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Sunday 12th July, 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. Every year, here at The Learning Curve Tuition we offer a mixture of workshops and 1:1 tuition throughout the summer holidays. These are all available to pupils who already have tuition with us and are also open to anyone else who may be looking for some support for their children over the long summer break! So please feel free to pass this information onto friends who you think may be interested.

Parents with pupils already tutored under The Learning Curve Tuition will have the opportunity to continue with lessons over the summer, by arranging ad hoc sessions **directly with their tutor**. They will inform me of when these lessons will take place and I will input them onto The Tutor Cruncher platform.

If your term time tutor is **unable** to tutor over the summer or you are new to **The Learning Curve Tuition**, please contact me directly by phone or email ensuring you include your child's name, year group in September 2026 and areas of focus (Maths, English or both or Science). I will then put you in touch directly with a suitable tutor. My email address is: julie@thelearningcurvetuition.co.uk and telephone number is: 07958 687908.

Please note that Summer School will take place during the following dates:

Monday 20th July – Sunday 6th September inclusive

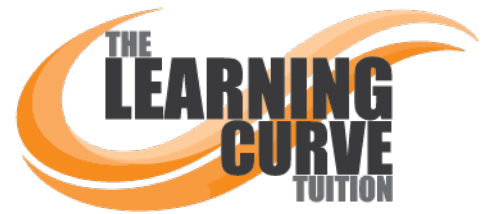
To supplement 1:1 lessons, we will also be offering a variety of online workshops. Each workshop indicates the **age range, date and time**, as well as which tutor will be running each session. Please respond by return which workshops you would like your child to attend giving the following information:

Name of workshop

Date of workshop

Name of parent

Name of pupil



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I will then add your session to your Tutor Cruncher account and once the workshop has taken place an invoice will be sent out automatically for you to pay.

If you are new to The Learning Curve Tuition, once you have informed me of the workshops you would like your child to attend, I will give you details of how you can pay. (The cost of the workshops, can be found at the end of this letter).

Prices will be as follows:

2 hour workshops will be **£80**, **1 hour workshops** will be **£40** and **45 minute workshops** will be **£30**.

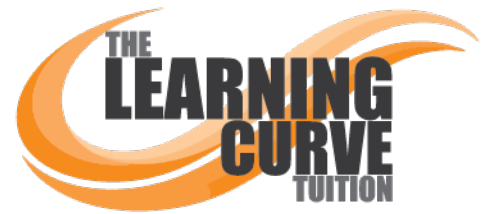
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOKING SYSTEM WILL CLOSE ON **FRIDAY 17TH JULY**. AFTER THAT IT IS NOT GUARANTEED THAT SLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 6 PUPILS PER WORKSHOP.

This year the workshops for pupils will be based on Numeracy, Literacy and Science based skills and also some Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning techniques. **(Please note that the Verbal 1 and Non-verbal reasoning 1 workshops will have different content to VR2 and NVR2.) These are excellent practice for those pupils sitting their 11+ in the Autumn.**

Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Workshops:

Monday 10th August and Monday 24th August – Verbal Reasoning 1 – at the studio

2pm – 4pm VR 1 - (aimed at supporting children with the key strategies to becoming successful in completing reasoning papers for both 10+ and 11+ exams) - Years 4, 5 and 6 – **Bryony** will be taking this workshop.



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Tuesday 11th August and Tuesday 25th August – Non-Verbal Reasoning 1 – at the studio

2pm – 4pm NVR 1 - (aimed at supporting children with the key strategies to becoming successful in completing reasoning papers for both 10+ and 11+ exams) - Years 4, 5 and 6 – **Bryony** will be taking this workshop.

Wednesday 12th August and Wednesday 26th August – Verbal Reasoning 2 – at the studio

2pm – 4pm VR 2 - (aimed at supporting children with the key strategies to becoming successful in completing reasoning papers for both 10+ and 11+ exams) - Years 4, 5 and 6 – **Bryony** will be taking this workshop.

Thursday 13th August and Thursday 27th August – Non-Verbal Reasoning 2 – at the studio

2pm – 4pm NVR 2 - (aimed at supporting children with the key strategies to becoming successful in completing reasoning papers for both 10+ and 11+ exams) - Years 4, 5 and 6 – **Bryony** will be taking this workshop.

Literacy Workshops – Year 3 – 6:

11:15am – 12pm - Creative Writing/Suspense stories workshop (Years 3 and 4 online)

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th August (Workshop 1)

Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th August (repeated again this week)

A week of short workshops building up to creating a fantastic mystery story.

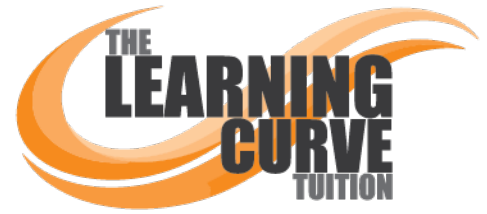
Get ready to grip the edge of your seat! In this engaging creative writing workshop, KS2 pupils will dive into the thrilling world of suspense stories - where mysterious settings, unexpected twists, and heart-racing moments come to life on the page. Pupils will explore techniques such as building tension, creating atmosphere, and using cliffhangers to keep their readers hooked. A perfect way to boost imagination, strengthen writing skills, and spark a love for storytelling! **Hannah S** will be running this workshop.

11:30am – 1:30pm - Drama Workshop: From Screen to Stage! (Years 3 and 4 online)

Running on Monday 10th August

Step into the spotlight! In this fun and imaginative drama workshop, pupils will turn a short video from The Literacy Shed into their very own playscript — bringing characters and scenes to life through performance, teamwork, and creativity.

Using filters and online backgrounds, children will experiment with digital tools to help develop their characters and enhance their storytelling. From building dialogue to staging scenes, they'll explore and create a live mini-production. The workshop will end with a performance - perfect for sharing with classmates, friends, and families! **Hannah S** will be running this workshop.



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11:30am – 1:30pm Drama Workshop: From Screen to Stage! (Years 5 and 6 online)

Running on Wednesday 12th August

Step into the spotlight! In this fun and imaginative drama workshop, pupils will turn a short video from The Literacy Shed into their very own playscript — bringing characters and scenes to life through performance, teamwork, and creativity.

Using filters and online backgrounds, children will experiment with digital tools to help develop their characters and enhance their storytelling. From building dialogue to staging scenes, they'll explore and create a live mini-production. The workshop will end with a performance - perfect for sharing with classmates, friends, and families!

Hannah S will be running this workshop.

Literacy workshops for pupils going into Year 10 or 11:

10am – 12pm online Macbeth Masterclass Series

Running on Friday 31st July, Friday 7th August, Friday 14th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

Workshop Synopsis

This three-part intensive masterclass is designed to give students complete confidence with one of Shakespeare's most challenging GCSE texts.

Across the three sessions students will explore:

- Historical and Jacobean context
- Shakespeare's intentions and purpose
- Major characters
- Relationships between characters
- Ambition
- Kingship
- Power and corruption
- Masculinity and femininity
- Fate vs Free Will
- The Supernatural
- Violence and guilt
- Appearance vs Reality

Students will also analyse the most commonly examined scenes, learn sophisticated quotations, practise embedding evidence naturally and explore exactly how examiners reward analytical writing.

Every workshop includes:

- Model GCSE paragraphs
- Grade 7–9 vocabulary
- Essay planning
- AO1, AO2 and AO3 guidance
- Examination tips and common mistakes

1pm – 3pm online - An Inspector Calls Masterclass Series

Running on Friday 31st July, Friday 7th August, Friday 14th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

Workshop Synopsis

Gain a complete understanding of Priestley's powerful morality play whilst mastering the skills required for GCSE success.

Students will cover:

- Historical context
- Socialism vs Capitalism
- Responsibility
- Class
- Gender
- Generational conflict
- Guilt
- Power
- Morality

Characters explored include:

- Inspector Goole
- Arthur Birling
- Sheila Birling
- Eric Birling
- Sybil Birling
- Gerald Croft
- Eva Smith

Students will investigate how Priestley presents each character, analyse key moments from the play and develop sophisticated essay responses using examiner-approved structures.

4pm – 6pm - A Taste of Honey Masterclass Series

Running on Friday 31st July, Friday 7th August, Friday 14th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

Workshop Synopsis

Perfect for students studying this modern text, this workshop explores one of GCSE English Literature's richest and most socially significant plays.

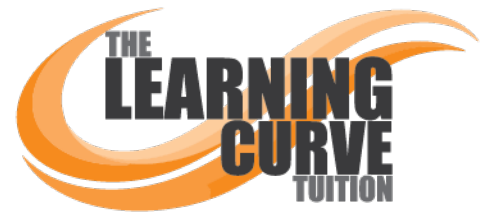
Students will explore:

- 1950s Britain
- Context of post-war Britain
- Class
- Gender
- Race
- Identity
- Family relationships
- Poverty
- Loneliness
- Sexuality
- Motherhood
- Hope and resilience

Character study includes:

- Jo
- Helen
- Geof
- Peter
- Jimmie

Students will investigate dramatic methods, symbolism, language and structure whilst developing sophisticated analytical responses for examination questions.



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2pm – 4pm – Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Masterclass Series

**Running on Thursday 30th July, Thursday 6th August, Thursday 13th August
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Workshop Synopsis

Develop a secure understanding of Stevenson's Gothic novella whilst mastering the analytical skills required for the GCSE examination.

Students will cover:

- Victorian society
- Scientific discoveries
- Religion
- Reputation
- Respectability
- Duality
- Good vs Evil
- Secrecy
- Violence
- Fear
- The Gothic tradition

Character exploration includes:

- Dr Jekyll
- Mr Hyde
- Mr Utterson
- Dr Lanyon
- Poole

Students will analyse key extracts, learn adaptable quotations and understand how Stevenson uses language and structure to create suspense throughout the novella.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE MASTERCLASSES

11am – 1pm - AQA English Language Paper 1

Running on Wednesdays 22nd July, Wednesday 29th July, Wednesday 5th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

Creative Reading & Descriptive/Narrative Writing

Workshop Synopsis

This intensive workshop focuses on every question within Paper 1, equipping students with practical strategies to maximise marks and improve confidence.

Students will learn how to confidently answer:

- Question 1 – Retrieval
- Question 2 – Language Analysis
- Question 3 – Structural Analysis
- Question 4 – Critical Evaluation
- Question 5 – Descriptive & Narrative Writing

Throughout the course students will practise:

- Analysing unseen fiction
- Identifying language methods quickly
- Writing perceptive structural analysis
- Evaluating interpretations
- Planning high-level creative writing
- Using ambitious vocabulary naturally
- Crafting compelling openings and endings
- Building sophisticated characters
- Creating atmosphere
- Varying sentence structures for effect

Students will also receive model responses and examiner techniques to improve timing and maximise marks.

2pm – 4pm AQA English Language Paper 2

Running on Wednesdays 22nd July, Wednesday 29th July, Wednesday 5th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

Writers' Viewpoints & Transactional Writing

Workshop Synopsis

Paper 2 often proves the most challenging GCSE paper. This workshop breaks every question into clear, manageable strategies that students can immediately apply in the examination.

Students will master:

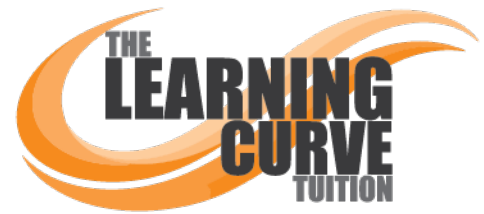
- Question 1 – True/False
- Question 2 – Summary Skills
- Question 3 – Language Analysis
- Question 4 – Comparison
- Question 5 – Transactional Writing

Writing tasks include:

- Articles
- Speeches
- Letters
- Reviews
- Essays

Students will learn how to:

- Compare writers confidently
- Analyse perspectives
- Explore viewpoints
- Evaluate methods
- Structure persuasive arguments
- Use DAFOREST effectively
- Adapt writing for purpose, audience and form
- Develop sophisticated vocabulary
- Produce Grade 7–9 introductions and conclusions



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Each workshop includes timed exam practice and examiner-style feedback to build confidence before the GCSE examinations.

12pm – 2pm - Unseen Poetry Masterclass

Running on Saturday 15th August (Entering Year 10 and Year 11 in September)

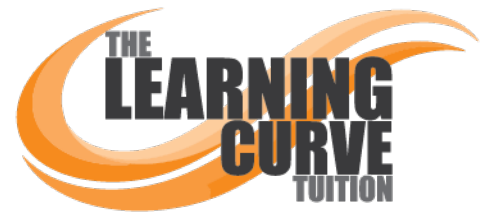
Workshop Synopsis

Many students fear unseen poetry because they are unsure where to begin. This focused masterclass removes that uncertainty by teaching a repeatable approach that can be applied to any poem.

Students will learn how to:

- Approach unseen poems confidently
- Identify themes rapidly
- Explore language, structure and form
- Analyse imagery and symbolism
- Explain the poet's intentions
- Compare two unseen poems effectively
- Build perceptive interpretations
- Structure high-level responses
- Embed subject terminology naturally

The workshop includes multiple unseen poetry practice questions, guided annotation, examiner modelling and adaptable paragraph structures that students can confidently use in their GCSE examinations.



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Numeracy workshops – Year 3 to 6:

12:30am – 1:15pm - Maths in the Real World Workshop (Year 3 and 4 online)

Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th August (Workshop 1)

Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th August (repeated again this week)

Who says maths is just for the classroom? In this hands-on workshop, pupils will discover how maths is all around us - in the shops, the kitchen, even on holiday!

Through fun, practical activities, children will: go “shopping” with budgets and prices, follow and adapt recipes using measurements and timings, design their dream bedroom using area and perimeter, plan a day out or holiday, working with timetables and costs

This workshop brings numbers to life, showing pupils how the skills they learn in school help them solve real-life problems every day. **Hannah S** will be taking this workshop.

Numeracy workshops for pupils going into Year 10 or 11:

GCSE foundation workshop - online:

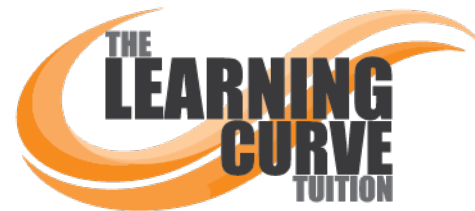
10am – 12pm - Trigonometry and Pythagoras theorem. **Two hour** workshop with exam practice skills ready for upcoming November pre public exams

Monday 17th August

10am – 12pm - Solving complex equations involving balancing equations, inequalities and fractions.

Two hour workshop with exam practice skills ready for upcoming November pre public exams

Tuesday 18th August



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GCSE higher workshop – online:

10am – 12pm - 3D trigonometry, sine rule, cosine rule and area of a non right angle triangle.

Two hour workshop with exam practice skills ready for upcoming November pre public exams

Wednesday 19th August

10am – 11am - Simplifying surds and rationalising the denominator

One hour workshop with exam practice skills ready for upcoming November pre public exams

Thursday 20th August

10am – 12pm - Simultaneous equations including quadratic simultaneous equations.

Two hour workshop with exam practice skills ready for upcoming November pre public exams.

Friday 21st August

Science workshops for pupils going into Year 10 or 11:

Alex Wills is a teacher of nearly 50 years experience in UK classrooms. Following a career as Head of Science in large London schools he became a Headteacher in 1998 and held this post in 2 schools until 2015. He is still a GCSE examiner for AQA and teaches A-level courses both face to face and online. He has taught science to all secondary school age ranges, including to students about to embark on medical degrees

10am – 12pm - Maintaining Motivation for Studying Sciences over the long summer break (moving into Year 10 or 11 in September – online):

Thursday 23rd July, Thursday 30th July, Thursday 13th August

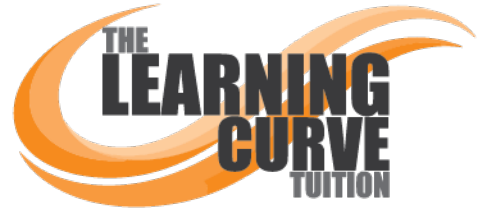
Using topics drawn from all 3 GCSE subject areas we will explore work students could do to make sure they have a firm foundation and can recall the work done in the previous year. I will take ideas from students about areas they want to review and, time permitting, we will extend this to cover some interesting and applied aspects of the work they have done, such as Environmental Science, Pharmaceuticals in Medicine, AI and Robotics. **Alex** will be taking this workshop.

2pm – 4pm - From GCSE to A-Level: an online bridging workshop for students choosing A-level Chemistry (present Year 11 online):

Thursday 23rd July, Thursday 30th July, Thursday 13th August

Some students find that the transition from GCSE to A-level can cause difficulty as they are not prepared for the higher demands of A-level courses.

This workshop will provide students with ideas for extra study they could do during the summer break to ensure the best possible start in A-level Chemistry. We will use examples from GCSE courses and show students how much knowledge and understanding of topics is needed for success at A-level. Examples will be drawn from topics such as Moles and Chemical Calculations, Structures and Bonding and Atomic Structure. **Alex** will be taking this workshop.



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A note for your diaries, below are the dates for next term:

AUTUMN TERM 2026:

Monday 7th September - Sunday 20th December

Half term-Monday 26th October - Sunday 1st November

If you have any questions regarding the workshops, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Julie Kidson