/c 22 March (before Easter)
 - Work Experience July
- Year 11: 29 weeks (to start of GCSEs)
 - Mock exams December and Core in March
 - Exams begin in May of Year 11
- Year 10: **60 %**
- Year 11: 40 %

Please note the majority of teaching time is in Year 10.



Key Stage 4 overview

Year 10

- Nov: Termly Progress Report
- Feb: Termly Progress Report
- March: Year 10 Mock Exams
- May: Parents evening
- June: Termly Progress Report
- Work Experience & P16 Tasters

Year 11

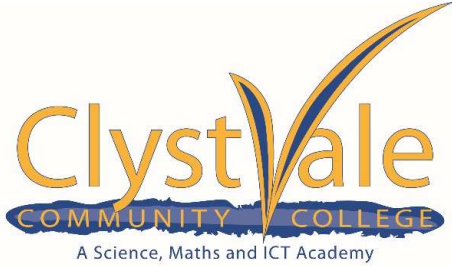
- Nov: Termly Progress Report
- Dec: Year 11 Mock Exams
- Feb: Termly Progress Report
- March: Year 11 Mocks Core subjects
- April: Termly Progress Report
- May: Start of exam period



Key Stage 4 courses

Students will be either studying:

- GCSE qualifications
 - BTEC qualifications
 - Cambridge Nationals
 - ASDAN qualifications
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Reformed GCSEs

Since 2015 the Government have reformed GCSEs to ensure assessment is more robust and rigorous

- GCSE content is more challenging but still suitable for all abilities
 - All exams are taken at the end of the course
 - Assessment is mainly by exam, Non Exam Assessment only when necessary
 - Tiering now only exists in Maths, Science and MFL
 - GCSEs are now graded on a scale of 9 to 1 (rather than A* to G), with 9 the highest grade, to distinguish clearly between the reformed and unreformed qualifications
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New grading structure – ‘Reformed’ GCSEs	Former grading structure – ‘Unreformed’ GCSEs
-----9-----	A**
	A*
-----8-----	A*-
-----7-----	A
	A-
-----6-----	B+
	B
<i>(Strong Pass)</i> -----5-----	C+
<i>(Standard Pass)</i> -----4-----	C
-----3-----	D
-----2-----	E
	F
-----1-----	G



Vocational Qualifications

Outcomes

Grade
Level 2 Distinction *
Level 2 Distinction
Level 2 Merit
Level 2 Pass
Level 1 Distinction
Level 1 Merit
Level 1 Pass
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Exam Boards (for exams in 2022)

Year 10 Exam Boards (for exams in 2022)								
Level	AQA		Pearson/Edexcel		OCR - Cambridge Nationals		WJEC Eduqas	
	Subject	Codes	Subject	Codes	Subject	Codes	Subject	Codes
Entry level	Step up to English	5970						
	ELC Maths	5930						
Level 2					Child Development	J818		
BTEC Lvl 1/2			Creative Media Production	BVKL1				
			Sport	BPMW6				
			Dance	DJCN2				
GCSE	Computer Science	8520	Biology	1BIO			Art & Design - Fine Art	C651QS
	Drama	8261	Chemistry	1CHO			Art & Design - Photography	C656QS
	Design & Technology	8552	Combined Science	1SCO				
	Food Prep & Nutrition	8585	English Language	1EN0				
	French	8658	English Literature	1ET0				
	Further Maths	8360	History^	1HI0				
	Geography	8035	Physics	1PH0				
	Music	8271	Mathematics	1MA1				
	PE	8582						
	Religious Studies*	8062						
Spanish	8698							



Non-Exam Assessments (NEAs)

- Vital to the final grade
 - Tend to be extended, open ended tasks
 - Conducted under ‘controlled conditions’ –
low, medium or high level depending on the course
 - Time limited
 - Cannot be repeated!!
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Subjects with NEAs

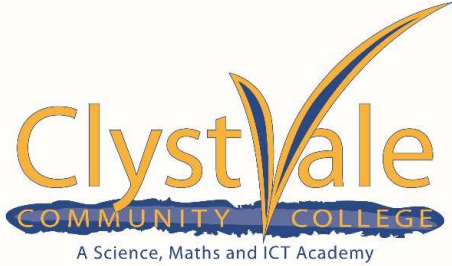
- PE GCSE
 - Level 2 BTEC Sport
 - Design & Technology GCSE
 - Drama GCSE
 - Computing GCSE
 - Creative Media Production BTEC Level 1 / 2
 - Fine Art GCSE
 - Art Photography GCSE
 - Design & Technology GCSE
 - Child Development
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Keys to Success

Commitment, Motivation & Resilience

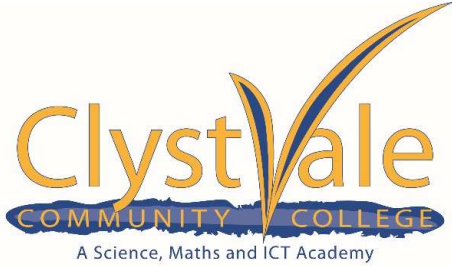
Even more important than ability in
determining achievement



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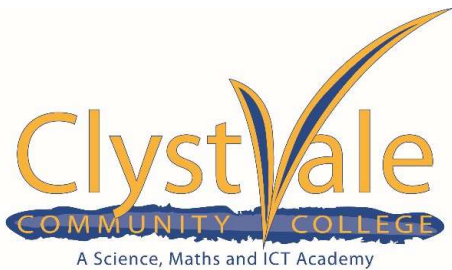
Students must:

- 'understand' the work
 - be able to retrieve their knowledge (i.e. they must have everything they've learnt for 2-years at their finger tips)
 - be able to use and apply their knowledge to different contexts and to solve problems
 - be able to write well in exam situations
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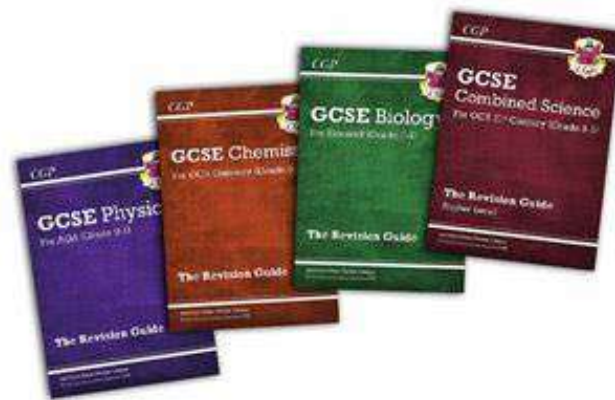


Keys to Success

- Good attendance
 - Focused and engaged in lessons
 - Prepared to ask questions to clarify their understanding
 - Complete all set tasks to the best of their ability
 - Self quiz / test to check their understanding
 - Addresses gaps in their knowledge or understanding
 - Undertakes independent learning
 - Ongoing revision
 - Practises exam style questions
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Independent Study



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Head of MFL, Yateley School

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The Power of Pod

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Pod Credentials:

- Supporting students at KS4 for over 10 years
- Used in over 1,300 schools worldwide
- Recommended by the Association of School and College Leaders
- Winner of multiple educational technology awards:



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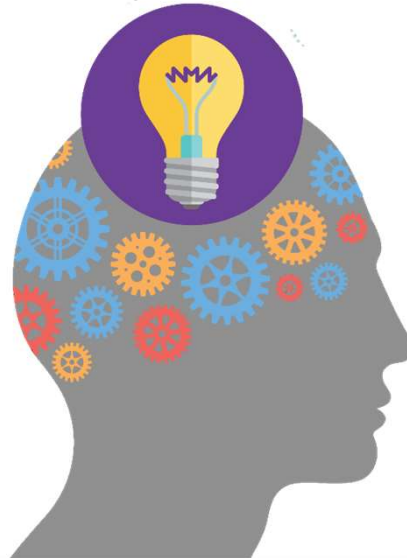


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Consolidate subject knowledge
and improve recall.



Improve engagement and encourage
independent learning.



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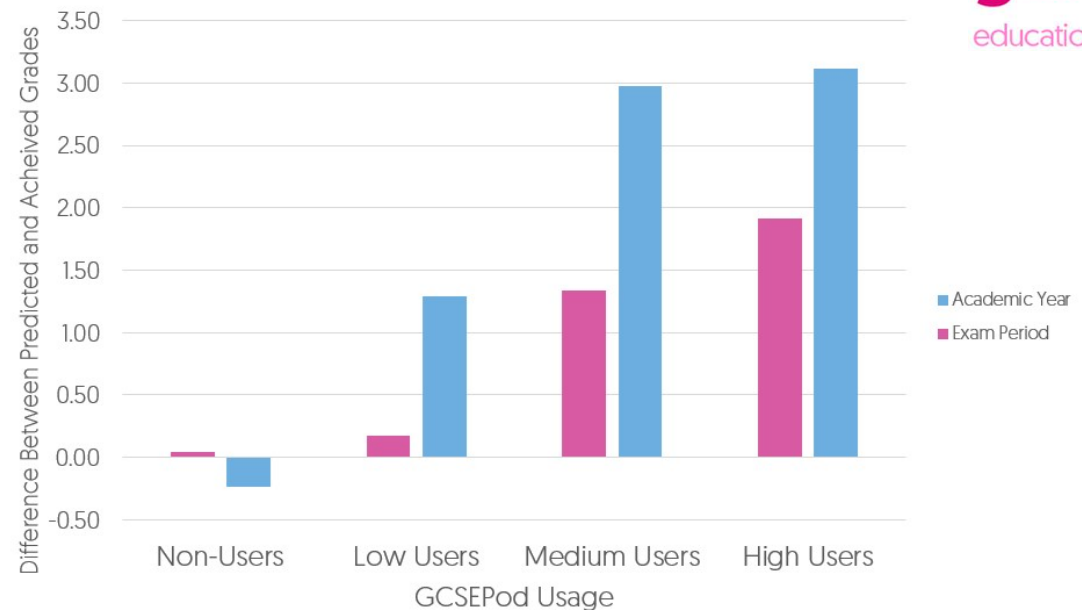
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Data from over 2,200 students shows that higher GCSEPod users are more likely to exceed their predicted grades by a larger margin than those who don't use GCSEPod.

High academic year usage yielded a greater impact than high usage in just the exam period.

On average, highest users received 3 grades higher across their subjects than predicted.

Average Predicted versus Achieved Attainment 8 by Category of GCSEPod User



High Users = average 122 Pods watched in academic year
Medium = average 34 Pods watched in academic year
Low = average 6 Pods watched in academic year
Non Users = 0 Pods watched in academic year

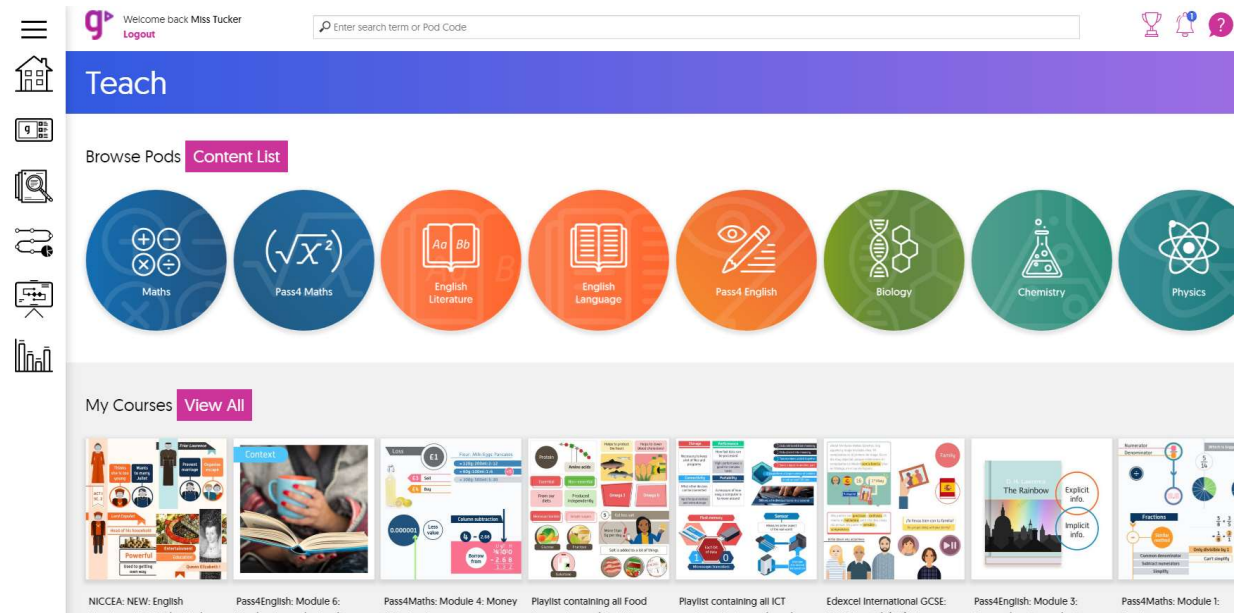


What's included?



Independent learning and revision materials:

- 27 GCSE subjects.
- Exam board specific playlists.
- Available on computer, phone or tablet.
- Apps available for Android and Apple.



What's included?



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Independent learning and revision materials:

- Each topic contains a playlist of 3-5 minute videos called “Pods.”
- Pods contain all key words, facts, quotes and labelled diagrams for full understanding.
- Can be watched online or downloaded for offline viewing (like BBC iPlayer).
- Students can organise Pods into playlists and favourite Pods to return to (like YouTube or Spotify).



Let's watch an example Pod



<https://www.gcsepod.com/our-pods/>



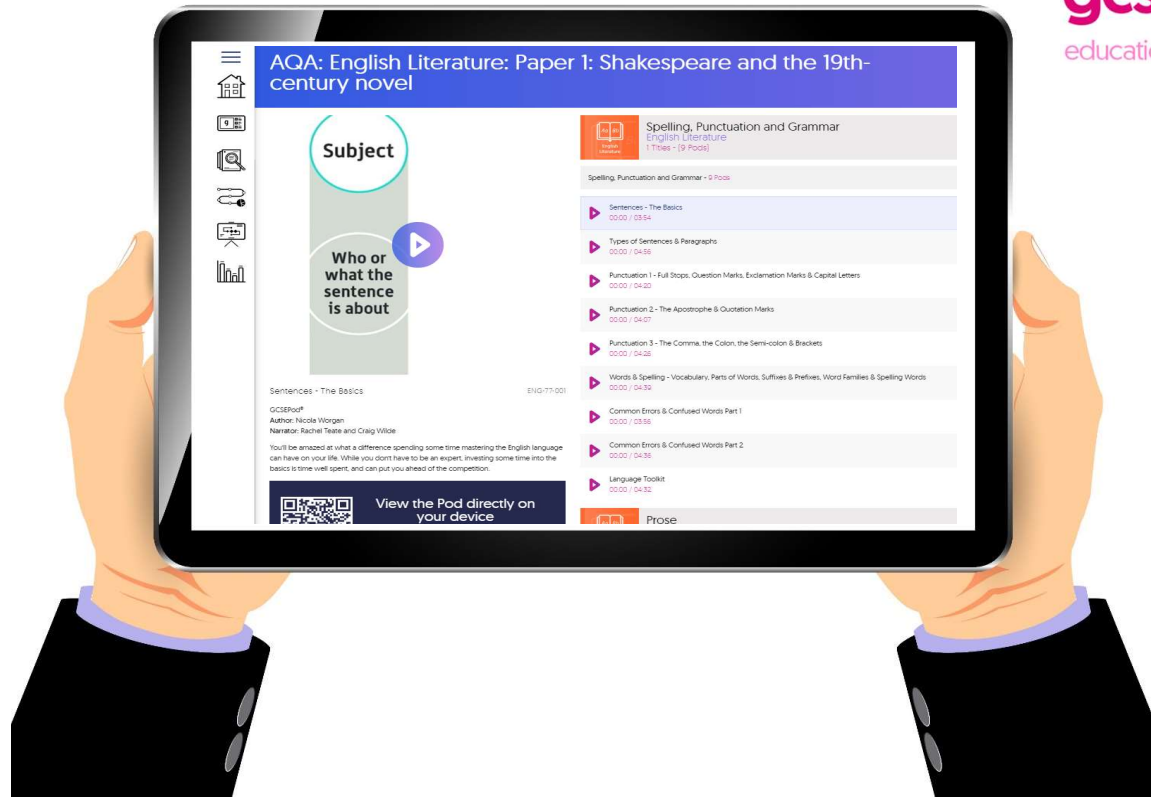
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Exam specific revision:

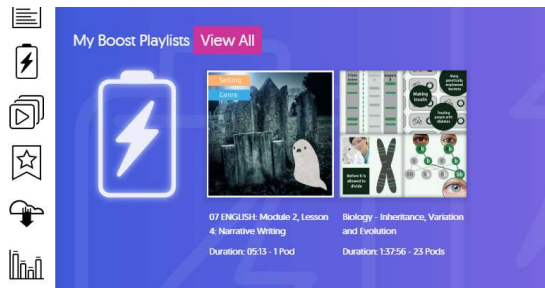
- Each upcoming exam has a corresponding playlist.
- Exam playlists contain all the Pods relevant to that specific paper.
- An exam timetable includes the exam dates.



What's included?

Assessment and homework:

- Assessment and homework can be set on GCSEPod.
- Assignments can be completed on any device and students receive instant results (unless free text questions are included).
- If students do not achieve 100% in an assignment, a **BOOST PLAYLIST** will be automatically generated containing videos to help fill the identified knowledge gaps.



Narrative Writing: The Basics

ENG-152-003

Questions:

01 Which of the following statements is not true?

Select One

A: It's a good idea to plan in advance and decide what type of story you want to write.	B: You should decide if you want to write in 1st, 2nd or 3rd person.
C: You should introduce your main character and set the scene in the opening paragraphs.	D: The more complicated the structure and story, the better.

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Independent Study

Please support your child to get into good independent study habits.

It is about getting into regular routines from day 1 not leaving it until year 11.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
a.m.						Work	Match
p.m.						Work	
4.00				School Match		Work	
7.00		Train					



Keeping a balance.....

School provides a vast range of experiences to help students develop holistically:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
 - Ten Tors etc.
 - Sports teams/coaching
 - Art/Drama/Music groups, productions and events
 - House Competitions
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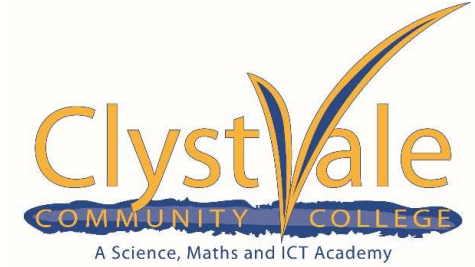
Support & Guidance

In school

- High quality lessons
- Revision techniques
- 6 experienced tutors
 - Wealth of knowledge
 - Approachable
 - Care
- ATHOS and HoS
- Careers Guidance
- Extra Revision Classes
- Mentoring/Coaching

At Home

- Support network
 - A quiet place to work
 - Enthusiasm for school
 - Interest in what's going on
 - Sympathy when it gets too much
 - "Strength" when they get lazy
 - Helping to get the balance right



Importance of Communication

- If you have concerns, please speak to us!
 - Work with us – we work in partnership with you to help your child achieve their potential
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