

Year 11 Revision-Fest 2026



& Post-16 Event

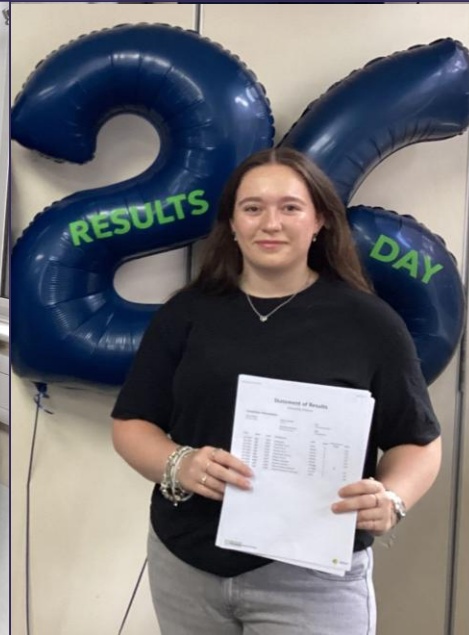
Aims of the Event



KNOWLEDGE
=
POWER

Students and families know:

- What the year ahead looks like
- How you can work with us for success
- Resources and revision methods for subjects
- Where support can be found
- The options for Post-16 and how to apply



Year 11: Your Final Chapter at Ibstock School, Your Future

Year 11 is a year of OPPORTUNITY.

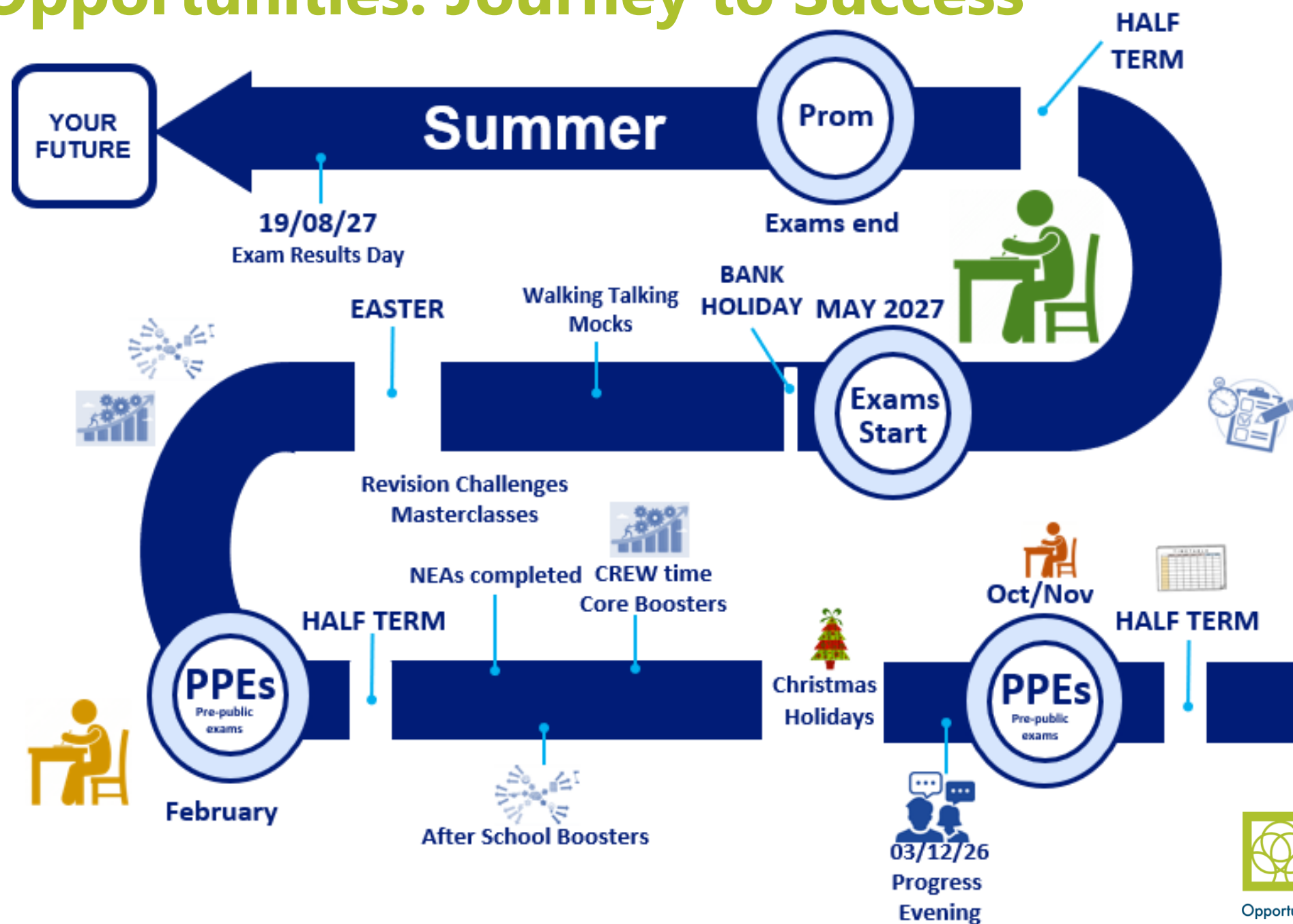
Every student can make significant progress from their starting point.

Year 11 is a team event: students, parents and school.



***"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."
Robert Collier***

Your Opportunities: Journey to Success



Understanding the Support Available

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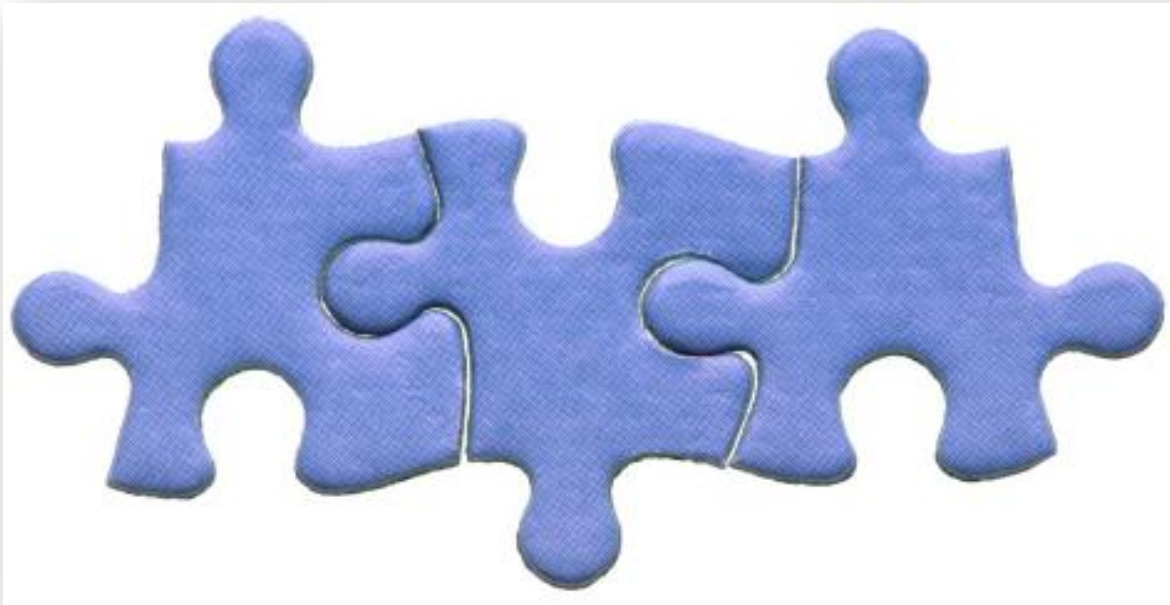
Student Progress: Miss Nelson s.nelson@ibstockschool.co.uk



STUDENT SUPPORT

Stronger Together

Students, School, Home



**Opportunity
Understanding
Responsibility**

Attendance + Effort + Revision + Resilience = Success

- Every lesson matters.
- Engagement in every lesson matter.
- Regular independent study beats occasional intensive revision.
- Mistakes are part of improvement.

Attendance is EVERYTHING



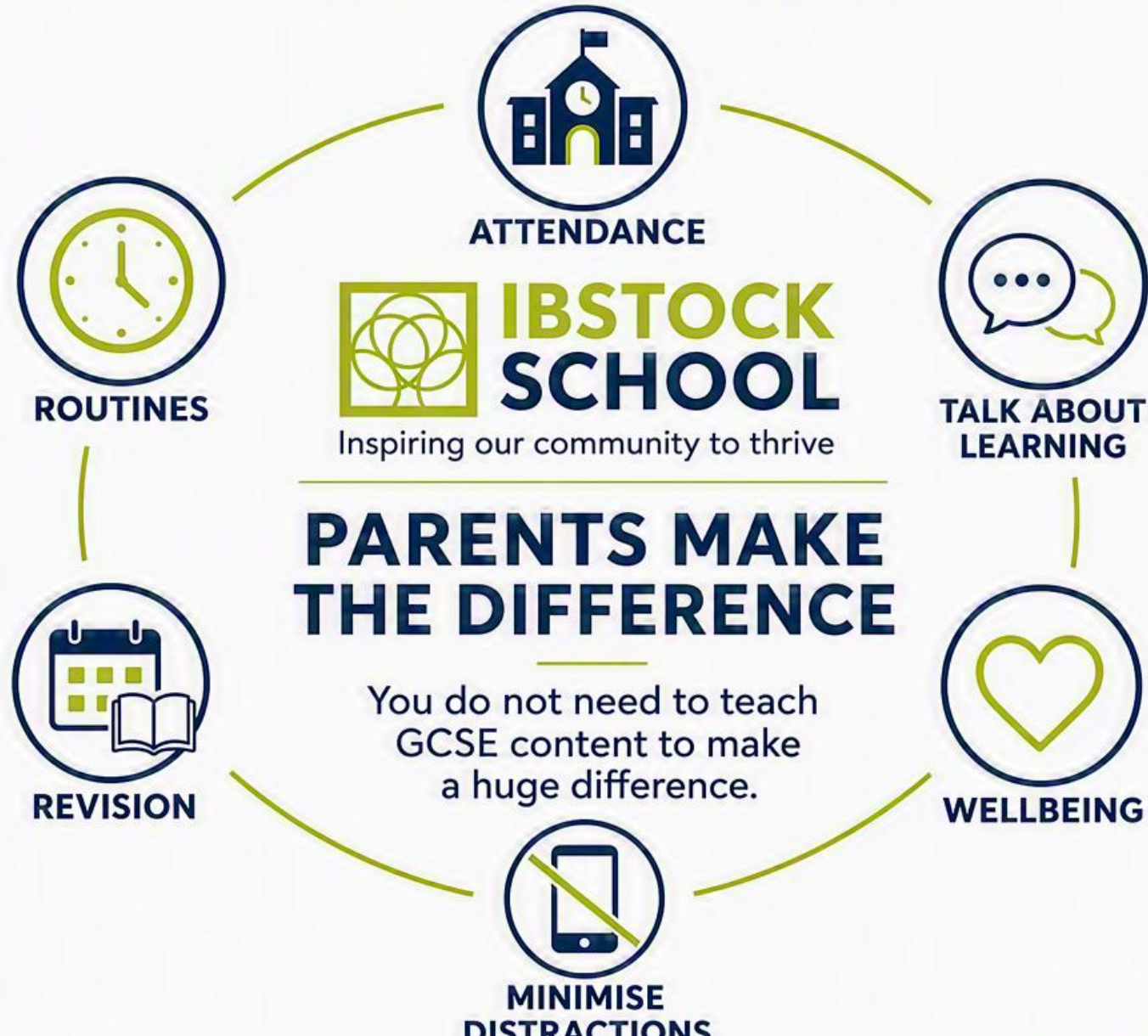
190 school days in a year, less for Y11

95% attendance = 9 days (45 hours of lost learning)

90% attendance = 19 days (95 hours of learning lost)

- Students with 90%+ attendance achieved an average grade of 4.5 (a solid standard pass)
- Students with attendance of 80% or below achieved an average grade of 1.9 (not quite grade 2)

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH YEAR 11

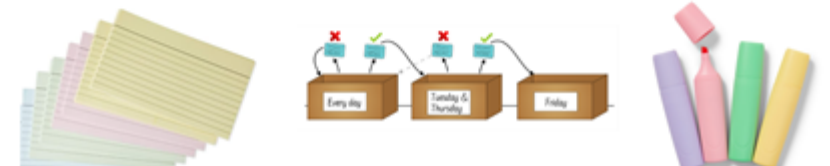


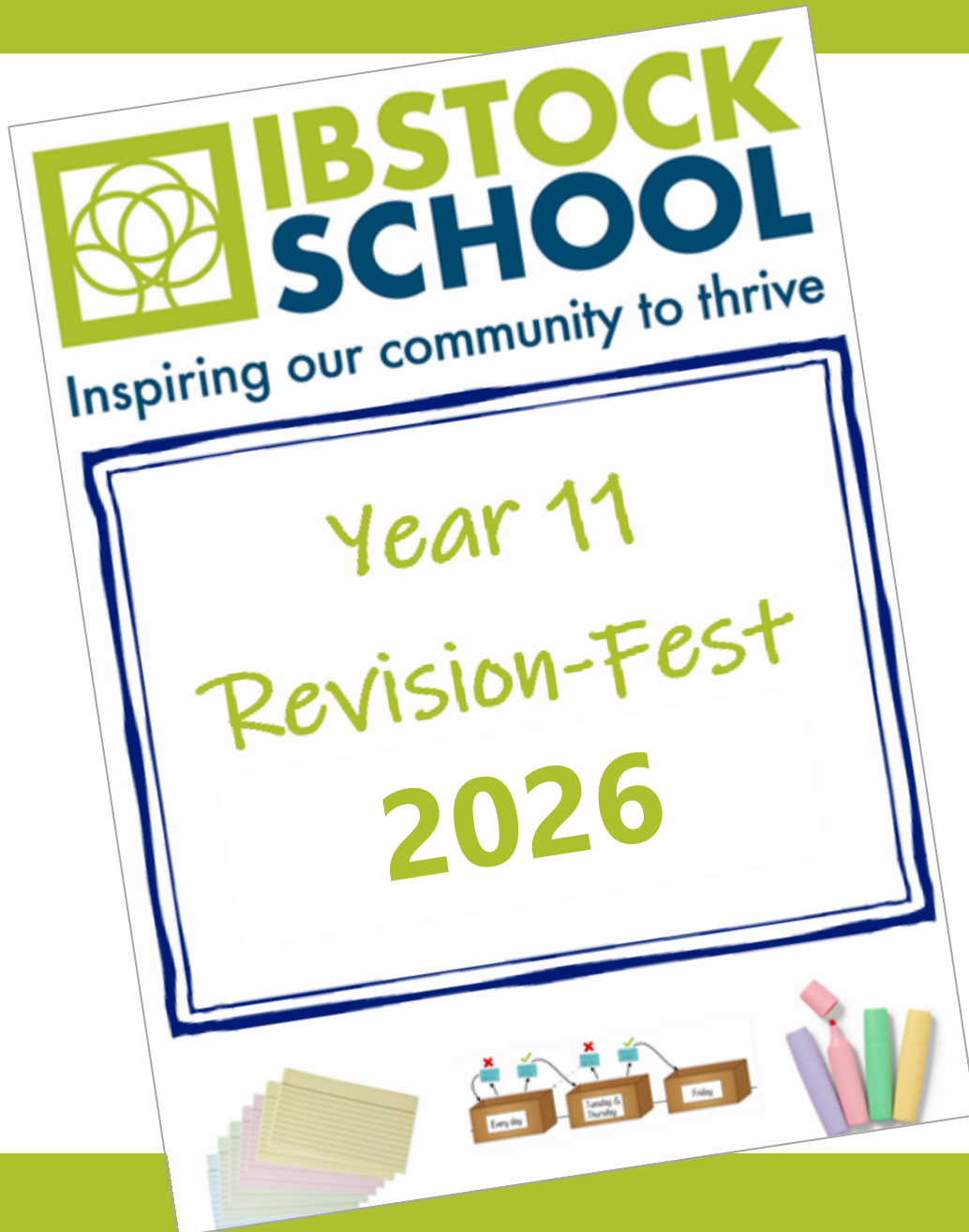
Resources, Revision and Support



Inspiring our community to thrive

Year 11
Revision-Fest





Ibstock School Dates

26th Oct –11th November

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams
(session 1)

26th November

PPE Results Day and
Year 11 Reports 1 home

3rd December

Year 11 Progress Evening—
appointments with subject
teachers to discuss progress,
and attitude to learning, areas
for development etc.

January 2026

Mid Jan Sixth Form Deadline
End of Jan PS16 Deadline

1st – 12th February 2027

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams
(session 2) selected subjects

March 2027

Year 11 Reports 2

Key Dates

Final Exam Dates 2027

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Dates 2027
Business Studies	Edexcel	12th May PM, 21st May PM
Computer Science	OCR	10th May AM, 19th May PM
D&T—Graphics and Resistant Materials	AQA	15th June PM
English Language	Eduqas	24th May AM, 8th June AM
English Literature	Eduqas	12th May AM, 19th May AM
Food & Nutrition	AQA	24th May PM
French	AQA	26th May AM (Listening/Reading) 8th June PM (Writing)
Geography	AQA	18th May AM, 26th May PM, 10th June PM
Health & Social Care	Pearson	5th May AM
History	OCR	20th May AM, 28th May AM, 9th June PM

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Dates 2027
Maths	AQA	14th May AM, 27th May AM, 14th June AM
Music	Eduqas	27th May PM
GCSE PE	OCR	13th May PM, 20th May PM
Philosophy & Ethics	AQA	13th May AM, 21st May AM
Science: •Biology •Chemistry •Physics	AQA	11th May AM, 10th June AM 17th May AM, 15th June AM 25th May AM, 18th June AM
Spanish	AQA	9th June AM (Listening/Reading) 16th June PM (Writing)

NEAs Contribute to Final Grades

Subject	Assessment
Health & Social Care	Component 2 coursework Health and Social Care Services and Values. Information released – Sept 2023
Music	Performing Composing
D&T	Coursework
Food & Nutrition	Food Investigation Food Prep
Art / Textiles (OCR Art & Design)	Portfolio Coursework (60%) 10 hours set task (40%) – Spring Term 2025
French	Speaking (completed in window 2nd April – 22nd May)
Spanish	Speaking (completed in window 2nd April – 22nd May)
GCSE PE	Analysing and Evaluating Performance Performance

Students need to be in school consistently to ensure they complete their courses and Non-Examination Assessments.

Pre-Public Examinations



Pre-Public Examinations

A key opportunity for students to:

- Practise revision
- Practise time-management and resilience
- Develop exam hall skills so they know what works for them
- Identify the subjects, topics and skills they are confident in
- Discover the areas for development that they can work on before the final examinations

Evidence for Exam Boards in extreme circumstances (e.g. COVID 19)

Drama	AQA	Drama Paper	1hr 15 mins	Section A: Stage Types, Positioning and Theatre Roles Section B: Blood Brothers	CGP Revision Guides (Drama GCSE and GCSE Blood Brothers) Blood Brothers play text (clean copy needed for exam)
D&T - Graphics	AQA	Graphics Paper 1	1hour	Section A – Core Technical principles Section B – Designing and Making principles	CGP GCSE revision guide SharePoint D&T - Unit 1,2 and 4
D&T – Resistant Materials	Resistant Materials Paper 1		1hour	Section A – Core Technical principles Section B – Designing and Making principles	CGP GCSE revision guide SharePoint D&T - Unit 1,2 and 4
English Language	Eduqas	Component 1 Section A – Reading Section B - Writing		C1 Section A – Read a fiction extract and answer five questions about the extract. 1 hour. C1 Section B – Choose from four narrative writing titles and write a narrative. 45 minutes.	English Language Past Papers: https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level/english-language-gcse-past-papers/eduqas-gcse-english-language-past-papers YouTube, especially Mr Bruff's channel GCSE Pod

Support in School

CREW Maths and English interventions

Swift reading test and interventions

After school revision sessions

Walking talking mocks

Library resources and support

Year 11 Revision Base



The library is a great place for students to revise before they go home. There is a dedicated GCSE section, with revision materials, computers and past papers to use. Our librarian, Ms Davies is on hand to offer advice on revision techniques and exam approaches.



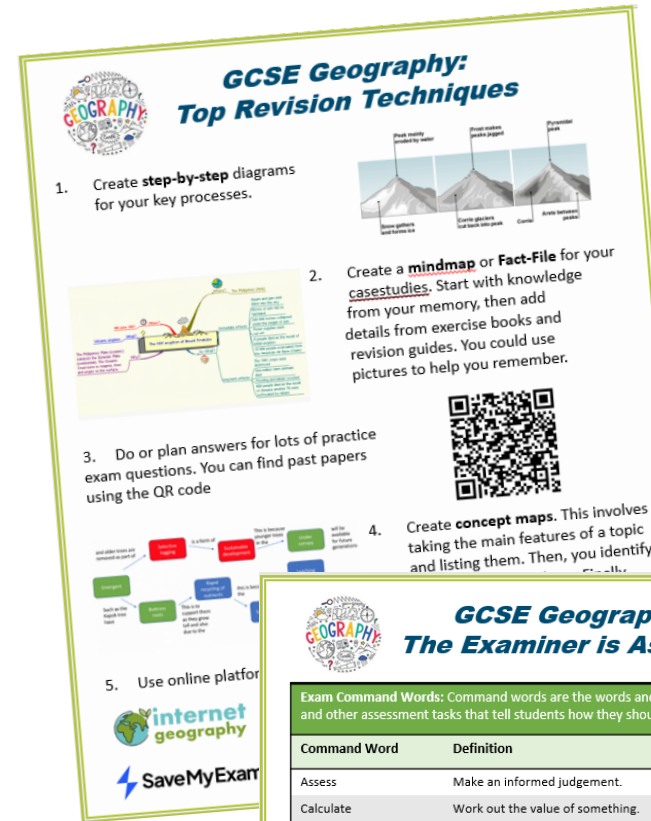
Supporting you to prepare...

Core Four – information to follow from Mrs Wright

Stalls in the main building ... Teachers ready to talk about:

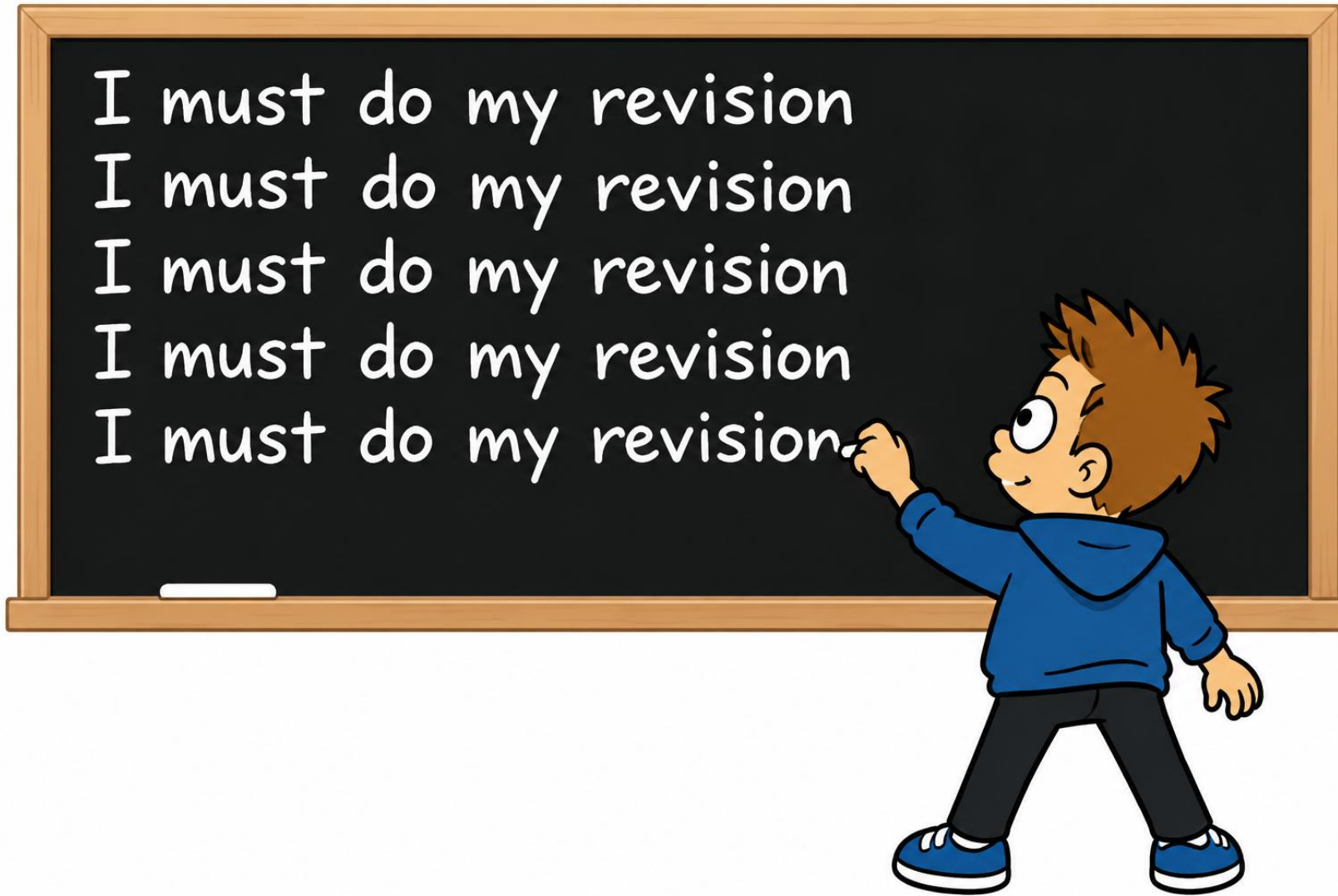
- Best revision guides for their subject
- Online platforms and apps to support
- The top revision techniques for their discipline
- Where to access past exam papers for practice, practice, practice

Revision takeaways



GCSE Geography: The Examiner is Asking...	
Exam Command Words: Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks that tell students how they should answer the question.	
Command Word	Definition
Assess	Make an informed judgement.
Calculate	Work out the value of something.
Compare	Identify similarities and differences
Complete	Finish the task by adding given information.
Describe	Set out characteristics.
Discuss	Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.
Evaluate	Judge from available evidence.
Explain	Set out purposes or reasons.
Give	Produce an answer from recall.
Identify	Name or otherwise characterise.
Justify	Support a case with evidence.
Outline	Set out main characteristics.
State	Express in clear terms.
Suggest	Present a possible case.
To what extent	Judge the importance or success of (strategy, scheme, project).
Use evidence to support this statement	To select and present information to prove or disprove something





"Year 11 goes so quickly, you need to start revising early"

"Stress less, revise more"

60% of our students last year said they would advise you to start revising early

How do we learn?

Learning

You learn new information.



Forgetting

Over time, you begin to forget what you learned.



Revision

You bring the information back to mind (e.g. self-quiz, brain dump).



Stronger Memory

Each time you retrieve it, your memory gets stronger and it's easier to recall next time.



What's the best way to revise?



Organise

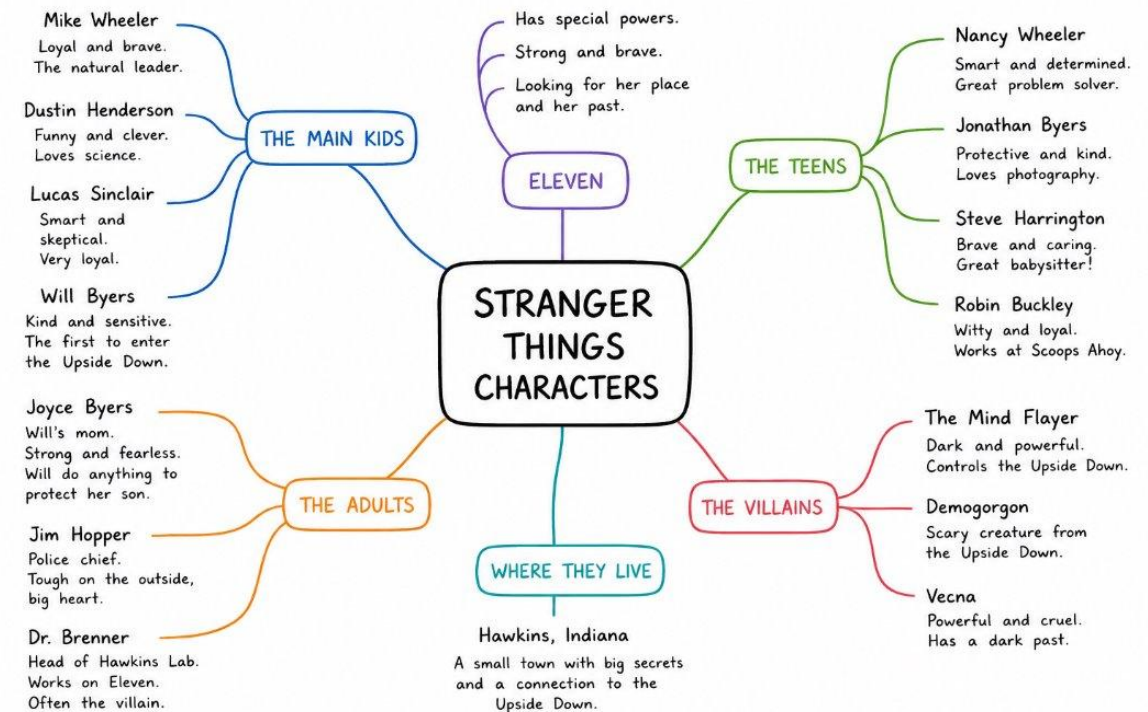
Create

Recall

Reflect

Mind maps

- Mind maps help to organise knowledge so you can see the connections between it and understand bigger concepts.
- Mind maps are perfect prep for GCSE questions which ask you to explain or analyse.



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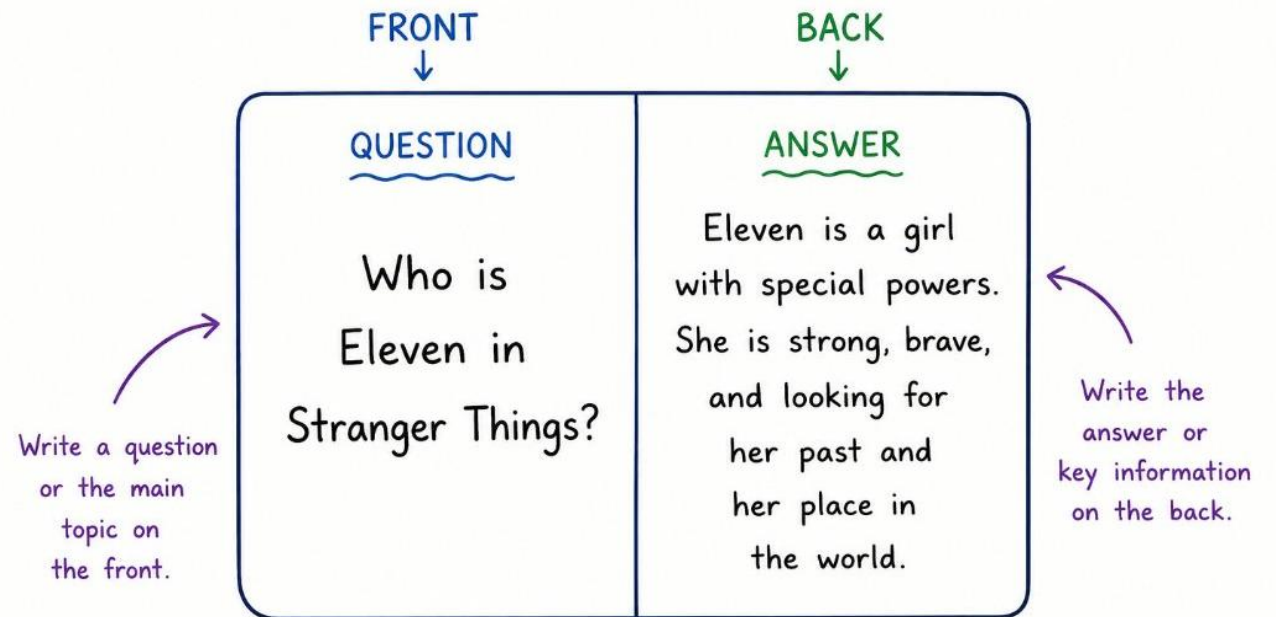
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Flash cards

- Flashcards strengthen your memory as you need to retrieve key ideas.
- Flash cards are great for GCSE questions which ask you to recall facts, state definitions or give simple explanations.



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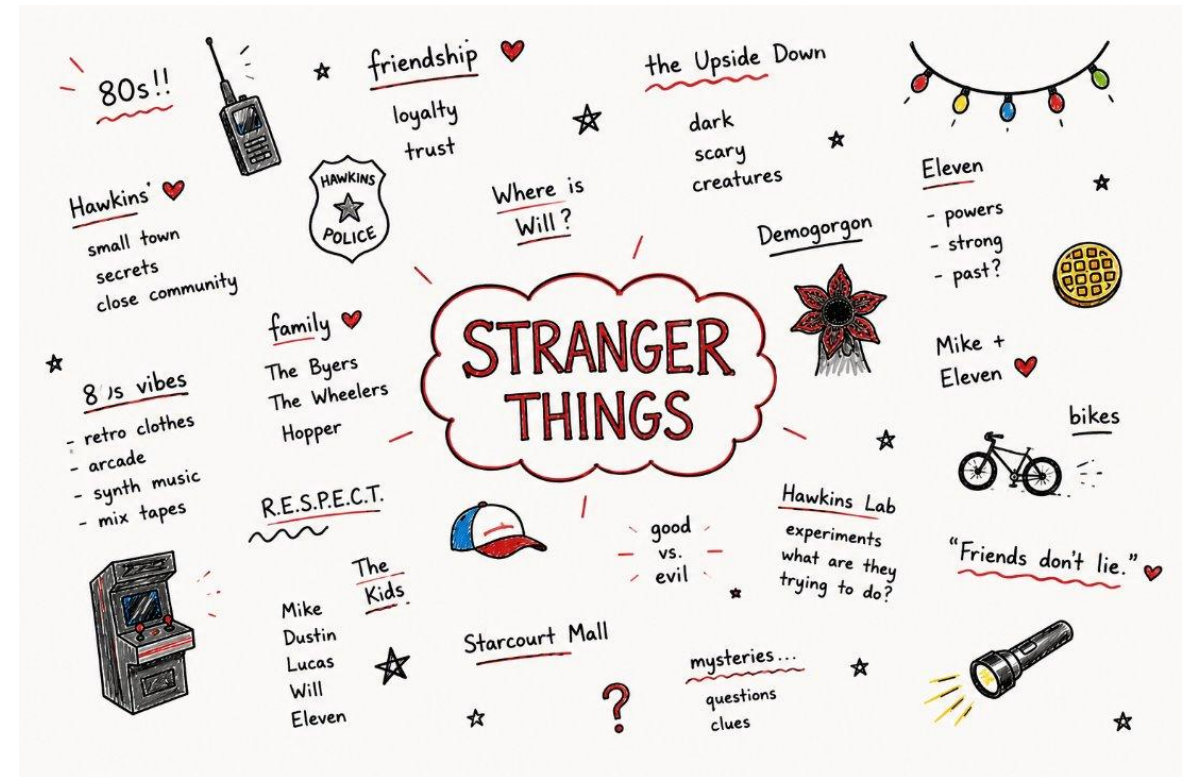
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Brain dumps

- Brain dumps show what has been remembered...and what has been forgotten.
- Brain dumps are great preparation for GCSE exams as you have to recall information and write under pressure.



Organise

Create

Recall

Reflect

Self-quizzing

- Self-quizzing builds long-term memory through spaced practice.
- Self-quizzing is a super way to revise as you have to have to recall information and ideas.

Q: Who opens the gate to the Upside Down?

A: The Demogorgon. X

Correction: Eleven opens the gate to the Upside Down
when she uses her powers. ✓

Q: Where is Hawkins?

A: It's in California. X

Correction: Hawkins is in Indiana. ✓

Revision top tips

- Use the Core 4 - they are active techniques which all include self-assessment to identify and correct misconceptions.
- Complete your homework alongside revision - you will make more progress if you do.
- Work in short chunks of 15-20 minutes in a place free from distractions.
- Use the resources available to you - including your teachers.
- Ask for help when you need it.

86% of our students last year said the Core 4 helped them

"They helped me know what to say and get the most marks"

"Really helped keep all the information fresh in my mind"

Don't forget to look after yourself...



"Don't care about how others see you, just focus on yourself and be the best you can be"



10 WAYS PARENTS CAN SUPPORT GCSE SUCCESS

Your support makes a big difference



1



Create a calm study environment

Help your child find a quiet, distraction-free space to revise.

2



Encourage a revision routine

Support them in building a realistic timetable with breaks and variety.

3



Be positive and reassuring

Remind them that effort matters more than perfection. Praise progress, not just results.

4



Promote healthy habits (SWAN)

Support Sleep, Water, Activity and Nutrition every day.

5



Limit pressure

Avoid comparing them to others. Focus on their personal goals and strengths.

6



Stay involved

Ask about what they're revising, offer to test them, or help with flashcards.

7



Watch for stress

Look out for signs of anxiety. Be a listening ear and encourage talking about worries.

8



Celebrate milestones

Acknowledge small wins—finishing a topic, completing a mock, or sticking to their plan.

9



Use school resources

Stay in touch with teachers and use any revision guides or online tools provided.

10



Be Their Biggest Cheerleader

- ★ Encourage effort
- ★ Celebrate progress
- ★ Believe in them



Every SWAN needs a supportive flock.



SUPPORT



ENCOURAGE



BELIEVE



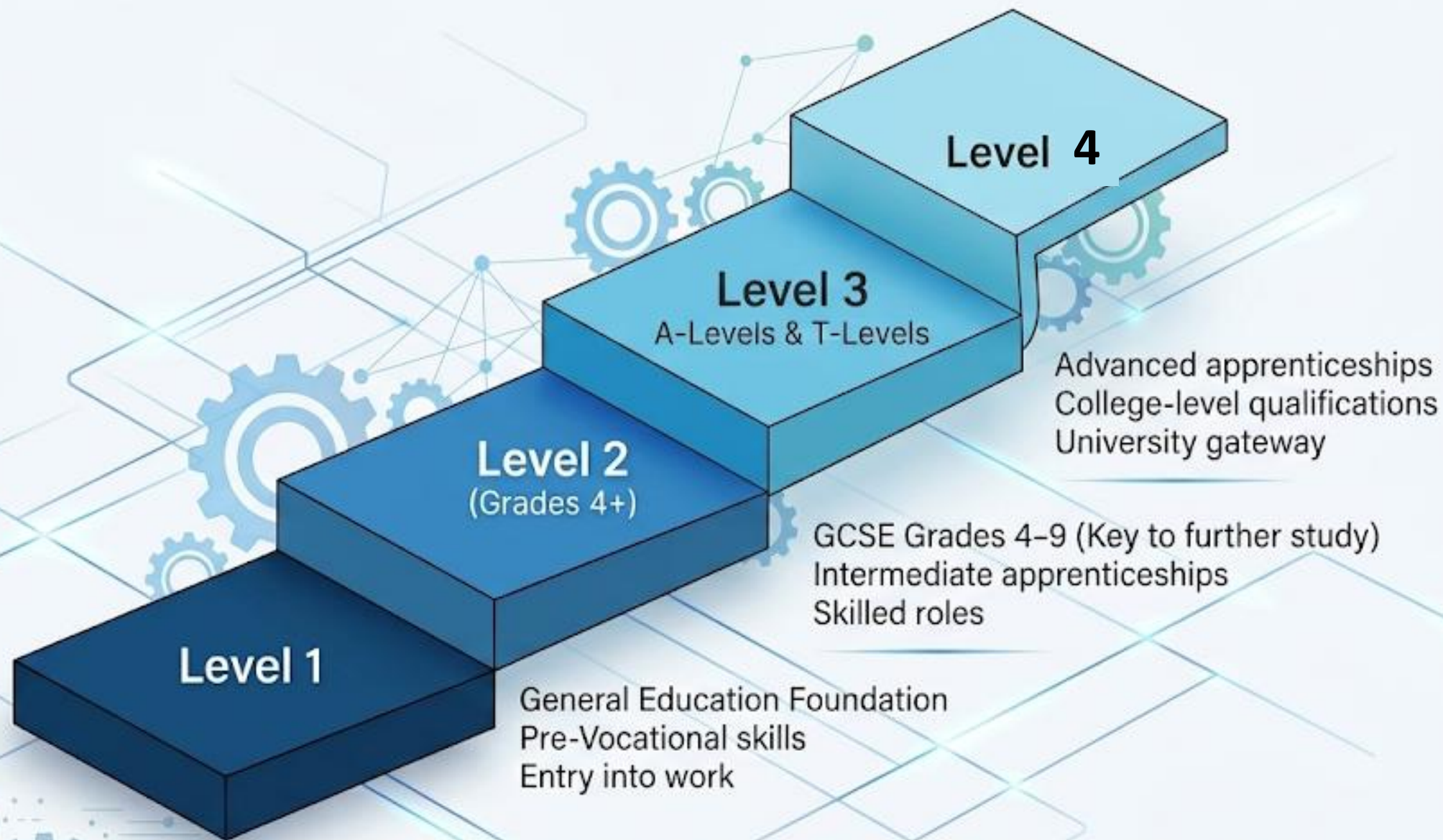
ACHIEVE



Securing our next pathway: Post-16

Mr Brook Foulsham Teacher and Careers Leader





UNDERSTANDING QUALIFICATION LEVELS

Entry Level to Level 8

UNLOCKING YOUR FUTURE: COMPULSORY EDUCATION OR TRAINING UNTIL 18 (YOU DECIDE WHERE AND WHAT)



A-LEVELS (ACADEMIC)



**Deep
Theoretical
Study**



**100%
Exam-Led
Assessment**

**Choose 3
Subjects**



**Gateway to
most UK
Universities**



T-LEVELS (TECHNICAL)



**Technical
Specialization**

**Classroom Study
+ Work Placement**



**45+ Day
Industry
Placement**



**Built with
Top Employers**

**Equivalent to
3 A-Levels**



BTEC & VOCATIONAL



**Modular
Practical
Study**



**Combines
Work &
Exams**



**Wide
Career
Range**



**Recognized by
Universities &
Employers**



**Flexible
Assessment**



APPRENTICESHIPS (WORK-BASED)

**80% On-The-Job
Training**

**20%
Classroom
Learning**



**Earn a Real
Wage while
you learn**



**Gain Work
Experience &
Qualifications**



**Requires High
Initiative**



AGE 18+
YOUR POST-16 JOURNEY

THE MASTER KEY



ACHIEVE 5x GCSEs at GRADE 4+
(Including English Language & Maths)
YOUR UNIVERSAL KEY TO ALL LEVEL 3 PATHWAYS.
DON'T AIM FOR THE FLOOR; BUILD THE CEILING.

The Golden Rule:

*Apply to 2 or 3 providers.
Hold multiple offers. You
decide on Results Day.*

Next Up: *Presentations from
Ashby School &
Loughborough College Group*

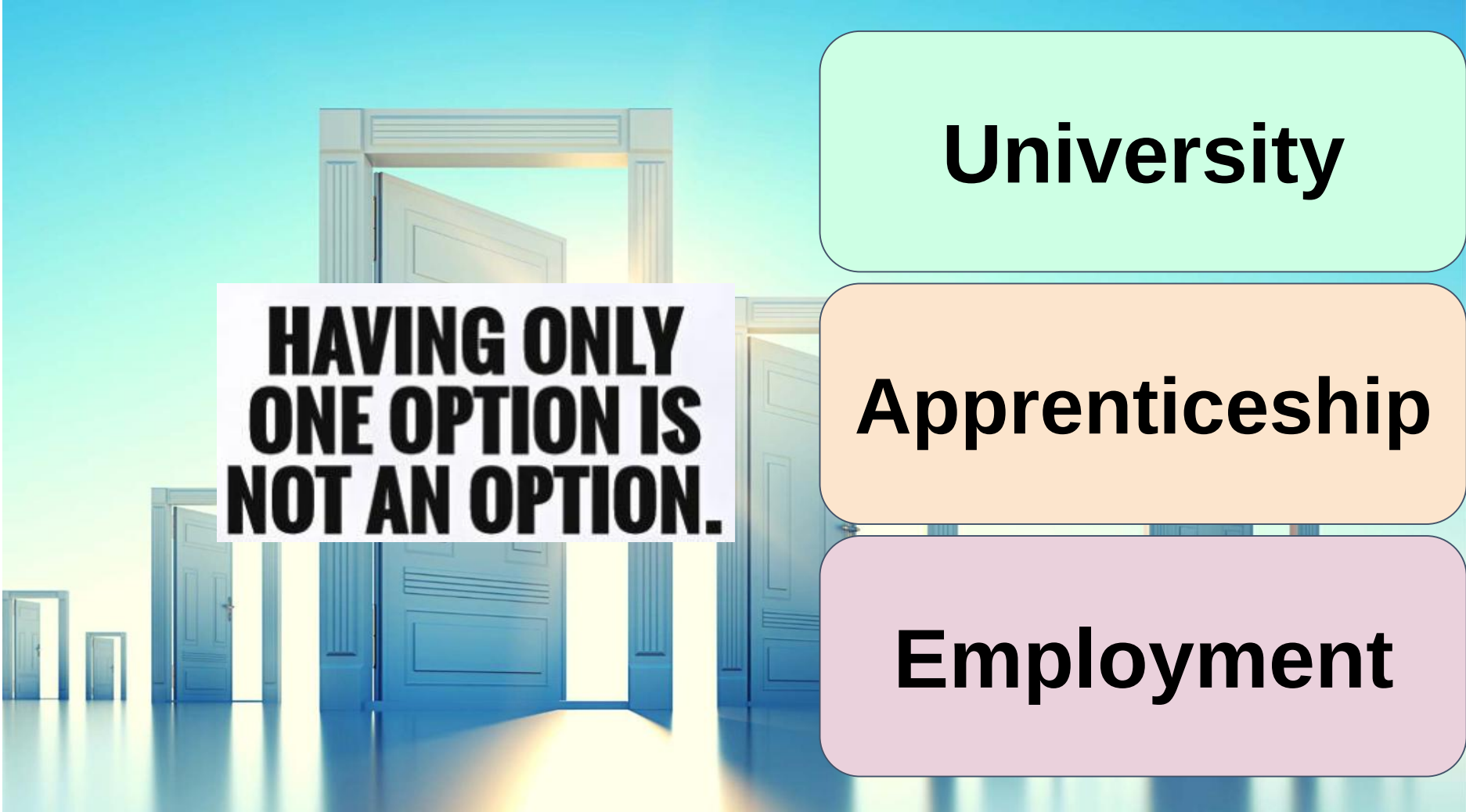


Ashby Sixth Form

Anything is Possible



The Aim of Sixth Form:



**HAVING ONLY
ONE OPTION IS
NOT AN OPTION.**

University

Apprenticeship

Employment



Why Ashby Sixth Form?

- A thriving Sixth Form of over 500 students (50% External)
- Our own separate Sixth Form Campus – **College feel with the support of a School.**
- Treated as Adults – **Can sign in and out when not in lessons. (Later Start and Earlier Finish...!!!)**
- A huge range of subject choices for you to pick from!
- **Amazing facilities:** Swimming pool, Sports Facilities, Common rooms.
- We offer subject 'packages' in Design & Healthcare for students interested in a career in that field – Mentor, work experience, trips & guest speakers
- We offer a huge range of enrichment & extra-curricular options
- Supportive pastoral team – With you every step of the way





Our Vision:

- **AMBITION:** Provide the academic platform for you to become the best version of yourself.
- **SUPPORT:** Teachers and the Sixth Form Team support you throughout your two-year journey to help you reach your aspirations.
- **INDIVIDUAL:** We get to know you as an individual so that we can find the right pathway for you.

Anything is Possible!!!



So, What Do You Need To Know?



Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above
- This MUST include Maths and either English Language or English Literature
- Individual subject requirements (including APS requirements for Maths / Biology / Chemistry / Physics)
- Good Attendance
- Good behaviour

Anything is Possible

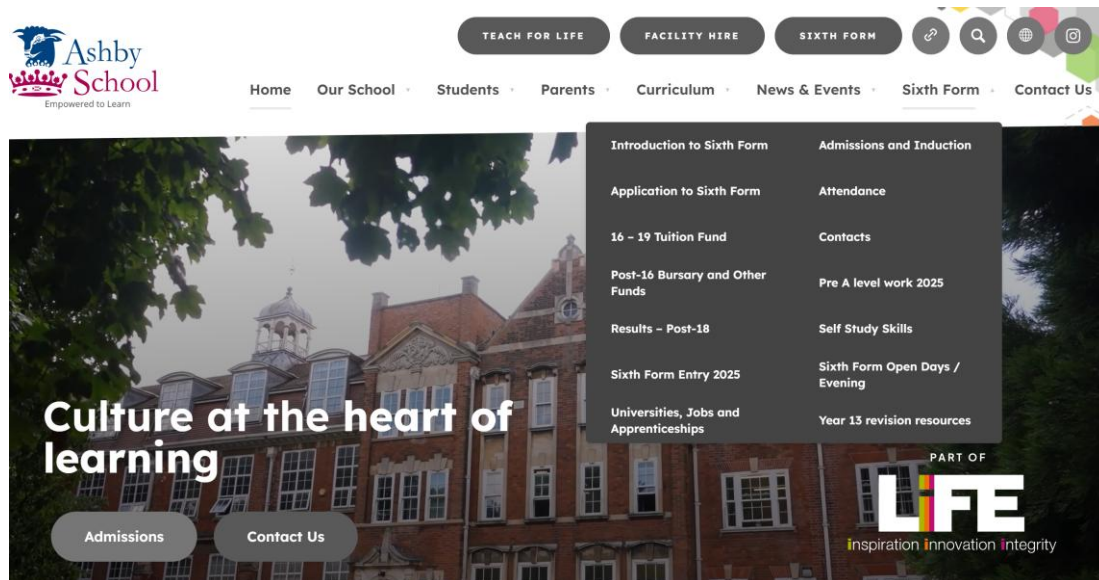


Why Ashby?

- A vision “to have a fully inclusive Sixth Form where all students are **empowered** to become **independent, self-motivated** learners, ready to **thrive** in life beyond Ashby Sixth Form”
- Excellent results year on year
- 100% of students move into Higher Education, apprenticeships or employment (some after a gap year)
- Many students secure a place in some of the most prestigious universities such as Oxford/Cambridge



Visit Our Website To Find Out More!!!



DOWNLOAD OUR OPTIONS BOOKLET
AND FIND OUT ABOUT OUR 31 COURSES
ON OFFER

Anything is Possible

BUT – Probably the BEST thing you can do is VISIT us!!!



Open Day Events

- **Saturday 31st October 12:30-15:00**
- **Saturday 14th November 10:00-12:30**

Come and view our campus, see our amazing facilities and meet the Sixth Form Pastoral Team.

No need to book please just arrive between the designated times.

Tours will start from our Sixth Form reception on the Leicester Road site

For more information, please email us:
sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk



Open Evening

Wednesday 4th November 17:00-19:00

Take this opportunity to find out more about our impressive Sixth Form, meet our subject specialists and explore our broad and diverse curriculum.

No need to book.

This evening will be based at our Nottingham Road site.

For more information, please email us:
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E Mail Us With Any Questions

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Anything is *Possible*





Ashby Sixth Form

Anything is Possible





Agriculture

Creative Media

Early Years

Countryside & Environmental Management

Land-based Service Engineering

Motor Vehicle Engineering

Construction, Bricklaying & Joinery

Equine Management

Animal Management

Sport & Sports Science



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Accounting

Beauty Therapy

Business

Childcare

Computing, Media Production and Games

Creative Arts

Electrical Installation

Engineering

English

Foundation Learning

Hairdressing

Health and Social Care

Hospitality and Catering

Leadership and Management

Marketing

Maths

Motor Vehicle

Uniformed Public Services

Science

Sport

STEM

Teacher Training

Travel and Aviation



Bricklaying

Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing

Carpentry and Joinery

Electrical Installation

Engineering

Foundation Learning

Health and Social Care

Motor Vehicle Engineering

Motor Sport

Multi-trade

Plumbing & Gas

Professional Construction



IGNITE

Melton Performing Arts

Our amazing Melton Campus is now a specialist hub for all things Performing Arts!

Our link with the Melton theatre provides students with the valuable experience of performing on a professional stage!

The pathways you can take are -

Acting

Dance

Musical Theatre



What can I study at Post 16?

A Levels

- Last for two years
- Allow you to specialise in the academic subjects
- Academically demanding route
- Entirely exam-focused

T Levels

- Equivalent to studying three A Levels.
- Provide a high level of understanding
- Quality technical alternative to exams
- Combining classroom and work - based learning

Btecs & Vocational

- Last up to two years
- UCAS points are able to be used for university admissions
- A significant level of practical work
- Involves completing assessed coursework and sometimes taking exams

Apprenticeships

- Last between one and four years
- Available in many sectors
- Offer hands-on experience, a qualification and a wage
- You have the opportunity for progression with Apprenticeships starting at Level 2 through to Level 6.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Business and Administration
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Digital Support and Services
- Education and Early Years
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Finance and Accounting
- Hairdressing
- Health and Science
- Marketing and Customer Service
- Transport and Logistics



2026/27 Academic Year!



PART OF LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE GROUP

Saturday 10th October

Saturday 28th November



PART OF LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE GROUP

Saturday 3rd October

Saturday 14th November

Saturday 5th December



PART OF LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE GROUP

Tuesday 29th September

Saturday 7th November



Book your place here!



Tuesday 17th November



POST-16 EDUCATION PATHWAYS FOR IBSTOCK AREA

1. LOCAL SCHOOL SIXTH FORMS (Academic & Combined)



- Ashby School

2. GENERAL FURTHER EDUCATION (FE) COLLEGES (Technical & Vocational)



- Loughborough Group
- Leicester College

3. SPECIALIST PERFORMING ARTS & CREATIVE ACADEMIES



- BOA Stage & Screen
- Addict Dance Academy

4. SPECIALIST FOOTBALL & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT



- FCV International Football Academy
- LCFC Community Trust

5. ARMED FORCES & MILITARY PREPARATION



- Army Foundation College, Harrogate

POST-16 OPTIONS: ENGLISH & MATHS PASS PATHWAY & RESIT PATHWAY

PASS PATHWAY SUCCESS IN ENGLISH & MATHS



100%
FULL CHOSEN
SUBJECT FOCUS

• **100%**
CHOSEN



• **ZERO**
DISTRACTION



• **ZERO**
DISTRACTION



WITHOUT GRADE 4 ENGLISH OR MATHS RESIT



• **COMPULSORY**
CLASSES



• **ADDED**
TIMETABLE
(until 18)



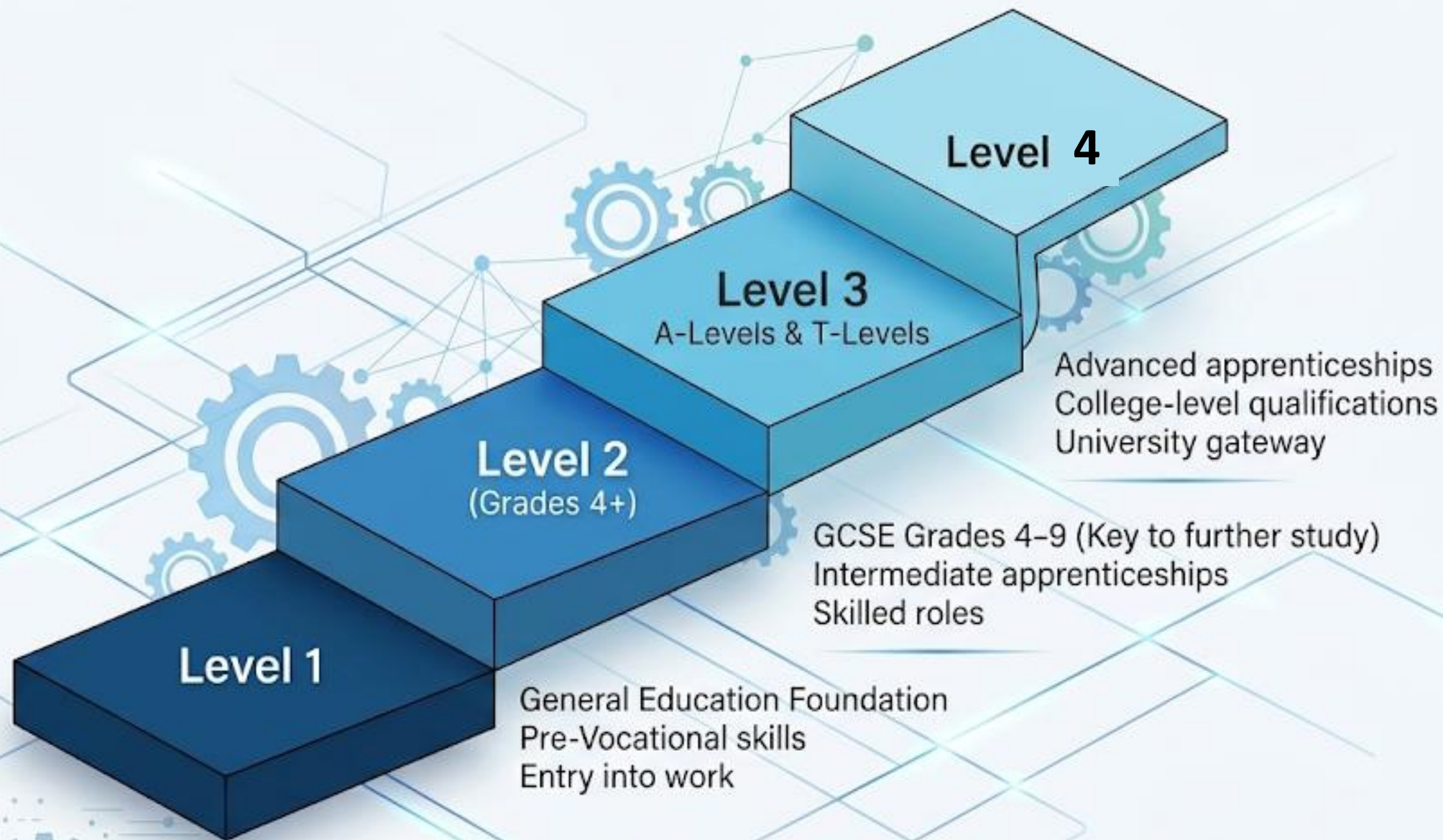
RESIT
REQUIRED



• **UNTIL**
AGE
18



AIM HIGH AND REACH YOUR POTENTIAL!



UNDERSTANDING QUALIFICATION LEVELS

Entry Level to Level 8

YOUR 5-STEP POST-16 ACTION PLAN

A CLEAR GUIDE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

1. RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS



Explore course subjects, pathways (A-Levels, T-Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships).

Check entry requirements at multiple providers.



2. BOOK & ATTEND OPEN EVENTS



Visit campuses (Oct - Jan).

Meet tutors and see facilities, environment.

3. START APPLICATIONS & LOG WITH CREW LEADER



- ✓ Apply to 2-3 providers (keep options open).
- ✓ Update Crew Leader after submitting



4. REVIEW & ACCEPT OFFERS



Hold multiple provisional offers through spring.

Stay in full control ahead of Results Day.

5. WORK TOWARDS YOUR ASPIRATIONS



- Focus on renergy into revision to secure grades.
- Target: 5 GCSEs at Grade 4+ (inc. English & Maths).



SUPPORT IN SCHOOL
DEDICATED CREW TIME
in Year 11:

- Personal Statements
- Portal Navigation
- Meeting Deadlines.