

Welcome to Year 11  
Parents' Information  
Evening  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
2024



# Quick Quiz



- How many hours, from this point onward until the GCSEs begin, will your child spend in school?
- In the same period, how many hours will they spend at home?



# Home Study

From this point forward until the start of the main exam period in May, students will spend:

- Around 900 hours in school
- Around 5,000 hours at home
- We can manage the 900, but we can't manage the 5,000
- If you are able to have a significant influence on how this time is spent, the positive impact on results for your child will be huge

# Home Study

- There are only 34 weeks between now and the exams
- Most students are studying at least 9 subjects
- If you started **now**, you would have **just under 4 weeks** to completely revise everything you need for each course
- If you don't start revising until the **Easter holidays**, you will have **less than 4 days** per subject



"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

# You are the No.1 Factor

- *Parental involvement on student academic achievement: A meta-analysis (2015)*
- The results show that the parental models most linked to high achievement are those focusing on general supervision of the children's learning activities.
- The strongest associations are found when families have:
  - high academic expectations for their children
  - develop and maintain communication with them about school activities
  - help them to develop reading habits



"My instinct is to protect my children from pain. But adversity is often the thing that gives us character and backbone. It's always been a struggle for me to back off and let my children go through difficult experiences."

**NICOLE KIDMAN**



# GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22nd August 2024

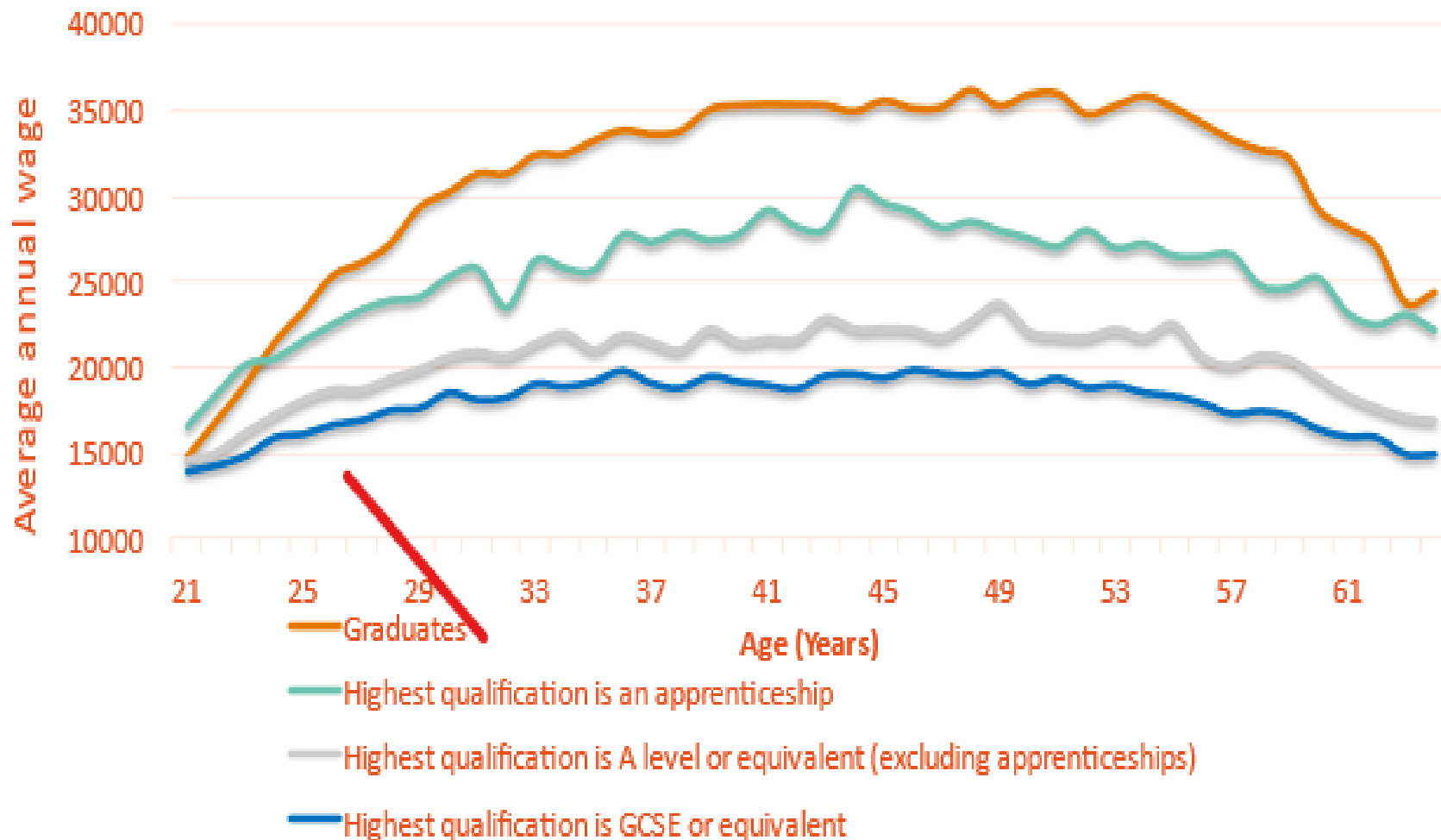




What students  
achieve at  
GCSE will  
change their  
lives forever....



## Average annual wage by age and highest qualification



# THE WORLD OF WORK



18-24 year olds change jobs 6 times on average

5-7 Career changes in your lifetime, on average

Employers will always require you to share your GCSE grades

In this online age, your GCSE grades will stay with you for life



# *The Difference Parents Make*

‘Parental involvement has a significant effect on pupil achievement.’

Department for Education



HM Government

**Parenting is challenging  
at times!**



# Simple But Important Ways Parents Make Difference

- **Take an interest** in your child's schoolwork
- **Ask questions** about the work and how they intend to complete it
- Talking through assignments and how they can be tackled
- **Praise the effort** they are putting in
- Take every opportunity to **encourage and support**
- **High expectations** for what they can achieve



The above help students develop **metacognition** skills which have been proven to be the most important skills for exam success (and in life)

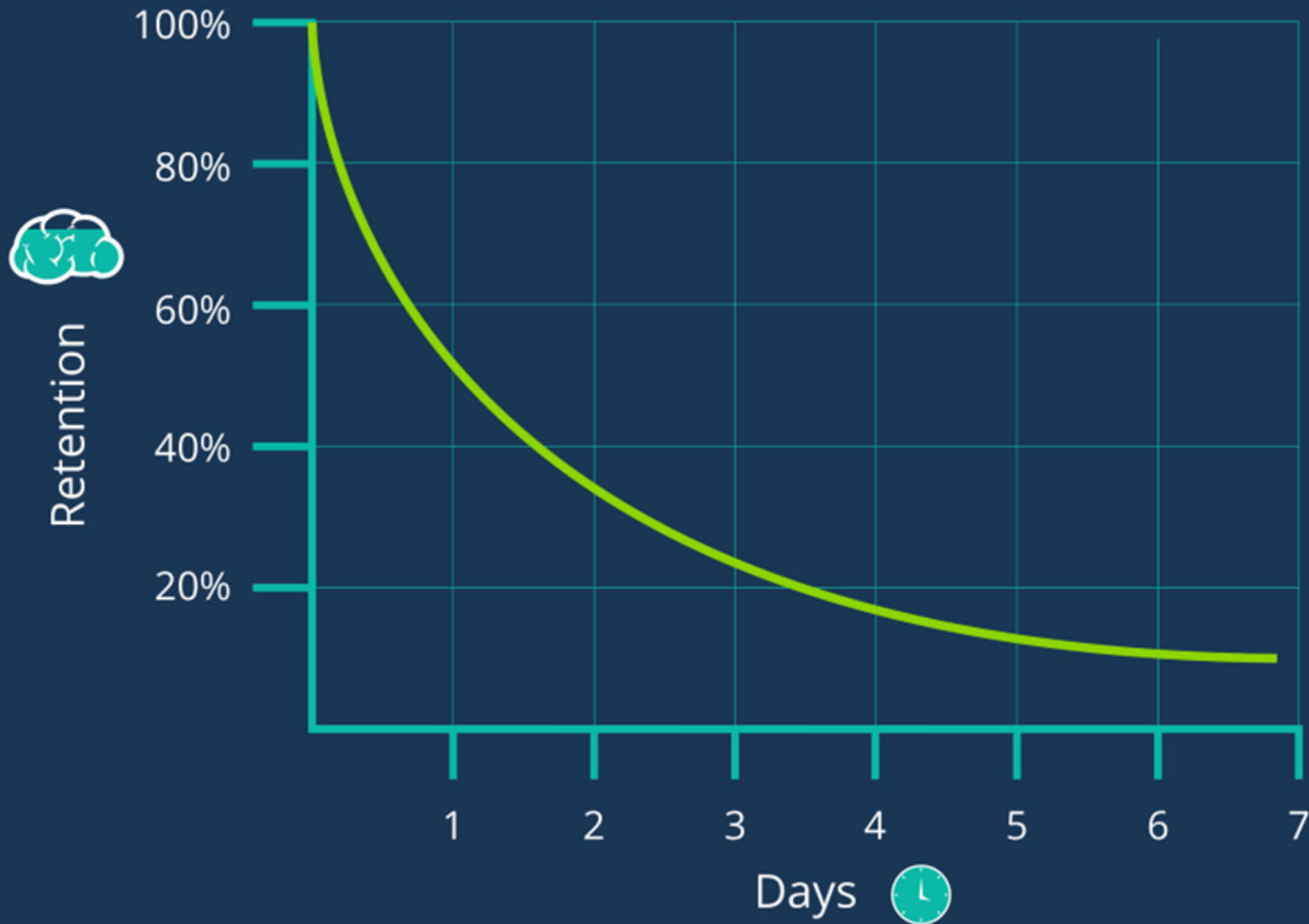


# Simple But Important Ways Parents Make Difference

- Putting limits on **social media** and **gaming** time
- Managing access to **mobile phones** when revising – just remove the distraction
- Rest and good routines
- Good attendance is vital



# THE FORGETTING CURVE



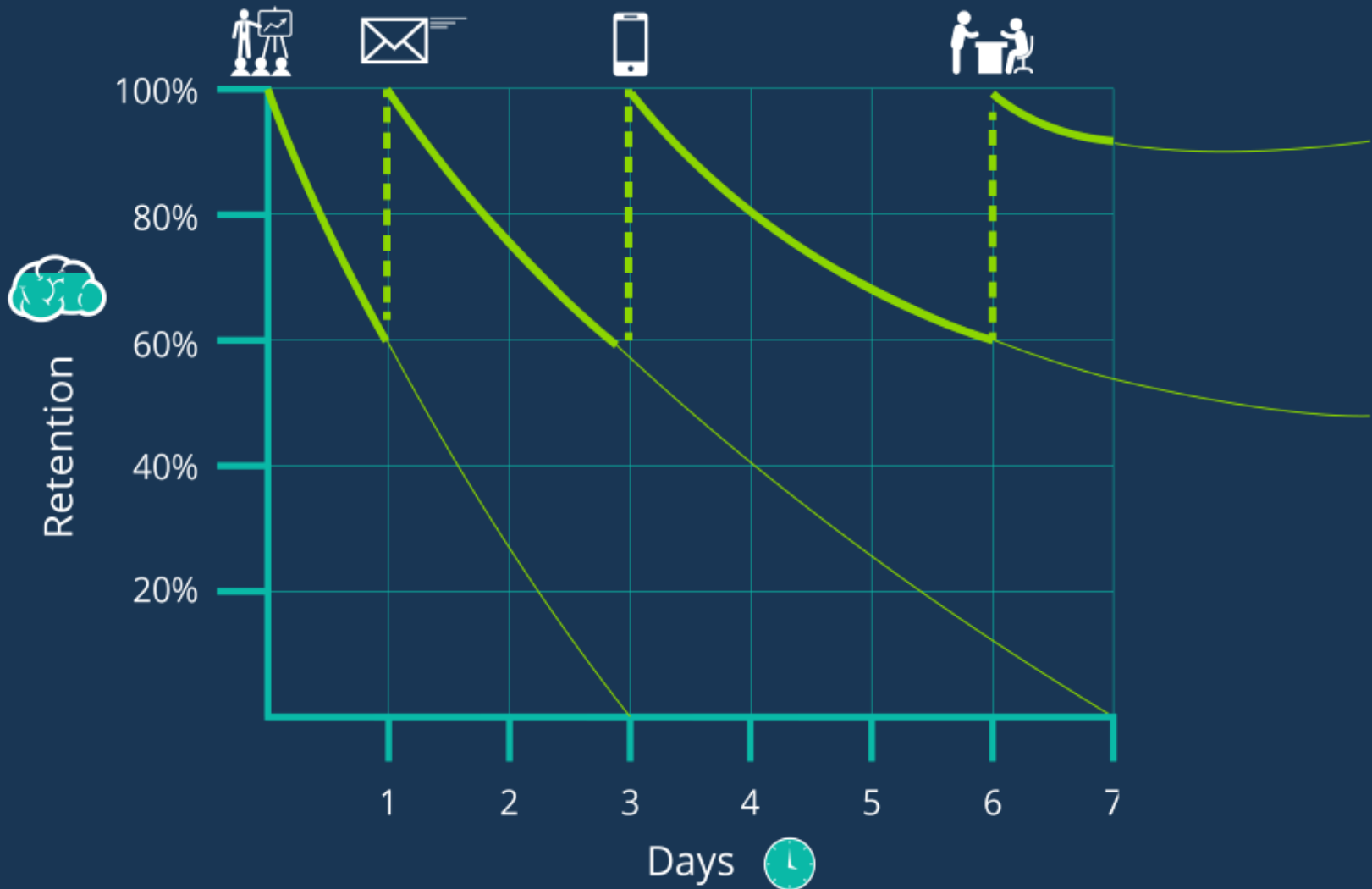
# Revision and Homework

- We need your support at home in making sure that your son or daughter is doing a significant amount of homework and revision each night, at the weekend and during school holidays
- It will be your influence at home that will make all the difference
- Minimum of 2 hours a night of private study
- Minimum 4 hours at the weekend
- This will increase as we get nearer to the exams





# COMBATING THE FORGETTING CURVE

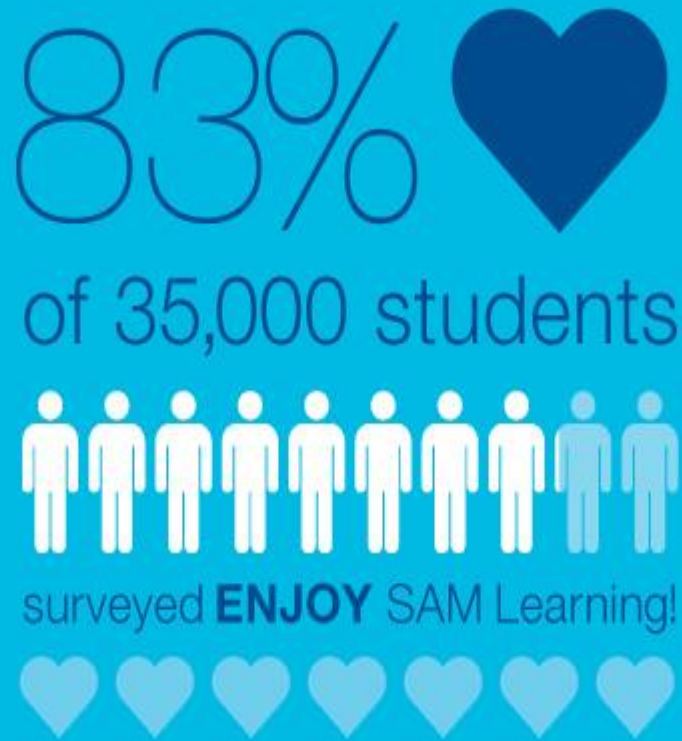


# Revision advice: Have a Plan

- In your booklet you have valuable advice on how your children can revise
- Frequent short sessions are more productive than fewer long sessions

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1600	Period 6 (study group)	ECDL	Period 6 (RPE)	Period 6 (German)	Period 6 (maths)	2 hours homework	1 hour English
1630	Home work	Home work	Home work	Home work	Home work		
1700	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
1730	Maths	Physics	Chemistry	RPE	English	Catch up and extra 1.5 hrs Chemistry Biology	Catch up and extra 1.5 hrs Textiles RPE
1800	Break	Break	Textiles	Biology	English		
1830	Chemistry	RPE	ICT	Break	Break		
1900	Break	German Listening	Break	Textiles	ICT	1 hour Maths	1 hour English
1930	Maths	Break	German listening	Textiles	Break		
2000	Maths	German reading	Maths	ICT	Maths		

Independent Research shows that **10+ hours** on **SAM Learning** across all subjects on the system across a year represents a **1 grade increase** in 2 subjects at GCSE





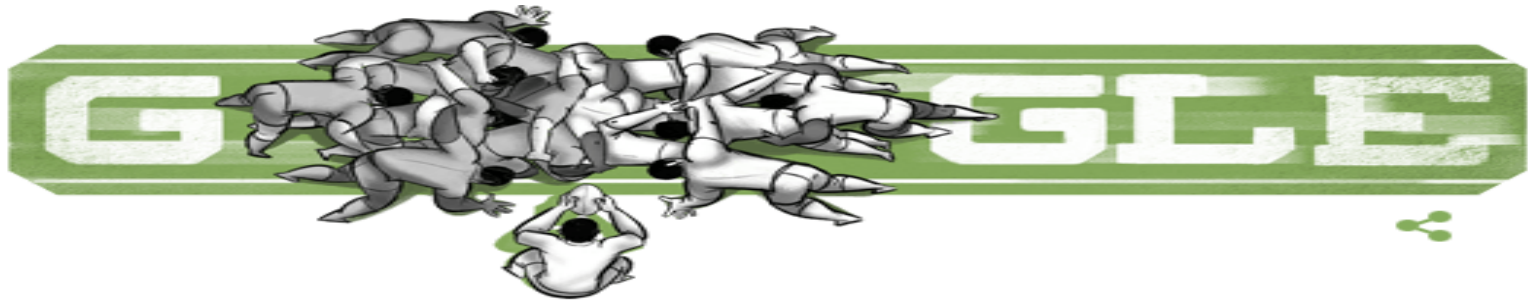
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EDUCATION RESOURCE AWARDS (ERA) 2015 | BETT AWARDS 2015 | TEACH SECONDARY AWARDS 2014



# Past Papers Online

Every exam board will give you free access to their past papers and mark schemes.



GCSE History Papers Edexcel

- gcse history **past** papers edexcel
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# Post-16

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- We would strongly advise you do not allow your child to settle for lower grades as **courses may be oversubscribed or not what they thought was their ideal pathway to a career.**
- Aiming low means students perform **even lower** than expected
- Higher school grades will also provide the platform for a career change later in life.

