

YEAR 10-11 GCSE DRIVE HOME TO SUCCESS

ISSUE 2- Momentum Matters

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SEPTEMBER
(Year 11)

1. Tutor-time intervention begins in English, Maths, and other key subjects.
2. Preparation begins for Golden Group sessions and MyTutor online tuition for Pupil Premium and Service Pupil Premium students, ensuring support is ready ahead of the next mock exams.
3. Wellbeing strategies promoted to manage stress and maintain confidence

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1. Students embed consistent revision routines as teachers start targeting key content.
2. The focus is on rebuilding routines, revisiting key skills, and identifying students in need of additional support early in the year
3. Issue 2 - Drive Home Newsletter

A Word from Mrs. Daniels:

I want to begin by praising the commitment and dedication that Year 11 have shown since the start of term. It has been fantastic to see students taking responsibility for their learning, rebuilding routines, and beginning to target the areas that will make the biggest difference.

The Drive Home Programme is about ensuring every student feels supported, confident, and equipped for success and the start you have made is extremely encouraging.

Autumn Mock Exams – A Key Milestone commencing W/C 3rd November

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As shared in the House of House assemblies on 17th September, Year 11 will shortly sit their first set of mock examinations. These will provide a baseline for progress and will help shape the interventions and strategies we put in place in the months ahead.

Mocks are not only a chance to test knowledge, but also to practise exam routines: managing time, working under pressure, and embedding revision strategies that will be used right through to summer.

Intervention & Support – Rolling Out

Intervention is already underway in key areas and will continue to expand:

- Tutor-time intervention has begun in English and Maths with targeted groups.
- MyTutor online tuition starts from Monday 6th October for our Pupil Premium and Service Pupil Premium students.
- Golden Group sessions are in preparation and will begin shortly.
- Departments are leading lunchtime and after-school sessions; a full timetable will be shared shortly.

How to Revise – The Leitner System

One of the most effective ways to revise is the Leitner System, which uses flashcards and spaced repetition to strengthen memory. Here's how it works:

Write questions on one side of a flashcard and answers on the other.

Sort cards into three (or more) boxes depending on how well you know them.

Box 1: Daily review (hardest questions)

Box 2: Every 2–3 days

Box 3: Weekly review (strongest knowledge)

If you answer a card correctly, move it to the next box. If not, send it back to Box 1.

This method means you spend the most time on what you find hardest, while keeping your stronger knowledge fresh.

Use this link to watch the video to see this in action: <https://youtu.be/d9u3KxGCio8>

Increase your memory with spaced repetition and active recall

