Year 10 Information Evening

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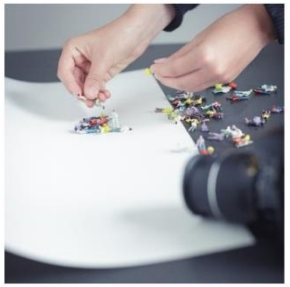
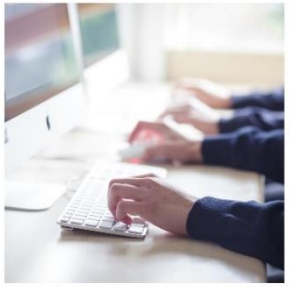
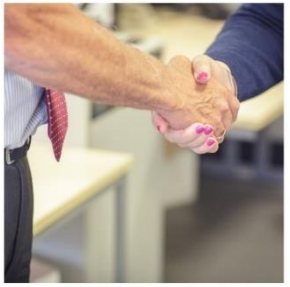


Our School

- At Nailsea School all students are valued and each individual is encouraged to be the best version of themselves:

- Aspire
- Believe
- Succeed

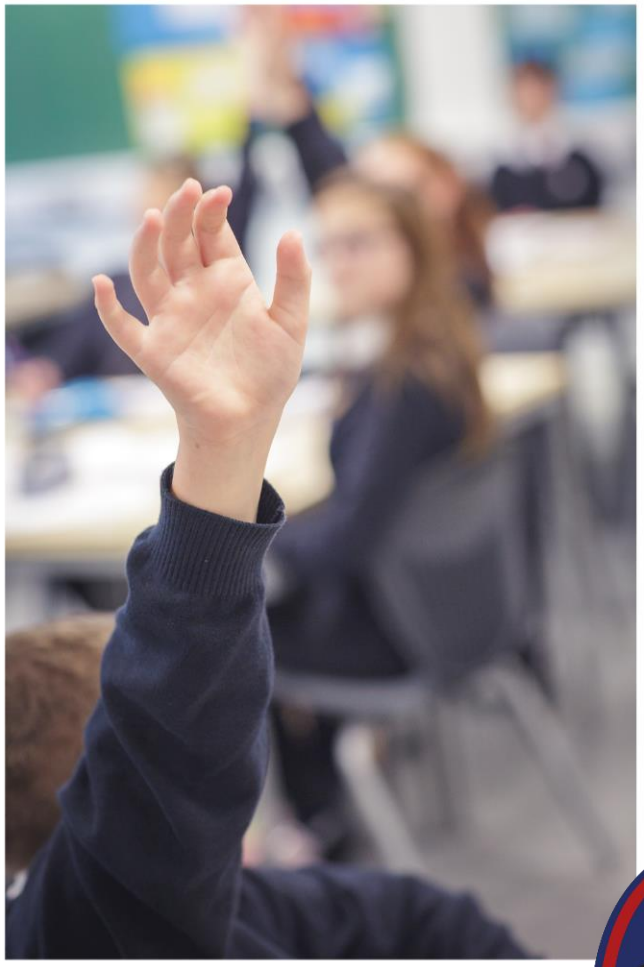
We Focus on the Whole Child

Your children have made a great start to their GCSE courses.

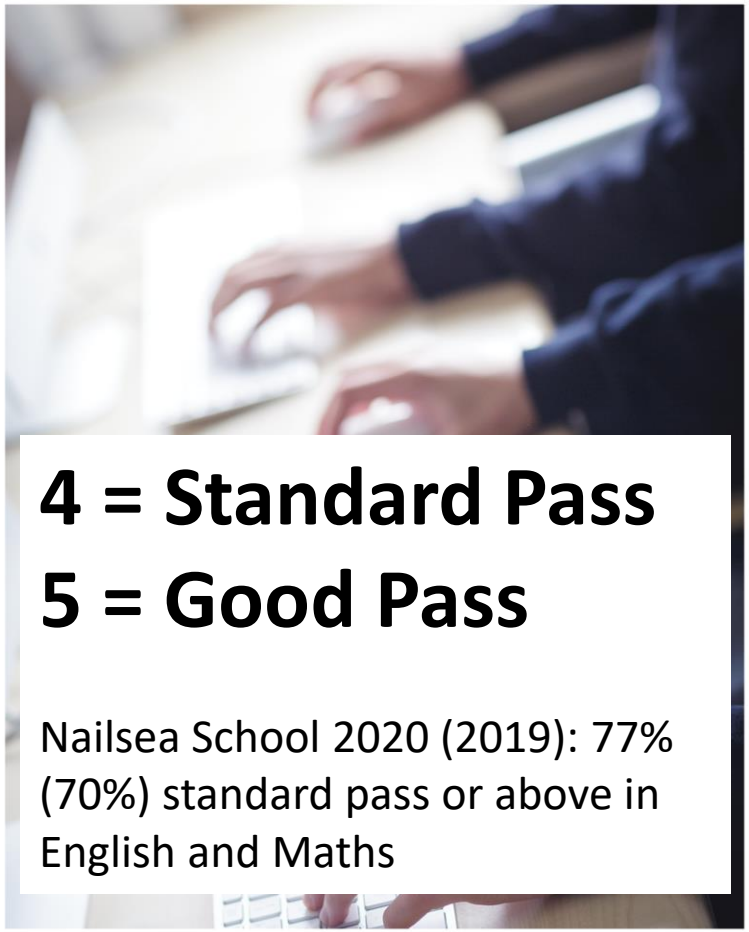
- Much of this will affirm what you already know.
- The most important person is your child.
- Them, you and us: we are all in this together.

Achievement for Everyone

- In most subjects, all rests on the final exam with little or no controlled assessment.
- Significant increase in subject content with a need to learn facts/ quotations/formulae.
- In most subjects there is no Foundation/Higher tier.
- They are much tougher, ‘rigorous’, than previous GCSEs – but all students will be prepared to tackle these confidently.



GCSE Grades



4 = Standard Pass

5 = Good Pass

Nailsea School 2020 (2019): 77% (70%) standard pass or above in English and Maths

Ofqual

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
	E
2	
	F
1	G
U	U

Interpreting Cambridge Nationals & BTEC qualifications

Cambridge National/BTEC grade	GCSE Equivalent
Level 2 Distinction* (D2*)	9
Level 2 Distinction (D2)	7/8
Level 2 Merit (M2)	5/6
Level 2 Pass (P2)	4
Level 1 Distinction (D1)	3
Level 1 Merit (M1)	2
Level 1 Pass (P1)	1
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Students

- **Take care over classwork – these form your revision notes.**
- **When lessons are missed, ask someone in your class to lend you their notes to catch up.**
- **It's ok to find things hard, just don't give up.**
- **Set yourself realistic goals and celebrate when you achieve them.**

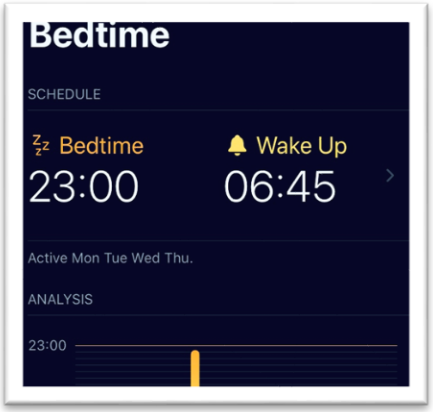
Debunking the Myths

1. Students can do well without revising
2. Highlighting is a good revision strategy
3. Revision is all about memorising
4. Music helps with revision
5. Re-reading notes is an effective revision technique
6. Examiners are trying to trip you up
7. You don’t need a revision timetable: you can revise whenever

Revision

- Build in revision to everyday things where possible
- Put revision materials around the house
- Use active revision strategies
- Take breaks
- Utilise ‘resources’ as best as possible

Building Routines



Parents need to be the BOSS

- **B**reakfast
- **O**rganisation
- **S**leep
- **S**howing an interest

What can parents do?

Parents can help form positive routines

- Bag packing
- Presentation
- Homework
- Proof reading
- Getting up/going to bed
- Uniform
- Discussing current learning and helping to test knowledge
- Keeping up/catching up on missed work
- Keeping on top of homework – use SMHW
- Providing access to relevant support materials
- Agreement over the balance between school work, social life, sporting activities etc.

GCSEPOD

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GCSEPOD

Provides “Pods” of 3-5 minute burst of audio-visual learning and specialist subject knowledge for 25 curriculum areas.

It's written by expert subject teachers then rigorously quality assured.

Every Pod is mapped to GCSE exam boards and reflects any curriculum and technology changes.

Top Subjects Last Year

GCSEPod covers more than 20 subjects but these were the three most used during the year;

English Literature **Biology** **History**

Can you identify champions within these departments to share their best practice during upcoming CPD?

Year Summary: 22914

- This is the total number of Pods watched by students and teachers in and out of school last academic year (1st September 2019 to 31st July 2020).

  Compared to the average:
  The average number watched for an establishment of your size (**between 182 and 300** Year 10+11 students combined) was **9517**.

Work Experience

Work Experience 5th July – 9th July 2021

- A valuable opportunity for students to experience the world of work and start to rule in or rule out their future career paths
- Work Experience will be different this year and will be tailored to experience of work
- We are currently organising workshops from several external businesses and organisations

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Opportunities

- Virtual Careers Fair
- ABSolute curriculum
- Experience of work rather than Work Experience
- One-to-one Careers Interviews with our Careers Advisor, Deb Britton

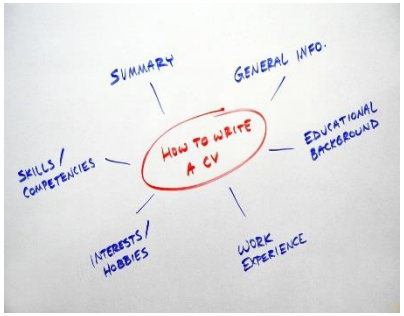
Apprenticeships

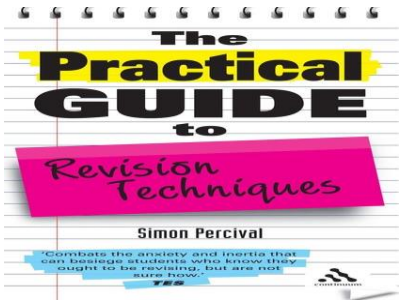
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship is the national apprenticeship vacancy website.
- It has vacancies from all over the UK – although you can focus your search on your nearest town and surrounding areas.
- You can register your details and set up alerts so you will be emailed when vacancies become available – but remember: not all vacancies are listed here.

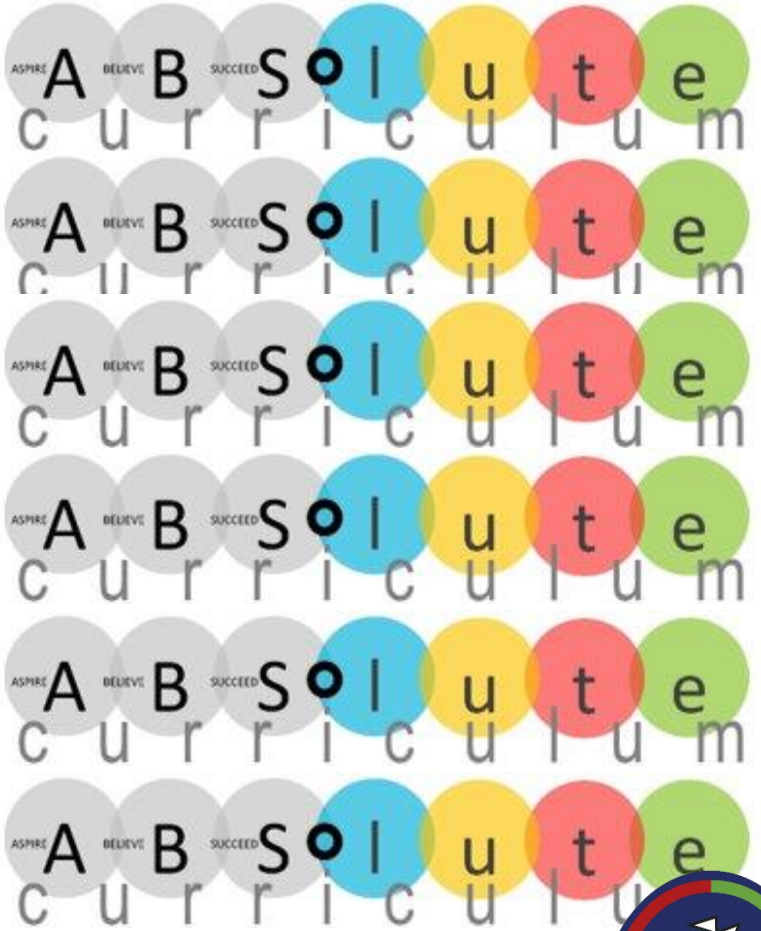
INSTITUTE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships

ABSolute Curriculum







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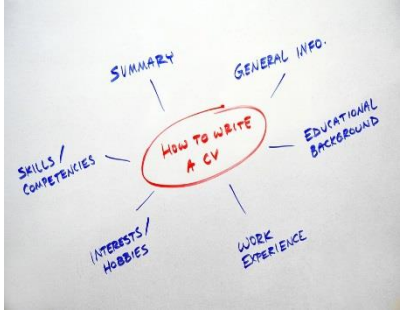
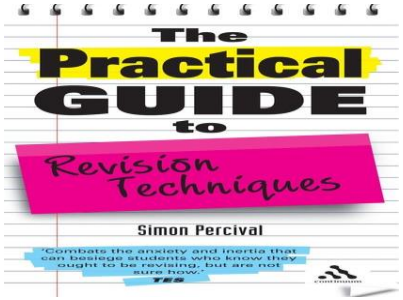




1. Read your own notes and highlight key words.
2. Make extra notes from the textbook/revision guide.
3. Summarise your notes into key headings with a clear structure. This could be in the form of a list of headings, a spider diagram or Mind Map, or on revision cards or Post It notes.
4. Learn key definitions and basic diagrams (with labels).
5. Learn the meaning of all command words, key words and definitions. Ask your friends/parents/older siblings to test you if needed.
6. Use rhymes or mnemonics to help you remember things.
7. Complete past paper questions and refer to mark schemes.
8. If there are things you don't understand, look them up online, look in a revision guide or textbook, look through your exercise books, or ask a friend, parent, sibling or teacher.

Benefits of ‘good’ GCSEs

Higher ‘currency’ new GCSE qualifications

Always on your CV

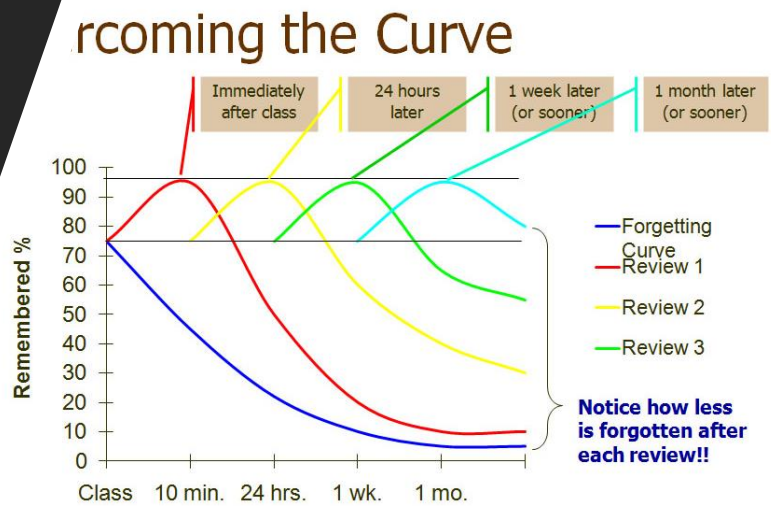
Competitive world out there – give yourself the best chance to compete

Sixth Form / College requirements

Personal pride in realising your potential

Homework at GCSE

- Focus on recalling and retrieval of key information.
- Students should also work independently on their own revision and the creation of revision resources.



Communication – from Mrs Coates

Any extra maths that students can do such as revisiting Year 9 topics or addressing areas of development will be hugely beneficial. Students can access questions on Hegarty Maths (support videos for each activity), use their GCSE Maths text books, visit websites such as Mr Barton Maths Takeaway (past paper questions by topic) or Pixie maths (revision booklets by target level).

Key Dates

???? – Careers Fair

23rd November – Staff write report 1

3rd December – Parents' Evening

15th March – Staff write report 2

June (TBC) – Mock exams begin

5th July – Experience of Work

Communication

Please remember these dates are NOT the only opportunities you have to find out about your child's progress.

Who else can you contact?

- Subject Teachers/Curriculum Leaders
- HOH/ Tutor
- Senior Staff

- https://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Nailsea-School-Staff-Contact-List.pdf