

Year 11 IGCSE Parent/Guardian Forum

Preparing for IGCSE Examinations

DISCOVERY BAY
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

As an international community school, our mission is to provide an outstanding education to students in an inclusive and nurturing learning environment. We seek to inspire and empower students to fulfill their individual potential in a rapidly changing world.

The DBIS Community



Welcome

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Head of Secondary

Mr Simon Oakley

Sharing our successes...



IGCSE Results

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Continued success



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2018 IGCSE Results

Grade	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
A*, 9, 8	39	39
A, 7	21	60
B,C,4,5,6	28	88
D, 3	7	95
E, 2	3	98
F,G, 1	2	100
U, 0	0	100

Success throughout the whole school



2019 A-level Results

Grade	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
A*	17	17
A	14	31
B	31	62
C	10	71
D	19	90
E	7	98
F	0	98
G	0	98
U	2	100

University Destinations - just a few of the highlights...



London School of Economics (LSE)

Politics, Philosophy and Economics

University of Warwick

Psychology

University of Winchester

Psychology and Criminology

University of Sussex

English and Media Studies

University of Brighton

Critical History

University of Bristol

Economics and Finance

University of Liverpool

International Politics and Policy

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- Taking the time to understand and actively support our students
- Stuart Bridge (Head of School), Ben Loran (Deputy Head - whole school), Simon Oakley (Head of Secondary) - will meet with each of the Year 11 students later this month to support this process



• EXPECTATIONS •

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House
Captains



2019/2020

Year 11 Parent Forum

- Attendance
- Home Learning & Revision
- Coursework
- Examination Procedures & Dates (mocks & “real”)
- Study Leave & Revision
- Student Support
- Reporting
- iGCSE Grades & Results (BTEC & Science)
- Joining the Sixth Form

AGENDA



Attendance

- Absence impacts learning
 - Effects on absent pupils
 - Effects on other students
 - Effects on teachers

attendance
MATTERS



- Planned absence needs to be minimised to allow for unplanned absence

Stanford

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION

Research suggests that **missing 17 school days** a year = **1** GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement.
(DFES)



The **greater** the attendance
the **greater** the
achievement.



Home Learning and Revision

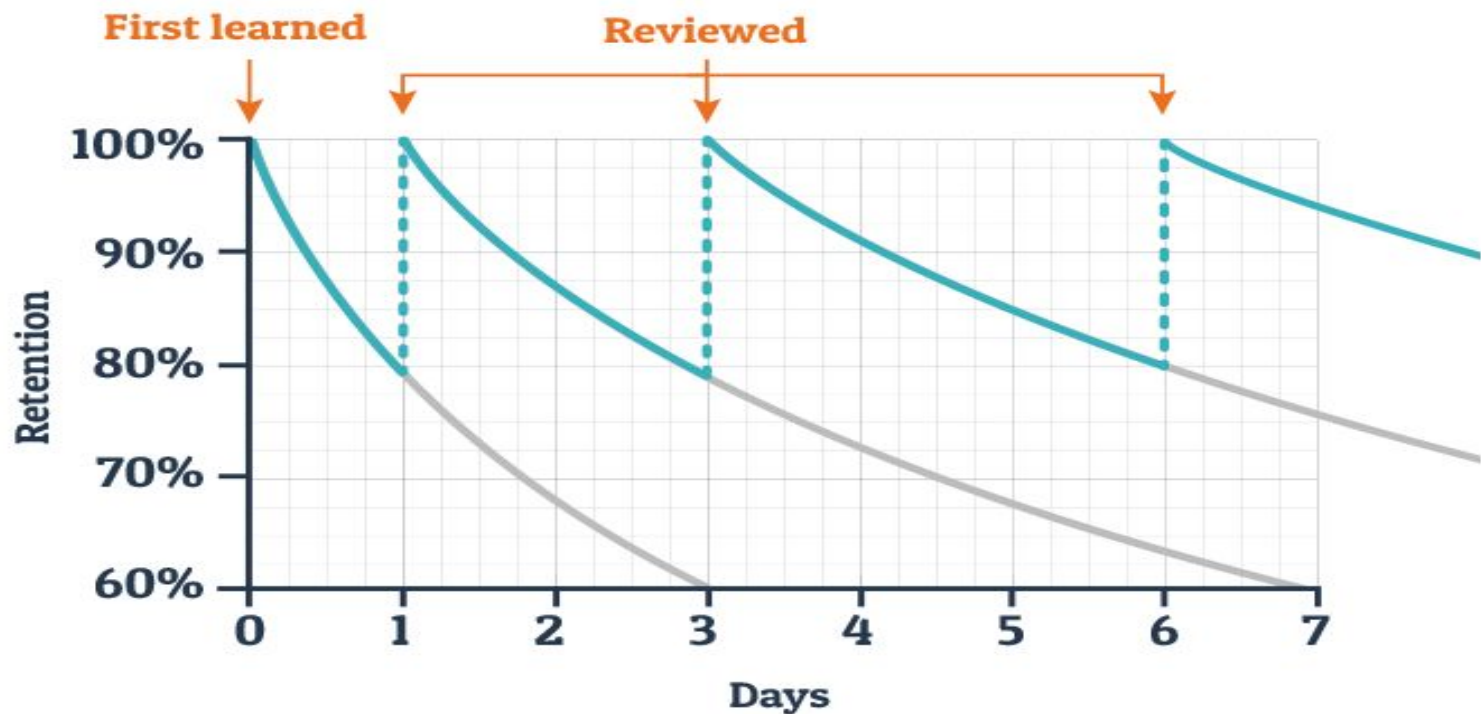
- Home learning plays an important role in academic development
- Home learning is habitual
- What to do if there is 'no homework'
- The importance of revision...

Expected Study time per Subject



We recommend a minimum of 2 hours of study per subject per week with more time needed at certain points.

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



Internal Assessment/Coursework

- Physical Education – 60%
- Music – 50%
- Drama – 60%
- English Literature – 40%
- English Language – 30%
- Geography – 25%
- Art – 50%
- Design and Technology – 50%
- Computer Science – 20%
- Media Studies 30%



Examination Procedures & Dates

for mock exams & “real” exams

- Be prepared in terms of equipment
- Awareness of their exam timetable
- Silence
- Leave valuables somewhere safe

Mock Exams

18th November - 29th
November

“Real” Exams

Starting from April. We will
share the exact dates

Study Leave & Revision

- There will be **no** study leave for Mock Exams but students will only need to attend for the exams
- Study leave for “real” exams will begin around the end of April - once finalised these will be shared with you
- During study leave students will not be expected in normal lessons & no registers will be taken
- Students cannot come into school to study in other spaces such as the library as there is no provision for supervision during this time

Student Support

- 1-1 Support
- Intervention Plans
- Study Club
- Additional Support and Study Material
- Mentoring



Student Tools and Resources

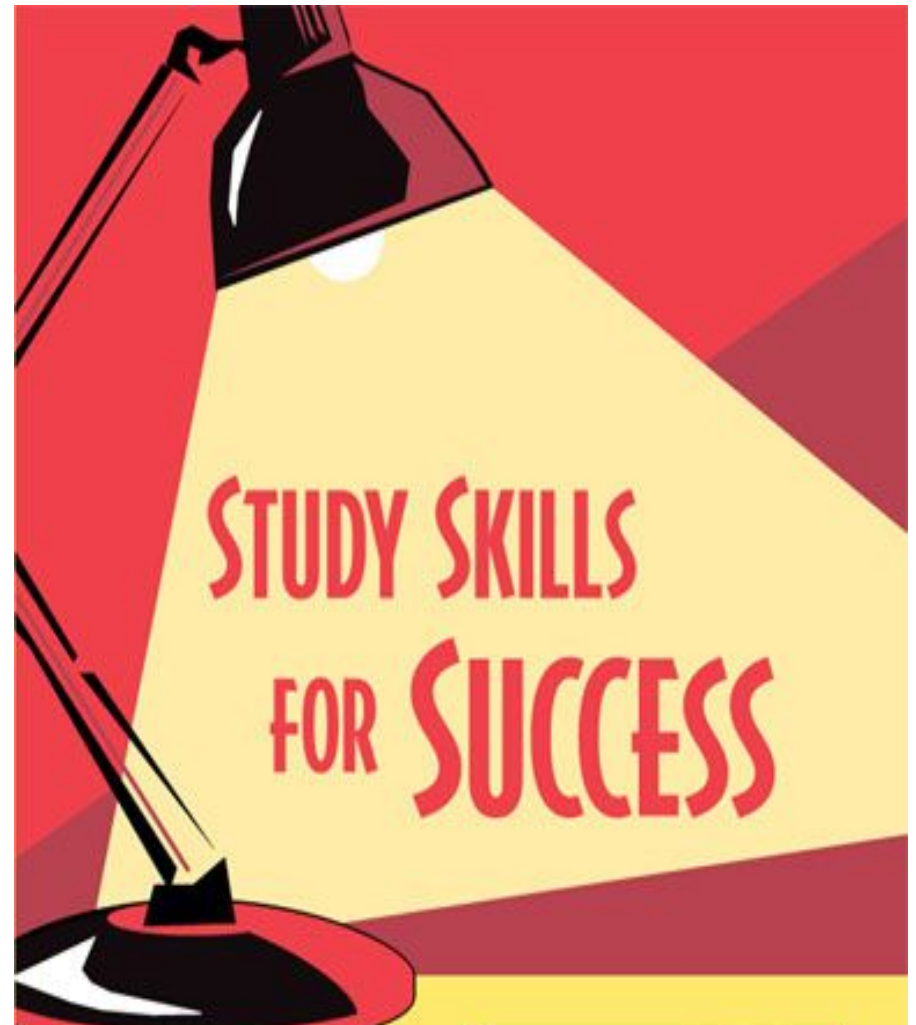
- All subjects provide resource materials
- Online
 - Google classrooms
 - myimaths, education perfect
- Offline
 - Textbooks
 - Printed resources
- Organisation at home is key
 - Students should only have what they need at school





SEPTEMBER 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

FEBRUARY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			





Cross School Wellbeing Coach

Assisting students to thrive through direct counselling, coaching and mentoring.

Coping skills, stress management and positive framing.

Counselling Services



- Provided by St John's Counselling Service
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support
- Available Two Days a week - Monday and

Careers and Guidance

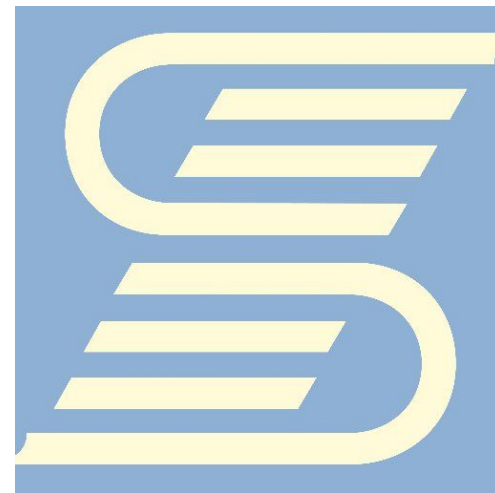


We have a Careers and University Guidance Officer to support students with:

- Pathways
- Choices
- Options

Additionally on the 19th September 2019 all Year 11 students will attend a University & Careers Fair at Discovery College

Reporting



- Reports
 - Tracking and Challenge grades
- All online
 - 3 reports per year
 - Short Reports - 17th October
 - Short Report - 11th December
 - Strength & Target Reports - 17th March
- Parents evenings
 - 3rd October



Tracking and Challenge Grades

Students are given two grades on the reports:

- A Tracking Grade which is the grade that the student is on course to get in specific subject based on their current performance, application and work ethic
- A Challenge Grade is a grade that a student could achieve if they fully applied themselves and worked to their full potential. It is also aspirational so as to motivate the student.
- Both grades are set for the end of the two year IGCSE Programme

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Understanding IGCSE Grades

- Students will be awarded grades ranging from A*-G or 9-1
- A*-C or 9-4 is required in Maths and English
- 5 A*- C or 9-4 is typically viewed as 'passing'

Subjects on the A*-G system

- Business Studies (GCSE)
- Design Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- Mandarin
- PE
- Spanish

Subjects on the 9-1 system

- Art & Design
- Computer Science
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Science

BTEC

- Some students are studying BTEC Business Studies which is also a Level 2 qualification like iGCSEs
- This subjects awards grades based on a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* basis

Science

- Students will either be studying Single, Double or Triple Science.
- This means that they will receive either a single, double or triple GCSE grade for this subject.

IGCSE & BTEC Results

- Results are published on 2 different days due to the use of different examination boards.
- More information on Results Day will be shared closer to the time.

Joining Senior School

- Minimum entry requirements for Senior School are 5 grade C /4 IGCSEs
- In addition we would expect higher grades in their chosen subjects

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