

Introduction to GCSE – Preparing for the Year 10 mocks



*A warm welcome to the GCSE class of
2026 & their parents / carers!*



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GCSE Qualifications



- Since the 2017 changes, GCSE qualifications are more **demanding** than before.
- Lots to learn, know and remember for your GCSE exams.
- Preparation and practice is key!
- Facts, formulae, symbols, key words, concepts, dates, events, characters, quotations, grammar, vocabulary...
- Terminal exam is the assessment for most subjects
- Some subjects also have non-examined assessment (NEA)/coursework, some of which has already begun in Year 10.
- The journey through GCSE is already well underway!

Tiers of Entry & GCSE Grades



- One tier of entry in the majority of GCSEs, except Maths, Science and Spanish.
- A grade 5 on the foundation tier is worth the same as a grade 5 on the higher tier.
- The school carefully considers and enters students on the tier where we believe they will achieve the highest grade, based on assessments, experience and subject expertise.
- We welcome discussion with parents along the way.

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

The grades young people achieve can affect...



- The post-16 provider they attend
- The qualifications they are eligible to study next
- The level of apprenticeship they can access
- Their eligibility for a university course
- The universities they can apply to
- Their career prospects

Choices!





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2025 Key Dates: Year 10



- w/c 28th April 2025 – Mock examination period
- w/c 19th May 2025 – Summer Term Report
- Thursday 13th June – Subject Parents' Evening
- w/c 9th June (O Band) & w/c 16th June (S Band) Work Experience
- w/c 30th June - Spanish Speaking mock (*provisional*)



Progress Report



Ormskirk School

Year group
Year 11

Head of Year
Mr G Flynn and Miss A Watts

Form
11-ERA

Form tutor
Mr E Ackers



Attendance*
100.0%

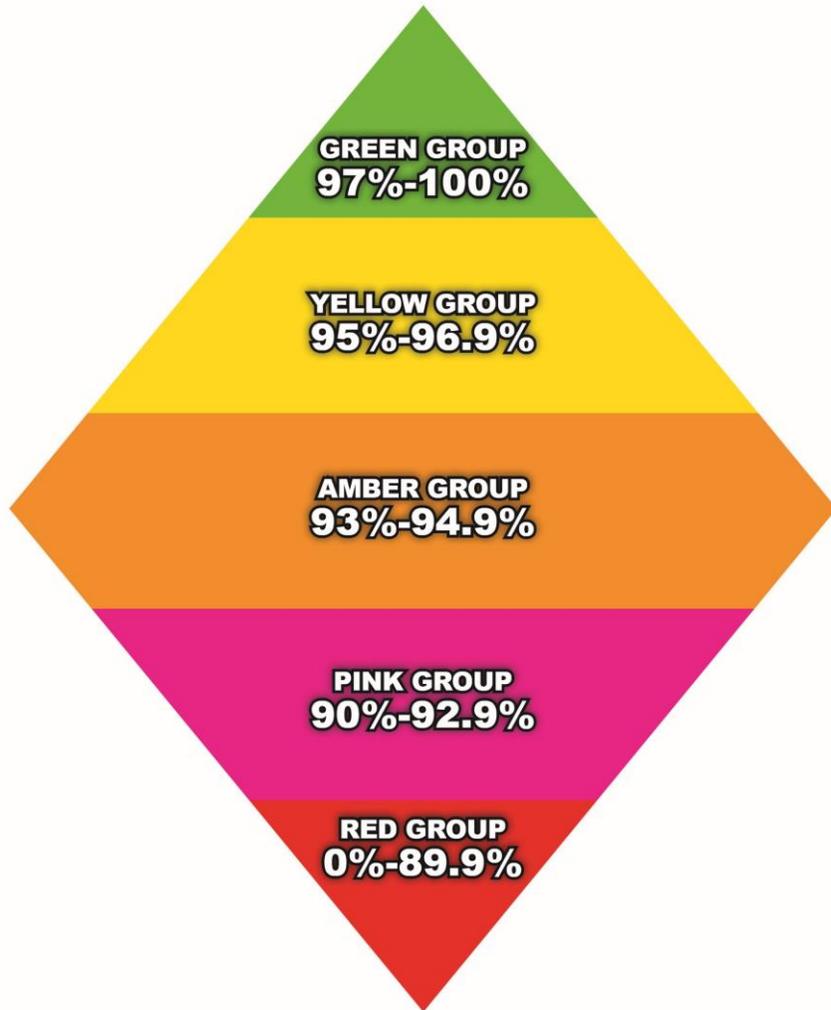
Lates
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Report date
11 Dec 2024

Course	Predicted Grade	Preparation For Learning	Attitude to Learning	Homework
English: KS4 English Language Predicted Grade	7	A	A	A
English: KS4 English Literature Predicted Grade	9			
Mathematics: KS4 Maths Predicted Grade	9	A	A	B
Biology: KS4 Biology Predicted Grade	7	A	A	C
Chemistry: KS4 Chemistry Predicted Grade	8	A	A	C
Physics: KS4 Physics Predicted Grade	9	A	A	D
Computer Science: KS4 Computer Science Predicted Grade	8	A	A	A
History: KS4 History Predicted Grade	7	A	A	A
Physical Education / Sports: KS4 PE GCSE Predicted Grade	8	A	A	A

* Attendance is for 04 Sep 2024 - 11 Dec 2024

Attendance matters



GREEN	BEST CHANCE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS
YELLOW	RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
AMBER	SERIOUS RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
PINK	SEVERE RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
RED	EXTREME RISK - PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

How can parents support in preparation for the mocks?

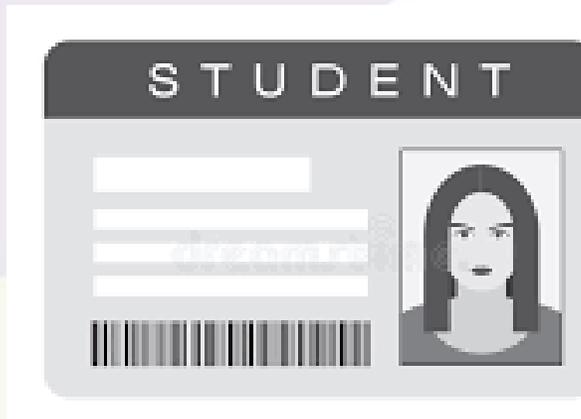
Organisation

- *Clear Pencil Case*
- *Calculator*
- *Pens, Pencils etc*



Exam ID Card

As part of JCQ regulations, pupils must have their exam ID card visible on the desk. They will be distributed before the exam period – keep it safe.



Routines

- *Sleep*
- *Healthy diet*
- *Breakfast*
- *Punctuality to school*
- *Calm morning*





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Weekly Revision Timetable

Week commencing:

Total hours of revision planned:



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Time	Saturday	Sunday	
				R E V I S I O N			W O R K		
		ENGLISH Macbeth Quotes Flashcards							MATHS MathsWatch Past Paper
						SCIENCE Past Paper			
	SCHOOL PICK UP		PE Mind-map Respiration						ROAST DINNER
	SCIENCE EDUCAKE		RUGBY			OUT WITH FRIENDS			History Mind Map/Seneca Elizabethan
		MATHS Maths Watch Fractions							

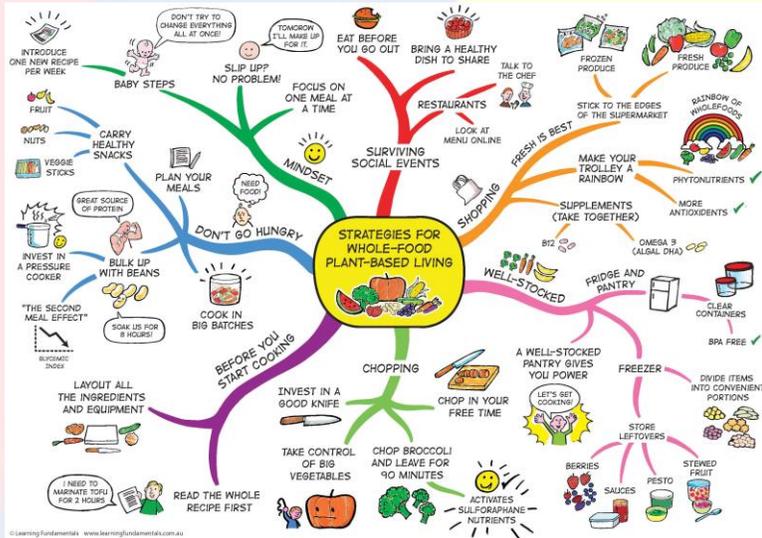
Which of these are you planning to use?	Mind Map	Flashcards	Past Papers Questions
Subject Specific Website	Timed Past Paper	Revision Video	Other

Positive Reflections
Write something you are proud of learning or achieving this week!



Key Revision Strategies

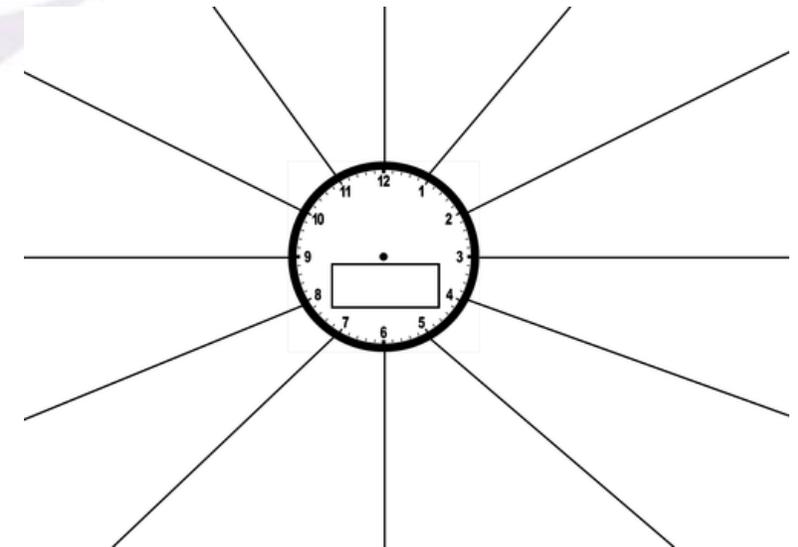
1) Mind Maps



2) Flash Cards



3) Revision Clocks

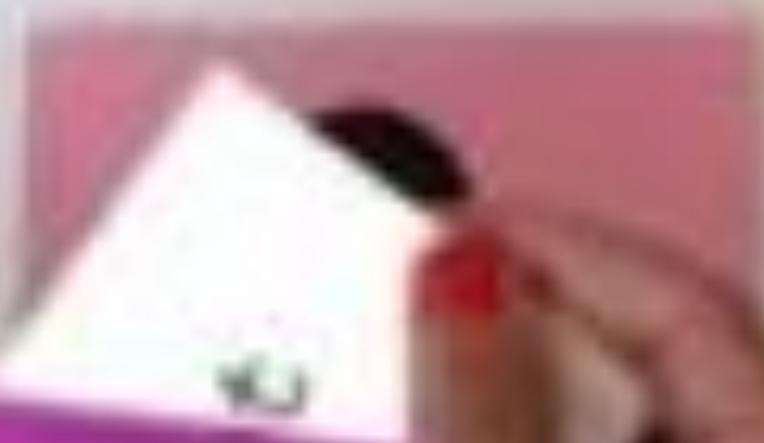
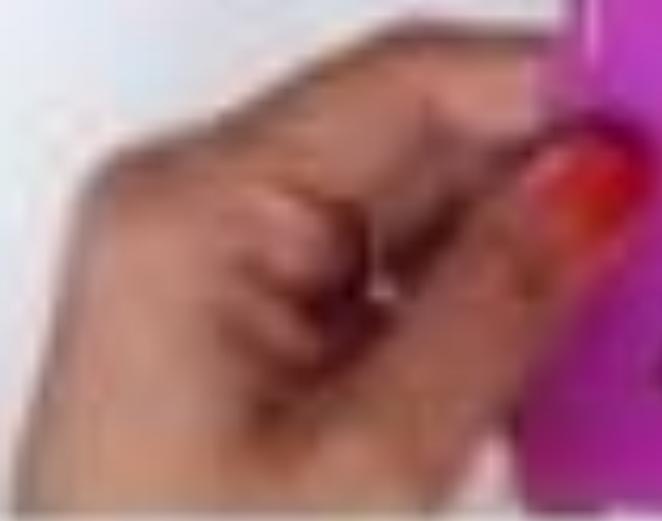


3) Flash Cards

A good revision card should;

1. Be homemade
2. Involve pictures **and** words
3. Test knowledge
4. Have a question on one side, answer on the other
5. Be easy to read
6. Have the correct information
7. Be used frequently but spaced out



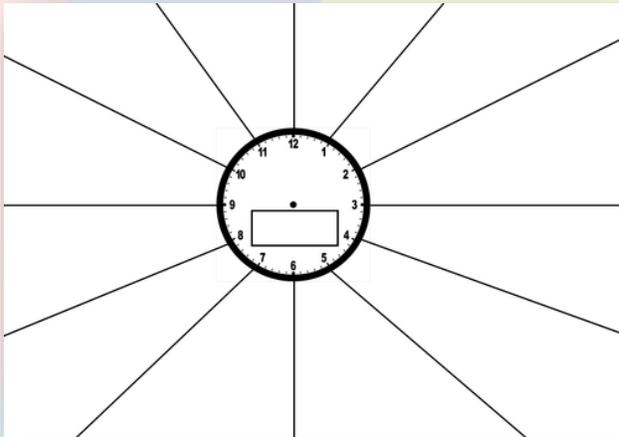


Use the Library



ENDEAVOUR
LEARNING TRUST

- 1) Our School – *Open Break & Lunch*
- 2) Public Library - Ormskirk
- 3) Edge Hill - *Available to all members of the community free of charge*



Revision Timetable

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Subject	Sessions per week
9am									
10am									
11am									
12pm									
1pm									
2pm									
3pm									
4pm									
5pm									
6pm									
7pm									
8pm									



Ormskirk Sixth Form

Advice to Year 10 Students

Year 10 seems like yesterday to many of our year 12 and 13 students. Teachers are good at giving advice but here are some words of wisdom from people who were sat where you are not so long ago...

"Start NOW. If you do then you will be in control and there will be no last minute panic – panicking in year 11 is not nice" Luke year 13

"If you start now then you can revise in small chunks. I don't revise for longer than 25 minutes without a small break of a few minutes. That work best for me" Lucy year 12

"Make every minute of each lesson count. Listen to the advice your teachers give you, they do know what they're doing TRUST THEM." Matt year 12

"Take advantage of every opportunity that comes along. Revision at lunch or after school helped me loads" Isabelle year 12

"Reward yourself. Little rewards along the way will keep you going – you favorite day out, catch up with friends, new game, your favorite meal will all keep you going" Tom, year 12



Start now, small chunks, reward yourself...you can do this!!!



**See you on taster day
in the summer term**



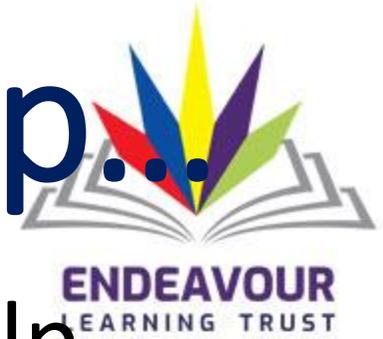
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School is always here to help...



We actively encourage all students to ask for help

– *this may not be easy for some!*

- Year 10 Team

Mr Lewis & Mr Millar

- Form Tutor

General concerns and advice

- Subject Teacher

Be honest about any struggles

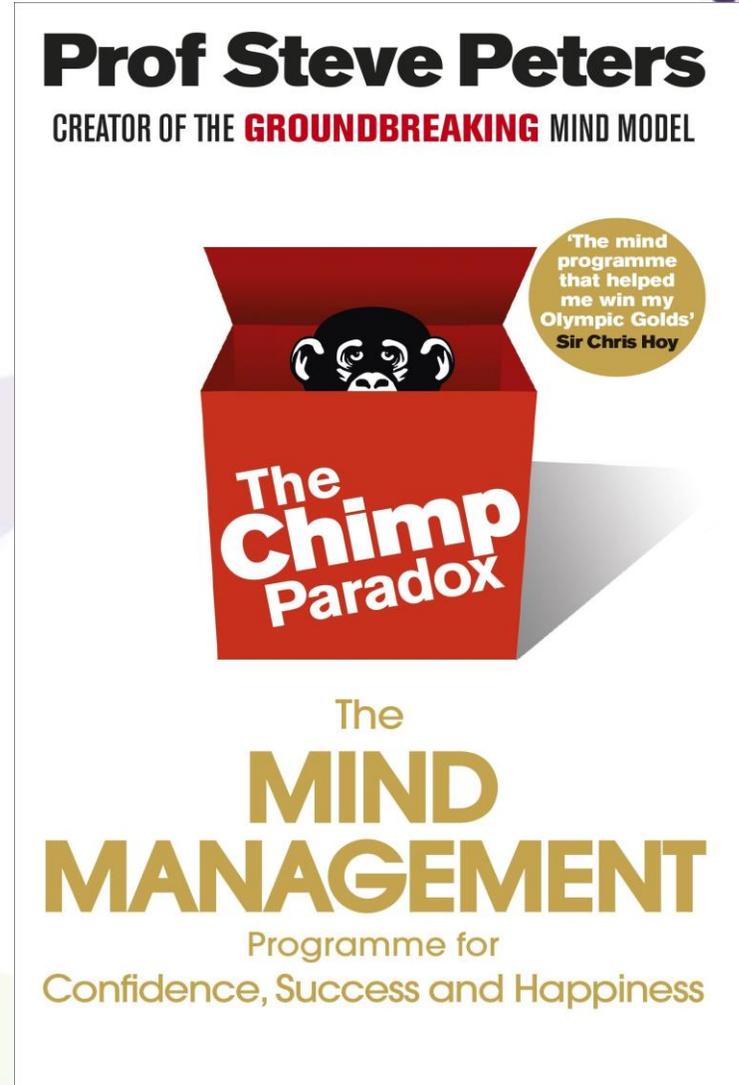
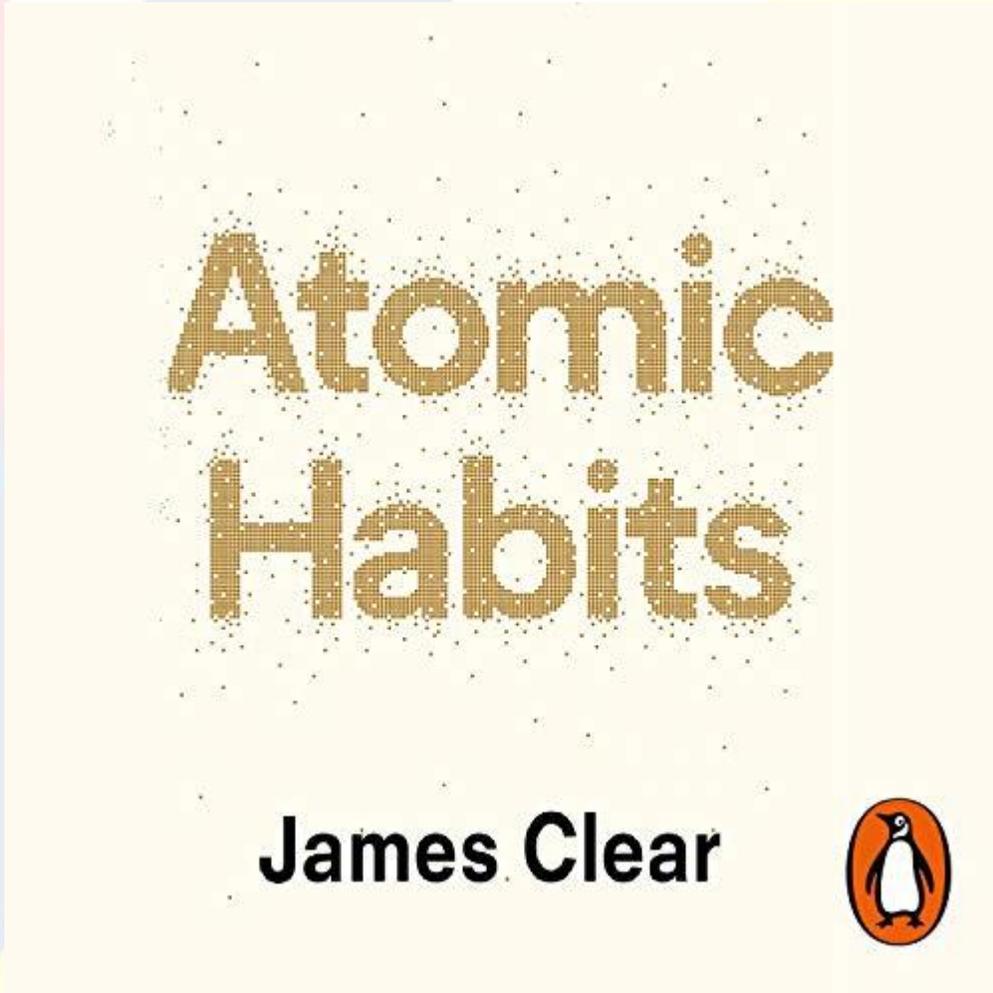


Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. I do that every day. Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don't know something, and to learn something new.

— Barack Obama —

AZ QUOTES

Two possible ways of supporting at home



Atomic Habits

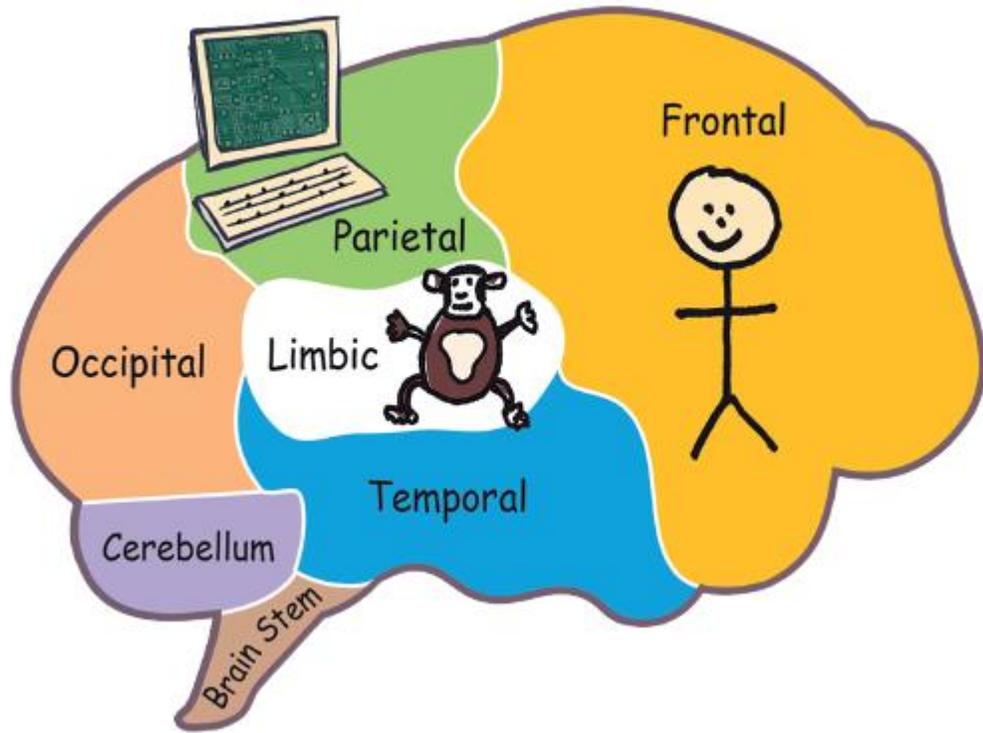


“It takes about two weeks to form a good habit”



"Making a choice that is 1 percent better or 1 percent worse seems insignificant in the moment, but over the span of moments that make up a lifetime these choices determine the difference between who you are and who you could be. Success is the product of daily habits—not once-in-a-lifetime transformations."

The Chimp Paradox



BRAND

REBRAND



Thank You

Inspection of Ormskirk School

Wigan Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 2AT

Inspection dates:	7 and 8 January 2025
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Sixth-form provision	Good

Pupils are happy and proud to belong to this school. They value the caring ethos and the kind way in which they are treated by staff. Strong relationships underpin the high levels of pastoral care that pupils receive.



Questions?



We are available outside the Dining Hall now to answer any remaining questions you might have.

If questions arise after tonight, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling the school office on 01695 583 040, or by e-mail at enquiries@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you!

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