



Year 10 Ready Parent Evening

Wednesday 9th September

Key Stage 4 expectations

- Signposting support
- Revision skills
- Subject resources and information
- Key dates throughout the academic year



The 2 week cycle at KS4

4 periods a day (75 min lessons)

English – 7 periods

Maths – 6

Science – 8

Option – 4

Daily Checks

- Getting organised early....books, equipment etc...
- ClassCharts – communication from teachers will increase
- Help them set up a system for tracking homework, deadlines and coursework across multiple subjects — a planner, wall calendar

Workload shift

- Some subjects start coursework or non-exam assessment (NEA) in Year 10 — deadlines for these can creep up, so it helps to ask what's coming each term.

e.g. Art.....60% coursework that starts straight away in Y10 through to Dec Y11

- 40mins homework expectations

Communication

- Subject – teacher
- Pastoral – tutor/HoY
- Attendance – HoY
- Please check ClassCharts

Your first point of call is your child's tutor

I0DRG – J Landman	I0DRN – F Taj
I0GRI – P Hughes	I0GRF – M Graham
I0PEG – C Corrigan/N Gray	I0PES – H Bannan
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Course Info & Exam Boards

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this [“Top Tips” booklet](#). Inside, you’ll find clear advice, practical strategies, and helpful reminders designed to support you throughout your GCSE journey and give you the confidence to succeed.

Ready for GCSE Subject Support

GCSE ART

GCSE BIOLOGY

GCSE BUSINESS

GCSE CHEMISTRY

GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

GCSE CREATIVE iMEDIA

Attendance



Why attendance matters

- Attendance ↓ = Progress ↓
- GCSE exam results
- Every 1% increase in attendance can lead to a significant improvement in student outcomes
- Students with attendance below 95% are less likely to meet target grades.

“Surely 90% is good?”



100%

0

Days Lost

190

Days for your
education

95%

10

Days Lost

180

Days for your
education

90%

19

Days Lost

171

Days for your
education

Half a term
missed

85%

29

Days Lost

161

Days for your
education

80%

38

Days Lost

152

Days for your
education

75%

47

Days Lost

143

Days for your
education

175
Non-School
Days a Year

There are 175 days during the year for holidays, visits and other appointments. Days off school mean lost learning opportunities.



Why attendance matters

<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Days missed</u>	<u>Lessons missed</u>	<u>Minutes of learning missed</u>
100%	0	0	0
95%	10	40	3000 (50 hours)
90%	19	76	5700 (95 hours)



How we compare as a year group....

Fullbrook 2025/26 attendance = 92.5%

Surrey Secondary Schools = 92.5%

National Average = 91.4%

Year 9 Data

National: 93.07%

Surrey: 90.7%

Fullbrook: 93.3%

The heatwaves had an impact on all data!

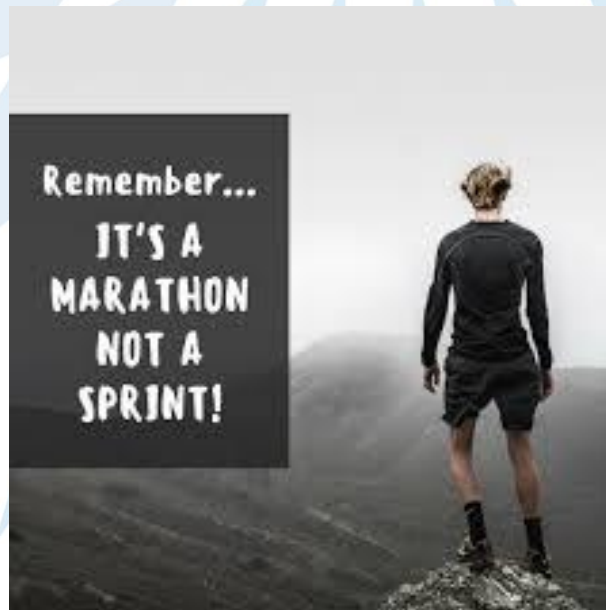
Unlocking GCSE Success

Mrs Pollard
Assistant Principal KS4



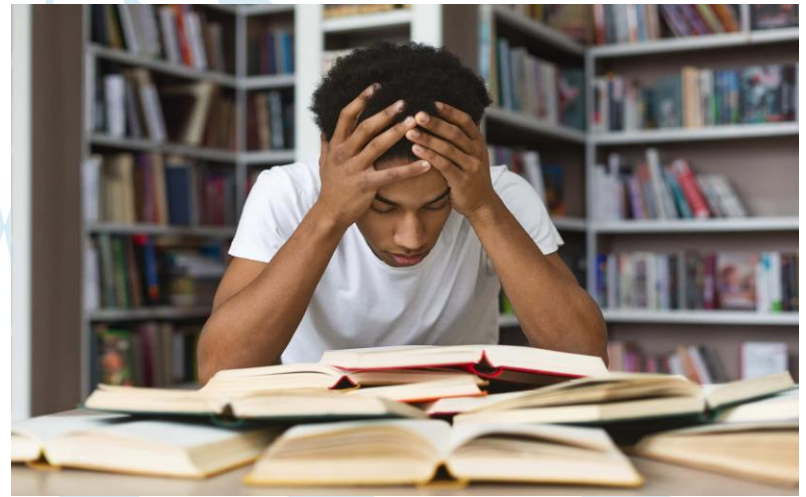
The GCSE Journey

- GCSEs are not just exams at the end of Year 11.
- Year 10 is all about building strong foundations for this two-year journey
- All of their lessons, homework, quizzes and assessments are preparing them for Year 11
- The GCSE journey is a marathon, not a last-minute dash!



Some common challenges

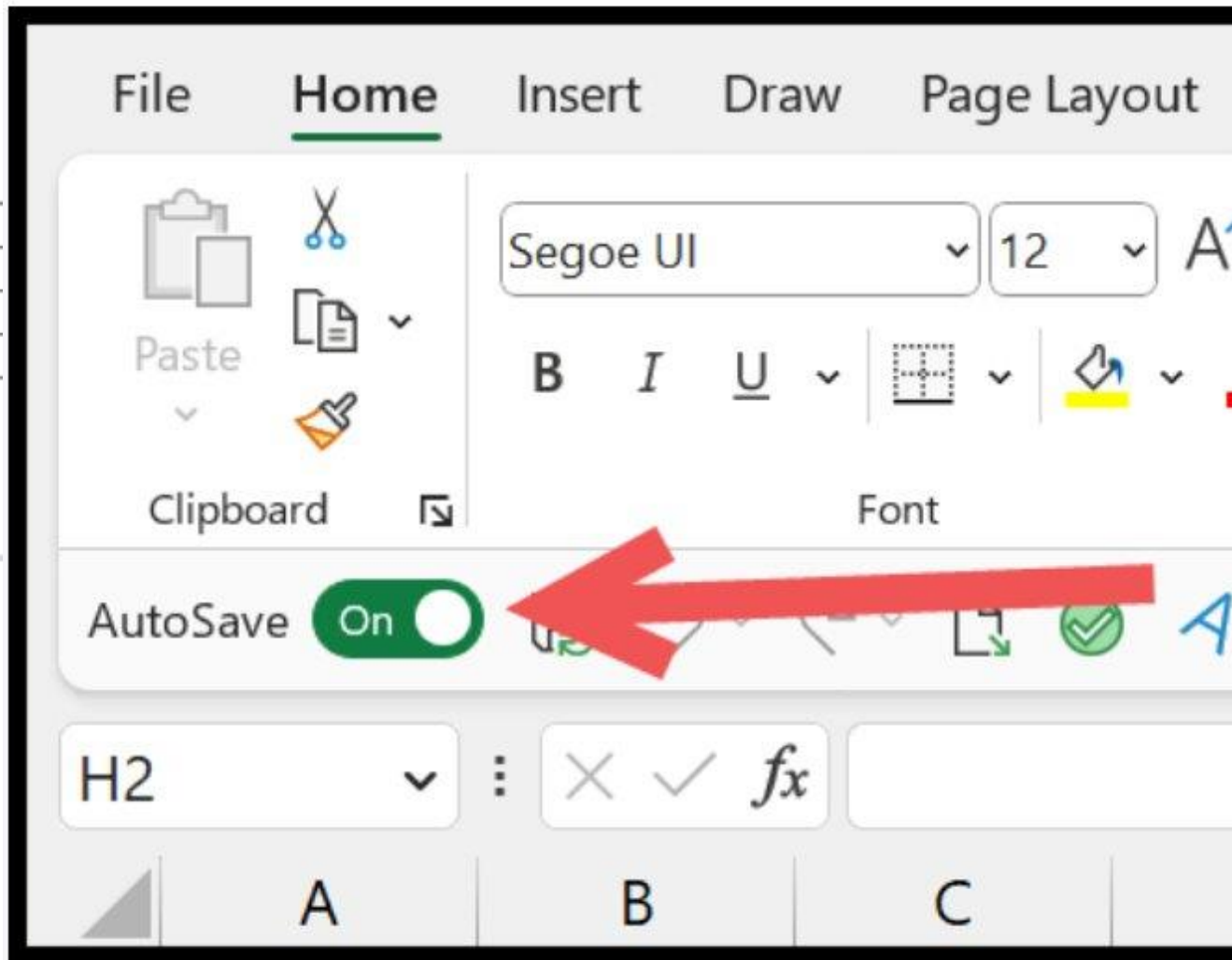
- New subjects
- Increased workload
- Organisation and deadlines
- Balancing workload and wellbeing
- Not having a clear ‘vision’. “What’s the point?”



Learning starts with attention

- Not paying attention is a big thing!
- What we're doing at Fullbrook to help – silent work, checking for understanding, no hands up, mobile phones away, explicitly teaching revision techniques







I don't know how to revise!

Active or passive revision



**PASSIVE
STUDYING**

vs

**ACTIVE
STUDYING**

Re-reading notes

Look, cover, write,
check

Making flash cards

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Doing past exam
questions

Highlighting key
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Our Top 3

1. Flash cards – bought, home made, digital
2. Look/Cover/Write/Check
3. Blurting

Using AI to help

“Using the AQA Combined Science GCSE Specification Foundation Level...”

1. Write me 10 flash cards (words + definitions) for Unit 1 Atomic Structure
2. Ask me 10 recall questions on Unit 2 Organisation. Ask me one question at a time and give me feedback on my answer. Re-test me on any questions I get wrong.
3. Explain to me the law of conservation of mass in the simplest terms. Give me everyday examples to help me understand.

BUT

1. You cannot use AI for your NEA work. It will be detected and you could be reported for malpractice
2. Using AI to do your homework is like taking a servant to the gym to pick up the weights for you!

How you can support at home

- Routines for homework
- Quiet study space
- Check deadlines
- Celebrate success
- Keep lines of communication open



Useful Resources

Videos for every subject and how to find them.

Ready for GCSE Evening – Geography

Subject Lead Name: **Ms Hatch**

This course is assessed as follows:

Paper 1: Global Geographic Issues

1hr 30m (94 marks) 37.5%

Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues

1hr 45m (94 marks) 37.5%

Paper 3: Making Geographical Decisions

1hr 30m (64 marks) 25%

Time Frames:

- **Assessment 1:** Geographical knowledge and skills from KS3 and Year 10
- **Assessment 2:** Paper 1 Global Geographic Issues
- **Mock 1:** Paper 2 UK Geographical Issues
- **Mock 2:** Paper 3 Making Geographical Decisions
- **Exam:** End of Y11



Key dates in the year ahead

KEY DATES IN THE YEAR AHEAD

Date	Event
17th – 18th September	Silver D of E
3rd November	GCSE Food Trip
9th December	GCSE Music Trip – Wicked
1st – 12th February	Y10 Assessments
9th February	Work Experience Parents Evening
11th March	Parents Evening
15th – 19th March	School Production
19th + 21st April	GCSE History Trip
21st June – 2nd July	Y10 Assessments
5th – 9th July	Work Experience
12th – 13th July	GCSE Geography Field Trip
19th July	F6 Taster Day
20th – 22nd July	Silver D of E Expedition

Careers, Work Experience & Unifrog

- Contacts – Mr Evans & Miss Rolf
- Important Year for Careers – Start GCSEs, Work Experience & Apply for Post 16 (Fullbrook 6 Taster Day)
- Work Experience
 - o 5th-9th July
 - o Official Launch – Start of Nov (after Oct Half Term) in Assembly, Tutor time & information sent out
 - o Parent Info Evening – February
- Unifrog - The universal destinations platform
 - o Career Library – research over 600 careers, Sixth Forms, colleges, Universities and more
 - o Writing Tool – CV, cover letters, Personal Statements (UCAS)
 - o Quizzes & Activities
 - o Placement Tool – Work Experience
 - o Careers Portfolio
- Parent Account -
 - o Create your own account to see how your child's careers journey is going
 - o Keep up to date with Careers Events coming up
 - o Information about how to sign up will be sent out on ClassCharts

Exams and Assessments/PPEs

- Yr10 and Yr11 assessments conducted under formal exams conditions, following JCQ regulations
 - Yr10 – June
 - Yr11 PPEs - November (and February/March)
 - Students will be issued with exam timetables
 - Exams information assembly prior to exams
- Exam rules and regulations must be followed – zero tolerance zone
 - Students must follow rules of the examination and instructions of invigilators at all times – failure to do so is considered malpractice, which is reportable to the exam board and may result in disqualification
 - No prohibited items are allowed in the exam room – spot checks are conducted upon entry to rooms and exam staff will use an electronic wand scanner
- Statements of Entry for Summer 2027 public exams will be issued to students during tutor time in February. Personalised exam timetables will be issued in March
- GCSE results day is Thursday 19th August 2027
 - Post results services (including script orders and reviews of marking available until mid-September)
- Certificates will be available for collection during November/December 2027 – the results students receive on results days are provisional – the only proof of final grades are certificates

Exams page of the website fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk/exams/

Exams Officer: Mrs L Seddon exams@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk

- Students must ensure they understand the JCQ regulations and familiarise themselves with the JCQ Information for Candidates documents for both examinations and NEA/coursework <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates/>
- JCQ documents and Fullbrook exams/NEA policies can also be viewed on our website
- Assemblies will be held in both Yr10 and Yr11 for exams and NEA/coursework – the presentations will be shared with students and families and available on the website

NEA/coursework

- Deadlines will be different for each subject. Teachers will inform students of deadlines for submitting their work
- Between January and May of Yr11 (or year of public entry for vocational qualifications) students will receive their NEA mark for each subject. Sent to school email address from the Exams Office. One email per subject with NEA components
- The marks email will include a deadline for internal reviews of marking and details of how to request a review if they believe there has been an error in marking

Wellbeing

- **Sleep** is probably the single most underrated factor — teenagers need more than most and it directly affects mood, memory and concentration.
- Keep some **balance**: sport, hobbies, friends, downtime. Pupils who drop everything except schoolwork often burn out before Year 11 even starts.
- Changes in mood/attitude - higher expectations and demands = worry. Flag early

Support you can count on