

YEAR 9

'STRIVE TO BE YOUR BEST' INFORMATION EVENING

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Wednesday 14th May 2025



- Careers
- The Basics
- Digital Platforms
- **Exam Preparation**
- Reporting exam results



CAREERS EDUCATION



HEADLINE



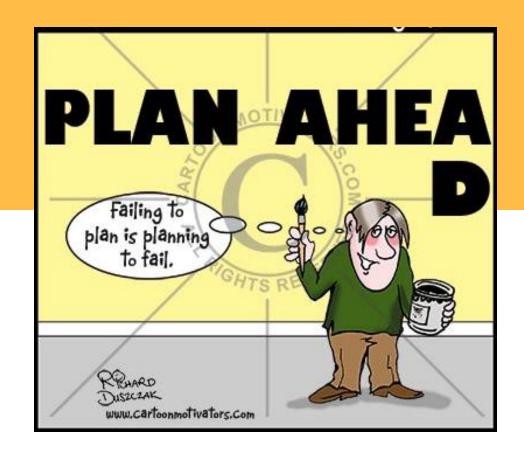
Artificial intelligence (AI) could replace the equivalent of 300 million fulltime jobs, a report by investment bank Goldman Sachs says.

It could replace a quarter of work tasks in the US and Europe but may also mean new jobs and a productivity boom.





FAILING TO PLAN AND YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL





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ABOUT

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INSIGHTS

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JOBS

CONTACT

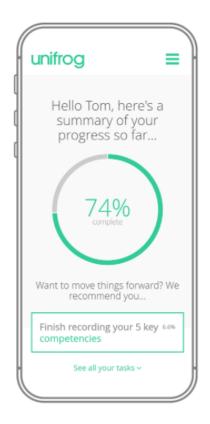
SIGN IN

The complete destinations platform.

We help students compare every opportunity, then apply successfully. We also empower teachers and counselors to manage the progression process effectively.

Request a demo today.

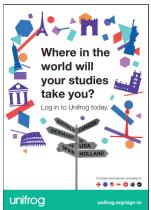
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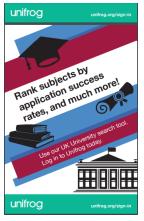




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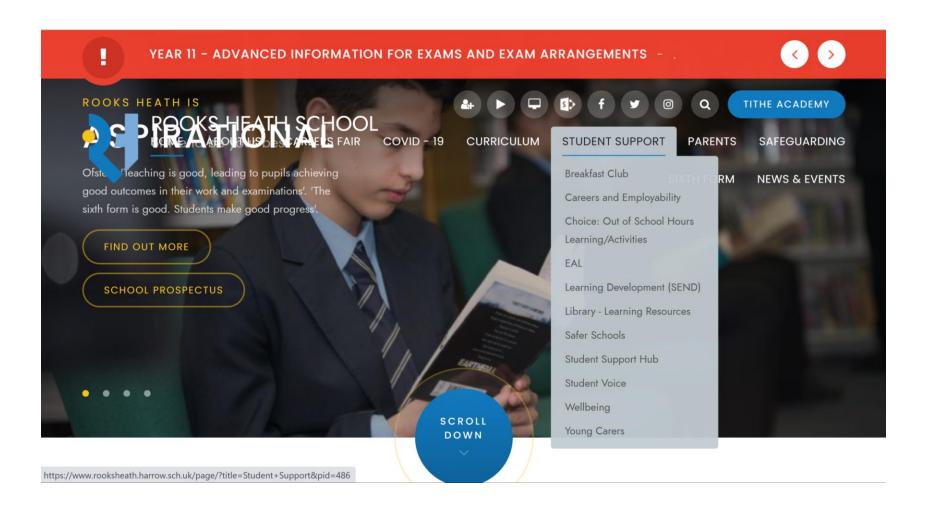








LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI) WIDGETS





LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Students with high aspirations often lack the knowledge to put their plans into action. Access to up to date career and labour market information is important for social mobility. Providing detailed information about progression routes, relevant courses and employers and useful networks strengthens their capacity to make effective choices and transitions. Students need strong digital skills to make good use of online information about career exploration, making applications, self presentation and professional networking (Gatsby Benchmark 2).

Medical practitioners		Medical radiographers	
Weekly Pay £1,140 Hours/Week 34h	Annual Pay £59,280 Hourly Pay £34	Weekly Pay £720 Hours/Week 37h	Annual Pay £37,440 Hourly Pay £19
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%	Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 21,300 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 162,500 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 2,200 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 16,700 job openings.	
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Education			
More info	Clear card	More info	Clear card

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USEFUL LINKS

- http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/widget/
- http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/
- https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/
- https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home

Community

< Labour Market Information

Parents/Carers

Quick Links

Resources



- Attendance and punctuality
- Organisation
- Homework
- Health
- Reading
- Devices
- Expectations & encouragement
- Keep in touch





Equates to:

SCHOOL DAYS off each year

100%



98%

IMPRI

IMPRESSIVE

7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

96%

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GOOD

9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

95%

NEARLY THERE

SCHOOL DAYS off each year

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

SCHOOL DAYS off each year

90%

CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee)

SCHOOL DAYS off each year

85%





ORGANISATION

Teach your child to plan ahead

Timetable - Uniform - Equipment - Homework



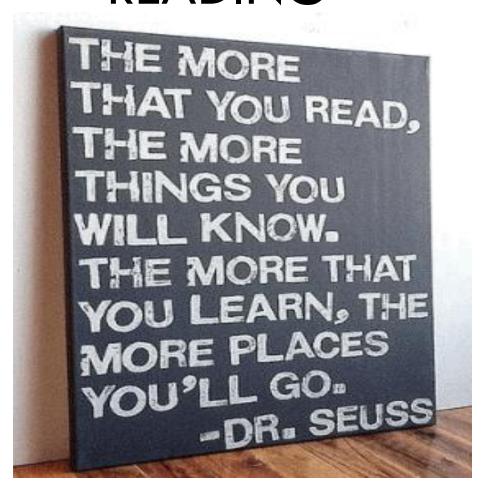
HOMEWORK

- Check and sign the Link Book weekly
- Many subjects set a weekly homework

Also, check the MCAS App for your child's timetable and to see what homework has been set.



THE BASICS READING





READING

- Encourage Reading
- Literacy should not be confined to school





HEALTH

Good diet

Good exercise

Good sleep





DEVICES

- Manage Screen Time Does your child spend hours looking at a screen?
- Who is in control of their devices?



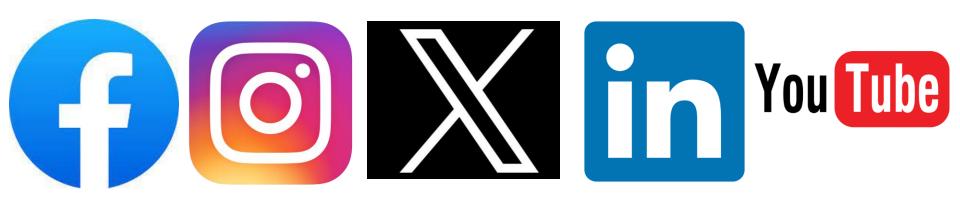


THE BASICS KEEP IN TOUCH

Maintain a positive dialogue with the school via:

- Link Book
- Email
- Phone calls
- Attend School Events Virtual or in person
- Keep up-to-date with our news





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EXPECTATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- Set the bar at a high level!
- Parental expectations have a huge impact when it comes to student performance.
- If you don't expect your child to do well, don't be surprised if your low expectations are met.



EXPECTATIONS & ENCOURAGEMENT

- Encourage them to do their very best!
- Parents who want to help their children succeed, should encourage them to do more than the minimum.
- Nothing great in life is ever achieved by putting in the least amount of effort.



EXPECTATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- Celebrate Success!
- Everyone likes to be praised.
- Every student, no matter what ability, produces work they can be proud of while in school. Help them celebrate their positive choices and hard work.



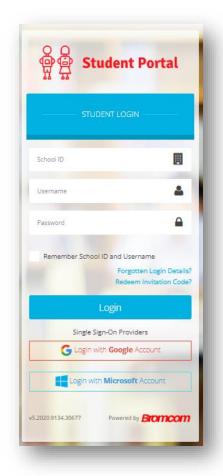
DIGITAL PLATFORMS



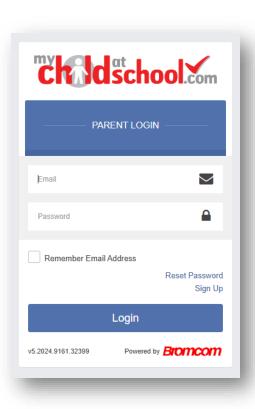
Bromcom Student Portal

Bromcom MCAS Parent Platform





https://www.bromcomvle.com/



https://www.mychildats chool.com/MCAS/MCS ParentLogin

- Homework
- Attendance
- On Track Points
- Behaviour points & detentions
- Timetable
- Dinner money
- Clubs & Trips
- Announcements
- Reports
- Assessment





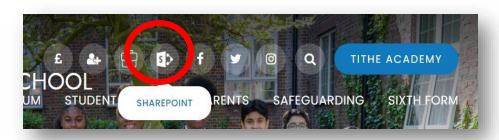






OneDrive

- Students access via the Rooks Heath website, using their school e-mail address and password.
- They need to use the Microsoft Authenticator App on their mobile phone to authenticate.



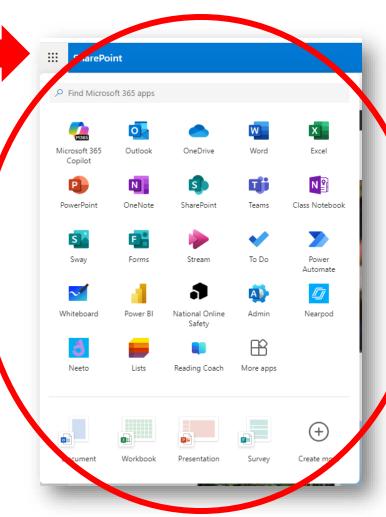




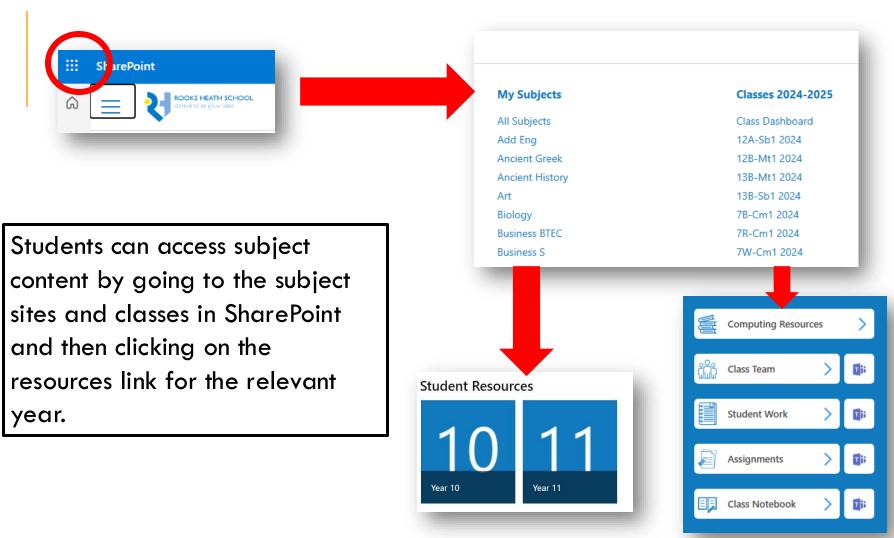
SharePoint allows for anytime, anywhere access to class resources and work.

From our SharePoint site, students can access:

- Microsoft Office 365 apps such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint via a browser without the need for MS Office to be installed on their laptop or PC.
- Their OneDrive which is where they should save all their school- work whether this is in lesson or for homework.
- Microsoft Teams.



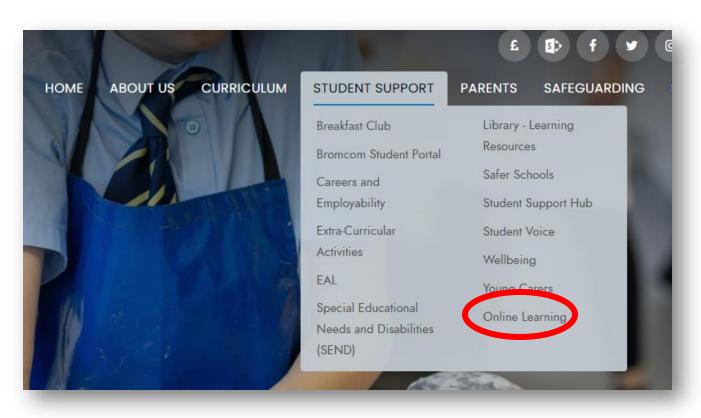






Rooks Heath Website > Student Support > Online Learning

For links to video tutorials on accessing and using SharePoint & Teams







https://www.kerboodle.com/

Online learning resources used by:

Science

Maths

German

French

Geography

Includes:

Online text-book, videos, animations, podcasts and worksheets

Assessment materials including auto-marked tests, self-assessment checklists, practice papers and examstyle questions

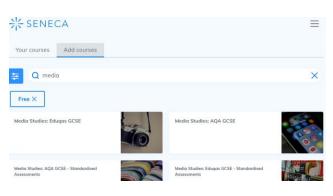
Students are provided with a username and password by their subject teachers.





Free revision platform for most subjects.

Students sign up for free using their school email address.



Parents and carers can create and link their account to the child's account.

Use it for free to keep a track on your child's progress or, you can pay for premium features which gives you access to content and courses.

Students can access content and courses for free. They may be set assignments by their subject teachers, but they can also browse topics and courses as part of their own, independent revision.





Students should use the platform to independently revise and practice Mathematics.

https://www.mymaths.co.uk/

Students log into My Maths using the school log in details to access the site:

Online lessons

Activities

Revision

Assessment

Username: rooks

Password: pentagon

They should then use the username and password given to them by their maths teacher to log into their portal.





<u>Search for: Key Stage 3 - BBC</u> Bitesize

BBC Bitesize is a longestablished learning platform.

Students in Year 9 should choose Key Stage 3 content.

Students should register with the platform so that they can choose the subjects they are studying.

Registering also allows them to save their progress by adding topics to "My Bitesize"

There are learner guides on each topic which include revision, learning material, videos and tests.



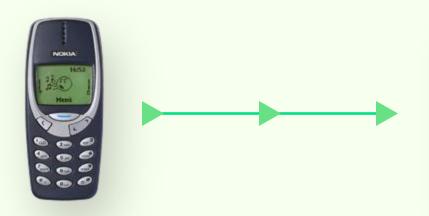
IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING ANY ISSUES ACCESSING I.T. AT HOME...

contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

Rooks Heath Mobile Phones 2025



In two decades, everything's changed





2005

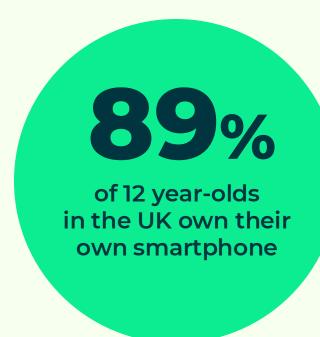
Nokias ruled; the iPhone wasn't invented until 2007

2025

Smartphones have transformed the experience of childhood



Smartphones have become the norm





OFCOM Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes April 24 / University of Birmingham Study February 25



Smartphones have become the norm

For context:

Students spend 30 hours per week at school

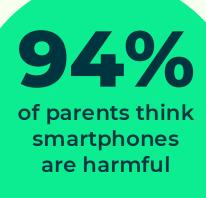
In the UK 35 hours plus is considered a fulltime job

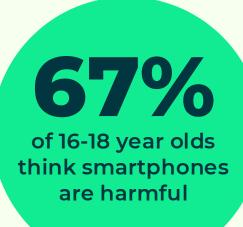


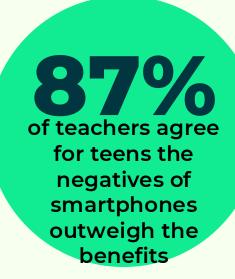
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The status quo isn't working for anyone







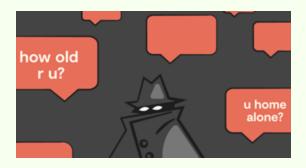


The three major issues



CONTENT

Smartphones are gateways to extreme content and viewpoints



CONTACT

Sites like TikTok, Snapchat and Roblox are used by predators to target children with their first smartphones.

Smartphones are gateways for bullying



TIME

Smartphones are fundamentally changing childhood - distracting us from engaging in real world activities.



The evidence of harm is now clear

90%

of girls and 50% of boys say they are sent unwanted explicit content

Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools, 2021

3X

Teens with problematic smartphone-use are three times as likely to have depression

King's College London, 2024

237

The average teen gets 237 notifications a day. It takes 23 minutes to refocus

Common Sense Media 2023

1-2Grades higher

Children at smartphone free schools get better GCSE results

Disconnect: Policy Exchange 2024



What are we losing?



Less time outdoors



Less time playing, reading & exercising



Less social interaction and face to face communication



More time scrolling, alone



School smartphone policies: the options

Being genuinely smartphone free means students have no access to smartphones throughout the school day

A 'bell-to-bell' policy



Lockers or pouches

Pros: Transforms educational environment

Cons: Requires investment, less change beyond school hours



Brick phones only

Pros: Huge benefits during and beyond the school day and less issues to & from school

Cons: Parental push back



Impact: after one smartphone-free term

Kids could focus

Free from relentless distraction, children could focus on learning.

Teachers could teach

...and had to pick up the pace because kids were paying closer attention!

Behaviour improved

Detentions fell by 40%, truancy fell by 80%, safeguarding incidents fell by 75%

Fights didn't escalate

Because they weren't being filmed and shared on social media.

Kids could be kids

Students started playing tag and talking to each other.

Teachers felt happier

Staff reported feeling happier and retention rates improved by > 50%



Rooks Heath Is going Smart Phone Free

5th June After Half Term

- Phones collected by tutor unless parents have signed a contract to say a phone will not be brought to school
- Failure to produce your phone without a pre signed agreeement will result in a wanded search
- Any students that have a special medical circumstances that require use of thier phones are exempt
- Any student with a detention will receive their phone after their detention has been completed
- Any student on a trip will still be required to hand in their phone which will be given to them by the trip leader
- Any student who is late to school will need to wait in the Rookery after school where they will be given their phones back at 3:45pm



Caught with your phone

First Time

- Phone held for 48 Hours
- Parent will contacted and must collect the phone, no exceptions and no early collections
- Warning letter issued.

Second Time

- Phone held for 5 days
- Parent will contacted and must collect the phone, no exceptions and no early collections
- 1 day Withdrawal

Third Time

- Phone held for 2 weeks
- Parent meeting with the Head of Year
- 2 day Withdrawal



The Business of Learning

• More focus on the business of learning then on the business on dealing with Smartphone related issues

Greater Social Connections

- Greater connections between all members of the school community which are not reliant on technology
- Better Social and communication skills

Reduction of Screen Time

- A more healthy and productive environment
- · Improved student well being

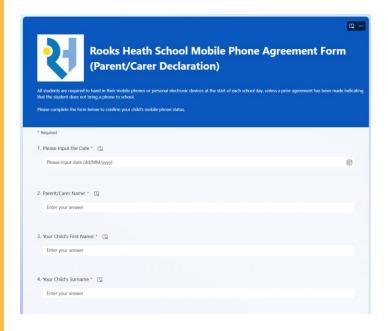
PLEASE SIGN THE AGREEMENT

Rooks Heath School Mobile Phone Agreement Form (Parent/Carer Declaration)

The school has circulated a letter with a link to the electronic form:

https://forms.office.com/e/ca6HDrN0Sv

This will also be on the school website landing message page tomorrow.



DFE ARE MOVING ALL SCHOOLS TOWARDS MOBILE FREE ENVIRONMENTS





Mobile phones are set to be prohibited in schools across England as part of the government's plan to minimise disruption and improve behaviour in classrooms.

New $\underline{mobile\ phones\ in\ schools\ guidance}$ issued today (19 February 2024) backs headteachers in prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day, including at break times.

Many schools around the country are already prohibiting mobile phone use with great results. This guidance will ensure there is a consistent approach across all schools.



Monday 16th June – Wednesday 25th June Three exams will be in the gym:

Monday 23rd — Science

Tuesday 24th – Maths

Wednesday 25th – English

Exams will be held in the majority of subjects and all other exams will take place in lesson time.



EXAM PREPARATION SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN YEAR 9

- English, Maths, Science
- Geography, History, Religious Studies
- Art, Drama, Music
- Computing
- Language / Functional Skills
- Design Technology or Food Preparation
- Core PE (no exam)
- PSHE (no exam)



PiXL

How to Revisit/Revise

1.



Upload

2.



Process

3.



Download



Activity: What's the best way to remember things?



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Activity: What's the best way to remember things?

•Just looking and trying to rehearse over and over?

•Sorting into a list (e.g. alphabetical) or order

(chronological)?



•Sorting in meaningful groups?











Chunking

- Memory can hold 6-8 individual items.
- •But if you chunk items together, you can remember more...
- E.g. 8 individual (and unrelated words) words are harder to remember than one sentence containing 8 words.



All these words.....

Air and Water

Exosphere

Composition

Chlorination

Sedimentation

Argon

Filtration

Mesosphere

Troposphere

Impurities

Oxygen

Thermosphere

Atmosphere

Evaporation

Boiling

decantation

Nitrogen

Distillation

Carbon Dioxide

Purification

Stratosphere



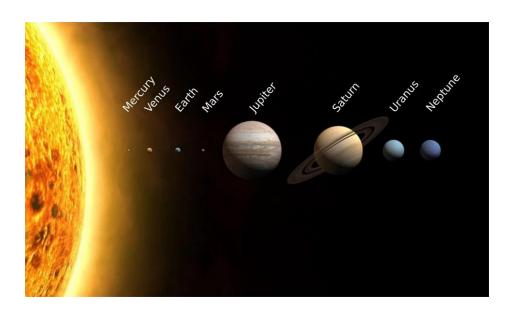
Mind Maps – sort them into subgroups





Activity: Are there any shortcuts?

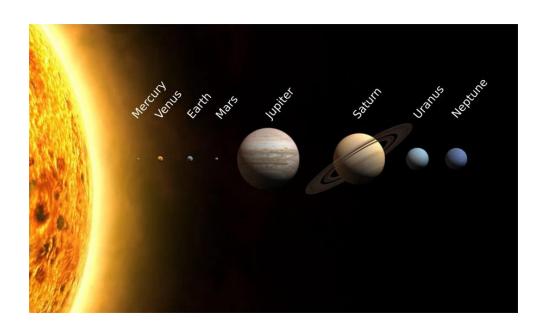
Here are the names of some planets in our galaxy. How would you try to remember them?





Mnemonics

A good mnemonic for the order of the planets is: "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos."



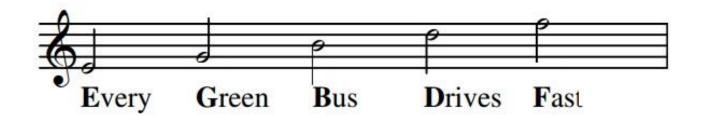


Mnemonics in Biology

- MRS GREN " is a mnemonic acronym for the common attributes of living things.
- They are:
- Movement
 - Respiration
 - **S**ensitivity
 - **G**rowth
 - Reproduction
 - **E**xcretion
 - **N**utrition



Mnemonics in Music





Shortcut step 1

Use your knowledge organisers and identify what you don't yet know

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- indpior i					
Latin	English				
dormio	I sleep				
ego	1				
frater	brother				
hora	hour				
in	in, on				
insula	block of flats				
laboro	I work				
lego	Tread				
meus	my				
non	not				
pater	father				
rideo	I laugh, I smile				
servus	slave				
tu	you (singular)				
turba	crowd				
ubi?	where?				
via	street, road, way				
sum	Iam				
es	you (singular) are				
est	(he/she/it) is				



Shortcut step 2

Make flash cards only for the things you don't yet know





Some revision strategies to try: Flash Cards

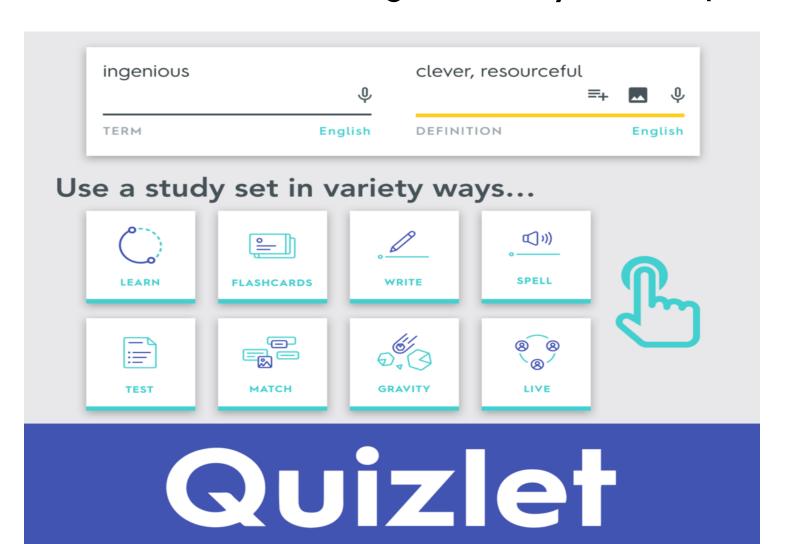
How tall is Mount Everest?

8,848 metres above sea level

FRONT BACK



Some revision strategies to try: www.quizlet.com





What do I revise?

A homework task will be set in Bromcom in every subject listing the topics that are coming up.

Revision strategies will also be provided by teachers.



EXAM PREPARATION BE ORGANISED

Where?

Sit at a desk / somewhere designed for study

What?

Make tasks specific & realistic

How ?

•Like > Less favoured > Like

When?

Alert – times of the day...

Why?

Review



MAKE A TIMETABLE

- Know your topics and sub-topics
- Plan when you are going to study
- Use short bursts
- Have regular breaks



ON THE WEEK OF THE EXAMS

- You will have a number of exams in one week. It is likely to feel quite intense.
- Read over materials the night before if you want to. However, if you have revised during this coming two weeks, you should feel prepared.
- Approach each exam with a positive mindset. Aim to do your best.



Flight Paths are allocated from base data on entry

- Beginning
- Emerging
- Developing
- Securing
- Excelling



There are five 'Flight Paths'.

Each flight paths tells us what grade your child is aspiring towards in each subject:

Flight Path Aspiring to Achieve at GCSE in Yea		
Excelling	7, 8 or 9 (A, A*)	
Securing	5 or 6 (B)	
Developing	4 (C or D)	
Emerging	2 or 3 (E,F)	
Beginning	1(G)	



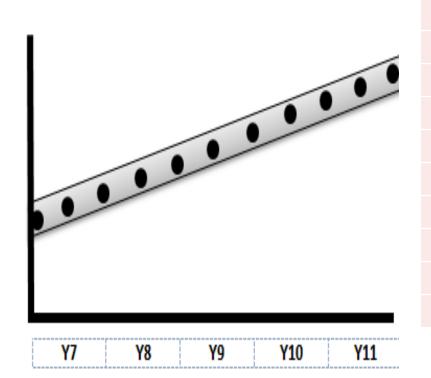
The Flight Path projects the least we expect them to achieve at GCSE

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Prior Attainment





We support, extend or intervene to keep students on or above their Flight Path.



Progress Statements

We will report progress by identifying whether students are:

Progress Check	Progress Description compared with Flight Path					
Significantly above	Student is making progress far above their Flightpath					
In line with or above	Student is making progress in line with their Flightpath, or slightly above their Flightpath					
Working towards Student is working slightly below their Flightpath target						
Significantly below Student is working far below their Flightpath						



	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude to learning	Lacks motivation, cannot focus on set tasks	Low level of motivation. Frequently loses focus	Motivation levels fluctuate. Goes off task occasionally	Well motivated. Focuses on most tasks.	Strongly motivated. Focuses on all tasks.
Behaviour	Frequently disrupts the learning of others	Is occasionally disruptive	Generally well behaved with just a few lapses	Always well behaved	Consistently excellent behaviour. Considerate of others
Homework handed in	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Quality of homework	Unacceptable standard	Unsatisfactory Standard	Satisfactory Standard	Good standard	Excellent Standard



Attainment				Behaviour for Learning				
Subject	Flightpath	Progress - Autumn	Progress - Spring	Progress - Summer	Is well motivated in	Behaves well in lessons	Hands in Homework	Quality of Homework
Art	Emerging	In line/above	In line/above		3	4	3	3
Computing	Emerging	In line/above	Working towards		3	3	2	2
Design Technology	Emerging							
Drama	Emerging	Signif below	Signif below		3	4	N/A	N/A
English	Emerging	In line/above	In line/above		3	4	4	4
*Food	Emerging	In line/above						
Functional Skills English	Emerging	In line/above	In line/above		5	5	5	4
Functional Skills Maths	Emerging	Working towards	In line/above		4	5	4	4
Geography	Emerging	Working towards	Working towards		4	4	4	4
History	Emerging	In line/above	Signif above		5	5	5	5
Maths	Emerging	In line/above	In line/above		5	5	5	5
Music	Emerging	In line/above	Working towards		2	3	5	5
**PE	Emerging	In line/above	In line/above		4	3	N/A	N/A
PSE	N/A	N/A	N/A		5	5	N/A	N/A
Religious Studies	Emerging	Working towards	In line/above		4	5	4	4

Celebrate: 5s, 4s, greens and blues.

Question: 3s and below, yellows and reds.



THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING

It <u>will</u> make a difference.