

**WELCOME TO
THE HOWARD
SCHOOL**

GCSE English Literature

Candidates will be awarded a number of 1-9 in the Summer of 2023.

The exams take place as follows:

**Wednesday May 17th and Wednesday May 24th
2023**

Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry (2 hours) (40%)

What do we study?

Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'

What do we need to know?

The whole play – a timeline of events, characters, relationships and themes which run throughout

What do we study?

A Poetry anthology of 18 poems

What do we need to know?

18 poems – the content of each poem and how themes (such as power; suffering; love; relationships, for example) are presented

PLUS the contextual factors surrounding them –society and issues at the time; the poets' motives for writing

Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry (2 hours 30 minutes) (60%)

What do we study?

**Lord of the Flies – William
Golding**

What do we need to know?

**The whole novel – a timeline of
events, characters, relationships
and themes which run
throughout**

What do we study?

**A Christmas Carol – Charles
Dickens OR Jekyll & Hyde –
Robert Louis Stevenson**

What do we need to know?

**The whole texts– a timeline of
events; characters, relationships
and themes which run
throughout**

**PLUS the contextual factors
surrounding it: society and issues
at the time; Dickens’/
Stevenson’s motives for writing**

Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry (2 hours 30 minutes) (60%)

What do we study?

Unseen Poetry – modern day poems that cover relatable themes such as old age; the seasons; children growing up

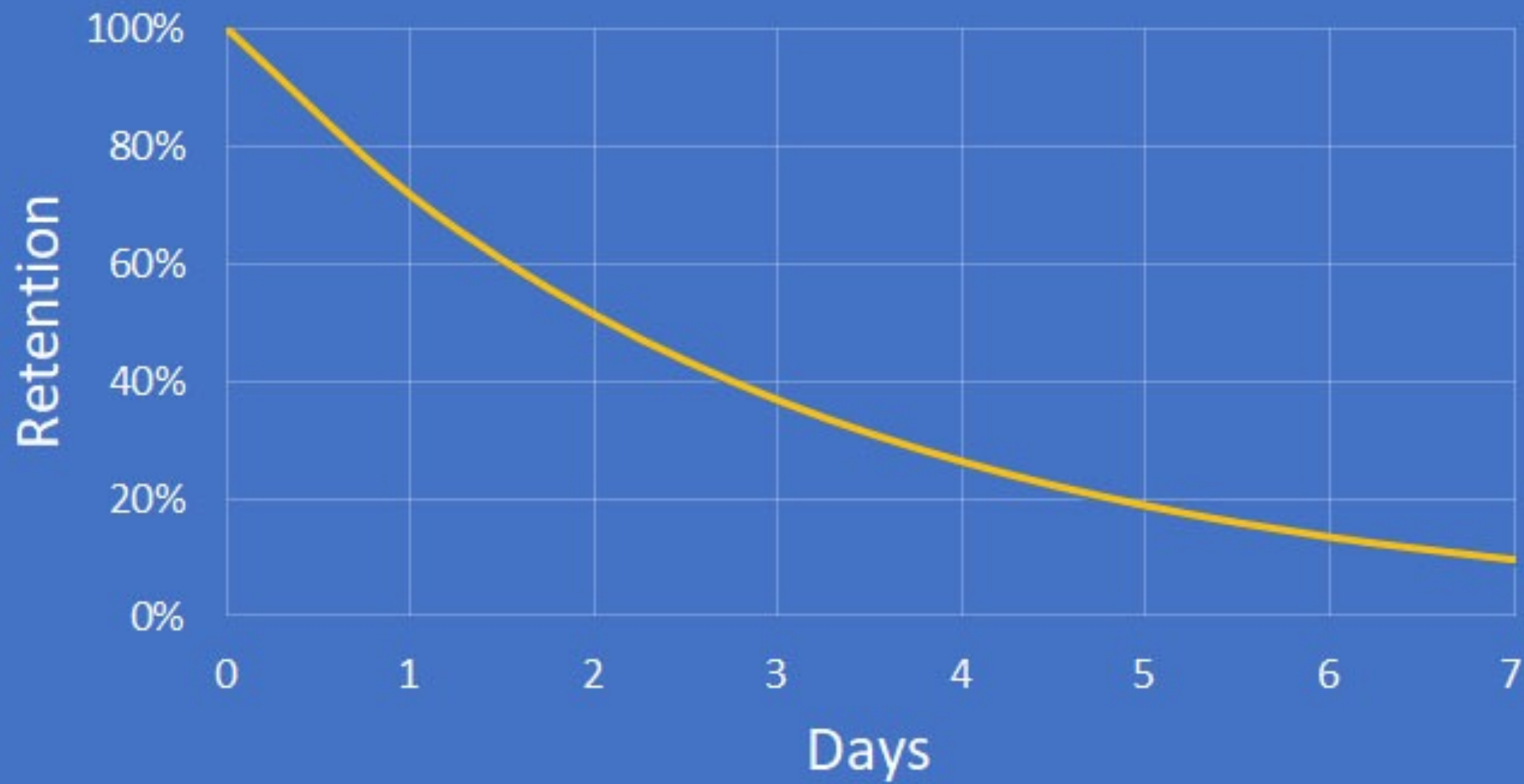
What do we need to know?

Nothing!! There is nothing to revise for this section – this is all about practising the skills of analysis with texts you've never seen so there are no quotes to learn at all!!

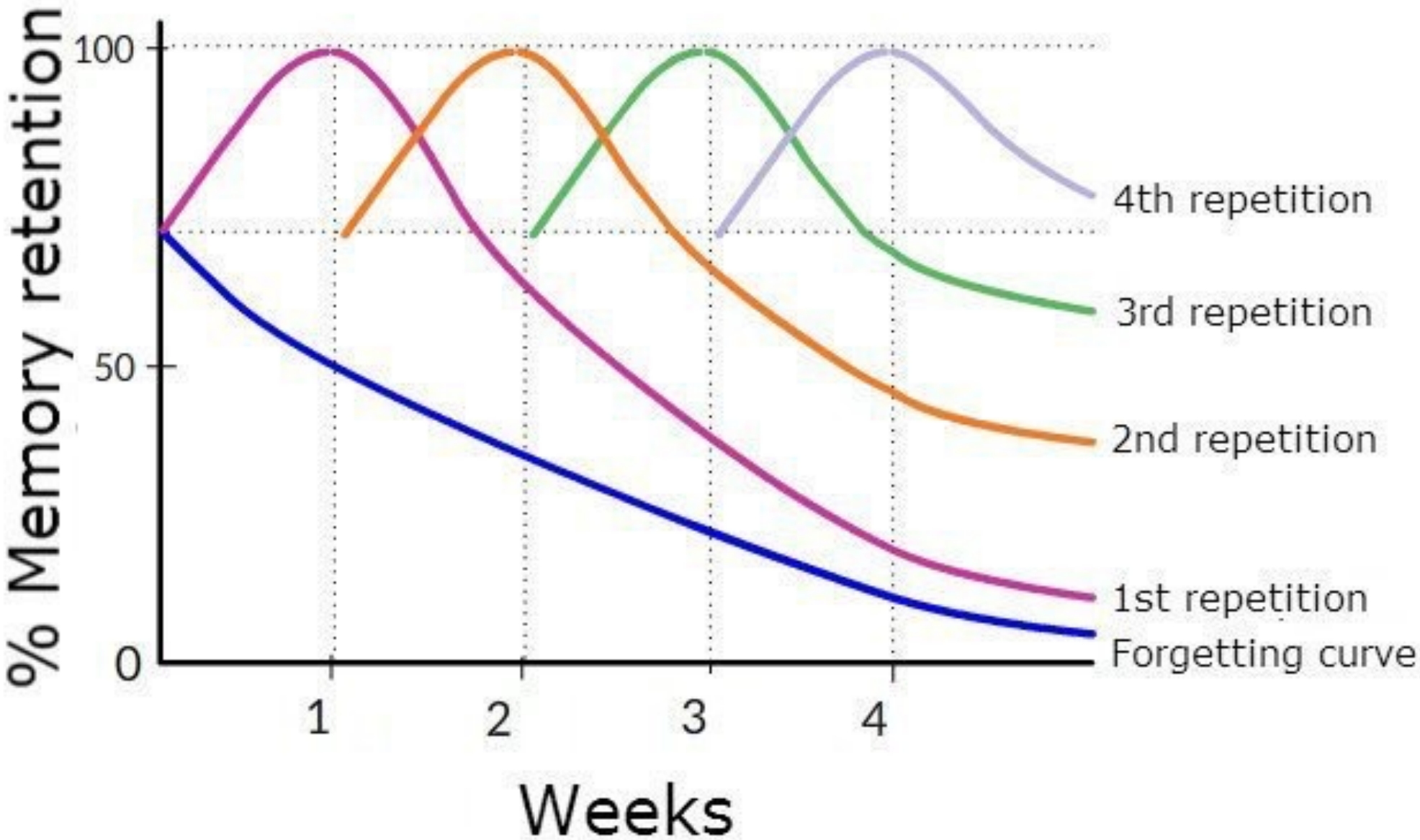
English Literature – key messages:

- **100% EXAM-** pupils are being totally independent. What they produce on exam day is what will be marked for their final grade
- All of these exams are closed book – our students need to RECALL DETAILS AND QUOTES FROM ALL 4 TEXTS: THE PLAY, THE 2 NOVELS AND THE 18 POEMS

THE FORGETTING CURVE



Forgetting curve for newly learned information



So what can we do to help?

- The more revision and practise of essay style responses that are done, the higher students can achieve.
- **In the class room:** we can recall details and evidence and practise and feedback on analysis
- At home, students need **your support** to ensure they are able to add to their revision – through helping to organise their time to even testing them on the texts!

So what can we do to help?

- PiXL Lit App – logins available to collect today!
- Revision workbooks – available to collect today!
- Revision Guides – available to purchase through Parent Pay
- A guide to revision from now until the exams – available to collect today!