

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Information Evening

Years 10 and 11

Thursday 10th September 2026



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Mission and values

- ‘To give our young people the knowledge, skills and outlook needed to **achieve great outcomes**, but also remain humble and **proud of our rural community**’
- ‘To ensure all members of Huish Episcopi feel they **really belong in our school, are valued and appreciate each other.**’

Respect Ambition Resilience



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KS4 outcomes (all subjects)

	National 4+	Huish 4+	National 7+	Huish 7+
2026	67%	76%	21.8%	27%
2025	67.1%	72.6%	21.8%	26.6%
2024	67.4%	71.1%	21.7%	18.1%
2023	67.8%	70.8%	21.6%	20.4%

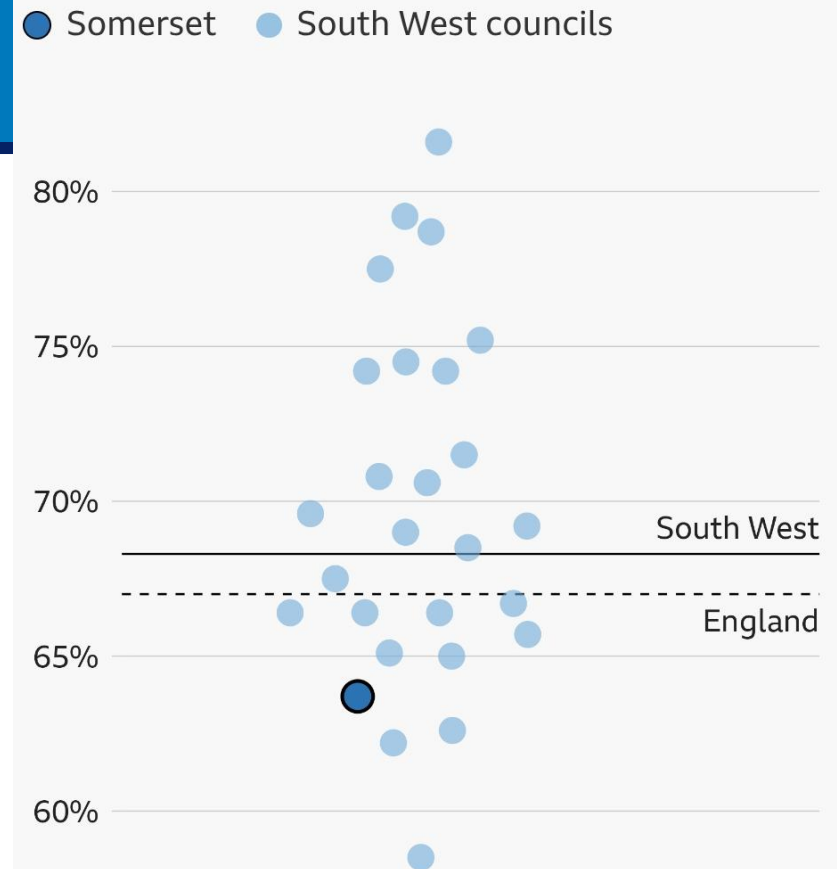


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Local Results



Somerset is ranked **202nd** out of 296 councils in England for GCSE pass grades.

In total, **9,460** students sat GCSEs in Somerset this summer, with **17.1%** of grades awarded 7/A or above. The top grade percentage across England was **21.8%**, and an average of **3,600** students sat GCSEs in each council area.



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KS4 Curriculum Overview – 2 Week Timetable

English	Maths	Science	RE	OpA	OpB	OpC	PE
English	Maths	Science	RE	OpA	OpB	OpC	PE
English	Maths	Science	RE	OpA	OpB	OpC	
English	Maths	Science	RE	OpA	OpB	OpC	
English	Maths	Science		OpA	OpB	OpC	
English	Maths	Science		OpA	OpB	OpC	
English	Maths	Science					
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GCSE Grading

GCSEs are graded from 1-9, with 9 being the best. The only grade below this is a U, or Ungraded, meaning not enough marks were scored for the paper to receive a grade.

Most students at Huish will gain 9 GCSE grades, with triple scientists gaining 10. Some students might gain more if they are studying an additional language, complete Statistics, or fewer if they joined our school late.

This is what the grades mean when compared to the old grading system.

How the new grades compare with old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
A	7
B	6
C	5 Strong Pass
	4 Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Source: Ofqual

BBC



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Curriculum – Tiers of Entry

Maths
Combined Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
French
Spanish
German
Home Languages

Different tiers of entry:

Foundation: Grades 1-5

Higher: Grades 4-9

Risk: Students who do not achieve Grade 4 in the Higher paper will be awarded a U. *Y11 January mock exam results inform tier of entry.



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Curriculum – Tutor Time

Throughout Y11, students will be placed in tutor groups with specialist Maths/English teachers.

There is opportunity for this to change following key assessment points throughout the year, ensuring that the right support is in place at the right time.

Why the focus on English and Maths?



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Curriculum – Basics

The 'Basics' of English and Maths are given additional weighting in statistics, by government, educational institutions, and employers alike.

It is **essential** that as many students leave Huish with a Grade 4 in **both English and Maths**, as it broadens opportunities outside of school.

Under 70% of students nationally, achieve a 4+ in both English and Maths.



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Curriculum – Basics

At age 16-18, students who have not yet passed **English Language or Maths** at Grade 4+ will continue to study. This will continue until they achieve the Grade 4 or reach the summer after their 18th birthday.

Many post-16 courses, apprenticeships and employers require Grade 4+ (or Grade 5+) in both English Language and Maths.



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HEA KS4 outcomes (English & Maths)

	4+EM	5+EM	7+EM
<i>All students (2026)</i>	76%	58%	15%
<i>All students (2025)</i>	73%	57%	17%
<i>All students (2024)</i>	69%	55%	9%
<i>All students (2023)</i>	67%	47%	12%



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Basics Post-16

GCSE pass rates much lower for students aged 17 and over

Percentage of GCSE pass grades (4/C or above) in England, 2026

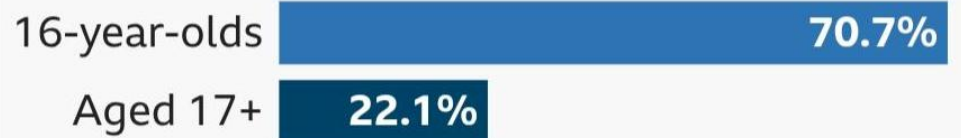
English language



Maths



All subjects



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Post-16



**Continue Full-time
Education**



**Employment
with training**



Apprenticeship



Volunteer



**Start Own
Business**



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Post-16

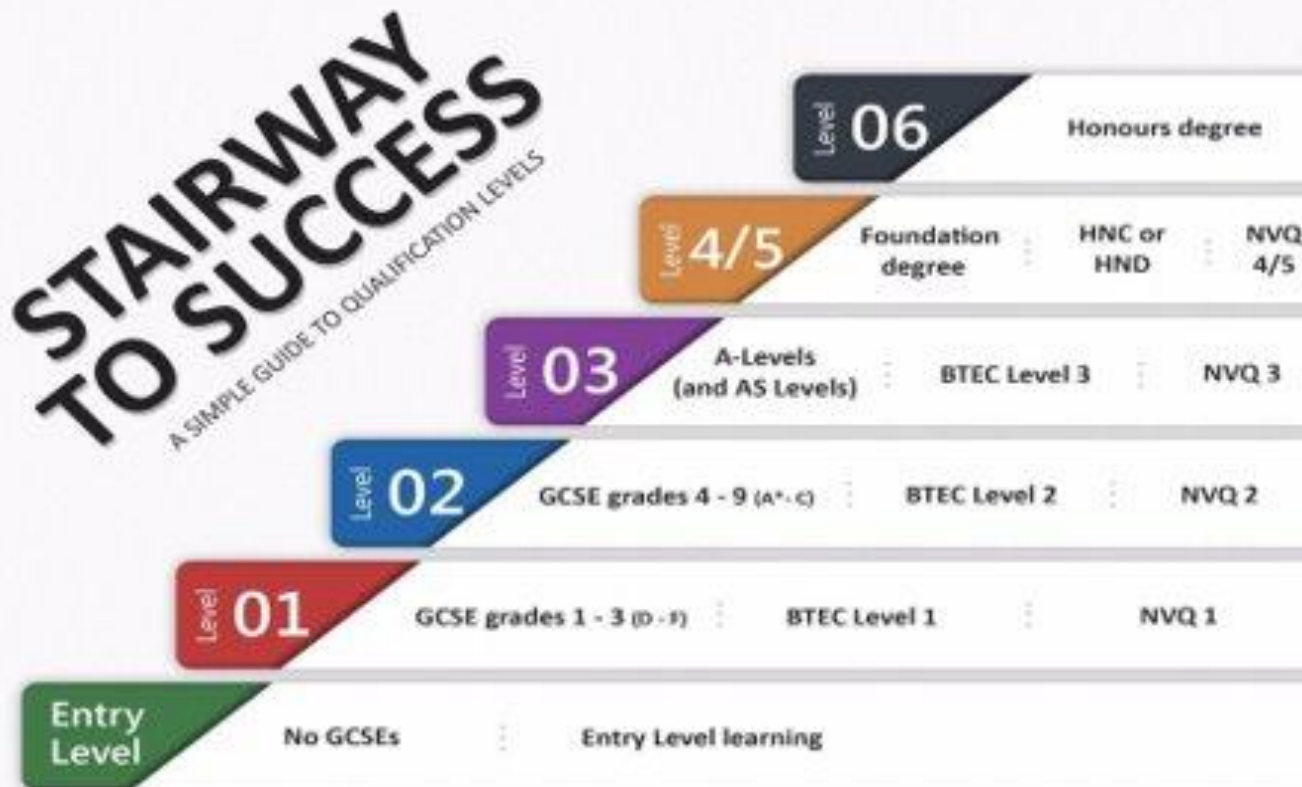
A Levels (Level 3) - Grade 5/6+ at GCSE

Level 3 BTEC courses - Grade 4/5 at GCSE

Level 2 BTEC courses - Grade 3/4 at GCSE

Level 1 BTEC courses - Grade 1/2 at GCSE

Entry Level course - no GCSE qualifications





Y10 TIMELINE

October-December – Begin to measure your progress in class with assessments, quizzes and Do Nows. Begin Work Experience applications.

February – Reflect on assessments and begin to plug any gaps in your progress. Review the work from the year, as well as new content.

June/July – Final reflection on the year and begin to plan for Y11. Complete Work Experience.

September – Settle into new courses and get to know the examining boards and the course overview.

January – Finalise WEX applications. Sit mid-year assessments.

March-May – Formalise revision plans for the first official set of mocks. Ensure you understand how you learn, and how the exam is structured.



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Y11 Timeline

October – Research local providers, what are the best schools/colleges in the area and what courses do they offer? Visit Open Days.

December – Finalise applications. All students should have applied to 3 providers by Christmas. Everyone needs back-up options...

April – Final collection of information from Huish on all applications made by students, and entry requirements.

August 19th – Results Day. Students are accepted into places.

September-November – Confirmation of exactly where you are studying.

September – Discuss potential options for post-16. Will the focus be on A-levels, BTEC qualifications or an apprenticeship?

November – Begin applications. Some schools/colleges have very early deadlines for application!

January-March – Interviews begin in 6th forms. Huish will collect information on applications so far and discuss with you.

May-June – GCSE examinations. Students still without appropriate places are met with.

August 21st-31st – Back-up options are explored.

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Feedback and Assessment

November 2nd – Y11 Mock Examinations 1 begin.

February 8th – Y11 Mock Examinations 2 begin.

May 10th – Y11 Public Examination window opens.

June 23rd – Examination Contingency Day

January 11th – Year 10 Mid-Years

June 14th – Y10 End of Year Mocks



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Feedback and Assessment - Reporting

Parents/carers will receive a report at the end of the Autumn Term and the Spring Term (plus Summer for Y10)

Staff will report on a student's Attainment, Progress, Attitude to Learning and Homework. Each report will also include results from that term's mock exams (Y11).

It will also include students' Minimum Expected Grades (MEGs)

There is one Parent Consultation Evening for each year group, alongside a 'Meet the Tutor' Evening in September.

Reports

- Year 10 Autumn Term Report

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Year group

10 (2024/2025)

Form

10 VC (2024/2025)

House

MERCHANT HOUSE



Attendance*

91.3%

Unauthorised Absences

6

Authorised Absences

6

Behaviour Points

-12

House Points

41

Report date

20 Dec 2024

Course	Minimum Expected Grade	Attitude to Learning KS4	Homework KS4	Progress KS4	Attainment KS4
Business Studies: GCSE	5	B	B	B	B
English Language: GCSE	4	B	B	B	B
English Literature: GCSE	4	B	B	B	B
Geography: GCSE	4	B	B	B	C
Mathematics: GCSE	6	B	A	B	A
Music: BTEC	L2 Pass	A	B	B	B
Physical Education: Core		A	Not required	B	Not required
Religious Education: GCSE	4	C	C	C	C
Science Combined: GCSE	5-5	B	C	B	B



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Reports

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Year group

11 (2024/2025)

Form

11 VR (2024/2025)

House

BAILBROOK HOUSE



Attendance*

99.3%

Unauthorised Absences

0

Authorised Absences

1

Behaviour Points

-2

House Points

22

Report date

20 Dec 2024

Course	Minimum Expected Grade	Mock Exam Grade	Prediction	Mock % (KS4)	Attitude to Learning KS4	Homework KS4	Progress KS4	Attainment KS4
Biology: GCSE	7	6	7	53	B	B	B	B
Business Studies: GCSE	6	5	6	57	A	A	B	B
Chemistry: GCSE	7	6	7	54	A	B	B	B
Computer Science: GCSE	7	6	8	68	A	B	A	A
English Language: GCSE	6	5	6	56	B	B	A	B
English Literature: GCSE	6	6	6	56	B	B	A	B
Geography: GCSE	7	6	6	63	B	B	B	C
Mathematics: GCSE	7	7	8	66	A	B	B	A
Physical Education: Core					A	Not required	C	Not required
Physics: GCSE	8	9	9	80	A	A	A	A
Religious Education: GCSE	7	2	4	25	B	C	C	C



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Homework

- **5+ months** additional progress (Education Endowment Foundation)
- Specific tasks to consolidate and practice essential knowledge:
 - Knowledge organisers
 - Practice and application tasks
- Supportive homework detention for non-completion
- Homework club after-school every day in the Library



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Homework Platforms

We are an Office365 school, and so students log in to all platforms with an email address ending in @huishepiscopi.org

Arbor – Our management information system.

- Get the app to check timetables, attendance, house points, detentions etc.

MS Teams – Our main educational platform.

- Guardian summaries are automatically setup by classroom teachers.
- Receive weekly overviews of assignment completion each Sunday.

Sparx – Our online interactive platform for Maths/Reading/Science

- Guardian summaries are automatically setup by classroom teachers.
- Receive weekly overviews of assignment completion

For support, please email HuishICT@hea.ac.uk



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Mr Daniel

Vice Principal



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Rewards

- House points
- Best in Everyone half-termly awards
- House Point and Subject certificates and badges
- Principal's half-termly Afternoon Tea
- Reward trips at the end of each term: Christmas, Easter and Summer
- The Proud Table
- Golden Ticket trip prize draws
- Annual Prize Giving Ceremonies



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Behaviour System

- Disruption-free learning: Warn – Remove system
- Lunchtime detention system: lates, uniform corrections, hands on, homework.



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Mobile phones

- From September, schools in England are legally required to prohibit the use of mobile phones.
- All students in Years 7–11 will be expected to keep their mobile phones and other smart devices:
 - ☐ Switched off
 - ☐ Stored in their school bag throughout the school day
- If a phone or smart device is seen throughout the school day, it will be confiscated and taken to reception for parents/carers to collect.
- Refusal to hand over a mobile phone or device will result in a suspension.
- Procedure to be reviewed at October Half Term



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Attendance and Outcomes

	All subjects 4+	All subjects 5+	All subjects 7+
Below 90%	57%	44%	14%
90% - 97%	82%	69%	28%
Above 97%	94%	89%	51%

As this data shows, the higher a student's attendance, the stronger their outcomes.

Students attending above 97% significantly outperform their peers with lower attendance. Even small drops in attendance can result in many lost lessons, and the impact on grades is clear.



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Uniform

- Blazers (compulsory)
- Shirts (tucked in)
- Trousers or skirts (worn correctly)
- Tie (House colour)
- Polishable black shoes (No branded trainer-style footwear)
- One pair of ear studs only
- No facial piercings



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Pastoral Support

- Safeguarding team



Mr Daniel
Vice Principal and
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Houghton-Barnes
Assistant Principal and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

- Pastoral Support Workers
- Pupil Health and Wellbeing Officer
- School Counsellors
- Medical Team
- School Nurse Team
- Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



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SEN

Mrs Williams
SENCo



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Planning for a successful transition

- Students with an EHCP must make an early decision about post-16 destination.
- Additional careers advice and support in Y10 and continuing throughout the Autumn Term.
- Annual Reviews scheduled for November-December 2026.
- A post-16 destination must be decided by the Annual Review.
- Larawilliams@hea.ac.uk

What support is available for students in their exams?

- Exam Access Arrangements
- Wide range of support available for specific barriers and difficulties.
- Extra time



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Extra Time – JCQ Rules and Regulations

- Evidenced need for extra time.
- Access arrangements must have an impact.
- Mock exam evidence to support the awarding of extra time.
- Extra time must be removed if it has no impact.
- Friday 18th September - Y11 deadline for exam access arrangement testing.
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Year 10 Exam Access Arrangements

- Assessments currently ongoing.
- Please speak to your child about their Y9 end of year exam experience.
- Contact your child's tutor if you think your child may need assessing for exam access arrangements.



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Message from the Head of Year 10

Mr Wood



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Year 10 Pastoral Support Structure

- Tutor contacts – ALL @hea.ac.uk
 - 10EC Mr Coombe and Mr Bagnara
 - 10BC Mr Coldicott
 - 10SE Mrs S Edwards and Mrs Perrins
 - 10VFR Mrs Fraser and Mrs Shopland
 - 10HR Mrs Roberts
 - 10ATS Mr Scrivenor and Mrs M Edwards
 - 10CT Miss Thomson and Mrs Vigar
 - 10KC Mrs Cumberland and Ms Pike
- Pastoral Support Worker – Mrs Tucker
 - KirstyTucker@hea.ac.uk
- Head of Year – Mr Wood
 - BenWood@hea.ac.uk
- Deputy Head of Year – Mrs Magrath
 - HannahMagrath@hea.ac.uk

Contact **TUTOR** about:
First port of call/ lost
items / one-off
incidents

Contact **PSW** about:
bullying / mental health
or wellbeing issues

Contact **HoY** about:
academic concerns /
behaviour



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Key Dates

Meet the Tutor – Thursday 17th September (online)

Parents' Evening - Thursday 11th March

Work Experience – 12th – 16th July 2027



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Trips

- Ski trip December 2027
- History trip (For students studying History)- Munich July 2027
- French trip (For students studying French)- Paris June 2027



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Message from the Head of Year 11

Mr Waterhouse



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Year 11 Pastoral Support Structure

- Tutor contacts – ALL @hea.ac.uk
 - 11HP Mrs Pearce and Miss Mason
 - 11VR Mrs Rushton
 - 11PAD Mrs Douglas
 - 11BE Miss Eddy
 - 11CI Mr Isherwood
 - 11ST Mrs Taylor
 - 11TGS Mr Sollis
 - 11NL Mr Linthorne
- Pastoral Support Worker – Mrs Rogers
 - AnaRogers@hea.ac.uk
- Head of Year – Mr Waterhouse
 - MichaelWaterhouse@hea.ac.uk

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The Huish Way

- **Right place** – In school and in your lesson
- **Right time** – Punctuality
- **Doing the right thing first time** - well prepared, ready to learn and trying your best.



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The tutor routine

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
AM - Equipment and uniform checks – pastoral check in	PM - Maths or English	AM - Equipment and uniform checks – pastoral check in	PM - Study skills / careers / Post-16	AM - Equipment and uniform checks – pastoral check in	PM - Maths or English	AM - Equipment and uniform checks – pastoral check in	PM - Maths or English	AM - Assembly	PM - Character Education



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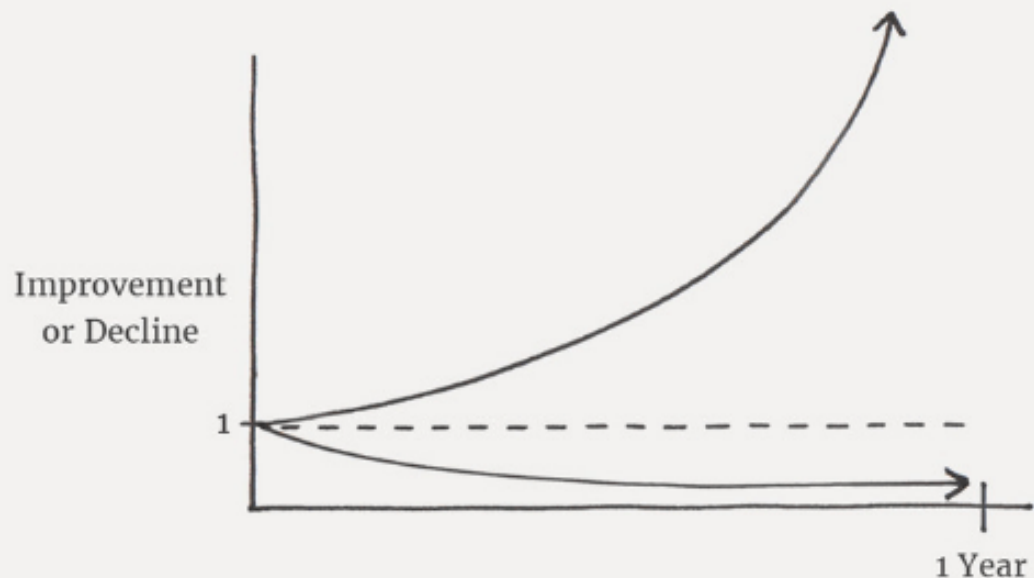
How to be successful

- Be in school everyday
- Make every minute of every lesson count
- Complete all homework set
- Attend revision sessions
- Asking for help is not a weakness

The Power of Tiny Gains

1% better every day $1.01^{365} = 37.78$

1% worse every day $0.99^{365} = 0.03$



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Key Dates

Meet the Tutor – Thursday 17th September (online)

Exam Preparation Evening – Thursday 22nd October

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 3rd December

Year 11 Winter Formal – Friday 4th December

Year 11 Mock Results and Exam Information Evening –
Wednesday 24th March



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