



YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, January 14

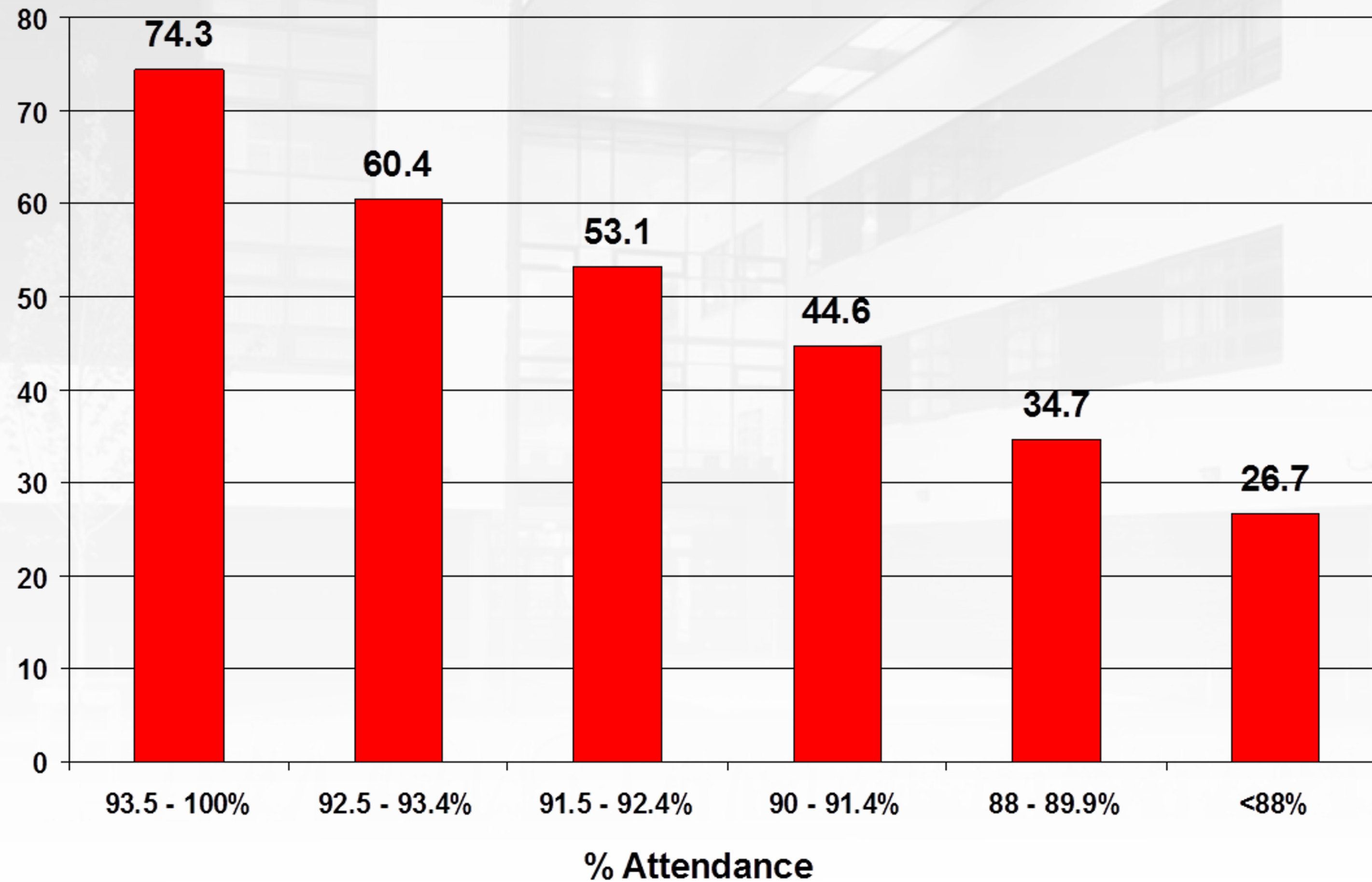


AIMS OF THE SESSION

1. Key information around Trial 2 examinations.
2. How we can support you and your child.
3. How to revise to maximise your child's potential

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Chances of Success at GCSE



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Research suggests that for every
17 days missed from school,
your GCSE results will go down
ONE grade!

FINAL COUNTDOWN

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- Trial examinations start on Monday, February 2 - **12 days.**
- Summer examinations start Tuesday, May 5 - **78 days.**
- Maths examination (paper 1 or 4) Thursday, May 14 - **86 days.**
- English Lang examination (paper 1) Thursday, May 21 - **91 days.**
- English Lit examination (paper 1) Monday, May 11 - **82 days.**

OUR EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS

- **Mobile phones & watches** – it is essential that they are handed in and switched off – do not risk disqualification
- **Equipment** – pen (BLACK INK), pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter, calculator, CLEAR PENCIL CASE (equipment provided)
- **Uniform** – essential that full, Academy uniform is worn
- **Punctuality and exam timings** – 9am, 1:30pm – essential that students arrive on time (early) - if there are any transport concerns, please communicate these urgently with a member of staff

OUR EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS

- **Water** – students can bring water but this must be in a clear bottle with no labels
- **Medication** – students must have taken any medication prior to exams starting
- **Toilets** – students should not be using the toilet unless this is part of their usual way of working (e.g. toilet pass) – all toilet visits are escorted – consider disruption to your progress and that of others
- **Behaviour and exam conduct** – must be exemplary at all times – do not risk disqualification

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Some students are entitled to specific access arrangements.
This could include:

- **Reader**
- **Scribe**
- **Prompt**
- **Use of a dictionary**
- **Additional Time**
- **Rest Breaks**

These have to be approved by the exam board in advance and evidenced as **Normal Ways of Working** within lessons.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

All students who have an entitlement to access arrangements should already be aware of this, and understand how to utilise them to ensure they get the best out of their exams.

If you have any further questions regarding access arrangements, please speak to us or contact the school SENDCO:

Mrs Mckay – SENDCO

lmckay@shirebrookacademy.org

TRIAL 2 TRIAL 2 TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 02.02.2026 (week B)					
		1	2	4	5
Monday 02 Feb	Exam	English Language C1 1 hour 45 mins		Spanish Writing (F 1 hour 15 mins / H 1 hour 20 mins) French Writing (F 1 hour 15 mins / H 1 hour 20 mins)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:30	13:15	14:35
	Lesson Missing	Maths/Science	Humanities/Maths	English	Science
Tuesday 03 Feb	Exam	Combined Science Biology (1 hour 15 mins) Biology (1 hour 45 mins)		Maths Paper 1 & Paper 4 1 hour 30 mins	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:30	13:15	14:45
	Lesson Missing	English/Maths	Humanities/Science	Option X	Option X
Wednesday 04 Feb	Exam	BTEC Health & Social Care (2 hours) Physical Education (1 hour 15 mins)		Religious Studies (50 mins)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:45	13:15	14:05
	Lesson Missing	Maths/Science	Humanities/Maths	Humanities/English	Science/Humanities
Thursday 05 Feb	Exam	English Literature C2 2 hours 30 mins		Maths Paper 2 & Paper 5 1 hour 30 mins	
	Start / Finish	08:45	11:15	13:15	14:45
	Lesson Missing	Science	Humanities/English	Science/Humanities	Science/Maths
Friday 06 Feb	Exam	Spanish Listening (F 45 mins / H 1 hour) French Reading (F 45 mins / H 1 hour) Enterprise & Marketing (1 hour 15 mins)		Art (P3-P5) Photography (P3-P5) Physical Education (1 hour 15 mins)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:00	10:55 / 13:15	15:00
	Lesson Missing	Option X	English	Option A	Option A

TRIAL 2 TRIAL 2 TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 09.02.2026 (Week A)					
		1	2	4	5
Monday 09 Feb	Exam	History (1 hour 50 mins) Statistics Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins)		French Listening (F 45 mins / H 1 hour) Spanish Reading (F 45 mins / H 1 hour)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:35	13:15	14:15
	Lesson Missing	Maths/Humanities	Science/English	Science/Humanities	Option A
Tuesday 10 Feb	Exam	Geography (1 hour 50 mins) Statistics Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins)		Hospitality & Catering (1 hour 30 mins) BTEC Sport (1 hour 30 mins)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:35	13:15	14:45
	Lesson Missing	English/Humanities	Maths/Humanities	Option X	Option X
Wednesday 11 Feb	Exam	Combined Science Chemistry (1 hour 15 mins) Chemistry (1 hour 45 mins)		Construction (1 hour 30 mins)	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:30	13:15	14:45
	Lesson Missing	Science	PE/Science	Maths/PE	Maths/English
Thursday 12 Feb	Exam	English Language C2 2 hours		Maths Paper 3 & Paper 6 1 hour 30 mins	
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:45	13:15	14:45
	Lesson Missing	Humanities/English	English/PE	Science	English/Humanities
Friday 13 Feb	Exam	Combined Science Physics (1 hour 15 mins) Physics (1 hour 45 mins)			
	Start / Finish	08:45	10:30		
	Lesson Missing	English	Humanities/Maths	Option A	Option A



EFFECTIVE REVISION TECHNIQUES

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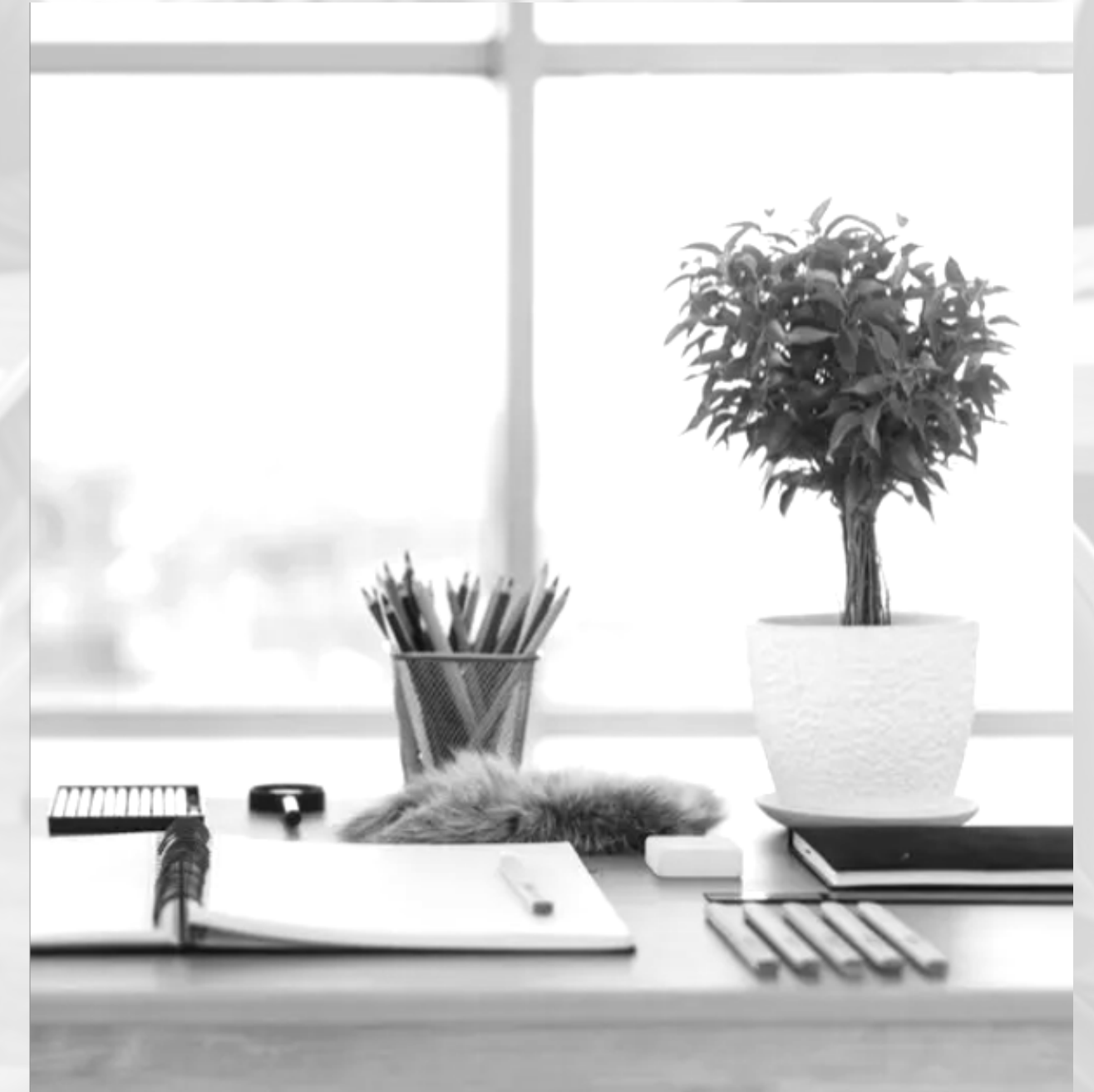


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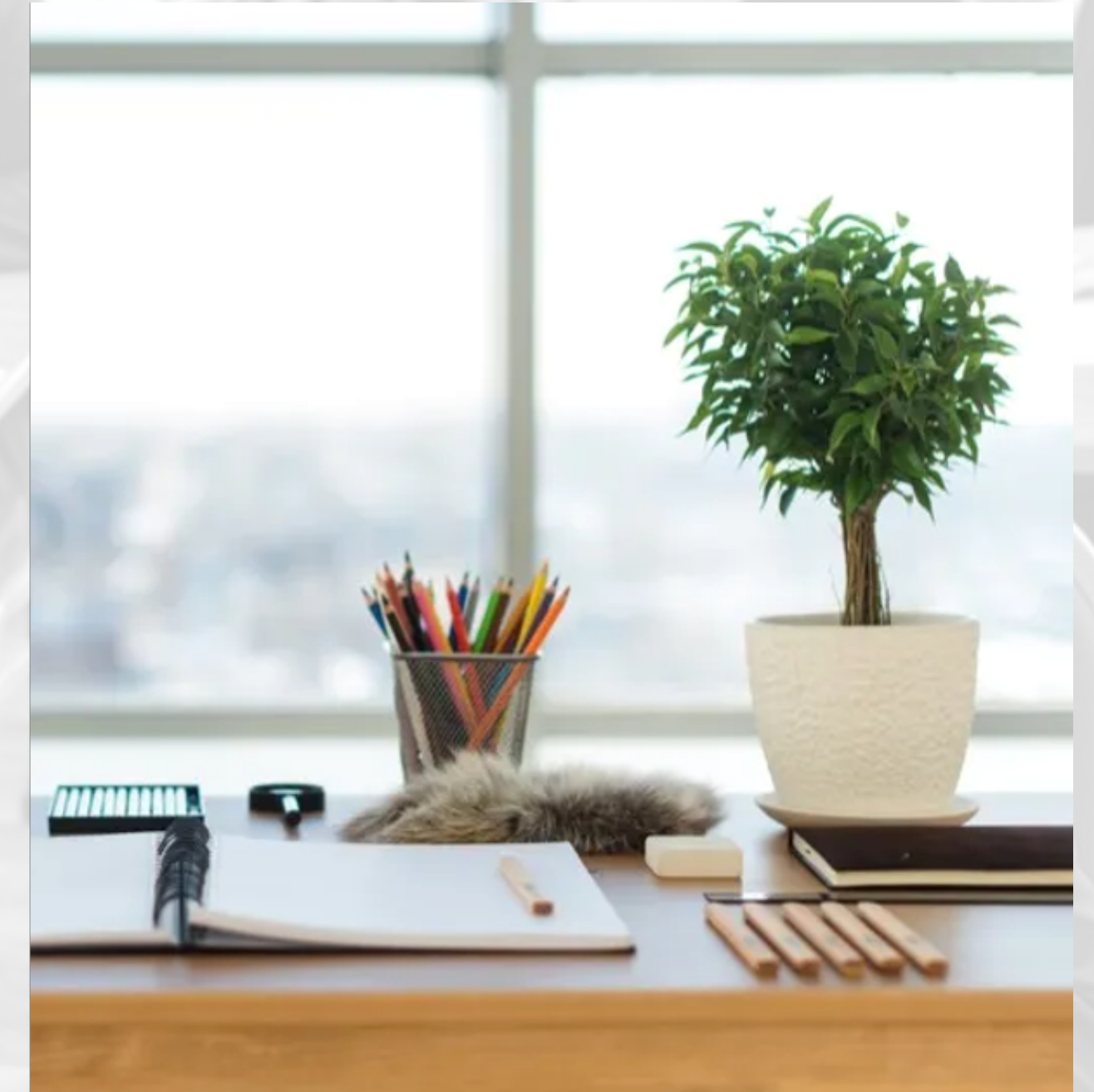
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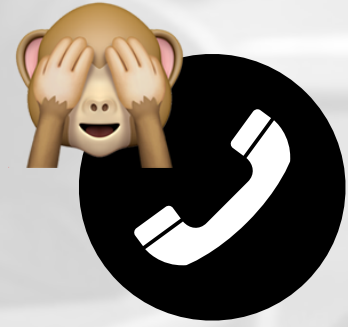


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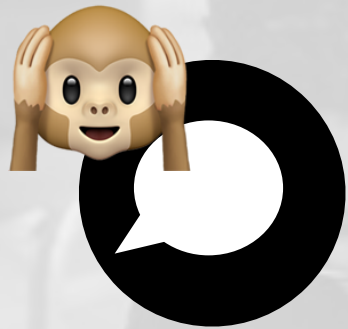
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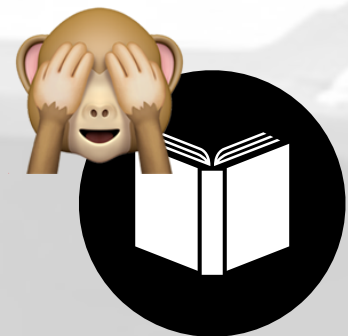
Get rid of all distractions!



Revise in a quiet organised place – think carefully about the best place in your house/school.



Music although enjoyable to listen to whilst revising – is actually a massive distraction.

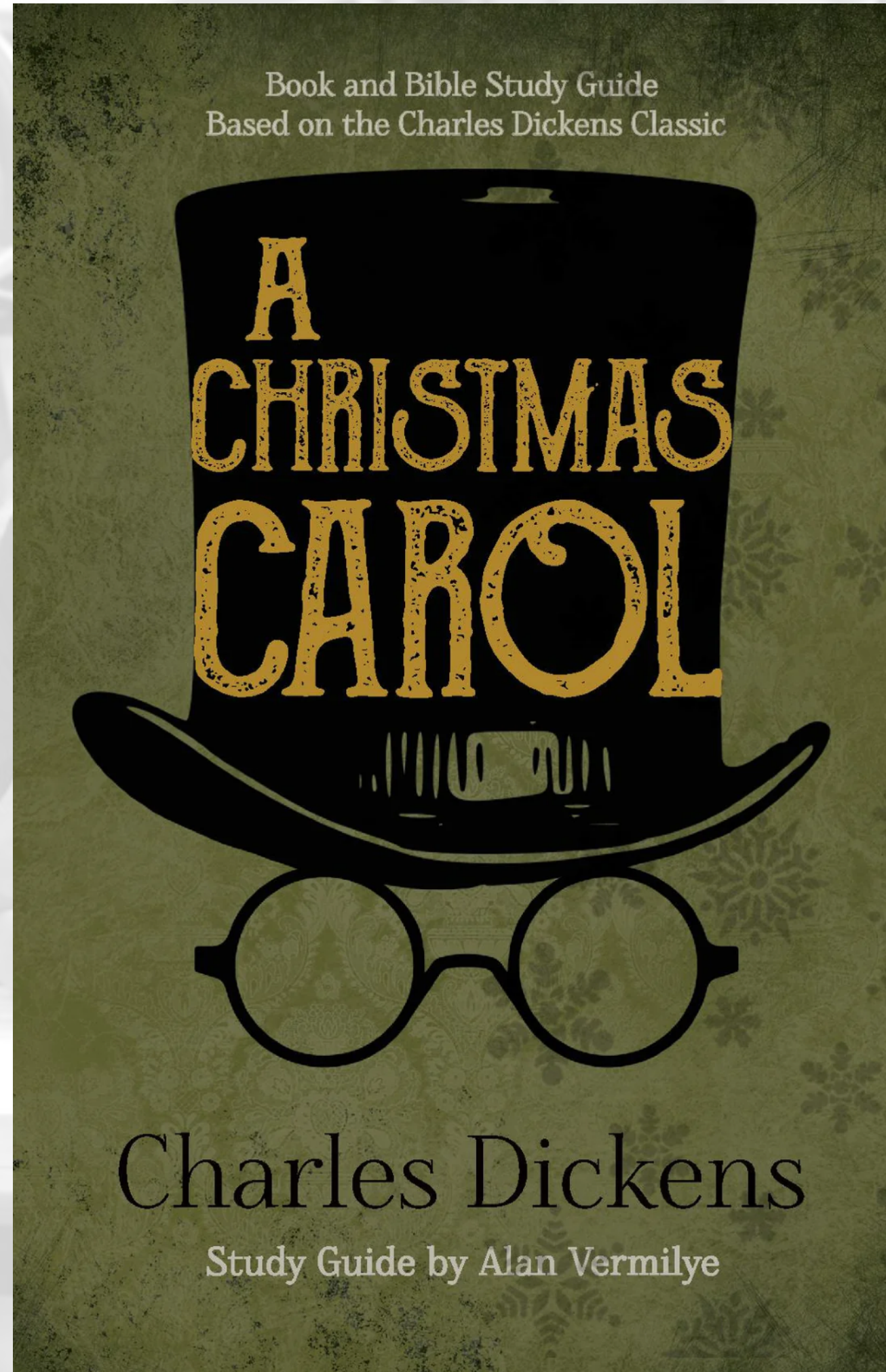


Re-reading stuff over & highlighting key text is simply not effective

EFFECTIVE REVISION

- Focus your revision into 30min blocks (no more than 3 blocks).
- Don't give yourself too much to learn – be realistic!
- Testing and re-testing is the most effective way to remember information.
- Stay positive and stick to your plan - keep testing what you know.
- Ask your teachers for help.
- Start now – don't leave it too late.

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Sparx Maths

QLA and personalised for each student based on their Trial 2 performance, ensuring targeted support that addresses individual gaps, misconceptions, and examination readiness.



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The Learning Program

A Christmas Carol – Plot Knowledge Test (6 Questions)

1. At the beginning of the novella, how does Scrooge treat Bob Cratchit and the charity collectors, and what does this reveal about his character?
2. Why does Jacob Marley's ghost visit Scrooge, and what warning does he give him about his future?
3. What key moments from Scrooge's past does the Ghost of Christmas Past show him, and how do these affect Scrooge?
4. How does the Ghost of Christmas Present use the Cratchit family to highlight Scrooge's attitudes towards poverty and responsibility?
5. What visions does the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come show Scrooge, and why are they significant to the plot?
6. How does Scrooge change by the end of the novella, and how does Dickens show this transformation through his actions?

If you would like, I can:

- Provide **mark schemes or model answers**
- Adapt questions for **multiple choice, short answer, or exam-style**
- Align the questions to **AO1 / GCSE-style assessment language**



Flashcards: An Inspector Calls – Characters

Flashcard 1: Inspector Goole

Key Traits: Authoritative, moral, interrogative

Role in the Plot: Investigates Eva Smith's death and exposes each character's responsibility

Key Ideas: Social responsibility, collective guilt

Key Quote: "We are members of one body."

Exam Tip: Often interpreted as Priestley's moral voice or a symbolic figure.

Flashcard 2: Arthur Birling

Key Traits: Capitalist, arrogant, complacent

Role in the Plot: Sacked Eva Smith for asking for higher wages

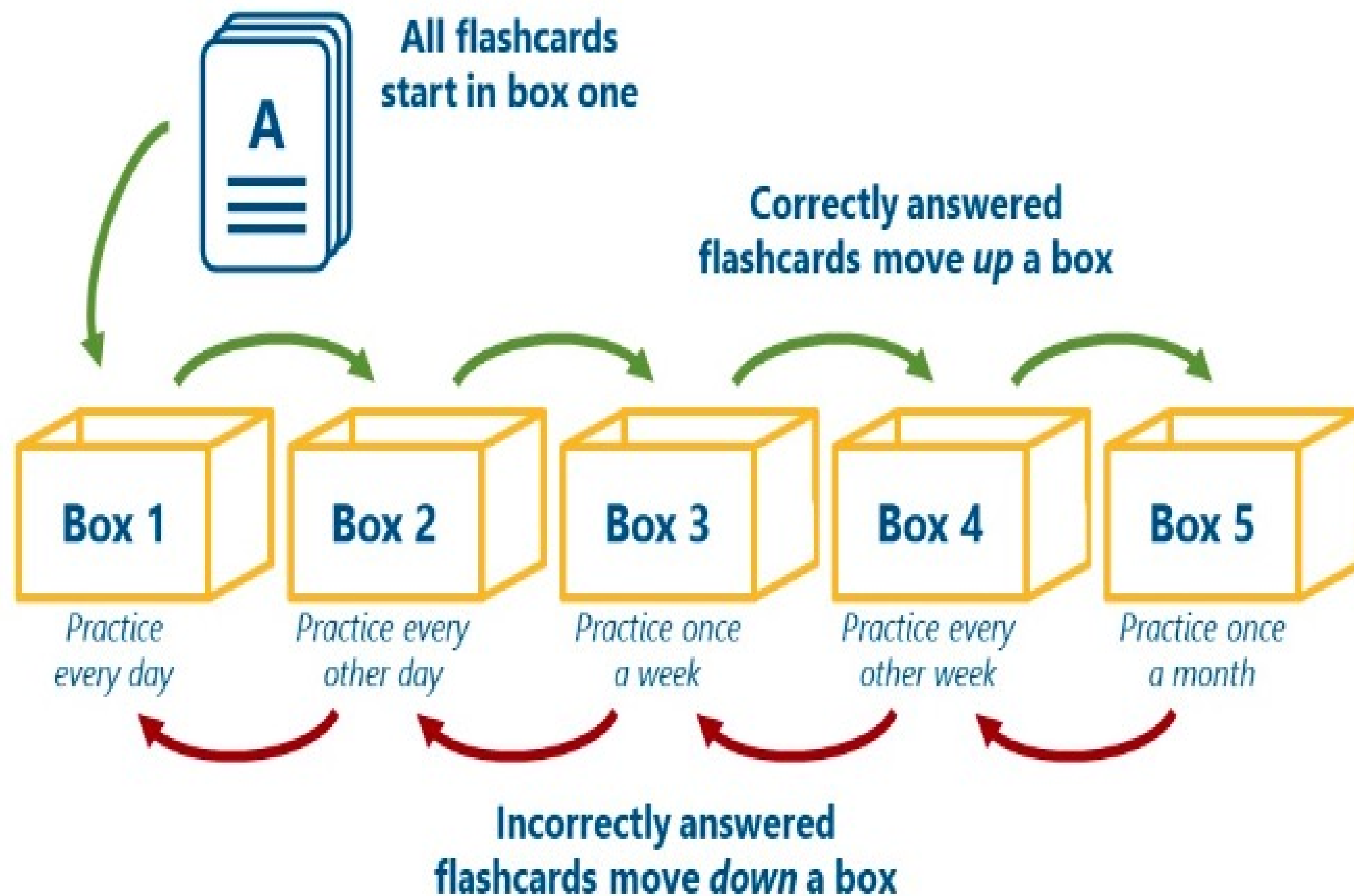
Key Ideas: Capitalism, denial of responsibility

Key Quote: "A man has to mind his own business."

Exam Tip: Represents Priestley's criticism of capitalist attitudes.



EFFECTIVE REVISION



- 1) Create the physical or electronic flashcard – One card one concept
- 2) Set 3-5 boxes up with different time periods i.e.
 - Box 1 - Review daily
 - Box 2 - Review every other day
 - Box 3 - Review weekly
- 3) Start practising moving cards up a box for correct answers & down a box when answered incorrectly

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Leitner Box Flashcards

Memorize data with flashcards
Designed for iPhone. Not verified for macOS.

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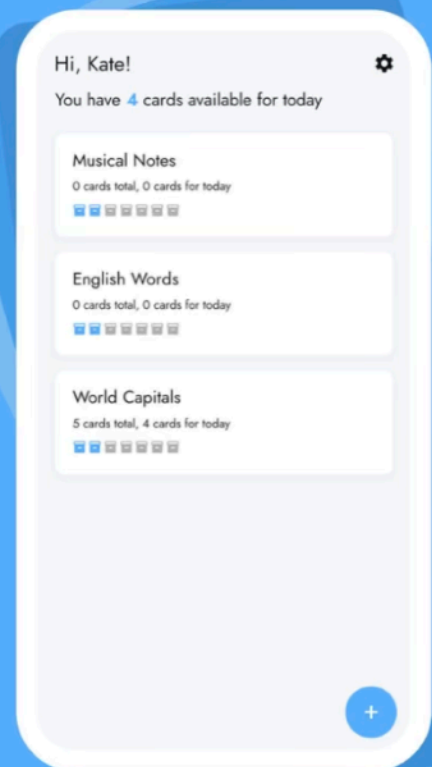
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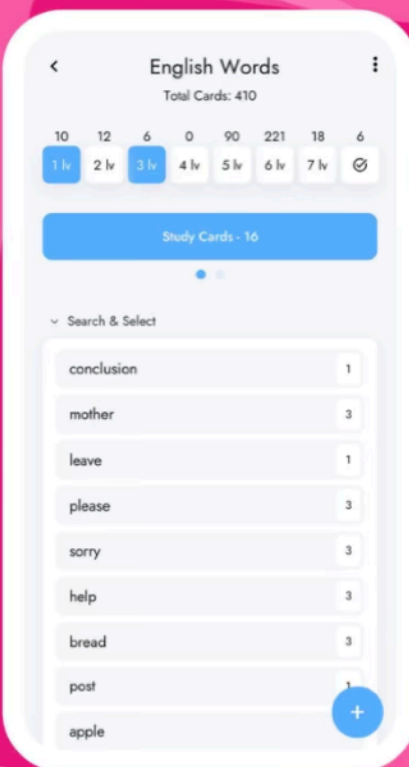
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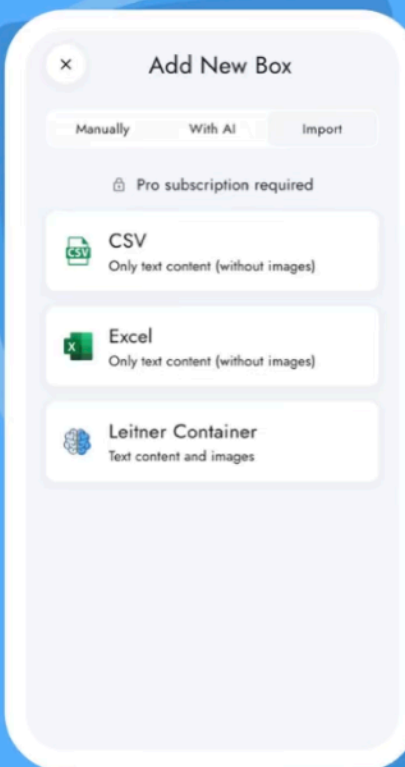
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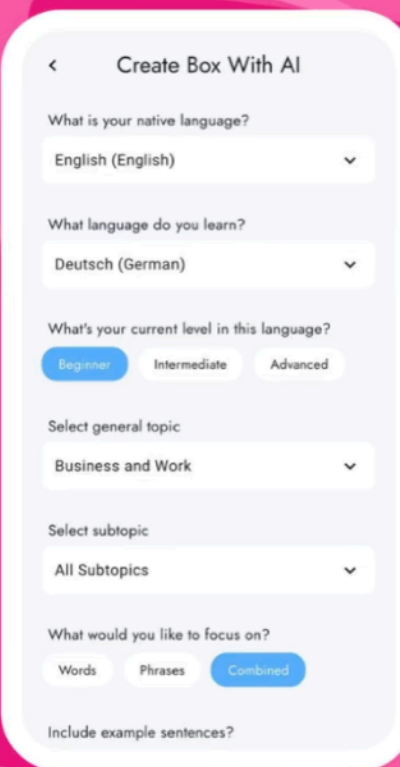
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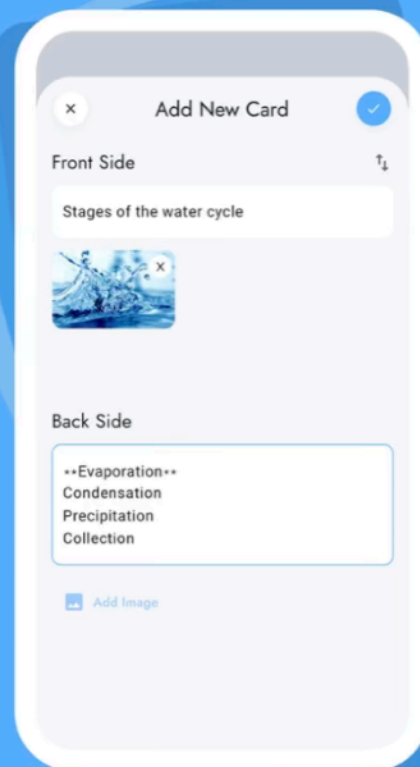
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GCSE BIOLOGY **H**
Higher Tier Paper 3H

Tuesday 24 May 2019 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
• A ruler
• A scientific calculator

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of the page.
• Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
• Do all rough work in the book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
• In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

Information
• The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
• You are allowed to refer to your dictionary and other resources at your answer.

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Paper 1 Higher Tier

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Questions?!

If you have any questions, please speak with a member of staff who will be happy to support 👍



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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