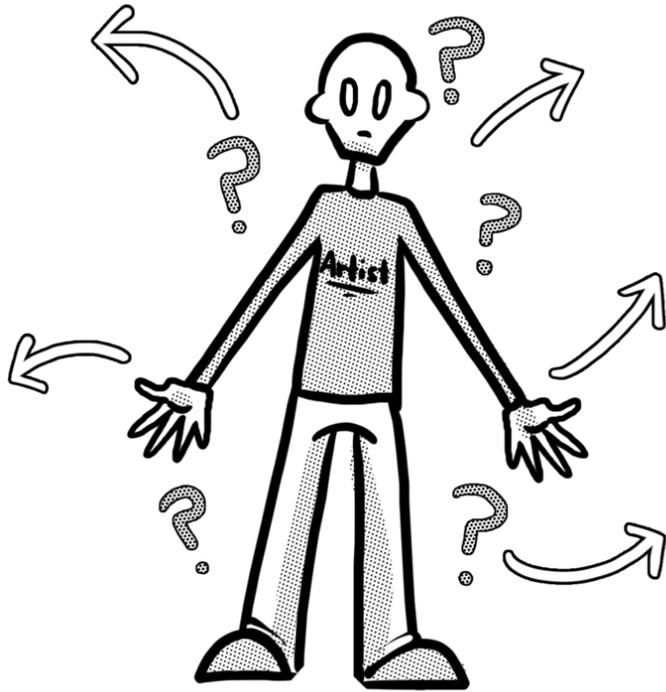
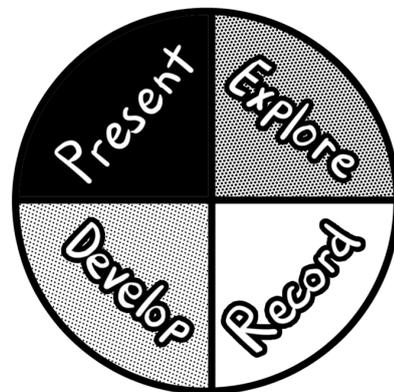


## Did you know?



There is a school of thought that Year 11 to Year 12 is one of the hardest transitions for students to make. Students have to deal with a new way of working, learning and organisation - so it is really important that the transition into Y12, and the subsequent learning that takes place, is as good as it can be.



## What can you do?

- One key difference between Year 11 and Year 12 is that students will have study periods, and these will need to be used wisely. Those of you familiar with Harry Potter will recollect that Hermione had it nailed: *“As Hermione had predicted, the sixth year’s free periods were not the hours of blissful relaxation Ron had anticipated, but times in which to attempt to keep up with the vast amount of homework they were being set. Not only were they studying as though they had exams every day, but the lessons themselves had become more demanding than ever before.”*
- One of the very important things is supporting students to deal with beginning a new course – and what happens when they get their first piece of work back. Usually, this will not be the type of grade that they were used to receiving by the end of Year 11. We are not expecting that students will achieve their end targets from September of Year 12.
- It is important to encourage your child to get into helpful routines as Year 12/13 is about them being independent and responsible. If they are given a homework diary then they should record what they need to do in there and when it is due. They need to plan out their time properly.
- To motivate them, it is often helpful if they gather some ideas of what they might do after their KS5 is over. There are so many options available for students post-18 and it is good for them to look at some of the options right at the start.