



## Student Feedback

The purpose of this evaluation is to deep-dive into the root causes creating struggle in a student's journey through high school. We look at the 5 Must-Have Self-Learner Skills that students need to become independent, we analyse their Math and English fundamentals and provide guided feedback and a plan of approach that we believe will have the greatest impact on their education and mindset moving forward.

Student's Name: Tanishq 

Year level: 11

## Overall Feedback

Overall Tanishq, my first impressions are that you're a very bright cookie with the brains to do very well, but something is holding you back in Chemistry and English (and holding you to a B in your other subjects).

My understanding is that this is a combination of 3 factors: your homework completion, your relationship with one or two of your teachers, and you not really seeing why school is important yet.

Our approach is going to be this:

Based on the assessment below you're in most need of assistance in Chemistry and English so we will focus here first. But remember we are going to use a mixture of self-teaching methods and out-and-out topic crash courses to get you to excel **on your own**.

1. First, we need to start mending your relationship with your Chemistry teacher, we are going to start implementing the tips in section 2.1 to (**ideally**) rebuild trust and move forward
  - a. If you can improve your relationship with your teacher, you're going to really notice a difference in how much you enjoy the subject. Because trust me, I know, if you don't like your teacher, you won't like the subject and that can be a real silent killer.
2. We are going to put aside a set amount of time each week that is dedicated to tackling your homework progressively and not all in **one night**. Bite-size pieces, Rome wasn't built in a day - that's the idea.
  - a. The Homework Tracker is going to be awesome here because it makes it easy for you to manage your workload and you can see how much you're really getting through over an entire week and term
3. You have a Scientific Report for Chemistry due on the 12th so we are going to run a Scientific Report Crash Course on how to rinse and repeat killer scientific reports. (Details for this I'll send through after).
4. We are going to investigate more into the teaching style of your English teacher and understand why this may not be suiting you.

- a. If you are behind on fundamentals (which our fundamentals test will find out) and you aren't getting the homework to practice on, we could be in trouble and need to take action ASAP
  - b. Your writing and interpretation skills affect all of your other subjects and your ability to communicate in the future. They are important.
5. We're also going to focus on looking forward to your future to see where your interests and passions lie. We want you to be passionate about what you do each day and we'll show you how school is going to help get you there. **(Hint: That's the real secret sauce.)**

**Health Check results below**

## Upcoming Assessment Items

Assessment	Due Date	Description
Scientific Report (Chemistry)	12/08	Scientific Report on a rate of reaction experiment

# The 5 Must-Have Self-Learner Skills

## 1 Homework Completion Percentage

### 1.1 What is your homework completion for each subject?

Subject	Percentage completion (%)	Current Grade
Chemistry	50-60%	C
Physics	80%	B+
English General	(Doesn't really get homework)	D
Methods	85%	B
Accounting	100%	B
Digital Solutions	100%	N/A

Take a moment to notice the correlation between homework completion and your grades. It's rarely the whole story but it's a good indicator.

We absolutely recommend that the minimum amount of homework that you complete during the term is 75% (for every subject). The golden rule of studying is pretty much:

**Your homework completion percentage = the ceiling of your final grade**

What this means is if you only do 75% of your homework during the semester, you can only expect to get 75% as your final grade (**assuming you get everything you have studied 100% right**).

If you haven't seen the content before, how are you going to answer questions about it?

A way that we can easily stay on top of our homework is by using our Homework Tracker. It's a simple table where you record your homework for each subject for the week and you highlight the questions that you will complete on each day of the week.

The homework tracker is available [here](#) and we will start using it right away.

## 1.2 What were your habits for completing the homework?

You mentioned that you tend to leave your homework until the night before it's due.

This makes it very difficult to complete 100% of it on a consistent basis, this is because

- If you run into a hurdle, you can't go and ask anyone before its due
- If the homework takes you longer than you thought, you are going to run out of time to complete it

From here we are going to work on understanding how much time we need to allocate to studying during the week to achieve the grades that we want, and we are going to make that time untouchable to the rest of our lives. We are going to look at it like taking a shower and eating breakfast. It has to be done, even when there's something more fun to do.

## 2 Asking Questions

2.1 How likely are you to ask a question in class for each of your subjects if you were unsure about something in class?

Subject	Likelihood of asking a question (%)
Chemistry	60%
Physics	85%
English General	85%
Methods	85%
Accounting	85%
Digital Solutions	85%

This is all perfect except for chemistry. I don't expect students to ask questions 100% of the time, because that's just unrealistic in large classrooms.

I know you mentioned that your Chemistry teacher can be a bit immature and assume you aren't listening when you ask a question. **IGNORE THIS COMPLETELY.** If a teacher ever makes you feel bad for asking a question, that is blatantly poor culture.

### Some tips for dealing with your difficult teacher:

- Remain extremely calm and polite
  - Your goal is to get the explanation that you need, not to embarrass them in front of the class or prove you are smarter than them (this will land you in hot water with them quick smart)
  - Your relationship with your teacher **is important**, be their friend and they will be yours
- Go to them after class and ask for another explanation (if they see you putting in the extra effort they will know it's not because you weren't listening in class)

Start asking questions again as much as you can, using the tips above.

2.2 Out of these three people, how often would you ask each of them for help?

Person	How often do you ask them for help?
Your teacher	Pretty often
The highest achiever in the class (if this is you then move on)	Pretty often
Your friends in class	Pretty often

This is great. Use all of the resources that you can to help you. **Make sure that you're giving back as much as you're getting through.**

- If your teacher is going well out of their way to help you, get them a gift at the end of the year
- If the smart cookie in class is giving you loads of help, make sure you help them when they need it too. Or do something to show your appreciation.
- Make sure you are helping others whenever you can as well. As we improve your grades, the demand for your time and knowledge will go up. You should help everyone else as much as you reasonably can. It's an important part of life.

### 3 See it. Understand it. Apply it. Extend it.

#### 3.1 How would you describe your approach to studying for an exam?

Here you said, to learn the topic:

1. Look at notes
2. Look at the textbook
3. Go to the internet
4. Ask friends

This is perfect.

To practice questions you said:

1. Do simple questions
2. Try some harder questions (sometimes)

This is great as well. Making sure that you test yourself on the harder questions is so important for your understanding and allows you to be being creative using that knowledge.

## 4 Studying in groups vs alone

### 4.1 How often do you study in a group vs. studying alone?

Here you answered that you do utilise group studying but mainly study alone, and that's perfectly fine. Group studying is extremely powerful but has its pros and cons.

Take a look at the pros and cons for each below to remember when to use it.

	Pros	Cons
Studying alone	<p>Great for deep focus, which helps with creativity</p> <p>Should be used when you know exactly what you need to do and it's just a matter of doing it</p>	<p>Makes boring work more difficult</p> <p>Harder to do over a long period of time</p>
Studying in a group	<p>Extremely effective for tackling large problems that a lot of brains will help with, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding and planning assignments</li> <li>- Working on difficult questions</li> </ul> <p>Can be used to co-regulate and get over boredom or other emotions that stop you from wanting to do the work</p>	<p>Can be very distracting if someone in the group isn't focused</p>

## 5 Using a textbook effectively

When faced with a random question from the textbook your approach was to:

1. Read the questions and try to understand it
2. Attempt to do the question
3. Look at worked examples if not successful
4. Ask for help

This is the perfect approach. Remember that all of the courses in school and university are built around a textbook and textbooks are designed to teach. So the answer to the majority of your questions when learning a concept at school is in the textbook. Always use the textbook before going to google when learning a new concept.