

Monday, 15 September 2025

Year 11: English and Maths

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child begins their all-important final year, I want to take this opportunity to talk about two subjects that can make a real difference to your child's future: English and Maths. These two subjects are not only core to your child's education, but also essential stepping stones for their future.

Why these subjects' matter:

- A grade 4 or above in both English and Maths is a key requirement for most college courses, apprenticeships and further education opportunities.
- Many employers ask specifically for passes in these subjects, as they demonstrate the vital skills for the workplace.
- Without these qualifications, students may need to retake them post-16 which can delay progress in other areas.

How can you support your child:

- Encourage regular revision at home by helping them to create a study routine and a quiet space to focus.
- Talk to them about their daily lessons and progress, celebrate their effort and help them to stay motivated.
- Ensure they attend any relevant extended study or intervention sessions, if applicable. The key English and Maths sessions for this half term are:
 - Higher Maths Grade 5+ AQA with Miss Matheson in M9 every Thursday
 - Foundation Maths Grade 4/5 AQA with Mrs Patel in M10 every Tuesday
 - Foundation Maths Grade 4/5 OCR with Mrs Latus in M3 every Tuesday
 - English An Inspector Calls with Mrs Brown and Miss Tucker in E4 every Tuesday
 - English Power and Conflict Poetry with Mrs Pheasant in E8 every Wednesday
 - English Language Paper 2 Grade 7+ with Mr Cullingworth in E6 every Thursday

For Maths please encourage your child to:

- Encourage the use of revision websites, such as Maths Made Easy <https://mmerevise.co.uk/gcse-maths-revision/> which has a fantastic bank of revision resources listed by grade and topic.
- Make sure they have a quiet space with reduced distractions to complete their weekly Maths home learning online using Sparx.

For English Language please encourage your child to:

- Timed practice using the guides in their 'Preparing for English Language' booklet.
- Read widely both fiction and non-fiction and keep up to date with what's going on in the news.

For English Literature please encourage your child to:

- Use their revision lists to create plans for possible questions.
- Use online resources such as 'PMT' which has detailed guides to characters, themes and past papers. <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aaa/>
- Learn key quotations for each text and create flashcards.

Year 11 Pathway to Success Evening: We're really pleased to be welcoming all year 11 parents/carers on Tuesday 7th October 2025 to our annual Pathway to Success evening. We will be in touch closer to the time with sign-up information and detailed timings for the event, but please save the date as this evening will allow you to find out even more on how you can support your child with their exam revision this year.

Together, we can make sure your child feels prepared and confident to achieve their best possible outcomes. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like further advice, resources or support in helping your child at home.

Thank you for your continued support as we work towards a successful final year.

Yours sincerely,

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