



### A STRONG START -



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome our students back this week following the half term break and the past five days have flown by as students in all year groups jumped straight back into school life.

This week we have begun to share mock exam feedback with our Year 11 students and this will continue over the next two weeks. This feedback is just one part of our extensive Year 11 support package in the run up to exams as we understand that it is important to not only supporting the students academically, but emotionally too, during what can be a demanding time. Looking after our students wellbeing is just as important as imbedding academic understanding and our tailored approach aims to balance this, with experienced staff on hand

every step of the way. The year group have done exceptionally well so far and I am thoroughly impressed with their attitude and maturity and I cannot wait to celebrate with them all on results day later in the year. Keep up the great work Year 11!

Best wishes,

**Lisa Hickman, Headteacher**

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### PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!

Students across the school are being invited to get involved in a number of activities and competitions for World Book Day this year. World Book Day will take place on Thursday 3rd March, with Year 7 spending the day enjoying themed activities and lessons. The year group will also spend their tutor time next week creating 'Book Cover Doors' as

they decorate their tutor room doors to represent one of their favourite books. Alongside this group activity, students in Year 7 are also invited to create a 'Book in a Jar' or a 'Character on a Potato' to bring their favourite title or book character to life!

In the Library, Ms Crisp is also running a series of competitions for students in all year groups, including an 'Extreme Reading' photo competition which encourages students to photograph themselves reading in unusual (but safe!) locations, a competition to write a story in 100 words or less and the chance to write a book review to feature on a wall display. We look forward to sharing the competition entries, winners and prizes next Friday!

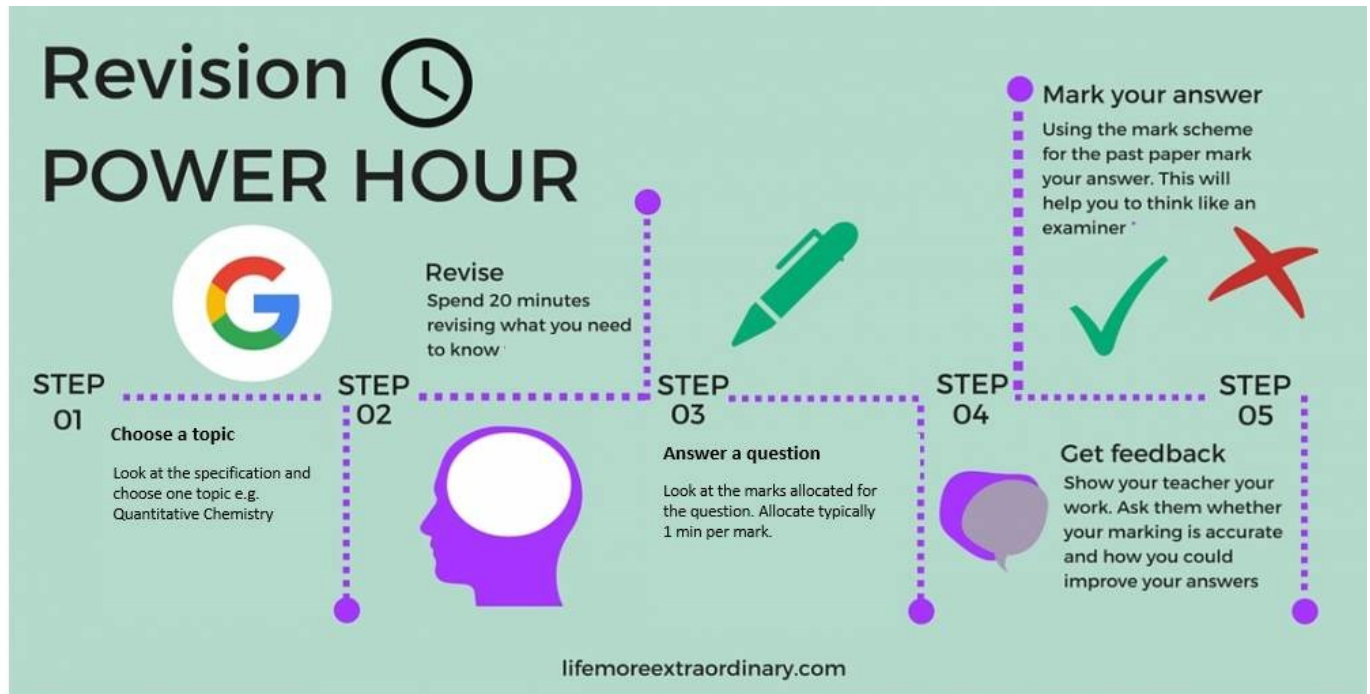


# Ms KEY'S TOP REVISION TIPS

Each week, Ms Key, Year Leader for Year 11 will be sharing a revision tip to help support students through the exam period.

This week her top tip is...

**REVISION TIP OF THE WEEK –**  
*Have a **POWER HOUR**!*



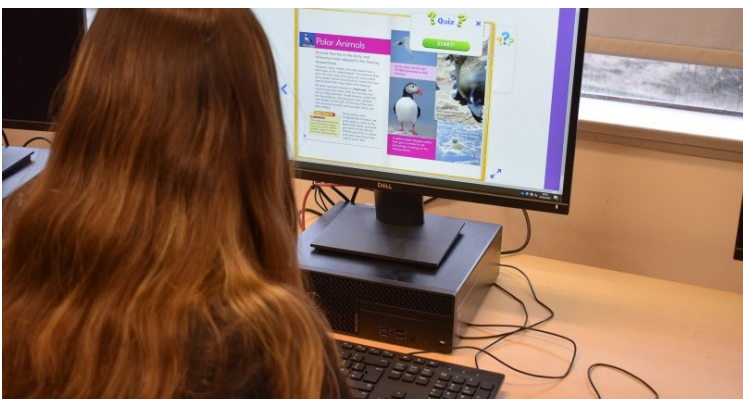
## YEAR 8 STUDENTS ENJOY 'READING EGGS'

Reading Eggs is an online programme enjoyed by students in Year 8 three times a week in the Library. Students read books from the computer programme then answer questions and complete quizzes. After each quiz students gain points they can 'spend' creating characters on the online platform. Designed to improve literacy and reading skills, students involved have seen their reading ages improve by as much as 18 months over a 5 month period.

The fun activities not only help students to improve their literacy, but to also gain a love of reading for pleasure. Year 8 student Gracie shared how the quizzes are her favourite part and that Reading Eggs has helped her reading to progress over the last few months.



Year 8 students take part in fun online reading quizzes in the Library to support their literacy development.





# SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE EXAM PERIOD

This week students in Year 11 have been receiving support following their mock exams, from mock paper feedback in subject lessons and recapping key questions and topics to embed understanding, to visits by external speakers and intervention sessions.

We have been extremely proud of the conduct and attitude of our students during this period and our staff are focused on ensuring that we support Year 11 not only academically, but also emotionally, during what can be a challenging period of time in the run up to final exams.

Mock feedback is vital in ensuring that students can evaluate their understanding and highlight topics where further revision would be useful, it also allows them to review their time management skills and to understand how approaching exam papers and revision in different ways may work best for them.

Ms Key, Year 11 Year Leader said, "Year 11 students have achieved great success in the February mock exams and over the next two weeks, they will be receiving high quality feedback to pave the way for even further progress towards and beyond their target grade. The Hinckley Academy way involves a three-step feedback process: 'KNOW – HOW – SHOW' :

- 1: Students will discover what to KNOW needs improving.
- 2: They will be guided by their teachers on HOW to go about making improvements.
- 3: And finally SHOW in future lessons that they have made further progress."

Each of our students is an individual, with completely unique needs, knowledge and learning style and creating an extensive package of support to help all our students to find success is important. Our broad support package includes extensive opportunities for revision, wellbeing support, mindset coaching and knowledge consolidation to help our young people. Opportunities include, intervention sessions, assemblies, conferences by external speakers, one to one mentoring, drop in sessions and in class feedback. One size doesn't fit all, and we work hard to identify the best support opportunities to utilise for each individual student.

*For additional support with revision or exam preparation, Year 11 students should speak to their Subject Leaders and Pastoral Team.*



*A conference this week to look at mindset and techniques for exam success, was just one of the tailored support tools utilised recently to help Year 11 succeed in their exams.*



*Year 11 students will be receiving mock exam feedback over the next two weeks to support future exam success. This feedback is just one of the measures used within our extensive support package to ensure tailored and consistent support.*

## SIXTH FORMER SHOOT FOR SUCCESS

Sixth Form student Sinead took part in the British Shooting Schools Championships recently at Cannock Chase Leisure Centre.

Already part of the ESSU for professional shooting development, Sinead competed against young people from across the United Kingdom in her latest rifle competition and qualified 1st for her age group in the East Midlands.

Even though she described the final as tough, Sinead competed against 30 other competitors in her age group and scored 152 to come 11th overall.

Sinead enjoyed the event and shared how a particular highlight was being able to celebrate as her friends found success in the final too.

**Congratulations Sinead and we look forward to continuing to follow your success in the future!**



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