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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we embark on this academic year the History department would like to update you on the schemes of work that are covered at GCSE History and provide you with an overview of what your child will be studying. We have also provided a list of possible media clips and sections of film footage that may be shown within the school day to support the students learning, highlighted in **bold**. These have been selected with a great deal of thought and we feel that they are appropriate within the context of our teaching. However, should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the department where we will be able to answer any queries.

Students study 4 modules which make up 3 exams. The course is 100% exam with no coursework or Controlled Assessment modules. All exams will take place in the summer term of Year 11. Students have been asked to revise for fortnightly knowledge tests via an online platform called Educake. Logins and passwords will be given to students within the next 2 weeks. Further information can be at the end of this letter.

The content for each of the units is listed below:

- Medicine Through Time – **BBC Filthy Cities, Black Death documentary, Plague documentary, All Quiet on the Western Front, Operation Ouch – WW1 special, Testament of Youth, 1917.**
- Anglo Saxon and Norman England – **Battlefield Britain, 1066 A Year to Conquer Britain.**
- The American West – clips from **Age-appropriate clips from documentaries, Wyatt Earp and the Cowboy War.**
- The USA, conflict at home and abroad – **scenes from Selma, the Butler, Days that Shook the World the assassination of Martin Luther King, Battlefields in Vietnam, the Tet Offensive.**

There are several revision guides that you can purchase to support your child. All 4 books are available from our school shop at a discounted price. It is possible to purchase them via Parent-Pay if you wish.

- REVISE EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) History Medicine in Britain, Pearson, ISBN 978-1-292-16972-9.
- REVISE EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) History Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, Pearson, ISBN 978-1-292-16972-9.
- REVISE EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) History The USA conflict at home and abroad, Pearson, 978-1292169767.
- REVISE EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) History The American West, Pearson, 978-1292169774.

During the Medicine Through Time module students have to investigate the developments made in diagnosis and treatment of illnesses including cancers, hereditary diseases and the impact that lifestyle choices has on peoples health. If there are any sensitive issues that you feel we need to be made aware of before discussing these issues with your son or daughter's class please do contact the school. In addition some of the content covered can go into detail regarding blood, circulation and early surgery techniques. Some students can find



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this information difficult to listen to or watch. If you think this could be a problem again, please get in touch with the school who will forward any concerns to the department.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Dobson (Curriculum Area Leader for History).



Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will soon be given a username and password for something called Educake. Educake is an online homework and revision system for secondary schools. Students can use it on a PC, tablet or smartphone by going to www.educake.co.uk.

Teachers might set quizzes for homework or classwork in Educake. Quizzes can be retaken as many times as students want to improve their score. Every question is auto-marked, and students get instant feedback.

Educake makes revision easy and effective. Students can set themselves quizzes for more practice. They can see how they are doing on every topic and can identify areas to revise based on their progress.

If they're not sure where to start, the revision wizard shows them which topics they need to work on and creates personalised quizzes.

The next page of this letter will show you how Educake works. If you have any questions, you can always talk to your child's teacher about Educake, or you can email us at support@educake.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Wallis
Product Director
Educake

P.S Here's a 2-minute video that gives parents and carers a quick overview of Educake.

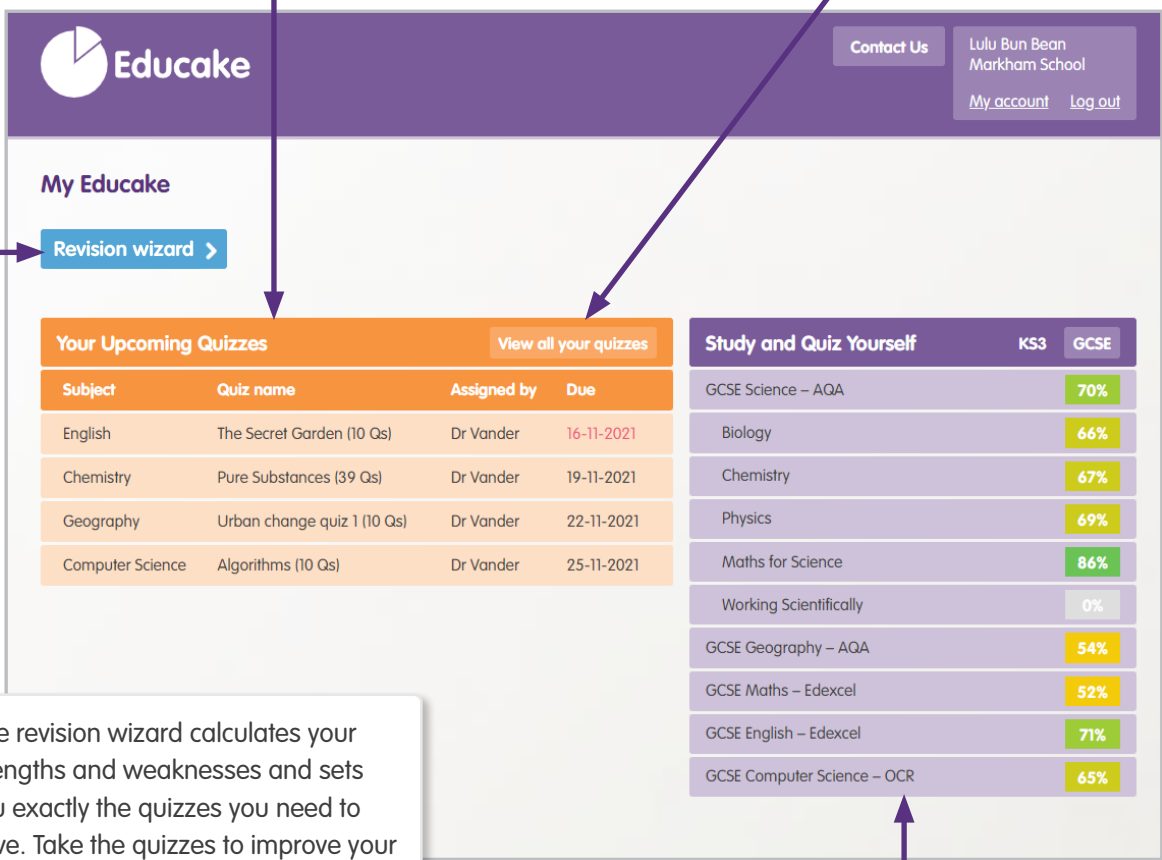


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When you use Educake as a student, you see this page first:

When your teacher has set you a quiz, it'll be here. Click on it to take it. Your progress is always saved, so you can return to it later.

Find all of your quizzes in one place. Click on one to go over your results and see if your teachers have left you any feedback.



The screenshot shows the Educake student dashboard. At the top left is the Educake logo. At the top right, there is a 'Contact Us' button and a user profile for 'Lulu Bun Bean Markham School' with links for 'My account' and 'Log out'. Below the header is a 'My Educake' section containing a 'Revision wizard >' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Your Upcoming Quizzes', contains a table with columns for Subject, Quiz name, Assigned by, and Due. The right column, titled 'Study and Quiz Yourself', has tabs for 'KS3' and 'GCSE' and lists various subjects with their corresponding progress percentages.

Your Upcoming Quizzes				View all your quizzes
Subject	Quiz name	Assigned by	Due	
English	The Secret Garden (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	16-11-2021	
Chemistry	Pure Substances (39 Qs)	Dr Vander	19-11-2021	
Geography	Urban change quiz 1 (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	22-11-2021	
Computer Science	Algorithms (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	25-11-2021	

Study and Quiz Yourself		KS3	GCSE
GCSE Science – AQA			70%
Biology			66%
Chemistry			67%
Physics			69%
Maths for Science			86%
Working Scientifically			0%
GCSE Geography – AQA			54%
GCSE Maths – Edexcel			52%
GCSE English – Edexcel			71%
GCSE Computer Science – OCR			65%

The revision wizard calculates your strengths and weaknesses and sets you exactly the quizzes you need to improve. Take the quizzes to improve your knowledge and understanding.

View your progress by clicking on any subject to see a breakdown of your topics.

To set yourself an Educake quiz, choose the topics and how many questions you want.