

# Welcome

Year 10 Information Evening

# What to expect tonight

- Introduction from Mrs Cowen Head of Year 10
- Overview of the Google suite
- GCSE Grades and School Performance Measures
- Key Dates for this year
- How parents can help (not nag!)
- Revision tips/Apps
- Work Experience and Duke of Edinburgh's Award introduction

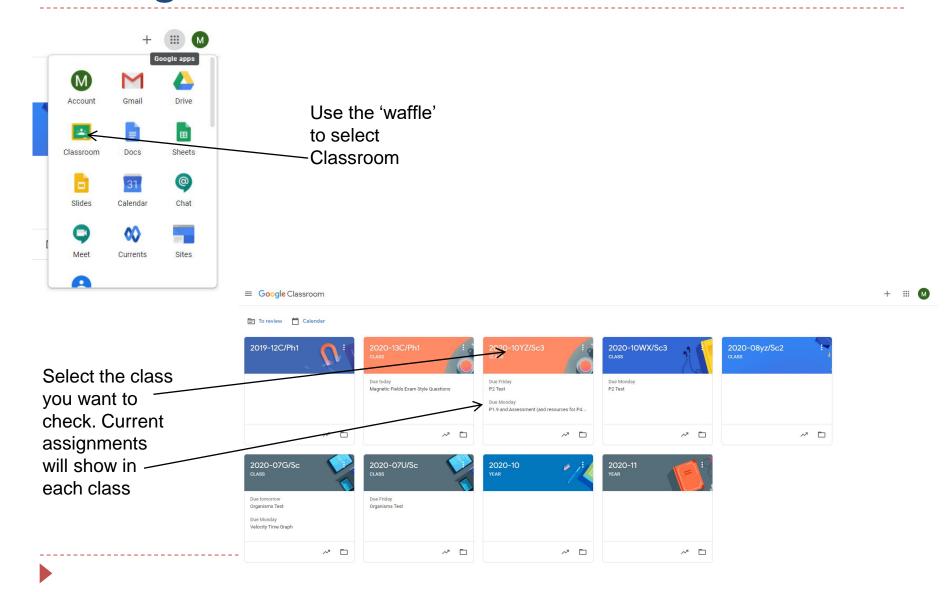


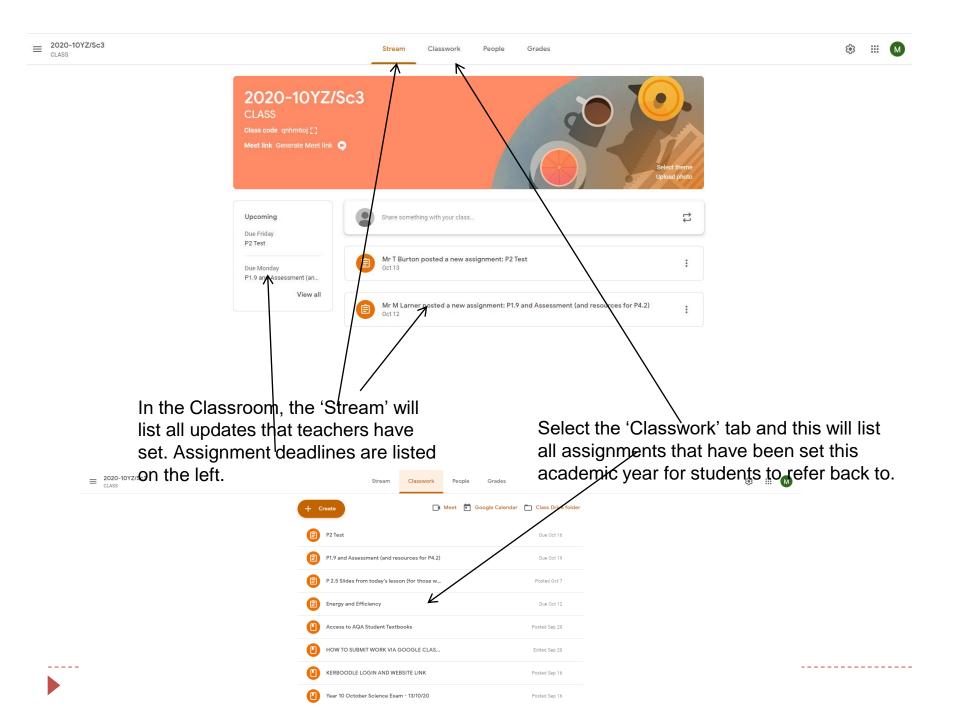
# Mrs Cowen

- You can get in touch with classroom teachers by typing the teacher name into your child's school gmail account. Alternatively these are available on the school website.
- You should have all had an invite to receive updates on your child's google classroom please accept this as it will allow you to support your child with the learning.
- Please let us know if you have any issues/concerns communication is the key to success. We can't help if we don't know there is a problem.



# Google Classroom





# **GCSE** Grading

New GCSE Grade Structure	Previous GCSE Grade Structure		tional des	
9	A*	L2D*		
8 7	Α	L2	2D	
6	В	L2M		
5 4	С	L2P		
3	D	LID		
2	E F	L1M	L1P	
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# Performance Measures explained

**EM** 

Attainment 8 Progress 8

**EBacc** 

% of students achieving English and Maths

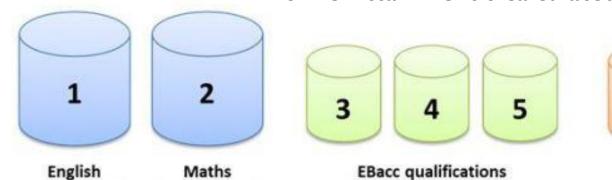
Average grade across best 8 subjects. English and Maths have a double weighting Attainment compared to estimated attainment. Same 8 subjects at attainment 8. Average points of students achieving:

- -English
- -Maths
- -History or Geography
- -Language
- -Sciences

### How is Attainment 8 calculated?

(sciences, computer science, geography,

history and languages)



Double-weighted

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# 6 7 8

# 'Open group' Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)

English Language	5 x 2
Maths	5 x 2
Science	4
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Spanish	5
Computing	5
RE	5
English Literature	4

### = 47 Points

4 A levels	70
3 A levels	50
2 A levels + 1 Vocational	42+

<sup>\*</sup>Higher score of English Language or English Literature double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications

# Progress check

MINCHMORE SCHOOL	Predicted Grade Autumn	Predicted Grade Autumn2	Predicted Grade Spring	Predicted Grade Spring 2	Target	Behaviour	Comments
English	8	8	9		5+	1	Focus on A02 in your literature analysis and question 4 in both
English Literature	7	7	8		5+	1	language papers.
Maths	7	7	8		5-	1	
Biology	8-	8-	7+				Please make sure you revise all the Paper 1 material from Year 10.
Chemistry	8	7	7+		5-	1	Follow the revision schedule set by Miss Bheekoo on Show My Homework. Make answering Exam Style Questions and Past papers a
Physics	8	8	8				key part of your revision.
Hosp & Catering L2 Cert	D*	D*	D*		D-	1	Act on feedback from your teacher in order to improve and develop your theory and practical work.
French	6	6	6		4+	1	Use online revision sites to increase your knowledge of the language. See your teacher for details. It is very important at this stage to do 10 minutes revision per day. This can be done through Memrise and Duolingo. All vocabulary for all topics must be learned as well as the different tenses. For the vocabulary you can use the 'look, cover, write' method which is very effective. You can also use online revision sites such as BBC bitesize. Make sure that you learn the answers in the speaking booklets as will also help you with the writing. You can also listen to French radio or watch films to improve your listening skills.
Geography	7	7	7+		4+	1	
History	8	8	6		4+	1	Complete past paper questions to practice exam technique.
R.E.	7-	7	7+		4+	1	In the 12 mark question ensure you reach a justified conclusion

Attainment 8 Estimate	79.70
Based on the Progress Check	
Grades	

# Yr 10 KEY DATES

- October In class assessments
- 1st November Progress Check 1 opens for staff
- Mid November Progress Check 1 to parents
- 17<sup>th</sup> January Progress Check 2 opens for staff
- Mid January Progress Check 2 to parents
- 28<sup>th</sup> March– Progress Check 3 and reports open for staff
- 25<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> April Work Experience
- 12<sup>th</sup> May Parents Evening (Reports issued)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> June End of Year Examinations
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Progress Check 4 open for staff
- 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> July Spoken Language Exam for English and MFL Speaking Mocks
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Progress Check 4 to parents

Please feel free to contact us about your child's progress or with any other concerns at any time.

## In Year 11

### There will be 3 rounds of Mock Exams:

- October November for some subjects
- January (2 weeks)
- March for some subjects

### **After School Sessions:**

 You will receive a timetable of sessions to attend. We ask you to support us in treating them as compulsory.



# Rewards for Progress

Given out at Celebration Assemblies at the end of each term. *Criteria:* 

### **Gold Ties:**

On target (Yellow or Green) in Maths, English, Science, MFL, Humanities or Option Subject

### Stars:

Bronze – Grade 5 in 5 or more subjects

Silver – Grade 6 in 5 or more subjects

Gold – Grade 7 in 5 or more subjects

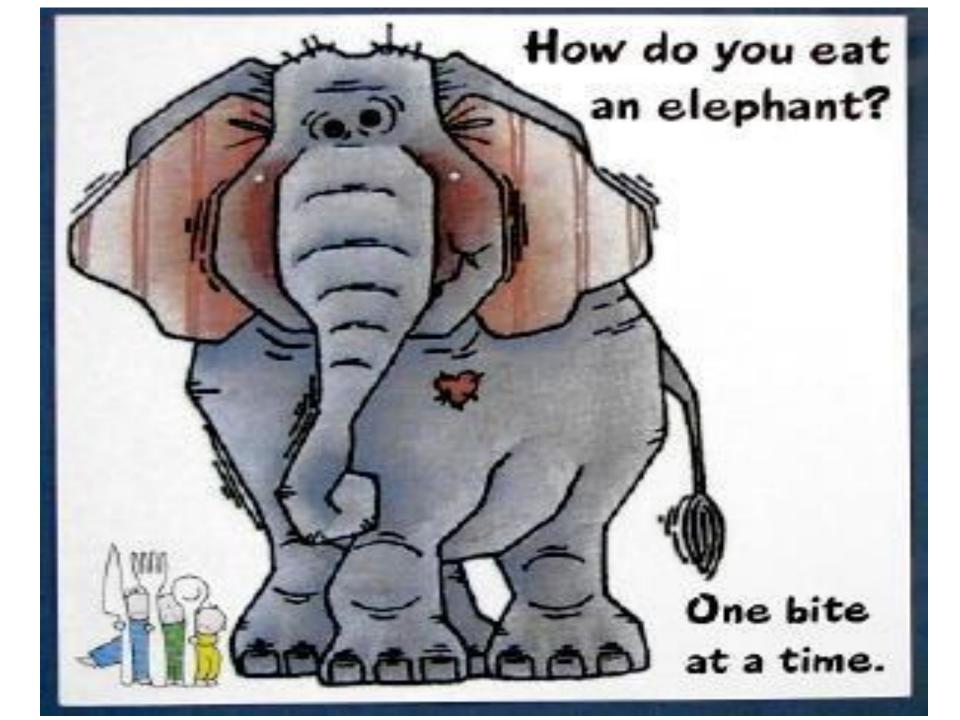
- Progress Excellence Award (awarded in Year 11)
- -on target in 8 or more subjects
- -95%+ Attendance and minimal lates



# Homework at KS4 – our expectations

- Staff will set homework when they think it appropriate to enhance learning (i.e. to check understanding, to finish a piece of work off, research etc). This should always be recorded on the Google Classroom.
- If work is not set for a subject, we would expect a student to complete approximately 20-30 minutes of independent study for each subject they have on that day. This can be reading ahead, going over notes, answering past questions, revision websites, APPS etc.
- KS4 Course Expectations Booklet





# Parents – what can you do?

### TAKE AN INTEREST

- One of the most important things you can do to motivate your child is to take an interest in their education. Speak to them about how their studies are going, what is working well and what problems they are having.
- Look for opportunities to praise them and support them where possible.
- Keep checking to see how they are getting on during the year and the revision period.

### HELP THEM MAKE A START

- Make sure they have all the basic equipment they need such as pens, pencils, calculator, geometry set etc. for their exams.
- Ask them if they need any subject specific revision guides which are available through the school.
- Try to make sure they have a quiet working environment to study at home

### **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

- Do not underestimate the difference a healthy lifestyle can make to your child's performance at school.
- Eating and exercising well can reduce stress on the body and help make someone feel good about themselves.

# Parents – what can you do?

### **REVISION**

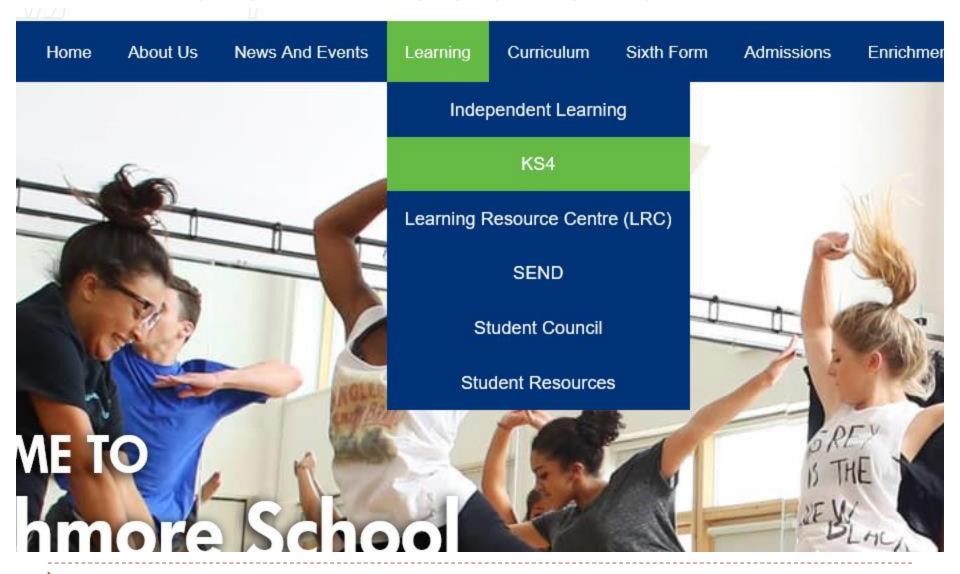
- Discuss with your child what their plans are for revision and help them put together a revision timetable.
- Make sure they plan and start early. Most successful students begin revising for their final GCSE or A Level exams in January/February and 'full-on' revision begins at the beginning of the Easter holiday.
- Get them to create their own revision notes and not just read a book.
- Make sure they are testing themselves by completing past exam questions.

### **INCENTIVES AND REWARDS**

- Discuss with your child the reasons for them needing to do well in their GCSEs and what their goals are. Having a clear understanding of what grades they need to get into sixth for or college is important.
- Some students need more of incentive than just getting good GCSE results. You
  may want to discuss what rewards or incentives will motivate them
- Remember it is important that they try their best and be positive whatever the results.



# REVISION RESOURCES



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#### Options 2021

This presentation details all the information we would normally have given to you during the Options Evening, Please download the powerpoint and select 'Play as Slideshow' - there is audio commentary to help explain the process

🛨 Year 9 Options 2021 - audio commentary video

**±** Click here for Options Booklet 2021

To support GCSE students when revising for their exams we have created a list of resources that they can use to support them. These have been proven to improve exam success, Please click the link below.

List of websites and apps for revision.

For information regarding subject specific information and deadlines please see the booklet below:

#### **How to Contact Staff**

If you wish to contact subject specific teachers please send an email to the Head of Faculty for that subject area:

## GCSEPod and PiXL

- Most subjects have their own apps/revision materials which staff will share with you or recommend.
- GCSEPod and PiXL are resources we have purchased which all students in Years 10 and 11 have access to – both have a proven track record of raising attainment
- GCSEPod is available for the vast majority of subjects we offer
- PiXL is available for English Literature, Maths, Geography and History



### What is GCSEPod?



education on demand

- In-depth subject knowledge
- 27 GCSE subjects
- Over 6,000 audio-visual Pods
- 50,000+ Question Bank
- Knowledge gap identification
- Advanced reporting & monitoring
- Correlation between usage and progress
- One website, three apps



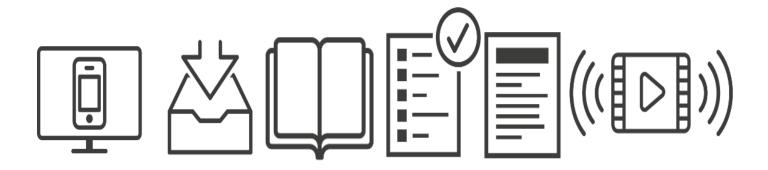




### Student Benefits



- Easy to learn 3-5 minute short, sharp bursts of audio-visual learning GCSE DOC
- Access to content from 27 subjects, all mapped to their exam board education on demand
- Available online or offline
- Ability to favourite any Pods on topics they find hard and revisit them
- Ability to complete tests and receive instant feedback on assignments
- Students accelerate their progress by receiving instant feedback on their knowledge gaps
- Pre-made exam playlists, helping to organise revision









# How to access your GCSEPod Account...



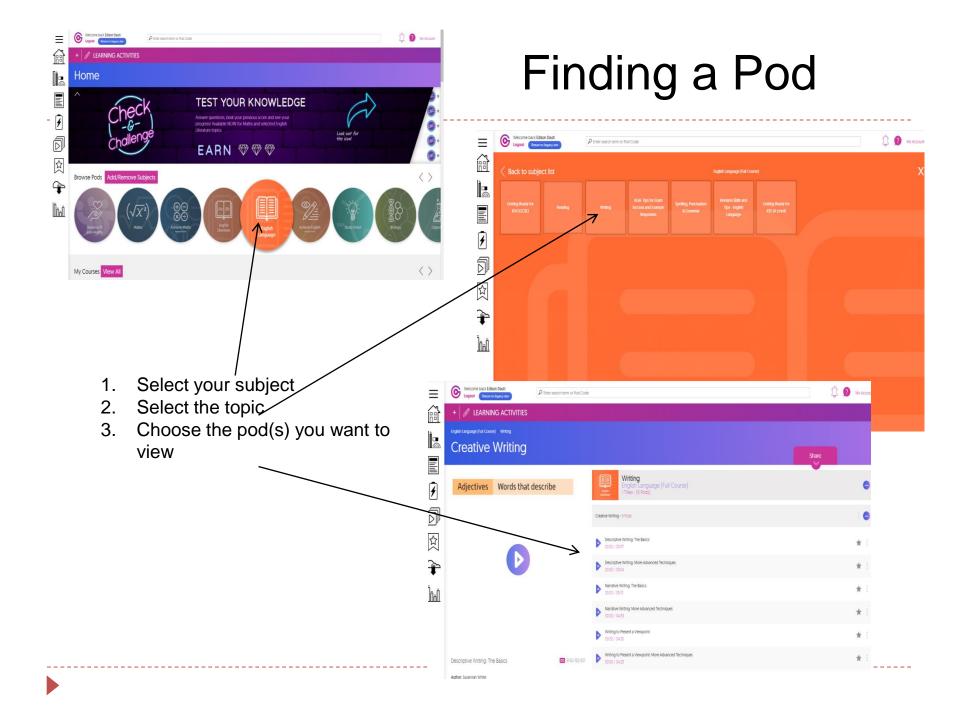


### How to access GCSEPod

- gcsepod
- Go to: <a href="https://members.gcsepod.com">https://members.gcsepod.com</a> or search 'GCSEPod' and click 'login'. You can also download the App.
- Click 'Sign in with Google' student's school email address and password should allow them to login. Any issues, please let Mrs Cowen or Mr Larner know.
- Familiarise themselves, check out their subjects and the pods available to watch







# the PiXL apps

- Download the app from the App store (search for PiXL Maths APP, PiXL Times Tables APP, PiXL English Lit APP, PiXL Geography APP or PiXL History APP), or just Google it!
- http://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/ for Maths
- http://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/ for English Literature
- https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/
   for History
- https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/ for Geography



#### AVAILABLE PLATFORMS FOR THE GCSE MATHS APP



Desktop Flash App

Desktop/Laptop Website Available in all Flash enabled browsers.



Apple App Store Mobile/Tablet Available for iPhone and iPad running

IOS7 and above.



Google Play Store Mobile/Tablet Available for all compatible Android

devices running Android 4.4 and above.



Amazon App Store

Mobile/Tablet

Available for all compatible Android devices running Android 4.4 and above

#### AVAILABLE DESKTOP/LAPTOP PLATFORMS FOR THE PIXL APP SUITE



A distributor for all PiXL Apps.





Windows App

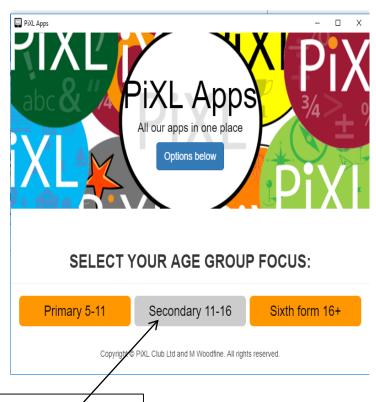
A msi file

Alternative distributor for all PiXL Apps if you have difficulty with installing the first

MAC App A dmg file

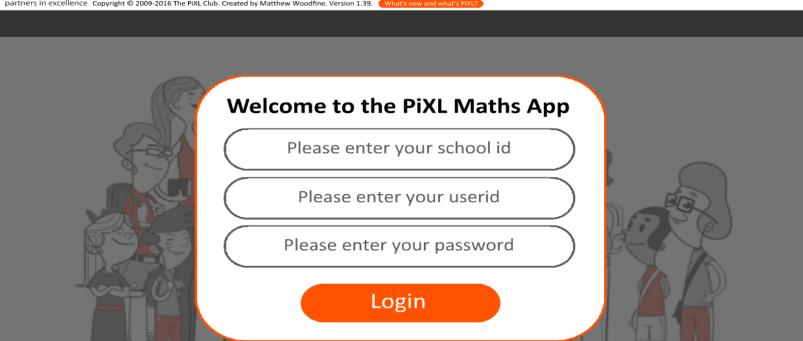
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Select this icon to launch the app on a browser (you can also download to your phone/tablet for free)



Select 'Secondary 11-16'





Forgot password

Students (for all 4 Apps)

School ID = WN65

**User ID** = surname and initial together (no spaces or hyphens).

**Password** = has been issued on a printed sheet e.g. larnerm123bird

# Maths App - examples

### Simultaneous equations



Question 1 of 1

Solve the following simultaneous equations:

$$2x + 5y = 7$$



$$5x + 5y = 10$$

$$8x + 2y = 36$$

$$5x - 3y = 14$$

$$3x + 4y = 0$$

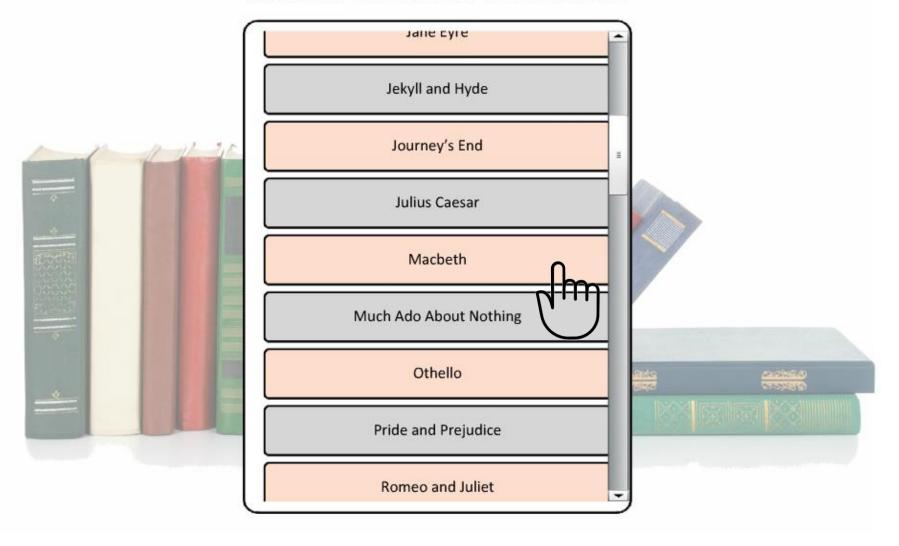
$$4x - 4y = -28$$

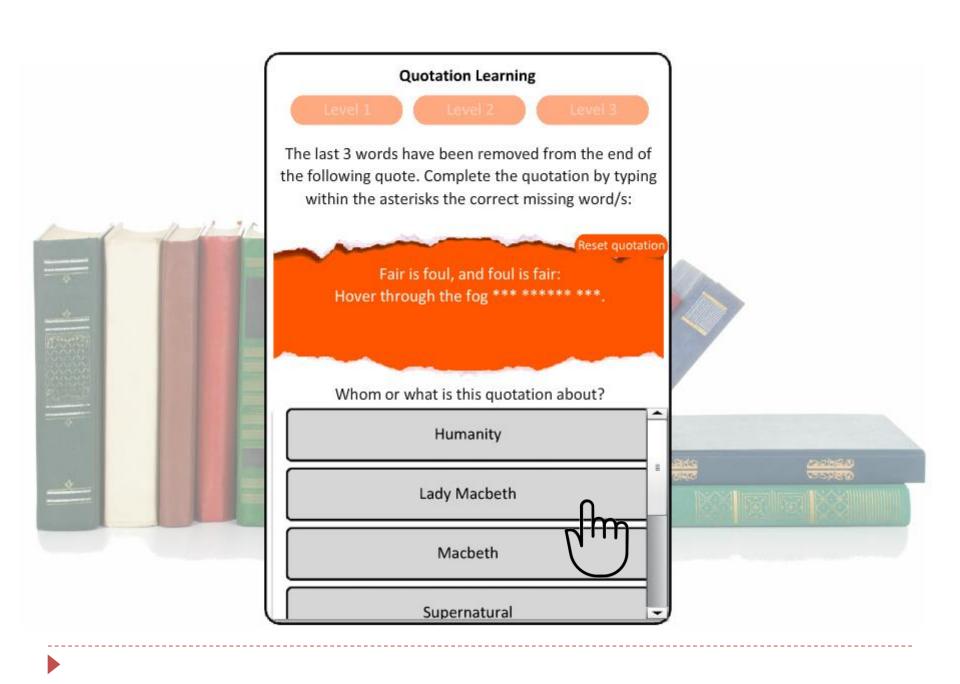
$$x^2 + y^2 = 13 + xy$$

$$2x - y = 7$$

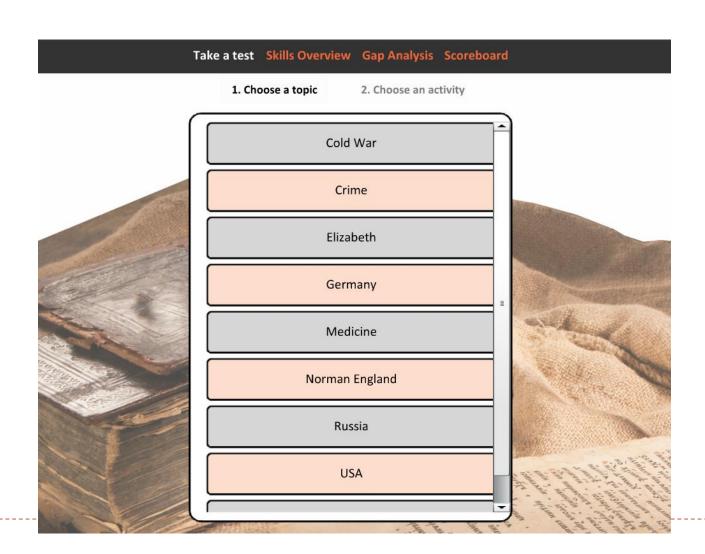
# **English Literature App - examples**

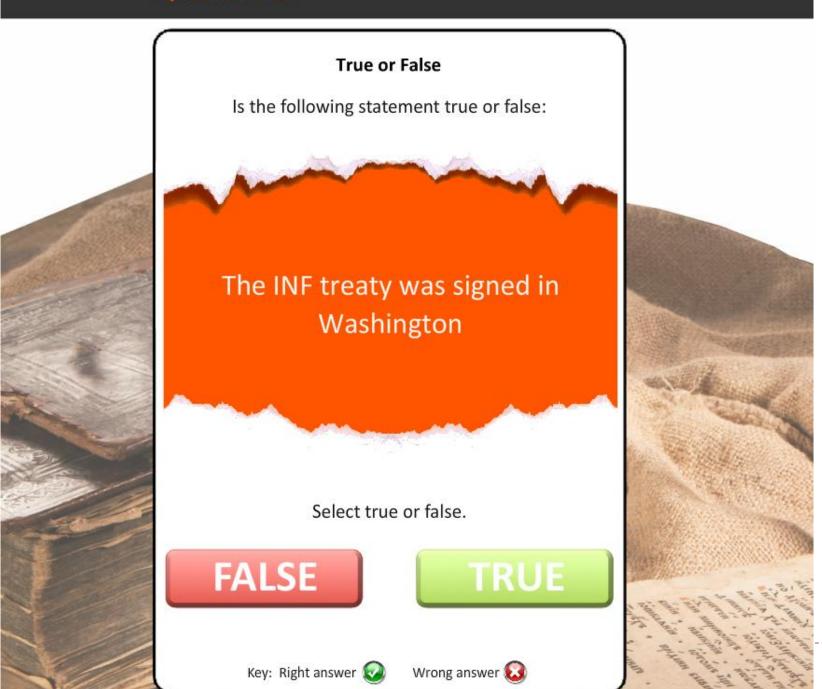
1. Choose a text 2. Choose an activity 3. Choose a chapter/act



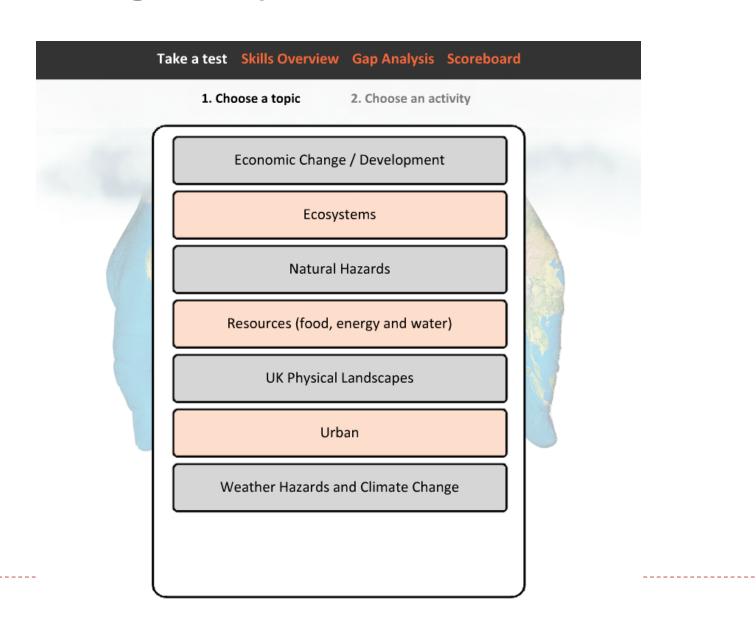


# **History App - examples**



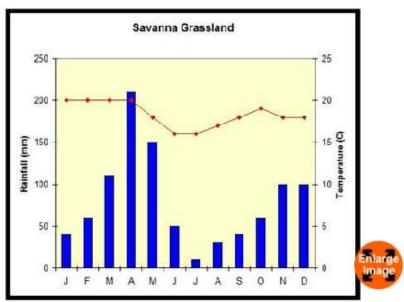


# **Geography App - examples**



### Do it! Evidence

Savanna Grassland Climate Graph



This is a climate graph to show precipitation and temperature in the Savanna biome. The bars represent the precipitation and the line represents the temperature.

Which month had the highest precipitation?

# Year 10

# Work Experience 2021/22 and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award







# WHEN

**Work Experience 2022** 

**One Week** 

April 25th to

April 29th

# WHAT

- We expect that students will be able to go to companies this year
- There are still a number of companies, who we have used in the past, who have staff working from home so these placements will not be available. This means our usual list of placements provided by the Borough will be reduced.
- We are therefore asking parents and carers to please help source a placement for their son/daughter and also to contact <u>careers@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk</u> if you know of any other companies who may be happy to take our students
- A letter will be sent home next week outlining the procedure for obtaining a work experience placement.

# **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

# **BRONZE AWARD**

# Staff involved



- Mr Pilbeam Verifier
- Mr Miller Expedition Coordinator
- Jacques Moore-Hurley Aim High Expedition Company

## WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE

### Four sections

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition (this is expected to go ahead as normal this year)

You need to do 6 months of either Volunteering, Physical or Skills and 3 months on each of the other two. It's up to the individual student to decide which one to do for longer.

A letter has been sent home giving details of this Award and a Form to complete to register your child's interest.



# **Expedition Dates**

Practise expedition 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th March 2022

Assessed expedition 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Expeditions will involve over night camping

Students need to complete two of the other sections in order to take part in the expeditions



# COST

# Registration

£23

(includes access to eDoE site and related paperwork)

# Expedition

£230

(this is the total cost for both expeditions)

( Please contact Mrs Winter in confidence if your child receives FSM and you would like to discuss the DoE fees,)



# HOW TO SIGN UP

If you have not received the original letter and Form to register your child's interest please contact <a href="mailto:careers@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk">careers@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk</a> and a copy will be sent to you.

DoE application forms are being sent out to all parents/carers who have registered their child's interest. These need to be returned to Mrs Winter by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

A virtual meeting for parents/carers/students will be arranged for early November and details will be sent out in due course

Numbers will be limited this year so places will be allocated on a first come basis.



# Year 10 – Progress CHECKLIST

- ☐ Be prepared for school
- ☐ 100% focus in all lessons
- ☐ Complete all controlled assessments (where subjects still have them) to a minimum grade 6/Merit
- ☐ Attend all support sessions
- ☐ Revise and prepare thoroughly for your assessments/End of Year Exams



# What you do everyday matters more than what you do every once in a while.

Mr Jackson, tutor of 5JJ, to Matt Larner sometime in 1998.