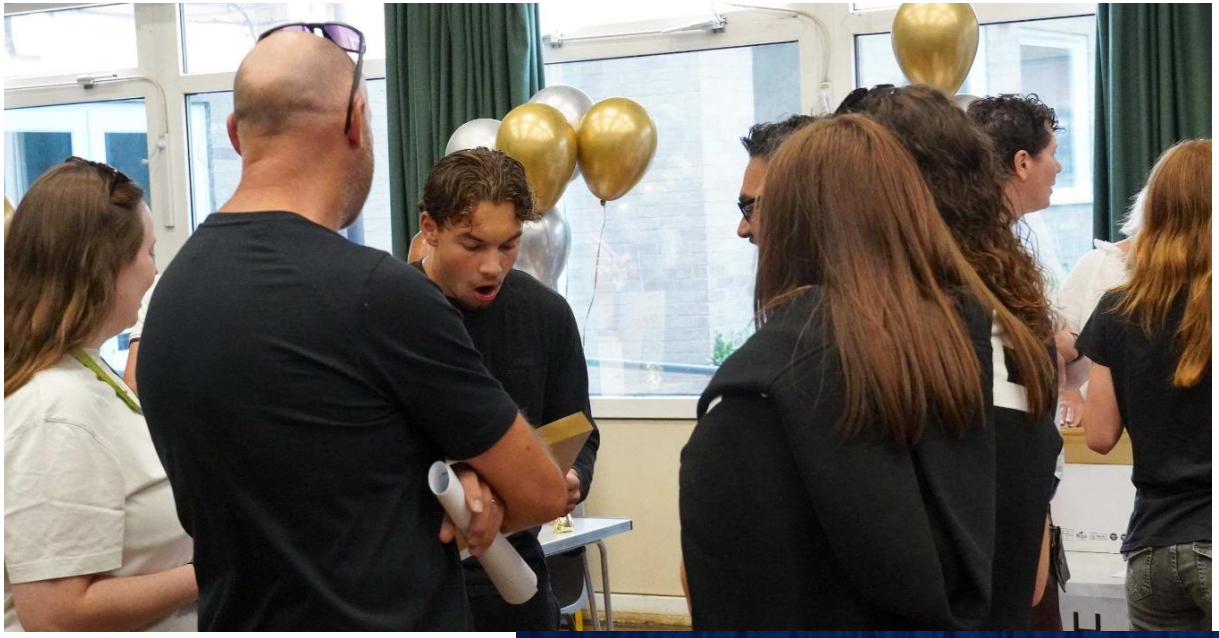
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INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Welcome to the Y10 Information Evening

Thursday 20th August 2026



















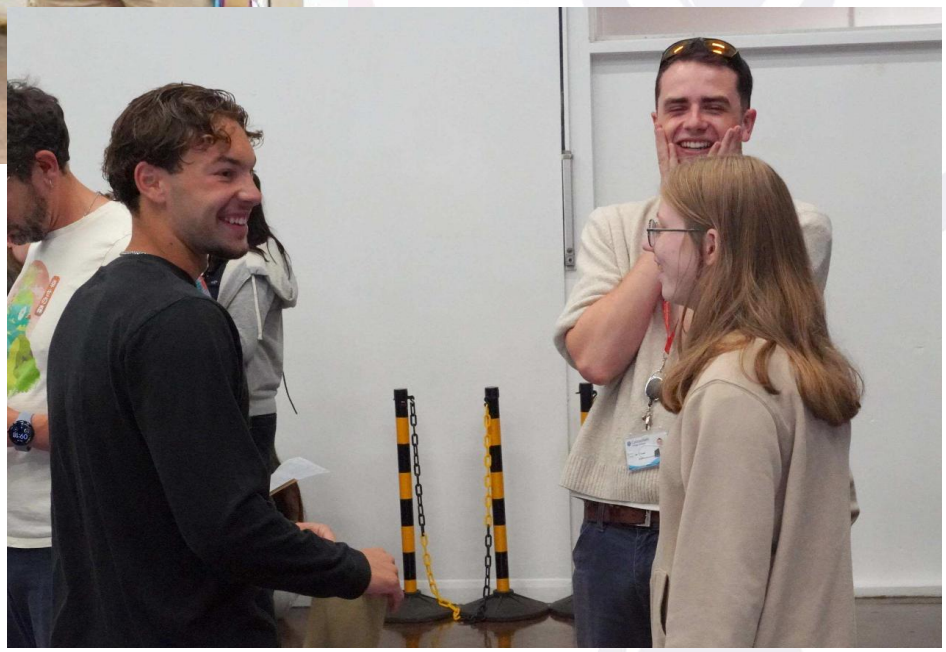





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Headlines – GCSE summer 2026

- A8 improved for CVC - **52.53** higher than 2023-2025 (2022 grade inflation 57.9), but if we compare to 2019 - 52.69 National average 46.0 - 47.0, and local average 48.7 (summer 2025)

- Basics 4+ and 5+ improved for CVC, and 7+ from summer 2025.

- FFT 20 target met for Basics 9-4, and most likely A8.

- Significant improvements across PP and SEN results with both now sitting well ahead of national average, and disadvantaged students achieving highest A8 and Basics 4+ since 2017.

- PP Basics 4+ increase of 81.5% from last year, and highest ever 7-9.

Cottenham Village College Exam Results Headlines

Exam Headlines (All)		
	Measure	Exams 2026
Attainment	Students Achieving 9-5 in English & Maths	56.6%
	Students Achieving 9-5 in English	72.8%
	Students Achieving 9-5 in Maths	61.3%
	Students Achieving 9-4 in English & Maths	78.0%
	Students Achieving 9-4 in English	82.7%
	Students Achieving 9-4 in Maths	82.7%
	Students Achieving 9-7 in English & Maths	20.2%
	Students Achieving 9-7 in English	36.4%
	Students Achieving 9-7 in Maths	29.5%

Headlines – GCSE summer 2026
Basics – English & Maths

	2019 (%)	2025 (%)	2026 (%)	Diff to Nat Av
9 - 5 Eng & Ma	58.2	54.2	**56.6**	+11.2
9 - 5 English	65.8	64.4	**72.8**	+12.4
9 - 5 Maths	63.7	62.7	**61.3**	+10.1
9 - 4 Eng & Ma	72.6	72.3	**78.0**	+13.2
9 - 4 English	78.8	76.8	**82.7**	+8.4
9 - 4 Maths	74.7	78.0	**82.7**	+12.9

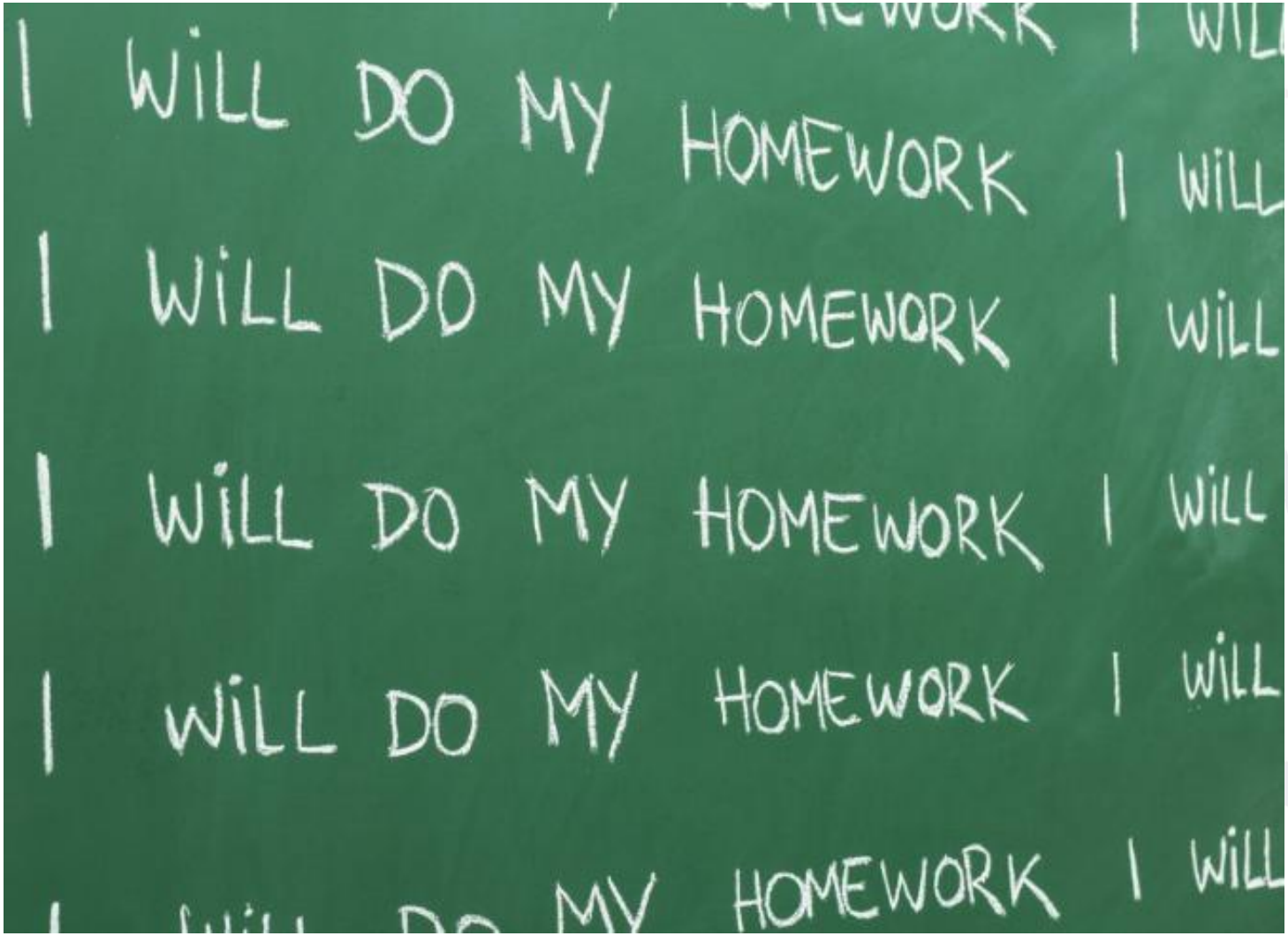
Headlines – GCSE summer 2026

Subject	CVC 4+ (%)	Nat 4+ (%)
English Lang	79.2	60.0
English Lit	81.0	73.8
Maths	83.1	57.3
Science (double)	68.8	58.3
History	87.2	64.9
Geography	71.6	66.1
RE	85.0	74.0
Computer Science	72.7	70.6
Food & Nutrition	78.4	69.5
PE	78.9	73.4



“Attendance is not an end in itself. It is the gateway to opportunity, aspiration and the future that every child deserves.”

- Colin Cattenach, August 2026


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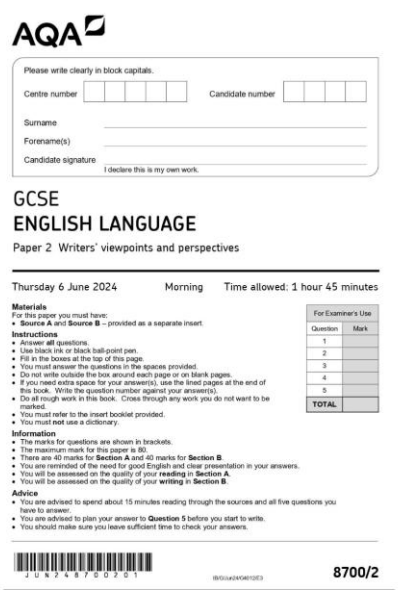
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM **8:15-8:40**	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
Lunchtime **12:50-13:30**	Year 7, 8 and 9 Basketball Japanese Club, E11 Crochet and Knitting, S11	Choir, S2 Year 10 and 11 Badminton KS3 Geographers', N10 Chess Club, W4 Sparx, S9	Woodwind Ensemble, S2 Year 7, 8 and 9 Badminton Book Group, Library	Year 10 and 11 Basketball Chess Club, W4 KS4 Geographers, N10	Games Day, Library
PM **15:15-16:10**	Netball Club Football Club History Club, E20 Creative Writing, E3 Homework club		Jazz Band, S2 Painting and Wargaming, S7 Sports Fixtures 15:15-17:30 Homework club	Dance Club 15:15-17:30 Rock Band Club, S2 KS3 Book Group, Library Homework club	Musical Theatre, S2 D&D, Library Homework club Rugby Club

GCSE English

Roz Lawson

Head of English

English Language GCSE AQA (8700)



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GCSE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Thursday 6 June 2024 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
- **Source A** and **Source B** – provided as a separate insert.

Instructions
- Answer **all** questions.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
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- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to the insert booklet provided.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for **Section A** and 40 marks for **Section B**.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
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- You will be assessed on the quality of your **writing** in **Section B**.

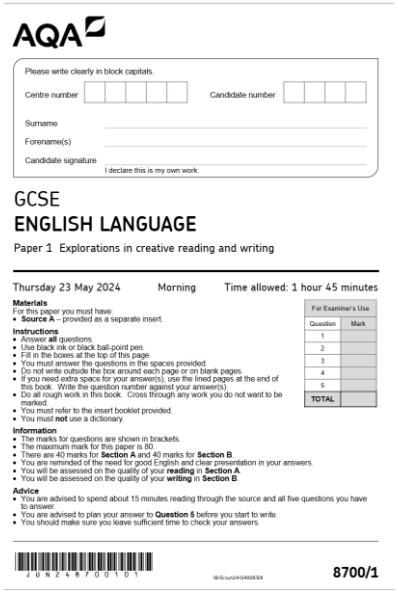
Advice
- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the sources and all five questions you have to answer.
- You are advised to plan your answer to **Question 5** before you start to write.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

Thursday 23 May 2024 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
- **Source A** – provided as a separate insert.

Instructions
- Answer **all** questions.
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What is expected from students?

Understanding and inferring information from unseen texts.

Analysing how a text is written.

Comparing different unseen texts (Paper 2 only).

Giving a critical opinion.

Section B expects well-organised writing with the right tone.

Correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, and varied vocabulary.

Paper 1 is creative writing; Paper 2 is non-fiction (articles, letters, speeches)

English Language GCSE
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Spoken Language NEA

What is expected from students

The aim of the assessment is to allow students to demonstrate their speaking and listening skills by:

giving a presentation in a formal context

responding appropriately to questions and to feedback, asking questions themselves to elicit clarification

using spoken Standard English

How parents and guardians can contribute to success.

•1.**Read and discuss a variety of texts together.**
•2.**Encourage your child to read a range of materials** e.g. broadsheet newspaper articles, blogs, magazines, short stories, or book extracts. Aim for to read one newspaper article a day together and discuss it.
•3.**Discuss different viewpoints and opinions surrounding the daily news**. Supports them to voice their viewpoints clearly and then encourage them to hear others' opinions.
•4.**Build vocabulary and confidence with key terms.**
•5.**Make simple flashcards** with terms like *simile*, *metaphor*, or *tone* and talk about them in everyday conversations, when watching TV, reading, or even looking at adverts together.
•6.**Ensure your child is completing all set homework as a minimum and monitor use of AI.**

English Literature GCSE - AQA (8702)

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GCSE
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Wednesday 17 May 2023 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 8702/1.
- Answer **one** question from **Section A** and **one** question from **Section B**.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 64.
- AO4 will be assessed in **Section A**. There are 4 marks available for AO4 in **Section A** in addition to 30 marks for answering the question. AO4 assesses the following skills: use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.
- There are 30 marks for **Section B**.

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ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 2 Modern texts and poetry

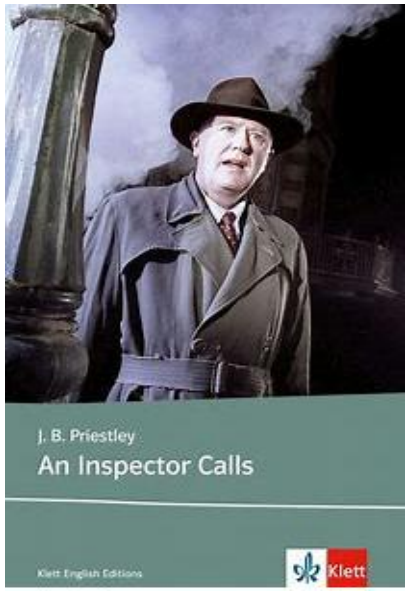
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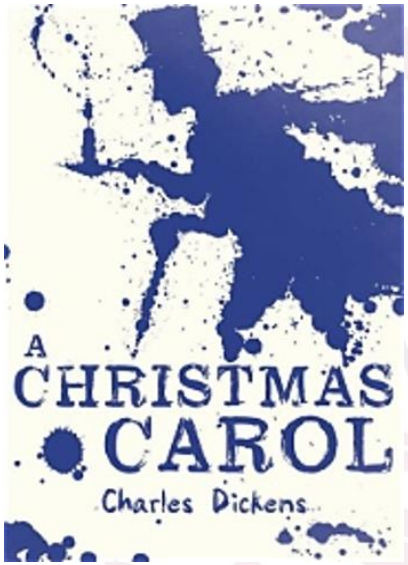
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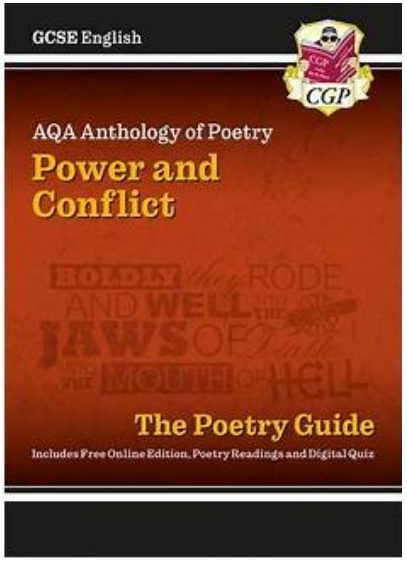
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- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 8702/2R.
- Answer **one** question from **Section A**, **one** question from **Section B** and **both** questions in **Section C**.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 96.
- AO4 will be assessed in **Section A**. There are 4 marks available for AO4 in **Section A** in addition to 30 marks for answering the question. AO4 assesses the following skills: use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.
- There are 30 marks for **Section B** and 32 marks for **Section C**.

English Literature GCSE set texts









•Booklets will be sent home periodically-these are to keep.

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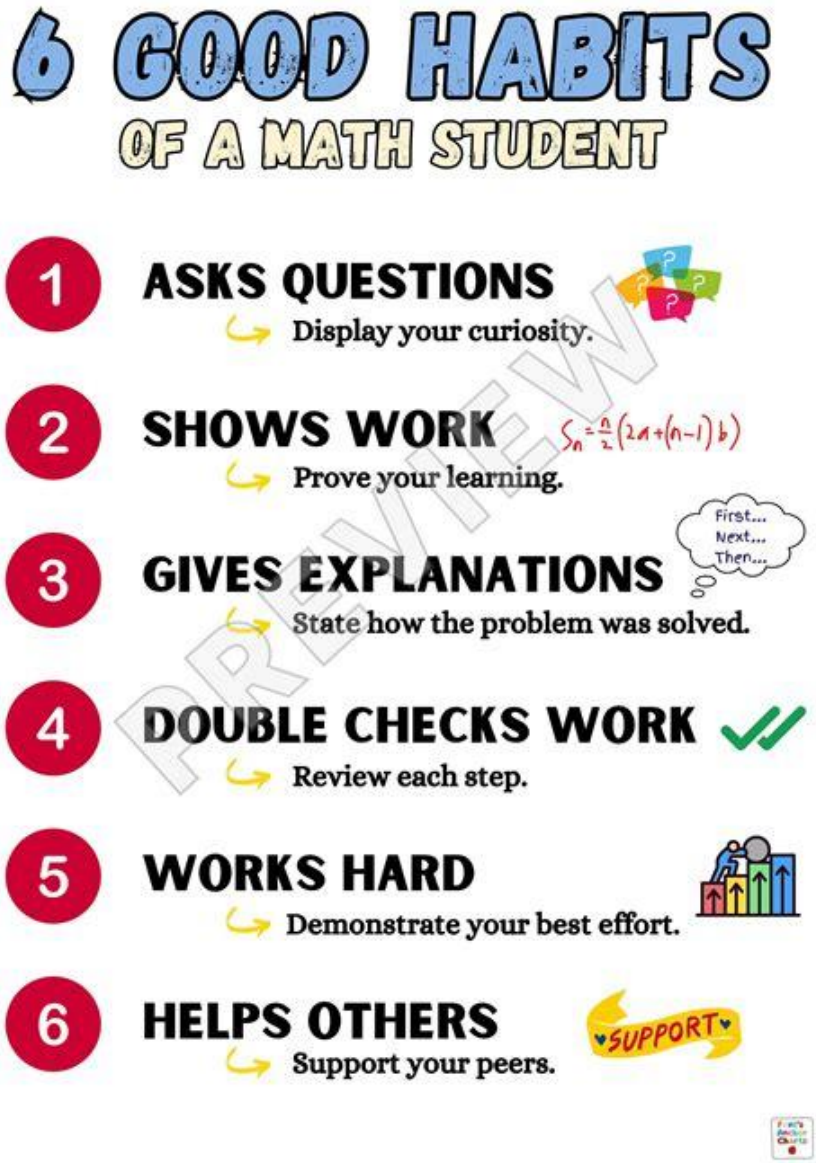
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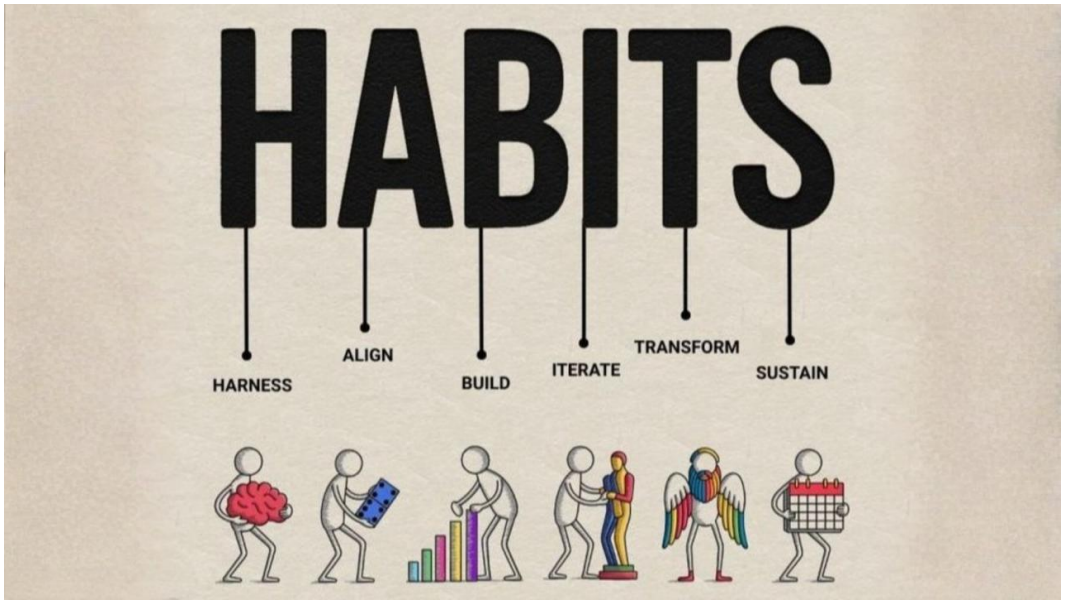
Attendance & Punctuality

Homework

Revision









1. Arriving to school on time – 8:30.
2. Limit screen time – Gaming & phone
3. Sleep
4. Checking Bromcom for Homework
5. Revision.
6. Asking the teacher questions/ for help.
7. Homework Support in School
8. Mock Exams

Attendance

Homework

Emotional Well Being

Friendships

Study/ Revision

Behaviour

SEN



Year 10 - Key Dates

13 April – 16 April ’27 - ***Mock Exams***

Thursday 6th May & 13th May ‘27 - ***Parents Evening***

27th May ‘27 – ***Reports Home***

Summer Term – ***Work Experience***

June/ July 2027 – ***Post 16 Taster days***

POST 16 OPTIONS

- stay in full-time education
- start an apprenticeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, alongside part-time education or training

FULL-TIME EDUCATION OPTIONS

- A Levels
- International Baccalaureate
- Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) (BTEC, Cambridge Technical, T Levels, V Levels)

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is an opportunity to work and study at the same time. Most of your time is spent doing on-the-job training, and the rest is spent working towards a qualification. You'll get paid a salary and be part of a team, just like a standard employee, but you'll also get dedicated study time throughout the week.

The 4 different apprenticeship qualifications levels are:

- **intermediate: level 2**
- **advanced: level 3**
- **higher: level 4 or 5**
- **degree: level 6 or 7**

It takes between 1 and 5 years to complete an apprenticeship, depending on the level.