

# Welcome to “The Final Push”

- Students +
- Parents +
- Teachers +
- Tutors +
- Head of Year +
- Friends & Classmates

**= Success**

# **You are all winners 😊**

- For turning  
up and striving for  
Success!

Your journey to GCSE is nearly done. But there is still some time left to improve your grades.





## Exam season 2024

- First exam is **Thursday, 9 May**
- Last exam is **Thursday, 20 June**
- **Contingency until 26 June**
- Prom is booked for 4 July

# Exam Regulations

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Public exams are not at all flexible. Students missing exams will be charged the entry fee.

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Unless a student is seriously ill or injured, they must turn up on time and do the exam at the scheduled time.

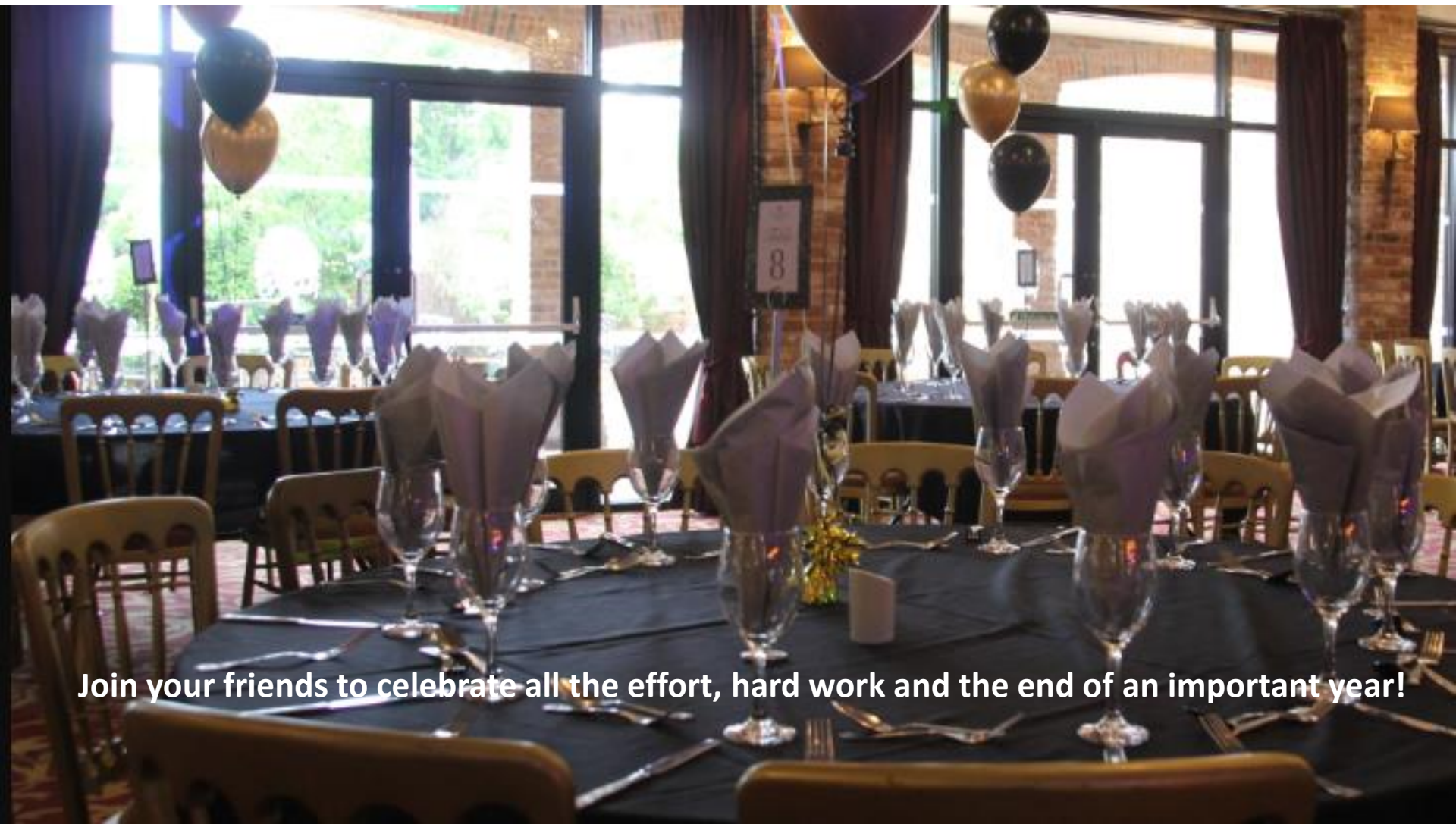
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MRC GCSE exams will begin by 9.15am. Students arriving late cannot be admitted. Blasters begin at 8.30am

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Students must wear correct school uniform and bring their own equipment.



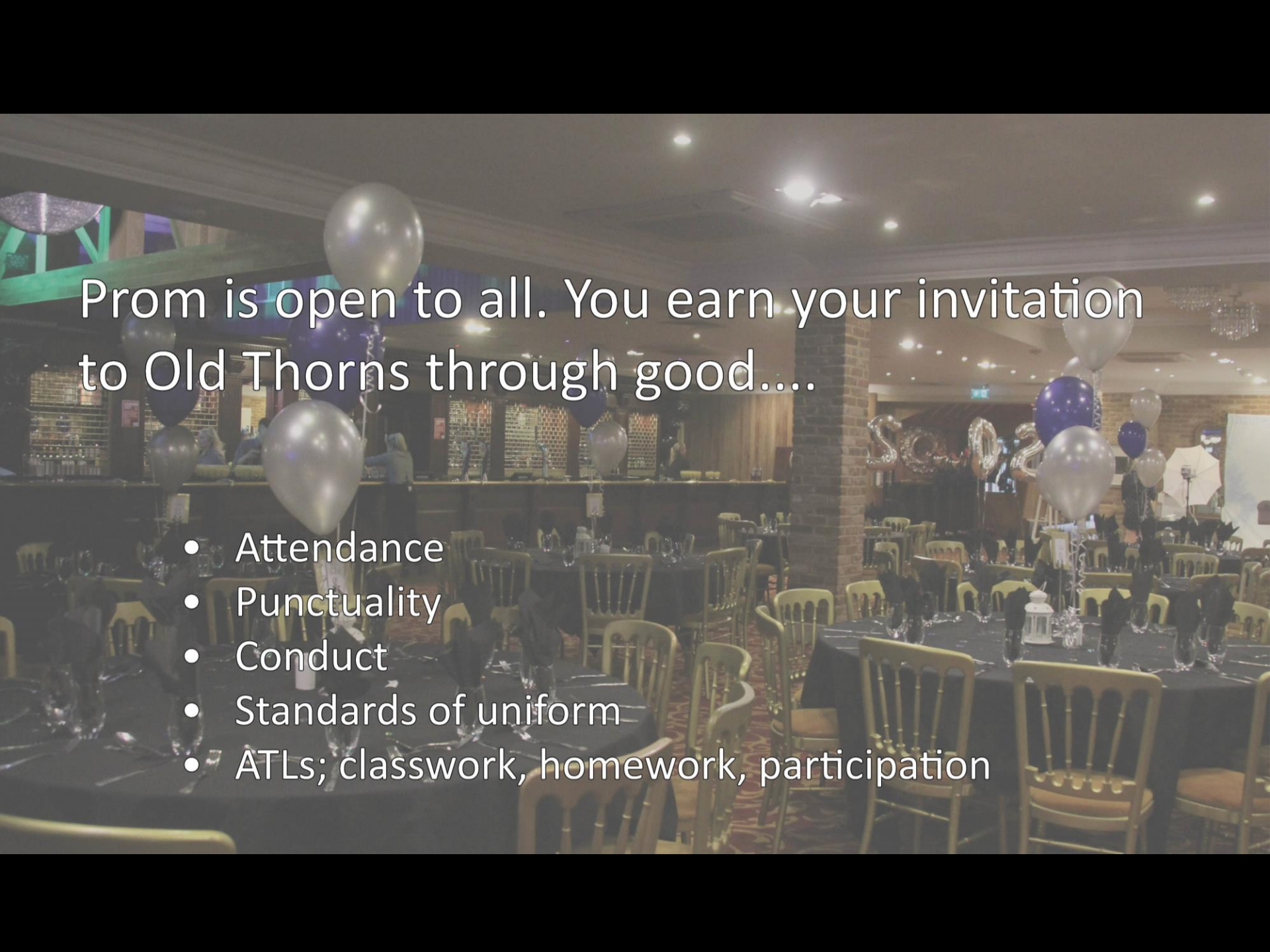


Join your friends to celebrate all the effort, hard work and the end of an important year!



There are 170 places at  
Prom





Prom is open to all. You earn your invitation to Old Thorns through good....

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Conduct
- Standards of uniform
- ATLs; classwork, homework, participation



Practice/internal  
exams

Exams in the theatre  
in most academic  
subjects as soon as  
we return to school  
after half-term week  
on Mon 19 Feb

# Why so many exams?

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When GCSEs were reformed in 2017, a lot of coursework was abolished, in favour of testing knowledge and understanding in more exams.

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**Educational research shows that students get better at exams through structured revision and practising timed tasks in exam conditions**

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Practice makes perfect.

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Exam performance across England and Wales is ranked to determine grade boundaries each year

We can  
still make  
a big  
difference  
to the  
grades!

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Introduction – Mrs Lunskey

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Maths focus – Mr Stevens

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English skills – Mrs Owoh

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Science revision – Mrs  
Norcross



# Homework and Exams



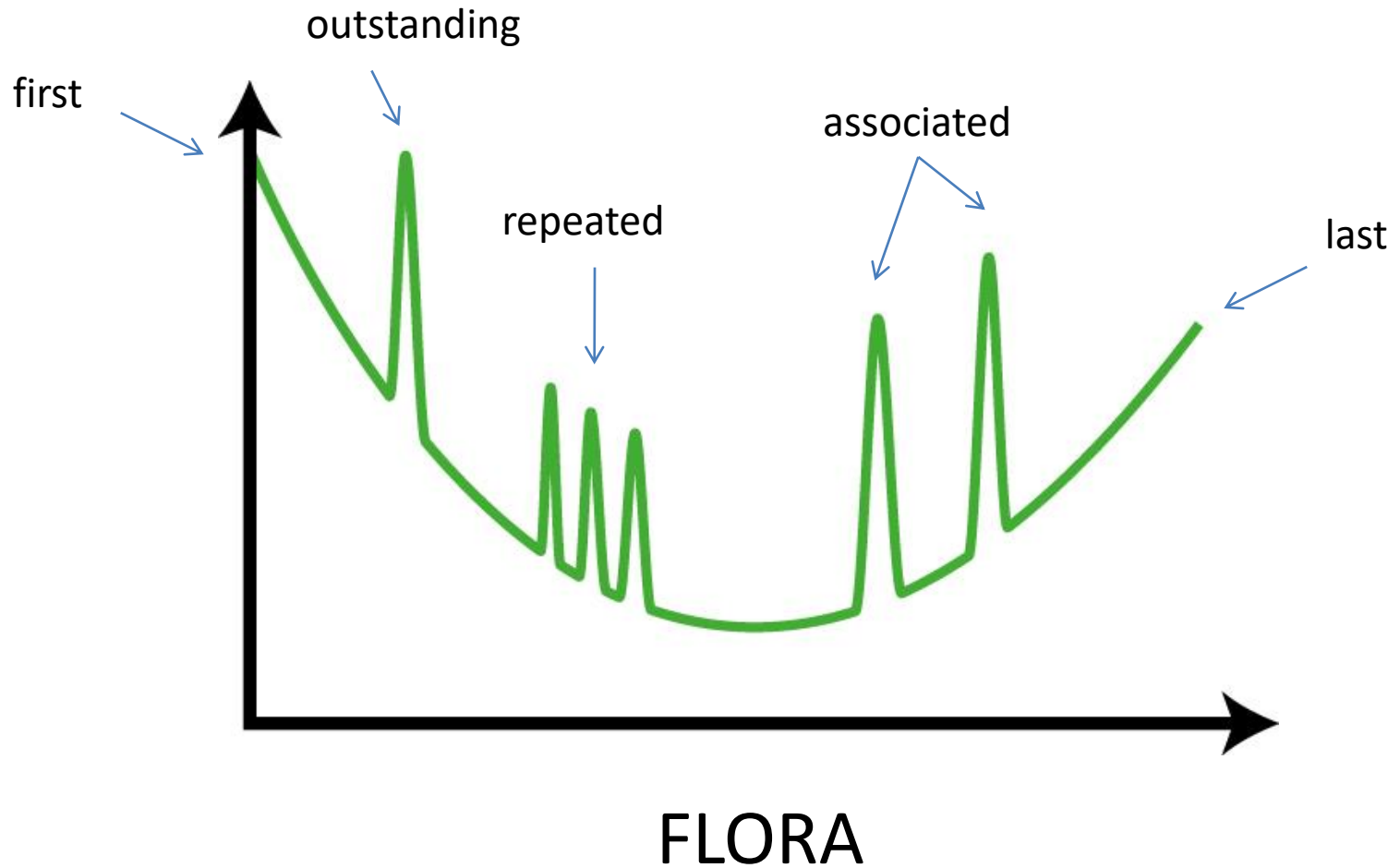
- Homework is set on Arbor. Use your log-in to check, read carefully and submit.
- Students are set homework every week for every subject. This will often be revision or exam questions.
- Practice exams are held regularly to build good exam technique and time management skills
- By half-term week (12-16 Feb), or just after, subjects will finish teaching the content
- Then, we switch to revising the whole course in class until May

# *30/30* SPARX & SENECA

Students in Year 11 must spend 30 minutes on Sparx  
and 30 minutes on Seneca for science every day.

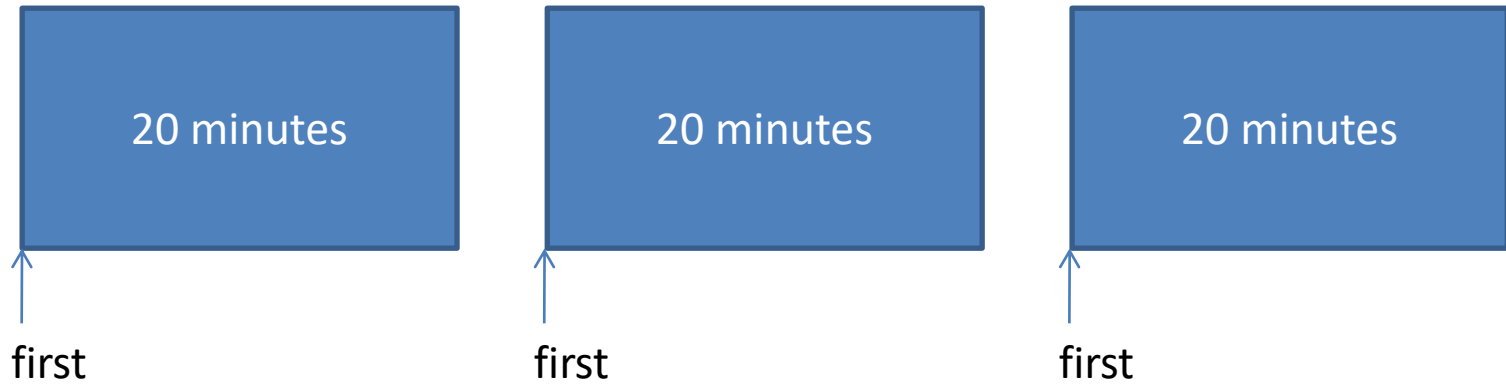
This is in addition to any other work set by teachers.

# Recall *During* Learning

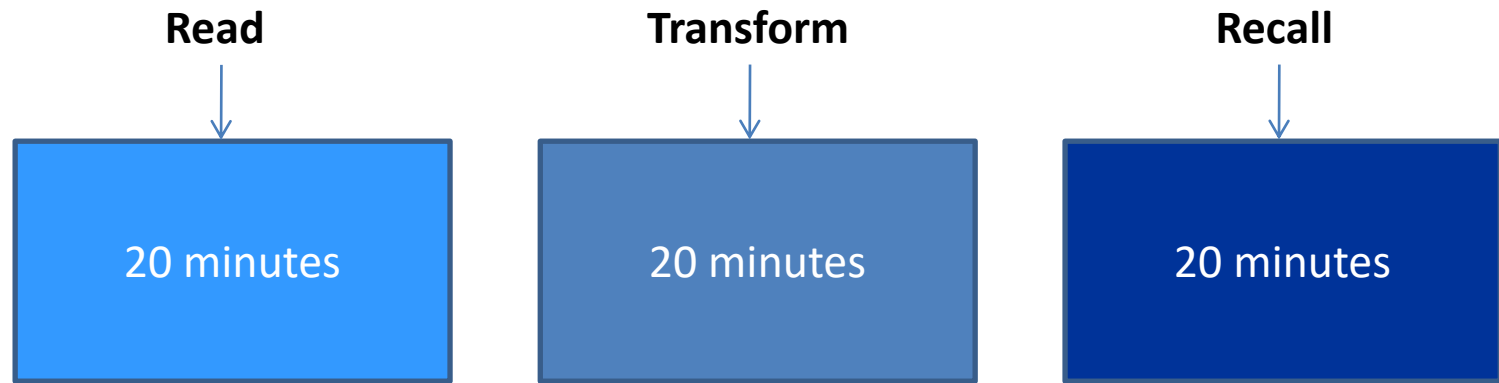




# 1 hour revision session



# Spaced learning



*(Study the same topic three times, in three different ways)*

Sessions  
this  
evening

	Group A	Group B	Group C
6pm	Intro, theatre	Intro, theatre	Intro, theatre
6.20pm	Maths, theatre	Science, W011	English, W013
6.40pm	English, W013	Maths, theatre	Science, W011
7pm	Science, W011	English, W013	Maths, theatre