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Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

*Ensuring that our pupils are prepared for their GCSEs and helping them to
maximise their potential in Year 11 and beyond*

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Programme

Introduction

Mr T Markall - Headteacher
(including input from Jane Gibbons from the PTA)

Examination Information

Mr A Seal - Deputy Headteacher

Revision Skills and Support

Ms R Bala - Associate Assistant Headteacher

Careers Information and Moving Forward

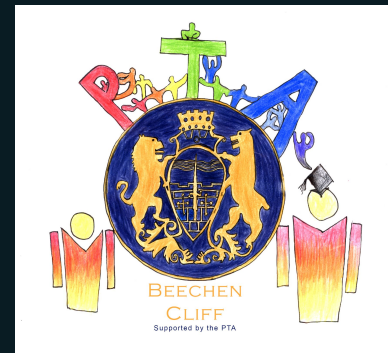
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Attendance & Pastoral Support

Mr A Firth - Head of Year 11

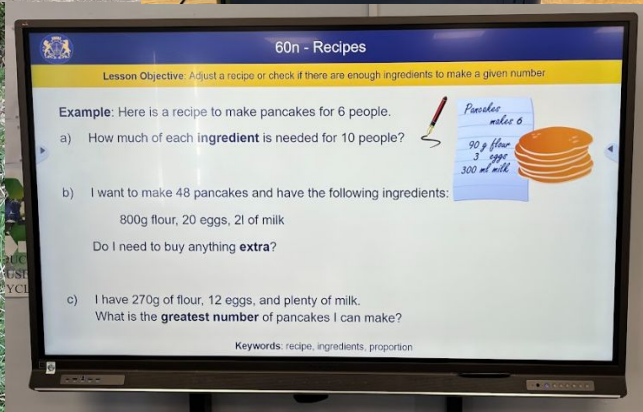
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PTA



Some examples of items the PTA have helped to fund:

- Clubhouse
- Interactive screens
- Library
- Beekeeping
- 3D printers
- Materials for extra curricular clubs

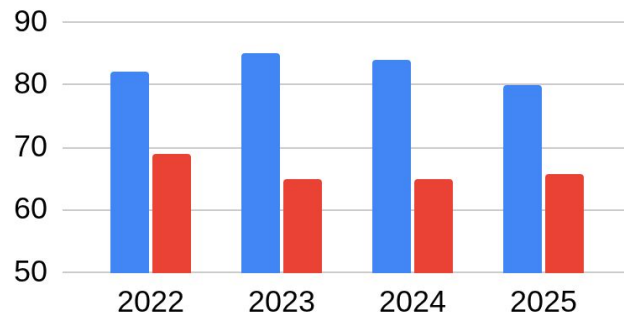


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Outcomes 2025

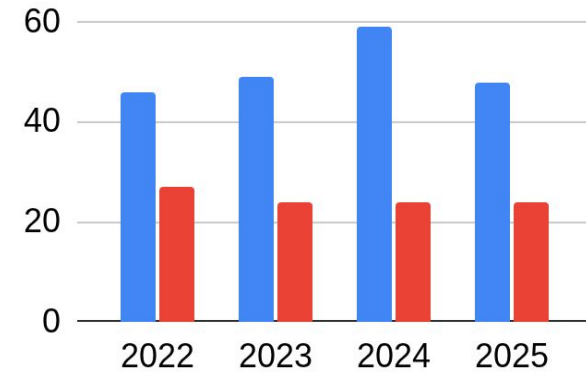
% of students achieving grade 4+ in both English and Maths

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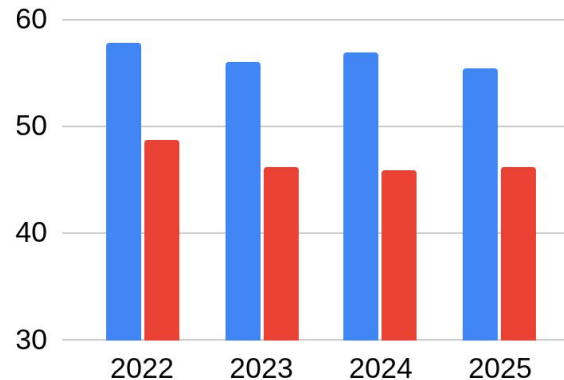
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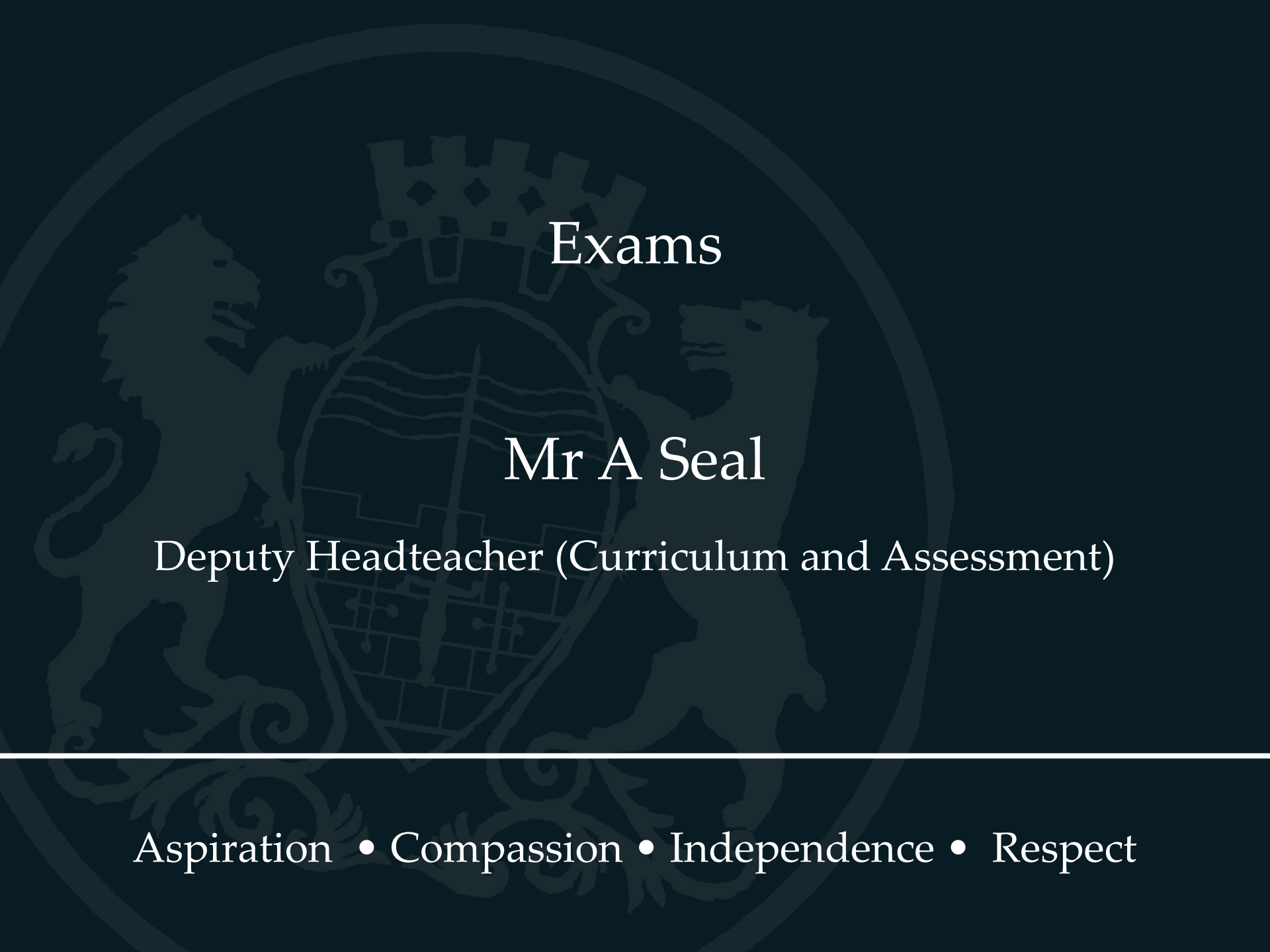


Average Attainment 8 Score vs national

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Exams

Mr A Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

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Key Exam Milestones

- November Mock Exams
3 school weeks away
- March Mock Exams
15 school weeks away
- Summer GCSE Exams
23 school weeks away

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 1

- Targeted English/Maths/Science revision sessions from term 1
- Mock exams Assembly
- Revision skills session
- Mock exam timetable and list of all papers and PLCs

Term 2

- 1st set of Mock exams - 10th - 18th November
- Mock results day
- Progress report - published at the end of term

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 3

- Parents Evening - Monday 14th January
- Wider range of after-school revision sessions
- Tutor mentoring program
- Revision sessions in tutor time continue

Term 4

- 2nd Set of Mock Exams - w/c 2nd March
- Final progress report published at the end of term 4
- Easter Revision Conference - for invited pupils

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Exam preparation support for our pupils

Term 5

- May/June - GCSE Exams begin
- PSHE lessons on coping with exam anxiety
- Normal timetable collapsed
 - Compulsory revision sessions before each exam
 - Pre-exam briefings immediately before each exam
 - All pupils to attend school full time as usual

Term 6

- Revision sessions and pre-exam briefings continue
- Pupils must attend if they have an exam or revision session. Otherwise can revise at home.
- Leavers celebration and BBQ (Date TBC)

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Progress Reports

Published in December and March and will contain:

- Target grade
- Likely to Achieve (LtA) grade
- Mock Exam grade
- Attitude to Learning
- Behaviour
- Optional subject teacher comments - where there is a concern.

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Exam Board and revision information

Lots more information on our website

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2025-26

GCSE Mock Examinations are taking place at the following times:

- **November Mock Exams: 10th-17th November**
- **March Mock Exams: 2nd – 9th March**

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.

- [November Mocks Timetable](#)
- [PLC's for each subject – November Mocks.](#)
- [March Mocks Timetable \(TBC\)](#)
- [PLC's for each subject -March Mocks \(TBC\)](#)
- [JCQ Guidelines on Examination Rules](#)
- [JCQ Instructions for Candidates](#)
- [How parents can support their son's revision.](#)

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Mock Exam Timetable

Year 11 Mock Examinations Timetable - November 2025

This is a generic copy of the timetable showing all examinations taking place. Pupils will be given a hard copy of their individual timetable before the end of term showing times and rooms. The following equipment will be required for all examinations: 2 Black pens, pencil, eraser, ruler, sharpener, a compass and a protractor set. This must be in a clear pencil case. A **calculator** will be required in Geography, Design Technology, the Sciences and Maths Papers 2 and 3.

Languages Listening exams

These will take place during language lessons in the preceding week. These will be in either normal classrooms or C1. Teachers will confirm this with students.

Date	Start time	Subject and paper	Length
Mon 3 Nov	2:15 am	French 11A listening H	45mins
		French 11A listening F	35mins
Tue 4 Nov	12:30 pm	French Italian, Spanish, German 11D listening H	45mins
		French, Italian, Spanish, German 11D listening F	35mins

All other exams

These will take place in the Sports Hall or the Library. A small number of students may sit these in the bungalow.

Date	Start time	Subject and paper	Length
Mon 10 Nov	9:00am	Maths Paper 1	1hr 30
		- Higher	
		- Foundation	
Mon 10 Nov	1.30pm	English Literature	55mins
Tue 11 Nov	9:00am	Biology Paper 1	1hr 45
		- triple science	
		- combined science	1hr 15

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Curriculum booklets and Exam Board information

Link to the handout



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Subject Exam board specifications and curriculum information 2025-27

Dear parents, in order to help you support your son in his studies in Year 10 and 11, please see the links below to the relevant exam board websites and subject curriculum booklets. These contain information about the content covered in each term, when assessments are planned to take place, the breakdown of the final exam structure and links to suggested revision materials.

Subject	Exam Board and Specification	Subject Curriculum Booklet	
Art	Eduqas GCSE Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design)	Art curriculum booklet	
Photography	Eduqas GCSE Art & Design (Photography)		
Business Studies	NCFE Level 1/2 Tech Award in Business & Enterprise	Business curriculum booklet	
Biology	AQA GCSE Biology 8461	Science curriculum booklet	
Chemistry	AQA GCSE Chemistry 8462		
Physics	AQA GCSE Physics 8463		

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Revision information

Further information
about Exam board and
links to the syllabus are
found at the end of each
subject curriculum
booklet

Key Stage 4

Useful resources:

- Pearson Revision Guide and Workbook (ISBNs: 9781447988045 / 9781447987925 / 9781447988090 / 9781292210889)
- MNSP MET: <https://met.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/home>
- MathsWatch: <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>
- Corbett Maths: <https://corbettmaths.com/>
- Maths Genie: <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

Final Assessment Structure:

Component	Weighting	Content	Proposed Date of Examination
Paper 1	33.3%	Non Calculator	May/June of Year 11
Paper 2	33.3%	Calculator	May/June of Year 11
Paper 3	33.3%	Calculator	May/June of Year 11

Please see exam board websites for up to date information:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

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Subject curriculum booklets and other information

Final Examination structure and suggested revision resources

Hospitality & Catering Level 2			
Component	Weighting (%)	Content	Proposed Examination Date
Unit 1: Written exam: 1 hour 20 minutes	40%	Unit 1: The hospitality and catering industry Questions requiring short and extended answers, based around applied situations. Learners will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions. 1.1 Hospitality and catering provision 1.2 How hospitality and catering providers operate 1.3 Health and safety in hospitality and catering 1.4 Food safety in hospitality and catering	May/June of Year 11
Unit 2: Controlled assessment: approximately 12 hours	60%	Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website. 2.1 The importance of nutrition 2.2 Menu planning 2.3 The skills and techniques of preparation, cooking and presentation of dishes 2.4 Evaluating cooking skills	Final hand in April of Year 11

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Results day

Thursday 20th August

Students will receive results in person in the morning.
Results can be emailed if requested. More details to follow.

If you have any questions about exam entries, please contact our exams officer using exams@beechencliff.org.uk

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Revision Skills

Ms R Bala

Associate Assistant Headteacher

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Revision Skills and Support

Revision Skills Workshops

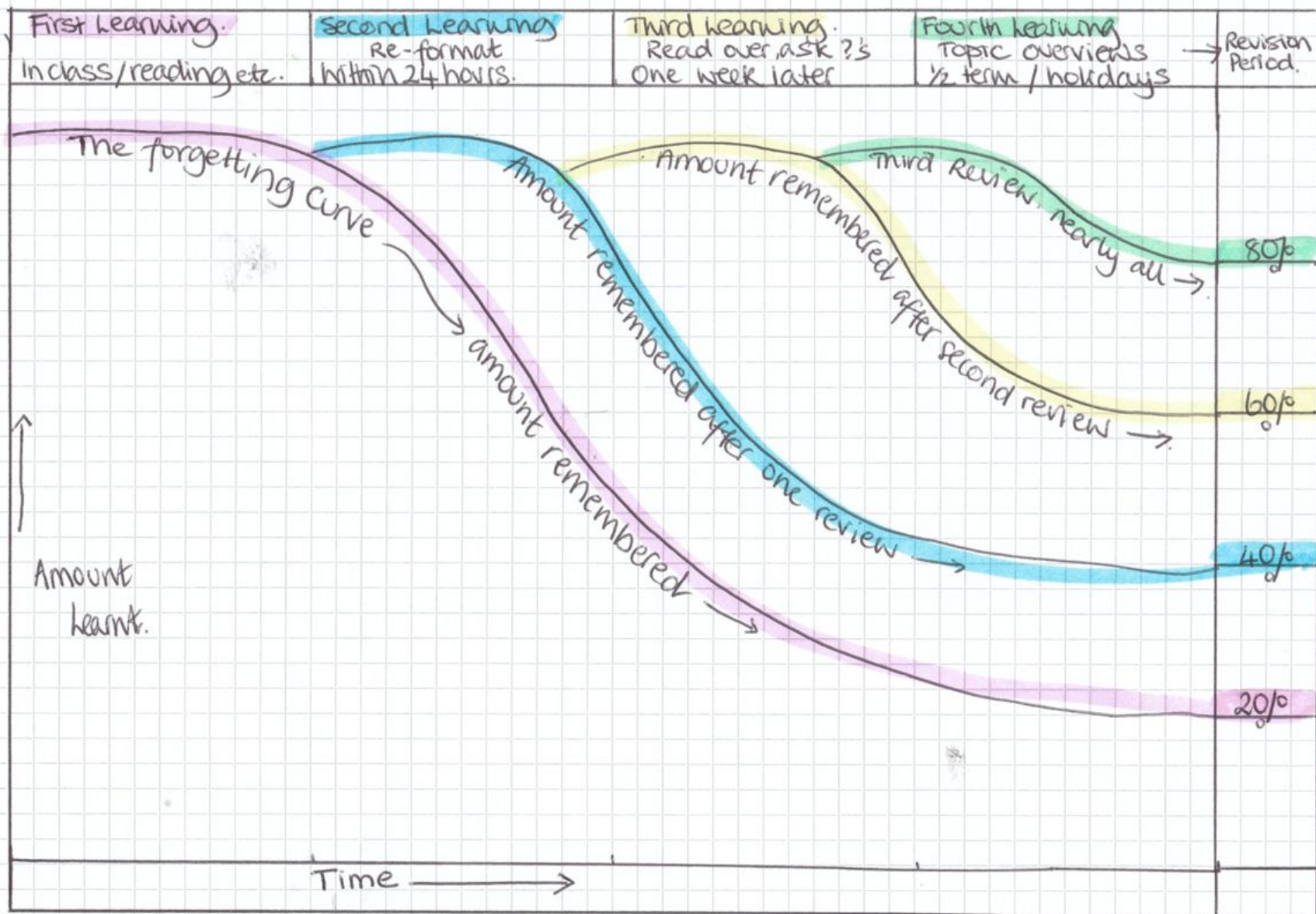
We covered:

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

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Re-
Learning

Revision starts
NOW!





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 2025								
Weeks to first Mock Exam	Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	October	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	October	13	14 Revision Skills Workshop Parent Information Evening	15	16	17	18	19
3	October	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2	October/ November (Half Term)	27	28	29	30	31	01	02



Name:

Tutor Group:

1	November	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Exams	November	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Exams	November	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Revision Timetables

- We recommend 10 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

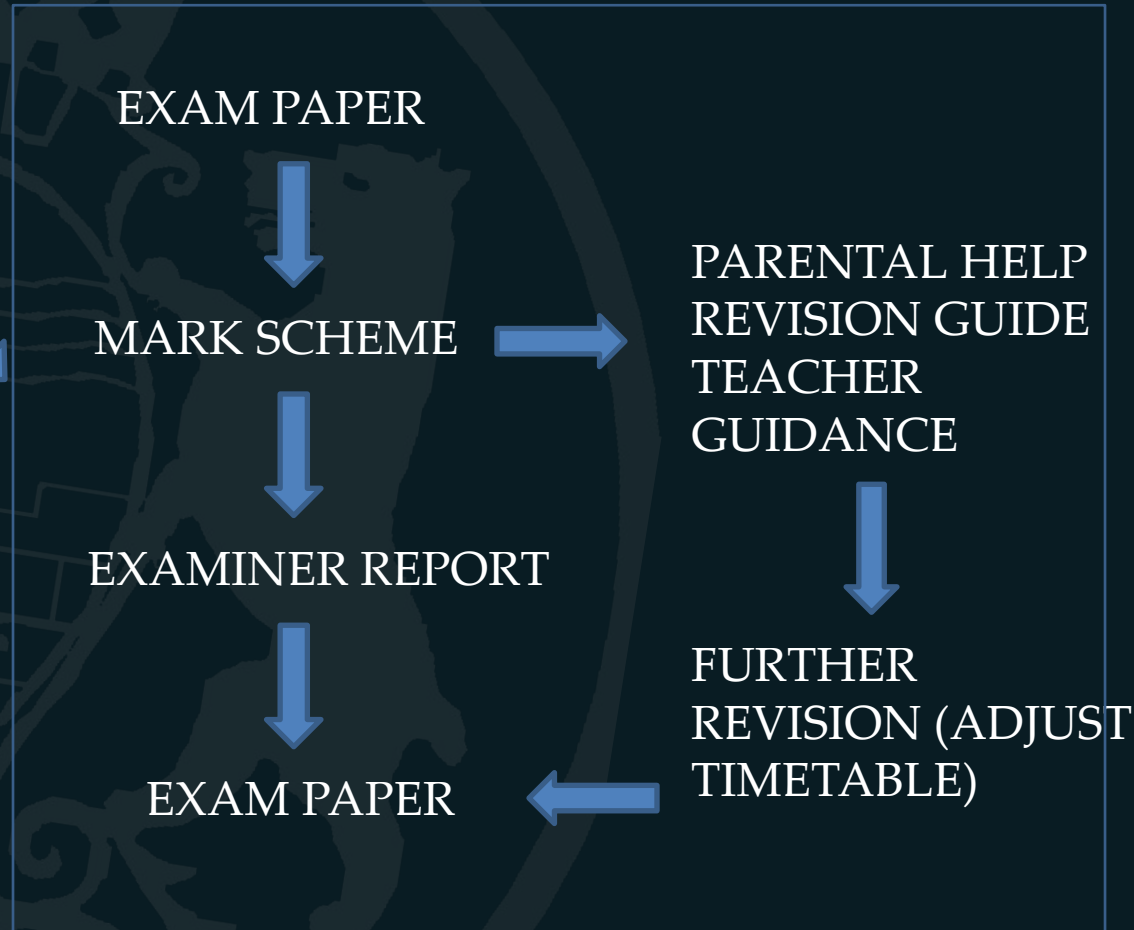
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Revision Skills and Support

- Provide a study space
- Provide the materials they need – folders, stationery, equipment etc.
- Help choose one good revision guide for each subject (using curriculum booklets)
- 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 7-8 months left!

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Year 11 Careers and Destinations

Miss K Mather
Head of Sixth Form &
SLT Lead for
Careers



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SLT CAREERS LEAD
MISS MATHER



HEAD OF CAREERS
MRS PASCOE



SUPPORT FOR
GCSE Choices
Going to College
Apprenticeships
Work Experience
Going to University
Gap Year
and much more

We are
here to
help!

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FUTURE
HORIZONS

Very safe hands - The Gatsby Benchmarks

Bench mark	Explanation	2024/2025
1	A stable careers programme	100%
2	Learning from career and labour market information	100%
3	Addressing the needs of each pupil	100%
4	Linking curriculum learning to careers	100%
5	Encounters with employers and employees	100%
6	Experiences of workplaces	100%
7	Encounters with further and higher education	100%
8	Personal guidance	100%

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Year 11 Careers Activities

PSHE & TUTOR PROGRAMME

Self development
Careers exploration
Skills and tips

CAREERS & NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Visits, speakers and a variety of activities

EMPLOYABILITY DAY

Thursday 27th Nov

Reflect on work experience skills
Practice interviews
Identify transferable skills for future success
Build confidence and self-awareness for post-16 pathways

APPLICATION DEADLINES

December for most organisations

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS (ONGOING)

1:1 appointments with Mrs Pascoe to establish interests and opportunities

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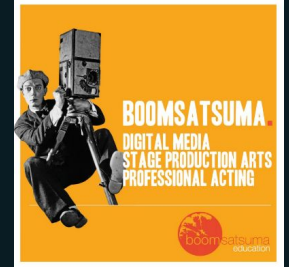
Post-16 Applications

Check the key dates information compiled by the Careers Department to attend lots of **Open Events**

Read the prospectus for different providers

Check the deadlines for applying

Apply to ALL you are considering - decide later.



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'Level 3 ' Courses Explained

A Levels and BTECs

Subject-based
qualifications

A Levels are exam based,
BTECs are coursework
based

Delivered over 2 years in
Sixth Forms or Colleges

100% classroom-based

T Levels (Technical)

Classroom-based course
with industry placement

Delivered over 2 years by
an FE provider (colleges
usually)

80% college, 20%
on-the-job

Apprenticeships

Minimum 12 months.

Intermediate: Level 2
Advanced: Level 3

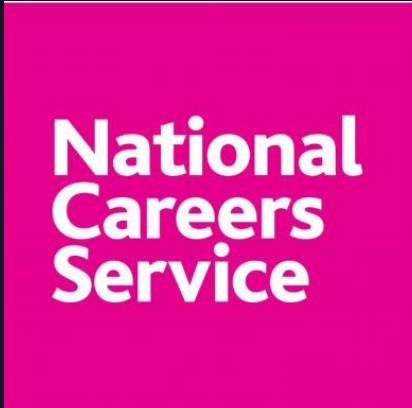
Work-based training,
preparation for entry into
skilled work

80% on-the-job, 20%
college

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Helpful Resources

- BBC Bitesize Careers A-Z
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
- www.ucas.com
- www.icould.com

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The UCAS logo, consisting of the letters "UCAS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter "A" is stylized with a red triangle pointing upwards, integrated into the letter's structure.

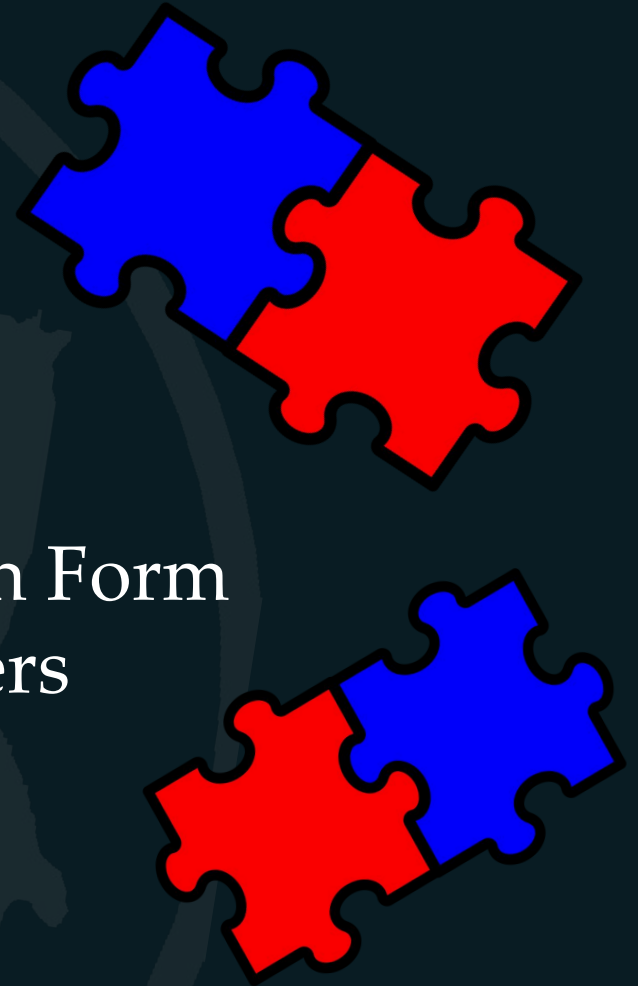
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Remember to attend as many **Open Events** as possible to gather information on Post-16 options

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Who can help?

- Parents/Carers
- Subject Teachers
- Year 11 Tutor
- Mr Firth - Head of Year 11
- Miss Mather - Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Pascoe - Head of Careers
- Sixth Form Team



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Beechen Cliff Sixth Form Applications

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

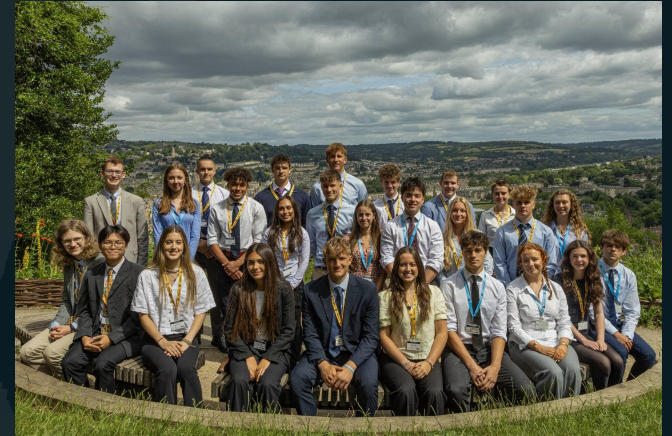
Saturday 18th October 2025 – BCS Sixth Form
Open Morning and Applications open

Friday 12th December 2025 - Deadline to apply

March (during school day) - Interview

End of June - Induction.

August - On GCSE results day you will find out
if you have been accepted into the Sixth Form
(based on grade requirements)



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Attendance and Pastoral Support

Mr A. Firth

Head of Year 11

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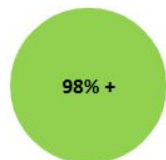
Attendance

- Punctuality - Start at 8:25am
- What IS good attendance?



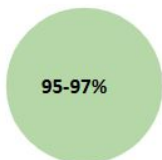
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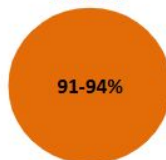
98% +

Good



95-97%

Worrying &
less chance of
success



91-94%

Persistent
absence - Serious
Concern

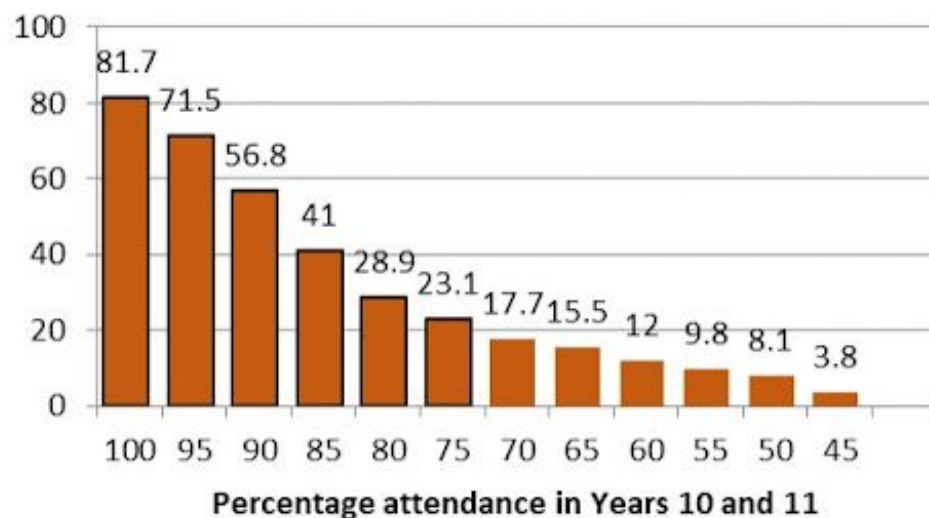


90% or
below

Attendance during one school year	Equals – days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
97%	5 days	1 week	25 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths

Percentage of students achieving



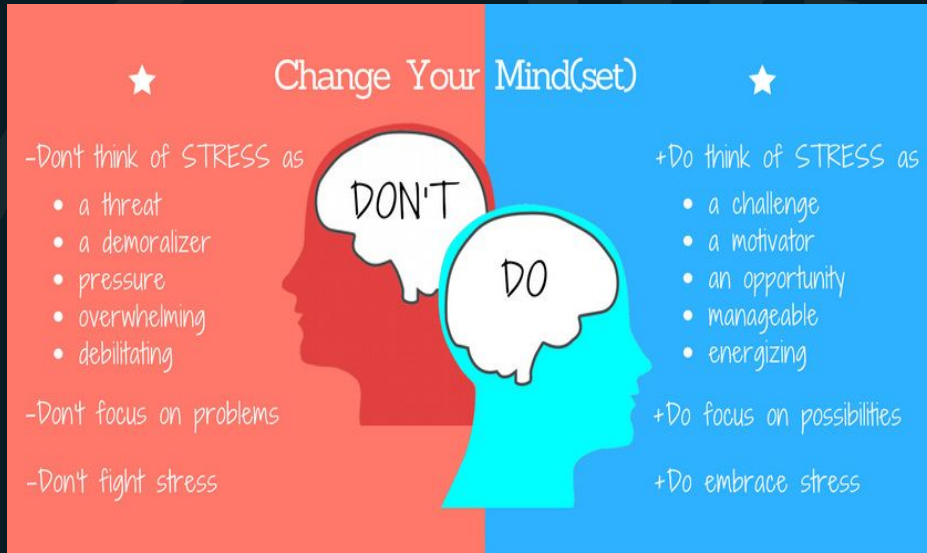
Attendance at Year 11

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

- Time will go fast this year!
(100 days of school until Easter...)
- Curriculum time pressures
- N.E.A and other assessments
- Knowing that you are on track and making progress
- Pressure and potential anxiety issues
- Feeling a part of the school community

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Pastoral Support



Year 11 is an exciting yet challenging year and we appreciate that at times your child will need support from our pastoral team and services.

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Sources of support

- Tutor / Head of Year / Wider pastoral and safeguarding team
- PSHE lessons on mental health and dealing with stress
- Solution Focused Counsellor, Mentoring plus, School Nurse, Luxe Mentoring
- External counselling services (eg. Off the Record)
- GP / CAMHS
- Safeguarding & Social Care

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Year 11 GCSE Revision Information Evening

Thank you for your time and support.

This presentation will be on the school website tomorrow.

Contact - headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

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Follow us on instagram - @beechencliffbath

Get involved with the PTA! - info@beechenpta.org

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