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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Free maths and literature software for your son/daughter, to assist with their GCSE maths and English Literature revision

I am writing to you to provide you with the details of two exciting new apps that can be accessed on a computer, a smartphone or tablet/iPad, which your son/daughter can use over the next few months to assist them with their GCSE revision. The two apps; one for GCSE maths and the other for GCSE English Literature have been written specifically to ensure they support Year 11 students in preparing for the Summer 2017 exams.

As I am sure you are aware, carrying out revision "little and often" is far more effective than "cramming" for an exam at the last minute. As many young people use mobile devices more than ever before, we have subscribed to this service so that your son/daughter can access it without any cost to you or them.

Your child will have received a personalised learning checklist (PLC) for English and maths. This will show you and your child the specific areas/topics of the course that they have strengths in, those that they have some knowledge about but it is not secure and those areas/topics that are areas of weakness.

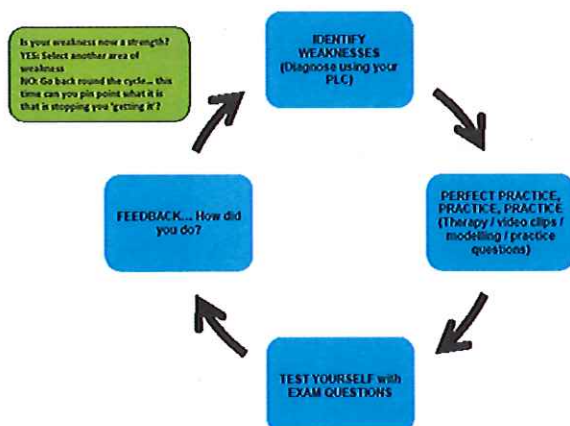
We advise that you use your PLC when using these resources. The PLC will tell you which topics you need to concentrate on i.e. those yellow and red topics on your PLC.

Both apps will show you how to address your areas of weakness by providing walking/talking video clips of what to do on the exam. It also provides practice questions and personalised tests to see if you have improved in your area of weakness.

We recommend your child uses these resources for at least 30 minutes per night. That is 30 minutes of maths and 30 minutes of literature.

A helpful revision cycle demonstrates how to use these resources effectively.

THE LITTLE LEVER REVISION CYCLE



Here are the details of how to access and use the apps:

For the Maths app:

- On a computer go to the mathsapp.pixl.org.uk website and select Desktop Flash App.
- On an Apple device (iPhone / iPad) go to the App Store and search for **Pixl Maths App**.
- On an Android device go to the Google Play Store and search for **Pixl Maths**.

For the English literature app:

- On a computer go to the englishapp.pixl.org.uk website and select Desktop Flash App.
- On an Apple device (iPhone / iPad) go to the App Store and search for **PiXL English App**.
- On an Android device go to the Google Play Store and search for **PiXLit**.

When starting with the apps, you will see the following screen on the maths or a similar on the literature app.



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When starting with the PiXL maths the first screen looks like this:



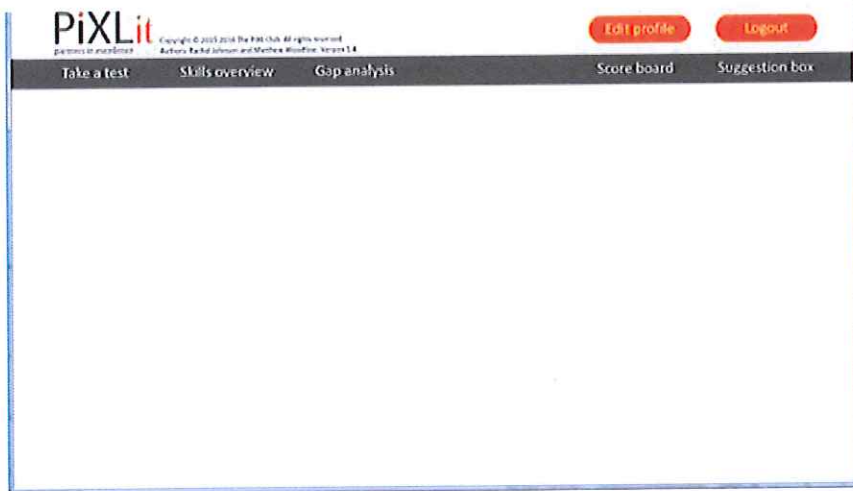
The Arithmetic section allow you to practice your skills on basic arithmetic, number and place value, addition and subtraction, etc.

You can practice specific areas of maths by selecting Design a test and then putting together your own selection of areas of improvement.

Finally, you can select the Take a challenge section where you will be asked to select your target grade/level and start a 36 questions test.

When attempting any of the questions, on the top left of the screen you will see two options, Therapy videos and Therapy PowerPoints. If you need help in remembering how to tackle any of the questions on the page, click either option to get a selection of relevant videos or documents.

When starting with the PiXL literature app the first screen looks like this:



Simply select Take a test and the book you are practicing for. The software will guide you build your personalised test.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Hullett
Interim Headteacher

