

The Elizabethan Academy

Yr. 11 Newsletter



Welcome

Yr.11

Firstly, we would like to congratulate you on successfully completing your first half term as a Yr.11 student. Hopefully now you are getting into the full swing of your studies. As an Elizabethan student we have extremely ambitious expectations of you, and it is imperative more than ever that every one of you is prepared for the challenges ahead and engaged in developing your learning to the next level. We have been extremely pleased with the effort and maturity of many of you since you have returned and expect that this positive attitude to learning remains throughout your educational journey at The Elizabethan Academy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PPE (Pre-Public Examinations) 2023

Core subjects - timetabled for the first week after half term, in the main hall-**Tuesday 7th November to Friday 10th November.**

Option subjects, in classrooms-**Monday 13th November** onwards.

Your personalised timetable with rooms and seating will be sent via email during half term.

Review Day

13th December

Your parents will be given the opportunity to discuss progress in **all** areas of your studies with your tutor.

PPE 2024

26th February to 8th March-core and option subjects.

Yr. 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Summer Exam Window

Monday 13th May-19th June

(you must be available until 26th June)

MIND MATTERS



During this period, it's very important to take care of your mental health. Exercise can be one way of reducing stress and improving your mood. While gyms may be expensive there are several activities that you can participate in at home. This includes yoga, fitness workouts, and even dance classes. Why not plan daily walks or try a new fitness workout on YouTube!

**“High achievement
always takes
place in the
framework
of high expectation.”**

Charles Kettering

Attendance

Does attendance really matter? Does one or two days here or there matter? Research has demonstrated that the higher the attendance of a student, the higher your GCSE grades are at the end of Year 11. Attendance above 95% in KS4 equals one grade difference across all GCSE grades and increases the chances of you achieving a grade 4 or higher in English and Maths. Therefore, if you want to be successful this year, then 'yes' it does matter.

Attend today and you will achieve tomorrow!

Attendance at the end of year	% achieved five GCSE grade 9-4	% achieved five GCSE grade 7-1
100-93.5%	74.3%	96.8%
93.5-92.5%	60.4%	94.6%
91.5-90%	53.1%	92.8%
90-85	44.6%	89%
90-85%	34.7%	84.8%
80% and below	26.7%	77.8%

NOTES FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL

If you would like to get involved in ensuring that you get the best prom possible, then please see Miss Robinson about joining our prom committee. You will have the opportunity to discuss the organisation of venue to food served, so get involved!



TOP TIPS



KEEP CALM AND REVISE

Know what you will be examined on and when.

Write a revision plan.

Ensure your revision notes are organised.

Make sure you have past exam papers at home to practice doing your exams.

EAT WELL, SLEEP WELL AND MOVE YOUR BODY.



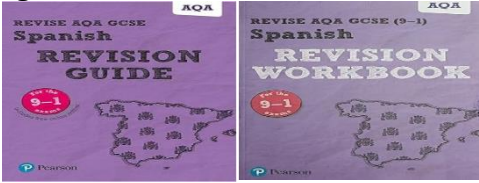
PURCHASING YOUR REVISION GUIDES

Revision Guides are available to purchase via the School Shop on iPay. Prices are 50% below the RRP. Once purchased they can be collected from the Finance Office. You can also collect a list of what the school stocks from the finance office. If a Revision Guide is not listed, they can normally be purchased via Amazon at a cheaper rate than we could offer.



Yr.11 Student and Parent Subject Support Guide

Subject	Revision Guides	Top Tips	Extended Curriculum Time
Math	<p>www.mathsgenie.co.uk has videos, questions and worked solutions for every topic and is split by grade level.</p> <p>AQA revision guides - the CGP books and question books - these are available in school or on Amazon (ordered through school and you will get a 50%).</p>	<p>Using the right calculator is worth 20 marks approximately and is usually the difference between a grade 4 and above, especially at foundation tier. This is the one we recommend.</p> <p>www.casio.co.uk/fx-83gt-cw-black</p>	<p>Foundation: Tuesday or Friday after school with Mr. Trott.</p> <p>Higher: Monday after school with Mr. Walker.</p>
English	<p>CPG revision guide,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language Poetry Set texts (Macbeth, an Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol). 	<p>Learning 15-20 quotes per text will give you a wider range of materials to suit questions rather than having only three of four per text.</p>	<p>Tuesday Lunch with Mrs. Hudson/Miss Dodsworth.</p> <p>Tuesday after school with Miss Nicholls.</p>
Science	<p>BBC Bitesize AQA Combined Science https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h</p> <p>Seneca learning - set up a free account to improve recall.</p> <p>Educake - for homework set by teacher Usernames to be set up before half term https://www.educake.co.uk/</p> <p>We will lend out revision guides in case you don't have one, please bring to every lesson and revision sessions.</p>	<p>Bring a <i>calculator</i> to <i>all science lessons</i> and exams to become familiar with how to use it.</p> <p>Learn the equations for physics as we don't yet know if you will get the equation sheet.</p> <p>Become familiar with the patterns and information the Periodic Table holds as it will really help in Chemistry exams.</p>	<p>Monday after school - Chemistry with Miss Young.</p> <p>Thursday after school - a rota of biology, chemistry and physics run by the team.</p> <p>Friday after school - Physics with Mr. Alexander.</p>

<p>MFL</p>	<p>www.revisionworld.com has past papers for all subjects however for MFL you can download the audio files, transcripts, papers and mark schemes.</p> <p>Pearson AQA French/German/Spanish revision guide and workbook is excellent, particularly for higher students:</p>  <p>These are available on Amazon.</p> <p>CGP revision guides and workbooks are available in school or on Amazon (all orders from school are at a 50% discounted rate)</p>	<p>Little and often is the key with languages. When putting together your revision timetable make sure you timetable in slots for all skills e.g. Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing. 20-30 mins a session is advisable.</p> <p>Vary what you do and make it active and enjoyable.</p> <p>Use www.quizlet.com to revise your vocabulary and download the app so you can do it on the move.</p> <p>When working with a past paper, make sure you only do 1 or 2 questions at a time and really analyse the question. What are the examiners wanting? Why did I get this wrong? What vocabulary didn't I know? Make a list of all unknown vocabulary and learn it!</p>	<p>French Foundation is Week A Thursday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML4.</p> <p>French Higher is Week B Thursday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML4.</p> <p>Spanish Foundation is Week A Friday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML4.</p> <p>Spanish Higher is Week B Friday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML4.</p> <p>German Foundation is Week A Friday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML3.</p> <p>German Higher is Week B Friday 3.15pm - 4.00pm in ML3.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/geography/ Seneca https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-geography-revision/ All students have been sent a number of assignments and all students have a log in - use your school email address</p>	<p>Know your case studies! It's important to really know your case studies; help that knowledge go into your long-term memory by regularly going over key information. You could stick post-It notes onto the fridge with key information on or challenge yourself to recall 5 pieces of information before getting on the bus.</p> <p>Know your command words. One of the biggest exam pitfalls is misunderstanding command words. Check you really understand what they are asking you to do. Use the exam-style practice questions to give yourself lots of practice of the type of questions you will encounter in the exams.</p>	<p>Wednesday lunch times in HU2/HU7 with the Geography team.</p>

Psychology	<p>https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/psychology/aqa/-/pages/past-papers/</p> <p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/gcse/psychology-8182/assessment-resources</p> <p>https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/psychology/aqa/-/pages/past-papers/</p>	<p>Make sure you're de-bugging the question - circle the command word, underline key content, etc.</p> <p>Practice, practice, practice the exam questions. Past papers and exam questions from the textbook.</p> <p>Remember you have access to the online textbook. This is invaluable to your revision. Username: SELIZ6 password: STUDENT6- use the lifelines to support your revision.</p>	<p>Monday and Wednesday lunch Miss Tilk HU1.</p> <p>Monday after school Miss Tilk HU1.</p>
Computer Science	<p>https://www.youtube.com/@craigndave</p> <p>Craig 'n' Dave is a great computer science revision tool that has video lessons on every area of the specification. Students need to access the OCR J277 playlist to make sure they are watching content relevant to themselves.</p> <p>Similarly, using w3schools, geeksforgeeks and BBC Bitesize are good ways of reinforcing and furthering the knowledge required for their specification.</p>	<p>Programming is typically an area of the specification that students struggle with the most. I would recommend practicing several times a week to ensure the knowledge isn't lost between lessons and over the year. The best way to learn is by getting stuck in with coding. Students should think of little projects they want to create and work on them.</p> <p>It is recommended that students also understand why they are using certain bits of programming in certain ways, some students would benefit from an <i>interactive learning platform</i> such as exercism.com, w3schools or geeksforgeeks.</p>	<p>Monday and Thursday, after school with Mr Rope in IT5.</p> <p>Tuesday Lunchtime 12:40 in IT3 with Mr Sargeant.</p>
BTEC DIT	<p>https://youtu.be/OjHh80IfmdU?si=1odfu2zoZA9J4plo</p> <p>Component 3 Revision videos which are great for revising all the component 3 exam content. Use alongside your revision guide.</p>	<p>Pay attention to page 56-67 where you'll find tips for answering your exam, with WAGOLL example.</p>	<p>Thursday after school in DT3 with Mr Riley.</p>
Design Technology	<p>https://www.technologystudent.com/</p>		<p>Thursday after school (3:15- 4:30) with Mr Jones and Mr Nadin for all GCSE Year groups (Engineering and DT)</p>
Engineering	<p>This is an amazing resource for revision, although the website doesn't look modern and sleek, it has so many different revision resources to go through and look over, it also has tasks, worksheets, and questions to go through. Some cool YouTube channels to watch too if you are into Engineering and DT.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@colinfurze</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@theHacksmith</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@productdesignermaker</p>		<p>Mr Nadin and Mr. Jones offer a Carpentry revision which can improve student's familiarity with hand tools and working in the workshop to create practical pieces in wood. Please see Mr Nadin for more information.</p>

Food Preparation and Nutrition	<p>This is an amazing resource for revision, it has tailored areas with area specific learning, it has so many different revision resources to go through and look over, it also has tasks, worksheets, and questions to go through. Also, there are the CGP revision guides available through school which are a fabulous tool.</p> <p>https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</p>	<p>Use the revision guide or Seneca learning to work your way through the different subject areas. Find questions on the internet and test yourself. Remember the format of the exams, with multiple choice first and the extended questions at the end.</p>	<p>Tuesday after school coursework club-Mrs Richardson and Miss Caswell. <i>This is for year 11 to be able to catch up with their coursework and get some 1:1 help. This will run all year for NEA1 and NEA2.</i></p>
PE	<p>Pearson GCSE practical specification</p> <p>Practical Performance Assessment Criteria (pearson.com)</p> <p>Homework/practice work is set on Everlearner</p> <p>www.Theeverlearner.com</p> <p>Username: Students sch email address Password: Their own OR has been set to abc123</p>	<p>The PE department has a very detailed list of important dates and specific page numbers on everlearner.com for revision. Please collect a sheet from you PE teacher if you did not receive one at parents evening.</p>	<p>Monday after school- Table Tennis</p> <p>Tuesday tutor time- Dance</p> <p>Tuesday after school-Climbing and Badminton</p> <p>Wednesday lunchtime-Netball</p> <p>Thursday after school-Football</p>