Alleyne's ACADEMY

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Year 11
Strategy Evening 1
2026-27

Notes included for each slide...

Introduction

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Introduction/Credentials: Mr Whalley has taught approximately 13,000 maths lessons.

Y11 Strategy Booklet

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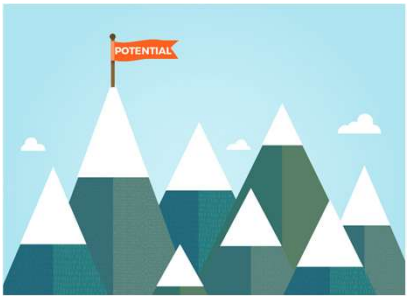
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Context



Some advice will resonate with your family, other parts may not be relevant.

Maximise Your Potential





Aim: Maximise our potential in the run up to the GCSE's

Maximise Your Potential





It’s time: unleash the beast!

Maximise Your Potential – Basic Standards

1.







Succeeding at school will not be achieved easily without being able to meet basic standards. We see this time and again. Attendance. Punctuality. Equipment. They are critical.

Maximise Your Potential - Effort

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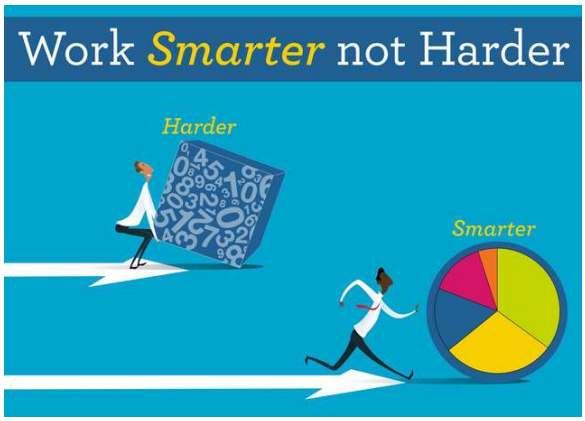




We love to see effort.

Maximise Your Potential – Work Smart

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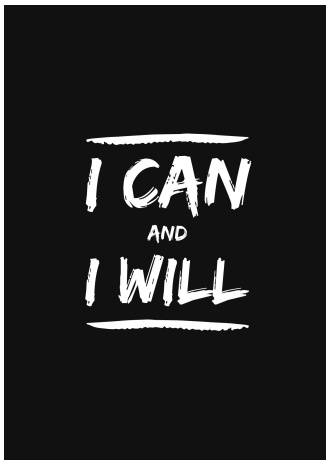




We love it even more when a student's effort is rewarded with the progress they hope for. Can we help students work smarter as well as harder.

Maximise Your Potential - Confidence

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Mindset. A lot of Y11's have approached me since the talk to tell me they're locked in. You can tell their attitude has changed. The step up is often required. And is great to see.

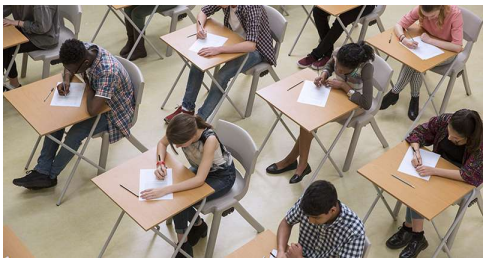
Fortnite



Story time: A past student who was previously more disengaged. Reached year 11 and switched his mindset. Moving from grade 3 to grade 5. He had the talent dormant, but the attitude switch was most profound. (He was previously European Fortnite Champion! Or something a long those lines)

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Monday 9th November – Friday 20th November 2026





Important: Direct correlation between grades in the Y11 Mock and Grades in the real GCSE. Largely, grades do not alter as much as students wish to believe. Sometimes they can, but mainly the grades remain very closely the same.

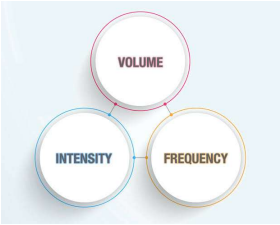
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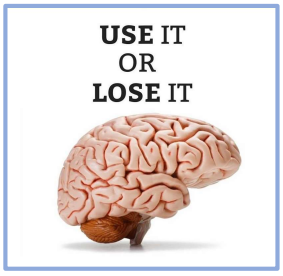


Revision Technique

A great video to help work smarter as well as harder. Excellent revision tips.

Revision: Retrieval Practice





- Frequency
- Volume
- Intensity

Revision Technique

1. Flash Cards
2. Brain Dumps
3. Quizzing
4. Practice Questions
5. Any activity that requires you to retrieve information from memory



Summary of the video. Select the methods that work for you.

Revision: When shall I start?

- Frequency
- Volume
- Intensity



Obvious: preparation, little and often, must start now in order to have any impact for Mocks.

Reporting and Monitoring – Tracking Progress

Likely GRADE Mock GRADE

- **Autumn 2 – Friday 18th December – Likely Grade, Mock Grade and ATL**
- **Parents Evening – Thursday 14th January – Overall Feedback**
- **Spring 2 – Friday 16th April – Likely Grade and ATL**

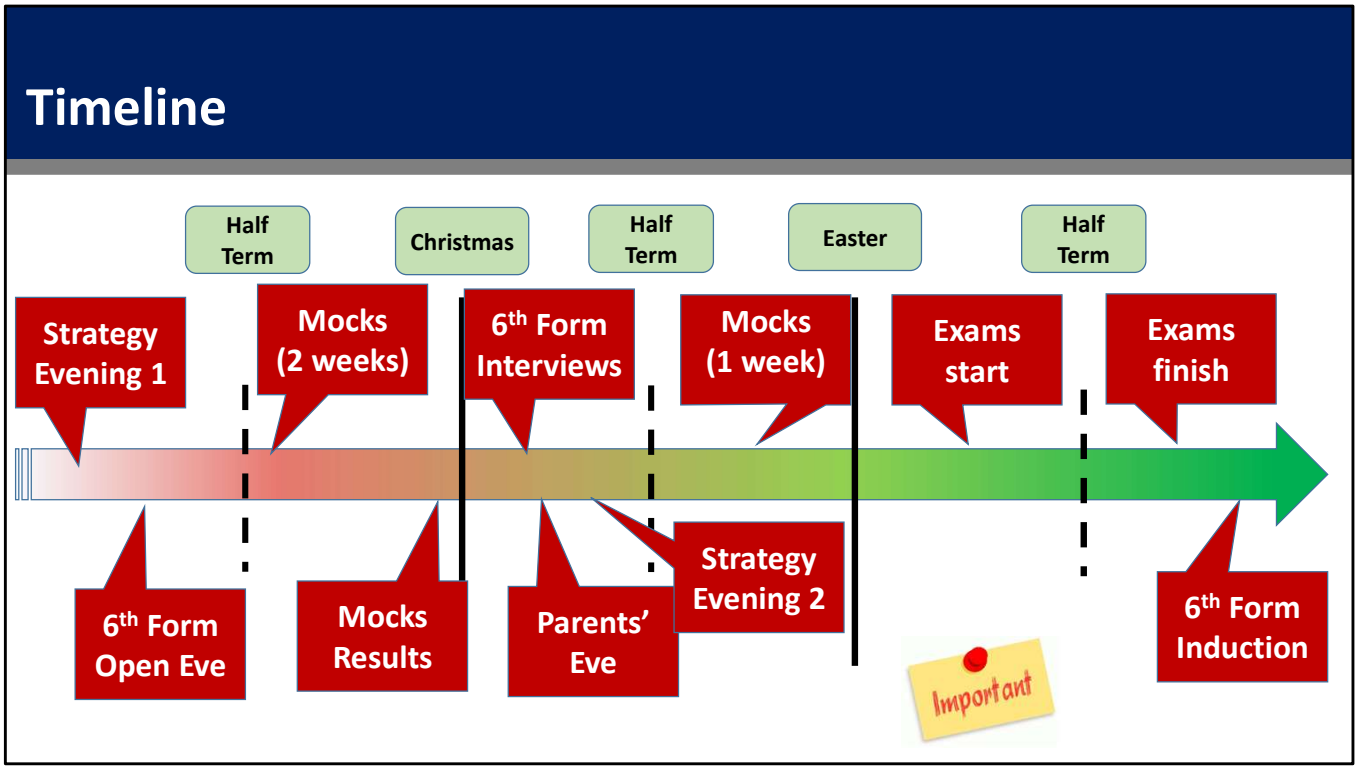
Trach you child's Mock Grade and Likely Grade at these key points in the year.

What is Year 11? Welcome Dr. Thomson



Dr. Thomson is wonderfully helpful. Reach out to her if you have any concerns throughout Y11.

Timeline



Very useful timeline to help visualise the year as a whole.

Growth and Success

- Communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Organisational skills
- Problem-solving
- Team working



- Creative
- Initiative
- Physical fitness
- Positive attitude

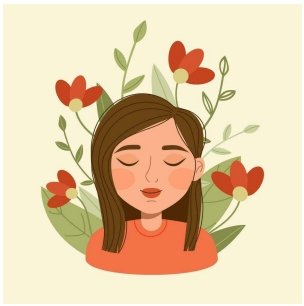
We recognise that success is not just GCSE grade.

Support systems and wellbeing

Form tutors

Family

Subject teachers



Friends

Pastoral team

Clubs & Hobbies

Well-being team

Extra-curricular staff

Therapeutic support

We're here to help.

Careers Information and Guidance

- One-to-one careers interview
- Careers Fair
- 6th Form Open Evening
- College Open Evenings and websites
- National Apprenticeship Service
- findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk







Apprenticeships

Understanding your next steps is often a great way to find extra motivation in Y11. A clear goal. Contact school if you wish to find out more about careers appointments.

Support for Pupil Premium Students – Mr. Bailey

One-to-one Mentoring / Support
All year 11 pupil premium students have access to ongoing mentoring / support from the Year 11 PP Mentor – Mrs. Tovey (l.tovey@alleynes.staffs.sch.uk). Dr. Thomson is your first point of contact if you have any questions or concerns relating to pupil premium support.

Further support includes;

- **Revision guides (on request)**
- **Contribution towards educational trips**
- **Support with uniform / equipment**
- **Revision packs**
- **Access to breakfast club**
- **Ongoing GCSEPod support**



https://www.freeitstafford.org/

If you think that you are eligible for Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium, please apply directly to Staffordshire County Council by clicking on the link below;

Staffordshire County Council

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx

GCSE YEAR 11 STRATEGY

Useful links for Pupil Premium students or families who require additional support. Contact Mr. Bailey or Mrs. Tovey for more information.

Revision Clubs

Exam revision clubs

Where and When?

…and for who?



We offer a lot of revision clubs for Y11. But they only work for students who arrive with the correct attitude. Think carefully about which sessions you attend in order to optimise your time.



A full schedule of all clubs on offer at Alleynes.

Online Resources

SENECA

gcsepod
education on demand

MathsWatch



The big 3: There are so many incredible online resources. Alleynes subscribes to these 3 platforms. So if you're unsure where to start, start here.

Next Steps: Alleyne's Academy Sixth Form



Again, recognising the connection between Next Steps and academic success in Y11. And of course, we would love for your child to stay at Alleynes.

Alleyne's Academy Sixth Form Open Evening







Thursday, 1st October 2026

6th Form Open Evening: Thursday, 1st October. We recommend all Y11 students attend and apply to Alleynes. Even if it is perceived to be a back up at this time.



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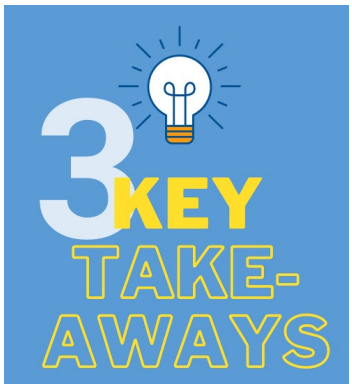
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3 Key Take-Aways

1. **<u>Y11 Mock Exams:</u>** Monday 9th November – Friday 20th November 2026
2. **<u>Revision</u>** – High Frequency – Use it or lose it - Retrieval Practice - Now
3. **<u>Love it</u>** – All in – Locked In



The 3 main take-aways from what was hopefully an informative evening.

Questions & Answers





Please stay behind if you have further questions and we will do our best to answer.

Any further questions, please get in touch.