

SOS THE SOS CHALLENGE THE GRADE 9 MINDSET

"I'm going to give you seven decisions. You could make every one of them before you go to bed tonight."

NOT SEVEN TASKS.

SEVEN DECISIONS.

1 DECIDE TO BECOME INTERESTED, NOT JUST SUCCESSFUL.



"I don't want a Grade 9."

"I want to become someone capable of producing Grade 9 work."

2 READ ONE QUALITY ARTICLE EVERY DAY.

- BBC News.
- The Guardian.
- National Geographic.
- History Today.
- Anything well written.
- 365 articles in a year.



*"Vocabulary grows naturally.
Knowledge grows naturally.
Confidence grows naturally."*

3 REPLACE SCROLLING WITH NOTICING.

Instead of endlessly consuming content...



ASK,

- Why did that headline work?
- Why was that speech persuasive?
- Why did that advert grab my attention?

*"English is everywhere.
The best students never stop observing."*

4 ASK ONE BETTER QUESTION EVERY LESSON/TUITION.



Not this:
"Is this right?"

Instead,

"What would make this even stronger?"

5 READ AROUND EVERY TEXT.



If you're studying Macbeth...

- Learn about King James.
- The Gunpowder Plot.
- Witchcraft.

If you're studying A Christmas Carol...

- Read about Victorian London.
- Workhouses.
- Poverty.
- The Industrial Revolution.

"Knowledge creates originality."

6 STOP COPYING. START ADAPTING. (TEMPLATES LIKE PEEL)



"Templates are brilliant servants but terrible masters."

- ✓ Use them.
- ✓ Learn from them.
- ✓ Then make them your own.

A Grade 9 answer should sound like you, not a worksheet."

7 IMPROVE SOMETHING EVERY DAY.



- One paragraph.
- One word.
- One quotation.
- One sentence.
- Just one improvement.

*"Most students wait for motivation.
Stand-out students build momentum."*

YOUR FINAL MESSAGE

"Don't try to become a Grade 9 student tomorrow.
Become one today.

Not because your grades have changed.
But because your habits have.

"Examiners don't award marks for potential.
Teachers can't reward effort they never see.
Life doesn't change because we hope.
It changes because we decide."

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

S - SEEK

Seek knowledge beyond the classroom.



O - OWN

Own your learning and your thinking.



S - STRETCH

Stretch yourself every single day.



BETTER HABITS. STRONGER THINKING. HIGHER MARKS. IT STARTS WITH YOU.