

Year 13 Parental Information Evening

Wednesday 14 September 2022

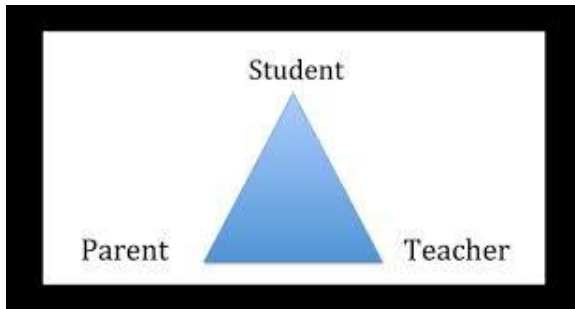
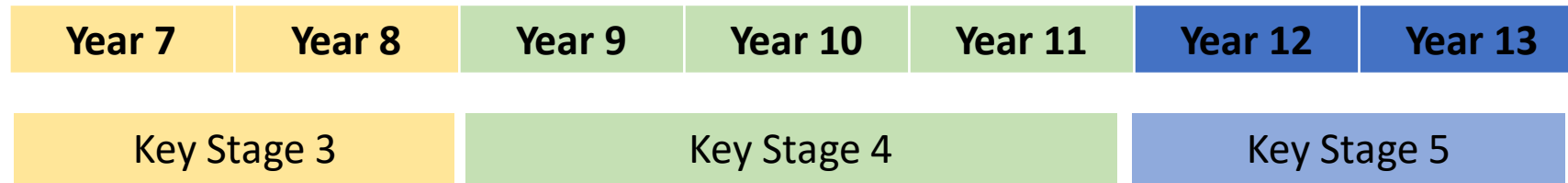


Thank you for joining the meeting. We will start at 6pm. Please ensure mics and cameras are switched off before we begin.

The presentation will cover the following areas:

1. Who is who
2. Important information/Expectations
3. Key Dates
4. Effective working – what does it look like?
5. Reading beyond the subject

Welcome and thank you!

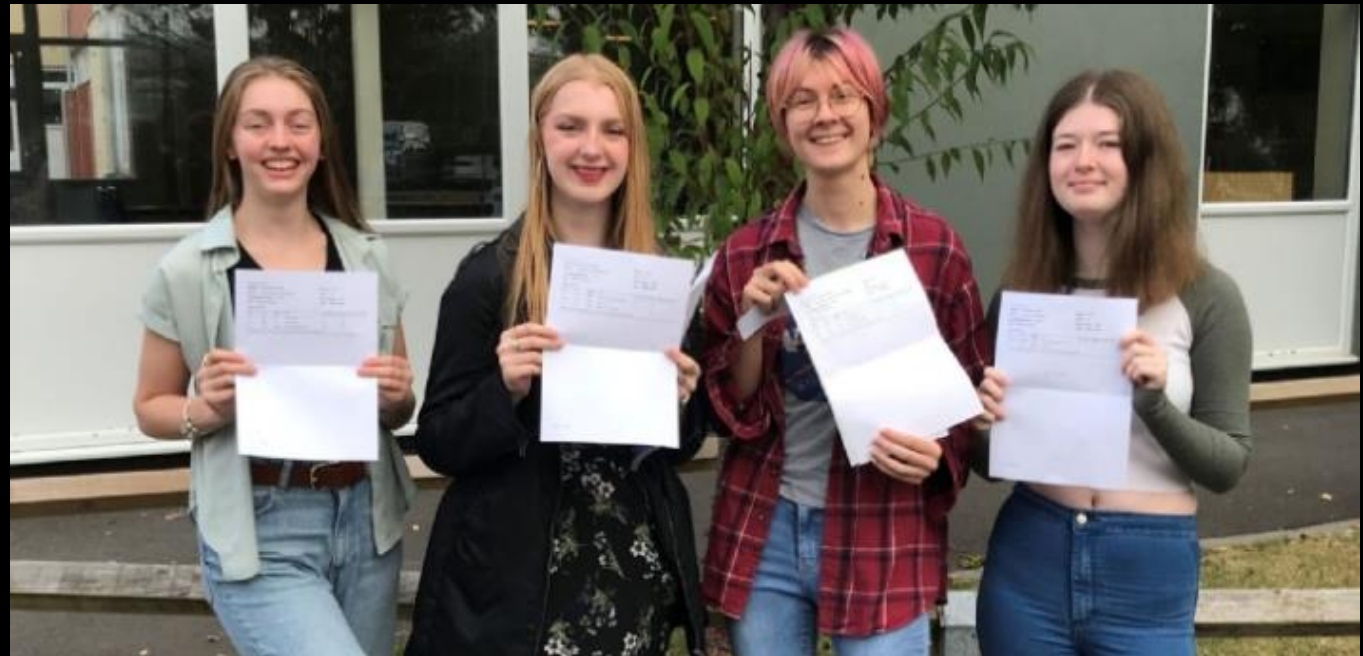


A level and BTEC Results

How can we ensure that all
our year 13s make it to their
'finish line'?



A level and Vocational Results



New staff and responsibilities



Ms Louise Blundell
HEADTEACHER



Mrs Carolyn Tipler
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER -
LEARNING & STANDARDS



Mr Jonathan Mailey
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER -
PASTORAL & BEHAVIOUR



Old Staff!



MRS RAMSAY –
Joint Director of Sixth Form
Academic Mentor KS5
HEAD OF YEAR 13



MR HEYSHAM
Joint Director of Sixth Form
HEAD OF YEAR 12



MRS FAIRS - Assistant Head
Director of Key Stage 5
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Key Staff for Sixth Form



Mrs P HOLWELL
SIXTH FORM OFFICE MANAGER



MRS BROOKS
SIXTH FORM ATTENDANCE OFFICER
Works MORNINGS ONLY apart from WED.



Mrs L GARDINER
CAREERS
Works Wed - Fri

Timings of the school day

Start times	Tutor time	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5	Lesson 6	End of School
Years 10-13 Monday - Thursday	8:45	9:05	9:55	10:50	11:15	12:00	12:55	1:35	2:25	3:20
Years 10-13 Friday	8:45	9:20	10:10	11:05	11:30		12:20	12:55	1:45	2:40

Tutor Time Expectations

- Tutor time routine and key days:

Monday = Alternating Head's broadcast (wk2) or Sixth Form assembly (wk1)

- Tuesday = Tutor time activity.
- **Wednesday** = Alternating year assembly.
- Thursday = One-to-one meetings with tutor.
- **Friday = Tutor time lesson**
 - Compulsory sessions

Friday Tutor Time topics

Inter-tutor group
competitions (sometimes
silly)

LGBTQ+

Money Matters

Gender

Politics

Whole Sixth Form events /
charity events

Key national / international
events

Alcohol / drugs awareness

And much more!



Expectations for Year 13s

- Dress code to be appropriate for a working environment in a school
- Treated in the same way as staff for tattoos and piercings
- Lanyards **MUST** be worn – all non uniform people on site have to wear one. Safeguarding protocol.



Gordano is now a NUT AWARE school

- Please do not bring any nuts or products which may contain traces of nuts into school.
- We have students and staff who have a severe nut allergy and who could be seriously affected, so we appreciate your co-operation and understanding.



Helping you feel safe and supported in the Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is nearly 400 students. This is one of the largest we have had for a while. It means we can offer a lot of support to our school community through the following opportunities:



- Tutors
- Heads of Year
- Safeguarding Team*
- Pastoral Support
- Sixth Form Council
- Prefects/Senior Students
- Academic Mentor (Pippa Ramsay)
- Subject mentors
- Subject teachers – academic specialists
- Groups/Societies
- School Nurse
- School Counsellors
- School Chaplain
- Youth Hub
- Youth Centre
- Partnership with community groups – Police, RNLI, GCT, etc.

Our Safeguarding Team (JMF)

Deputy Head (Pastoral):

Johnny Mailey (Strategic Safeguarding Lead)

Office: Student Centre

Contact details: jmailey@gordanoschool.org.uk



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Jeanne Fairs
(Assistant Head) - Student Centre Office

Contact details: jfairs@gordanoschool.org.uk

Deputy DSL: Natalie Tester

Student Centre Office

Contact details: ntester@gordanoschool.org.uk



Important dates for parents

Date	Time (if applicable)	Event
Wednesday 21 st September		Electives begin
Thursday 13 th October		Year 12 & 13 Tutor Reviews (online)
Thursday 10 th November	Early finish	Sixth Form open evening (school ends at end of period 5)
Friday 25 th November 2022		Year 12 / 13 Achievement review issued
Tuesday 13 th December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 2 nd Feb 2023	6.30 - 7.00 pm	Higher Apprenticeship evening
Friday 3 rd February 2023		Year 13 Achievement Review 2 issued
Thursday 23 rd February	4.00 pm – 7.30 pm	Year 13 Progress Evening
w/c: 17 th April – 28 April 2023		Year 13 Mock exams
Friday 19 th May	Lunchtime	Last day for year 13
Thursday 22 nd June TBC	Evening	Leavers' Ball

Important External assessment dates for parents

- 18th October – BMAT & TMUA Admission
- 19th October – Oxbridge pre-registration assessments
- 31st October – English GCSE Resit P1
- 1st November – Maths GCSE Resit P1
- 2nd November – English GCSE Resit P2
- 3rd November – Maths GCSE Resit P2
- 7th November – Maths GCSE Resit P3

Important dates for parents

- KS5 BTEC qualifications, students will receive pre-release documentation in December and take unit exams in January - it's important to note that not every BTEC exam includes a pre-release.
- Year 13 Business students will also be running the Year 7 Disco on 8th December, and there is the possibility of a Unit 3 - Personal and Business Finance grade booster trip for Year 13 BTEC Business students early in December (TBC).
- BTEC Coursework will be formally released imminently, and key deadlines will be issued at subject level.
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Important assessment dates for parents

- Early January - external BTEC exams and more pre-release
- IT Unit 1 exam - Monday 9th Jan, am
- IT coursework deadline: 12th May 2023
- 4th – 13th January 23– Mock Exams
- 17th – 28th April 23 – Mocks Exams

Note – Exam boards are yet to decide the summer 2023 timetable



Provisional exam timetables

The summer 2023 provisional exam timetables will be published later than usual this year. This is to allow time to evaluate the changes to this summer's timetable to see if the increased spacing between exams in the same subject should continue.



A quick note about EPQs

Students should have submitted their EPQs to their supervisors now. Logbooks need to be finalised.

Marking and moderation has to be complete by the end of this term

Post 18 – Different options

- Students should have ALL set up a UCAS account and be working on an application
- Careers sessions are more bespoke. Sept – Dec only
- Personal Statements/CVs are a priority
- Early application deadline students have to have completed everything by September 30th
- Unifrog is a great one stop shop for different opportunities and advice



How many hours?

Work expectations for Year 13

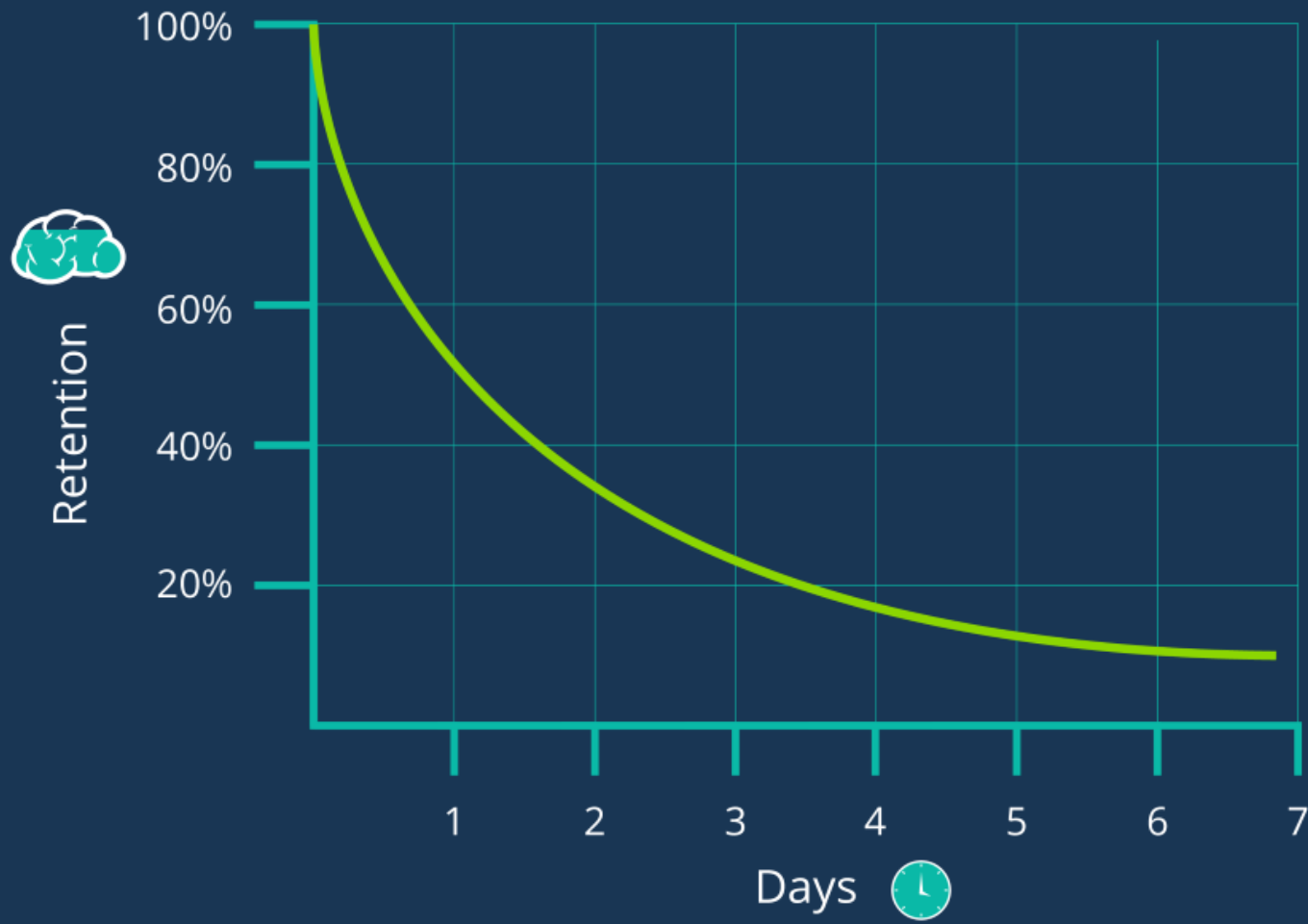
- ❑ There are 48 periods in the school week x 50 minutes each.
- ❑ Most Key Stage 5 lessons are double lessons.
- ❑ Remaining sessions are study periods – no study plus this year. Students CAN study at home in their frees (but have to attend Mon, Wed and Fri tutor time)
- ❑ We will review this more independent working post AR1
- ❑ Part time jobs – be careful with hours not creeping up. 10 – 12 hours a week maximum is recommended



In other words - a 35 hour working week.

12 hours a week of independent study time to be 'full time'.

THE FORGETTING CURVE



How to be effective with study to retain and apply information

Time management

- Deadlines
- Keeping on top of Firefly (removing completed tasks)
- Stay on top of the inbox (not always easy!)

Independence and Responsibility

- Being proactive.

Effective use of free periods

- Plan ahead. Remove distractions.
- Apps

Bring the correct equipment.

- Staff should not have to provide text books that have been forgotten or pens!

Assess, Plan, Do, Review

- Make this a habit

Making Reflection a Habit

Have you answered the question(s)?

Where have you used the KEY words in the question in your writing?

Where have you used relevant TERMINOLOGY?

Where have you used an example/case study/quotation/theorist etc. to support your answer?

Have you used BECAUSE...explained or developed your point?

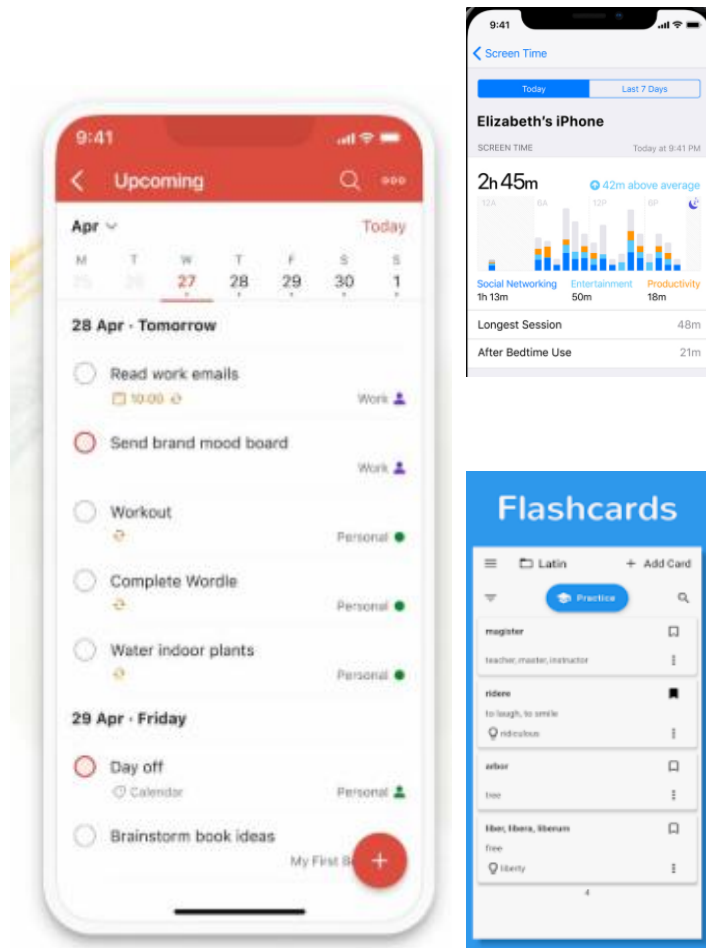
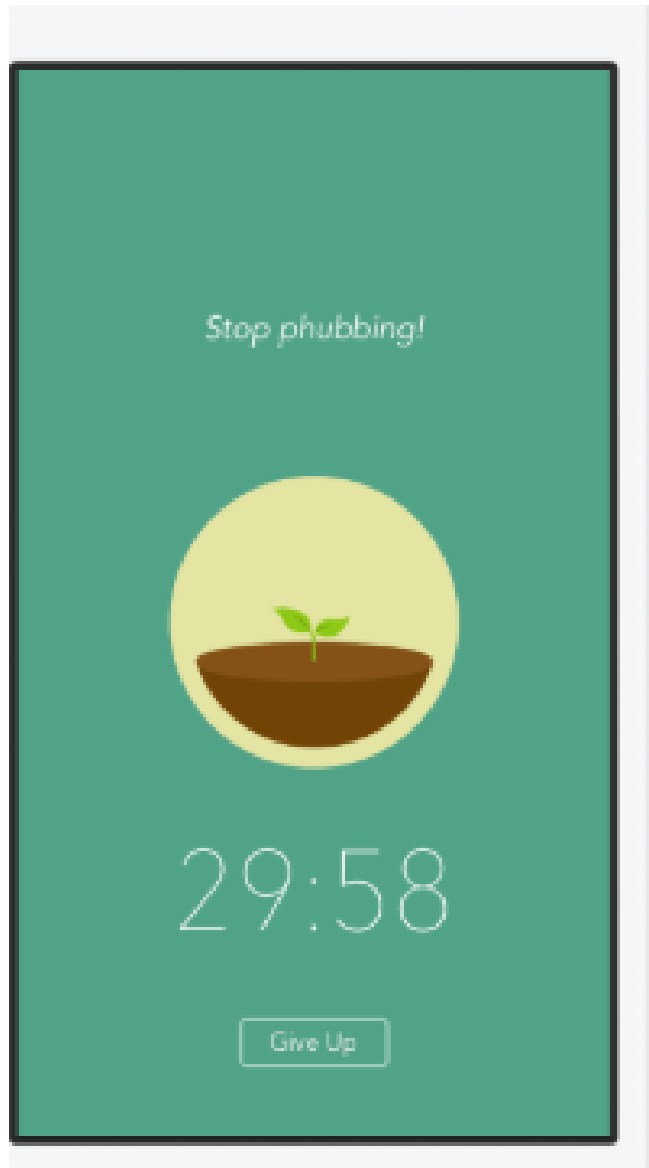
Is there anywhere where the marker could ask you why or so what?


Have you clear workings if it is a number based response? Can the marker see how you reached your solution in clear logical steps?


Is the work well presented and has the date and title at the top?


Reflecting on
Last Year





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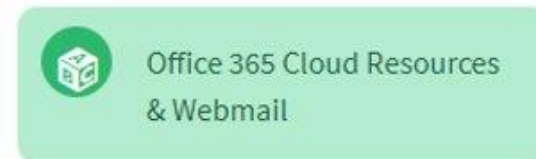
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Use, rather
than be
distracted
by, a mobile
phone

Keeping track

We still use these!



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Keep encouraging READING!



Why is reading so important?

THE
READING
LISTS

BBC
RADIO



- The ability of young people to do well academically depends on their reading ability and personal 'word hoard' - put simply, the number of words they recognise and understand
- All exams are written and require high levels of literacy for the highest bands
- We strongly encourage students reading and being curious outside their lessons- super-curricular learning is just as important as extra-curricular.





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Once again, thank you for joining the meeting.

A copy of this presentation will be available from tomorrow and we hope to see you at other school events during the year.

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