

Year 11 Information Evening





To be covered

- Key staff
- Expectations and routines
- Attendance
- Edulink One App
- Curriculum & assessment
- Exams & revision
- Post 16 pathways
- Key dates
- Parental engagement

Key staff



Grey Mr Slade	Navy Mr Harvey	Purple Miss Sutton	Royal Mrs Eastwood	Turquoise Miss Price
SENDCo Mrs Henshall			Progress Mentor Mrs Joynson	



Safeguarding



Mrs K Appleby
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr S Webster
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs R Holton
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs S Macintosh
Safeguarding Officer



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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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MINDSHIFT APP

This app helps teens by giving strategies and tools to help deal with everyday anxiety.



SMILING MIND APP

A free meditation app developed by psychologists and educators for young people aged 7 -18.



HAPPY NOT PERFECT APP

This app has simple exercises to help with mental wellbeing.

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Expectations

Come prepared every day:

- 5-a-day equipment
- school planner
- knowledge organiser
- School bag (large enough to carry books)

Take pride in your uniform:

- Black school shoes
- School blazer
- Skirts at knee length
- No flared trousers or leggings
- No coats worn inside the building



Routines - Behaviour policy

Our whole behaviour is centred around our **SSA Grades**. This system allows for us to identify issues with behaviour / conduct, in addition to reward and praise pupils who consistently follow the school's core principles.

SSA 1 = Outstanding (Need a pen and planner)	SSA 2 = Good
SSA 3 = Passive	SSA 4 / 5 = Negative Behaviour Continuing / Persistently failing to meet the core principles.
SSA \$ = Removed from lesson This is a last resort and used with the primary aim of reintroducing the pupil to the class as soon as possible (if appropriate)	



Routines – Mobile phones



- Pupils who wish to bring a phone must hand it in to their tutor in the morning.
- It goes in a sealed box.
- The boxes are securely kept for the day.
- At the end of the school day, pupils go to tutor where staff are there to distribute the phones.

WHY?

To reduce distraction / disruption phones cause during the school day. Phones are a barrier to learning, reduce concentration and increase the likelihood of pupils missing out on key information in lessons.



Attendance

Pupil A has an attendance of 90%. The pupil and their parents feel this is good and are pleased.

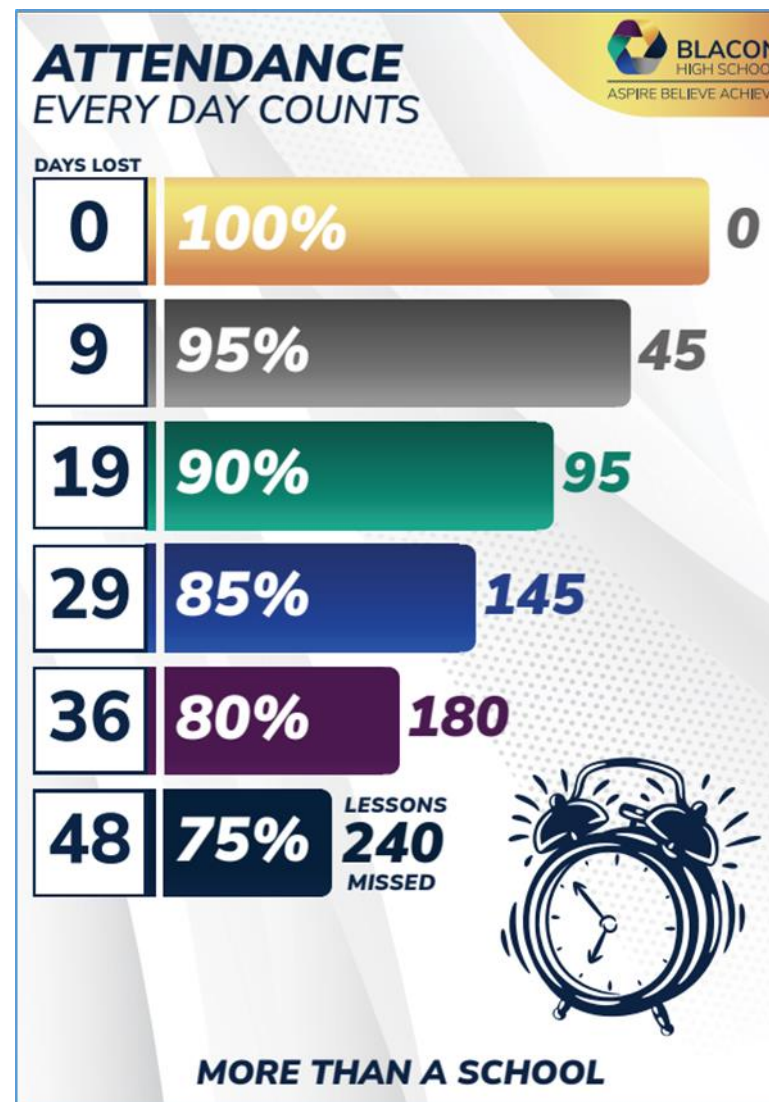
Should they be?

1 school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!**

90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school.... = **half a school year missed!**

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = **a GCSE grade DROP in achievement** (DfE)

The greater the attendance the greater the attainment.



Communication



EduLink is the main form of communication between school and home:

- Timetables
- Attendance
- Achievement points
- Behaviour
- Detentions
- Homework
- Reports
- Letters



Communication



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BLACON'S WEEKLY BLOG

Each week, we will share highlights, successes and special moments from across our community

Watch this space every Friday and help us celebrate all that makes Blacon brilliant!

11.9.26 BLACONS WEEKLY BLOG #41



04.09.26 BLACONS WEEKLY BLOG #40



17.07.26 BLACONS WEEKLY BLOG #39



10.07.26 BLACONS WEEKLY BLOG #38



03.07.26 BLACONS WEEKLY BLOG #37



Weekly Blog each Friday on Website, Social Media and through Edulink

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Blacon%27s+Weekly+Blog&pid=201>



KS4 curriculum

Week 1

Day	1Mon	1Tues	1Wed	1Thur	1Fri
P1	Sci	Sci/Re	Op B	Ma	PSHE
P2	Ma	Op D	Ma/Pe	Op D	Op C
Break					
P3	Op B	En	En	Op A	Sci
P4	En	Ma	Pe/Ma	En	Op D
Lunch					
P5	Op C	Op A	Sci/Re	Sci/Re	Ma

Week 2

Day	1Mon	1Tues	1Wed	1Thur	1Fri
P1	Sci	Ma	Op D	Ma/Pe	Ma
P2	Op C	Op D	Op C	Sci	En
Break					
P3	Op A	Sci	Sci/Re	Op B	Op A
P4	Op B	En	Op B	Pe/Ma	Op C
Lunch					
P5	En	Op A	Ma	En	Sci

Students are grouped independently in core subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science

They have picked 4 subjects to study as their options A-D

(Subjects now agreed)

They stay as a tutor group for PSHE lessons

They take part in PE lessons year group bands X and Y

They have one RE lesson a fortnight





Curriculum



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1.4 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

YEAR 7	+
YEAR 8	+
YEAR 9	+
YEAR 10	+
YEAR 11	+

IN THIS SECTION

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

1.1 CURRICULUM AIMS

1.2 CURRICULUM MODEL

1.3 CURRICULUM INTENT

→ 1.4 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Home learning



Evidence suggests:

- + 5 months progress in learning
- It helps to embed learning and reduce the amount of information being lost / forgotten.
- It enables pupils to undertake independent learning to practice and consolidate skills, conduct in-depth inquiry, prepare for lessons or revise for tests/assessments

School policy - pupils will receive **1 piece of homework from Science & Option subjects once per fortnight** and **1 piece of homework from English & Maths per week.**



Home learning

7x1 Geography

SCN

Meet

Generate link

Class code

e75xaul

Upcoming

No work due soon

[View all](#)

Announce something to your class

N Scoltock posted a new assignment: Homework- set 21/06/22 due in 27/06/22

Jun 22, 2022

N Scoltock posted a new material: Homework - set 25/05/22 due in 07/06/22

May 25, 2022

N Scoltock posted a new assignment: Homework - set 09/05/22 due in 11/05/22

May 9, 2022



Google Classroom



Assessment

GCSE subjects – these are linear qualifications with all assessment completed at the end of the course e.g. Yr11 summer exams. Students will complete between 1-3 exams per subject.

Vocational subjects – These are qualifications that are assessed through a mixture of course and exam. Students complete between 1-3 pieces of coursework across Yr10 and Yr11 and this can form up to 60% of their final grade. The exam element is completed at the end of Yr11.

Practical exams – some subjects also have a practical element (Art, Product Design, Graphics, Food, Languages). This is assessed in the spring term of Yr11.

Students will complete a range of assessment tasks in their subjects. Marks will inform interventions and tier of paper (Maths, Science, Languages).



KS4 Grading

GCSE qualification grading

New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	
3	C
2	
1	
1	
U	U

Grade 5 =
Strong pass

Grade 4 =
Standard pass

Vocational qualification grading

Vocational Qualification Grade	9-1 Grade equivalent
Level 2 Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 Distinction	7
Level 2 Merit	5.5
Level 2 Pass	4
Level 1 Distinction	3
Level 1 Merit	2
Level 1 Pass	1.25



Mock exams

- Exam practice
- Identify support (access arrangements)
- Decisions on tier of paper – Higher 9-5 / Foundation 5-1 (Science, Maths, Languages)
- Identifies areas of strength & development
- Build skills and knowledge
- Supports revision
- Post 16 applications – data used to inform predicted grades



Summer exams

2027 Summer Exam Timetable

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Day	Date	Start	Minutes	Board	Code	Subject	Day	Date	Start	Minutes	Board	Code	Subject
Tuesday	04/05/2027	am	120	BTEC	BAC03	Animal Health and Welfare	Monday	07/06/2027	am	75	OCR	R032/01	Health and Social Care
Thursday	06/05/2027	am	90	BTEC	BSP03	Sport	Tuesday	08/06/2027	am	120	Eduqas	C700U20-1	English Language P2
Tuesday	11/05/2027	am	75 105	AQA	8461 8464	Biology Paper 1	Wednesday	09/06/2027	am	45 / 60	Edexcel	1SP1	Spanish Listening
Tuesday	11/05/2027	pm	45 65	Edexcel	1UR0	Urdu Listening, Reading	Monday	10/06/2027	am	75 105	AQA	8461 8464	Biology Paper 2
Wednesday	12/05/2027	am	105	AQA	8702/1	English Literature P1	Thursday	10/06/2027	pm	90	Eduqas	C112U30-1	Geography Paper 3
Thursday	13/05/2027	am	105	AQA	8062(11-17)	Religious Studies A P1	Friday	11/06/2027	pm	105	AQA	8365/1	Further Maths P1
Friday	14/05/2027	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 1F/1H	Mathematics P1	Friday	11/06/2027	pm	80/85	AQA	8688/WF	Polish Writing
Monday	17/05/2027	am	75 105	AQA	8462 8464	Chemistry Paper 1	Monday	14/06/2027	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 3F/3H	Mathematics P3
Tuesday	18/05/2027	am	105	Eduqas	C112U10-1	Geography Paper 1	Monday	14/06/2027	pm	90	OCR	R093/01	Creative iMedia
Tuesday	18/05/2027	pm	90	OCR	R050	IT in digital world	Monday	14/06/2027	pm	90	AQA	8236/W	Dance
Wednesday	19/05/2027	am	135	AQA	8702/2	English Literature P2	Monday	14/06/2027	pm	80	WJEC	5409UB0-1	The Hospitality & Catering
Wednesday	19/05/2027	pm	75	OCR	R057/01	Child Development	Tuesday	15/06/2027	am	75 105	AQA	8462 8464	Chemistry Paper 2
Thursday	20/05/2027	am	120	Eduqas	C100U	History 1	Wednesday	16/06/2027	pm	45 / 60	Edexcel	1SP1	Spanish Reading
Tuesday	20/05/2027	pm	35/45 45/60	AQA	8688	Polish Listening, Reading	Thursday	17/06/2027	pm	75/90	Edexcel	1SP1	Spanish Writing
Friday	21/05/2027	pm	105	AQA	8062/2A and 2B	Religious Studies A P2	Thursday	17/06/2027	pm	105	AQA	8365/2	Further Maths P2
Friday	21/05/2027	pm	75	OCR	R067/01	Enterprise and Marketing	Friday	18/06/2027	am	75/105	AQA	8463 8464	Physics Paper 2
Monday	24/05/2027	am	105	Eduqas	C700U10-1	English Language P1							
Tuesday	25/05/2027	am	75 105	AQA	8463 8464	Physics Paper 1							
Tuesday	25/05/2027	pm	85 45 65	Edexcel	1UR0	Urdu Writing							
Wednesday	26/05/2027	pm	90	Eduqas	C112U20-1	Geography P2							
Thursday	27/05/2027	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 2F/2H	Mathematics P2							
Friday	28/05/2027	am	120	Eduqas	C100U1	History 2							
SUMMER Half Term													



Period 6

Week 1

Session	1 Mon	1 Tues	1 Wed	1 Thur	1 Fri
Before School (P0)		Biology P0 – 8:10 – 8:40am	Physics P0 – 8:10 – 8:40 (314)		
Lunchtime		Science 1:10-2:00pm (316)	Religious Studies (228)		
After School (P6)	Music (124) History (318) Performing Arts Coursework (114) Home Learning Support (202)	English (211) Performing Arts Coursework (114)	Maths Child Development Coursework (311) Home Learning Support (202)	Chemistry (309) Art (122) Graphics (122) Health & Social Care (122) Hospitality & Catering (122) Product Design (113) Performing Arts Coursework (114) Geography (302/223) Home Learning Support (202)	
Evening		Geography 6.00 pm Remote via google classroom https://meet.google.com/kgj-uqpi-zog			



Period 6

Week 2

	2 Mon	2 Tues	2 Wed	2 Thur	2 Fri
Before School (P0)		Biology 8:10-8:40am (227)	Physics 8:10-8:40am (314)		
Lunchtime		Science 1:10-2:00pm (316)	Religious Studies 1:10-2:00pm (228)		
After School (P6)	Music (124) History (318) Performing Arts Coursework (114) Spanish (206) Home Learning Support (202)	English (211) Performing Arts Coursework (114)	Maths Performing Arts Coursework (114) Home Learning Support (202)	Chemistry (309) Art (122) Graphics (122) Health & Social Care (122) Hospitality & Catering (122) Product Design (113) Performing Arts Coursework (114) Geography (302/223) Home Learning Support (202)	
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Revision

Eduqas Geography

Revision books	Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Geography B Student Book (2nd Edition) https://www.hachettelearning.com/geography/eduqas-gcse-9-1-geography-b-second-edition My Revision Notes: Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Geography B (2nd Edition) https://www.hachettelearning.com/geography/my-revision-notes-eduqas-gcse-9-1-geography-b-second-edition
Revision websites	Eduqas Official eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/geography-gcse-b Blacon High Geography Revision site- Via Google classroom https://sites.google.com/d/1me3YJwb5OCiXk7J1Z6BsJKddCd1s3ySY/p/1Ad_uGj449z7XvPCm3SzL_OEFaEu5l9EB/edit Eduqas Digital Resources resources.eduqas.co.uk BBC Bitesize bbc.co.uk/bitesize Seneca Learning senecalearning.com Maths Genie mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse/geography Revision World revisionworld.com/eduqas-past-papers Internet Geography internetgeography.net

Eduqas History

Revision books	My Revision Notes: WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) History https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb/products/my-revision-notes-wjec-eduqas-gcse-9-1-history-book-r-paul-evans-9781510403826?sku=GOR009427520&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=17428061177&gbraid=0AAAAADZzAIA45jcQ_osahPk1SMmvkK8p6&gclid=EALaIQobChMly-O7-7jlgMVUpVQBh3kKQuMEAQYASABEgL3JfD_BwE Eduqas GCSE (9-1) History Changes in Crime and Punishment in Britain https://www.amazon.co.uk/History-Changes-Punishment-Britain-present/dp/1398318191
Revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxgyvfrd - all four History GCSE topics are available here https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/history-gcse/#tab_keydocuments - Past papers and mark schemes are available here as well as knowledge organisers for all subjects Log into GCSE Pod



Revision - Organisation



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

If you work hard and stay focused with positive energy, stress will be reduced. Believe in yourself and have the confidence to succeed.



GET ORGANISED

You'll feel more confident and in control if you make a list of everything you need to study and create a schedule.



MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY

Without getting the proper rest it will be even harder to retain information. A good sleep of between 7-9 hours every night helps you have a relaxed and well-rested mind and body.



OVERCOME PROBLEMS

If you find you don't understand some of your material, getting stressed out won't help. Instead, take action to address the problem directly by seeing your teacher or revising on GCSEPod.



EXERCISE

A healthy body = a healthy mind. Encourage your child to do at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day to help improve their focus and keep them relaxed.



EAT RIGHT

Ensure your child is eating three healthy meals a day and limit their caffeine and sugar intake. Power foods for your brain include blueberries, salmon and nuts!



TALK ABOUT YOUR NERVES

Nervousness is a natural reaction to exams but bottling it up will only make it worse. Talk to your child about how they're feeling, it will help them to relieve any stress and worrying they maybe experiencing.



KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE

Exams will seem like the most crucial thing, but in the grander scheme of things it's only a small part. Remind your child of this and tell them, they can only do their best and that's enough!



Core subject – English Literature

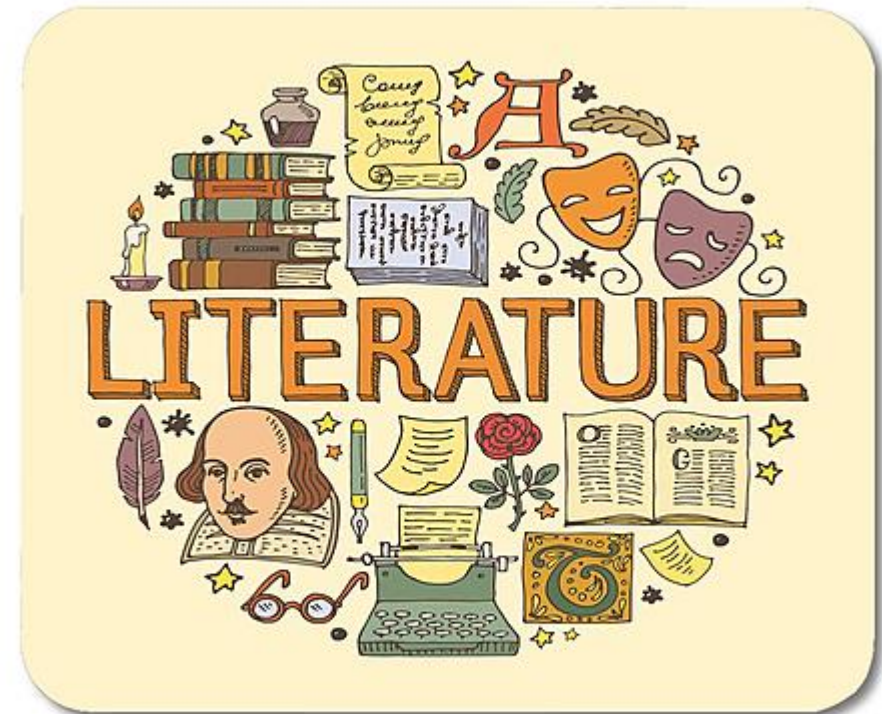
Students sit 2 papers in English Literature (AQA)

Paper 1 (1h 45m)

- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde OR A Christmas Carol (GIL)
- Romeo & Juliet

Paper 2 (2h 15m)

- Blood Brothers
- Poetry Anthology & Unseen Poetry





Core subject - English



Ways you can help

- ✓ **Encourage revision** – invest in revision materials
- ✓ **Google Classroom** – activities and resources
- ✓ **Bespoke revision activities/materials** – available from class teachers
- ✓ **Past papers** – available on exam websites to support with timings
- ✓ **Period 6** – delivered by class teachers

How to revise...

Flash cards | Acetate on walls | TikTok | Instagram | Mindmaps
| YouTube | Exam paper walkthroughs | GCSE Pod



Exam Structure - Maths

Exam Structure

Examining Board:	Pearson (Edexcel)/OCR Foundation
Assessment:	100% exam-based
Tiers:	Foundation (grades 1–5) or Higher (grades 5–9)
Papers:	3 papers of 80 marks each (240 marks total)

Paper Breakdown

Duration per paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

- Paper 1 – Non-calculator (80 marks)
- Paper 2 – Calculator (80 marks)
- Paper 3 – Calculator (80 marks)

Important Requirements

Calculators are essential for two of the three exams and are available through parent pay at a discounted price. Students should ensure they have the correct model before the examination series begins.

Essential Equipment – Why the Right Calculator Matters

The Challenge

- 2 out of 3 GCSE exams require a calculator = 66% of the course
- Without the right calculator at home, students can't practise properly
- Phone calculators are NOT allowed in exams

Why the Casio FX-83GTX?

- Approved by all GCSE exam boards
- Natural display for fractions, roots & surds
- Built-in statistics, algebra & matrix functions

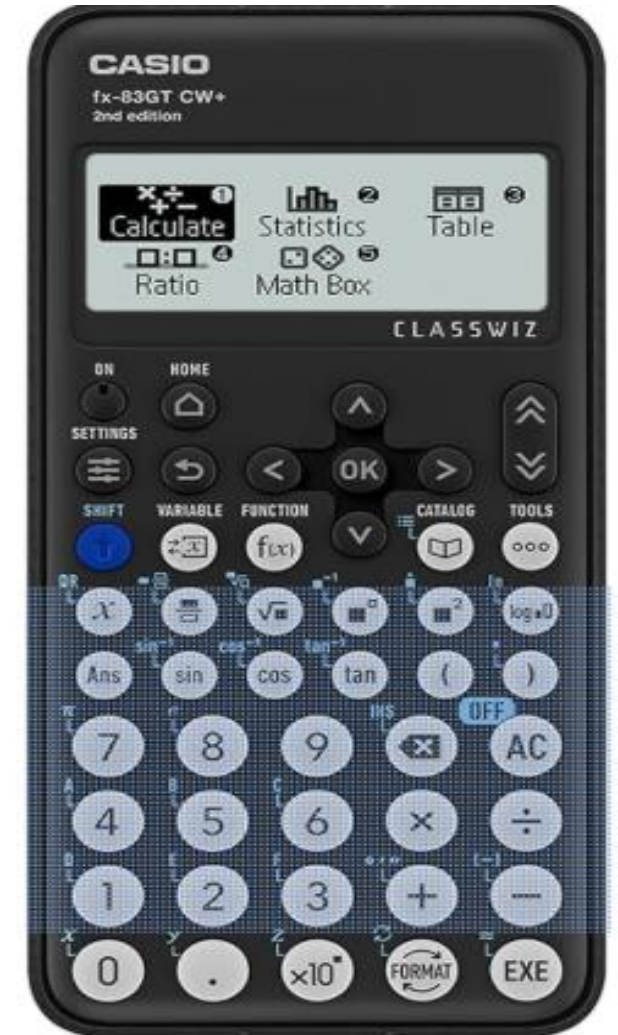
Scientific Calculator ✓

Allowed in exams • All functions • Exam practice

Phone Calculator ✗

NOT allowed in exams • Missing functions • No practice

This is not optional – it's essential for exam success. Available through parent pay at a discounted price.



Homework – Sparx Maths

What is Sparx Maths?

- Online homework platform
- AI-powered personalised learning
- Accessible 24/7 from any device
- Immediate feedback on answers
- Tracks progress and identifies gaps

Key Features

Frequency:	Set by your teacher each week
Difficulty:	Adapts to your level
Support:	Step-by-step hints available
Videos:	Linked lessons for each topic

Accessing Sparx Maths

You will receive a unique login and can access Sparx Maths via the website or mobile app. Homework is set weekly and must be completed by the deadline set by your teacher. If you need help, use the hints and videos provided, or ask your teacher in class.

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Home learning

All of our home learning lessons for early years through to Year 11 are available now. Every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child complete the activity successfully.

SCHEME OF LEARNING ▾

Autumn term	Algebraic thinking Sequences VIEW	Algebraic thinking Understand & use algebraic notation VIEW	Algebraic thinking Equality & equivalence VIEW	Place value & proportion Place value & ordering integers & decimals VIEW	Place value & proportion Fraction, decimal & percentage equivalence VIEW
	Applications of number Solving problems with addition & subtraction VIEW	Applications of number Solving problems with multiplication & division VIEW	Fractions & percentages of amounts VIEW	Directed number Operations & equations with directed number VIEW	Fractional thinking Addition & subtraction of fractions VIEW
	Lines & angles Constructing, measuring & using geometric notation VIEW	Lines & angles Developing geometric reasoning VIEW	Reasoning with number Developing number sense VIEW	Reasoning with number Sets & probability VIEW	Reasoning with number Prime numbers & proof VIEW

Year

Maths Year 7 ▾

Term

All ▾

FILTER

3. Select the topic to view videos for supporting with home learning or if students have missed lessons due to absence.



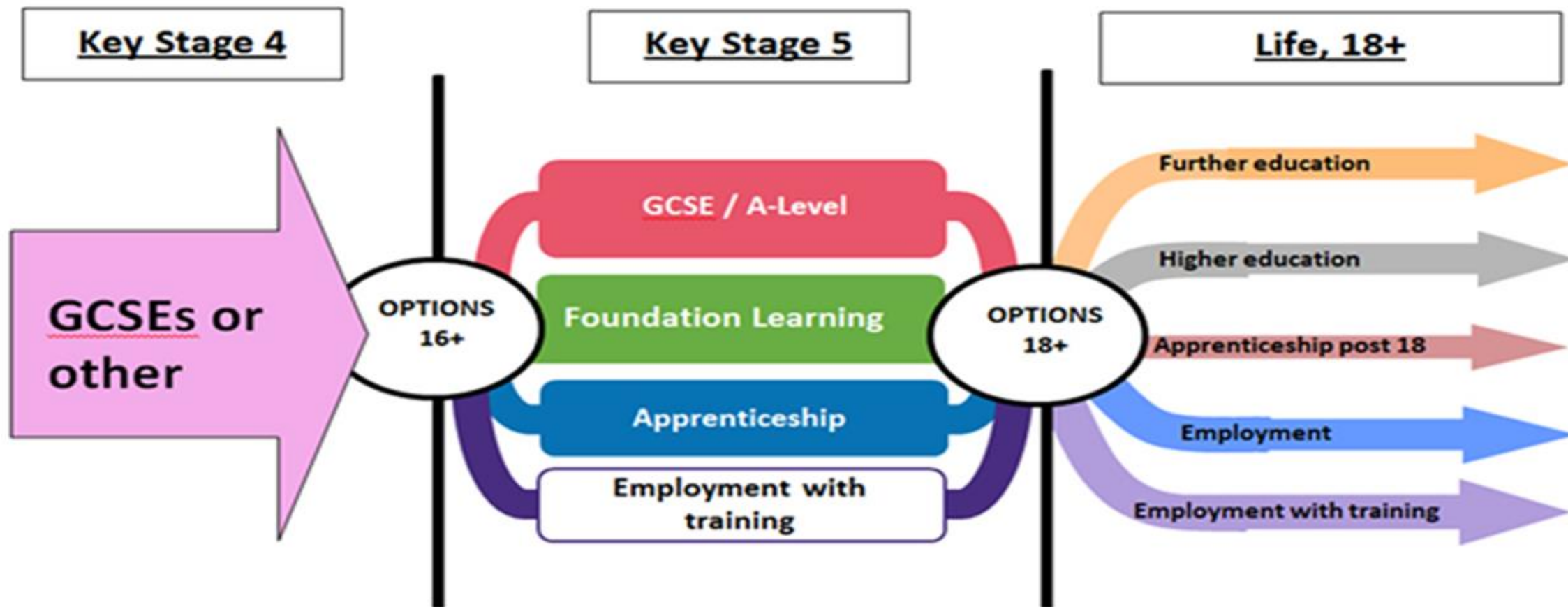
Core subjects

- Grade 4/5 passes are required for most courses
- **English & maths resits are compulsory in college, should these grades not be achieved regardless of course you are following**
- A good grasp of our language gives us the confidence to communicate effectively
- A good grasp of numeracy gives us the confidence to calculate effectively
- Reading and writing forms part of all courses
- English revision inevitably supports all other subject areas

A Level applications completed by end of January 2027
Vocational applications completed by end of May 2027*



Post 16 Pathways



Post 16 Pathways

A – levels

QPHS 6th Form

Christleton 6th Form

Upton High School 6th Form

The Chester Catholic High
6th Form

Deeside Sixth

Vocational study (College)

Foundation level – individual entry requirements will be discussed at an interview with the college.

- Level 2
- Level 3

Learners who do not achieve a Grade 4 in both English and Maths will continue to study these subjects as part of their Study Programme

Cheshire College South and West (CCSW)

Coleg Cambria

Reaseheath college

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid.

Find an Apprenticeship

Traineeships

A traineeship is a skills development programme that includes a work placement and provides the learner with a qualification at the end of the course.

TTE Training





11 Key dates

Date	Event/Activity
5 October	Yr11 MADE Revision
16-20 November	Yr11 CORE Mock Exams (En,Ma,Sci)
7 December	Yr11 Progress Reports
10 December	Yr11 Progress Evening
1-12 February	Yr11 Mock Exams
8 March	Yr11 Progress Reports
11 March	Yr11 Progress Evening
19-30 April	Yr11 Practical Exams
4 May	Yr11 External Exams Start
18 June	Yr11 External Exams End (Provisional)
2 July	Yr11 Prom



Thank you

