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Well Done Year 11

This week we have had the latest year 11 data- Attitude to learning and Attainment. We are so proud of year 11 students for performing so well in their recent assessments given the challenges they have faced this year.

They truly deserve a peaceful and enjoyable break.

Google Classroom in a nutshell

The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment with a Google Classroom window open. The window displays a resource page titled 'Stan Evans' from 10th January 2015. The main content features a photograph of a compass, ruler, and pencil resting on a technical drawing of a gear. Below the image is the text: 'Inspiration and practical ideas for introductory lessons that will engage your students'. To the right, there is a sidebar with several resource cards:

- Getting ahead on planning in DT**: Includes a photo of a student and the date 10/01/15.
- Tools to support DT students**: Includes a photo of students in a classroom and the date 02/01/15.
- Supporting DT students on study leave**: Includes a photo of a classroom and the date 04/01/15.
- Christmas creations in DT lessons**: Includes a photo of decorated Christmas trees and the date 07/01/15.
- Extension tasks for DT**: Includes a photo of a student working on a project and the date 09/01/15.

The left sidebar of the Google Classroom window lists various sections: Classroom, Resources (which is selected), Comments, Related resources, Author dashboard, Add resource, My posts, No elements, Documents, Assessments, Pages, Progress, and Help. At the bottom of the screen, the taskbar shows the Start button, a search bar with 'Type here to search', and icons for File Explorer, Google Chrome, and other system applications.

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Key Dates for Term 3

Tuesday 5th January - Term begins, 8:30am

Thursday 7th January - Year 11 Parent Forum, 6pm

Monday 11th January - I Media and PE Cambridge National Exams

Monday 18th January - Mock exam fortnight begins

Monday 1st February - TD Day, School closed for students

Wednesday 10th February (approx) - Progress Reports issued

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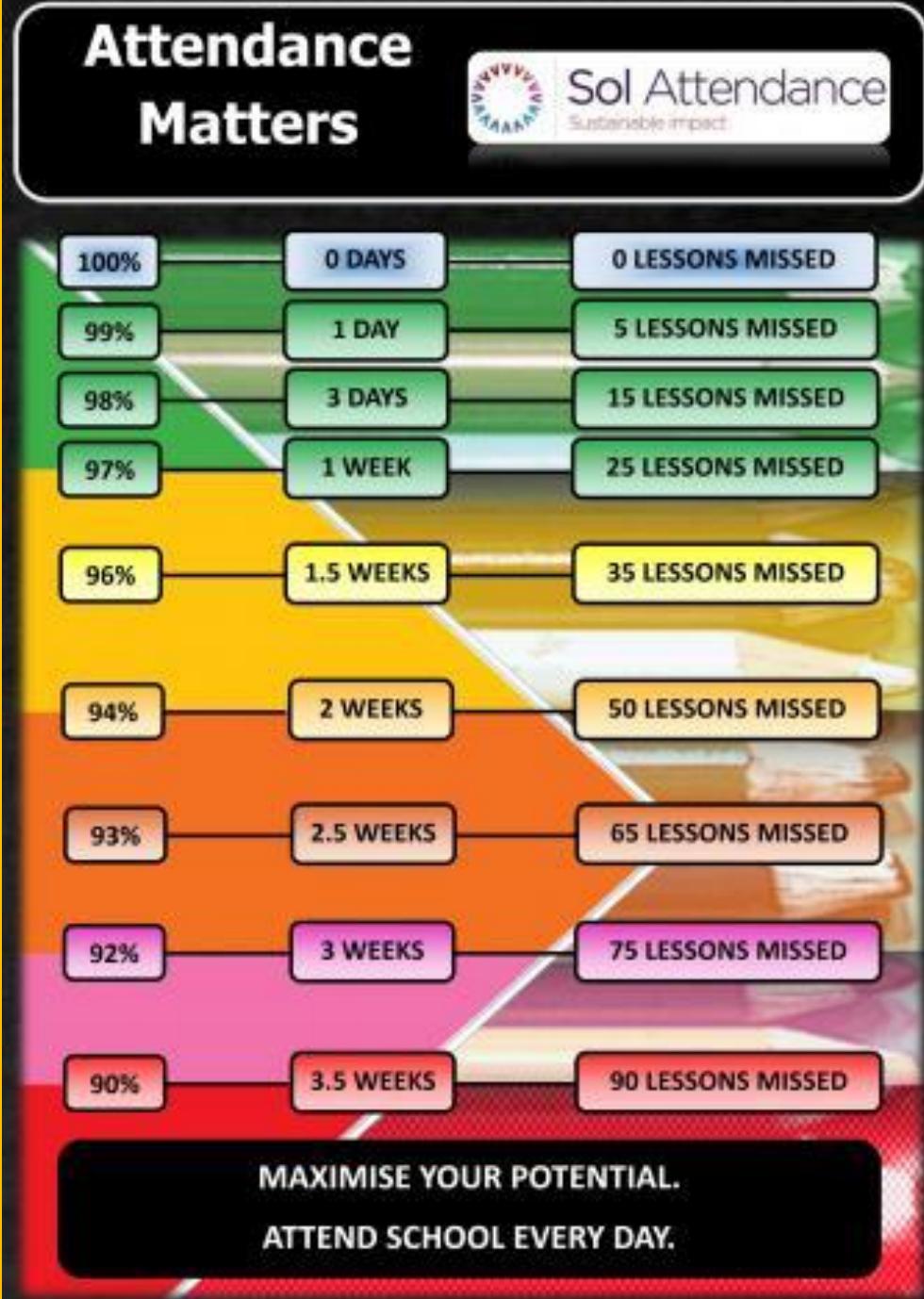
Edulink



- Edulink provides both students and parents information such as timetables, catering balances, attendance and behaviour logs, school reports, etc. To access please click on this [link](#). (the school name is 'Kingsdown')
- Students need only click the 'log in with google' button and use their Google credentials also used for emails and Satchel One.
- New Parents can click on 'Reset Login' and use the same email address you would have provided the school in order to get details emailed to you.
- Further details on EduLink One are on our website [here](#).

For information **Attendance**

In the last few weeks of term, Year 11 attendance has dipped to 90%. Whilst this seems good, you can see that over a school year that works out as 90 lessons missed. We want to support our students doing their best and for us to do that, they need to be in school every day. Research suggests that each 5% lost equates to 1 grade lost in each subject by the end of the year. Every lesson counts between now and the exams.



For Information Exams 2021



You no doubt caught the announcement on the 12th October from Gavin Williamson that exams next year (in England) are going ahead, but have been postponed by 3 weeks.

Therefore next years summer exam series will be between 24th May and 2 July.

Results day will be Friday 27 August

Full details can be found [here](#).

I will keep you updated of any further changes.

Please ensure that no holiday is booked until after 2nd of July.

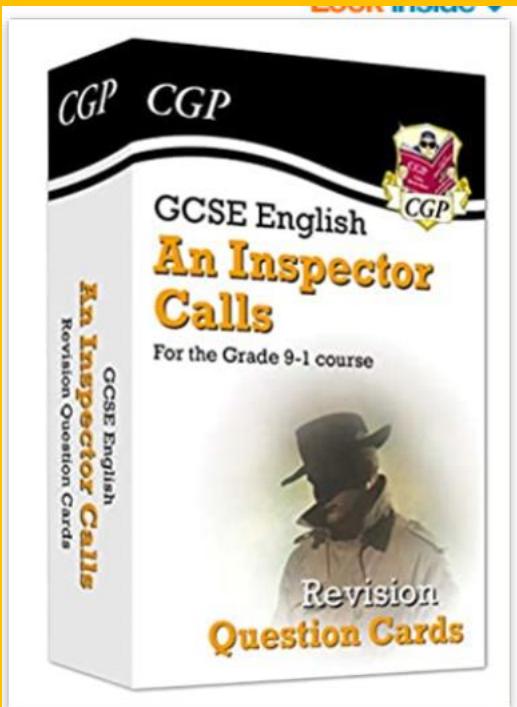


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Stocking Fillers

We know that flashcards are a great method of revising but some students find it hard to make them and it can often take time. Here are a few suggestions for stocking fillers for year 11 - pre made flash cards on the books they study in English.



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#I'mReady

To help students prepare effectively for the mocks, each department has put three revision tasks together for students to complete over the break.

This week, we have had guest speakers deliver sessions on effective revision techniques and also completed a session on planning time over the break to get work done but allow for time to rest and enjoy the festive period.

The tasks to complete for each subject can be found [here](#)

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MADE revision sessions

This week, students in year 11 have all taken part in MADE revision sessions, guiding them through techniques to revise effectively and prepare for the exams.

Their website has lots of information including tips for parents. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Mock Exams

All Year 11 students will have mock exams over a 2 week period beginning Monday 18th January. The timetable for this exam period can be found [here](#).

It is essential that students prepare effectively for these as it will give teachers up to date information about the grades they are working at, and identify which areas they need further support with.

Students must arrive on time to exams - please ensure attendance and punctuality to exams is excellent.

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Post 16 Support



We strongly advise that students have applied for at least 1 post 16 pathway before Christmas - it provides motivation but also takes the pressure off when students return to a busy January.

Jess Hill from Study Higher (pictured top) and Barbara Parry, Kingsdown's Careers Coordinator (bottom) are working to support students with post 16 options and the application process. They can be contacted by email:

jess@studyhigher.ac.uk

bparry@kingsdownschool.co.uk



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Advice for Parents

We know that exams can be stressful and sharing a house with a stressed young person is also a challenge for you. For practical tips and advice with supporting your child through the challenges of year 11, click [here](#)

We will cover this in more detail at the parent forum in January.

With thanks and have a wonderful break.