

# Sixth Form Study Skills

Sixth Form Learning Mentors

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# Who are we?

- Help you with your academic work
  - Plan revision timetables
  - Apply effective revision techniques
  - Maintain nice study environment for everyone
- Support with all things Post-18 - university, jobs, apprenticeships
- Form tutors
- Also: EPQ supervisors, Above & Beyond coordinators

# What is the study room and when will you use it?

- Space to work - it's a lot like a university library or study space.
- E2: quiet study, E3: silent study

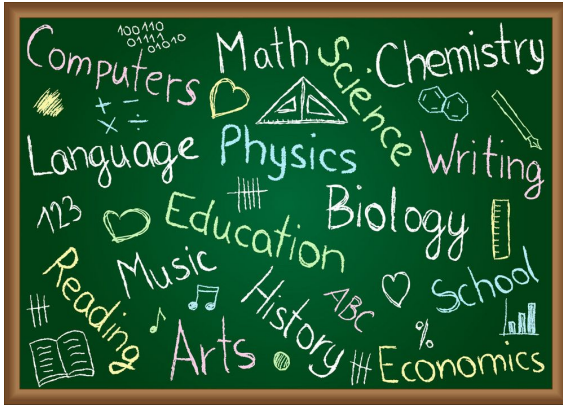
From the start of Year 12, you will be timetabled in the study room for **at least 2 hours a week**, some students will have more.

If you are underperforming in one or more subjects, you will be timetabled in the study room for longer - **5 or 10 hours**.

# Enrichment

- Compulsory, forms part of tutorial programme
- Run by tutors and you sign up for a club every term
- **ALSO available** : After school clubs that YOU sign up for
- Strongly encouraged!
  - Boxing
  - Badminton
  - Strength and conditioning
  - Football
  - Model United Nations

# How is Sixth Form different to GCSEs?



From a broad range of subjects with a general understanding of the topics at GCSE level



To **THREE** subjects you have chosen with more content and a deeper dive into the subject

More responsibility and ownership over your studies

You will not have a lesson every period of the school day

You might be studying completely new subjects

Extended pieces of work/homework and exams

# How many subjects do you study? How much time do you spend in your lessons?

- 3 subjects
- 5 timetabled hours per subject.
- 10 hours not timetabled in a lesson.

**How can you use this time effectively?**

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>P1</b>	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	H/W	<i>Lesson</i>		Revision	Lie in
<b>P2</b>	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	Break	<i>Lesson</i>	Revision		H/W
<b>P3</b>	H/W	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	Revision	<i>Lesson</i>	Work 11am to 5pm	Revision
<b>P4</b>	Revision	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	Revision	<i>Lesson</i>		H/W
<b>P5</b>	<i>Lesson</i>	Break	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	Revision		H/W
<b>4-5pm</b>	Break	H/W	Revision	Work 4pm to 7pm	Evening off		
<b>5-6pm</b>	Gym	H/W	Gym				
<b>6-7pm</b>	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner			Dinner	Dinner
<b>7-8pm</b>	H/W	H/W		Dinner			
<b>8-9pm</b>	Revision						
<b>9-10pm</b>							
<b>10-11pm</b>	Bed Time						

**What are some good study habits you have developed in your GCSEs that will help you at Sixth Form?**

**Kahoot time!**



**You aren't timetabled in for  
Period 3 and 4 but you have  
a lesson in P5.  
What do you do?**

**Use study rooms to complete homework, prepare for  
next lesson.**

**You want to study Psychology at university. Next week you have a big Biology AND a big Psychology test *on the same day.* What do you do?**

**Ask learning mentors for help to create revision plan to cover both subjects. Prepare early.**

**It's 11pm and you realise you have a 500 word essay due for Period 1 tomorrow.**

**What do you do?**

**Accept you will receive a study referral that week, sit the study referral after school and complete the essay then.**

**You are having a lot of  
trouble revising for Law,  
which is a new subject for  
you.**

**What do you do?**

**Ask teachers for support as they are subject specialists;  
come to learning mentors for support with revision  
strategies**

**You aced maths in GCSE but  
you get a 24% in your first  
A-Level maths test.  
What do you do?**

**Ask teachers for support as they are subject specialists;  
come to learning mentors for support with revision  
strategies**

**You have been set a  
detention for an incomplete  
homework but you swear  
you did it.  
What do you do?**

**Do not show up to the study referral and argue with  
learning mentors. Politely ask your subject teacher to  
cancel your detention.**

**Can you eat in the E2 study room?**

**NO. You can eat in the cafe or in designated outdoor areas only.**

**You can take  
chromebooks out to the  
cafe if you sign them out.**

**FALSE. Chromebooks can only be used in the study  
rooms.**



**You need to print  
something off for your  
coursework at school.  
What do you do?**

**Read the instructions on the printer and connect your  
card to the study room printer.**

# **Where can you talk with your friends?**

**In the sixth form cafe. The study rooms are not social areas.**

# What skills are important for Sixth Form study?

**Resilience**

WHICH STEP HAVE YOU REACHED TODAY?

**Independent studying**

**Communication skills**

**Time management**

**Organisation**

Good Planning + Organisation = Less Stress

**Self discipline**

**Effective revision**

I must do my revision  
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**Effective note taking**

THE CORNELL NOTES

1. RECORD: DURING THE LECTURE, RECORD THE LECTURE USING CONCISE SENTENCES & KEYWORDS IN THIS COLUMN.

2. QUESTIONS: AFTER LECTURE, FORMULATE Qs. BASED ON NOTES ON RHS COLUMN. QUESTIONS HELP: → CLARIFY MEANING → REINFORCE LEARNING → ESTABLISH CONNECTION → STRENGTHEN MEMORY

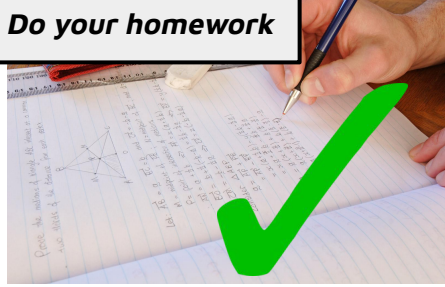
3. RECITE: COVER THIS COLUMN WITH A PIECE OF PAPER. THEN LOOK AT THE QUESTIONS FROM 2 & TRY TO ANSWER THEM FROM MEMORY. IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. REFLECT: REFLECT BY ASKING YOURSELF: → WHAT'S THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FACT? → WHAT PRINCIPLE ARE THEY BASED ON? → HOW CAN I APPLY THEM? → HOW DO THEY FIT IN WITH WHAT I KNOW ALREADY? → WHAT'S BEYOND THEM?

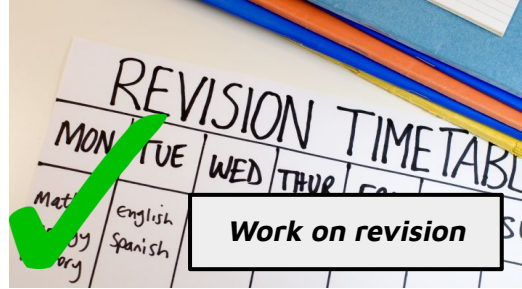
AFTER CLASS, SUMMARIZE THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE.

# How can you use your time effectively during the school day when you're not in a lesson?

**Do your homework**



**Take a nap**



**Work on revision**

**Explore your options for Post-18**



**RESEARCH**

**Spend all your time chatting with your friends**



**Scroll through TikTok**

# What are you working towards at Sixth Form? What do you want to do after Sixth Form?

*Going to university*



*Finding your dream job*



**RESULTS DAY**

*Achieving excellent results*

*Finding an apprenticeship*

## APPRENTICESHIP



SCHOOL



STUDIES



PROFESSION



SKILLS



PERFORMANCE



CAREER



MOTIVATION



GOALS



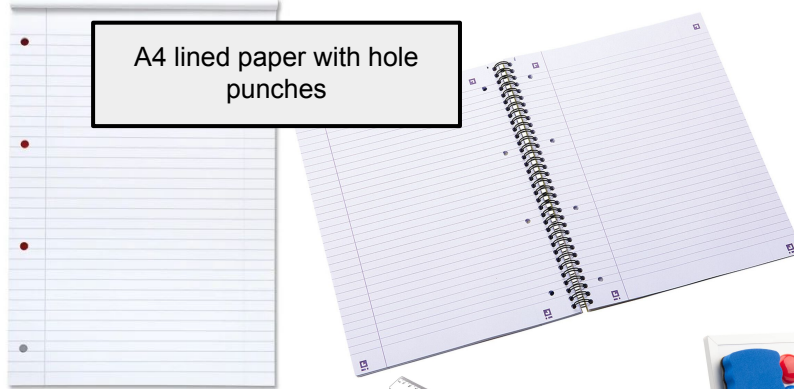
*Developing your knowledge and skills*

# An Organised Sixth Former's Summer Shopping List

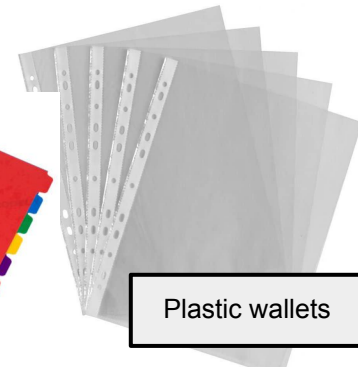
Lever arch folders (the big ones): 1 per subject



A4 lined paper with hole punches



Plastic wallets



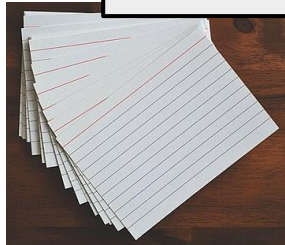
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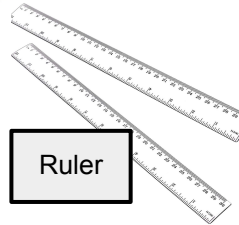
Highlighters



Flashcards for revision



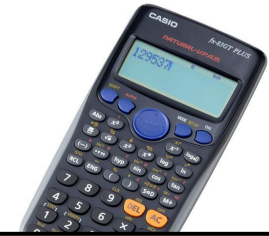
Ruler



Small whiteboard



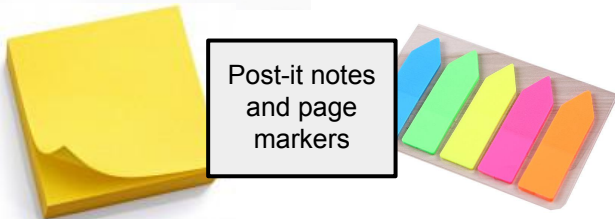
Calculator (if required)



Blue/black and green pens, other colours might be useful too



Post-it notes and page markers



Where can I buy these items?

- WHSmiths
- The Works
- Supermarket
- Wilko

You'll probably have some of these at home already so you won't need to buy everything!

## **IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:**

You won't be expected to know everything and be a perfect Sixth Former with all the right study skills straight away. We are here to help you develop these skills.