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# SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



**SENIOR SCHOOL  
LIBRARIANS**

Mr Saliba and Mr Galea



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**LISTEN TO OTHERS**

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**BORROW RESPONSIBLY**

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**READ QUIETLY**

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**ASK IF UNSURE**

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**RETURN ON TIME**

**Y**

**YIELD TO THE PLEASURE  
OF READING**



# SHARE YOUR WORK



Do you enjoy writing essays in different languages? Do you want to improve your literacy skills and express yourself better? Do you want to showcase your work and inspire others? If you answered yes, then you might be interested in our new initiative at the Senior School Library:  
Share Your Work.

Share Your Work is a platform where you can submit your essays in English, French, Maltese, German, or Italian, and have them published on our newsletter. You can also read other students' essays and learn from their perspectives, styles, and techniques.

Share Your Work is a great opportunity to practice your writing skills, expand your vocabulary, enhance your grammar, and develop your creativity. You can also explore different topics, themes, and genres, and express your opinions, thoughts, and feelings. You can also discover new cultures, languages, and perspectives, and broaden your horizons.

If you are interested in Share Your Work, you can submit your essays to us at the library. We accept essays of any length and level, as long as they are original, respectful, and relevant. We will review your essays and publish them as soon as possible.

We hope that you will join us and share your work with the school community. If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please feel free to contact us at the library. We would love to hear from you and help you with your literacy journey.



Happy writing! ✍️



# TYPES OF LITERARY GENRES



## NON-FICTION

Contains real and true facts.



## BIOGRAPHY

A story about someone's life.

## REALISTIC FICTION

A story that is not real but could happen in real life.



## EXPOSITORY

Explains or describes something using facts.



## ARGUMENTATIVE

Forms an opinion on something based on research.



## POETRY

Verses that sometimes rhyme and evoke emotions.

## FOLKLORE

A story that has been passed down through generations.



## DRAMA / MYTH

A story that is passed down and explains how something natural came to be.



# READING RESPONSE

Consider the following when reading, connecting with, and reacting to a story:



## LISTEN AND OBSERVE

Immerse yourself in the story. Pay attention to characters, settings, and events.

## IDENTIFY EMOTIONS

Recognise how the story makes you feel.  
Identify emotions experienced by characters.



## RELATE TO CHARACTERS

Relate to the characters. Put yourself in their shoes to understand their perspectives.

## THINK CRITICALLY

Analyse the plot and themes.  
Ask yourself questions about the story's message.



## DISCUSS AND SHARE

Engage with others. Discuss the story, characters, and your emotional responses.

## WRITE OR DRAW

Express yourself creatively.  
Write a reflection or draw scenes from the story.




## DISCUSS AND SHARE

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## Explore the Wonders of the Universe with Astronomy



Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered what lies beyond the stars? Do you want to learn more about the planets, the moon, the sun, and other celestial objects? If you answered yes, then you might be interested in astronomy - the scientific study of the universe and everything in it.




Astronomy is a fascinating and fun hobby that anyone can enjoy. You don't need expensive equipment or a degree in physics to get started. All you need is curiosity and a sense of wonder. You can observe the sky with your own eyes, a pair of binoculars, or a simple telescope. You can also use online resources, such as websites, apps, podcasts, and videos, to learn more about astronomy and keep up with the latest discoveries.




Astronomy can also help you develop important skills, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and communication. You can apply these skills to other subjects, such as math, science, art, and literature. You can also share your passion for astronomy with your friends, family, and classmates.



If you are interested in astronomy, the senior school library has a number of books that you can borrow during the mid-day break. If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please feel free to contact us at the library.



We also invite you to share your ideas for the next article in our newsletter. What topics would you like to read about? Send us your thoughts and we might feature them in our next issue.



Happy stargazing! ✨






# Thank You

to all those who took part in the snowball guessing jar competition that took place in December. The announcement of winners, both for students and teachers, will be made during one of the mid-day breaks in the assembly area.

Snowball Guessing Jar  
C o m p e t i t i o n



**LEARNING  
TOGETHER: A  
COLLECTION OF  
STUDENT  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
ON STUDY SKILLS**

# MY STUDYING HABITS



- **Regular Study Schedule:** Establishing a regular study schedule helps me build routine.
- **Organised Study Space:** clutter-free and comfortable environment aids my concentration.
- **Balanced Lifestyle:** sleeping, eating, and exercise enhances my cognitive function.



TIPS

## STUDY TIPS

**Rewriting Notes and Visuals :** Jotting down main keywords or phrases and using visual aids helps me focus on essential points, making study time more effective.



## STUDY TECHNIQUES

- **Active Recall:** Testing yourself regularly bolsters memory by actively engaging your recall capabilities
- **Spaced Repetition:** Reviewing material at spaced intervals boosts long-term memory retention.
- **Visual Aids :**Colorful pictures, fun charts, and drawings make learning easier and more fun



# STUCK with studying?

Here are some of *my tips* for you!



## Create a **study schedule**:

If you are a *busy* person like me, **organizing and planning beforehand** when to study what subjects really **helps!**

## Set **Goals** AND Take **regular breaks**:

It's *impossible* to study for straight hours every day, so set **targets** and have *breaks* every so often.

I like to take breaks *four times less* the time I spent studying. So if I spend *20 minutes* studying, I would take a *5-minute break*, because  $\frac{20}{4} = 5$ .

## Try to **make it fun**:

Let's face it; studying is *boring!* Get yourself a *study buddy* and **quiz** each other, like I do. If you live alone, you can take **quizzes** about any subject on platforms like *Kahoot!*

## Work in a room that is **suitable for studying**:

Never work in a **noisy** environment. Find a **room** which is **quiet** and easy for you to **focus** in. I personally like studying in my room.



# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!



NO DISTRACTIONS • JUST FOCUS



## I'M AUDIOVISUAL

I prefer watching video tutorials.  
It keeps me engaged and focused!



## PREPARATION

- Good Shower
- Comfortable Clothes
- Eat & Drink Well Before Studying
- Check Diary & Teams



- List all Tasks & Priorities
- Have Relaxing Music
- Stay Well Organised!
- 8hrs Sleep or More

## TOOLS



- Have Good Lighting
- Teams
- Google
- YouTube
- Notes App
- Relaxing Music



PSCD Task 2 – Steve Dimech Form 1 WHITE



# I learn best visually

80% of what people learn is visual

BRB

SHORT BREAKS HELP ME CONCENTRATE MORE  
WHILST STUDYING

JUNK FOOD IN = JUNK BRAIN  
HEALTHY FOOD IN = HEALTHY BRAIN :)

SCHEDULES ARE THERE TO HELP NOT TO HINDER.....  
CREATE A GOOD SCHEDULE

SILENT PLACES HELP ME CONCENTRATE AND LEARN  
BETTER



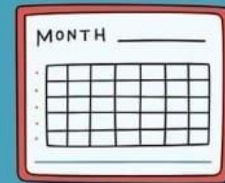
# MY STUDY TECHNIQUES

Daniel P. Buttigieg - Form 1 Orange



## Study smarter, not harder

I study for 45 minutes and then have a 15 minute break.



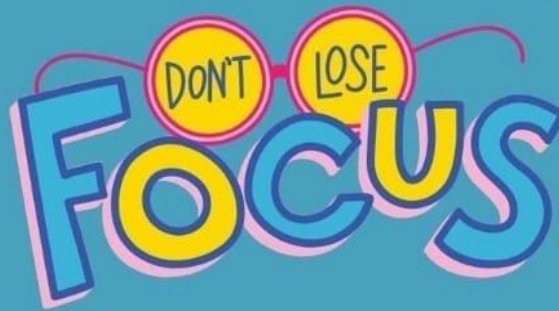
## Make a study schedule

I prepare a study schedule depending on the time available.



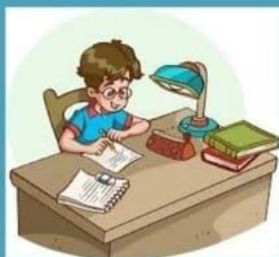
## Plan ahead

If I fail to plan, I plan to fail. Therefore, I try to start revising a month ahead of exams, printing out some past papers and working them out.



## Write notes

I read the notes aloud and jot down some points using different colours, pictures and highlighters.



## Create a good study environment

I sit at a clear desk but at times, move around while memorising material. Movement can help memorise things better.

# ATTENTION

TEACHERS  
AND  
STUDENTS



We welcome submissions from both teachers and students who want to share their work with others. You can send us any kind of work, such as art, poetry, essays, experiments, reflections, book reviews, and more.

Your work will be featured in a special section of our newsletter that showcases the talent and diversity of our school community. We look forward to seeing your amazing work in our future newsletters!

**To submit your work, please email it to either:**  
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