

YEAR 10 GCSE
PARENTS' INFORMATION
EVENING
2022

What the pupils say ...

'leave us to do
the work,
don't nag'

'don't
interfere, it'll
cause
arguments
that'll last
months..'

'trust us to
know what
we're doing..'

'take mocks
more seriously'
(Y11 pupil)

Changing landscape of education

- As parents will be aware by now, the Government introduced a new grading system for GCSE results, starting with Maths and English, in 2017 and now affecting all subjects
- The numbers will approximately equate as follows:

9	A**
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C+
4	C-
3	D
2	E/F
1	G
U	U



‘That still confuses me’



Exam results 2022

Notable successes**:

- 64% of the year group attained a grade 4+ in both English and Mathematics
- 65% of the year group attained a 4+ in Double Science
- 59% of pupils achieved a grade 5 in both English and Maths (compared to all schools in Portsmouth – 48% - 2021)
- 109 grades at grade 9 – increasing with current appeals (Top 4.5% of the country)

What are pupils doing in the next two years?



Return to the past...



PREMIER LEAGUE 1992-3

	P	GD	Pts
1 MAN UTD	42	36	84
2 ASTON VILLA	42	17	74
NORWICH	42	-4	72
BLACKBURN	42	22	71
QPR	42	8	63
LIVERPOOL	42	7	59

The structure of GCSE

- Very much like the old 'O' Level structure (pre 1987!)
- 'Linear' Year 10 and Year 11 – pupils study for two years and then complete exams in that subject at the end of the two years
- A very limited number of subjects keep some Controlled Assessments (practical subjects) which are a small % of the final grade – Art, Food, Media Studies
- The majority of subjects are assessed completely through the end examinations

Hectic exam period ... (red cells are the exams)

Date	7.20am to 8.30am	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday 13 th May	Computer Science	Computer Science: Unit 1 (1 hour 30 minutes)			French Revision (Listening & Reading)		
Tuesday 14 th May	French	French Listening (F:35 minutes H: 45 minutes)	French Reading (F:45 minutes H: 1 hour)	Biology revision for all	Biology: Unit 1 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)		PE Revision?
Wednesday 15 th May		PE: Unit 1 (1 hour 15 minutes)	English Literature Revision		English Literature: Unit 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)		Chemistry Revision?
Thursday 16 th May		Chemistry: Unit 1 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)	Computer Science Revision		Computer Science: Unit 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)	French Revision	
Friday 17 th May	French	French Writing (F: 1 hour H: 1 hour 15 minutes)	PE Revision Drama Revision?		PE: Unit 2 (1 hour 15 minutes) Drama: Component 3 (1 hour 30 minutes)		
WEEKEND							

Date	7.20am to 8.30am	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday 20 th May					Maths Revision		
Tuesday 21 st May	Maths	Maths Paper: Unit 1 (non-calculator) (1 hour 30 minutes)	Geography Revision		Geography: Unit 1 (1 hour 30 minutes)		
Wednesday 22 nd May			Physics Revision		Physics: Unit 1 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)	Literature Revision	
Thursday 23 rd May	English Literature	English Literature: Unit 2 (2 hours 15 minutes)	ALL YEAR 11 GO HOME AFTER THE ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAM. ONLY DT CANDIDATES COME IN FOR REVISION TOMORROW.				
Friday 24 th May			Design and Technology Revision		Design and Technology: (2 hours)		
HALF TERM 27 th May to 31 st May 2019 REVISION WORKSHOPS ALL WEEK							

Date	7.45am to 8.45am	9.05am to 10.05am	10.25am to 12.25pm	1.10pm to 3.10pm	3.15pm to 4.30pm	
Monday 3 rd June	History Revision	History: Unit 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)		Media Studies Unit 1: (1 hour 30 minutes)		
		Media Revision		English Language Revision?		
		If no History exam Media pupils come in for 11.00am. All other pupils come in for 1.00pm for English revision.				
Tuesday 4 th June	English Language Revision	English Language: Unit 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)	After English exam Year 11 go home except Triple Biology pupils			
Wednesday 5 th June		Maths Revision	Geography Revision	Geography Unit 2: (1 hour 30 minutes)	Maths?	
Thursday 6 th June	Maths	Maths: Paper 2 (Calculator) (F/H: 1 hour 30 minutes)	History Revision	History: Unit 2 (1 hour 45 minutes)	English Revision for those taking History	
		If no History, Y11 go offsite, come back for English at 1.00				
Friday 7 th June	English Language Revision	English Language: Unit 2 (1 hour 45 minutes)	Biology Revision	Biology: Unit 2 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)		
WEEKEND						

Date	7.45am to 8.45am	9.05am to 10.05am	10.25am to 12.25pm	1.10pm to 3.10pm	3.15pm to 4.30pm	
Monday 10 th June	Food Revision	Food and Nutrition (1 hour 45 minutes)		Media Revision Child Dev Revision	Media Studies: Unit 2 (1 hour 30 minutes) Child Development: (1 hour 15 minutes)	
		Media and Child Dev Pupils - Maths Revision		Maths Revision	Maths Revision	
Tuesday 11 th June	Maths Revision	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) (F/H: 1 hour 30 minutes)	ALL Y11 pupils leave after Maths exam and come back at 11.25am for Chemistry Revision until 2.00	Chemistry Revision		
Wednesday 12 th June		Chemistry: Unit 2 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)		German Revision	German Listening: (F: 35 minutes) (H: 45 minutes) German Reading: (F: 45 minutes) (H: 1 hour)	
		Geography Revision for French and FCSE pupils		Geography Revision for German and FCSE pupils		
Thursday 13 th June	Geography Revision	Geography: Unit 3 (1 hour 30 minutes)	Double Physics Revision	Triple Physics Revision		
Friday 14 th June		Physics: Unit 2 (Triple: 1 hour 45 minutes) (Double: 1 hour 15 minutes)	Further Maths Revision	Further Maths (1 hour 30 minutes) German Revision		
		If no German or Further Maths, Year 11 leave after Physics exam				
WEEKEND						
Monday 17 th June	German Revision	German (Writing) (F: 1 hour) (H: 1 hour 15 minutes)	Further Maths Revision		Further Maths: (2 hours)	

English

- Pupils have 4 exams at the end of Year 11, two Language and two Literature exams
- There will be assessments every term in Year 10 as a way of preparing for the terminal exams
- The Literature exam is assessed on:
 - a Shakespeare text
 - a 19th century text
 - a Modern text
 - a poetry Anthology
- None of the texts can be taken in to the exam – pupils have to commit a lot to memory
- Head of English recommends pupils buy their chosen book in Year 10 and reads them at least twice (own copies mean annotations)

(Sparknotes/Google Classroom/GCSEPoD/Massolit/Seneca)

Maths

- The expectation of what KS4 pupils can do has been raised – A/S Level Maths topics have been brought into KS4
- There are 3 exams at the end of Year 11, two calculator and one non calculator exams (scientific calculator required)
- There are termly assessments during Year 10 – pupils need to revise well to ease pressures next year
- Exact tiers of entry will be finalised in Y11 (Foundation/Higher)
- Helpful websites for practising at any time:

Hegarty Maths

Seneca

Onmaths

Science



- A series of 'required practicals' over the course of the two years that should be referred to in the exams
- 10 for Biology, 8 for Chemistry, 8 for Physics
- 21 for Combined Science
- 6 exams at the end of Year 11 in the 3 subjects
- A much greater emphasis on Maths in the exams
- An expectation that pupils will be able to remember more subject content for examination purposes - revision maps to support

Implications for Year 10

- Work completed over the course of Year 10 and 11 needs to be careful, easy to revise
- With syllabus content and knowledge being tested 100% by terminal examination in many cases it is vital that pupils are in school and focussed
- Regular, timed, assessments in class will become the norm – pupils need to use them as ‘self trackers’
- Extremely difficult to ‘wing it’ – if a pupil has not worked over the two years, it will show...
- Conversely, pupils who work hard should be rewarded

Year 10 Progress Report

Assessment 1 – October



Pupil Name:

Tutor Group:

Attendance (to date): 100.0%

Subject	Minimum Expected GCSE Grade	Springfield Target GCSE Grade	CLP				Progress				Homework				Attitude						
			10A1 Oct 2018	10A2 Jan 2019	10A3 Apr 2019	10A4 Jun 2019	9A5 Jun 2018	10A1 Oct 2018	10A2 Jan 2019	10A3 Apr 2019	10A4 Jun 2019	9A5 Jun 2018	10A1 Oct 2018	10A2 Jan 2019	10A3 Apr 2019	10A4 Jun 2019	9A5 Jun 2018	10A1 Oct 2018	10A2 Jan 2019	10A3 Apr 2019	10A4 Jun 2019
English	6	7	4				2	2				2	1				2	2			
Mathematics	6	7	4				2	2				2	2				2	2			
Combined Science	6	7	3				n/a	3				n/a	2				n/a	2			
German	6	7	4				2	2				2	2				2	2			
ICT	6	7	4				2	2				2	2				2	2			
Food & Nutrition	6	7	4				2	2				2	2				2	1			
History	6	7	4				2	2				2	2				2	2			
Photography	6	7	4				3	2				3m	2				3	2			

Progress

1: Performance above expectations - currently on track to exceed target



2: Performance as expected – on track to meet target

3: Performance below expectations – not on track to meet target

How to help

- Help them to be organised
- Get them into school
- Keep a track of any progress sheets that are issued
- Get in touch with the school (tutor, Year Office) if you suspect that something is 'slipping'
- Monitor homework through Google Classrooms ...

Google Classrooms

11Q Media
2019-2022
Class code `cttnzj6` 
Meet link <https://meet.google.com/lookup/b2vbt7j7m3> 



Live lesson Wednesday 11.30



Select theme
Upload photo

Upcoming


Due Tuesday
Camera shots in Luther



[View all](#)

 Announce something to your class 

 Bill Wharton posted a new assignment: Camera shots in Luther
08:39 

 Bill Wharton posted a new assignment: mise en scene of Luther
16 Sept 

 Bill Wharton posted a new assignment: Introduction to Crime Drama
9 Sept 

 Selena Bartlett posted a new material: Film and Music magazine examples - if you still need i...
21 Jul (Edited 21 Jul) 

Clubs & Period 6

This is the timetable of period 6 activities and clubs for the academic year 2022/23.

Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Venue
German	Year 11	Period 6	C23
Girls' Cricket	All Years	Period 6	Sports Hall
Computer Science	Year 11	Period 6	C26
Photography	Year 11 (other years also welcome)	Period 6	B12
Design Technology	Year 10 and Year 11	Period 6	DT3
German (Higher)	Year 11	Period 6	C23



Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Venue
Maths Breakfast Club	Year 7 (invite only)	8.30am-9am	C04
Design Technology	Year 10 and Year 11	8am-8.30am	DT3
Film Club	Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Period 6	C12
Eco Club	Year 7	Period 6	A14
GCSE Statistics	Year 10 (invite only)	Period 6	C05
Girls' Netball	All Years	Period 6	Hard Courts
Boys' Football	Year 7 and Year 9 (separate groups)	Period 6	Field
Science Club	Year 7	Period 6	A13
Music GCSE	Year 11	Period 6	MR2
*Portsmouth Music Academy Music Piano Lessons	Prearranged	Prearranged	TCC
*Portsmouth Music Academy Music Singing Lessons	Prearranged	Prearranged	TCC
Drama Show Rehearsals (until February half term 2023)	All Years (selected at audition)	3pm-4.30pm	Drama Studio
English (Autumn term only)	By Invitation	Period 6	
French GCSE	Year 10 and 11	Period 6	C28
German	Year 10	Period 6	C21

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 [Specification for last exams in 2013](#) (1003.1 KB)

November 2012

 Expand all

 Unit 01

 Unit 02

 Unit 03

Current examination boards

OCR – Computing/Child Development
I.T. Functional Skills Level 1 and 2

AQA – French/German/Biology/Physics/
Chemistry/PE/English and
Literature/Geography/Art/RS/
Photography/History
Functional Skills

EdExcel – Maths/Drama

Eduqas – Food/Music/D & T(Textiles/Product
Design)/Media

Key Dates!

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|------------------|--|
| October 2022 | - Work experience information evenings |
| November 2022 | - 1 st Progress Review issued |
| February 2023 | - 2nd Progress Review issued |
| February 2023 | - Y10 Subject Parents' Evening |
| March 2023 | - D of E Walk |
| May 2023 | - D of E practice weekend |
| May 2023 | - Tutor Parents' evening |
| May 2023 | - 3 rd Progress Review issued |
| June 2023 | - Year 10 exams (Two weeks) |
| June 2023 | - Beginning of DT Non Examined Assessment |
| July 2023 | - College Taster Days |
| July 2023 | - Geography field trip |
| July 2023 | - Work Experience week |
| All year | - Science & PE practicals |
| All year | - OCR Functional Skills ICT Level 1 and Level 2 |
| All year | - Controlled Assessments –
Art/Photography & Textiles |