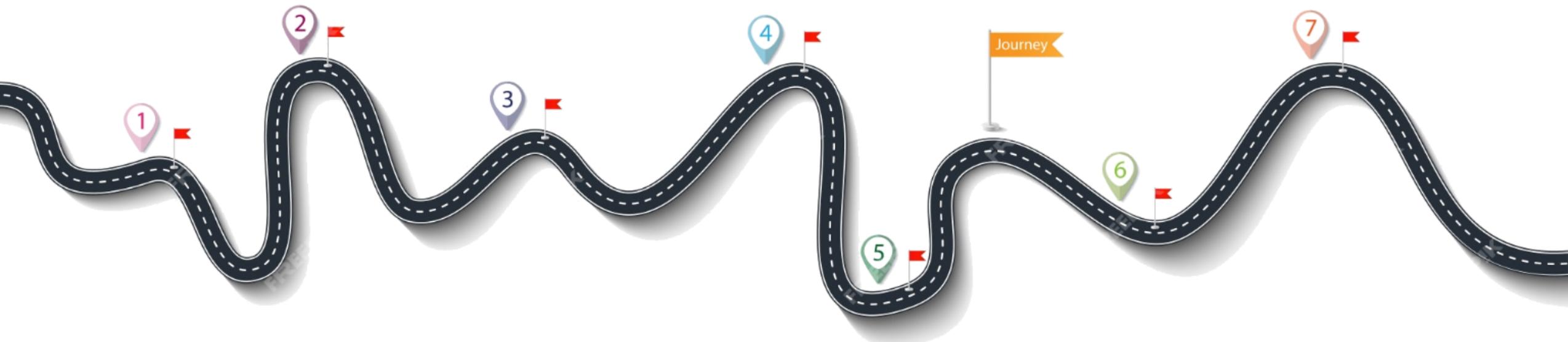


# **Year 11 GCSE EXAM INFORMATION EVENING**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

# GCSEs AT HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

- We are in our second year of the journey!
- We have the highest expectations, so please work with us. We want the best for your child, we know what is needed!



# Ms Ward – Head of Year 11



# REFORMED GCSES

- More challenging
- Grades 9-1 rather than A\* – G
- Grade 4 ‘standard pass’ equivalent to a C
- Grade 5 is a ‘good pass’
- Grade 7 is an A grade
- Grade 9 is above the old A\*

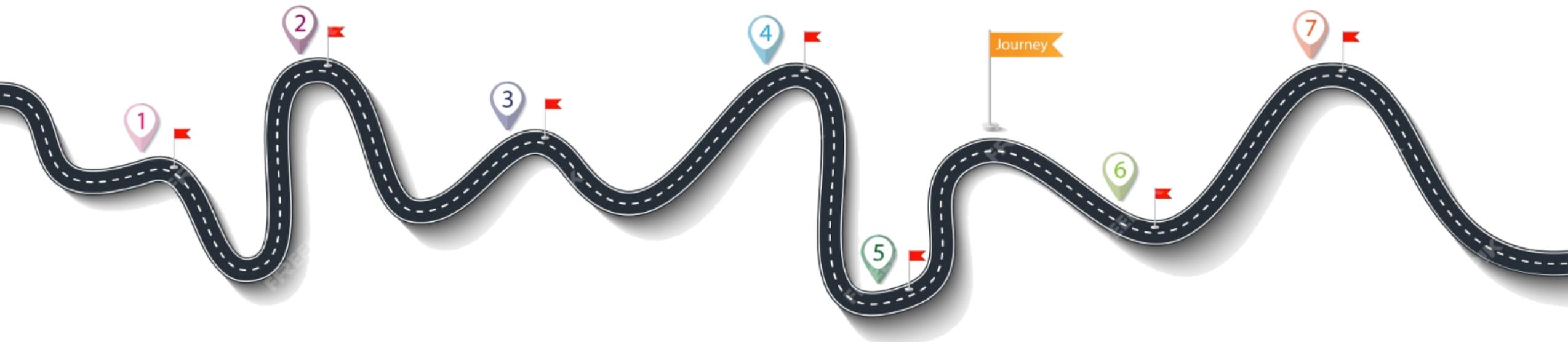
Strong pass →  
Standard pass →

New grading structure	Old grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
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6	B
5	
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3	D
	E
2	F
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U	U

# Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:

Students will receive a revision gift pack!

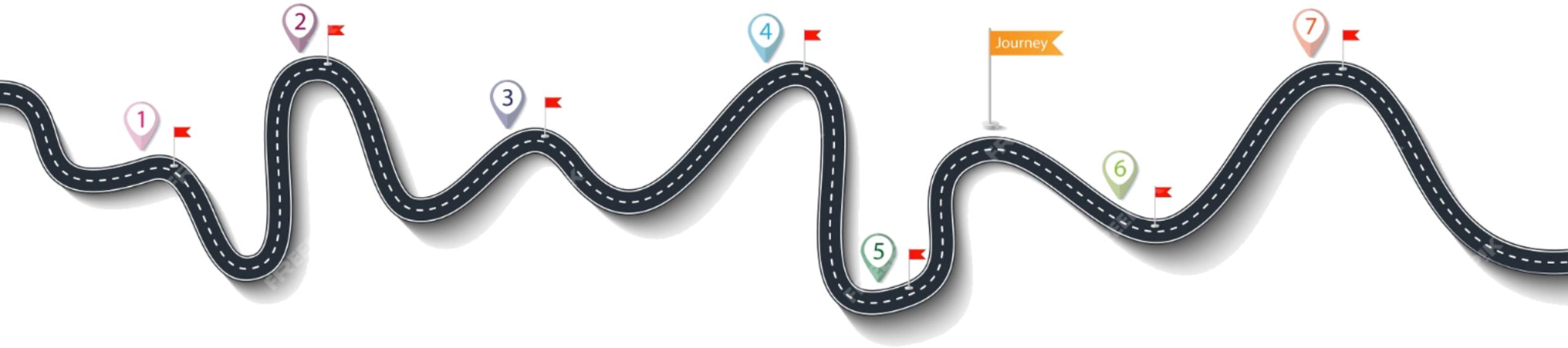
- Blank Revision Timetable
- Revision Clocks
- Calendar of Key Dates
- Pre-Public Examination January 2024 Timetable



# Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:

Extended tutor time

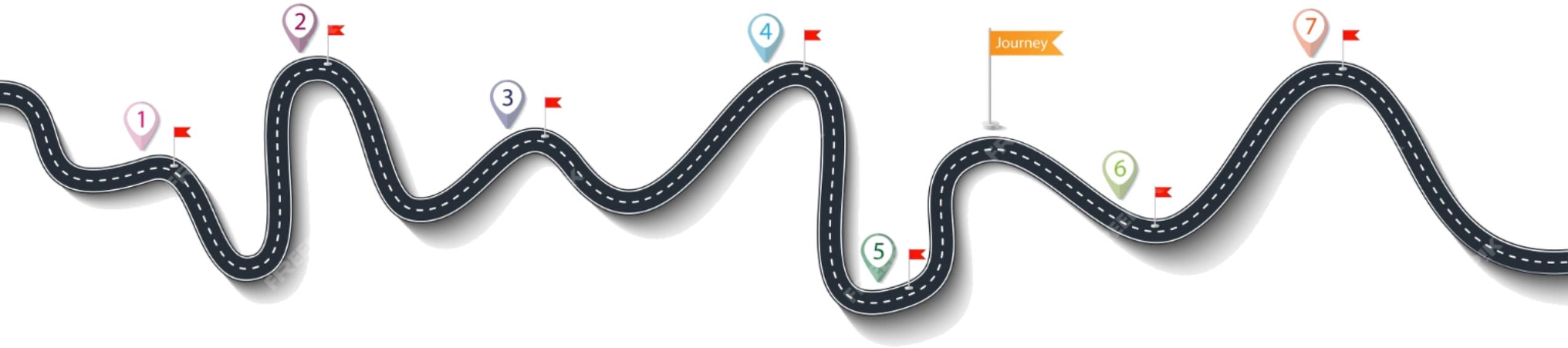
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# Top Websites for GCSE Revision

## 1. BBC Bitesize



Click

### Pros

- Wide range of subjects. BBC Bitesize offers revision materials for a wide range of subjects, including English, Maths, Science, and more.
- Engaging multimedia resources. including videos, games, and interactive activities, which can help make revision more engaging and enjoyable.
- Free to use.

### Cons

- They may not provide as much personalised support or guidance as some other revision resources

# Top Websites for GCSE Revision

## 2. Corbettmaths



Click

### Pros

- Wide range of revision materials specifically tailored to the GCSE Maths curriculum. This can be especially helpful if you are looking for targeted support in this subject.
- offers a range of practice questions, quizzes, and exam-style questions, which can help you apply what you have learned

### Cons

- Limited interactive features
- Just Maths

# Top Websites for GCSE Revision

## 3. Physics & Maths



Click

### Pros

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- Engaging multimedia resources. including videos, games, and interactive activities, which can help make revision more engaging and enjoyable.
- Free to use.

### Cons

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# Top Websites for GCSE Revision

## 4. GetRevising



Click

### Pros

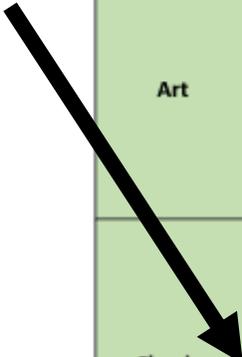
- Especially helpful if you are looking for targeted support in these subjects.
- Practice and revision resources.
- Quizzes, and exam-style questions, which can help you apply what you have learned and test your knowledge in a more realistic setting.
- Free to use

### Cons

- it may not cover all subjects or topics that you need to study for your exams.

# GCSEs at HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

x9 pages of recommended subject texts & FREE links to websites



GCSE	Recommended Revision Books	Price	FREE HELPFUL WEBSITES
Art	<p><a href="#">200 Words to Help You Talk about Art</a> by Ben Street</p> <p><a href="#">Looking at Pictures</a> by Susan Woodford</p> <p><a href="#">Art the Whole Story</a> by Steven Farthing (Thames and Hudson)</p>	<p>£7.99</p> <p>£8.39</p> <p>£17.55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.theartstory.org/artists/">https://www.theartstory.org/artists/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.studentartguide.com/">https://www.studentartguide.com/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help">https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://theartyteacher.com/artists-themes/">https://theartyteacher.com/artists-themes/</a></li> </ul>
Classics	<p><a href="#">OCR Classical Civilisation GCSE Route 2: Women in the Ancient World</a></p>	<p>£20.59</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://greekmythcomix.com/odyssey-comix/">https://greekmythcomix.com/odyssey-comix/</a> - a comic book of prescribed sources in the Odyssey</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFJ62uB3RlixckC0I1847Rw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFJ62uB3RlixckC0I1847Rw</a> A Youtube Channel where an expert Classicist covers a range of topics across her videos about women in the ancient world that are prescribed in the exam, and important themes in the Odyssey, also prescribed by the exam board.</li> <li>• <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/classciv/gcse/homer">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/classciv/gcse/homer</a> A mixture of videos, articles and podcasts about the Mycenaeans and the Homeric World in general.</li> </ul>
Computer Science	<p><a href="#">New GCSE Computer Science OCR Revision Question Cards</a>: fully updated for the new exams in 2022 &amp; 2023 (CGP GCSE Computer Science 9-1 Revision)</p> <p><a href="#">New GCSE Computer Science OCR Complete Revision &amp; Practice</a>: fully updated for the new exams in 2022 &amp; 2023 (CGP GCSE Computer Science 9-1 Revision)</p>	<p>£8.72</p> <p>£10.99</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://techterms.com/">https://techterms.com/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://smartrevise.online/">https://smartrevise.online/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/craigndave/playlists">https://www.youtube.com/c/craigndave/playlists</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNIUrzyH5r6jN9uIlgZBpdo">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNIUrzyH5r6jN9uIlgZBpdo</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://isaacomputerscience.org/topics/gcse#all">https://isaacomputerscience.org/topics/gcse#all</a></li> </ul>

# GCSEs at HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

SUBJECT (click for link to subject webpage)	EXAM BOARD (click for website)	Subject Specification (click for pdf)
<a href="#">GCSE English Language</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8700</a>
<a href="#">GCSE English Literature</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8702</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Mathematics</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1MA1</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Science (Double Award – Trilogy)</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8464</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Art</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1FA0</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Classical Civilisation</a>	<a href="#">OCR</a>	<a href="#">J199</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Computer Science</a>	<a href="#">OCR</a>	<a href="#">J277</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Drama</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1DR0</a>
<a href="#">GCSE 3D Design – DT</a>	<a href="#">Eduqas</a>	<a href="#">C600QS</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Film Studies</a>	<a href="#">Eduqas</a>	<a href="#">C670QS</a>
<a href="#">GCSE French</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8658</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Geography</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8035</a>
<a href="#">BTEC Health &amp; Social Care</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">L2 Tech Award</a>
<a href="#">GCSE History</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1H10</a>

SUBJECT (click for link to subject webpage)	EXAM BOARD (click for website)	Subject Specification (click for pdf)
<a href="#">GCSE Music</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">J536</a>
<a href="#">GCSE PE</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1PE0</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Psychology</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8182</a>
<a href="#">GCSE R.S.</a>	<a href="#">OCR</a>	<a href="#">J625</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Sociology</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8192</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Spanish</a>	<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">8698</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Textiles</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">1TE0</a>

Make sure you know who the exam board and which specification it is.

Placed on Satchel One Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Emailed Parent Mail Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

# SUBJECT INTERVENTION

- Subject Intervention and revision will begin after half term.
- Timetable will be shared with students and parents, first week back.
- Forward warning, there are revision classes over Easter and May Half Term.

# MOTIVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**You know your child best – ask yourself what works best! Is it...**

- **Constant supervision?**
- **Light supervision (phone / social media)?**
- **Rewards?**
- **Sanctions (holding back pocket money / revision or chores – your choice)?**
- **Tell them to give themselves a break?**

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday								
8am-9am	Travel and 2 mins revising physics & maths equations, then school					Sleep in	Sleep in								
9am-10am	School														
10am-11am															
11am-12pm						Maths / Science	English								
12pm – 1pm						Geog / French	Maths / Science								
1pm – 2pm						Friends and family time					Maths / Lit quotes				
2pm – 3pm											Sunday lunch and family time				
3pm – 4pm															
4pm – 5pm															
5pm – 6pm	Maths / Science	Media / Geog	Science / Maths												
6pm – 7pm	Dinner and TV with family														
7pm – 8pm	English	Favourite TV show	Maths / Science	Media / Geog	Meet friends										
8pm – 9pm		French / REP													

# Spaced repetition vs massed practise

- You will notice that the revision timetable is mostly in half hour slots
- Half an hour on, for example, Spanish followed by half an hour on maths etc is called 'spaced repetition'
- Massed practise is the opposite to this and is not an effective way to learn

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## 1. Plan ahead

- Planning is one of the most important parts of revision. You want to be under as little stress as possible come exam day.
- Planning also allows you to revise multiple subjects in one day, which is crucial when the exam season rolls around. You don't want to realise that you've only focused on your essay based exams and done nothing for your science exams.

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## **2. Schedule your day**

- One of the best ways to make sure you actually start revising is to have a plan in place. Although you'll have time during school hours, you'll need to study outside of school hours too. Planning your revision methods as well as what subject area you'll cover helps you to get everything you'll need to revise ahead of time

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## 3. Take breaks

- If you've started early in the revision period, this one will be easier than if you're only getting started right as your exam dates approach, but that doesn't mean it isn't still really important. Splitting up your study time with breaks is essential, so plan them into your revision timetable.

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## 4. Revision cards

- Of all the revision techniques out there, you'll hear this one frequently. Revision cards use keywords or questions to test your knowledge. To keep each subject separate and avoid confusion, use different colours for different subjects. If you don't have coloured card to hand, trying using post-it notes.

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## 6. Do Past Papers

- This is one of the most important and normally underrated methods there is! Content, themes and even sometimes questions get repeated. By doing every exam paper available to you, you have not only tested your exam technique and noticed any gaps in your knowledge, but you have also potentially help your future self by learning the answer to a question which may come up again.
- It's an invaluable resource available to students for free on the exam board website, and really cannot be understated!

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## **7. Revision Clocks**

Spend time, recalling/revising, testing and reviewing.

# TOP TIPS FOR REVISION

## **8. Sleep and Eating**

None of the revision techniques mentioned above is effective without enough sleep. Sleep won't only consolidate into memory what you've been learning, but it'll put you in a better mood, make you feel more motivated and improve your cognitive performance. Aim for 7 to 9 hours each night.

Your brain needs fuel!

# Year 11

# Assessment and Reporting



# Latest Report – Summer 2023

- Satchel One

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# Forecast GCSE Grade

This is a professional judgement, made by subject teachers, of the grade a student is likely to achieve in their subject in their GCSE if they continue to work at their current rate. Teachers consider all the assessed pieces of work completed by a student over the term(s) to inform these holistic forecast grades. The forecast grade should in no way be seen as fixed, or a 'cap' to achievement. Students can always improve their performance if they seek out challenges, put in the necessary effort, act on their feedback from their teachers and continually try to improve. Where students are not on track, the school will intervene in some way to support improvement.



# Minimum Expected GCSE Grade (MEG)

This is the minimum grade a student is expected to achieve at GCSE for all subjects. These are set using your child's baseline data. We would normally use Key Stage 2 scaled scores as the baseline for our target setting model. Your child did not complete Key Stage 2 SATs so did not get a scaled score (due to Covid). In the absence of this data we have used in-house testing, data from previous school cohorts and national data trends to produce what we believe to be comparable minimum expected GCSE grades for our students.

Although our projected outcomes are aspirational, we treat these grades a minimum expectation rather than a 'target' and expect that with high quality teaching and learning, our students should be able to meet and, in many cases, exceed them. Most students at HWS do achieve or exceed these minimum expected grades.

# What are Non-Examined Assessments and when are they?

- Very few subjects have NEAs (previously called controlled assessments / coursework) now
- They are internally assessed
- They take place throughout the next year and a half depending on subject
- They take place in school
  
- Please note: No Geography NEA

1. Art (40% ESA)
2. Drama (Coursework)
3. Media (30% NEA)
4. Music (composition and performance elements)
5. PE (NEA)
6. Child Development (6 Formal Controlled Assessments)
- ~~7. Geography~~

# SATCHEL ONE = ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Parental Log-in.
- Home Learning is set on there, you can track/help with organisation.
- Inform you of all the positives and any areas of concerns.
- Please make sure you are using regularly. *If your child says they don't have home learning this is likely to be incorrect*

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# HOME LEARNING

- Home Learning for Year 11 should take around 15 hours per week to complete and will be set once a week for all subjects on Satchel One.
- The 15 hours a week should include both specific home learning tasks and revision activities. This works out at about 2 hours per day.
- Students leave school at 2.55pm, complete during 4pm – 6pm, time to also get exercise, sleep and time with you!
- Revision should be an ongoing, set in small pieces, not only set just before exams; a “marathon not a sprint”

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# ATTENDANCE – IT REALLY DOES MATTER

## The harsh reality of poor attendance!

Old Grades	New Grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6 5 strong pass 4 standard pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Students that achieved a grade **7** and above had average attendance of **98.3%**

• Students that achieved either **4,5** or **6** on average had attendance of **95.4%**

Students that **did not** achieve grade **4** had on average attendance of **90.5%**

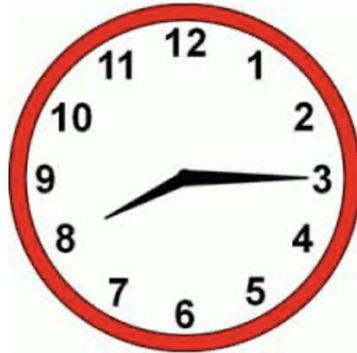
# BE HERE AND ON TIME



Be here by 8.30am



If you are not in your tutor room by 8.35am – you are late!



Late detention starts at 8.15am

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Equates To:



# EQUIPMENT AT HWS

## PENCIL CASE

- 3 pens
- Green pen – **colour of learning**
- 2 pencils
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Highlighter
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Calculator



## SCHOOL BAG

- Reading book
- Journal
- Pencil case
- Water bottle

# PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS – PPE's



## On your exam day

### What you will need:

- A clear pencil case
- At least two black ink pens – blue pens are not accepted
- An approved calculator for relevant exams
- Appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
- A clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it is important it does not have a label on



### What you cannot take into the exam:

- Any type of phone
- Revision notes
- Any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)



# Next Steps.. 6<sup>th</sup> Form or College

## Research (October to November)

- Do lots of research this term, look at websites of colleges and school sixth form centres, attend as many Open Days/Evenings as possible, applications usually open in December.
- Research is the key this early on. What careers might you be interested in? Log into [unifrog.org](https://unifrog.org) and complete the personality profiles, or go to [careers.startprofile.com](https://careers.startprofile.com) to learn more about courses and training.
- Predicted grades are not released until mid-January, this will be provided when they reach out to the school for your reference.

# Next Steps.. 6<sup>th</sup> Form or College

## Open Days and Evenings – October 2023 – March 2024

- All Sixth Forms of Schools and all Colleges have at least one Open Day or Open Evening where students can attend to gain a wealth of information about the study options in that particular institution.
- It's also a chance to check out the travelling, the environment, ask the tutors and existing students some questions.

**HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL**  
**6<sup>th</sup> FORM OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**November 5pm – 7pm**

# Next Steps.. 6<sup>th</sup> Form or College

## Local Sixth Forms

Name	Address & Telephone Number	Date	Start Time	End Time	Website Address
<b>Alexandra Park School</b>	Bidwell Gardens, London N11 2AZ 020 8826 4880	<b>19<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<a href="http://www.alexandrapark.school">www.alexandrapark.school</a> <b>attend with parent/carer</b>
<b>Fortismere School</b>	Tetherdown, Muswell Hill, London N10 1NE 020 8365 4400	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<a href="http://www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk">www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk</a> <b>Must book online</b>
<b>Greig City Academy</b>	High Street, Hornsey, London N8 7NU 020 8609 0100	Date and times not yet published – Check website	TBC	TBC	<a href="http://www.greigcityacademy.co.uk">www.greigcityacademy.co.uk</a>
<b>Harris Academy Tottenham</b>	Ashley Road, London N17 9LN 020 3772 4243	Date and times not yet published – Check website	TBC	TBC	<a href="http://www.harristottenham.org.uk">www.harristottenham.org.uk</a>
<b>Highgate Wood School</b>	Montenotte Road, London N8 8RN 020 8342 7970	<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<a href="http://www.hws.haringey.sch.uk">www.hws.haringey.sch.uk</a>
<b>St Thomas More Catholic School</b>	Glendale Avenue, London N22 5HN 020 8888 7122	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<a href="http://www.stthomasmoreschool.org.uk">www.stthomasmoreschool.org.uk</a>

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## Colleges and Training Providers

Institution Name	Campus Address & Telephone Number	Open day / evening or visit details
<b>ADA National College for Digital Skills</b>	1 Sutherland Street, London, SW1V 4LD	<b>Tuesday 3rd October 2023</b> from 5pm on our brand new campus near Victoria. Link: <a href="#">ADA</a>
<b>Brook House Sixth Form Centre (BSix)</b>	Kenninghall Road, London E5 8B1 0800 3892 947	<b>Wednesday 1 November 2023, 6-8pm</b>
<b>Barnet and Southgate College</b>	<b>Colindale Campus</b> 7 Bristol Avenue (formerly Lanacr Avenue) London NW9 4BR 020 8200 8300	<b>London Academy of Excellence</b> Lilywhite House, 780 High Rd, London N17 020 8352 6020
	<b>Wella Centre of Excellence (Hair Beauty)</b> 020 3764 4750	<b>London College of Beauty Therapy</b> Ramillies House, 1-2 Ramillies St, Soho, London W1F 7LN 020 7208 1300
	<b>Southgate Campus</b> High Street, Southgate, London N6 8BS 020 8200 8300	<b>New City College (formerly Hackney Community College)</b> <b>Shoreditch Campus</b> Falkirk Street, Hackney, London N1 6HQ 0207 613 9123
	<b>High Barnet Campus</b> Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4AZ 020 8200 8300	<b>Sir George Monoux College</b> 190 Chingford Rd, Walthamstow, London E17 5AA 020 8523 3544
<b>Big Creative Education</b>	<b>BCE Clifton Avenue</b> Walthamstow E17 6HL 02084983	<b>Open Events not published at time of booklet compilation – check website</b> Website: <a href="https://www.skimmersacademy.org.uk/">https://www.skimmersacademy.org.uk/</a>
<b>Capel Manor</b>	Bullsmoor Ln, Enfield EN1 4RQ 0303 003 1234	<b>Open Events not published at time of booklet compilation – check website</b> Website: <a href="https://www.skimmersacademy.org.uk/">https://www.skimmersacademy.org.uk/</a>
<b>City &amp; Islington College (CANDI)</b>	<b>Centre for Applied Sciences</b> The Angel, 311-321 Goswell Road London EC1V 7DD 020 7700 933	<b>Soundskool</b> SoapBox, 69-85 Old St, London EC1V 9HX 07539 538850
	<b>Centre for Business, Arts and Technology</b> 444 Camden Road, London N7 0J 020 7700 9333	<b>UCL Academy</b> Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080
	<b>Centre for Lifelong Learning</b> 28-42 Blackstock Road Finsbury N4 2DG	<b>Waltham Forest College</b> 707 Forest Rd, Walthamstow, London E17 4JB 20 01 8501
	<b>Sixth Form College (for A levels)</b> The Angel, 283-309 Goswell Road London EC1V 7L 020 7700 9333	<b>Woodhouse College</b> Woodhouse Rd, Finchley, London N12 9EY 020 8445 1210
<b>City of Westminster College</b>	25 Paddington Green, London W2 1NB 020 7723 8826	<b>Westminster Kingsway College</b> King's Cross Centre 211 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8RA 020 7963 4181  Victoria Centre, Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PD Tel: 020 7963 4181

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# Next Steps.. 6<sup>th</sup> Form or College

- Everyone in the year group will have received a careers interview with our in-school careers advisors by the end of November.
- If students would like to speak to an advisor again we can also arrange that, either independently or in a pair or small group. If you have any questions please speak to Mr Grimmett ([careers@hws.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@hws.haringey.sch.uk))

# Next Steps.. 6<sup>th</sup> Form or College

ASPECT	SIXTH FORM	COLLEGE
Educational Focus	Typically focused on A-levels and other academic qualifications.	Offers a wide range of academic and vocational courses, including A-levels, BTECs, and apprenticeships.
Curriculum Options	Offers a limited range of subjects, mainly academic.	Provides a broader choice of subjects, including vocational courses in various fields.
Class Size	Smaller class sizes, often with a more personalised approach.	Larger class sizes, potentially less individual attention.
Entry Requirements	May have specific GCSE grade requirements for entry.	Entry requirements can vary but are often more flexible.
Teaching Style	Emphasis on structured classroom teaching and exam preparation.	More varied teaching methods, including practical and vocational training.
Facilities and Resources	May have limited resources, with a focus on academic needs.	Offers diverse facilities, including workshops and specialized equipment for vocational courses.
Student Age Range	Typically exclusively for 16-18-year-olds.	May have students of various age groups, including adults.
Uniform	May require students to wear uniforms.	Typically no uniform requirement.
Extra-Curricular Activities	Limited provision of extracurricular activities.	Often offers a wide range of clubs, societies, and sports activities.
Post-16 Support	Specialized support for UCAS applications and university preparation.	Support for a range of post-16 pathways, including apprenticeships and employment.
Overall Atmosphere	Often a more structured and academically-focused environment.	Tends to offer a more diverse and inclusive learning atmosphere.

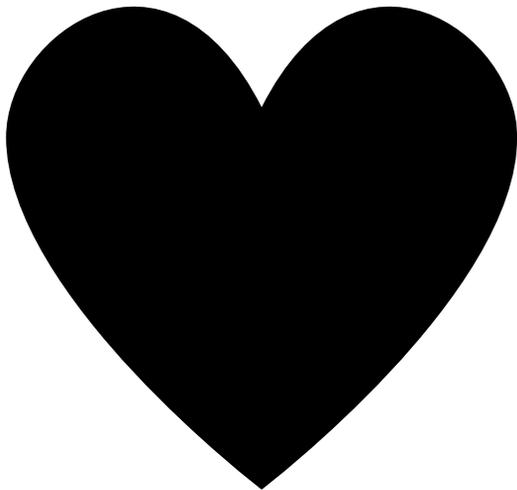
# PREDICTED GRADES

- All 6<sup>th</sup> Form/Colleges know that they will only receive our predicted grades at the end of January



# WE'VE GOT YOU!

- **If your child ever feels overwhelmed or has questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us or anyone they trust. We're here to support you every step of the way.**



**The first port of call is the teacher (or tutor for general concerns / questions)**

**Contact the Head of Department if the matter is specific to a subject and contacting the teacher has not helped**

**Contact your child's tutor if your concern is more general**

**Communication between home and school is vital.**

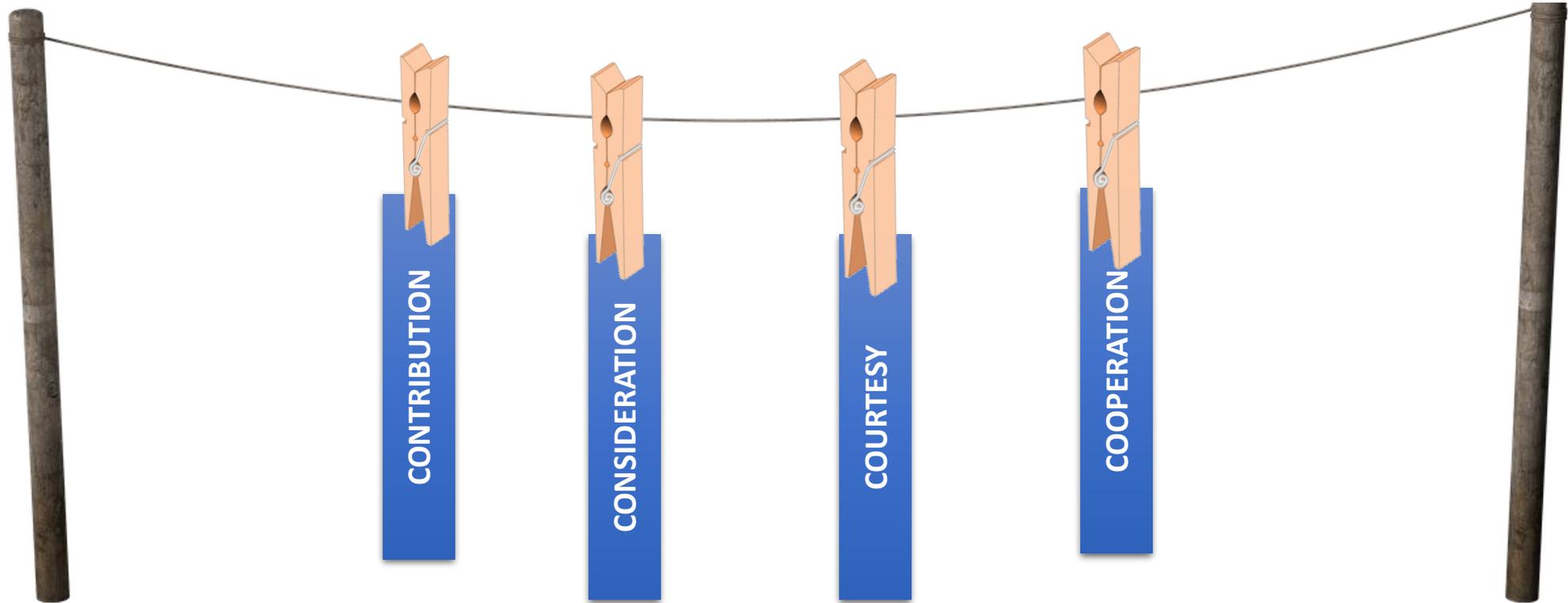
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- Monitoring & Achievement Reports to help focus students
- Ms Ward and Ms Burniston will be putting in place an individualised programs
- Well-being support from our Maya Angelou Centre
- Learning Intervention which takes place after school.
- Certain students will be placed into specific intervention, academic coaching, one to one 6<sup>th</sup> form tuition etc.

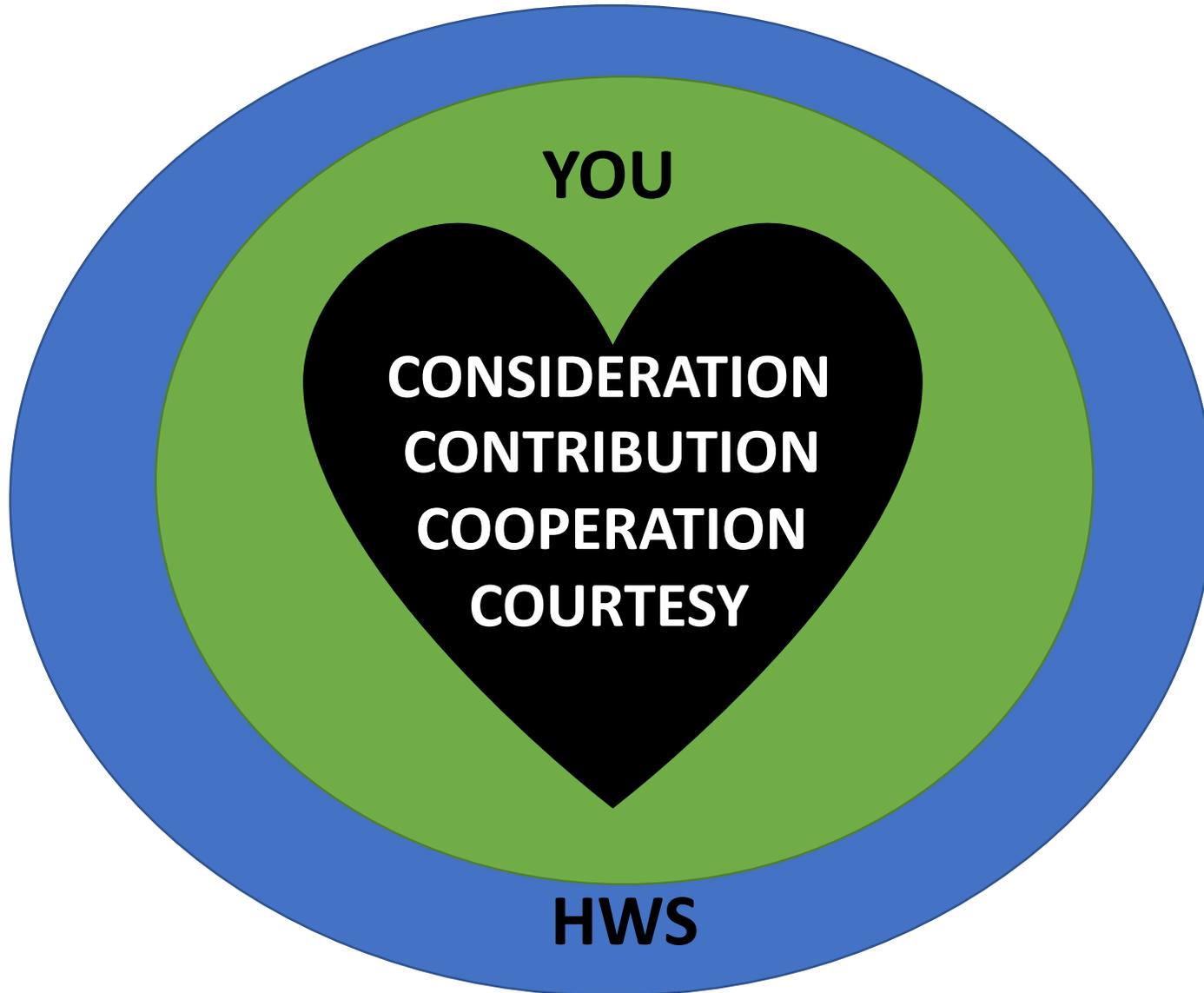
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EVERYONE MATTERS

EVERYONE ACHIEVES



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** – Parent/Carer Evening

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**- Learning Judgement + Forecast Grade

27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Reports Issued (Satchel One)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Learning Review Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS (PPEs)

29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Learning Judgement + Forecast Grade

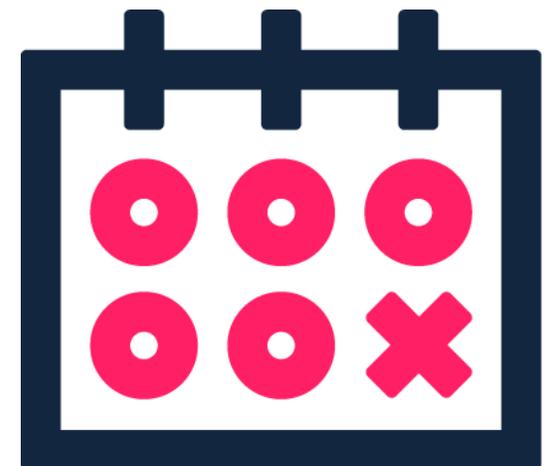
Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February –PPEs Results Assembly

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Science Mock PPE 2

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Learning Judgement + Forecast Grade

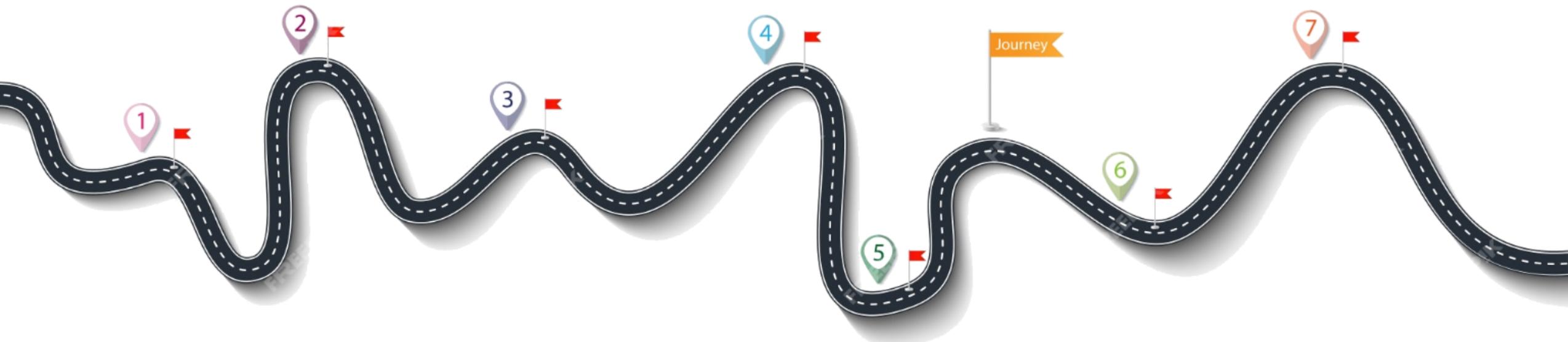
15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Reports Issued (Satchel One)

**9<sup>th</sup> May – FIRST GCSE EXAM!!!! (Provisional)**



# GCSEs AT HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

- Remember, it's not just about the destination; it's also about the journey. So, make the most of the year, have fun, and give it your best shot. You've got a bright future ahead, and we can't wait to see where your hard work takes you!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**YR 11 CELEBRATION EVENING**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June\***

**Union Chapel**

\* New confirmed date, change from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**GOOD  
LUCK!**

# Parents of SEND Students

## How to help your child with all things GCSE Information Evening.

Date TBC

Mr Cain-Reed Assistant Head Teacher SENCO

Ms McCartney, Maya Angelou Centre

Mr Mansfield Inclusion Deputy Head Teacher

Ms Burniston, Deputy Head Teacher KS4

