

Alder
Community High School



YEAR 11
Support and Guidance
Evening



Purpose of the evening

To maximise your child's:

- GCSE potential in every subject.
- Life chances.



How can this be achieved?



- Parent/carer and school working together.
- Ensuring your child knows we are working together.
- Giving you high quality guidance on how to support your child.



What type of support will your child require?

- Practical support
- Emotional support
- Academic support



Practical support.



- Arrange a quiet place for them to study at home.
- Encourage them to use the school library if home is not appropriate.
- Buy them any equipment they may need.
- Make sure they sleep well.
- Take their phones away from them during revision - I dare you!!
- Remove all other social media devices.
- Keep them away from junk food. Nutritious food and water are essential.
- Write up a revision timetable with them.



Emotional support



- Be there for them. Show an interest.
- Offer, but do not force help.
- Emphasise that "doing your best" is what is important.
- Be sensitive - A hormonal adolescent experiencing exam stress, is often a dangerous mix.



Academic support



Encourage your child to:

- Work through past papers using mark schemes and examiners reports.
- Establish a good working relationship with each subject teacher.



The excuse culture



Do not believe the myths:

- "I work better with the TV on."
- "I can swot up a week before the exam. Everyone crams."
- "I have done all my homework."
- "Facebook has revision guides."



Study skills.



Encourage your child to:

- Revise little and often (30 minutes is ideal).
- Follow their revision timetable.
- Ensure that their timetable has repetition built into it. Repetition is key!
- Read the question - what are they asking for? Is it descriptive or analytical.
- Read the 'GCSE revision guides for parents.'

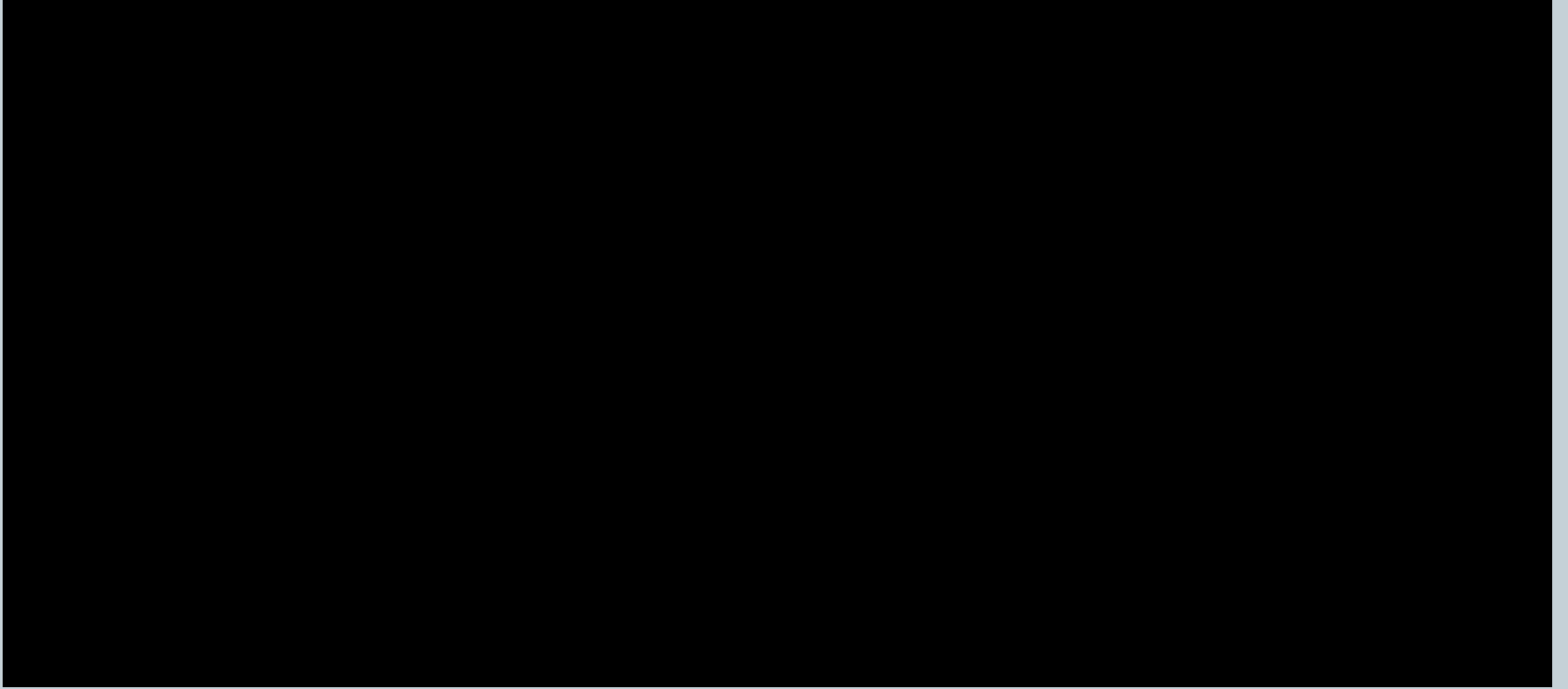
2 points to note:

- Highlighting their work is not effective.
- Just reading through notes is not enough.

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How does Alder support your child?



- Achievement meetings to analyse student data.
- General intervention.
- Easter and Whit intervention programmes.
- Adopt a year 11.
- Learning mentor.
- Pre-Public Exams (mocks)



The real GCSEs



- Exams start at 8:45am and 1:45pm.
- You must arrive at least 15 minutes before the exam starts.
- Please read the "GCSE Examinations: Key information for Students"- document provided.



Key Quote



*"If you're going to do something,
you should do it well.
You should sweat over it and make
sure it's strong and accurate and
beautiful, and you should be proud
of it."*



And finally!



- Do not hesitate to contact me in school if necessary. (s.muddiman@alderchs.uk)
- I will reply within 24 hours.

Thank you for your time.