Year 9 & 10 Academic Review Evening

Learning Skills Tuesday 5th March



'Numerous instances can be cited of people with high IQs who fail to achieve success in life because they lacked self-discipline and of people of low IQs who succeeded by virtue of persistence, reliability and self-discipline.' Heckman and Rubinstein

'While cognitive ability reflects what an individual *can* do, it is non-cognitive factors that reflect what an individual *will* do.' McGeown

'Good character education is good education...we need to take character education as seriously as we take academic education.' Berkowitz and Bier

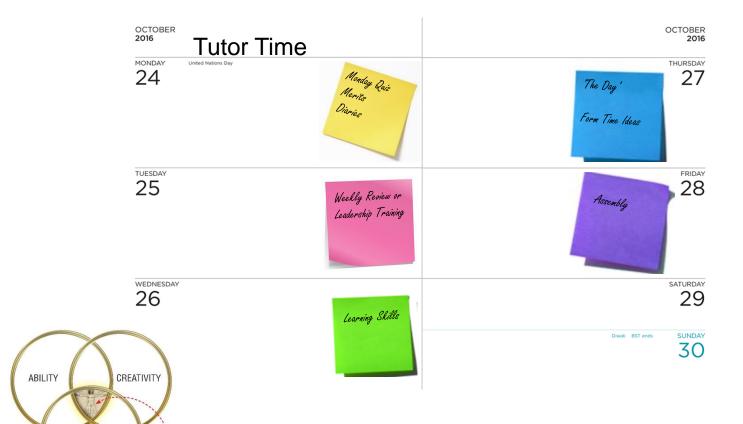
Learning Skills

TASK

COMMITMENT

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STUDENT





Seven important non-cognitive constructs in education:

Growth mindset

Meta-cognition

Self-efficacy

Resilience

Noncognitive constructs in education

Grit

Self-control

Conscientiousness

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	Vision	Effort	Systems	Practice	Attitude
Grit	✓	✓			
Growth mindset		✓			✓
Resilience					✓
Meta-cognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Self-efficacy	✓				✓
Conscientiousness		✓	✓	✓	
Self-control	✓	✓			✓

The GCSE Mindset

40 activities for transforming student commitment, motivation and productivity

Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin



Weekly Learning Skills



THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CHARACTER

Intellectual Virtues

Character traits
necessary for
discernment,
right action and
the pursuit of
knowledge, truth
and understanding.

Examples:

autonomy; critical thinking; curiosity; judgement; reasoning; reflection; resourcefulness.

Moral Virtues

Character traits that enable us to act well in situations that require an ethical response.

Examples:

compassion; courage; gratitude; honesty; humility; integrity; justice; respect.

Civic Virtues

Character traits that are necessary for engaged responsible citizenship, contributing to the common good.

Examples:

citizenship; civility; community awareness; neighbourliness; service; volunteering.

Performance Virtues

Character traits that have an instrumental value in enabling the intellectual, moral and civic virtues.

Examples:

confidence; determination; motivation; perseverance; resilience; teamwork. Performance Virtues

The business of making pupils better learners.

Practical Wisdom is the integrative virtue, developed through experience and critical reflection, which enables us to perceive, know, desire and act with good sense. This includes discerning, deliberative action in situations where virtues collide.

Flourishing individuals and society

Past performance ≠ future performance

Habits, routines, attitudes and approaches to study are much better indicators of future success.



Characteristics and behaviours of *breakthrough* pupils:

- 1. Detailed note taking
- 2. Tidiness and organisation of learning resources
- 3. Acknowledging and working on weaknesses
- 4. Commitment to independent study
- 5. Positivity, enthusiasm and having a goal





How long does it take for a routine to become a habit?

You have a good long stretch to adopt the five behaviours of breakthrough students









CHALLENGE

the body achieves what the mind BELIEVES

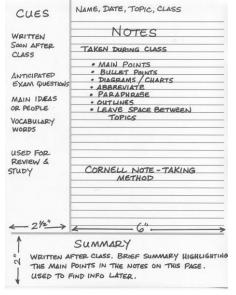




1. Detailed note taking

Cornell system
Chunking & trigger words
Contents page
Folders and tab dividers
Use highlighters & Post its
Write 'to do' lists
Traffic light specifications









THE CORNELL NOTE TAKING METHOD

BEST FOR

Understanding key ideas and relationships



Main Topic

Subtopic #2

Key Details

Point 1

Point 2

Point 2

Point 3

Point 3

THE MAPPING NOTE TAKING METHOD

BEST FOR

Visualizing connected topics and ideas

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THE SENTENCE NOTE TAKING METHOD

BEST FOR

Taking quick and simple notes

•	Main Topic	Today's Date	
1.	Sentence #1 covering key	details of the topic	
2.	Sentence #2 covering key details of the topic		
3.	Sentence #3 covering key	details of the topic	
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Point 3 Details | Point 3 Details | Point 3 Details | NOTE TAKING METHOD

BEST FOR

Reviewing lots of facts

THE **OUTLINING**NOTE TAKING METHOD

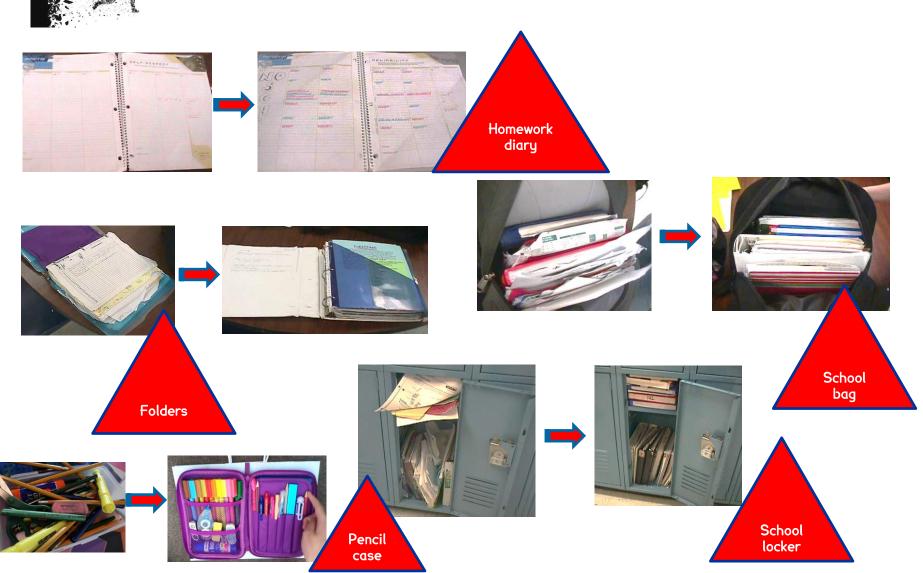
BEST FOR

Easily creating study questions for review





2. Tidiness and organisation of learning resources







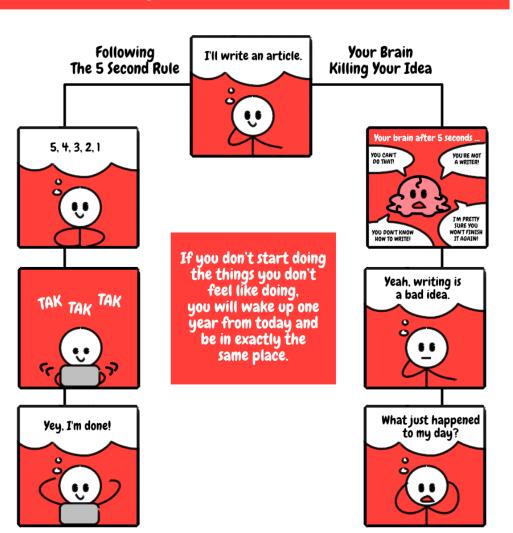
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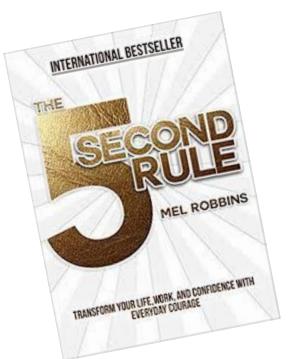


THE 5 SECOND RULE

by, Mel Robbins

If you have an impulse to act on a goal, you must physically move within 5 seconds or your brain will kill the idea.

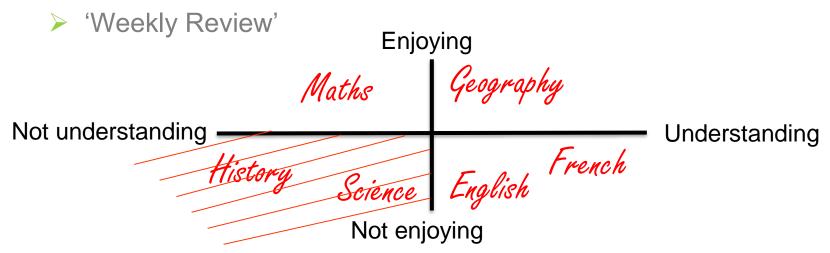








- 3. Acknowledging and working on weaknesses
- Compare your work with that of pupils who get higher grades
- Choose a specific area of difficulty and discuss it in detail with a friend, go to a clinic or stay behind after a lesson and talk it through with your teacher
- Arrange a meeting with an older student or sibling who has done the course before
- Learn, forget, relearn







4. Commitment to independent study

Passive active learners

- > Reactive (homework) AND proactive (self-set) work
- Review your notes after each lesson, recasting them in some way
- Put a regular number of proactive study hours in each week
- Find spaces in which you can do *deep* work and reach some version of a *flow* state
- Read around your subjects (watch a YouTube video, read a book, do some online research)





- 4. Commitment to independent study
- Perceptions of effort are relative
- Low effort pupils don't know they're low effort pupils
- > The Three Rs of Habit: Reminder, Routine, Reward
- Rate yourself:

Reactive

Where would you put yourself on this scale?

Are you working hard enough yet?

What things could you change to push further to the right?

Make a note of 3 or 4 pupils working harder than you. What are they doing? What adjustments could you make?



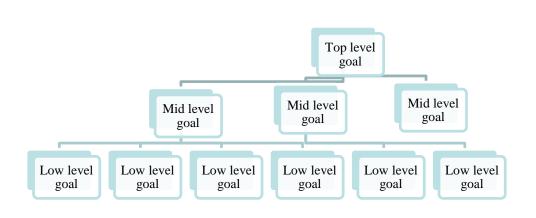


5. Positivity, enthusiasm and having a goal

Step 1 - Decide what you want to achieve

Step 2 - Set top, mid and lower level goals to achieve this vision

Step 3 - Stick to the plan!



"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed.

The vision **pulls** you."

-Steve Jobs.







- 5. Positivity, enthusiasm and having a goal
- Maintain a resilient positivity through tough times by relying on a network of friends.
- You're the dot at the top and underneath you is a team of people waiting for the chance to support you.
- List three things you need to get done this month and for each of the tasks, attach the name of one person who could help you get it done quicker.
- Help others and build up an account of goodwill to draw on when you need it.

Peers and older pupils

& family

Extended family, friends of family, guardians

Teachers, tutors, co-tutors, mentors, library staff, tutor group

Possunt, quia posse videntur They can because they think they can.

Virgil, Aeneid: Book V.

 Self-efficacy (SE) has been recognised as a pervasive mechanism of human agency influencing motivation, performance and well-being.



You can if you think you can.



