



## ***February Revision Evening with Parents***

### ***English Maths and Science***

*Thanks to the parents, carers and family members who were able to come to our Parents' Information Evening which focussed on the core subjects of maths, English and science. It was lovely to receive your positive feedback. As promised, please find below a summary of the key points raised by each team leader and a copy of the presentations which will shortly be loaded onto our website in the Year 11 section here:*

<https://www.sbllearning.org.uk/useful-information/#year-11>

*You would have also recently received 'statements of entry' and an individualised summer exam timetable for your child. This was on blue paper and was brought home around 10 days ago. Please ensure that you have a copy of this 'pinned to the fridge' or other suitable place. As a parent, you need to sign and return this form to your child's tutor. If you don't return the form we assume that all entries and information is correct and this is what will appear on your child's examination certificate.*

*Shortly, a full and comprehensive examination guidance booklet will be made available for your child to help you to ensure that you are fully organised and aware of the things you need to know regarding the months ahead. The full timetable of all exams taken by SBL students will shortly appear in the Year 11 section of the website.*

*We have also communicated to you details of dates that your child will need to be available in case of exam rescheduling. We have no control of this whatsoever, it is set by national examining bodies. In the event of a rescheduled exam, and your child is unavailable, then the exam opportunity is lost and your child will be disadvantaged. This means that your child needs to be available up until the 26<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Best wishes*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'White', written in a cursive style.

*Mr White  
Vice Principal*

**English (Exam Board: AQA), Curriculum Team Leader: Mrs Slocombe**

1. Develop a regular routine for working at home in a place free from distractions.
2. Ensure your child is completing all home study.
3. Look through exercise books and talk about their work.
4. If they have been absent for any reason, check that they have caught up on missed work.
5. Avoid saying "I was never any good at English" as this may lead them to believe that there is no point in trying.
6. Re-read/watch or listen to the set texts! Most can be downloaded for free.
7. Read for pleasure – challenging novels from different genres, plus non-fiction, e.g. The Guardian.
8. Be aware of your child's areas for development with SP&G (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Test them on the spellings they keep getting wrong.
9. Encourage your child to redraft/rewrite work following the advice given by the teacher.
10. Learn quotations by putting posters/post-it notes up around the house.
11. Ask your child to tell you any new words they have learned in English and to explain what they mean.
12. Ask them to tell you what the book/play is about and what they find interesting about it.
13. Read the set texts with them – this could be key extracts/individual poems.
14. Read their creative writing pieces together and tell them what you like about them.
15. Links to the websites referenced in the presentation: <a href="https://www.senecalearning.com/">https://www.senecalearning.com/</a> <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse</a> <a href="https://quizlet.com/en-gb">https://quizlet.com/en-gb</a> <a href="https://sblelevens.wordpress.com/">https://sblelevens.wordpress.com/</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff">https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx</a>

Maths and science on the page below:

## Maths (Exam Board: Edexcel) Curriculum Team Leader: Mr Rossiter

As a parent/carer of a Year 11 student, we want to make you aware of the things your child should be doing to prepare for their GCSE. Students who have done these things in previous years have made much faster progress than those who have not.

1. Ensure they and their children know the Maths website <a href="https://maths.sbllearning.org.uk/home">https://maths.sbllearning.org.uk/home</a> , in particular the 'Questions by Topic' and 'Practice Paper' tabs
2. Ensure they have a copy of the <i>Personalized Learning Checklist</i> and update it based on more recent learning over the last month or so, so that they know what they need to improve on
3. Decide on 36 topics to revise (starting with lower grade ones) over the next 9 weeks (i.e. 4 per week, spaced out across the week)
4. Fill out the attached revision timetable at least up to Easter based on the above and stick to it - <u>Do</u> the maths questions on the topics chosen (lots), check model answers and watch videos if necessary
5. Back up all of the above using the Edexcel Revision Guides, Workbooks and Practice Paper sets (ISBN numbers on the attached Higher and Foundation 'flyers')

## Science (AQA): Curriculum Team Leader: Mr Golledge

1. Providing a working area free from distractions, a clear dining room table with all mobile and wireless devices removed would be ideal, if this is possible.
2. Downloading or asking teachers for past papers and focusing all revision around these. Mark schemes are also available online so parents can help students check their progress. Science staff are always happy for students to come to them for further clarification if needed.
3. Using flash cards to help recall key knowledge. There is a large amount of content knowledge in science that has to be recalled, and flash cards are a great way to do this. If these are written as questions parents can support children by acting as quiz master!
4. Make sure that the core practical revision booklets on folder are completed, these will go over what we know will make up 15% of the exam and allow for further exam question practice based on these practicals.
5. Encourage their children to come to the Tuesday revision sessions.