Welcome to Year 9 Information Evening

Monday 9th October





Relationships are positive and transformational

A culture of wellbeing and development for all

A broad and ambitious curriculum for all students

Students, and particularly our most vulnerable, are at the heart of all we do

We work in collaboration with many schools serving one community

We work to eliminate discrimination and ensure equality of opportunity

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Ofsted April 2023

Relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful. Teachers treat pupils as individuals and pupils welcome this.

Pupils and students in the sixth form discuss careers, university aspirations and apprenticeships. This prepares them well for the next stages of their lives

Leaders have developed an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum, including in the sixth form

Pupils' well-being is at the forefront of leaders' vision, including pupils' mental health.



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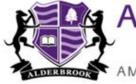




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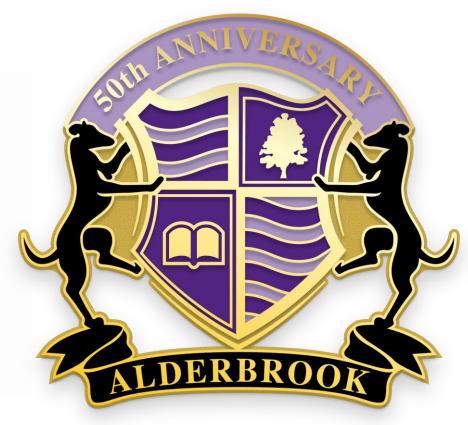
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This evening

- Key information from:
 - English
 - Science
 - Maths
- Homework
- Well being
- Key dates



A 3-year Key Stage 3

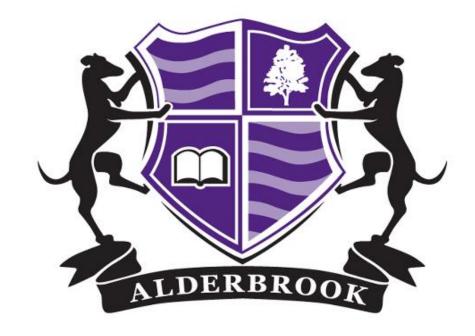
- An opportunity for students to continue to develop skills and knowledge prior to starting their GCSEs
- Options Evening: 23rd January 2024
- Most students will be following the EBacc







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Supporting your child in GCSE English Language and English Literature

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GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE - PAPER I



I hour 45 mins 3 64 marks 40% of your GCSE



SECTION A: Write in detail about an extract from Macbeth.... and then about the play as a whole

- That croaks the fatal entrance of Duncan Under my battlements. Come, you spirits That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here, And fill me from the crown to the toe topfull Of direct cruelty: make thick my blood. Stop up th'access and passage to remorse
- That no compunctious visitings of nature Shake my fell purpose nor keep peace between Th'effect and it. Come to my woman's breasts, And take my milk for gall, you murd'ring ministers. Wherever in your sightless substance You wait on nature's mischief. Come, thick night And pall thee in the dunnest smoke of hell,
- That my keen knife see not the wound it makes Nor heaven peep through the blanket of the dark, To cry 'Hold, hold!'



Starting with this speech, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth as a powerful woman.

Write about:

- How Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth in this speech.
- How Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth in the play as a whole.

(34 marks)

Section B: Write in detail about an extract from A Christmas Carol...and about the novella as a whole



Starting with this extract, how does Dickens present the theme of **Christmas spirit?**

- How Dickens presents Christmas spirit in the extract
- How Dickens presents Christmas spirit in the novella as a whole.

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GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE - PAPER 2 THE BIG ONE



2 hour 15 mins92 marks60% of your GCSE



SECTION A: PROSE

How and why does Sheila change in An Inspector Calls? Write about:

- How Sheila responds to her family and to the Inspector
- How Priestley presents Sheila by the ways he writes.

or

How does Priestley explore responsibility in An Insp Calls?
Write about:

- The ideas about responsibility in An Inspector Calls
- How Priestley presents these ideas by the ways he writes.



A choice of 2 essay questions on An Inspector Calls. (34 marks)

SECTION B: POETRY - ANTHOLOGY



A comparative essay on ONE printed poem from the Power and Conflict Anthology and another of your choice (30 marks)

"Compare the ways poets present ideas / images about.......

....in '_____'
and in one other poem from
'Power and Conflict'."

SECTION C: UNSEEN POETRY

In 'To a Daughter Leaving Home', how does the poet present the speaker's feelings about her daughter? (24 marks)

AND

In both 'Poem for My Sister' and 'To a Daughter Leaving Home' the speakers describe feelings about watching someone they love grow up. What are the similarities and/or differences between the ways the poets present those feelings? (8 marks)



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Answer one question about an Unseen Poem (24 marks) AND THEN answer a question comparing it to a FURTHER Unseen Poem. (8 marks)



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER



I hour 45 mins 80 marks 50% of your GCSE

SECTION A: READING - ONE SOURCE - Literature Passage

Q1: SHORT FORM QUESTION (4 marks)

"List **four** things from this part of the text about the ..."

Q2: LONGER FORM QUESTION (8 marks)(Extract)

"How does the writer use language here to describe the effects of..."

Q3: LONGER FORM QUESTION (8 marks)(Whole Text)

"How has the writer structured the text to interest you as a reader?..."

Q4: EXTENDED QUESTIONS (20 marks)You will be asked to critically evaluate the success of the writer - for

"The writer brings the very different characters to life for the reader. It is as if you are inside the coach with them." To what extent do you agree?

SECTION B: WRITING - Descriptive or Narrative

(40 marks - 16 for SPAG)

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This question will be based upon the THEME of the Source. eg. If the source was about weather your question may look like this:

"Write a description suggested by this picture."

"Write the opening part of a story about a place that is severely affected by the weather."





GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 2



I hour 45 mins 80 marks 50% of your GCSE



SECTION A: READING - 2 SOURCES

Q2: SHORT FORM QUESTION (4 marks - Source A)

Tick 4 boxes -



"Which 4 statements are true?"

Q2: LONGER FORM QUESTION (8 marks)(Source A + B)

"Summarise the differences......between.....in Sources A and B."

Q3: LONGER FORM QUESTION (12 marks)(Source B)

"How has the writer used language to?..."

Q4: EXTENDED QUESTIONS (16 marks)(Source A + B)

"Compare the ways in which the writers....In Source A and B" You should: *compare.......

*compare.....

*use references from the text to support your ideas

SECTION B: WRITING - Viewpoint or Perspective

(40 marks - 16 for SPAG)



This question will be based upon the THEME of Sources A + B. e.g. If the sources were about education - your question may look like this:

'Homework has no value. Some students get it done for them; some don't do it at all. Students should be relaxing in their free time.'

Write an article for a broadsheet newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.



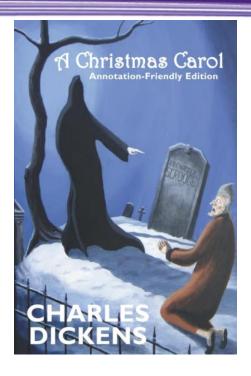
	7 Weeks	7 Weeks	5 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	7 Weeks
<u>Year 9</u>	Language Paper 1: Frankenstein and Story writing	Literature Paper 1: A Christmas Carol	Language Paper 2: Section B (Travel Writing)	Language Paper 2: Section A (Victorian Non-fiction)	Literature Paper 1: Macbeth	Literature Paper 2: Conflict Poetry
Assessmen ts & GCSE Skills	Assessment : A piece of descriptive writing		Assessmen t: Question 5		Assessment: A Macbeth Essay	Assessment: Section B – Comparison of two Conflict Poems.

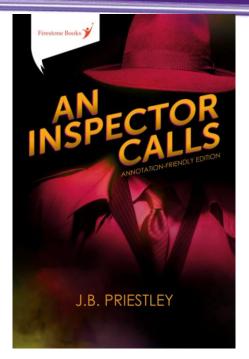






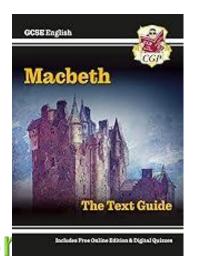


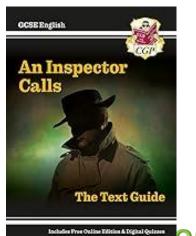


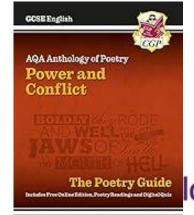










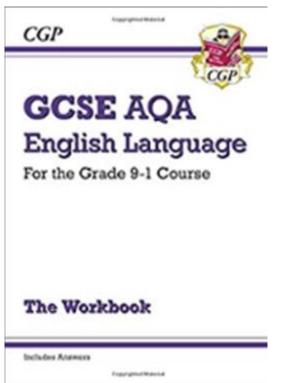


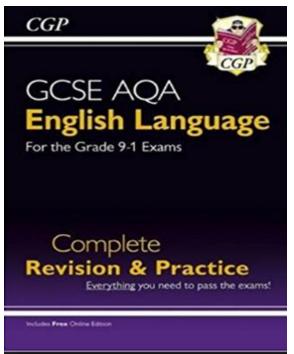
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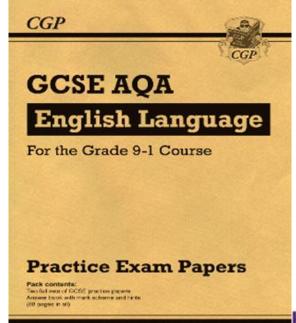
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Ways to Revise

- 1) Audiobooks for the literature texts
- 2) Working through past exam papers under timed conditions: 8 mark question=complete in 12 minutes
- 3) Consolidating knowledge: GCSE Bitesize, Andrew Bruff





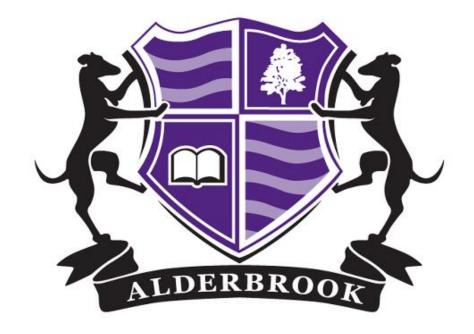


And finally...

To all of our lovely students.
Good luck this year! Make each lesson, and your independent study at home count.



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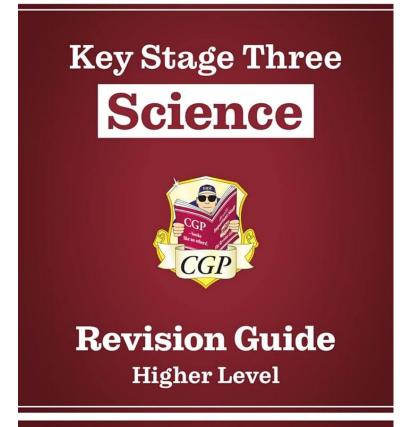
Setting

- The biggest change made to Year 9 and all year groups
- Mixed ability groups
- Benefits
 - Avoids misallocation of pupils, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds (EEF, July 2021)

Content

- This year is the culmination of 3 years of study at Key Stage 3
- Pupils will have built a solid foundation in preparation for GCSE
- First assessment point mid-December
 - Bioenergetics, Atmosphere and Waves
 - Evolution, Mixtures and Energy
 - Investigative skills





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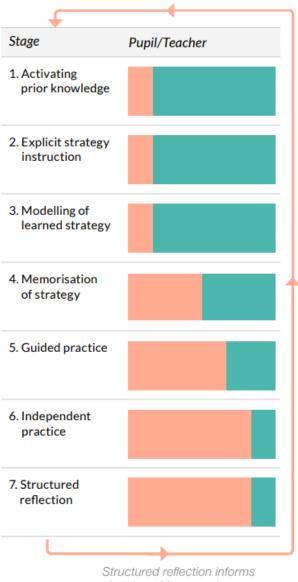


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Table 1: Effectiveness of ten learning techniques, from Dunlosky et al (2013) 39

High utility

Moderate utility

Low utility

Practice testing	Self-testing or taking practice tests on material to be learned.
Distributed ('spaced') practice	Implementing a schedule of practice that spreads out activities over time.
Elaborative interrogation	Generating an explanation for why an explicitly stated fact or concept is true.
Self-explanation	Explaining how new information is related to known information, or explaining steps taken during problem solving.
Interleaved practice	Implementing a schedule of practice that mixes different kinds of problems, or a schedule of study that mixes different kinds of material, within a single study session.
Summarization	Writing summaries (of various lengths) of to-be-learned texts.
Highlighting	Marking potentially important portions of to-be-learned materials while reading.
Keyword mnemonic	Using keywords and mental imagery to associate verbal materials.
Imagery use for text learning	Attempting to form mental images of text materials while reading or listening.
Rereading	Restudying text material again after an initial reading.

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Content covered	Chemical reactions	Matter 2	Atmosphere
GCSE Content		 5.1.1.1 Atoms, elements and compounds 5.1.2.4 Group 0 5.1.2.5 Group 1 5.1.2.6 Group 7 	5.9.1.1 The proportions of different gases in the atmosphere 5.9.1.2 The Earth's early atmosphere 5.9.1.4 How carbon dioxide decreased 5.9.2.1 Greenhouse gases
Content covered	Matter 1 Particle model (very basic) Atoms, elements and compounds History of the periodic table Symbols	Chemical changes Reactivity series Displacement reactions Balancing equations Thermal decomposition	Chemical analysis
GCSE Content		5.3.1.3 Mass changes when a reactant or product is a gas 5.4.1.2 The reactivity series 5.5.1.1 Energy transfer during exothermic and endothermic reaction	 5.1.1.2 Mixtures 5.8.1.1 Pure substances 5.8.1.3 Chromatography Required Practical 12
Content covered	Earth and the Universe Rocks and surface Rock cycle Erosion Weathering	Atoms Metals and non-metals Alkali metals Halogens	
GCSE Content		 5.1.2.3 Metals and non-metals 5.1.2.5 Group 1 5.1.2.6 Group 7 	

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
	Ecosystems 1	Breathing and Digestion	Bioenergetics
	 Food chains 	 Gas exchange 	 Photosynthesis
Content	 Food webs 	 Food tests 	Rates of
covered	 Sampling 	 Lung structure 	photosynthesis
			 Aerobic
			 Anaerobic respiration
		• 4.1.3.1 Diffusion	• 4.4.1.1 Eukaryotes and
		• 4.2.2.1 The human	prokaryotes
GCSE Content		digestive system	 4.4.1.2 Animal and
GCSE Content		• 4.2.2.2 The heart	plant cells
		and blood vessels	4.4.2.1 Aerobic and
		RP3 Osmosis	anaerobic respiration
	Cells tissues and organs	Cells and Transport	Genes and Evolution
	• Skeleton	Prokaryotic cell	Natural selection
	 Muscles 	Diffusion	XY inheritance
Content covered	 Movement 	 Osmosis 	Extinction
covered	 Animal and 	Active transport	
	plant cells	·	
	 Movement 		
		4.1.1.1 Eukaryotes	• 4.6.2.2 Evolution
		and prokaryotes	4.6.3.1 Evidence for
GCSE Content		• 4.1.3.1 Diffusion	evolution
GCSE COINEIN		 4.1.3.2 Osmosis 	4.6.3.3 Extinction
		• 4.1.3.3 Active	
		transport	
	Reproduction and	Health and Disease	
	variation	History of disease	
	 Puberty 	Collab with history	
GCSE Content	Sex education	Fleming, Florey,	
	 Fertilisation 	Chain	
	Gestation	Jenner	
		Paul Ehrlich	
		• 4.2.2.5 Health issues	
GCSE Content		• 4.3 – must cover	
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		than AQA cover	

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
	Skills 1	Skills 2	Waves
Content covered	Lab safetyHazard symbolsBasic practical	Planning an investigation	Light Reflection Refraction EM waves
GCSE Content			6.6.2.1 Types of electromagnetic waves 6.6.2.2 Properties of electromagnetic waves 1 6.6.2.3 Properties of electromagnetic waves 2 6.6.2.4 Uses and applications of electromagnetic waves
	Energy	Energy 2	Magnetism
Content covered	Energy in food Nutrition	Energy resources Renewable vs non-renewable	Magnets Electromagnetism
		Efficiency	
		6.1.2.2 Efficiency	6.7.1.1 Poles of a magnet
GCSE		6.1.3 National and	6.7.1.2 Magnetic fields
Content		global energy resources	6.7.2.1 Electromagnetism
	Space and universe	Particles	Electromagneusm
GCSE Content	Forces (gravity) Mass vs weight Speed Very basic intro to light	States of matter Changes of state Density	
	ligit	• 5.2.2.1 The three	
GCSE		states of matter	
Content		6.3.2.1 Internal	
		energy	
	Electricity	Forces	
	Series and parallel	Resultant forces	
	Building circuits	Moments	
	Cost and bills	DT graphs	
		6.5.1.4 Resultant forces	
		• 6.5.4.1.1 Distance	
		and displacement	
GCSE		6.5.4.1.4 The	
Content		distance–time	
		relationship	
		• 6.5.4.2.1	
		Newton's First	
		Law	

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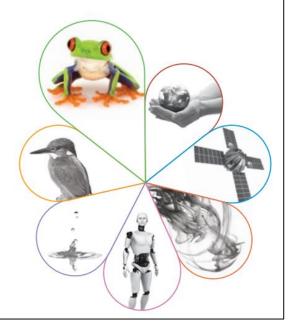
GCSE **BIOLOGY**

(8461)

Specification

For teaching from September 2016 onwards For exams in 2018 onwards

Version 1.0 21 April 2016



GCSE COMBINED **SCIENCE: TRILOGY**

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For teaching from September 2016 onwards For exams in 2018 onwards

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ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE SCIENCE

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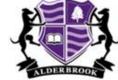
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Science in Year 9

Any questions, comments, feedback, encouragement:

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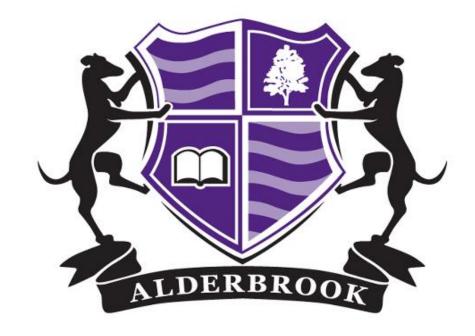
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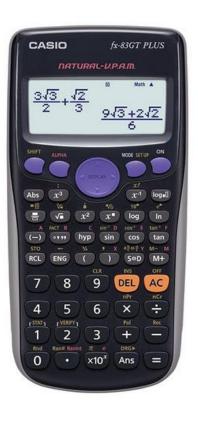


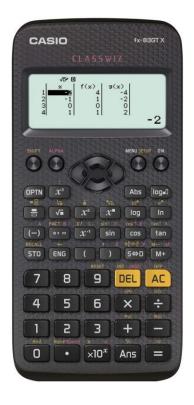
Preparing for GCSE Maths

- Pupils have been in ability sets since year 7, this continues in year 9.
- The year 9 Scheme of Work is designed to be transitional in that it builds on the modular design of years 7 and 8, which focussed on fundamental skills, and starts to develop these skills into a more GCSE-relevant way.
- Pupil pathways will now start to separate in a way more relevant to their future tier of entry (Higher or Foundation).
- However, we appreciate pupils can develop at different rates so there will always be potential for students to change groups at any point in Key Stage 3 and 4 should their assessment data indicate so.

Calculator

Pupils are advised to get one of the **Casio Series 83** calculators









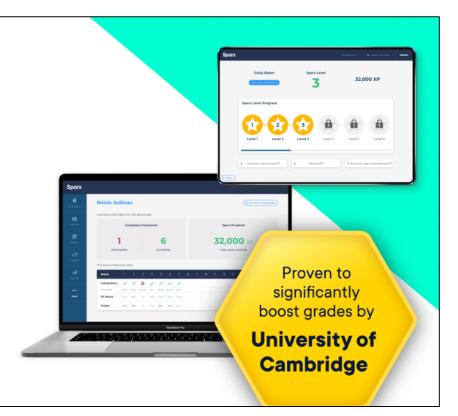


Weekly Homework on www.sparxmaths.com

- Homework is synchronised with Schemes of Work.
- Pupils can also engage with additional learning via questions and videos.
- Over time the homework adjusts in complexity to meet the needs of the individual pupil.

Personalised maths homework, proven to boost student grades

- ✓ 1 hour of Sparx Maths a week significantly improves student grades.
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- ✓ Covers ages 11-16 for UK and international mathematics curricula.
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Homework in KS3





Homework in KS3

- 1. The aim of homework at Alderbrook
- 2. The systems for homework
- 3. How you can support your child
- 4. Who to contact





Aim of Homework at Alderbrook

- Develop good study habits and routines for students
- Develop a sense of responsibility
- Continue to encourage reading for pleasure
- Develop Metacognition using Retrieval & Recall techniques
- Minimise the impact of Artificial Intelligence



Whole School Homework at Alderbrook

Every 2 weeks students will be expected to complete the following pieces of homework:

- 1. Complete 10 pages of 'Read/ Transform/ Recall' activities in your homework book
- 2. Reading regularly





What is Read / Transform / Recall?

Read

Read through class notes web page

Transform

Select a chosen activity e.g., mind map, questions, Cornell notes

Recall

What information do you now remember?

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Complete Read/ Transform/ Recall Activities

Students will need:

Homework book



Student Planner



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Subject exercise books



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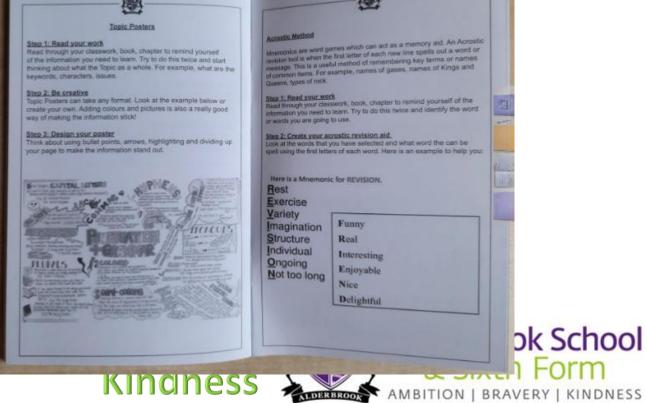
Complete Read/ Transform/ Recall Activities

• At the back of the planner are pages that show different types of 'Read/ Recall/ Transform' activities:





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Complete Read/ Transform/ Recall Activities

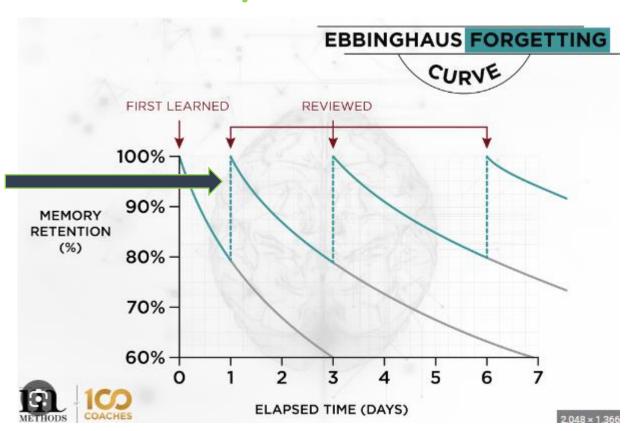
- Select a subject and a topic, and then pick an appropriate activity from the planner.
- Complete the activity on one of the pages in your Homework book



Why is Recall and Retrieval important?

When we first learn new information, we will forget it over time.

Carrying out 'Read/ Transform/ Recall' activities help students to review the information they have been taught in class meaning they will remember more of the information over time.



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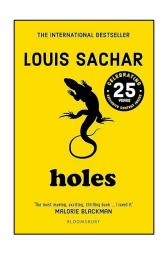




Reading at Home

Aim:

- To build confidence and enjoyment
- To develop student understanding of different types of texts





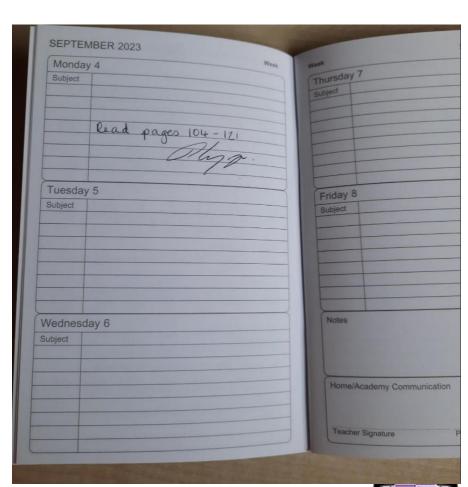




Recording your reading at home

Every day that your child reads, they record the pages that they have read and get a parent / carer to sign the planner

They can read anything...



Between





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Importance of Reading

- Reduces stress and helps you to relax allowing teenagers to explore their interests.
- Improves concentration and memory.
- Expands your vocabulary and strengthens your writing ability.
- Enhances your knowledge.
- Increases your imagination and creativity.



Monitoring Whole School Homework

Form Teachers will check:

- Week 1 Homework Books
- Week 2 Reading Diaries

Rewards will be given to students producing excellent work and reading well.

Students will attend Homework Club for support if required



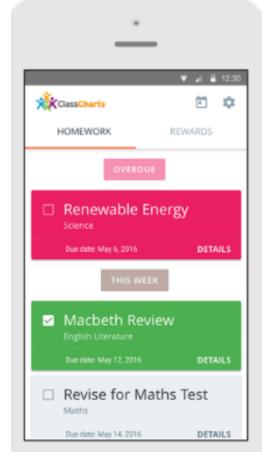


Departmental Homework

• Subjects will set 1 piece of homework every 2 weeks

 This will be set for students on ClassCharts, which students can access on phones, tablets, laptops etc.

 If a student has lost their login details, they can get a code from their Teacher



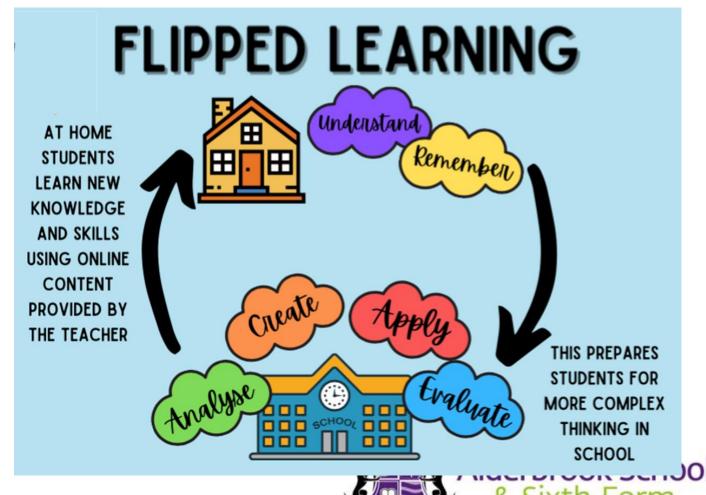




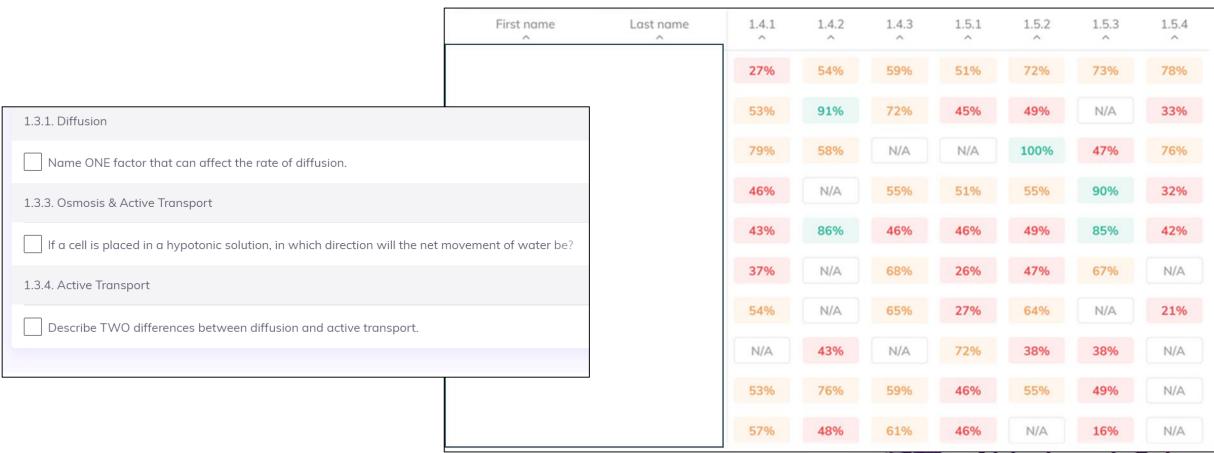
Departmental Homework

 This homework will be aimed at applying knowledge taught or introducing new knowledge

 Department Homework will be assessed and monitored by Subject Teachers



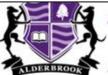
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Supporting your child

- Identifying days and times when homework can be completed
- Encourage reading discuss what they have read
- Praise hard work and effort



Contact

- Whole School Homework Form Tutor
- Department Homework Subject Teacher

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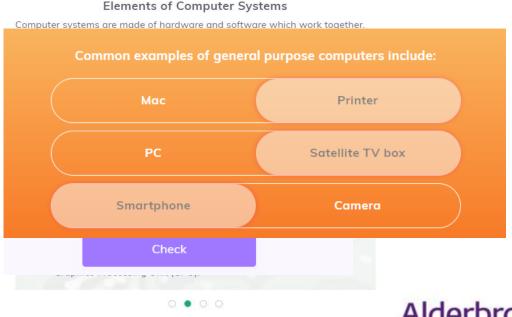
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What is Seneca?

- Seneca is an online platform that can be used as an effective & engaging interactive learning and revision tool using
- Dual-Coding
- Elaboration
- Interleaving
- Spaced practice
- Retrieval practice
- Concrete examples
- Practice exam questions (Al Auto-marked)





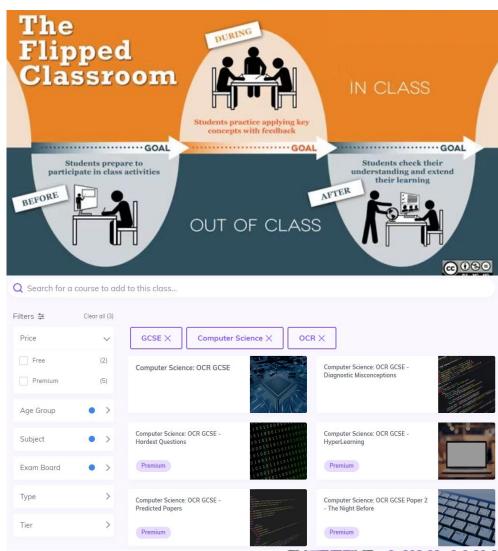
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How can your child use Seneca?

- Independent Flipped Learning.
- Homework is mapped alongside programme of study.



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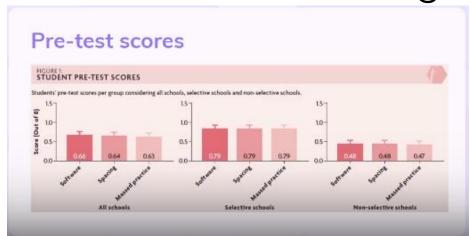
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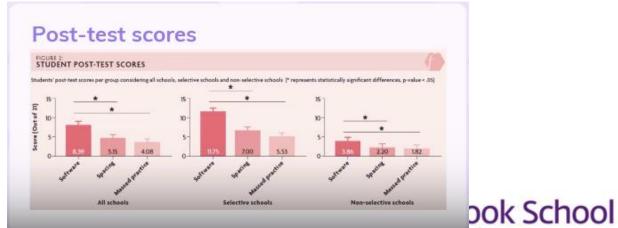
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Why use Seneca?

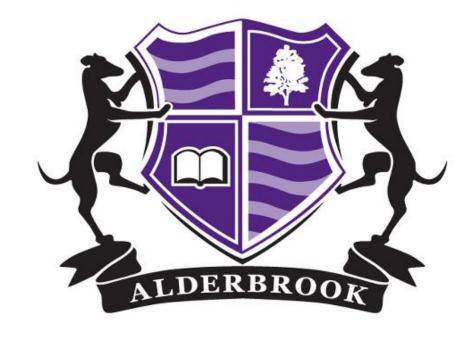
- Increase level of control on how/what to study.
- *How Flip cards, Dual coding, Retrieval practice.
- Test control trials reflect of improved attainment after using Seneca.





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Year 9 Key Staff



Ms Thandi

Assistant Head



Ms Williamson

Head of Year



Mr Middleton

Pastoral Manager
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Year 9 Form tutors:

901	Mr C Finnegan	
902	Miss A Gumbley	
903	Miss A Sheikh	
904	Miss A Jaffery	
905	Mrs R Balderson/Mr Farmer	
906	Dr F Greenwood	
907	Mrs S Tierney	
908	Mrs S Batool/ Mr B Sadr Salek	
910	Miss A Shinnick	
911	Mr J Scott	
912	Mr A Padam	
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Contact

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Form tutor

Head of year/Pastoral manager





Thank you!

Aim for this year:-

- Continue to embody our school values (Ambition, Bravery, Kindness and Proud) and start to think about GCSEs
- Navigating the students through the challenges of the next three years Distractions Discovering themselves as teenagers –who am I and who do I want to peş
- Continued collaborative working with you the parents

Please get ready to make a note of key dates regarding *** Alderbrook School **Ambition Bravery**



Year 9 Key Dates

Parents Evening: 30th November 2023

Assessment Period 1: 18th December- 22nd
 December

Options Evening: 23rd January 2024



Other useful contact numbers & Websites

- Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support service that we would recommend. Students have been introduced to the website in assemblies https://www.kooth.com/
- Children can talk to a ChildLine counsellor 24 hours a day about anything that is worrying them by ringing 0800 11 11 or in an online chat at http://www.childline.org.uk/Talk/Chat/Pages/OnlineChat.aspx
- If parents or carers are concerned that their child is being contacted by adults as a result of having shared sexual imagery they should report to NCA-CEOP at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
- If parents and carers are concerned about their child, they can contact the NSPCC Helpline by ringing 0808 800 5000, by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk, or by texting 88858. They can also ring the Online Safety Helpline by ringing 0808 800 5002.

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Thank you for attending



