



Holmer Green Senior School

Year 11 Parents Information Evening



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High Achievement for all

“At Holmer Green we are extremely proud of all the hard work invested by our students, staff, governors and parents. This teamwork makes high achievement for all, inevitable. As a non-selective school to be well above national averages is testament to Holmer Green’s academic ethos. 60% of our A level students gained A*-B grades; 73% of our year 11 students achieved grades 4-9 in 5 GCSEs including English and Maths and 20% gained grades 7-9 (A-A*). We know and show young people that with hard work they can achieve the same outcomes at Holmer Green compared to all other schools. Our focus on individuals and giving them the right support means that they succeed.

We have high expectations that go hand in hand with your child’s aspirations, expect hard work, student’s being kind and accept no excuse.”

Ed Hillyard
Headteacher



Attendance and Punctuality

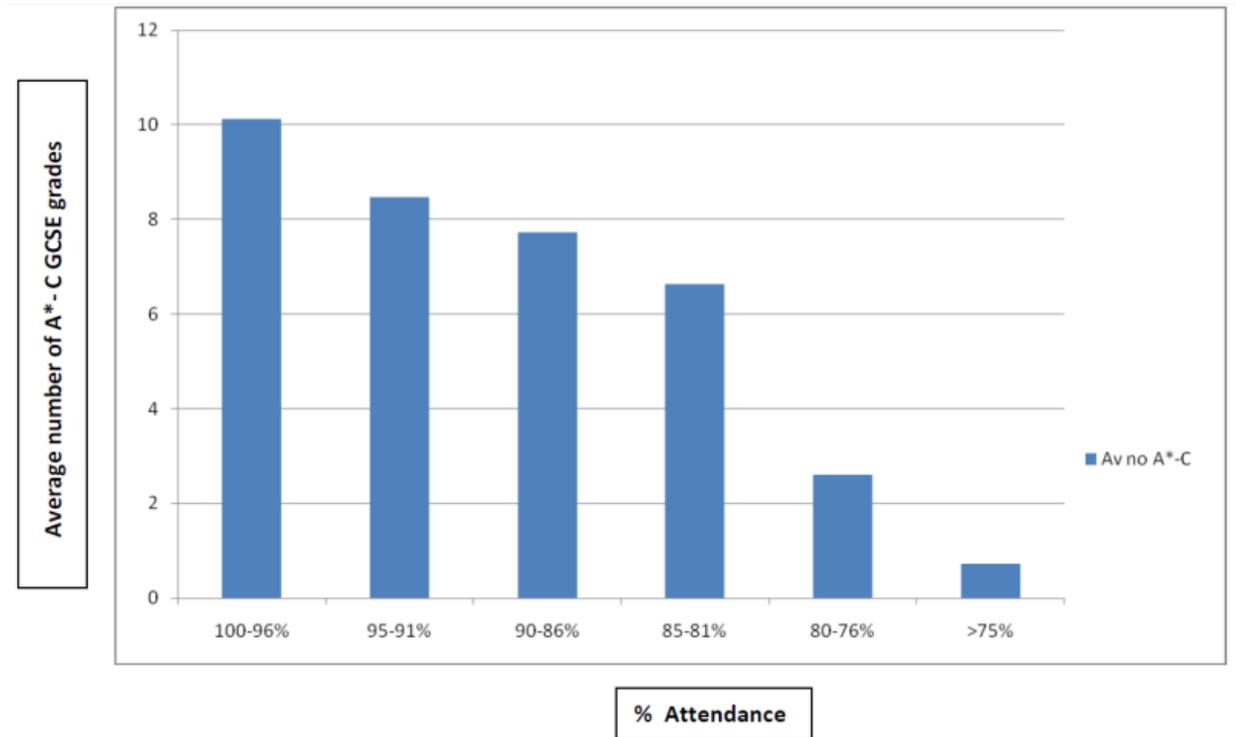
If a student had:

≥96% attendance = likely to get 10 GCSE grades at 4-9

95% attendance = likely to get 8 GCSE grades at 4-9

85% attendance = likely to get 7 GCSE grades at 4-9

80% attendance = likely to get 3 GCSE grades at 4-9





9-1 and new GCSEs

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	
1	E
	F
	G
U	U

New GCSEs

- More content
- More challenging
- More application
- Less Coursework



GCSE English Language and Literature

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1 – Unseen Victorian Literature and Imaginative writing – 1hr 45mins

Paper 2 – Unseen non-fiction and transactional writing – 2hrs

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 1 – Romeo and Juliet and An Inspector Calls – 1hr 45mins

Paper 2 – Either Jekyll and Hyde or A Christmas Carol, Poetry Anthology and Unseen poetry – 2hr 15min



GCSE English Language and Literature

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

Length of the exams

Timing

Remembering all the different texts

Quotations

INTERVENTION

Am session focused on English Language

After school session – Tuesday till 4pm – focus English Literature



GCSE Maths

- Paper 1 (Non – Calculator)
- Paper 2 and 3 (Calculator)
- Each paper 1hour 30mins
- Two Tiers – Higher and Foundation
- Higher (Level 4 to level 9)
- Foundation (Level 1 to level 5)
- Higher – Some A level topics introduced into the new GCSE (e.g graphing quadratic inequalities, rationalising SURDs with conjugates, lots of proofs)
- General theme – problem solving



GCSE Maths

RESOURCES

- Active Teach
<https://www.activeteachonline.com>
 - large number of exam questions
 - Pearson student book
 - large number of videos

EXAM PAPERS

- Produced in pamphlets
- Specimen, sample papers, practice tests plus the 2017 & 2018 exam papers

INTERVENTION

- a.m registration (Mrs Douglas)
- Lunch time and after school – subject teachers



GCSE Science

Trilogy

- E, N, D, P & S
- 6 exams (2 Bio/2 Chem/ 2 Phys)
- 1hour 15min long exams
- Grades 5:5 or 5:6 or 6:6 etc
- All foundation OR higher
 - Foundation 1-5
 - Higher 4-9
- AQA recommend that students taking higher papers have to also take higher Maths.

Triple

- W
- 6 exams (2 Bio/2 Chem/ 2 Phys)
- 1hour 45min long exams
- 3 separate grades eg 7, 8, 7



GCSE Science

Required Practical's

- Carry out 21 practical's
- Practical's assessed in exam (~25%)
- Questions could assess
 - Apparatus and techniques
 - Methods
 - Risk assessments
 - Results
 - Analysis- graphs and conclusions
 - Application to a further experiment
- Practical's may be applied to a different context.

Maths

- 10% Biology paper
- 20% Chemistry paper
- 30% Physics paper

Physics Equations

- 21 or 23 equations to LEARN
- 8 or 12 equations to USE



GCSE Science

Content finished by Christmas

Pupils will have covered all aspects of the GCSE by the end of this term.

The rest of the year is used for targeted revision.

Revision guides

Letter to follow

Revision sessions

Will start in the coming weeks

MyGCSEScience

Pupils signed up for this last year and will have a login

Videos, corresponding exam questions and mark schemes to assess GCSE content.



Intervention and Revision

Morning English and Maths intervention sessions during tutor time

- These start on Monday 24 September
- They are compulsory sessions – do not forget to go!

After school revision sessions and coursework support

- A timetable for this half term will be released next week and emailed home

Holiday revision sessions

- We will let you know closer to the time



Mock Exams

Practical mock exams

- 10 December till the 17 December
- Art, Photography, Drama, Technology, PE and Music

Written mock exams

- 3 January till the 11 January
- All subjects
- In the hall

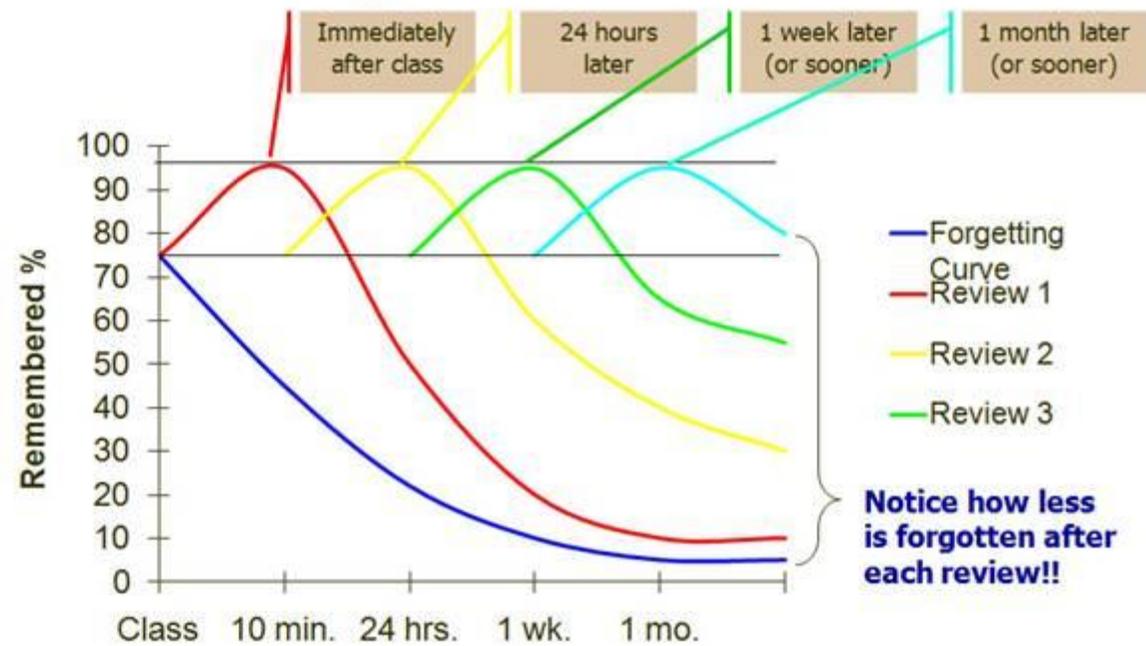
Results

- 1 February



Why you need to revise now

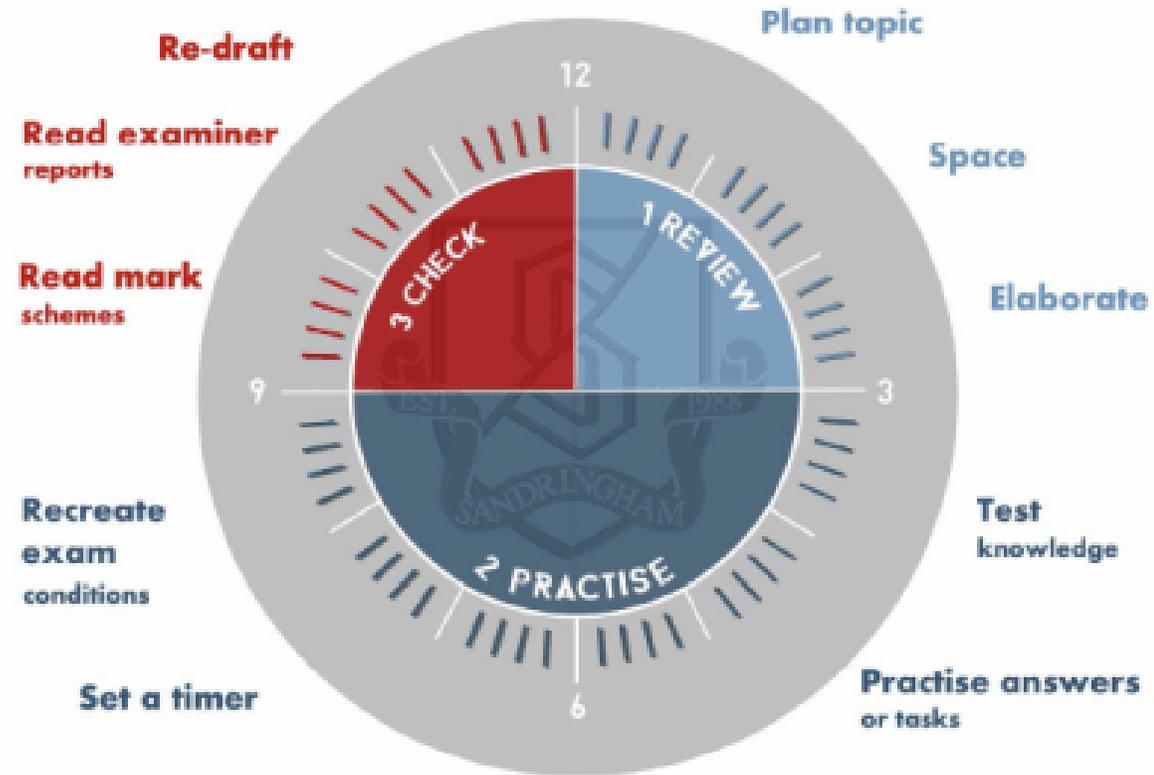
Overcoming the Curve





How to revise

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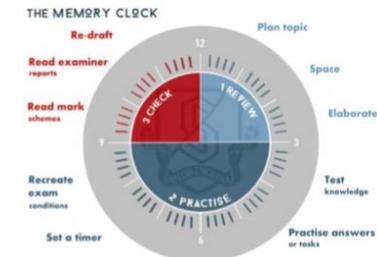
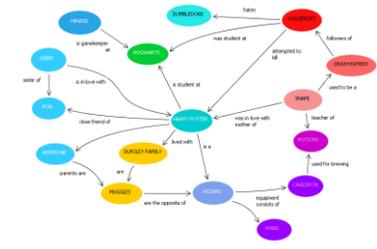
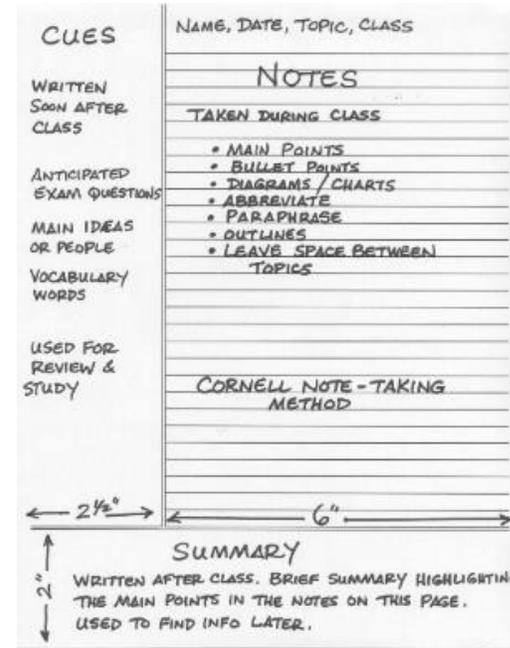
How to revise

Three common techniques that are ineffective in helping you revise:

- Highlighting textbooks and revision guides
- Re-reading notes
- Summarising textbooks and revision guides

Use these techniques instead...

1. Flash cards
2. Transform it into graphic organisers
3. Dual coding – pictures and words
4. Cornell notes
5. Deliberate practice
6. The big picture
7. Interleaving and spacing





The Future

Key dates:

Thursday 29 November

Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 25 January

Sixth Form Application Deadline

If you are thinking about going to University in the future, you need to start doing your research about what courses are best for you to take at Sixth Form.

To help you, all students will receive at least one Connexions appointment this year.



Parental Support

1. Make a revision timetable with them and make sure they use it!
2. Consider what currently gets in the way of their studies
3. Setting a suitable pattern now which you can agree on and support is a good idea
4. Think of ways together you can relieve the pressure
5. Social networks – set time?
6. Organise a quiet space
7. Buy the materials required
8. Be available



Things to remember

- 100% attendance
- Start revising now!
- Plan revision
 - Active revision (don't just read a book!)
 - Past paper questions
 - Revision guides
 - Take a break
 - Intervention and revision (attend it!)
- Research next year and your future
 - Where are you going?
 - What will you need from school?

Don't stress! Breathe! It will be OK!



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Working in partnership with year 11 parents