



BEECHEN CLIFF

# Year 11 GCSE Revision Information Evening

*Ensuring that our pupils are prepared for their GCSEs and helping them to  
maximise their potential*

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# Programme

Welcome - Mr Abbott (Head of Year 11)

## **Introduction**

**Mr T Markall - Headteacher**

## **Pastoral Support**

**Mr M Ambrose - Deputy Headteacher**

## **Examination Information**

**Mr A Seal - Deputy Headteacher**

## **Revision Skills and Support**

**Ms S Sullivan – Assistant Headteacher**

## **Careers Information and Moving Forward**

**Mr K Morris - Assistant Headteacher**

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# Pastoral Support

## Mr M Ambrose - Deputy Headteacher

### What to Expect in Year 11

#### **1. Exams, Exams, Exams!**

We believe mock exams are a vital part of preparing students for the real thing, and advise that they treat them as seriously as possible.

#### **2. Greater Intensity**

Workload is high and pressure is higher than ever before. Working consistently is essential.

#### **3. Time will go FAST!**

Make every day count and avoid last-minute panic

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# Pastoral Support

Mr M Ambrose - Deputy Headteacher

## Warning Signs

Notable changes in;

Sleep

Weight

Eating habits

Loss of interest in the things they usually love or quitting activities that they enjoy.

Withdrawing more than usual from friends, family and community.

Losing hope or expressing futility

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# Pastoral Care

- Tutor
- Head of Year
- Wider pastoral and safeguarding team
- Solution Focused Counsellor, Off the Record, School Nurse, Mentoring Plus
- Every member of staff
- Talk to us!

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# External sources of support

- GPs
- CAMHS
- Kooth
- Online safety
- Safeguarding & Social Care

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# Exams for 2024

- All exams are now back to normal, with the full specifications being examined
- Exams are planned to take place in May/June - beginning around 13th May (TBC)
- Grading expected to be in line with 2019 and 2023. There will be no safeguards in place this year.

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# Assessment Information - key dates

## Supporting our boys in the build up

### Term 1

- Targeted English/Maths/Science revision sessions from term 1
- Internal assessments in class
- Mock Exams information letter sent.
- Mock Exam timetable and list of all papers and PLCs.
- Revision skills afternoon - 17th October
- Mock Exams Assembly - 20th October

### Term 2

- 1st set of Mock Exams - 10-17th November
- Progress report - published 8th December
- Parents Evening - Wednesday 13th December (4-8pm)

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# Assessment Information - key dates

## Supporting our boys in the build up

### Term 3

- Wider range of after-school revision sessions begin
- Year 11 mentoring program begins
- Revision skills sessions in tutor time

### Term 4

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Mock Exams - w/c 26th February
- Full school report published 29th March (Including the results of the 2nd Mock)
- Revision skills sessions in PSHE

### Term 5

- May/June - GCSE Exams begin

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# Progress Reports

- Pupil Target

This is an aspirational GCSE target.

- Most Recent Assessment grade

Based on the most recent assessment or an aggregate of recent assessments.

- Working Towards grade

What your child is currently working towards achieving at the end of the course.

- Application – Effort & behaviour (1-4)

- Homework - (1-4)

- Teacher and Tutor Comments – Full school report only

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# Exam Board and revision information

Lots more information on our website

## Internal Exam Information

### Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations

GCSE Mock Examinations are taking place from **Friday 10th until Friday 17th November 2023**.

These will take place in formal examination halls with external invigilators. Please use the links below to access a range of documents providing further information.

- [The Examination Timetable.](#)
- [JCQ Guidelines on Examination Rules.](#)
- [JCQ Instructions for Candidates.](#)
- [Letter to parents outlining arrangements for the examinations.](#)
- [Personalised learning checklists for each mock examination.](#)
- [How parents can support their son's revision.](#)

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# Exam Board and revision information

Personalised Learning Checklists for each exam available on our website

Subject	Paper	Link to Personalised Learning Checklist
Combined Science	Biology Paper 1	<a href="#">Combined Science: Biology PLC</a>
	Chemistry Paper 2	<a href="#">Combined Science: Chemistry PLC</a>
	Physics Paper 1	<a href="#">Combined Science: Physics PLC</a>
Computer Science	Combined Paper	<a href="#">Computer Science PLC</a>
Design Technology	Paper 1	<a href="#">Design Technology PLC</a>
English Language	Paper 2	<a href="#">English Language and Literature PLC</a>
English Literature	Paper 2	<a href="#">English Language and Literature PLC</a>
Food and Nutrition	Paper 1	<a href="#">Food and Nutrition PLC</a>
French	Reading	<a href="#">French PLC</a>
	Writing	
Geography	Paper 1	<a href="#">Geography PLC</a>
German	Reading	<a href="#">German PLC</a>
	Writing	

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# Exam Board and revision information

Lots more information in the  
subject curriculum booklets

## Subject Curriculum Booklets

Achieve (Inc. English/Maths Support)  
Art & Design (with Photography KS4)  
Business and Enterprise (KS4)  
Computing  
Design Technology  
Drama  
English  
Geography  
History  
Mathematics  
Modern Foreign Languages  
Music and Music Technology  
Physical Education  
PSHE  
Reading  
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics  
Science



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**Mathematics**

**Curriculum Booklet**

**2023 - 2024**

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# Revision Skills and Support

## Revision Skills Workshops

We covered:

- The time scale
- What has worked well for them in the past
- 6th formers' top tips
- Ebbinghaus' 'forgetting curve' - revision starts now!
- Revision techniques
- Useful resources: revision timetables, CGP Revision Guides, Personalised Learning Checklists
- Looking after themselves during their exams
- 'I Commit To' cards

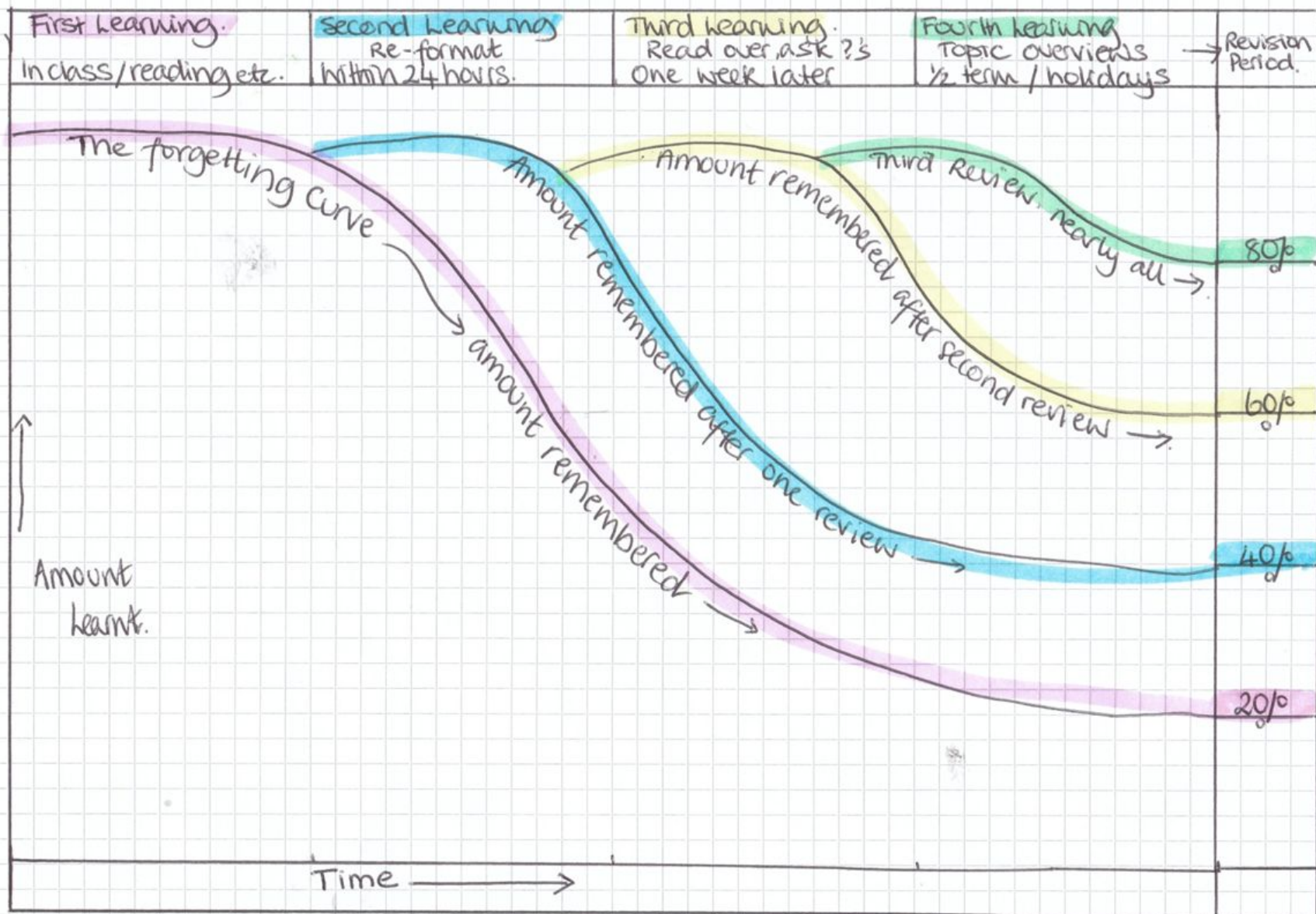
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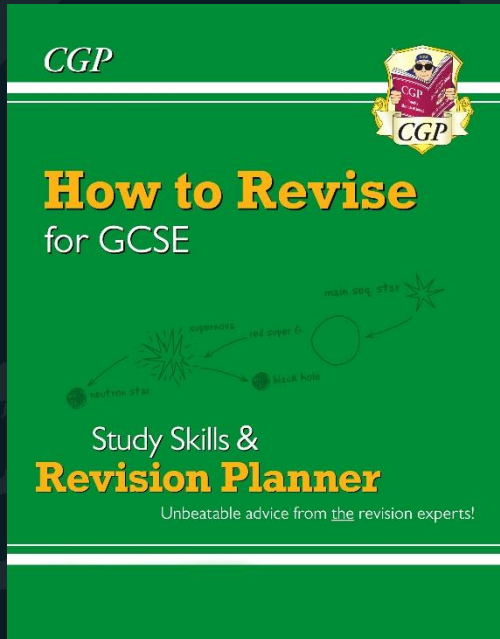
Re-  
Learning

Revision starts  
NOW!



# Revision Skills and Support

CGP 'How to Revise for GCSE'



Making a Start  
Revision Techniques  
Get to Know the Exams  
Know Your Subject  
On The Day  
Your Revision Timetable

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**Year 11 Revision Skills**  
**Workshop**

I commit to:

To look after myself during exams I will:

Please ask to see this and discuss your child's commitment to their revision with them at home

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# Revision Timetables



Name:

Tutor Group:

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable, October – November 2023								
Weeks to first Mock Exam	Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	October	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	October	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4	October	16	17 Revision Skills Workshop	18	19	20	21	22
3	October (Half Term)	23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Name:

Tutor Group:

2	October/ November	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
1	November	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Exams	November	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

## Revision Timetables

- We recommend 10-12 hours of revision a week in the lead up to mock exams. This includes homework set by teachers
- Break this down into ½ an hour/ 1 hour stints on different subjects
- Block out times they know they won't be able to revise, but make sure they're making up time elsewhere
- Balance is key- add rewards/ things to look forward to onto the revision timetable

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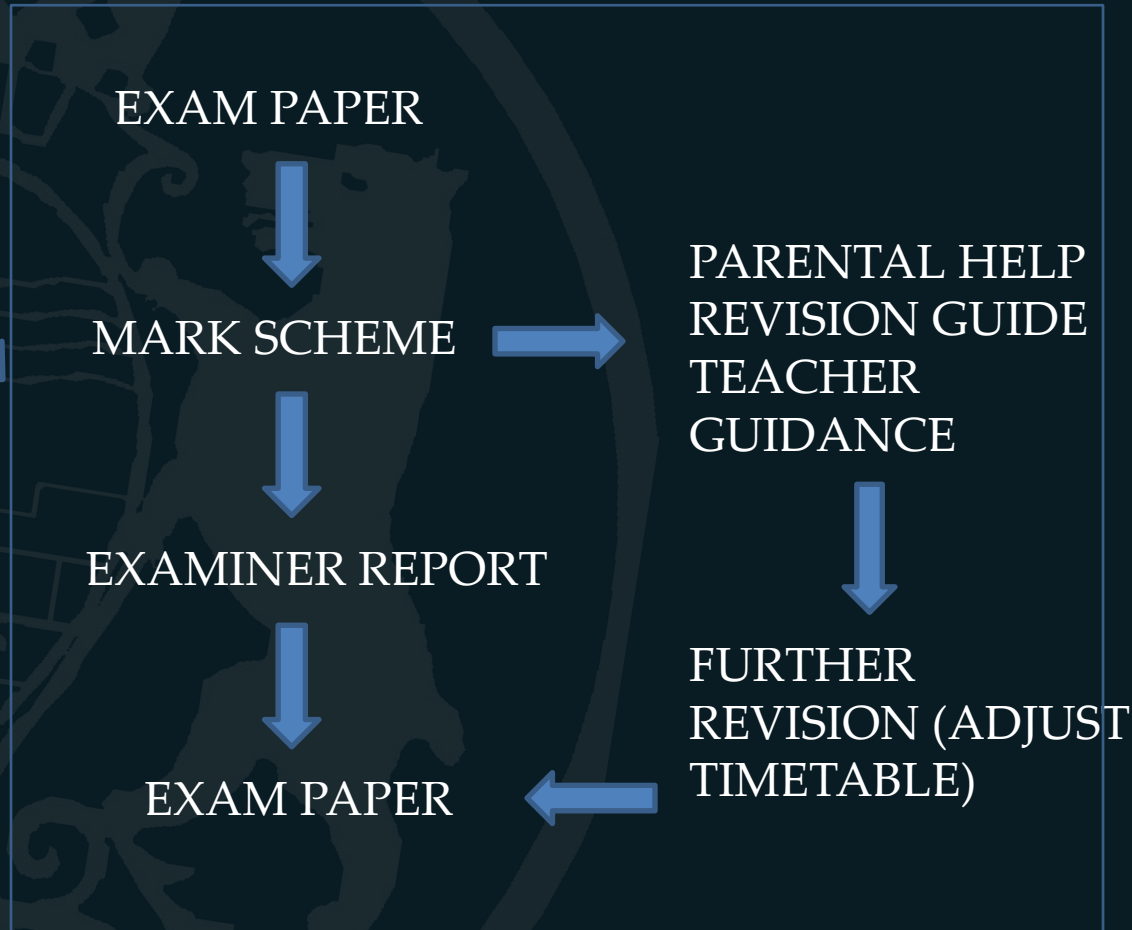
## Revision Skills and Support

- Provide a study space
- Provide the materials they need – folders, stationery, equipment etc.
- Help choose one good revision guide for each subject (using recommended revision guide sheet)
- Help your child to plan their revision timetable
- Help them to plan their week - routines
- Help them to achieve balance
- Quiz them on content and ask them to explain what they have just read over/ written out revision cards for



# Revision Skills and Support

1. REVISION TIMETABLE
2. REVISION OF CONTENT (USE SPEC.)
3. USING EXAM PAPERS



# Revision Skills and Support

Key take homes:

- They do need to knuckle down for the next four weeks
- They should go beyond just revising content - apply it
- Vary revision
- Routine is key
- Balance is important
- They only have 8-9 months left!

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# Careers Education and Moving Forward



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# Who's Who

**Kim Mather**

*SLT link with Curriculum & Sixth  
Form*

**Kevin Morris**

*SLT link with Curriculum & Lower  
School*

**Emma Pascoe**

*Head of Careers &  
Level 6 Qualified Careers Adviser*

**Martin Birchall**

*Governor with responsibility for Careers*

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# Careers Department Objectives

- To provide students with opportunities to develop an **understanding of themselves** as individuals (their strengths, skills, personal qualities, interests, attainments and capabilities).
- Increase student awareness of the **world of work** and opportunities available to them after post 16 or 18 (further/higher education, training and employment).
- Promote the schools core values of **Aspiration** and **Independence** and develop skills and personal qualities necessary to gain admission to higher/further education courses and employment.

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# VERY safe hands - The Gatsby Benchmarks

Bench mark	Explanation	March 2020	March 2023
1	A stable careers programme	82%	100%
2	Learning from career and labour market information	100%	100%
3	Addressing the needs of each pupil	81%	90%
4	Linking curriculum learning to careers	93%	100%
5	Encounters with employers and employees	100%	100%
6	Experiences of workplaces	50%	100%
7	Encounters with further and higher education	95%	100%
8	Personal guidance	87%	100%

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# Year 11 Careers Activities

## PSHE & TUTOR PROGRAMME

Support students in:

Self development

Careers exploration

Careers  
management  
(Careerpivot)

CVs

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW, CAREERS & NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Visits, speakers and a variety of activities

## IGNITE DAY 30th NOVEMBER

Achieving Ambitions

A whole off timetable day identifying skills and abilities as well as pathways and potential routes for future employment

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER\*\***

One piece of advice - get in early!

## CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Targetted 1:1 appointments with students to establish interests and opportunities

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# The Application Process for BCS 2023

The key dates for an application to the Sixth Form at Beechen Cliff are as follows:

## **October**

Saturday 14th October 2023 – Beechen Cliff Sixth Form Open Morning and applications open

Deadline to Apply

\*Friday 8th December 2023

**January to March:** Interview Process

**June:** Date to be confirmed

Applicants are invited to attend a two day Induction. A full programme will be sent by email in due course.

**August:** On GCSE results day, post-GCSE advice is available for internal applicants.

\*Applications received after 8th December will automatically be added to our waiting list.

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They must  
apply to more  
than one Post  
16 destination



Things to consider:

- Entry requirements
- Course suitability
- Interest
- Location



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Wiltshire College Trowbridge Campus, Lackham Campus Chippenham Campus, Castle Combe Campus	11th November 2023 9.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/the-college">https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/the-college</a>
St Brendan's Sixth Form College	Saturday 7th October 2023 at 9:30am	<a href="https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/info/college-calendar/events/open-day/?dt=1696667400">https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/info/college-calendar/events/open-day/?dt=1696667400</a>
Bath College City Centre Campus, Somer Valley Campus	Wednesday 18th October 2023 - 4pm to 7pm Wednesday 8th November 2023 - 4pm to 7pm	<a href="#">Bath College</a> <a href="#">Open Events 2023-24   Bath College</a>
Writhlington Sixth Form	Tuesday 7th November 5.30pm to 7.30pm	<a href="https://www.msnsixth.com/_files/ugd/942630_fca6043e32704af1882622f187d8a0b9.pdf">https://www.msnsixth.com/_files/ugd/942630_fca6043e32704af1882622f187d8a0b9.pdf</a>
Oldfield Sixth Form	Tuesday 7th November 5.30pm to 20.30pm	<a href="http://www.oldfieldschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Sixth-Form-Prospectus-2023-online-spreads.pdf?x75032">http://www.oldfieldschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Sixth-Form-Prospectus-2023-online-spreads.pdf?x75032</a>
Hayesfield Sixth Form	Wednesday 8th November 5.45pm - 8.30pm, Upper Oldfield Park Campus	<a href="https://www.hayesfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/HAY010_Prospectus-2022_For_Web.pdf">https://www.hayesfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/HAY010_Prospectus-2022_For_Web.pdf</a>
Ralph Allen Sixth Form	Thursday 9th Nov 5.30pm to 8.00pm	<a href="https://fliphtml5.com/zobdk/higt">https://fliphtml5.com/zobdk/higt</a>
MSN Sixth (Norton Hill/Somervale)	Thursday 9th November 5.00pm to 7.30pm	<a href="https://www.msnsixth.com/msn-site">https://www.msnsixth.com/msn-site</a>
Somerset Studio School	Thursday 16th November 5.30pm to 7.00pm	<a href="https://www.msnsixth.com/mendip-studio-site">https://www.msnsixth.com/mendip-studio-site</a>
Boomsatsuma	Week of 4 December	<a href="https://www.boomsatsuma.com/college">https://www.boomsatsuma.com/college</a>
Access Creative College	Taster Days - Year 10 - Year 13 Saturday 25th November - 11am-1pm	<a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/campuses/bristol/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/campuses/bristol/</a>

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# Examples - 5 x 6s

## Gets them

### PERSON ONE

- AO SCHOOL
- BCS

### PERSON TWO

- BCS
- AO SCHOOL

## Doesn't get them

### PERSON THREE

- BCS
- AO College

### PERSON FOUR

- BCS

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# Resources

- BBC Bitesize Careers A-Z
- [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)
- [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)
- Remember to attend as many Open Morning / Events as possible to gather information on Post-16 options

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# Who can help?

- Tutor
- Mr Abbott - Head of Year 11
- Miss Mather - Head of Sixth Form
- Mr Morris - Assistant Head Personal Development
- Mrs Pascoe - Head of Careers
- Sixth Form Pastoral Team

Mrs Pascoe can help you by offering advice & guidance throughout the year:

- 1:1 Careers meetings
- Drop In sessions in Y7 at Lunchtime on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays
- Via email: [epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk)

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Thank you for your time and support.

Hopefully all of the work put in by teachers, parents and of course the pupils will result in them leaving with the skills, knowledge, character traits and outcomes needed for them to succeed and be happy.

- This presentation will be on the school website tomorrow.
- The GCSE information handout will be emailed out.
- Any questions – please see us at the end

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