



What to expect in Year 11

Mr. Stevenson – Deputy headteacher

The journey starts
now ...



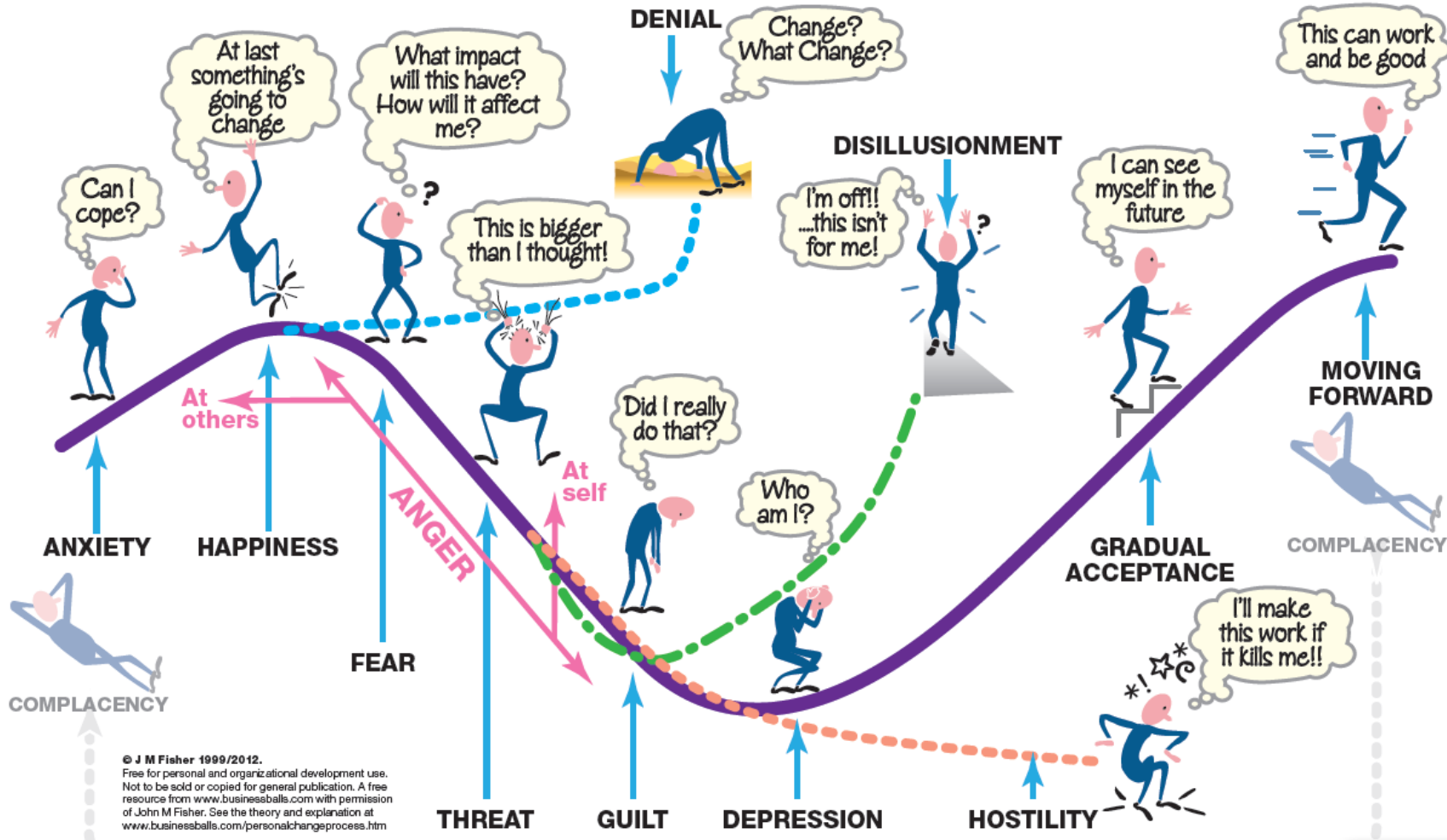
The emotional journey



- Year 11 = change and pressure and stress!
- Even though we don't anticipate school's closing again, your son's and daughter's have had a difficult preparation for GCSE
- Change always brings on an emotional reaction.
- Understanding the emotional journey helps
- Be prepared to support them

The Process of Transition - John Fisher, 2012

(Fisher's Personal Transition Curve)

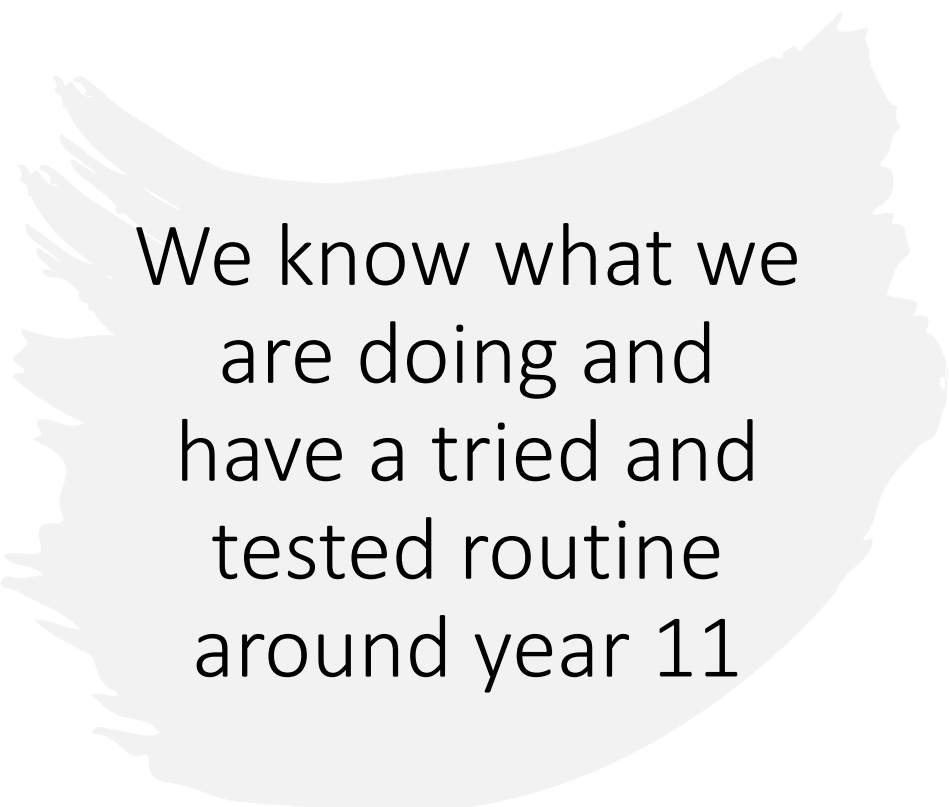


Headline
Measures –
this year's
GCSE
results

Fantastic outcomes

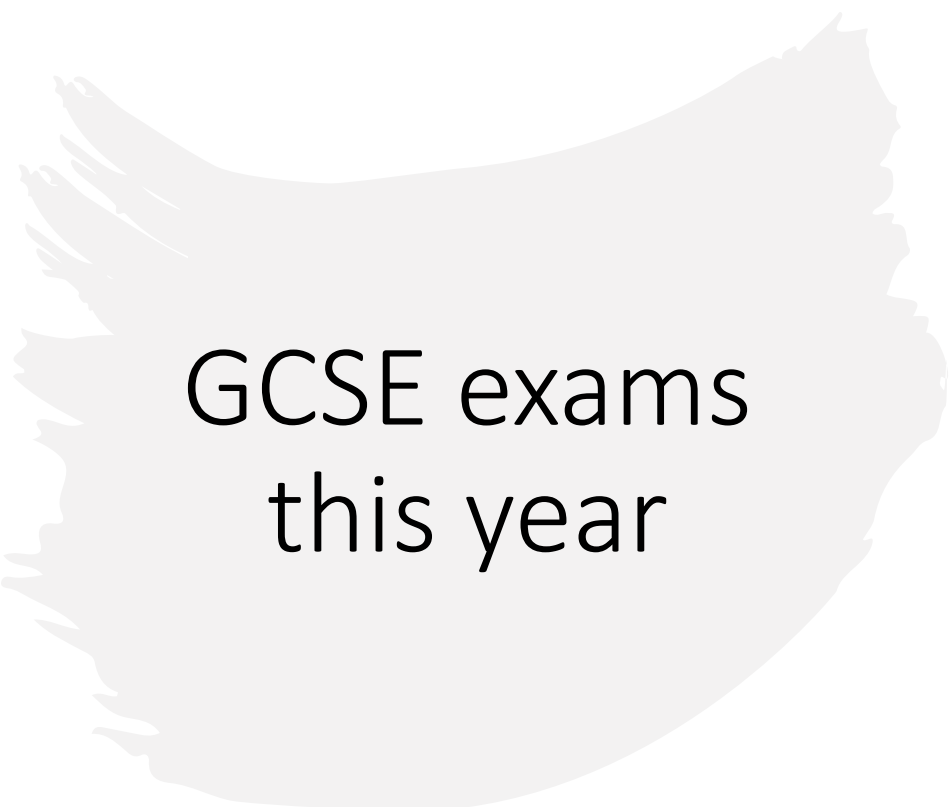
Projected very high P8 figure –
well above the average and better
than previous year

A8 figure high against local and
national figures.



We know what we
are doing and
have a tried and
tested routine
around year 11

- We will teach them and give them the resources they need
- We will offer support for students who we think are falling behind
- We will monitor and check how well students are doing
- We will keep in contact with you
- We will look out for the pastoral needs of our students



GCSE exams
this year

- Have continued our success at GCSE level
- The final section of the journey starts now – most learning will take place in this term

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (T1 and T2)

- Start of term – period 7 and tutor time intervention continues
- 24th October – full reports issued
- 12th November – Sixth form open evening
- 14th November – Year 11 mocks (results sent home by Christmas – will include a “target” grade to use for college applications)

SPRING TERM (T3 and T4)

- Thursday 16th January – Year 11 Parents evening
- Wb 24th February – Year 11 Mocks part II
- March to May – NEA deadlines

SUMMER TERM (T5 and T6)

- NEA marks given to students
- 8th May – GCSEs start
- 23rd May - half term.
- 20th June – GCSEs finish officially
- Thursday 21st August 2025

Intervention – period 7/Tutor/NEA/Holiday



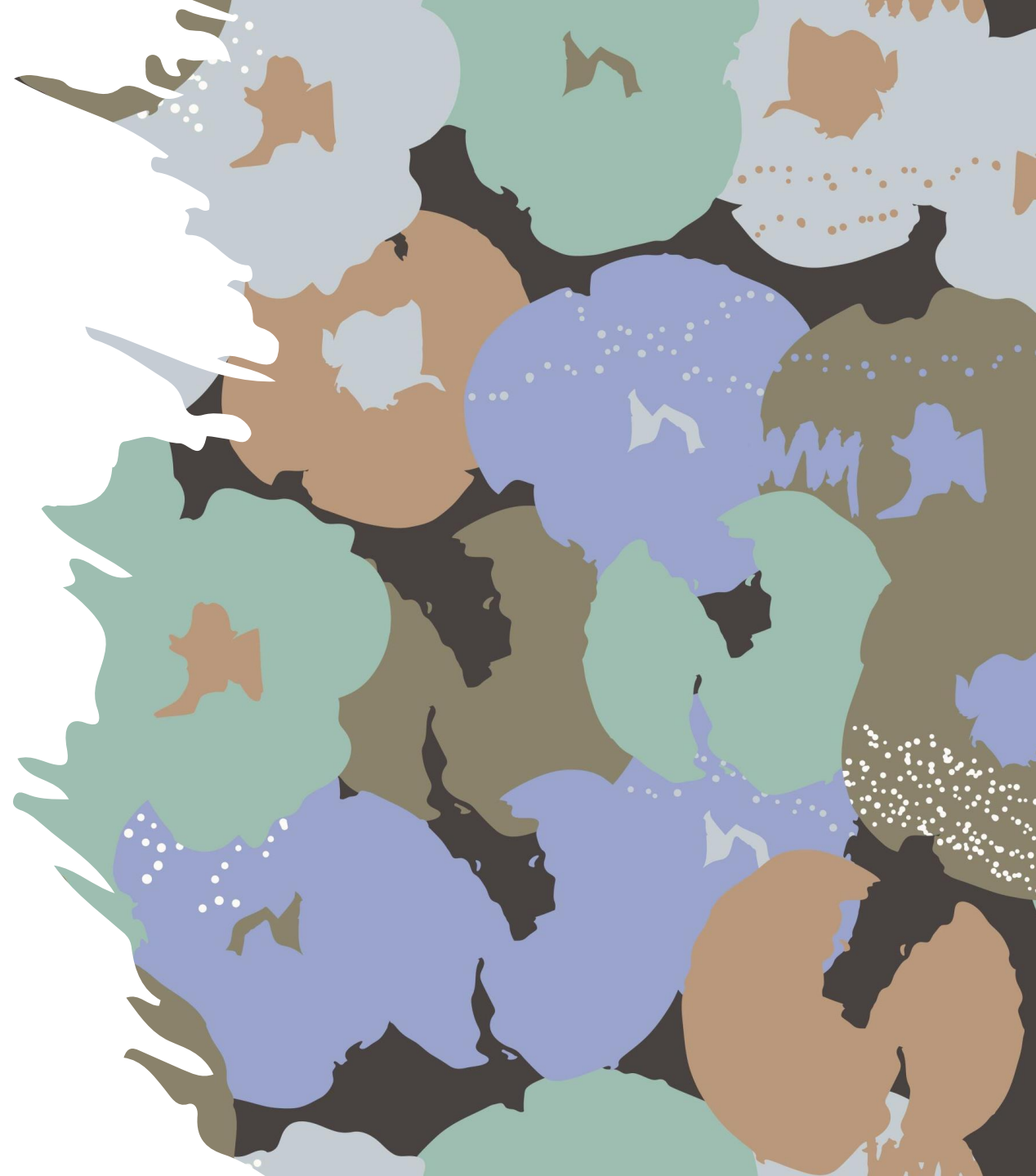
PURPOSE



IN PRACTICE



WHO TO CONTACT



NEA subjects

Check when they are due!

Next Steps

- Newsletter with open days and careers opportunities
- 1:1 careers interviews
- Tutor Time
- Attend open days - check with providers
- Bhasvic/Varndean/MET coordinated application process – deadline 5PM first Friday in December (6th)
- King's deadline will also be in December

Nicer things

- There will be a leavers committee after first mocks
- Plan things like:
 - Hoodies
 - Prom
 - Yearbook
- Etc

Who to contact ...

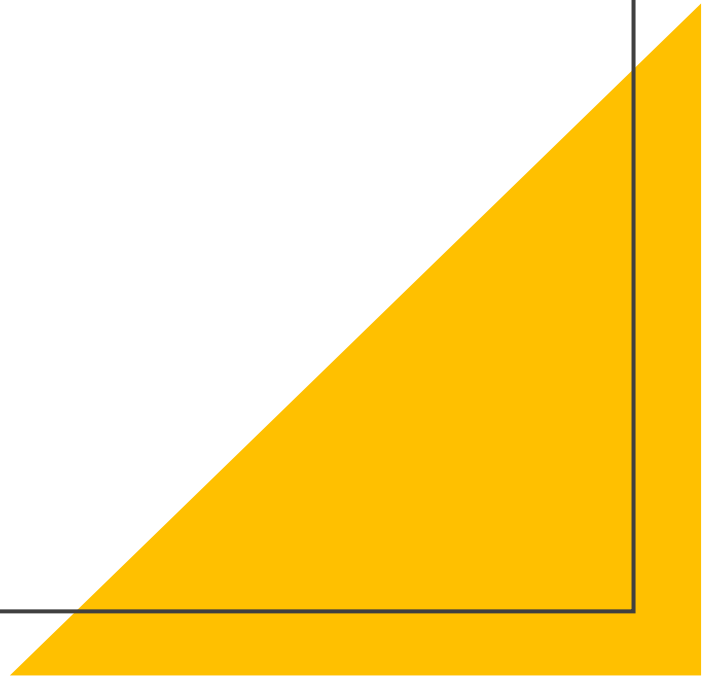
Pastoral support

- Tutor team and Mr McCardie (first port of call – emails on website)
- Pastoral support workers as necessary

Careers Advice and Guidance

- See my practical advice for parents PPT!
- First port of contact is Mr McCardie or Mrs Coles (Careers lead)
- Support in different subjects – the Heads of Department
- <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/contactus.php>

What can your
children do to be
successful??



Reminder – how
to be successful

- Attitude
- Attendance
- Work





Attitude

- Keep positive
- Keep going
- Expect and learn from failure
- Take it one step at a time
- Start doing small things now
– they add up

Attendance – turn up!

Is 90% good enough?

Adds up to 4 weeks
missed over a year

- Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year can equal 1 grade drop in achievement relative to their peers (DFES)
- Positively – improving attendance can increase their grades!

Do the work!

Classwork – don't waste the time with the teachers

Homework – do it on time and do it fully

Revision – start NOW!

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1. Practically - Make a revision timetable

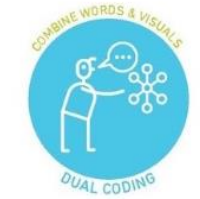
- Don't spend too long on one subject
- Switch between subjects
- Make sure it is realistic and there is time for breaks and down time
- Include space for learning and studying new material as well as for revising old material
- Go back over topics again and again over time

What doesn't work!

“it is worth stressing that techniques such as highlighting or copying notes or the textbook yielded no significant correlation with achievement.” (2024)

They also mention re-reading

Videos — The Learning Scientists



<https://www.learningscientists.org/>



If you're not sure how
to support with revision

Get in contact with their
subject teacher!

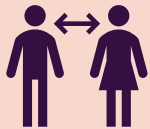
How can parents support



Motivation – next steps, discussions, prodding



Revision – know the process, monitor it, get them to show you, help them organise, help them test



Support – recognise the emotional journey and help them navigate it