

MEET THE TEAM SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM





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MEET THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT LEADERSHIP TEAM





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RECORD RESULTS



A-Level

99.4% Pass Rate29.7% A/A* Grades61.6% A* - B Grades

(7% above National Av.)

84.8% A* - C Grades

(7% above National Av.)



Applied General

100% Pass Rate
71.1% Distinction or
Distinction* Grades

(15% above National Av.)



OVER 2/3

of students progressed to University or Degree
Apprenticeships

20%

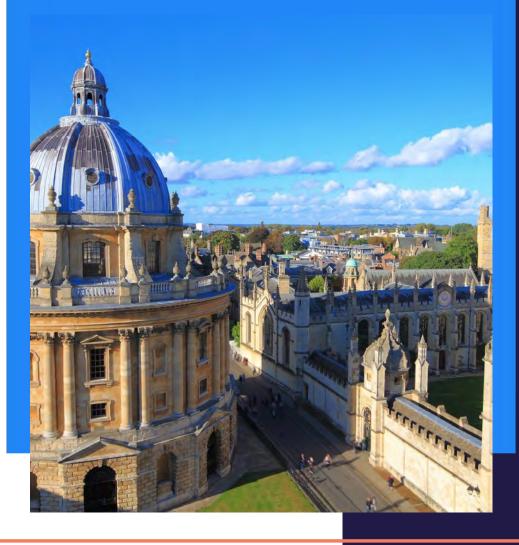
Progressed to Russell Group Universities

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Progressed to **Oxbridge Universities**





















Consistency

Outstanding teaching

- Expert subject knowledge
- Personal development
- Comprehensive support and interventions
- Communication











WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR STUDENTS

- Serious commitment and hard work
- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Positive attitude
- Organisation
- A willingness to learn and review

HOW WE PROVIDE HIGH LEVELS OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

- PROGRESS TUTORS
 One to one support
- COUNSELLING SERVICE & THE WELLBEING HUB
- **EXTERNAL AGENCIES**
- SAFEGUARDING TEAM
- TUTORIAL PROGRAMME
 Stress management and positive mental health

- STUDY SUPPORT
- TEACHING STAFF
- CAREERS ADVICE
- OXBRIDGE PROGRAMME
- ACHIEVING ASPIRATIONS PROGRAMME





FULL ENRICHMENT LIST

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Indoor Cricket **Emergency First Aid** Draw, Paint & Relax Mindful Colouring Stress Less 5-aside Football Badminton Golf Ariel Hoop

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Darts Grade 5 Music Theory and Beyond Vocal Group NCP Function Band College Production Wind Ensemble French Cinema Club E-Sports Legal Debate Club

BAFTA Young Games Designer Competition

> LGBTQ+ Club Chess Club

Media Magazine Nature Club

Psychology Film Club Needle Craft Club

Oxbridge Programme

Dungeons & Dragons

iDEA Award

Sustainable Textiles

Sociology Club Kickboxing

Horror Film Club

Lego Club

Community Visual Arts Club

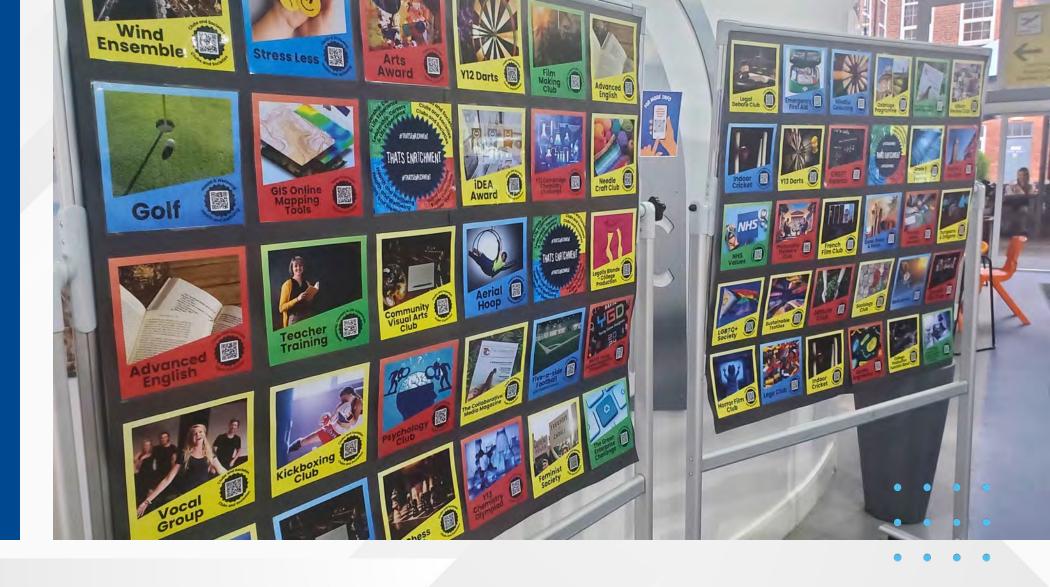
Other Student Led Possibilities

SUPER CURRICULUM

Genetic Engineering CREST Award Spanish Film Club Philosophy Club Arts Award Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Chemistry Olympiad Advanced English Psychology Club **Politics Society** Filmmaking

LEADERSHIP & LIFE EXPERIENCES

Y13 Oxbridge Interview Prep for Medicine, Vet Med and Biology Related Courses TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) Teaching Training Enrichment NHS Values The Green Enterprise Challenge Primary School Maths Mentors



#THATSENRECHMENT



ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TEACHING

- Letter sent regarding JCQ regulation changes requiring trial of rest breaks for students with extra time awarded for diagnosed condition. JCQ have provided further guidance stating FE colleges must strongly consider if rest breaks are more appropriate than extra time, and trial if appropriate.
- The aim of the regulations is to ensure students receive access arrangements that accurately reflect their individual needs.
- Student implications for teaching have all been updated on Cedar. As per welcome letter, please check they are appropriate.
- See Sarah O'Neill or contact via email if there are any issues.





ACADEMIC SUPPORT



- Retrieval Practice
- Regular assessment and feedback
- Evidence-based teaching techniques



- Teacher Access Periods (TAPs)
- Intervention and Support Centre (ISC)
- Extra lessons

THESE ARE TIMETABLED IF NEEDED, AND ARE THEREFORE COMPULSORY





- **Objective:** to ensure our students are on the most appropriate courses to be successful in 2 years
- Students will be RAG rated towards the end of the probationary period (6 October). Course changes are never guaranteed, and will not be allowed after this





SUPPORT & INTERVENTION PROVIDED

REVIEW





THE REMAINDER OF YEAR 12



ASSESSMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS, DEADLINES



STAFF CONSULTATIONS



YEAR 12 PROGRESSION EXAMS
EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS



PROGRESSION TO YEAR 13
3 JULY 2026





2 YEAR JOURNEY



- It is unlikely that all students will replicate GCSE performance early in Y12. Students are working towards their Minimum Target Grades (MTGs)
- The end of Y13 target grades on Cedar are not a prediction but an aspirational MTG based on GCSE performance
- Students need to work with staff to build their resilience
- MTGs are not a cap

DIFFERENCE FROM SCHOOL



- Significant increase in demand from Level 2 to Level 3
- Adult environment, no bells, first names, no uniform
- Fewer rules, but most importantly:
 - ATTENDANCE
 - PUNCTUALITY
 - LANGUAGE
 - VAPING/SMOKING
 - BULLYING
 - MISUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
 - ID VISIBLE
 - ON SITE PERSONNEL
 - RESPECT!







COMMUNICATION



TEXT MESSAGE



PHONE CALLS



EMAIL



PARENT/CARER MEETINGS



LETTERS BY POST



SOCIAL MEDIA



WEBSITE

https://ncpontefract.ac.uk/letters







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Welcome Parent / Guardian

Important Information

A warm welcome back to year 13 and we hope that year 12 students are settling in well. A few reminders from the senior leadership team:

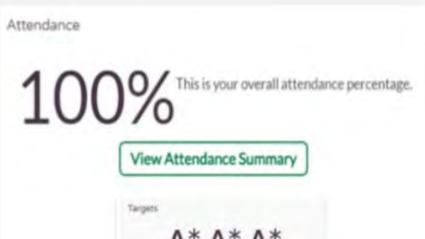
- · Please ensure your ID lanyard is visible at all times
- Be respectful of the college site and the neighbouring areas, ensuring you don't drop litter or chewing gum and that you are friendly and polite.
- Keep your eye on the future and make sure you engage in as many activities as possible: Clubs, Work experience, trips, visiting speakers to name but a few.
- Don't rule out University. There's something for everyone and there
 are ways of making it affordable. Book a careers appointment if you
 have questions

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CareersAppointment@n/

Time • Activity • Location •

13:00 GCE A Level Y13 Law Block E2 LAW11

View Full Timetable





Pastoral Log

Tutor: Townsend, Conor.

Supervisor Tutor: Email your tutors





View Markbook Summary

Active Flags

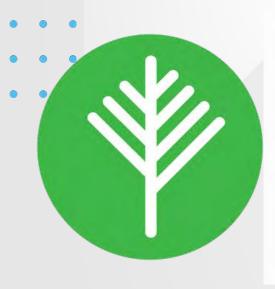
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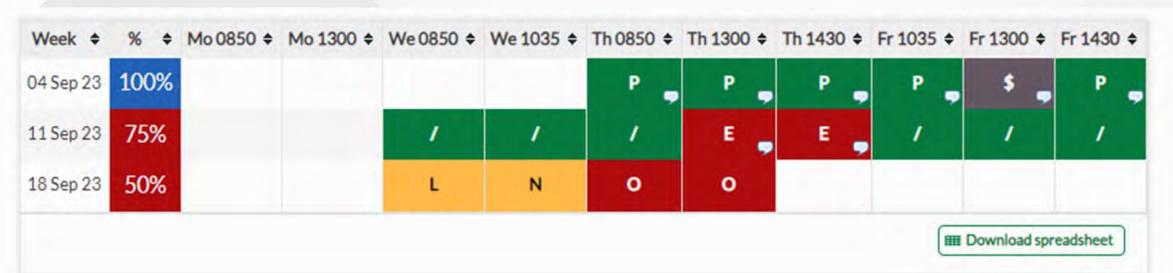




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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY





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P Permission **E**Explained
Absence

Unexplained
Absence

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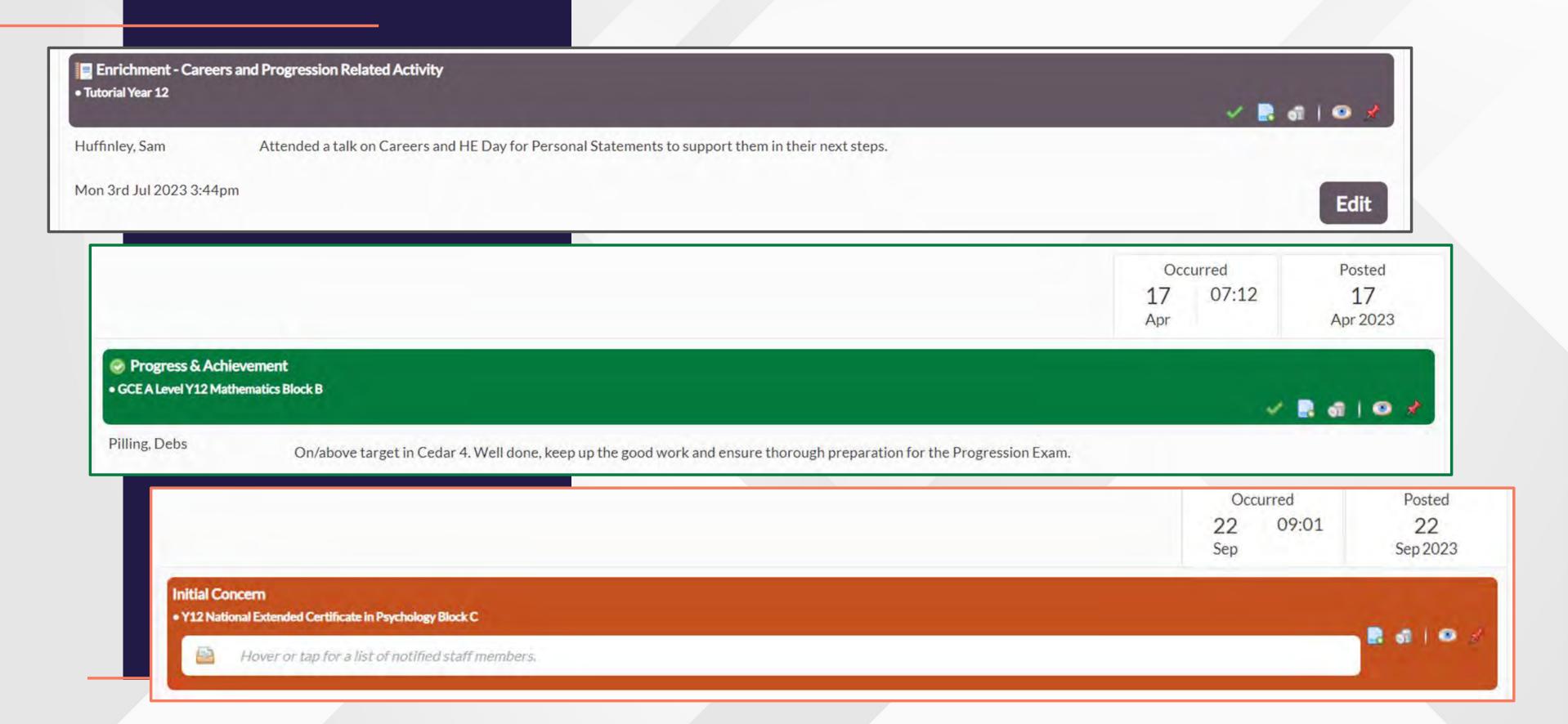
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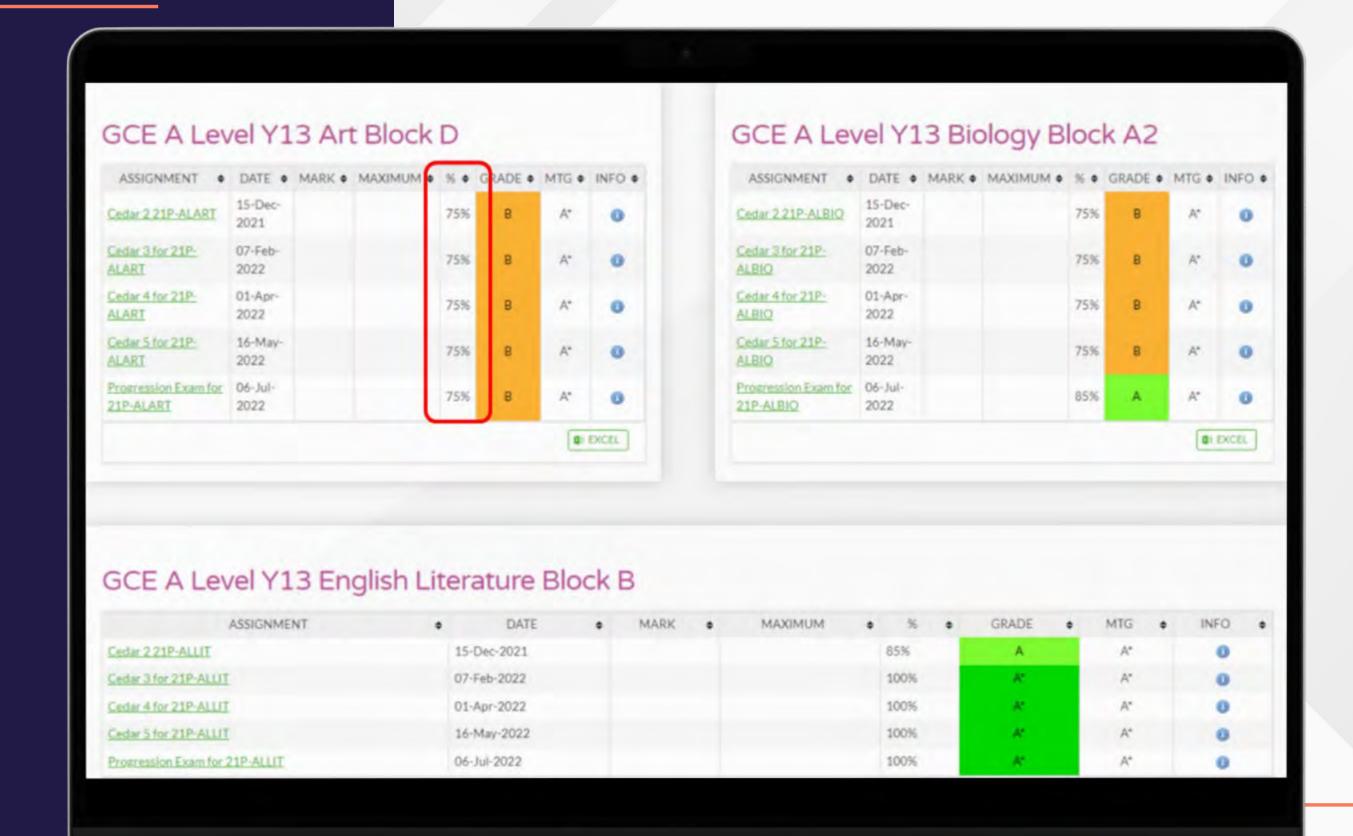
PASTORAL LOG





PASTORAL LOG





WHO CAN SEE THE DETAILS ABOUT STUDENTS?



ALL TEACHERS
PROGRESS TUTORS
STUDENT
PARENT/CARER
SLT

WHO CAN CREATE OR ADD TO PASTORAL LOGS?



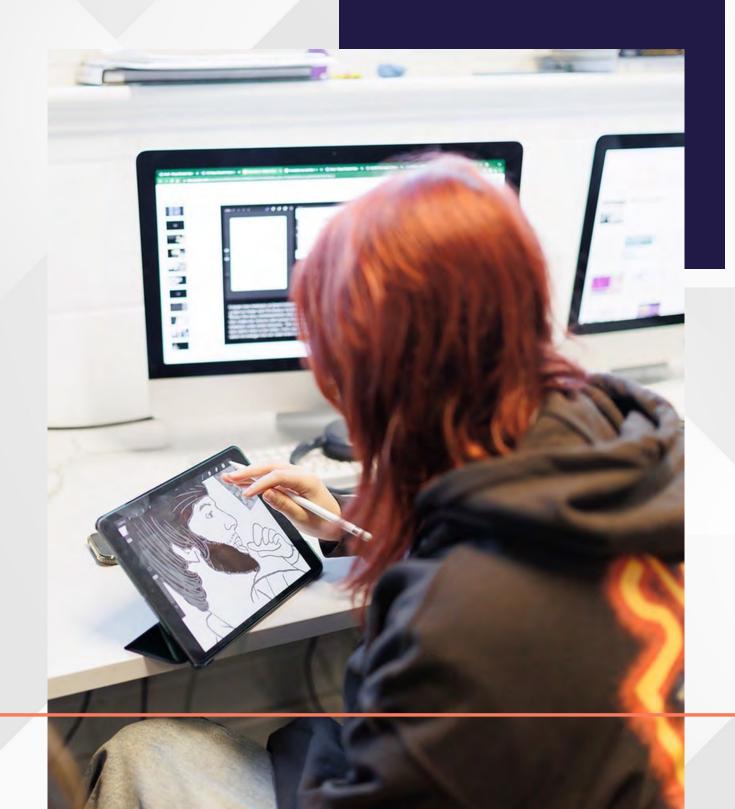
TEACHERS
PROGRESS TUTORS
SLT

Contact the relevant progress tutor if you have any concerns











WHERE TO FIND CEDAR AND HOW TO LOG IN

- There is a link on the college website under the parents tab. It works well on a smartphone
- Set up your account see letter for details
- Contact Student Services if you have any access problems

WHERE STUDENTS FIND THEIR WORK AND RESOURCES



Microsoft Teams









TEACHING & LEARNING





HOW WE LEARN

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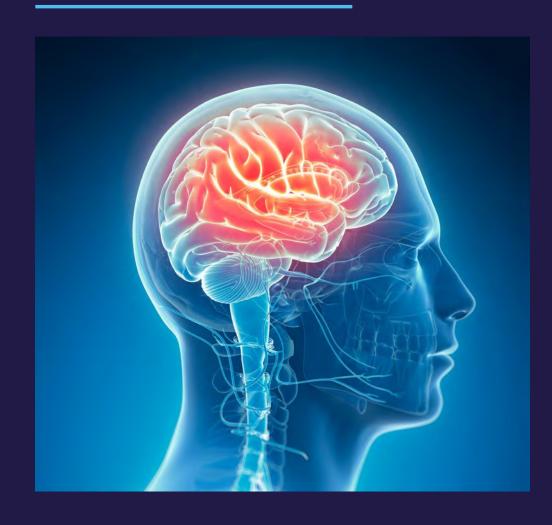
HOW WE THINK WE LEARN

OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING





HUMAN BRAIN



- Relate to what we know
- Only some information is retrievable
- Retrieval modifies memories
- Unlimited capacity



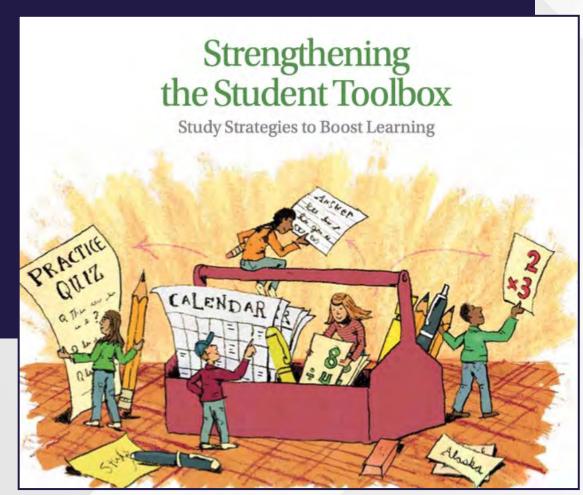


HUMAN-MADE RECORDER

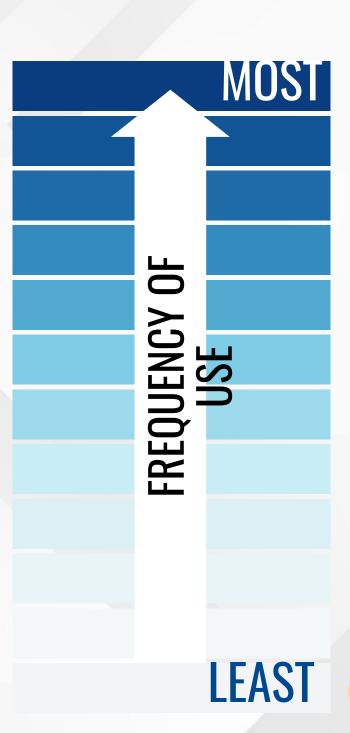
- Exact recording
- Instantly retrievable
- Retrieval has no effect
- Limited capacity



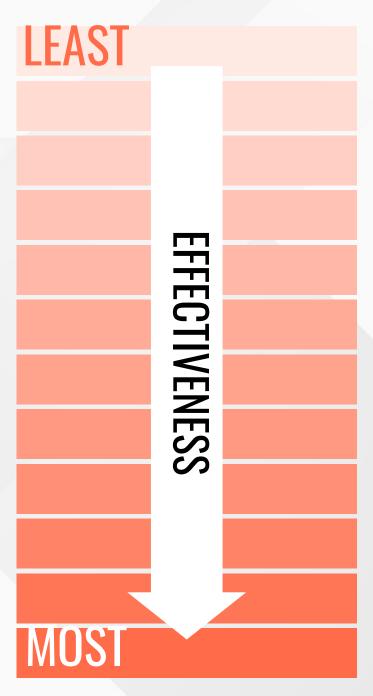
STUDENT REVISION STRATEGIES



Dunlosky et al 2013



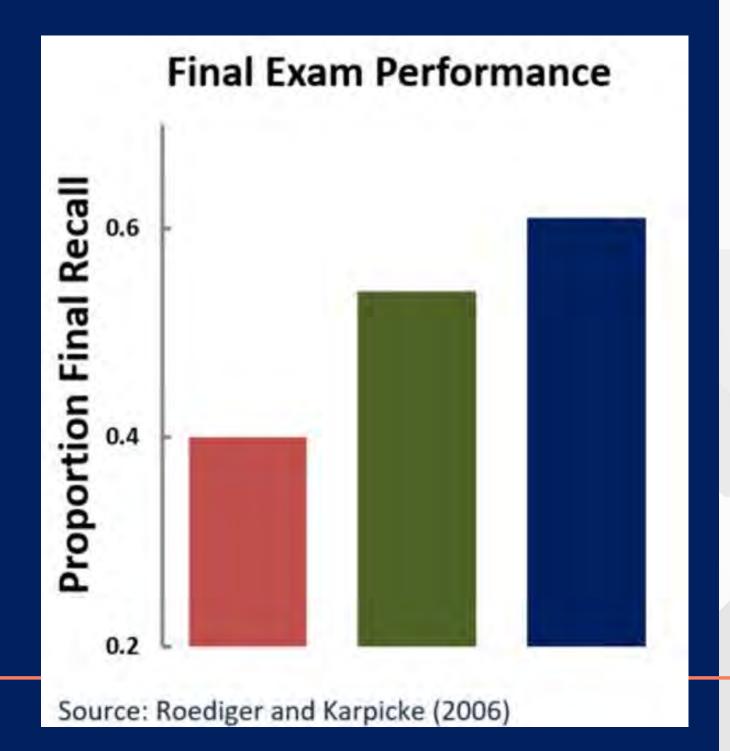
Massed practice Blocked practice Re-reading Highlighting Summarisation **Mnemonics** Using images Self-explanation Elaboration Interleaved practice Distributed practice **Retrieval practice**



RETRIEVAL PRACTICE AKA THE TESTING EFFECT

Reading, Reading, Reading, Reading Reading, Reading, Reading, Testing Reading, Testing, Testing, Testing

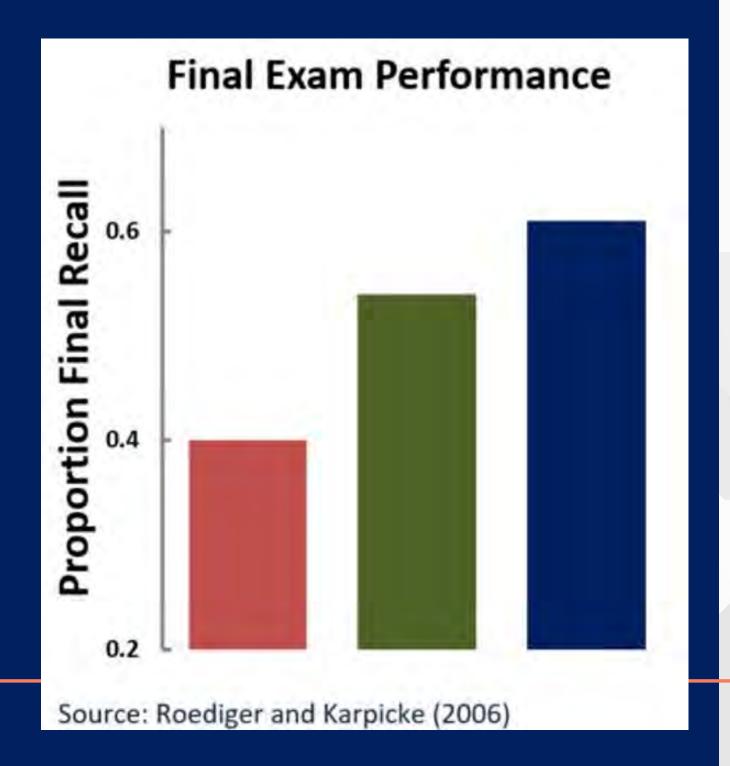
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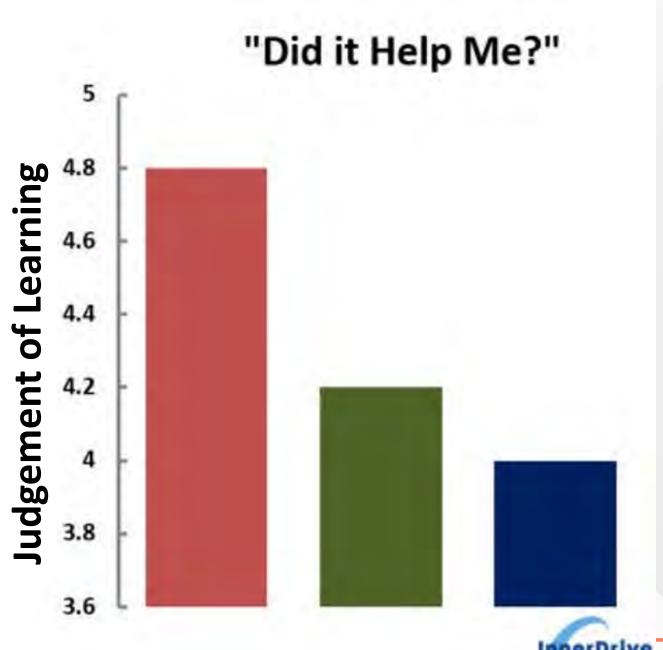
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AKA THE TESTING EFFECT



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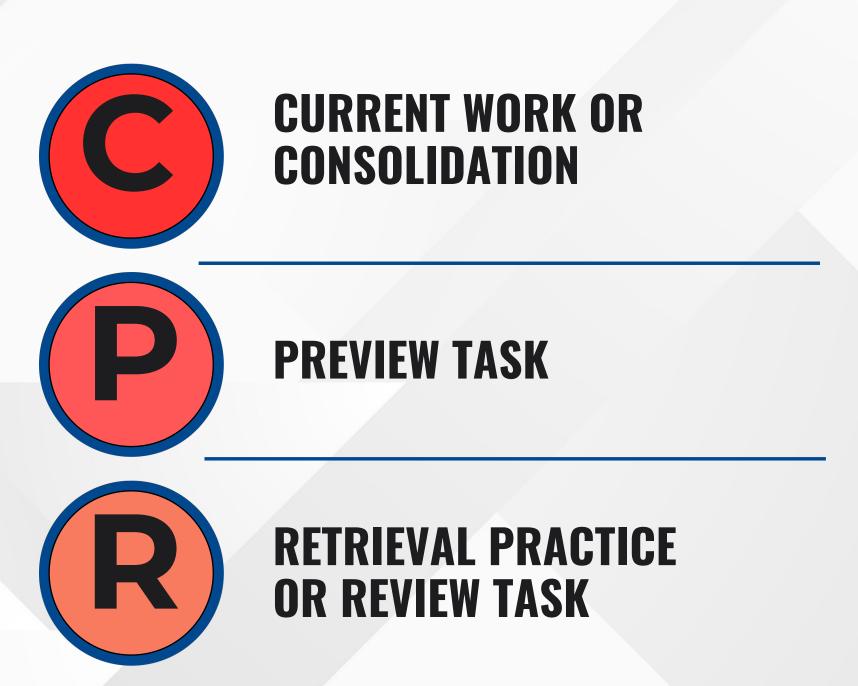












PREVIEW (: 5-15 minutes

- Before each lesson preview new material
- . Skim the chapter or watch the video
- · Note headings, summaries & big ideas . Think of questions you want answered
- · Decide what you want to learn or accomplish in your study session
- This will give you an overview and make learning the details in the lesson easier

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CYCLE

WEEKLY REVIEW

- 1. Set aside an hour a week. No distractions!
- 2. Split up the hour evenly. 20 mins per subject
- 3. For 20 mins, review the week's work in that subject by:
 - · Checking your notes are clear, legible and in order.
 - · Summarise your learning in a quick diagram, mind-map or a few lines of notes.
 - · Highlight or circle material you found hard this during the week. This is the material you will need to work on during your study periods.
 - Go through the DIL you have been given and any deadlines you have been set. Make a prioritised list for the week.
- 4. Once you've done this for one subject, repeat for the others

ASSESS



- Periodically assess your level of learning
- Test yourself from memory
- . Explain the material in your own words
- . Teach the material to someone else
- Apply your knowledge to a new context
- . This will help you check whether your study methods are effective

ATTEND



- · Go to every lesson
- · Participate fully
- Ask questions
- Take meaningful notes
- than just reading, listening or watching a recording of a lesson

- · Participating in a lesson is much more effective

STUDY



- · Daily study schedule 3 to 5 focused study sessions every day at college
- · Weekly review set aside an hour a week to review your progress in all your subjects
- · Read material. Make notes. Ask 'why', 'how' and 'what-if' questions
- · Make connections. This will help you learn the material more deeply and reliably recall it in

REVIEW



- · After each lesson, ideally within 24 hours
- · Review your notes
- · Fill in any gaps
- . Develop any questions that need answering
- . This will start the process of moving new material from working memory into long-term memory

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THE STUDY CYCLE

is a 5-step approach to learning designed to help you become a more efficient learner. It works the way your brain learns best. The study cycle can be easily adapted to any course at college.

FOCUSED STUDY PLAN



Decide what you want to learn or accomplish in your study session



FOCUS

Don't get distracted! Turn off your phone and find somewhere quiet to study

STUDY

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Interact with the material: organise, concept map, reflect, summarise, connect & elaborate

BREAK

(3-10 minutes

Clear your working memory by taking a short break

LEARN

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Learn the material look, cover, write, check

BREAK

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Clear your working memory by taking a short break

TEST



Test yourself from memory to see what you can remember



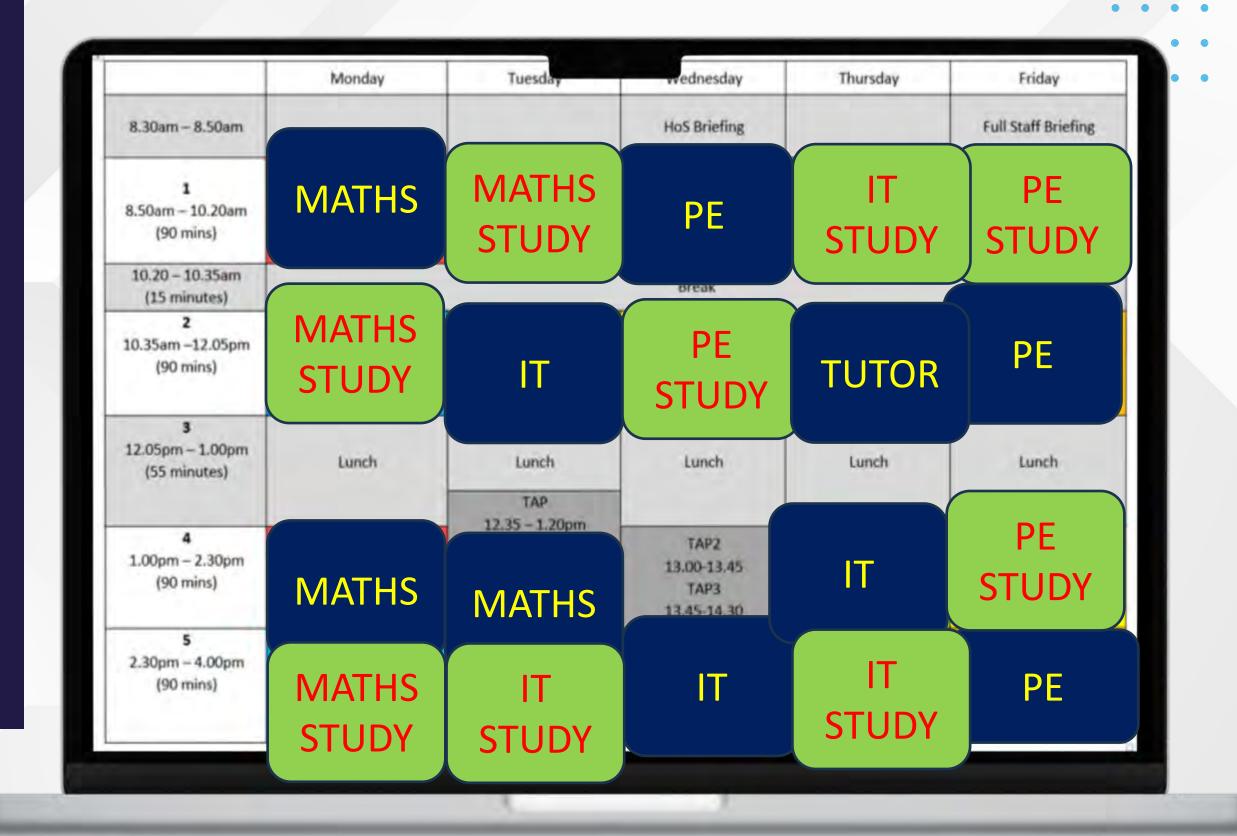
Study and smart phones



TIMETABLE

- Timetable Different start and finish times
 each day; 5, 4, or 3 days
- Lessons are 90 minutes long
- 4.5-5
 hours/subject/week.
 Organising independent
 time is crucial
- ISC, TAP, extra lessons and tutorials all compulsory







Click here to access the full study

Smartphones in Education (SIE): How screens are reshaping students' academic and personal lives



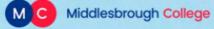
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Fluid Focus in partnership with Dr. Paul Redmond

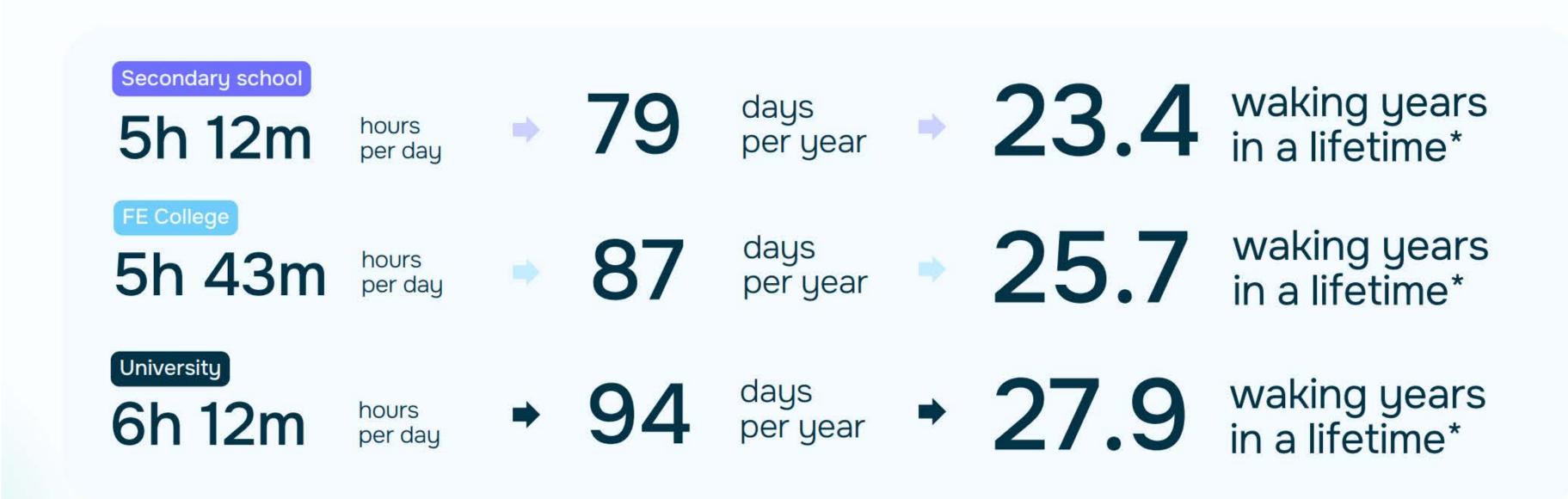
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Study Details

2842 respondents across 18 Institutions (UK&I)

Most students are on track to waste decades of their lives

This is the shocking reality for students if their smartphone habits remain unchanged.

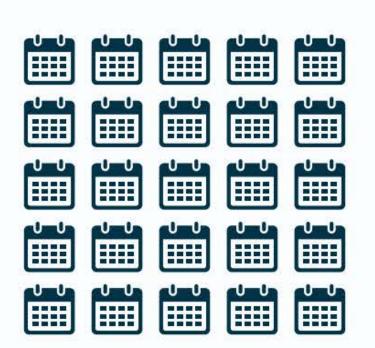


Smartphones in Education: key findings

As told by 2,800+ students across the education sector.

25 Years

Waking years on a phone

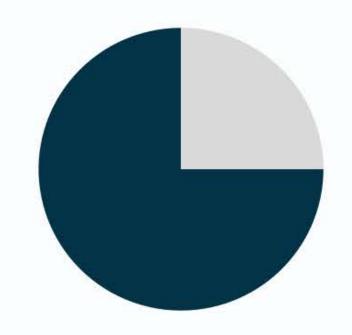


At 5.5 hours per day, the average student will scroll for 2.5 waking decades.

i 1 in 10 will top 41 waking years if habits don't change.

76%

State their wellbeing suffers

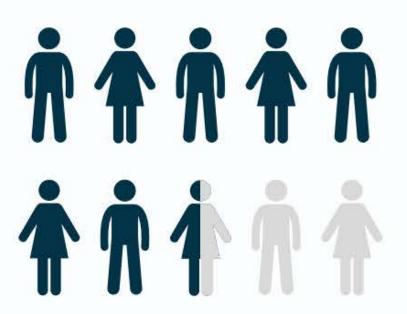


Over three-quarters think cutting screen time would help their wellbeing.

i This figure rises to 80% among female students.

75%

Say their studies suffer

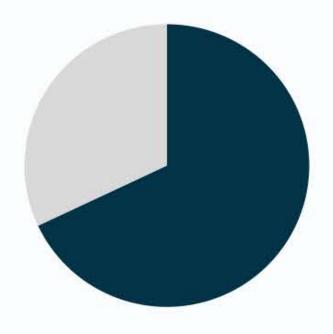


Most students believe their phone use is hurting academic performance.

i) 40% check their phone constantly or frequently while studying alone.

68%

Want to reduce phone usage



The majority actively want less time on smartphones and social media.

i) With this greatly increasing to 94% at university.

Smartphones in Education: key findings cont.

This research involved secondary schools, colleges and universities.

47%

Report sleep disturbances



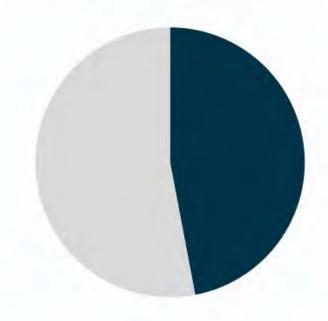
Experienced cyberbullying



Miss IRL experiences



Have unhealthy phone use



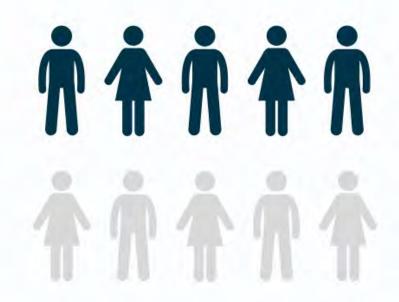
Almost half of all students report sleep disturbances due to late night usage.

1 This figure rises to 66% among university students.



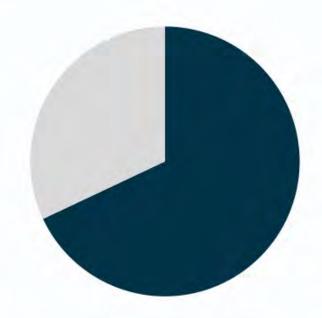
A fifth of all students report having been bullied online previously.

i Peaking at 29% for females at FE colleges.



Just under half of students report missing out on real life experiences.

i We saw this lift to 67% for university students.



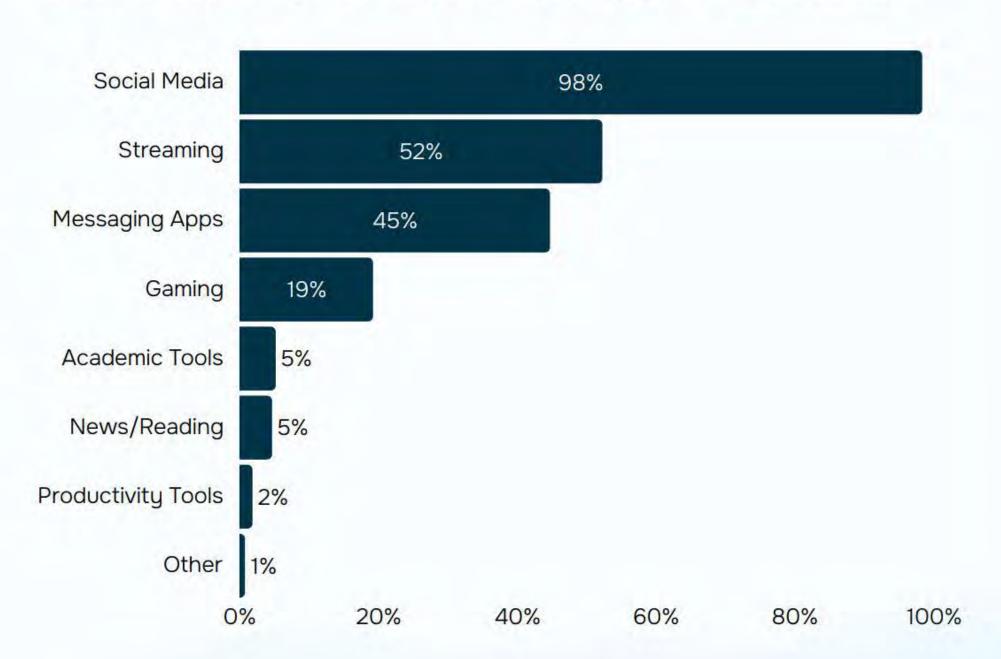
The majority report their relationship with their phone as being unhealthy.

i This varied from somewhat unhealthy to very unhealthy.

Where all those hours really go

Social media dominates student screen time, following by streaming and messaging apps.

Q: Which app categories take up most of your phone screen time?*



When students were asked to name the categories of apps that take up most of their screen time, one category towered above the rest: social media (i.e. TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram). An overwhelming 98% of respondents included social media.

Streaming and messaging platforms followed, while academic or productivity tools barely registered.

This isn't just a reflection of preference – it's a signal that the digital environment students inhabit is skewed toward consumption, not creation; distraction, not development. And when you're spending 5.5+ hours a day on your phone, where that time goes matters.

The types of apps students engage with daily shape more than just their attention – they **shape habits**, **mindset**, **and even self-worth**. This data highlights the urgent need to help students build more intentional relationships with their digital tools.

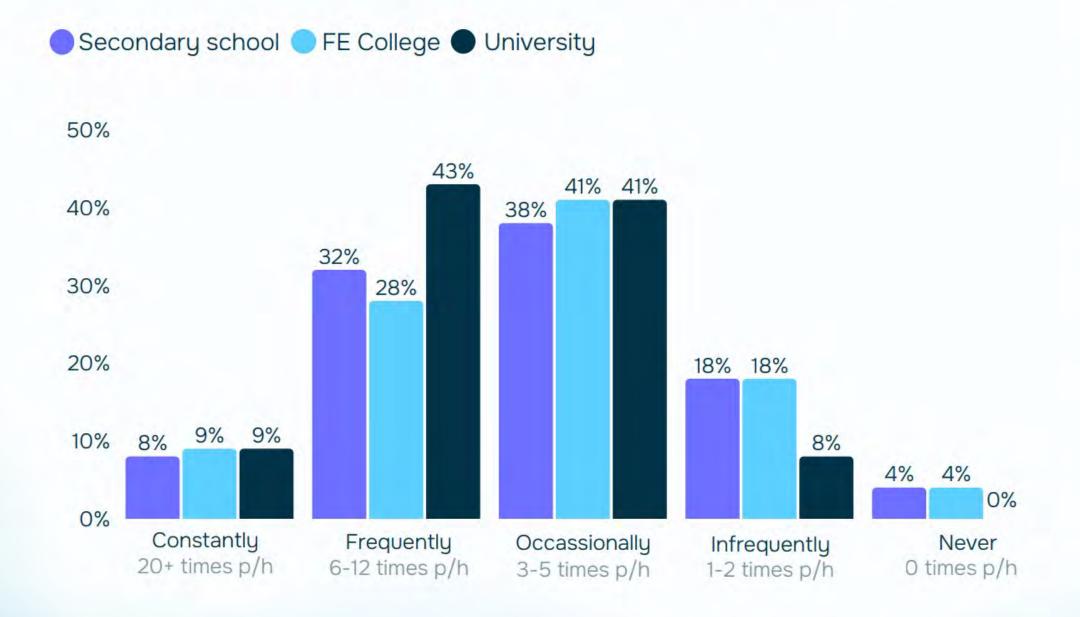
Section 5 **Focus Lost: The Academic Cost**

The dying art of focus

Less than 1 in 25 students can study for an hour without picking up their phone.

Roughly 40% check their phone either constantly or every 5–10 minutes

Q: When studying alone, how often do you check your phone?



Each disruption carries costs

Research cited by **UNESCO** shows it can take up to **20 minutes** to regain deep focus after a single phone distraction. Multiply the number of pick ups across a study session, and the reality is most students are never accessing a deep focus state.

Focus is a market skill in demand

According to Harvard Business Review, deep focus is now one of the most valued soft skills in high-performance workplaces.

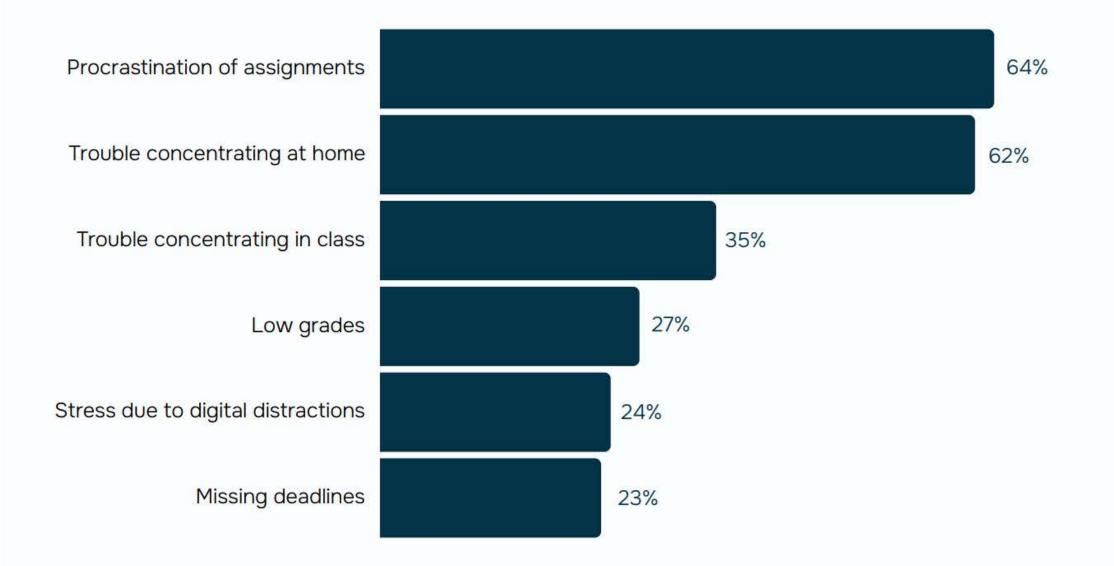
From writing code to solving complex problems to being truly creative, the ability to manage your attention is no longer optional – it's career-critical.

Where focus fades the most

Support must follow students beyond the classroom - where digital distraction hits hardest.

Students struggle most heavily with procrastination and focus at home.

Q: In what ways has it affected your academic performance and experience?*



Distraction peaks during independent study

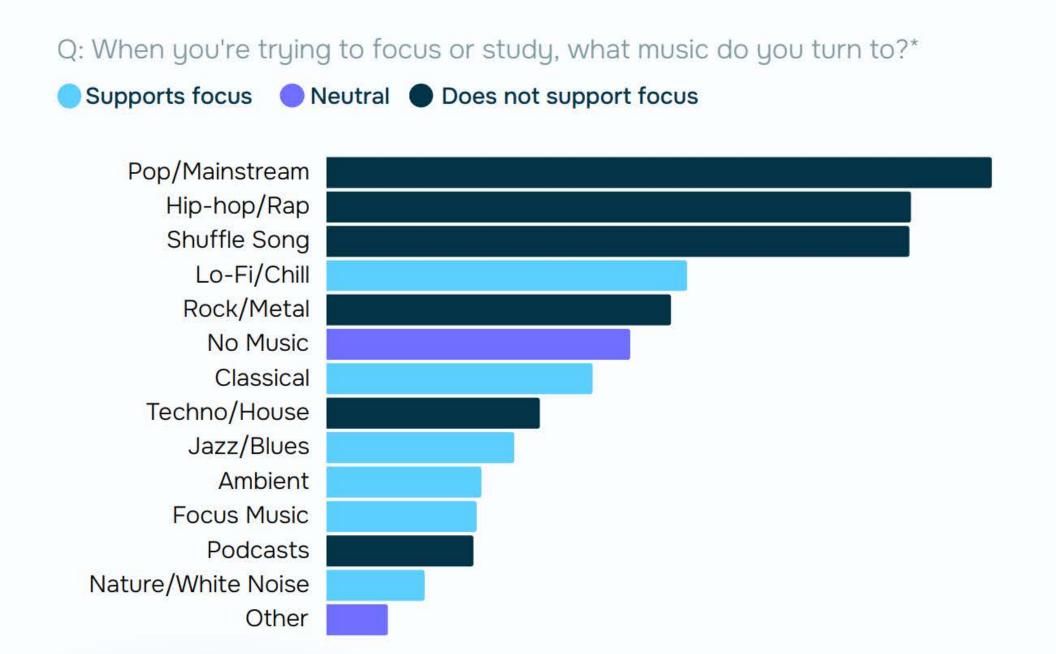
While it's easy to focus on the classroom and within the institution's premises, students report that focus actually suffers most during independent study. At home, in libraries, or revising alone – the structure disappears, and distraction peaks.

The trillion-dollar attention economy doesn't end at 3 PM – it runs 24/7

Outside the classroom students are **fighting a trillion-dollar attention machine** armed with nothing but their own willpower. It's a battle that they currently lose on a daily basis.

Music & study: Help or hinderance?

Students may think they're beating boredom, but they're losing effectiveness.



84% of students listen to music whilst studying

And more than 48% believe it boosts their effectiveness. But, when we asked what they actually listen to, only 30% use focus-optimised genres (e.g. ambient, Lo-Fi, chill).

The attention cost of lyrics

Neuroscience research shows that pop music with lyrics engages language-processing regions in the brain - drawing resources away from reading and writing - while instrumental or ambient tracks can boost focus and productivity by as much as 7–20%.**

And students already know the benefits

Students believe less screen time means better wellbeing, better focus - and better grades.

WELLBEING

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

% who believe reduced screen time improves wellbeing

Q. Do you believe reducing smartphone usage could positively impact your wellbeing?



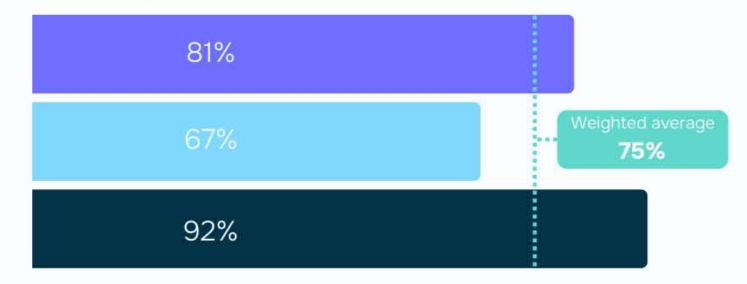
School

FE college

University

% that think less screen time improves academic outcomes

Q. Do you believe reducing smartphone usage could positively impact your academic performance?



Reducing screen time is emerging as a personal lever they believe can help rebalance their wellbeing

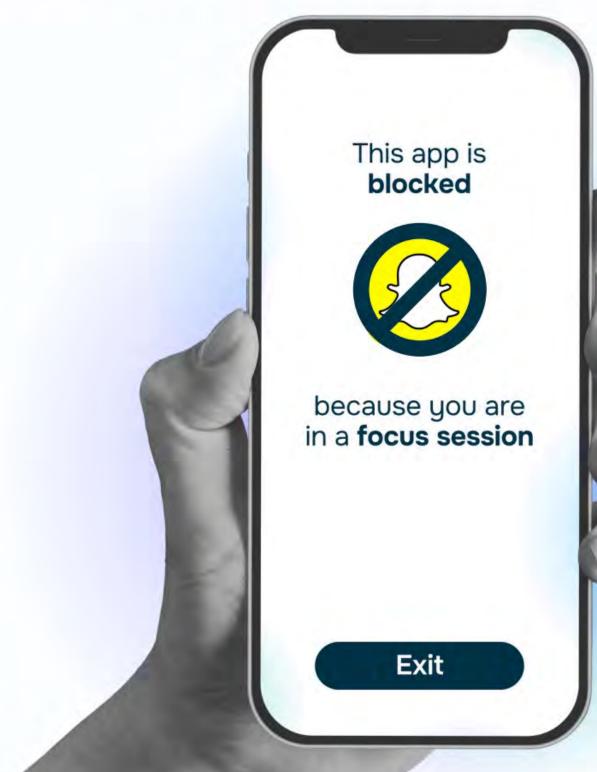
Students increasingly understand that improving their mental health, sleep, and emotional regulation isn't a 'nice-to-have' – it's the foundation for better focus, learning, and general life satisfaction.

Many believe that better digital habits would directly support their academic outcomes

Helping them learn to manage distractions and use tech intentionally isn't just good for academic performance - it's a long-term skill they'll need to carry into work and life.

A shared roadmap for healthier digital habits

Living with, not against: envisioning more intentional student relationships with technology.



- The study has been shared with all staff
- Key facts shared with year 12 students in the welcome assembly
- The ISC is a phone free zone
- Classroom teachers will adopt the strategy that best fits their subject
- Students will receive more guidance, help and support in tutorials
- During our revision campaigns will we give practical advice on how to use apps and tools to support study and focus
- All NCP students will undertake a survey
- We have a digital wellbeing staff working group
- High profile in college

CAREERS @NCP



- Year 12 and 13 tutorials
- Careers Events
- Careers Guidance Appointments
- Trips and visits
- Speakers and NCP Alumni

Look out for the termly Careers parent/carer letter!

CLASS OF 2025



71% students progressed onto degree level study at university



Other destinations include employment, self-employment, further education or a gap year



9.4% went onto an apprenticeship with 45 Starting a Degree Apprenticeship

We actively encourage a Plan A and Plan B!









 99% of all Year 12 students completed work experience

 Are you able to support our work experience drive? More information to follow in our Autumn Careers Letter

Year 12 Work Experience: 30th June – 1st July 2026



CASE STUDIES :::

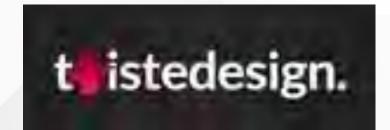


Kudzai Chanel Ndambakuwa





Eleanor Henshall











AGREAT 2 YEARS AHEAD





- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Lots of challenge and high expectations
- Developing as a person
- Becoming more resilient and independent
- Achieve the best results possible
- Be ready for the next chapter











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COLLEGE HOUSEKEEPING



- Please do not use Park Lane, the Park or the residential streets for student drop off and pick up.
 Pontefract Collieries Car Park can be used for this purpose.
- Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.
 (half term 24 October 2025 to 3 November 2025). Next academic year starts 1 September 2026.
- Student parking permits can be obtained in Student services. Sensible, responsible parking is essential
- www.ncpontefract.ac.uk/letters

FINAL PART OF THE EVENING





- Progress Tutors are available now, or after tonight via email to answer your questions or for you to pass on information about students
- If you have been contacted to have a chat with a member of the senior team, please stay
- Our SENDCo Sarah O'Neill is also available tonight or please send her an email: sarah.oneill@nclt.ac.uk

