

# Year 11 Revision and Exam Preparation Newsletter



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Issue 3

## GCSE exam dates: May-June 2025

The main GCSE exam period begins on Thursday 8th May and ends on Wednesday 25th June. The full GCSE exam timetable can be found on the KLS website under [Examinations](#).

## Seneca Learning

All of our Year 11 students have access to Seneca Learning and they can log in using their school email address via this link: <https://app.senecalearning.com/login> This will enable students to revise and quiz themselves on the key content for each of their GCSE subjects.

As a parent, you can find out more about Seneca Learning, including how to set up a parent account and monitor your child's revision, via this link: <https://help.senecalearning.com/en/collections/1434432-parent-faqs>

## Year 11 GCSE Exam Information and Revision Guidance Booklet

Our Year 11 GCSE Exam Information and Revision Guidance booklet can be accessed by students on Teams and by parents on the [Year 11 Examinations](#) area of the KLS website. Students also have access to 13-week revision plans for each GCSE subject on Teams and paper copies will also be provided after half-term.

## Weekly after-school intervention (3.15-4.15pm)

- Mondays: Art studio time  
Food Preparation  
PE  
*MathsWatch set online*
- Tuesdays: Music
- Wednesdays: Maths drop-in  
History  
French (Week 1)  
D&T  
PE
- Thursdays: Science drop-in  
Geography (Week 2)  
French (Week 2)  
Spanish
- Fridays: English

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Year 11 students also have access to an **independent revision space** in the KLSix building, supervised by Ms Rennick.

## Weekly lunchtime intervention

- Mondays: PRE
- Tuesdays: Music
- Wednesdays: Geography (Week 2)
- Thursdays: English
- Fridays:

## Thank you for coming to Year 11 parents' evening!

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Thursday's parents' evening. We hope you found your conversations with subject teachers helpful; and that the *Exam Information and Revision Guidance* booklet, 13-week revision plans and subject revision materials are helpful in supporting your child's revision at home.

## Revision idea 4: Four ideas to help you learn the key facts

As we approach the main exam period and students focus on **learning** the information from their flashcards, revision notes or revision guides, we wanted to share some effective ways of doing this that they may find helpful.

### Using flashcards:

- ✓ Look at the question or prompt on the front of the first flashcard.
- ✓ Without looking, write down the answer or say it out loud (not in your head) and then check it. This will help you identify the gaps in your knowledge. Repeat the process for all of the flashcards for that topic.
- ✓ Put the cards that you don't know the answers to in one pile or box, and the others in a different pile or box.
- ✓ Come back to the cards you don't know the answers to every day until you know them. ([Leitner system](#))
- ✓ Shuffle the cards each time rather than always reviewing them in the same order.
- ✗ Do not just read through the flashcards.

### Blank page retrieval:

- ✓ Take a blank piece of paper and write down everything you can remember about the topic you are revising (with no prompts).
- ✓ Give yourself a time limit (e.g. 10 minutes).
- ✓ Once you have written as much as you can and you cannot remember any more information about the topic, use different colours to highlight or underline words in groups - this will help you to make links between pieces of information and different areas of the topic.
- ✓ Compare your blank page retrieval to your revision notes or the revision guide to check your understanding, and add any key information or key words you have missed in a different colour.
- ✓ Make flashcards on the key information or key words that you were not sure about.

### Self-quizzing:

- ✓ Spend around 5-10 minutes reviewing your chosen topic or part of a topic from your flashcards, revision notes or revision guide.
- ✓ Write 10 questions to test yourself on the knowledge in that topic (or, if your teacher has provided you with questions, use these).
- ✓ Cover up the knowledge and try to answer the questions from memory - either writing down your answers or saying them out loud (not just in your head). Try to answer in full sentences.
- ✓ Go back to your flashcards, revision notes or revision guide and self-mark your answers in green pen.
- ✓ Revisit your knowledge gaps and include these same questions next time you do self-quizzing.

### Mind maps:

- ✓ Take a blank piece of paper and write the topic you want to revise in the centre of the page.
- ✓ Identify the sub-topics that branch off the main topic and add these to your mind map.
- ✓ Add detail to each sub-topic branch using images and colour to help the information stick in your memory.
- ✓ Use your flashcards, revision notes or revision guide to add more information to each branch.
- ✗ Try not to fill the page with too much writing.



## Forthcoming key dates (in addition to regular intervention sessions)

Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March
GCSE Drama performance exam	GCSE Food Preparation practical exam: Group 1	GCSE Food Preparation practical exam: Group 2	GCSE Food Preparation practical exam: Group 3	
Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19th March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21st March
	GCSE Drama theatre visit: <i>The Mousetrap</i>			Deadline for GCSE English Spoken Language reviews of marking requests to be submitted by students
Monday 24th March	Tuesday 25th March	Wednesday 26th March	Thursday 27th March	Friday 28th March
GCSE English theatre visit: <i>Macbeth</i>				

