



4th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: 'Make it stick – Helping your child to revise'.

We are delighted to invite you to our GCSE exam preparation evening on Monday 18th November, 6.00pm until 7.00pm in the Lower Hexagon (sixth form block). The focus of the evening will be on ensuring that you feel well-equipped to support your child as they revise for their upcoming mocks and, eventually, GCSE examinations.

Part of our strategy as a school includes explicitly teaching all students how to revise, using strategies that are rooted in the principles of cognitive science. We also believe that, as with most things, revision is most effective when parents and carers are able to give the same consistent message as teachers do in school. As such, we aim to share with you the specific strategies that your son or daughter has been taught to use, so you are best placed to offer support and guidance throughout the revision and examinations period.

The evening will comprise a brief introduction, followed by three separate strategy sessions, each lasting approximately ten to fifteen minutes:

- **'Making Learning Stick'** – using knowledge organisers to shape effective revision.
- **Using Technology to Revise** – how to tap into the wealth of online resources.
- **Spaced Learning – Effective Planning of Targeted Revision** – how to balance revision for all subjects and manage student well-being.

The feedback on this event last year was extremely positive, with attendees reporting greater confidence in understanding the best way to support their child with revision.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening, and working together to ensure that your child achieves their full potential in the GCSE exams. Please note, as space is limited, this event is for parents/carers only.

Yours faithfully,

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