

A green rectangular sign with rounded corners and a white border, mounted on two wooden posts. The sign features the text "Secret to Success" in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sign is tilted slightly to the right.

Secret to Success

# The secret to success

There are **NO** secrets to **SUCCESS.**

It is the **RESULT** of

**PREPARATION, HARD WORK**  
and **LEARNING FROM FAILURE.**

- Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

# 1. Believe that you can do it

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It always seems  
impossible until it's  
done.

Nelson Mandela



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# 2. Follow our advice...

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### February update for Parents and Carers of Year 11 students

Our Year 11 students are most successful in their summer examinations where there is the greatest contact between school and home.

We will therefore provide you with monthly updates in the run up to the summer examinations so that you are aware of the key events for Year 11 students and parents, which we would urge you and your son or daughter to participate fully in.

#### The key events

Date	Action	Purpose
February/ March 2019	Knowledge is Power revision sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This sequence of four revision technique sessions ran originally in the autumn term. It will be repeated in February/ March for students who can increase their grades by improving their revision technique. <b>If you would like these sessions for your son or daughter and have not already expressed this interest to us, please could you contact your son or daughter's Head of House.</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Revision planning workshop 6.00pm - 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To give parents and students advice on how to create an effective revision plan.</li> </ul>
Week of 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Maths, English and Science mock examination 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second mock examination is intended to help students and teachers to track improvements in examination technique and performance from the first mock examination. This will tell students whether their exam preparation is working and where they need to focus their attentions. <b>The timetable for these examinations can be found below.</b></li> </ul>
Exam Tuesdays	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam Tuesdays provide the opportunity for students to practise completing exam papers in exam conditions and to therefore tackle any exam technique issues before the 'real' exams. <b>The full timetable for Exam Tuesdays will be issued in the March update and before half term in High Notes.</b></li> </ul>

#### Key messages for February

- Year 11 students should now be using their time between 3.20pm - 4.20pm to attend exam preparation clinics. We have issued students' personalised plans today. Your son or daughter should be working with their form tutor between now and half term to design the right plan for them that uses their time wisely. More

- Every month an update will go out to your parents & carers with advice on how to be successful
- The February update will go out today

# 3. ... designed especially for you

**Initial personalised plans will go out today. Build your plan with your form tutor, Head of House or named person between now and half term. Changes need to go back to the Data Office to create your finished plan**

Each of our students is an individual so we give each of you a personalised plan. This is your **initial** personalised plan. Over the next couple of weeks your form tutor or Head of House will work with you to ensure that you have got the right balance for you to prepare effectively for the summer exams.

Remember that we expect you to take seriously our professional advice about how you can be successful.

Name:		Tutor Group:	
Named Person:			

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Core PE					
After School					

We have got from your teachers the timetable of exam preparation activities that you can choose from. We will share this with you and your parents this week

Before school				Drama breakfast form	
8am					
P1	Tactical Dropdown A				
P1			Tactical Dropdown C	Tactical Dropdown D	
P1	Tactical Dropdown B			Tactical Dropdown B	
P4		Tactical Dropdown A	Tactical Dropdown B		CORE PE SLOT GCSE PE students to do GCSE test card PE w/c 22/21
Lunch	Drama rehearsals (until practical exam)	Drama rehearsals (until practical exam)	Drama rehearsals (until practical exam)	Drama rehearsals (until practical exam)	Drama rehearsals (until practical exam)
P5	Tactical Dropdown C	CORE PE SLOT	The 'Talent Myth' Progress lab	The 'Talent Myth' Progress lab	Tactical Dropdown C
P6		CORE PE SLOT	The 'Talent Myth' Progress lab	The 'Talent Myth' Progress lab	Tactical Dropdown A
After school	Science exam revision	Science exam revision	IT coursework intervention/ exam preparation	English progress lab	PE intervention session
	Motivational Spark progress lab (SEN)	Add Maths revision (K Moore) Set 1 revision (M Hussain)	MFL interventions clinic and drop-in	History revision session (w/c 25/2-22/4)	
	Knowledge is Power progress lab	Maths exam revision?	Maths exam revision?	Geography revision drop-in (w/c 4/3-1/4)	
	Feedback loop progress lab	Sociology exam revision	Food prep and nutrition revision session	Child development revision session	
		Product/electronics/art coursework drop-in	Product/electronics/art coursework drop-in	Product/electronics/art coursework drop-in	
		Dance revision session	Motivational Spark progress lab (SEN)	Computer Sciences revision session	
		Music revision session	Feedback loop progress lab	Media exam preparation	
		No more 'auto-pilot' progress lab	Unlocking potential progress lab	Motivational Spark progress lab (SEN)	
		Motivational Spark progress lab (SEN)	Hidden logic progress lab	Motivational Spark Progress lab (Student Services)	
		Exam Tuesdays (turbo session progress lab)		Feedback loop progress lab	
	Feedback loop progress lab				

	Knowledge is power revision sessions	Revision Planning Workshop	Exam Tuesdays	Homework Support	Help with revision TT	Other, please specify	Training on Firefly
What parents would like for their son or daughter							
			Y				
					Y		
			Y		Y		Y
			Y		Y		
	Y	Y			Y		
	Y	Y			Y		
	Y		Y		Y		
			Y				

**We have asked you and your parents what you need so that we can get the plan right for you**

# 4. Let us solve your problems

Ernest Shackleton



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Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all.

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# 5. Learn how to revise effectively

Advice about effective revision and learning

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## How to build a revision plan

Revision Evening presentation.pptx 4mb

Example of a spaced and interleaved revision plan

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4
Week 1	1st			
2		1st		
3			1st	
4	2nd			1st
5		2nd	2nd	

Blocking vs Interleaved

- Knowledge is Power revision sessions
- How to plan an revision timetable (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm)
- Effective Revision strategies on Fire Fly

<https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/key-stage-3-and-4/advice-about-effective-revision-and-learning>

# 6. Practise sitting exams...



- Mock exams 2 in English, Maths and Science next week
- Exam Tuesdays on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

# 7. ... because practice makes perfect

Billie Jean King



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Champions keep playing until they get it right.

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# 8. Keep a balance



You are focusing on getting 8-9 good grades...

... that you will be writing on your C.V.

## 15. EDUCATION ATTAINMENTS

Education, training and professional qualifications

FROM (Month & Year)	TO	Full Name and Address of School / College / University / Institution	Qualifications	
			Gained (with grades)	For which you are studying

## 9. It's OK if it isn't easy

Marie Curie



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I was taught that the way of progress was neither swift nor easy.

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**YOU**



**CAN**



**DO**



**IT**