



**Jesmond Park
Academy**

Year 10 Parents Information evening



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Full school report

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A reminder this is **published in July**, so will be vital for their transition into Y11.

		End	P				
Mr S White	Biology	9	9	5	5	5	5
• Use the Year 10 Biology Paper 2 exam identifying areas of strength and weakness in order to support revision in Year 11. • Re-read and summarise, using the revision guide, the main points for all Biology required practical experiments including variables, health and safety issues, the method and any analysis that would be performed. • Use the specification on the AQA website as a checklist/guide to building your revision materials, ensuring you have covered all of the points.							

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Wellbeing



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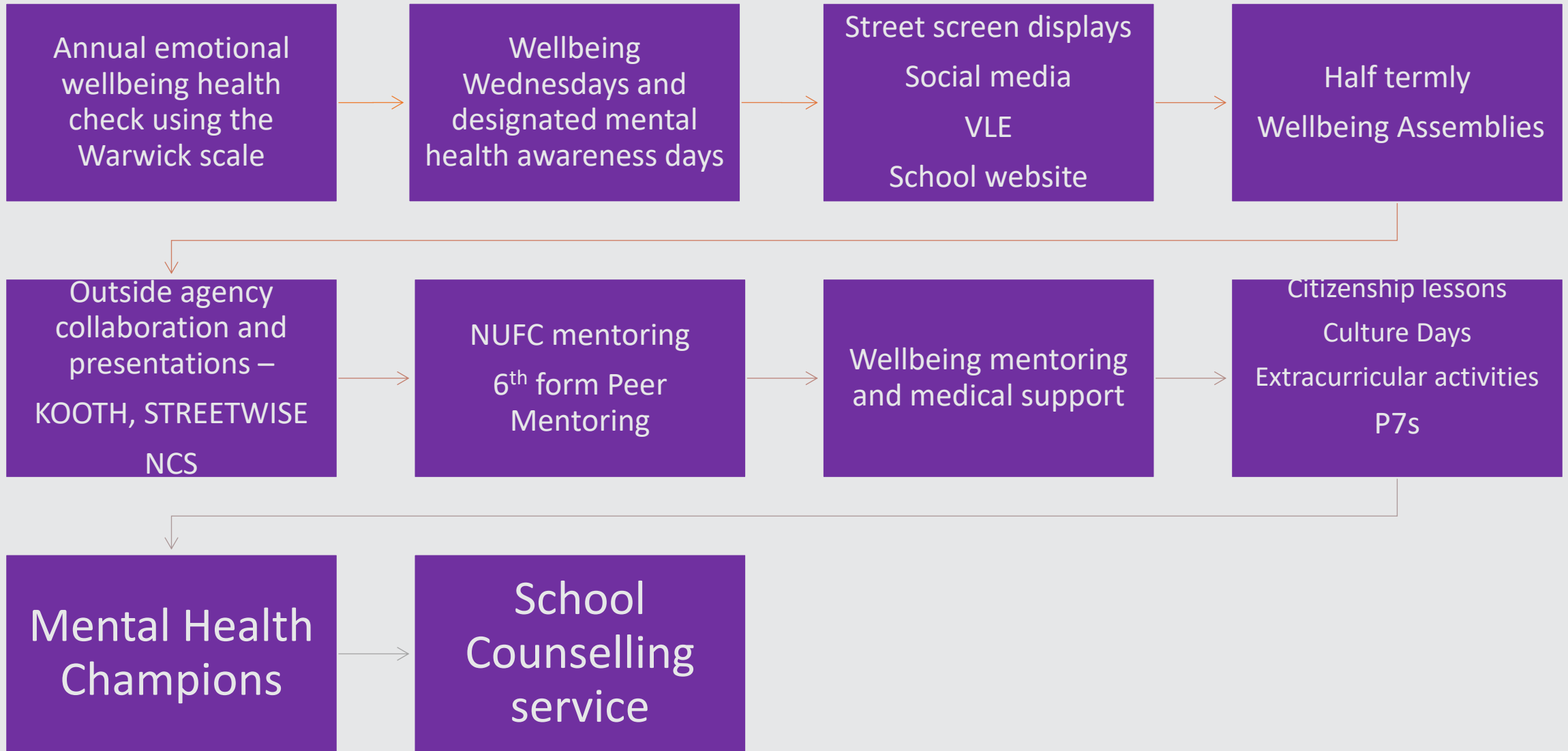
Kathryn Chun
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NHS School
Nurse

Pastoral Teams

Student
support base

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Overview of the year ahead

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w/c 8th March TBC	Y10 Grade card 2 issued
27th March – 2nd April	Y10 Ski Trip
6 th May	Y10 “How to Support Your Child” in the lead up to the summer mocks
w/c 7th June	Y10 Mock Examination: Preparation Weeks (including Period 7)
w/c 14 th & 21st June	Y10 Mock Examination Weeks
w/c 14 TH June	Y10 Progress Assessment Week 3 (including mock results and full school report)
w/c 12 th July	Y10 mock results and full school report published (including mock results day)
w/c 5 th July	Work Experience Week

Timeline for students

Aim - Preparation for success throughout Year 10 and the summer mocks.

Students should be focused in class, continuously reviewing and consolidating learning. Y10 is the best year!

Summer Term 2027: preparation for the summer mocks continues. This will include a programme of compulsory period 7 sessions for all students, personalised intervention, GCSE revision and support.

Expectations for Y10 students

- Examples of revision techniques that may work for your child – May “How to Support your child in the lead up to the Y10 mocks”
- Your child’s examination timetables.
- Your child’s grade cards.
- Compulsory Period 7 timetable, towards the end of Year 10 – expect children home after 3.30pm, 3 nights a week.

Year 10 Careers Information



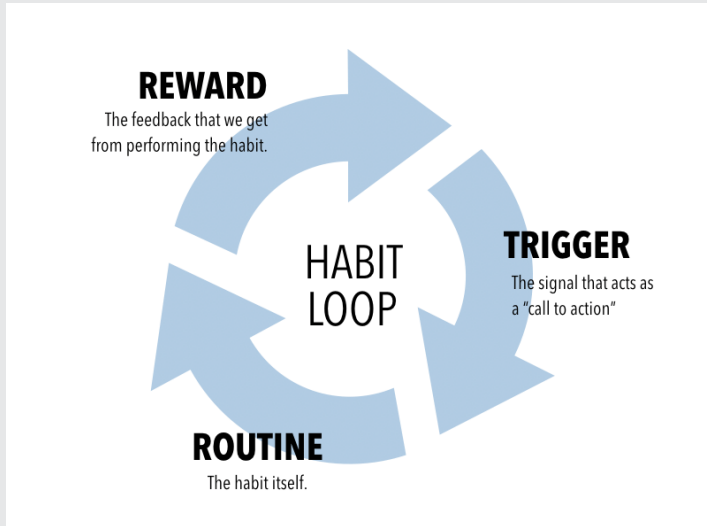
- Mrs Sarah Beeley is our Level 6 Guidance Trained Careers Leader. Careers lessons take place in PD lessons.
- All Year 10 students attend Newcastle City Council *My Future; My Choice* Careers event at St James Park in February.
- Parent/Carers can make appointments to see Mrs Beeley at the Year 10 Parent/carer evening.
- Year 10 Work Experience (4 days) takes place in July. JPA are one of the few schools in the city offering WEX to Year 10 students. This is advance notice there will be much more information for students & Parents/Carers after the half term break.
- Mrs Beeley can answer any queries regarding Year 10 Careers information (sbeeley@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk)

Mr Faraday

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:
TEACHING AND LEARNING

Teaching and Learning and parent portal

Supporting Learning at home



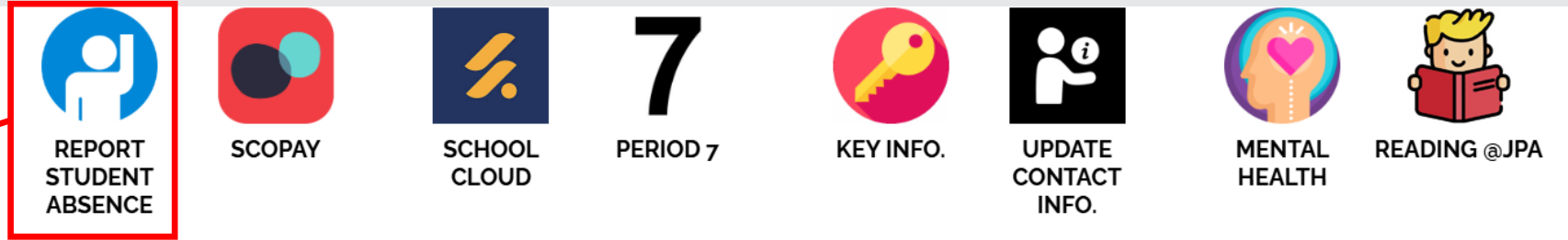
-Help to build good habits. Be aware willpower is finite so change one habit at a time e.g. independent routines of self study

Mind wandering is inevitable, so we need to lower the risk

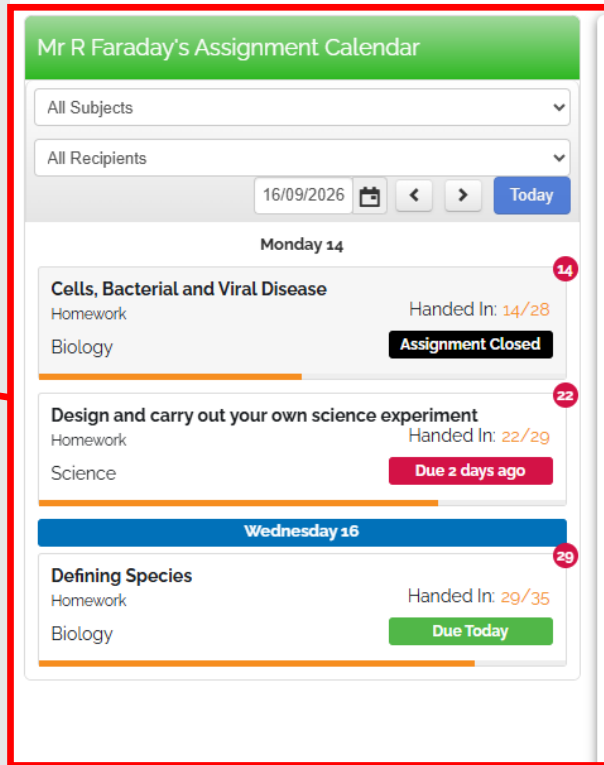
- Create a **quiet, distraction free place to work.**
- No phones** anywhere near a study area
- Beware the use of AI.** Homework scores will go up but test scores will go down!!-

Use the Parent Portal for Ideas and support

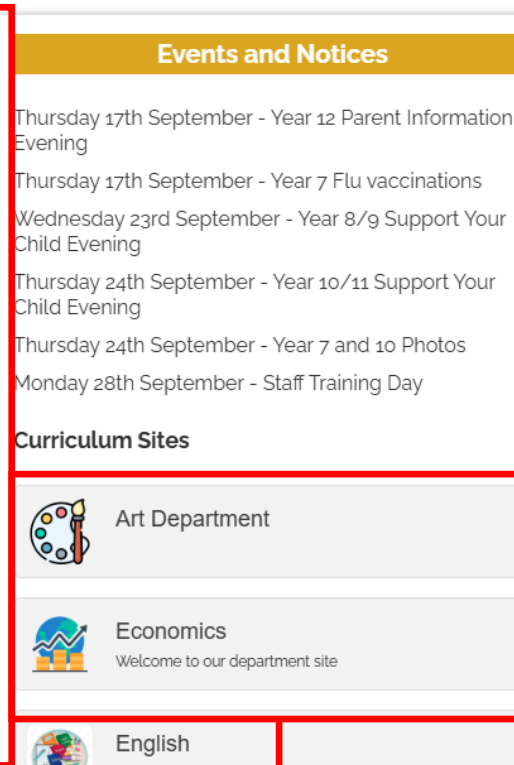
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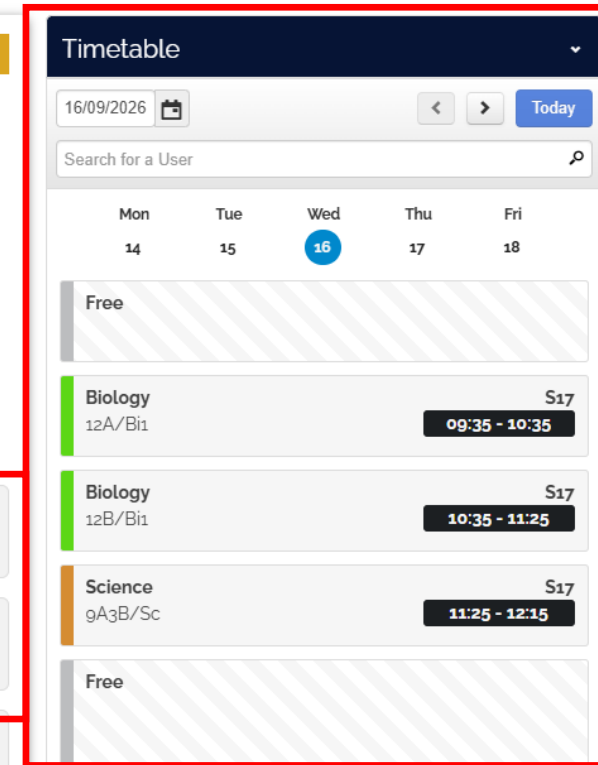
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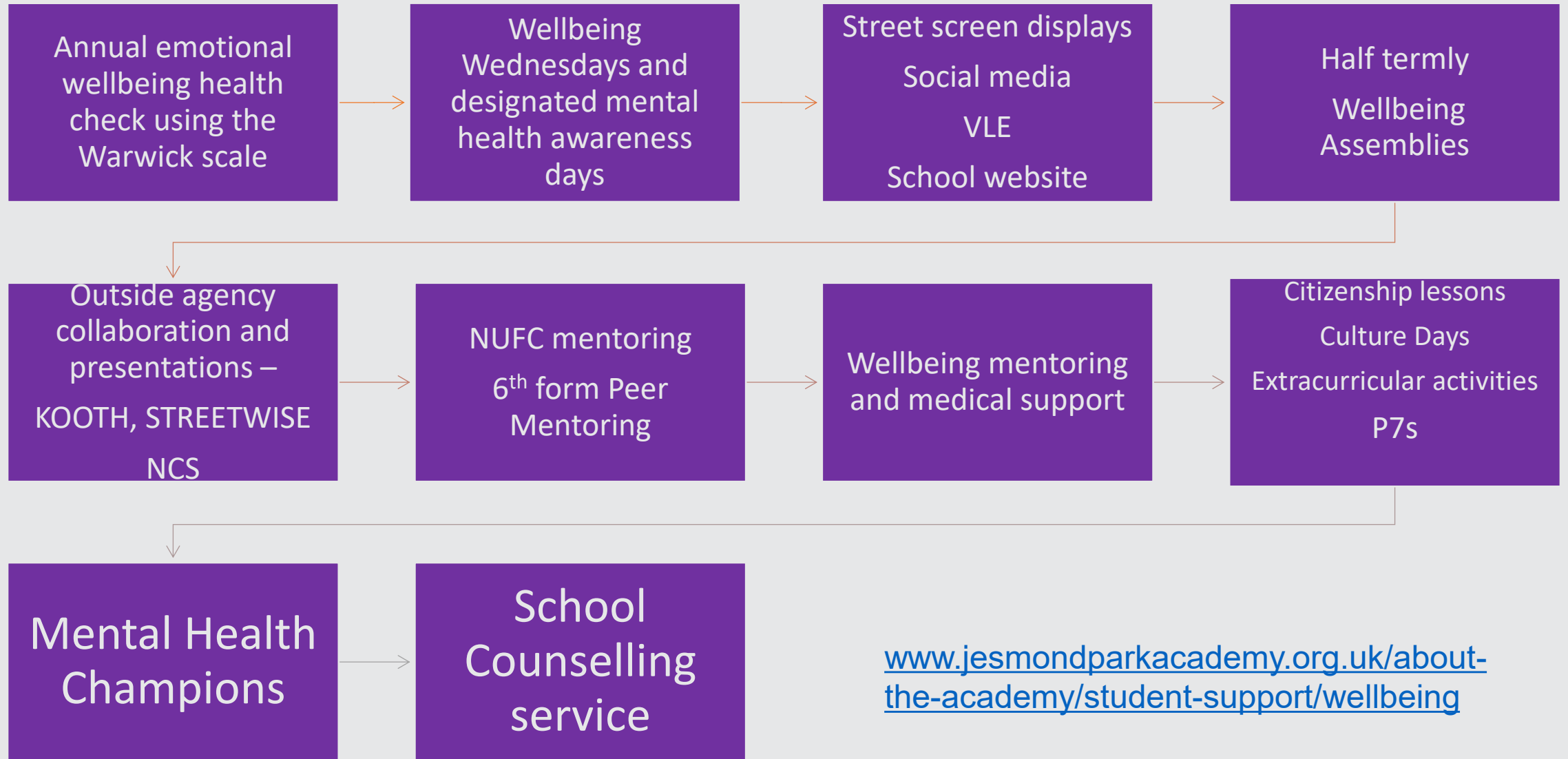
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- Mrs Sarah Beeley is our Level 6 Guidance Trained Careers Leader.
- Careers lessons take place in PD lessons.
- All Year 11 students will receive a 1:1 Careers Guidance interview with a Level 6 Guidance trained Careers Officer.
- All Year 11 students attend JPA Careers Fair
- Parent/Carers can make appointments to see Mrs Beeley at the Year 11 Parent/carer evening and can speak to her at the Year 11 JPA Sixth Form Open Evening.

Year 11 Careers Information



- Year 11 students have ongoing access to advice, guidance and support from JPA staff throughout the year to ensure that they have chosen the best destination for them after Year 11.
- Most of our students choose to stay at JPA Sixth Form. For those that don't we work extremely hard to ensure that they have secured a destination before the end of Year 11 (GCSE results pending).
- 6th Form team will promote post 16 options to students during form time.

Hint/Tips for Year 11

- Start revision early (small and often)
- Create a realistic revision timetable
- Do proactive revision – create flashcards, past papers, mind maps etc
- Get used to working to time limits. E.g. 10 minutes for 10-mark question.

Hint/Tips for Year 11

- Sleep and rest is equally/more important.
- Make sure to stay hydrated and eat nutritious breakfast, especially on exam days.
- Stay calm, continue with fun activities.
- Focus on progress, not perfection. Set realistic targets.

Hint/Tips for Year 11

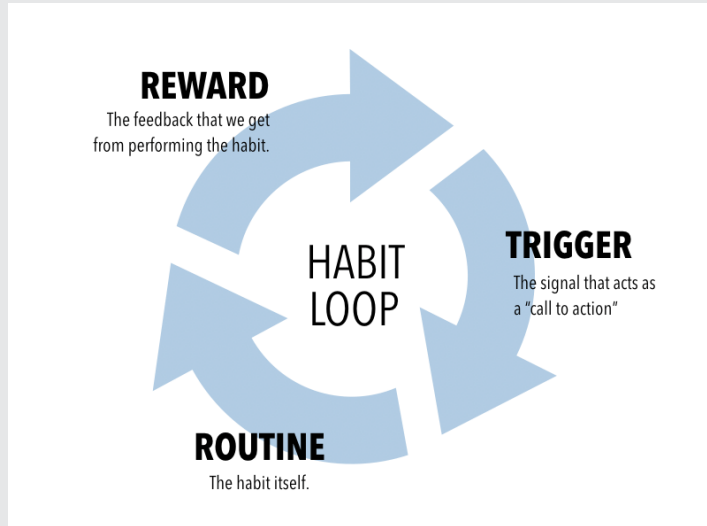
Ask for help ... we have done
this for many years!

Mr Faraday

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TEACHING AND LEARNING

Teaching and Learning and parent portal

Supporting Learning at home



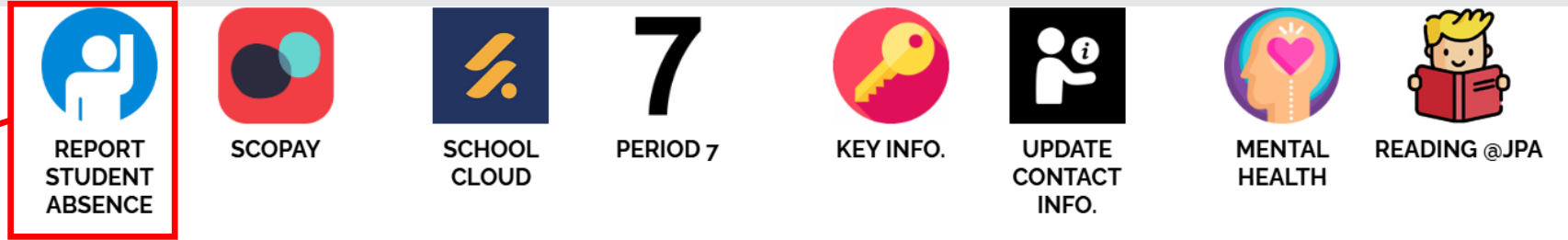
-Help to build good habits. Be aware willpower is finite so change one habit at a time e.g. independent routines of self study

Mind wandering is inevitable, so we need to lower the risk

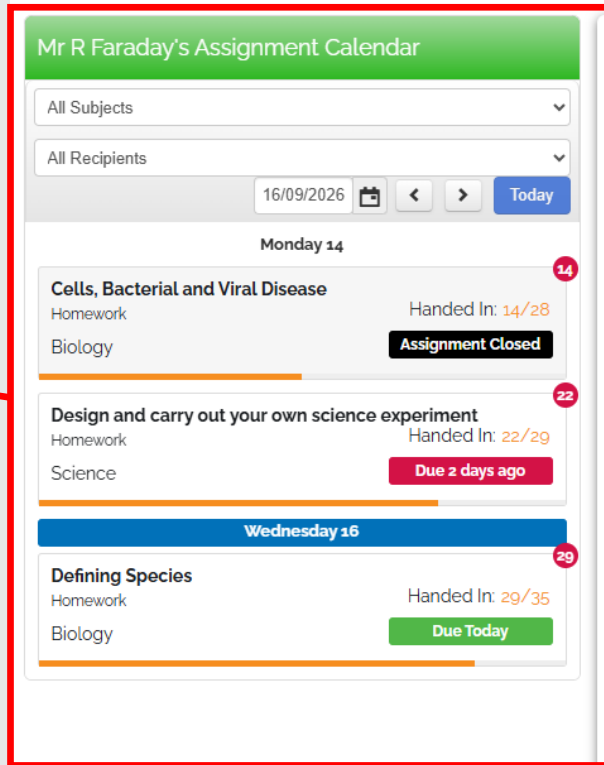
- Create a **quiet, distraction free place to work.**
- No phones** anywhere near a study area
- Beware the use of AI.** Homework scores will go up but test scores will go down!!-

Use the Parent Portal for Ideas and support

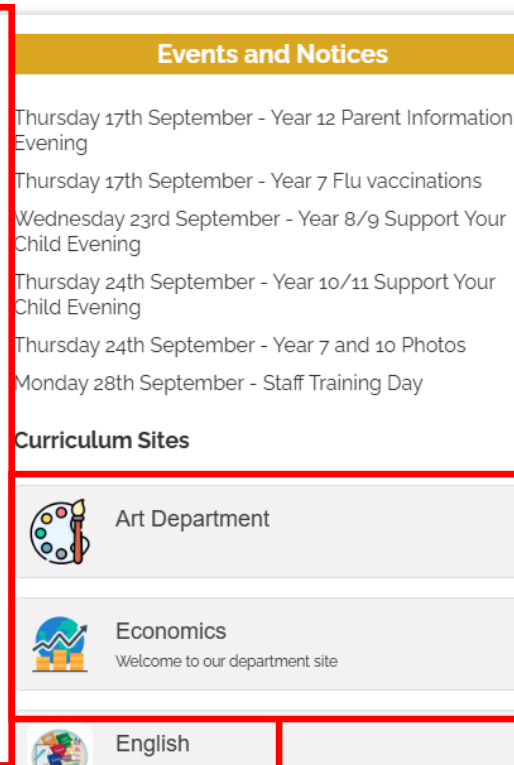
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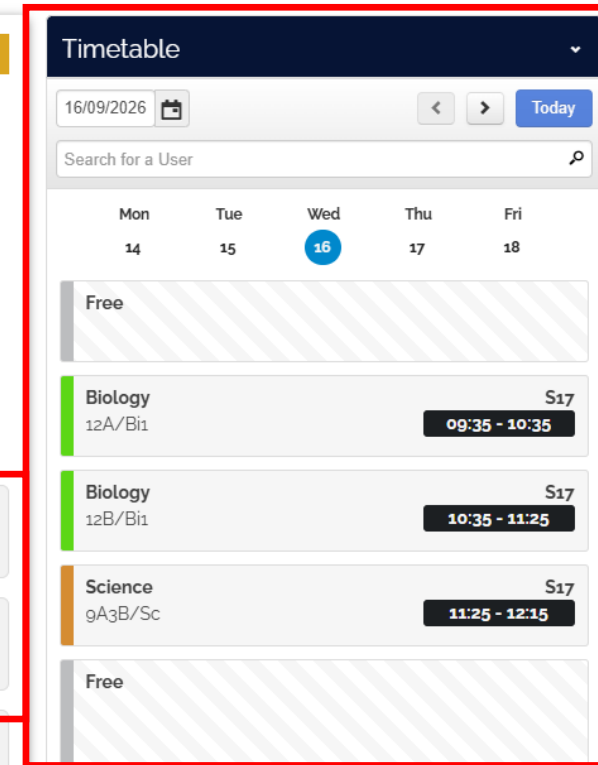
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Request login
reminders via
the school
Admin email



Explore the classrooms



See
timetables

Welcome, format and purpose of the evening

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- **5:45pm – workshop 1 – parents/carers to attend one session**
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 - Supporting your child in Maths in year 11 E1 (main) E2 (overflow)
 - Supporting your child in Science in year 11 E10 (main) E9 (overflow)
- **6:00pm – workshop 2 – parents/carers to attend one session (repeats of the earlier workshops)**
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- **6:15pm – workshop 3 – parents/carers to attend one session (repeats of the earlier workshops)**
 - Supporting your child in English in year 11 E12 (main) E11 (overflow)
 - Supporting your child in Maths in year 11 E1 (main) E2 (overflow)
 - Supporting your child in Science in year 11 E10 (main) E9 (overflow)
- Refreshments are available in main reception