

WELCOME TO

YEAR 11

INFORMATION EVENING



VERULAM
SCHOOL





Mr F Moane

Headteacher

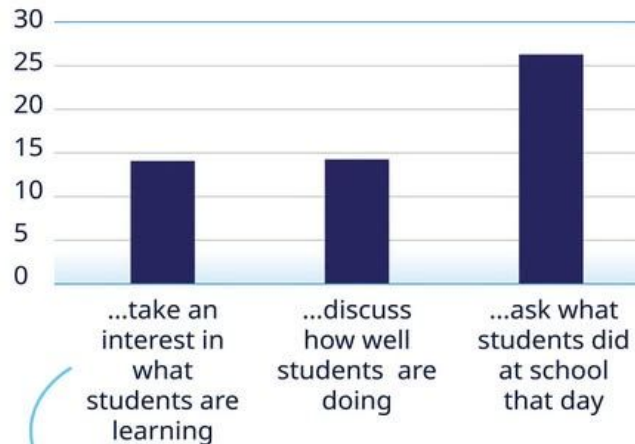
INTRODUCTION

- A crucial year : the time is now!
 - Positive start to the year so far, a increased level of maturity?
 - Simply turning up to school no longer enough : importance of homework, after school sessions, independent learning, deliberate practice
 - Parental support : extrinsic motivation, revision timetables, encouragement
 - Mock exams : crucial to prepare for and reflect upon
 - Pathways : always positive options for next steps, school support and guidance
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- OECD research shows that parents simply taking and interest and asking about learning can make a significant difference to outcomes
- A reminder that all subjects publish the half termly topics being studied by each year group on our website under Curriculum->Subjects

Parental interest in schooling is linked to **higher student performance**

Score-point difference associated with students who report that parents or other family members...

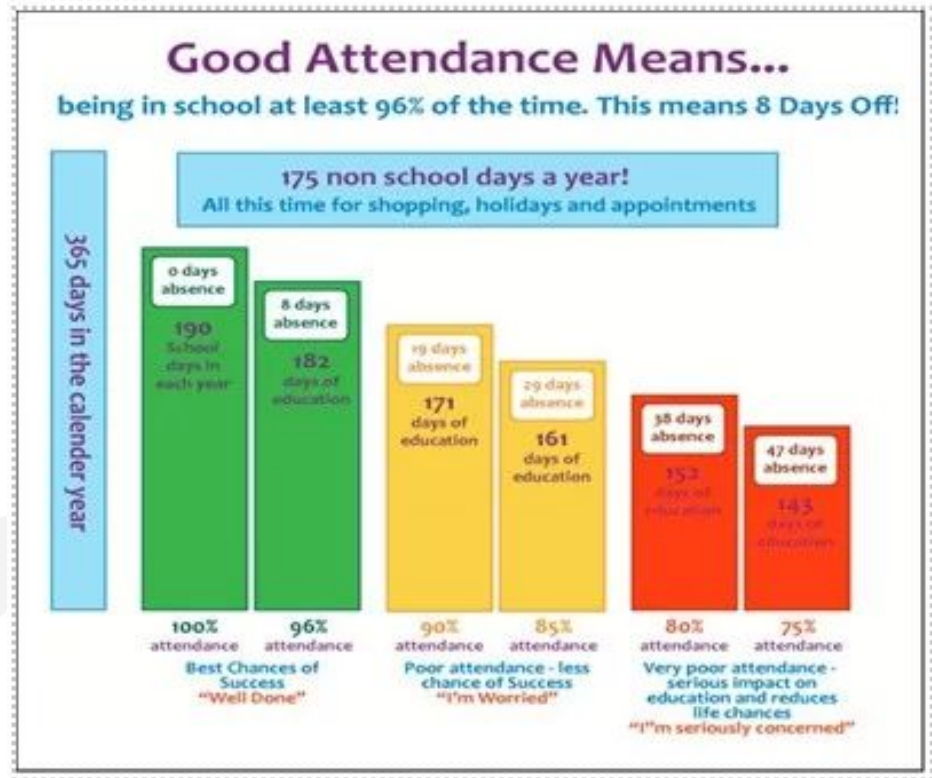


Yet students reported **less family support than in 2022** in almost all countries and economies.

TONIGHTS MESSAGES

- Key Dates
 - The importance of attendance
 - Standards & Expectations
 - Support: Mentoring, mental health support
 - Revision, Homework & Independent Learning
 - Assessments & Exams
 - Post-16 pathways
 - Average Points Score
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DfE Evidence shows that a pupil's progress and attainment is affected if their attendance falls below 90% and statistics show that if pupils miss just 17 days (34 sessions) of school, their GCSE attainment is likely to drop by an entire grade.





Mr A Halsall

Head of Key Stage 4

KEY DATES in YEAR 11

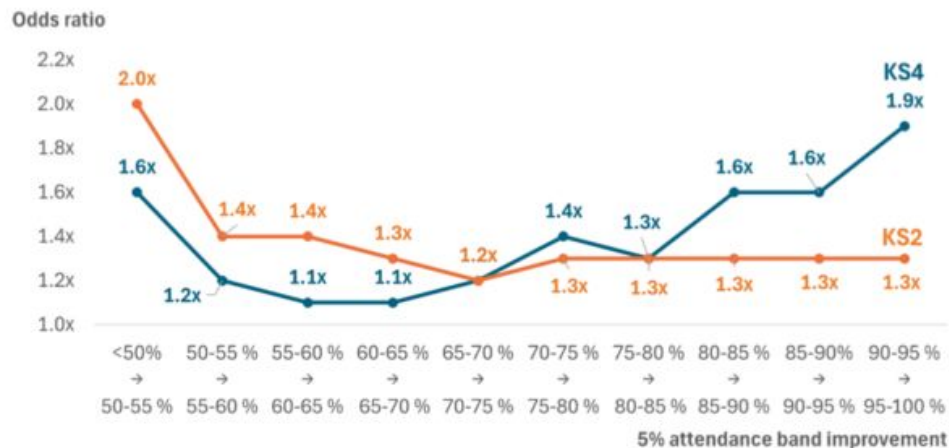
Formal Mock Exams	12th November - 30th November 12th & 13th: Art 16th English
Apprenticeship Evening	1st December 2026
Mock exams results day	17th December 2026
Verulam Sixth Form Open Evening	14th Jan 2027
Parents' Evening	21st Jan 2027
Spring Report	16th March 2027
Futures Fortnight	Begins 5th January 2026
Public Exams begin	4th May 2027
Sixth form Induction	23rd and 24th June 2027



ATTENDANCE

- 90% attendance = 19 days off = 95 missed lessons that will never be repeated.
- The odds of year 11 pupils achieving a grade 5 in English and maths almost double if their attendance is over 95 per cent, compared to those who miss between 5 and 10 percent of lessons

Figure 11 The odds ratio of achieving the expected standard at KS2 and KS4 when moving up a single 5% attendance band



ATTENDANCE

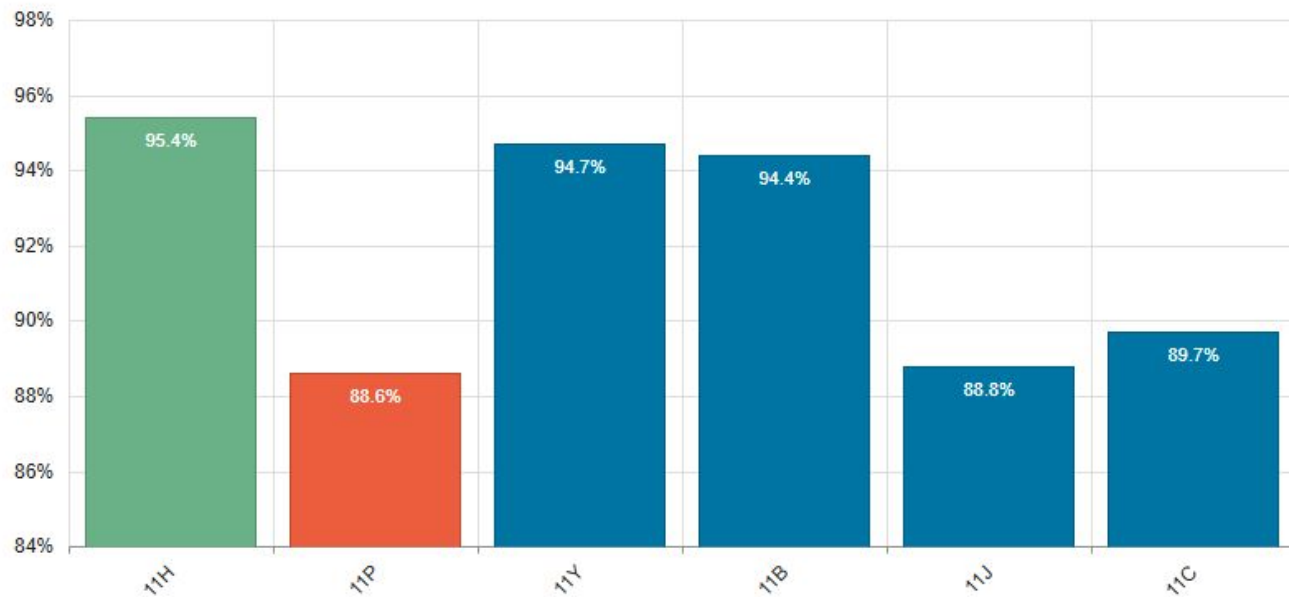
- A March 2025 UK Department for Education report estimated that for a typical student, each additional day of absence between ages 12 and 16 is associated with a loss of approximately £750 in future lifetime earnings
- Students who were absent for over 50% of their school days earned around £12,000 annually at age 28, compared to about £33,000 for those with near-perfect attendance
- Persistently absent pupils (missing more than 10% of school) are 2.7 times more likely to claim benefits in early adulthood, while those with severe absences (missing over 50%) are 4.2 times more likely.
- If you need support with overcoming barriers to attendance (e.g. uniform, equipment, mental health and wellbeing etc)
TALK TO US - WE CAN HELP!

ATTENDANCE

Tutor Group



Attendance



Year 11 so far
this year : 92%

A concern!

SUPPORT

Mentoring, mental health support

- Five fingers of faith
- Pressure v stress
- Upcoming mock exams



STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

1. Brilliant basics
2. Year 11 Revision website
3. Homework
4. Intervention: the master plan
(segue to Mrs Cornmell)

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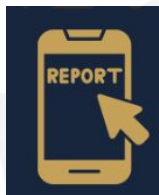


Mrs A Cornmell:

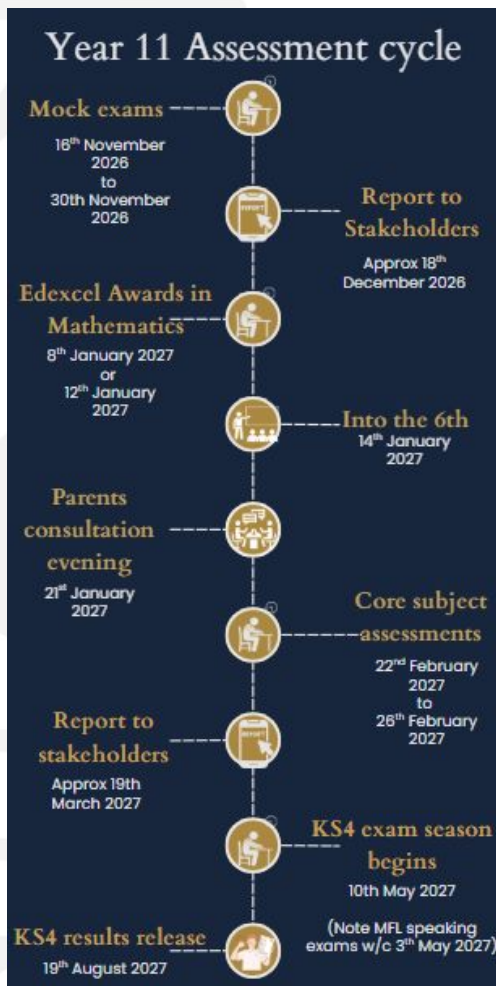
AHT- Data &

Assessment

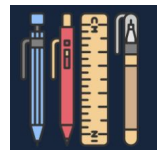
YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT CYCLE



Reports will contain current grade, attitude to learning, target a teacher predicted grade and an Average Points Score (APS)



Assessments/final exams will take place in the sports hall/other exam venues



Students should be fully equipped and on time for all lessons and assessments.



Students must remove all watches for assessments and exams



Mobile phones are not allowed into the exam halls



Smart glasses are not allowed into the exam halls

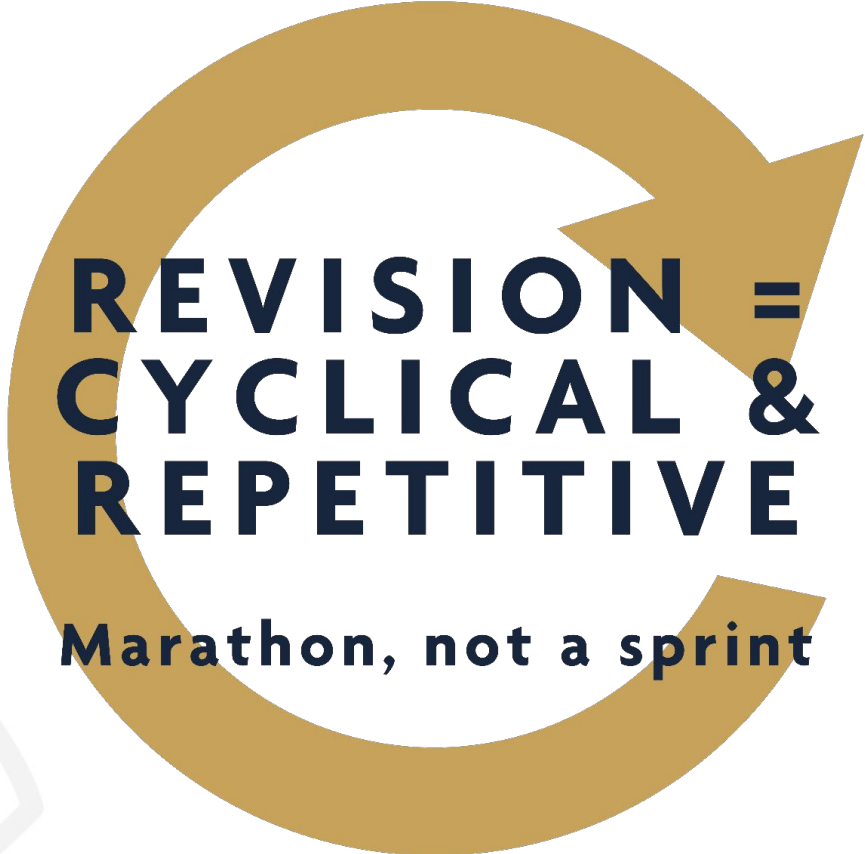


Mr J. Pettitt:

AHT - Teaching & Learning

REVISION

- Smash the content now - do you have your exam specifications?
- Start with depth and aim for cycles, with each cycle condensing information
- Use methods that work for you
- Use a range of material and platforms

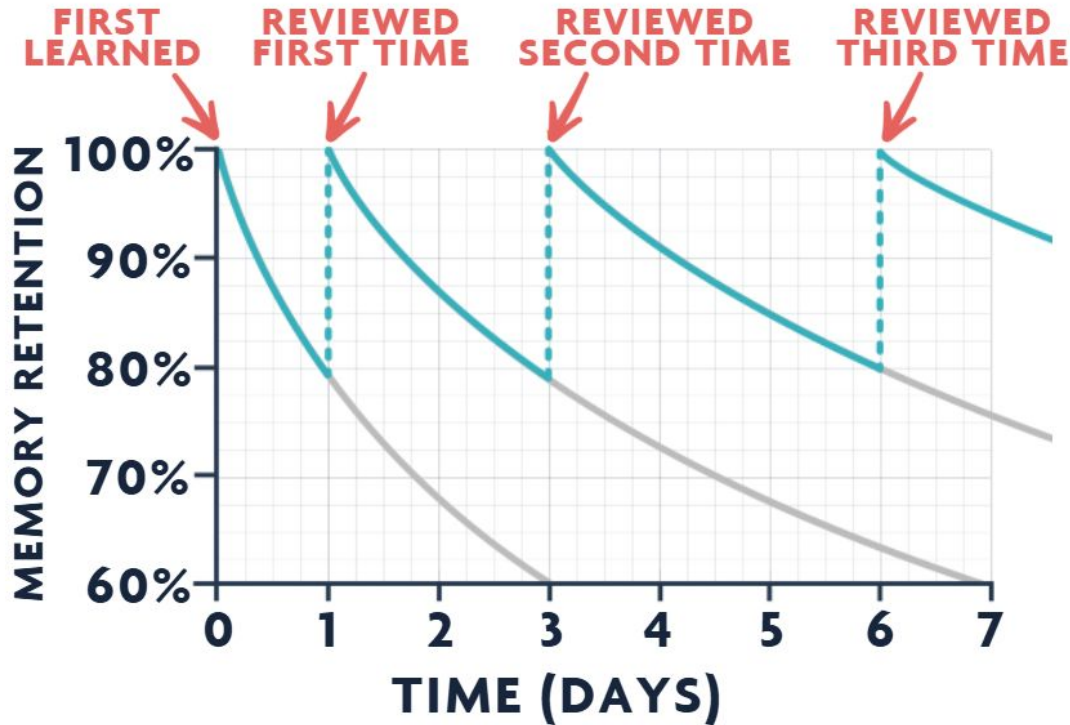


**REVISION =
CYCLICAL &
REPETITIVE**

Marathon, not a sprint



SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN:
**WHEN KNOWLEDGE IS REVIEWED
& REVISED MORE, THE MORE
LIKELY IT WILL BE REMEMBERED**



The formula below explains the curve:

$$R = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{s}\right)$$

- R = memory retention
- exp = exponential forgetting
- S = strength of memory
- T = time



- “Helps students achieve 1.5 grades higher than non users”
- Over 7,500+ Pods (3-5 minute bite size learning chunks)
- Flexible watching on mobile / tablets / laptops / PCs
- Helps with baseline / foundational knowledge

Student Start Guide - found [here](#)
Parent Start Guide - found [here](#)

Principles of Biology



PDF



Learning coach

Here to help you learn and practice new concepts. Tell me what you'd like to learn, and I'll help you get started.

Study smarter with Gemini

Introduction to Business

Ch. 11 Summary of Learning Outcomes - ...

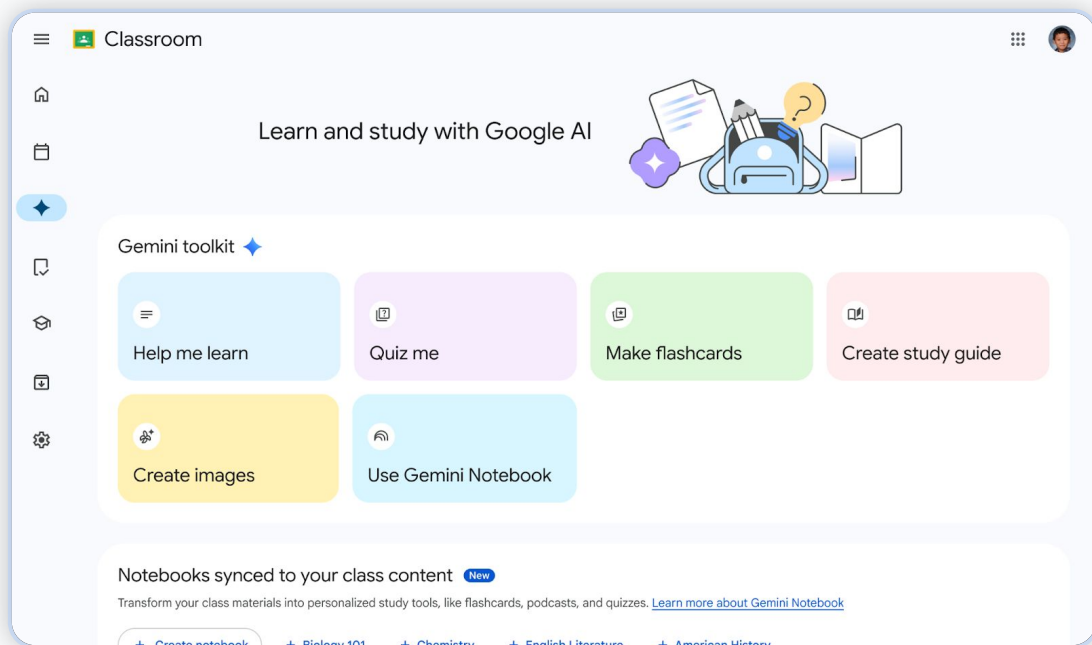


OpenStax



Question 1: What was the driving force behind the shift from agriculture-based economies to industrialized ones?

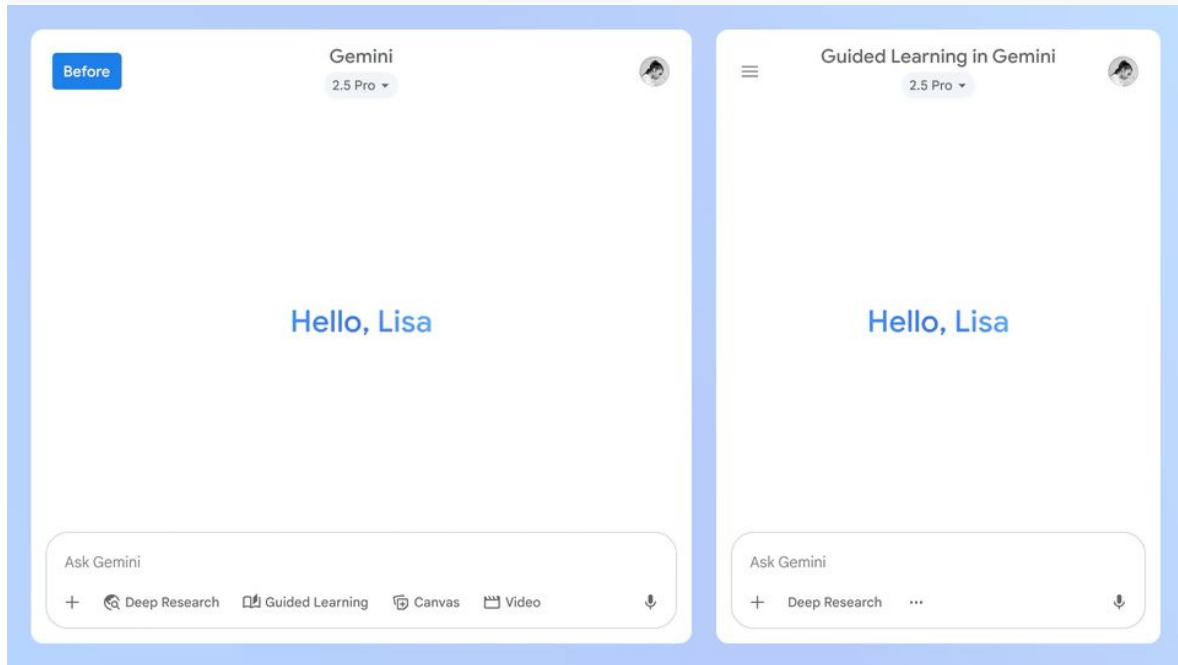
**Students can
turn their class
materials into
interactive
study materials
in Google
Classroom**



Guided Learning

- a mode in Gemini

- Uses probing and open-ended questions
- Helps to build a deeper understanding instead of just getting answers
- Breaks down problems step-by-step and adapts explanations to your needs



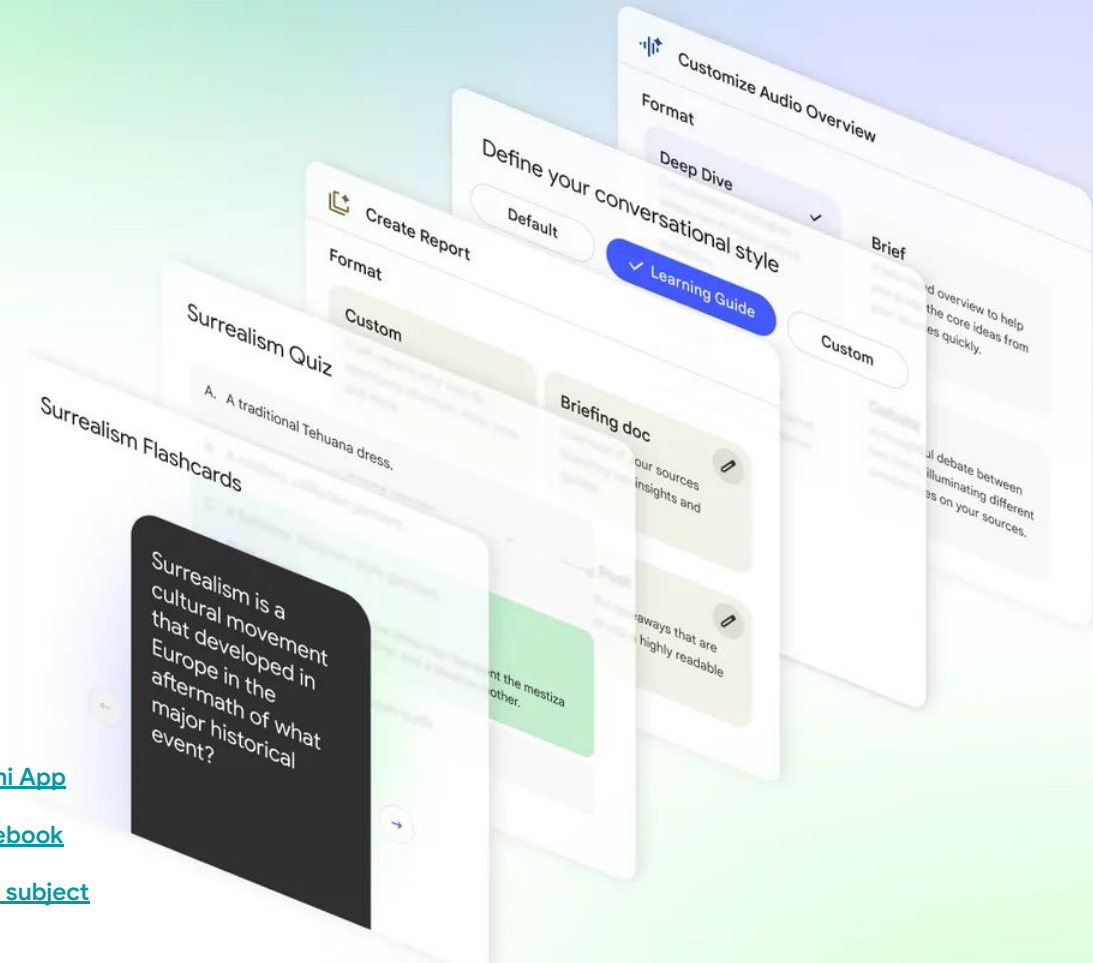
Gemini Notebook

previously known as

NotebookLM

Google Articles for students:

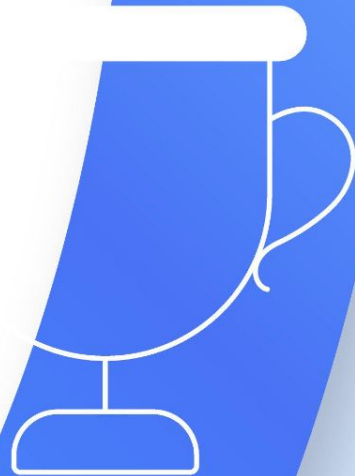
-  [5 ways to learn with study notebooks in the Gemini App](#)
-  [3 ways to level up your studying with Gemini Notebook](#)
-  [6 ways to master Gemini Notebook to master any subject](#)



New:

Gemini Certification

For Students



Use A.I. to help study

From 16:00 today, all Year 11 students on the main Year 11 Google Classroom have an interactive tutorial set as homework about “A.I. as a Study Aid”



Google for Education
Reference School



Mr S Base:

Director of Sixth Form

Access full range of BSV whilst having VERULAM as your HOME school

			
BeauSandVer Education Trust Subjects 2025			
Subject	Beaumont	Sandringham	Verulam
Applied Science AAO			✓
Art	✓	✓	✓
Art - Photography	✓	✓	✓
Art - Textiles		✓	
Biology	✓	✓	✓
Business Studies		✓	✓
Business CTEC	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Computer Science	✓	✓	✓
Computing Application Development AAO	✓		
Dance		✓	
Product Design / Resistant Materials		✓	✓
Drama	✓	✓	
Economics	✓	✓	✓
Business Economics	✓		
English Language		✓	
English Literature	✓	✓	
Food, Science and Nutrition Level 3			✓
French	✓	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓	✓
German	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓
Law			✓
Maths	✓	✓	✓
Further Maths			✓
AS Further Maths			✓
Media Studies	✓	✓	
Creative Digital Media Production BTEC	✓		✓
Music	✓	✓	✓
Music Technology	✓	✓	✓
Physical Education	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓
Politics	✓	✓	✓
Psychology	✓	✓	✓
Philosophy & Ethics	✓	✓	✓
Sociology	✓	✓	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	
Spanish CTEC	✓	✓	✓
Short courses which can be chosen in addition to 3 full courses			
EPQ (Level 3)	✓		✓
Mathematical Studies/ Core Maths	✓	✓	✓





APS

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Average Point Score



4.5

APS

Average Points Score

Average Points Score

AVERAGE POINT SCORE | APS

- Every single GCSE/BTEC grade you get is changed to a number / score
- Depending on what your overall score is, will determine your choices
- Higher the score = more choice
- Lower the score = limited choice



WHY IS APS IMPORTANT? Pathways!

BTEC Level 1 eg. Introductory in Multi-Trade Construction

OAKLANDS COLLEGE 2.0 APS REQUIRED (Inc. 2 ENGLISH & MATHS)

Level 2 Diploma eg. Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles

OAKLANDS COLLEGE 2.0 - 4.0 APS REQUIRED (Inc. 4 ENG & MATHS)

Level 3 Study 2 x A Levels & 1 x BTEC | 1 x A Level & 2 x BTECs

BEAUSANDVER 4.5 APS REQUIRED

Level 3 Study 3 x A Levels

BEAUSANDVER 5.0 – 6.0 APS REQUIRED

Level 3 Study 3 x A Levels (inc. Maths & Sciences)

BEAUSANDVER 6.0+ APS REQUIRED



APPRENTICESHIPS EVENING: 1ST DECEMBER

The evening will begin in the main hall with a presentation from our keynote speakers, followed by an interactive panel discussion. Afterwards, students can visit the Apprenticeships Fair along the English corridor.

A wide range of top employers—including Ernst & Young, Morgan Sindall, Specsavers, Hertfordshire Sports Village, Jones and Hunt & Keeling—will be exhibiting. This is an excellent opportunity for students to explore both apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship pathways across various industries.



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FUTURES FORTNIGHT



Sixth Form
Breakfast



Taster
Lessons



Workshops
(interview technique
and CV writing)



Year 12/13
Clinics



Post-Mock
meetings

COMMENCES 5TH JANUARY 2027.

FUTURES FORTNIGHT



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BSV Launch Video Meeting	6th November 2026
Apprenticeship Evening	1st December 2026
Futures Fortnight: - Sixth Form Breakfast - Taster Lessons - Year 12/13 Clinics	Begins 5th January 2026
Verulam Sixth Form Open Evening	14th January 2027
BSV Application Deadline	5th February 2027
Official Sixth Form Interviews	Start: March 2027
GCSE Exam Season	May 2027 - June 2027
GCSE Results Day	19th August 2027



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**THANK YOU FOR
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