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# Year 11 & 13 Mock Launch & Preparation Evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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# What does this year look like?

Autumn Half Terms 1&2						Spring Half Terms 1&2					Summer Half Terms 1&2										
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Mock 1 (12 days away)
Mock 2 (59 days away)
Actual Exams (107 days away)

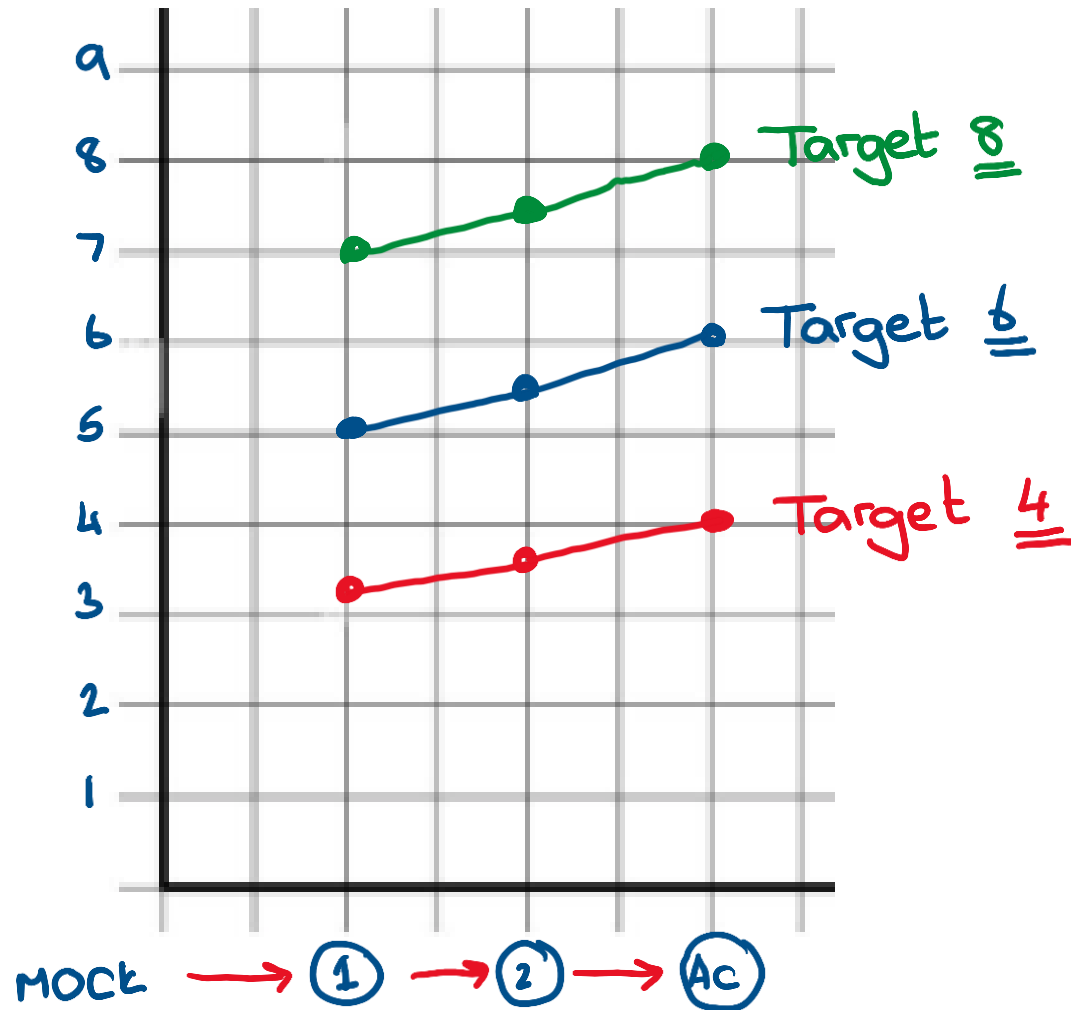
- Mocks are FULL EXAMS in EVERY SUBJECT in actual exam locations.
- Students will most likely have at least 1 exams EVERY day during the 3 weeks.
- Examinations in English, Mathematics and Science will mainly be in the morning as per the actual exams.
- Any missed examinations will be caught up as soon as students are back in school.



# Important Dates

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mock 1 Examination Timetables Released and shared with parents/carers
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y11 and 13 Report (includes a Professional Prediction for each subject)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Mock 1 Begins (3-week window)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Mock 1 Ends
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mock 1 Results Event and Report sent home
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 13 Parents' Evening (in-school 5-8pm)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Parents' Evening (in-school 5-8pm)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y11 and 13 Report (includes a Professional Prediction for each subject)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Mock 2 Begins (3-week window)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mock 2 Ends
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>FINAL</b> Y11 and Y13 Report
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	External Examinations Begin (THIS IS <u>107</u> SCHOOL DAYS AWAY = 21 WEEKS)

# What does progress look like?



- STUDENTS WOULD EXPECT TO ONLY IMPROVE BY 1 GRADE BETWEEN MOCK 1 AND THE ACTUAL EXAMINATIONS.

**THESE EXAMS MATTER!**  
**IT IS TIME TO BE SELFISH WITH YOUR GRADES!**  
**YOU WILL NEVER HAVE A BETTER CHANCE AT SUCCESS!**

- Mocks are FULL EXAMS in EVERY SUBJECT in actual exam locations.
- Students will most likely have exams EVERY morning and afternoon.
- Any missed examinations will be caught up as soon as students are back in school.



# How can parents support?

## What is your role during this period?

1. Talk through the mock exam timetable. Parents/carers will receive this on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October via email and students will be provided with a hard copy.
2. Know where to point students for revision.
  - Teachers are uploading resources to students' TEAMS groups, all are available online.
  - Check out Satchel One for weekly homework tasks.
  - Towards the middle of next week, we will send out a subject list of relevant website links so that parents/carers **always** have access to specifications, past papers, revision web-sites.
  - This will also be available on our web-site.
3. Attendance matters – a student's best chance of success in these mocks is to be present for **EVERY** scheduled mock.

Subject	Maths	Geography
Exam Board & Code	Edexcel 1Ma1	AQA 8035
Mock 1 Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paper 1</b> – Non-Calculator</li> <li>• <b>Paper 2</b> – Calculator</li> <li>• <b>Paper 3</b> – Calculator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paper 1</b> - Fieldwork, Living World, Coasts, Rivers</li> <li>• <b>Paper 2</b> - Urban Issues &amp; Challenges, Changing Economic World, Resource Management.</li> </ul>
Mock 1 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 1 – Thu 14/11 am</li> <li>• Paper 2 – Tue 19/11 am</li> <li>• Paper 3 – Fri 22/11 am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 1 – Tue 12/11 am</li> <li>• Paper 2 – Thu 14/11 pm</li> </ul>
Exam Board Specification Link	<a href="#">Edexcel GCSE Maths 9-1</a>	<a href="#">AQA Specification</a>
Other Important Documents	<a href="#">Foundation tier exam aid</a> <a href="#">Higher tier exam aid</a>	
Past Paper Links	<a href="#">Maths Genie</a>	<a href="#">AQA Past papers</a>
Other Revision Websites	<a href="#">Sparx Revision questions</a>	<a href="#">Internet Geography</a> <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a>
Top revision tips from the subject experts...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show clear, legible working out, round answers when asked.</li> <li>• Include units when needed</li> <li>• Use a calculator when allowed</li> <li>• Ensure you finish answering the question – does it require a statement?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know your case studies – case study revision guides are on <a href="#">TEAMS</a> (and printed)</li> <li>• Know your key terms for each unit.</li> <li>• Know your structure to exam questions.</li> </ul>

# What will happen after the mocks?

Mock 1 (12 days away)

- Students, parents/carers will be provided with mock results on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**
- These mock results will support with sixth form, college, employment and University applications.
- Year 11 tutor groups will change dependent on student individual needs.
- Parents' Evenings during Half-Term 3 to help students prepare for Mock 2.

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# Attendance Matters

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Being in school is the key to success.

Students must be here by 8:30am

Attendance team will make contact by 9am where students are not in school

Being in the lessons with a teacher in front of the students is so important

Being resilient is key



# Exam Preparation

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Exam Timetables will be shared with students and parents/carers on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Exam Timetables will be printed and displayed in all Year 11 tutor rooms and on the Key Stage 4 office door

Dates and Start times for exams will be printed on the timetables

Room locations and seat numbers will be on timetables – key students know this information

Please ensure students have the correct equipment needed for their exams – please do let us know if we can support with equipment

All communications shared with students, will also come to parents/carers surrounding revision support, exam information and results.

Dress Smart – Look Smart – Feel Smart



# Mock Exam's - Round One

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- Mimic the real summer exams
- Important students sit the mocks at the allocated time – students are always more successful when doing this
- In the summer, there is only one opportunity for each exam
- Good habits
- Mock Results Day – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December



# Key Support for Year 11 and 13

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- All students with access arrangements will meet with Clare Henderson (SENCo) next week

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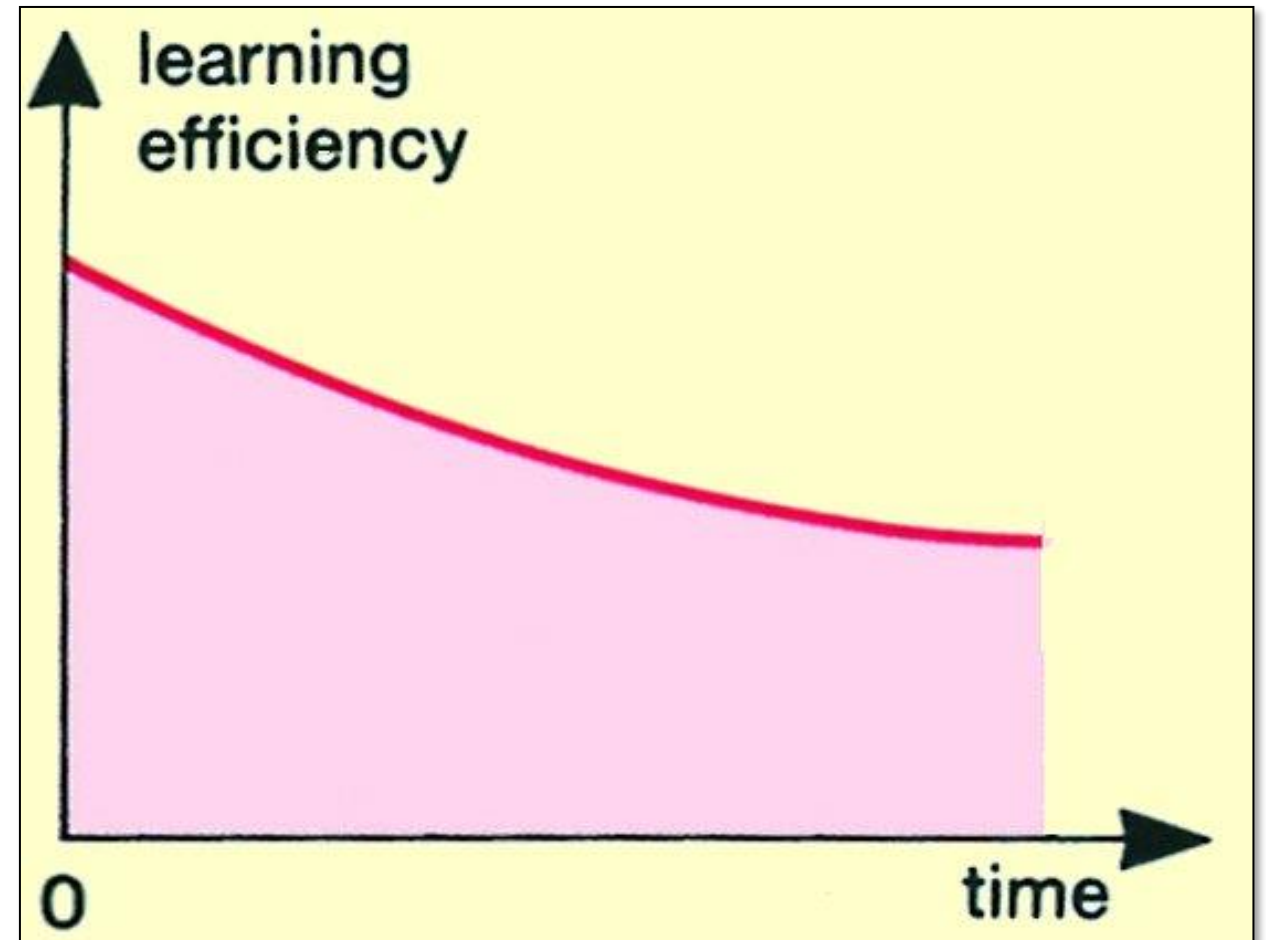
- Welfare support for all students:
  - Welfare Support Team
  - School Nurse
  - Well-Being Sessions
  - Breakfast Club
- Subject Intervention Sessions
- Tutor Time Interventions
- Easter revision sessions
- Key Dates and Information shared on a weekly basis
- Careers / POST 16 support





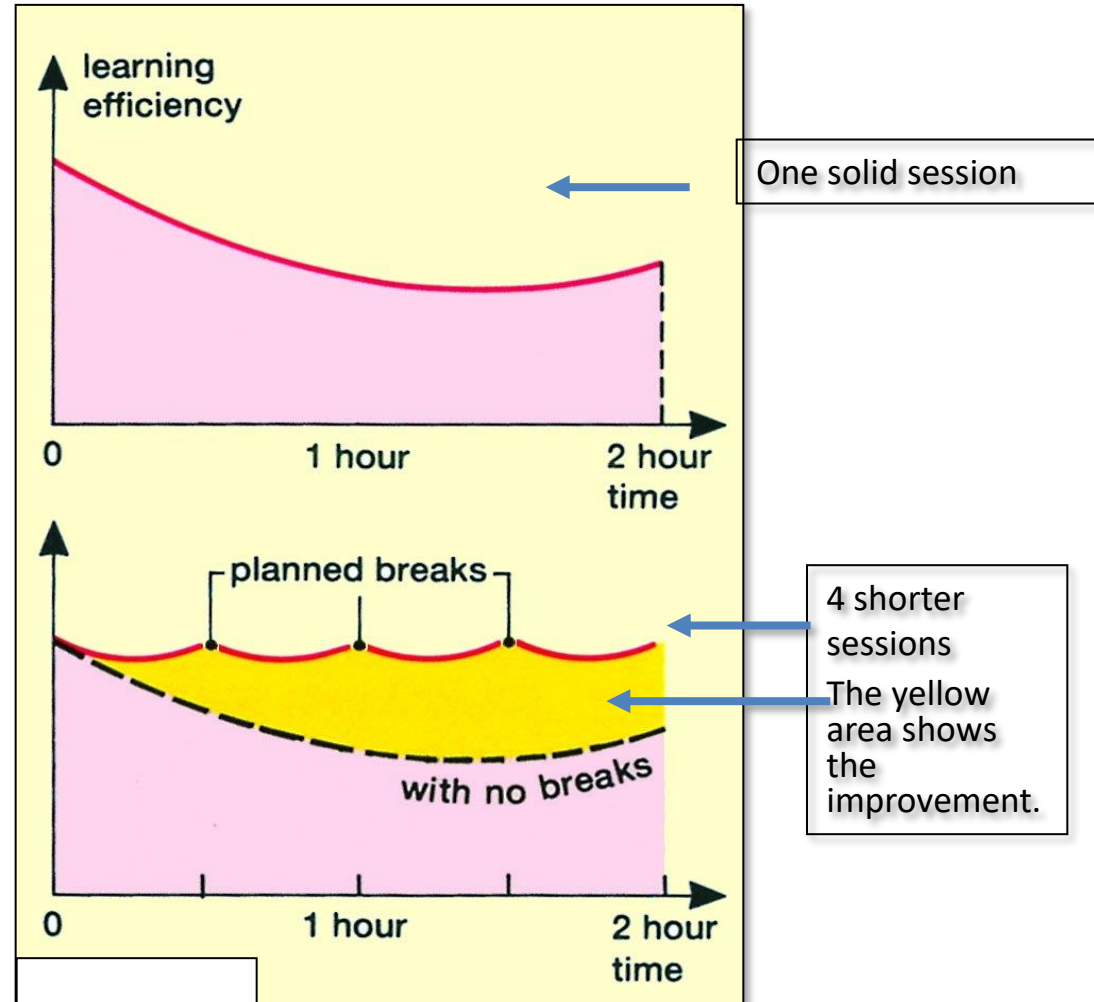
# Revision

- I will be sharing with you and your child some revision resources next week
- This will include different revision strategies
- Teachers will be discussing this with students in their lessons
- Allocate time and plan out your revision – revision is more successful if you have a plan
- Proven that long stints of continuous revision are not beneficial



# How to revise effectively?

- Break up sessions into smaller time chunks
- For example: a 2-hour slot into 4 shorter sessions, each of about 25-minutes, with a short-planned break between them
- Reward yourself
- Keep going back to revised content – visiting knowledge often is proven to be more successful



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# KBA Sixth Form Open Evening



The poster features the KBA logo (a stylized tree) and the text 'Kettering Buccleuch Academy The best in everyone™ Part of United Learning'. The main title is 'KBA Sixth Form Open Evening'. Below the title is a photograph of four young women in school uniforms talking and looking at a document. At the bottom, it says 'Thursday 7th November', 'Doors open at 5:45pm', and 'Presentations at 6pm & 7pm'. A QR code is present with the text 'Scan me!' below it. A small note at the bottom left says 'Visit the link to prebook for this event - pre-booking is NOT essential'.

**KBA**  
Sixth Form  
Open Evening

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Doors open at 5:45pm  
Presentations at 6pm & 7pm

Visit the link to prebook for this event - pre-booking is **NOT** essential

Scan me!

- **Thursday 7th November**
- Door Open at 5.45pm
- Two presentations (6pm and 7pm)
- A Level Subjects will have stalls for you to wander around and ask questions
- w/c 4th November, students will hear about all the A-Level and BTEC subjects that are on offer
- Friday 8th November pm– Life In The Sixth Form Session

# How are we supporting academic progress and achievement – Year 13

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- Accessible Sixth Form team. Head of Year – [debbiesmith@kba.uk](mailto:debbiesmith@kba.uk)
- Adding supervised study sessions to identified student's timetables.
- Flexibility to attend Year 12 lessons to cover gaps in knowledge
- Links to past papers and mark schemes
- Providing revision templates for students to complete with the help of their A-Level teachers
- Specialist A-Level teacher support and intervention
- Supervised study every Monday for 2 hours after school should students wish to attend
- Some October half term access to study spaces for Year 13 students – must be booked in advance with Mrs Shaw
- Laptop loans available
- 16-19 Bursary
- Mock exam results day in Global Learning w/c 16th December





# UCAS Information

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- Most students (unless they are art/drama students) should be sending their UCAS application off in November / December.
- One school within United Learning has already sent 73 applications (22 offers from top universities have come back. One student sent on 22nd Sept has all offers in)
- Art & Drama need a portfolio or performance and so students are encouraged to send off Dec-Jan in order to give them time to hone their skills/ get portfolios ready
- The UCAS form includes the administration form where they can put up to 5 choices of university/course and they have to write their personal statement (3/4 of a page on what they have done to show their interest in the subject they want to study and the skills they have gained from sixth form).

# UCAS Information

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- The UCAS application is £28.50. Free if students have had free school meals in the last six years.
- Financial support is also available through the bursary to support with open day visits.
- Students will hear back from universities about if they have an interview / a straight acceptance or rejection.
- Students then must pick a firm choice and a back up choice, which is normally a more realistic grade. We encourage them to be **aspirational** and aim high in their firm choice.
- The dreaded 'unconditional' offers.....
- Students will apply for student finance with the help of the academy when the government opens applications. No date is given but its normally around March / April time.
- If students are unsure between apprenticeships and university, they should apply to university as a back-up. They can cancel their place at any point – you don't get charged until you arrive and register with a university.

# Apprenticeship Information

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- The Sixth Form weekly bulletin – packed full of virtual work experience opportunities, apprenticeship vacancies, webinars
- The latest bulletin has 89 pages
- Create a CV and HUNT. We can't 'find' students an apprenticeship, but we can show them where to apply and help with applications
- Degree and higher opportunities list was emailed to students on Tuesday

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STUDENT  
ASPIRATIONS