

Year 11
Parents' Information Evening
13th March 2013
Revision & Learning:
What we told the students!!

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Key Messages

- Revision is **essential** for exam success
- Revision can be dull, the challenge is to make it interesting & effective
- There is **no “best” technique for revising....**
This varies according to individual / subject

Timeless Messages

- It is **never too early to start**
- The key is **organisation** and **planning**
- Unfortunately there is no substitute for **hard work** and **self-discipline**
- Remember - “It is a marathon, not a sprint”



College support

- Revision tasks for Home Learning, in planners
- Subject revision sessions
- Positively Mad – DLD
- Revision techniques packs, tutor support
- Wednesday 3.30 Revision support any subject
- IAM Learning, Moodle materials, GCSE Pod (coming soon!)

and just ask teachers!

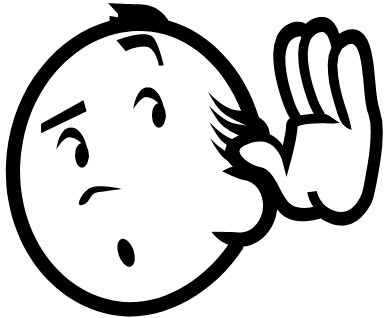
Study suggestions

For students who learn through “looking” try using a variety of these methods:

- DVDs, on-line revision sites
- Spider diagrams/ Mind maps
 - Highlighter pens
 - Tables
- Devise posters, charts
 - Post-its

Study Suggestions

- For students who learn through “listening” try using a variety of these methods:
 - Reading aloud
 - Using iPods or MP3s to record and playback
 - Mnemonics
 - Raps, rhythms
 - Questions from a partner
 - Revision discussion
 - Close your eyes!



Study Suggestions

- For students who learn through “doing” try using a variety of these methods:
 - Active revision
 - Highlighting, underlining
 - Revision cards
 - Frequent, short breaks
- Can't sit still, so need 2-3 work positions; something to fiddle with; walk about

Active and Accelerated Learning

- Activities combining learning styles
 - “Revise with a pen in your hand”
 - Making a tape
 - Own revision booklet
 - Working through past papers
- Computer (but see Health Warning.....)

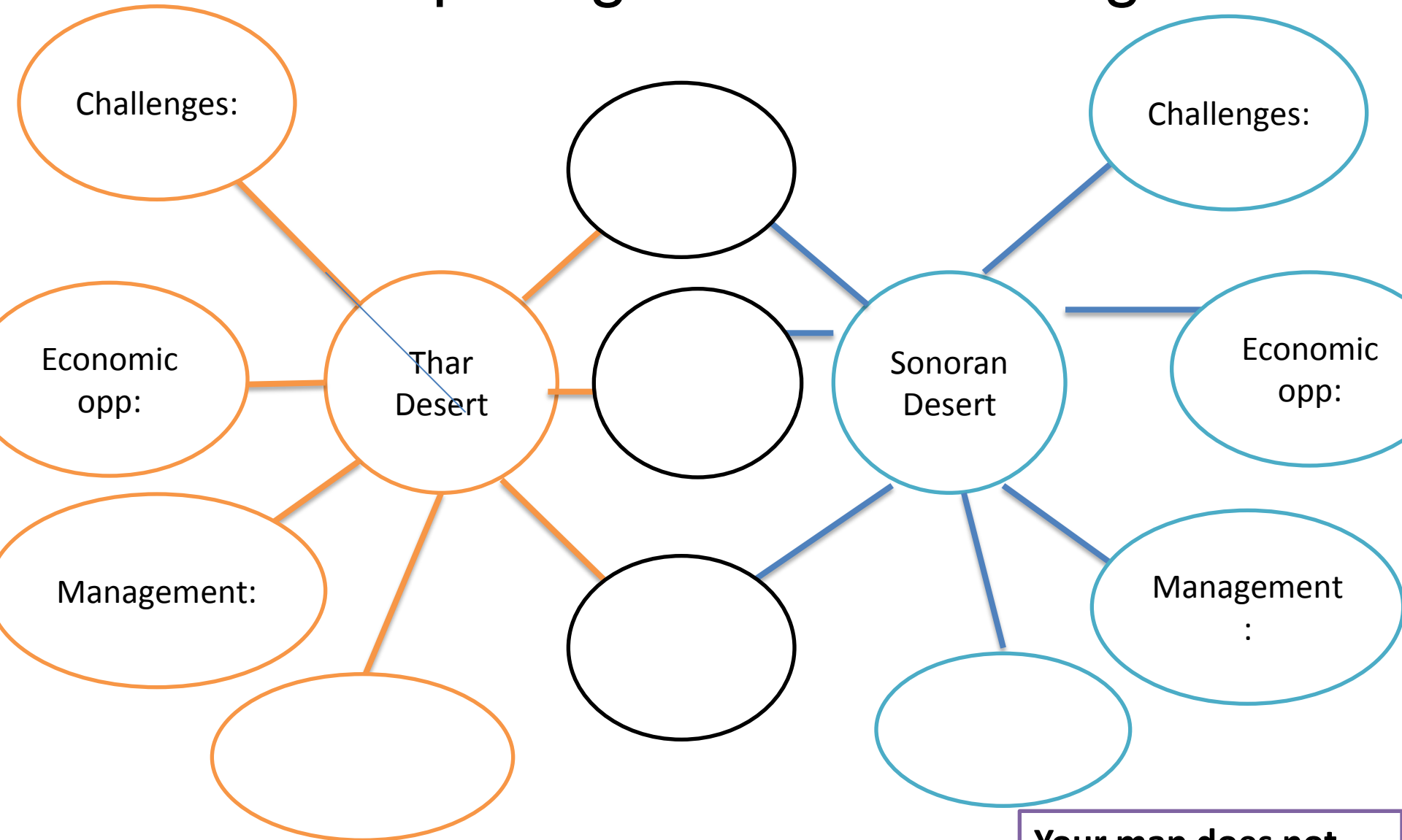
Thinking Maps

- Defining in context CIRCLE
- Describing BUBBLE
- Comparing and contrasting DOUBLE BUBBLE
- Sequencing FLOW
- Classification TREE
- Issues, for/against THINKING HATS

We need to be able to compare and contrast economic opportunities, challenges and management options when studying deserts.

- TASK: Using both your A3 sheets on The Thar Desert and The Sonoran Desert complete a DOUBLE-BUBBLE MAP.
- Use a double page in your book.
- Your map must be clear and detailed.
- You will use this for revision.

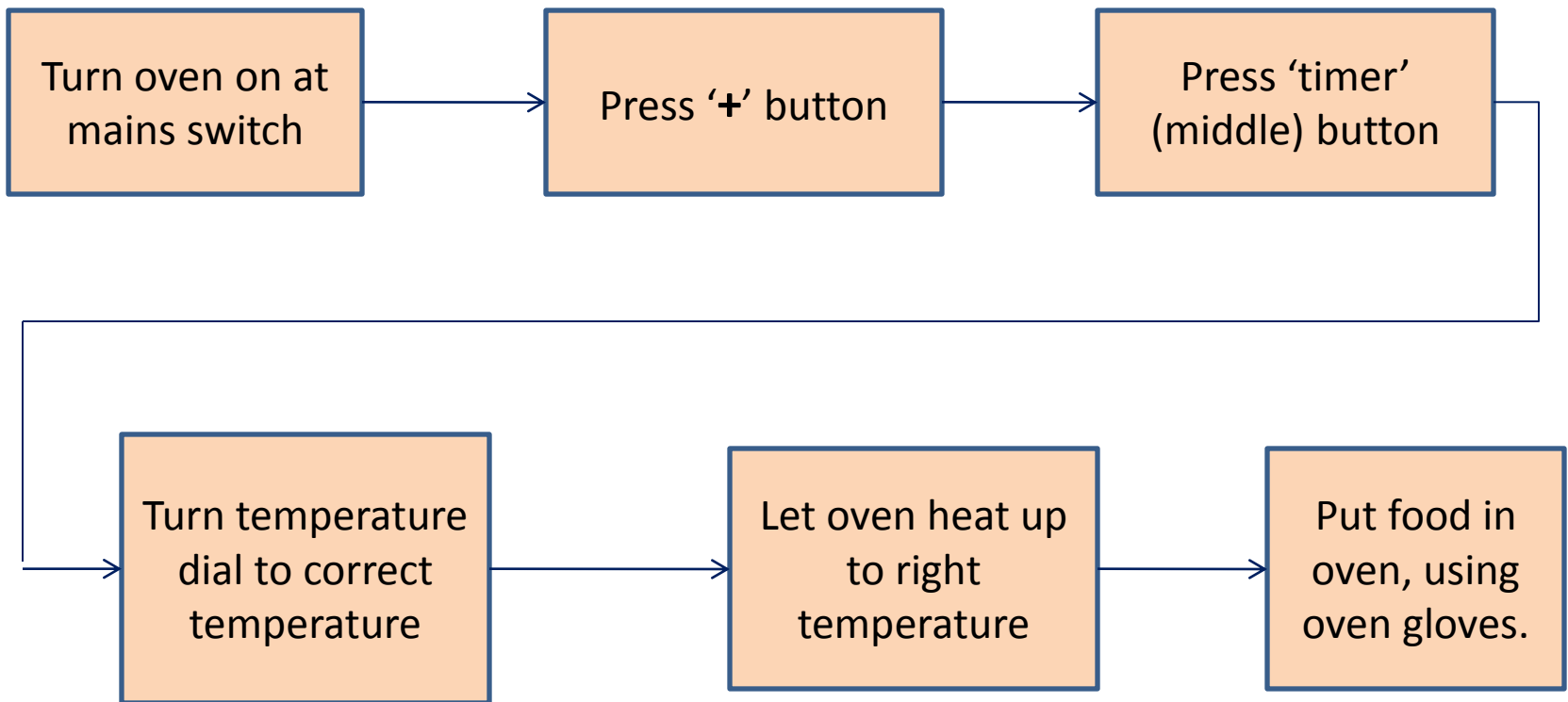
Comparing and Contrasting



Double Bubble

**Your map does not
have to balance...**

Flow map for Pre-heating the oven



Which thinking process does the flow map use?

Production Plan (Flow map) for making a **baked tortilla wrap**.

START: (Personal hygiene) wash hands, put apron on .

Pre-heat oven to 180 °C .

Lightly oil baking tray .

Collect ('high risk') ingredients from fridge .

CCP: Fridge must be 0 – 4 °C to slow bacteria growth

Grate cheese & chop vegetables .

Cut chicken into small pieces, cook in non-stick pan until brown .

Check chicken is at right temperature (use food probe -72 °C for 2 mins) .

Spread flavouring on wrap .

CCP: is meat at right temp? if not, continue cooking then re-check

Place filling ingredients in centre of wrap

Fold wrap, envelope style, enclosing filling . Place folded side down on baking tray

Add grated cheese, chilli and herb topping

Bake in centre of oven for 10 – 12 minutes.

QCP: is there enough space to fold the wrap edges under?

QCP: is folded wrap within the correct tolerances (size)?

QCP: is wrap golden brown? If not return to oven for 2-3 minutes

Remove from oven and cool on wire rack.

END

Thinking process = sequencing

Computer Health Warning

- **Highly useful websites:**
Moodle, Bitesize, IAM learning, Exam Board sites,
internet research
- **Waste of time Websites:**
games, shopping, non-revision sites, chatrooms and
blogs
- **Using a computer for revision requires:**
self-discipline and careful policing

- **If in doubt, turn it off.**



“But it helps me to concentrate!”

- TV
- Computer Games
- Messaging Site
- Mobile Phone
- iPod, MP3, most music
- **Unfortunately it is an illusion that any of these help with concentration and taking information in!**

Getting Started

- **The 3 “R’s”**

“Review, revise, recall”

- Sort out folders and books
 - Sort out the contents
 - Reflect
 - Start with one subject
 - Plan

Revision Planning

- Max concentration span?
- Max revision time per evening?
- 45 mins/ hour (30 min bursts for some) with a break
 - Mix subjects (and techniques)
 - Holidays, weekends, study leave?
- Planning is not revision but reduces stress

The Weekly Planner

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
a.m.	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Job	Match
p.m.	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Coll	Job	Out
eve		Train -ing			Out	Out	

Easter Hols, May half-term, early June

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
a.m.						Job	Match
p.m						Job	
eve		Train- ing				Out	

Some Good News for Parents

- After two years of new subjects, ICT, coursework, exams in modules, and “you don’t know what it’s like to be me”,

you **DO** know about exams, time management, planning, stress, the need for balance, importance of sleep and a good diet

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS



Procedures
and

Most Frequently Asked Questions

Currently received:

A statement of entry which shows:

- Personal details
- Examination number
- Examination entries, including:
 - » Date
 - » Tier
 - » Time - morning or afternoon

Statement of entry

- Statement Of Entry

- Season: Summer 2012

- Name: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Year: 11

- Gender: Male

Registration Group: 11ZZ

- Date of Birth: 01/01/1995

Admission Number: xxxxxxxxx

- Candidate Number: 1234

ULN:

UCI: 54203xxxxxx

- Name on Certificates: xxxxxxxxx

- Entries

AQA	GCSE	3107	Citizenship Studies Unit 1	£7.10	
3107/C	Citizenship Studies Unit 1	Board Timetabled	16/5/2012	09.00	60
AQA	GCSE/B	45452	D & T: Food Technology Unit 2	£14.05	
45452	D & T: Food Technology Unit 2	Not Timetabled			
EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE/B	5ENo3	English Language 3	£7.40	
5EN0301	The Spoken Language	Centred Timetabled			0
OCR	GCSE/B	A217H	Add Sci A: Unit 3 (B6, C6, P6) Hgh	£4.65	
A217/02	Add Sci A: Unit 3 (B6, C6, P6)	Board Timetabled 20/06/2012	09.00	40	

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXAM ENTRIES CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, SEE YOUR SUBJECT TEACHER OR THE EXAMS OFFICE.

- THE SCHOOL COVERS THE COST OF THESE EXAMS, UNLESS A STUDENT FAILS TO TURN UP FOR THE EXAM WITHOUT A VALID REASON.

To be issued by April 26th

An Individual Candidate Timetable which shows:

- » Personal details
- » Examination number
- » Examination entries, including:
 - » Date
 - » Tier
 - » Time – exact start time
 - » Room
 - » Seat number

This is a sheet which contains important information and should not be mislaid

When we have the full timetable finalised we will put a copy on the website

Individual Candidate Timetable

- Individual Candidate Timetable
- Season : Summer 2012
- Name : xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Candidate Number : 4032
- UCI : 54203xxxxxxxxxx

- Centre Number : 54203
- Year : xx
- Reg Group : xxxx
- ULN :

Date	Start Time	Board	Level Code	Element Code	Element Title	Component	Component Title	Duration	Room	Seat
Tue 19 May	9:00	AQA	GCSE/FC3712H		English Literature A	Tier H2/H	English Literature A	1h 45m	HALL	D2
Wed 20 May	9:00	AQA	GCSE/SC3107		Citizenship Studies(SC)	07/W	Citizenship Studies W	1h 30m	HALL	A8
Mon 01 Jun	9:00	EDEXL/	GCSE/FC5384H		Mathematics 3	5384H14H	Calculator (H)	1h 10m	HALL	F7
		GCSE								
Tue 02 Jun	9:00	AQA	GCSE/FC3702H		English A Tier H	3702/1H	English A Paper 1 Tie	1h 45m	HALL	F3
Wed 03 Jun	9:00	EDEXL/	GCSE/FC1336C		History C Option C	1336 C1	Germany, C1919-C1945	1h 00m	HALL	B13
		GCSE								
Wed 03 Jun	10:05	EDEXL/	GCSE/FC1336C		History C Option C	1336 P1	Medicine	1h 00m	HALL	B13
		GCSE								
Wed 03 Jun	1:20	EDEXL/	GCSE/FC1226C		French Option C	1226 1H	French Listening High	0h 45m	Room 26	B2
		GCSE								
Thu 04 Jun	9:00	OCR	GCSE/B A218H		Add Sci A: Unit 4 (Ideas)	Hgh	Add Sci A: Unit 4	0h 45m	HALL	D3
Thu 04 Jun	1:45	AQA	GCSE/FC3702H		English A Tier H	3702/2H	English A Paper 2 Tie	1h 30m	HALL	F3



FAQ

What if I am late for an exam? Can I still take it?

- Yes as long as confidentiality has not been breached, i.e. met with other students
- Students will be allowed into the exam and given the time missed at the end (if required)
- If they know they are going to be late they should try and ring the College – 01392 461407 or 01392 463920
- If a student is not in an exam we will try and ring home to find out where they are



FAQ

What if I am ill **before** an exam?

- If students have completed at least 35% of the exam (coursework, a second paper) they will receive special consideration and an aggregate mark
- Students must see the Exams Office within 7 days following the exam
- A letter from a parent to confirm the illness will be required



FAQ

What if I become ill **during** an exam?

- Depending on the nature of the illness they will either be given extra time or sent home
- If sent home the rules for missing an exam through illness apply

FAQ

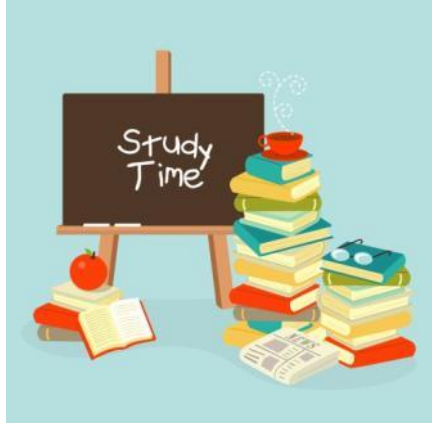
Can I leave early if I have finished my exam?

- Sorry, but no, as it disturbs other candidates
- To meet the confidentiality rules officially no candidate can leave until 1 hour after the nationally stated start times, which are 09:00 and 13:30



Results day FAQs

- What if a student can not collect their results in person?
- Results are their property alone, thus the College would need written permission from the students to give the results slip to a third party
- Please see Amanda Jones to make alternative arrangements if necessary eg family holiday



FAQ

How does study leave work?

- Lessons will continue until Wednesday 22nd May 3.20pm
- After this date students will be on official study leave
- They should arrive in plenty of time for their exam, ideally 10-15 mins before the start
- They will be expected to sign in and out on the sheets by the “Giraffe House”
- They must wear the correct school uniform during exams

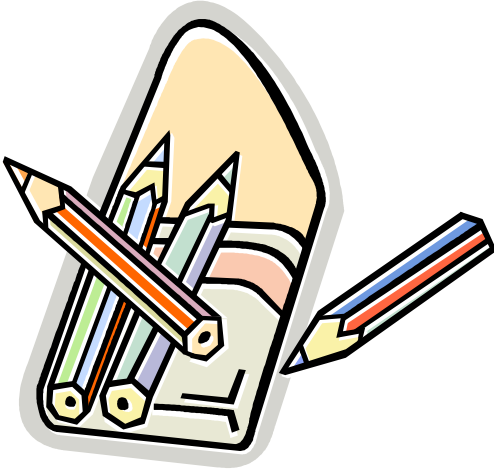
FAQ



What happens if I have forgotten my exam number or seat number?

- Students will receive an exam booklet before they go on study leave giving all relevant information
- A copy of the full exam timetable will be on the notice board where students sign in
- A copy of the days seating plan, including exam number, room and seat number will be displayed by the Giraffe House and in the Main Hall
- It is important that students check this BEFORE they go in to the exam room if they are unsure

FAQ



What equipment will I need?

- The College will not lend equipment, i.e. pens, pencils, rulers, calculator, protractor
- It is the student's responsibility to supply all the necessary equipment except for a specialist subject like Graphic Products
 - They should make sure they have **more than one** pen
- They must write in **black** ink, not blue, red, green or pencil (scripts are scanned or photocopied)
- All equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a plastic bag so they cannot be accused of cheating and hiding notes in their pencil case

FAQ



What are the rules about mobile phones?

- The rules about mobile phones are very strict
- If a mobile phone is on the candidates person and goes off they are withdrawn from all papers for that exam and they risk being withdrawn from all exams for that Board
- If a mobile phone is on the candidates person and does not go off they are withdrawn from that exam
- If a mobile phone goes off but is not on the candidates person they also risk being withdrawn from that exam

Prevention

- To try and stop this being a problem all students have to leave their bag + mobile phone in the PE changing rooms, which are then locked
- We remind all students about mobile phones at the start of every exam
 - Much the same applies to iPods and MP3s

Results Day

College computer generated results slips will be available from 9 a.m. on

Thursday 22nd August

Students may come in to school to collect this slip.

Those not collected will be posted home.

Results Day

Data Checking Sheet

- You should have received this with the Year 11 report. Please make sure you notify the main office of any change of address between now and August

Certificates

- These arrive at the end of October and should be collected at the celebration evening which will take place on Tuesday 12th November .

Results Day

Staff available on the day to discuss choices and future:

- Mrs Dormand Head of Post 16
 - Dr Bawn Principal
 - Ms Jones Exams Officer
 - Connexions

Finally



It's a balancing act between trying to push your son / daughter to revise and not waste their time and giving them space and support when they need it.