

Y11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026



“Preparing you today for a successful tomorrow”



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Feel like only yesterday?



85%



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30 school weeks until GCSEs start!



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Who we are – The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs H Rowlands - HT



Mrs N Mehrotra- Hughes - DHT



Mr P Glynn- AHT



*Mr T Fessey - AHT



Mrs T Adams - AHT



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Who we are – The Year 11 team



Mrs D'Costa - HoY



Mrs Wheatstone (11MRW)



Mrs Collier (11SCO)



Miss Kasereka (11NK)



Mrs Porter (11NP)



Mrs Turner & Mrs Wells (11MT)



Mr Davis (11SD)



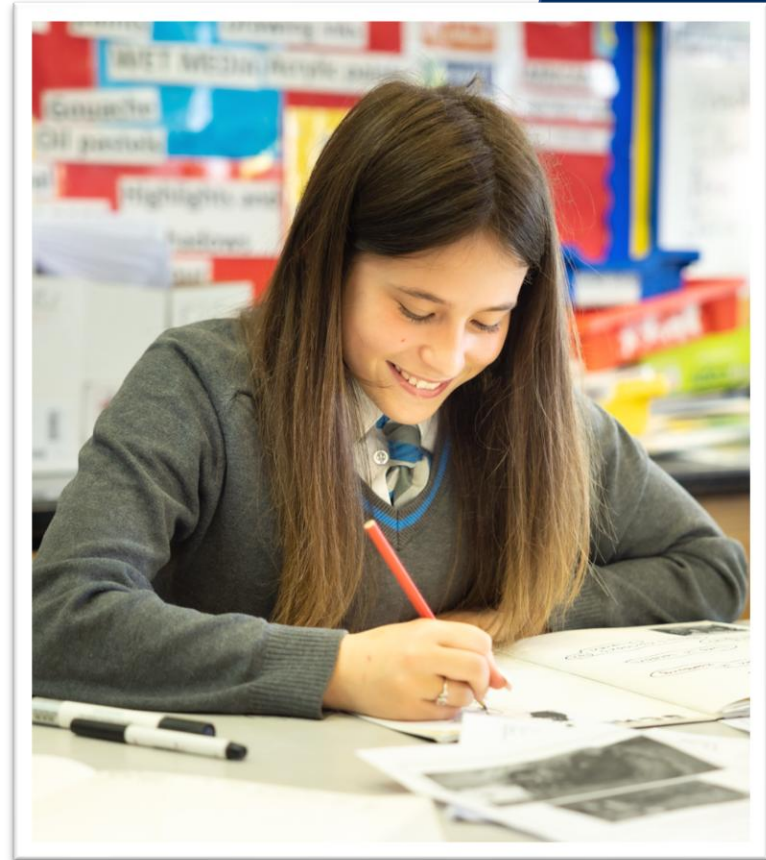
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Session Aims

- Outline our expectations for y11 alongside sources of support to ensure your child achieves the very best outcomes
- Set out the key milestones which are spread across the year alongside how/when we will report progress leading into exam season
- Debunk some terminology – including assessment jargon, grade boundaries, 9-1/A*-G/L2D* etc
- Talk about how we'll support your child to have a really good awareness of options after TDA



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Dean Academy headteacher 'incredibly proud' of best-ever results day



Hannah Rowlands, headteacher of the Dean Academy in Lydney, said Thursday was a momentous, record-breaking day for the school.

"We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2026 and the way they have approached their academic journey with determination, ambition, and a real sense of purpose," she said.

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WHAT WE ARE MOST PROUD OF

- Our most EVER achieving 5x grades 5-9 and 5x grades 7-9 including English and Maths.
- Our highest EVER number of grade 9's (23)
- Our internal progress 8 score (the difference between a student's target and actual grade) is the highest it has ever been.
- Our attainment 8 score (the average grade that students achieve) is the highest it has ever been
- Our disadvantaged students make as much progress as the national average
- Out students going on successfully to their next steps...Wyedean & Dene Magna 6th Form, Grammar school 6th form, Hartpurv, Gloucestershire College...

Y11 Curriculum

English Literature and
Language

Mathematics

Combined Science (at least)

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Personal Development &
Values

Core PE

= 9 qualifications



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Supporting Y11 to achieve success

- Challenging lessons with unapologetic high expectations
- Period 6 (every day) & Victory Hour incl loyalty card scheme
- Bedore school and lunchtime Revision
- Unlimited past paper access
- Embrace the Geek and BIG prizes
- Prom and last day
- Targeted progress interventions including 1:1 meetings
- Extra responsibility in the school
- More contact with parents – The golden triangle
- School holiday booster sessions
- A new look tutor time incl a revision Strategies Tutor Programme
- Careers and Aspirations Programme incl links with post-16 providers



Self Study and Homework

- 40-60 minutes
 - CORE (1 x week)
 - OPTION (1 x fortnight)

What it is....	To take 1 of 3 forms...
• Linked to recent learning • Explicit and clear	• APPLICATION • FLIP & FETCH • RETRIEVAL



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Online Revision

Documents > Year 11 > Mock exams 2 February > Geography

SR Student Documents

+ New

Name

- Lessons
- Mock exams 1 November
- Mock exams 2 February
- Real exams May

Name	Modified
2024 KO Fieldwork.pptx	November 21, 2024
Changing Cities PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Changing Landscapes PPQs.pptx	November 21, 2024
Ecosystems, Diversity and Management PP...	November 21, 2024
Fieldwork PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
GCSE Tick list overviews 2024 exam.docx	November 21, 2024
Global development PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Resource Management Energy PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Revision booklet paper 1 2025.pptx	November 21, 2024
Revision booklet paper 2 2025.pptx	November 21, 2024
Hospitality & Catering	November 8, 2024
Languages	November 8, 2024



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How to make a revision timetable

Date:		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	7-8							
	8-9						With family	Football match
	9-10							
	10-11							
	11-12							
12-1								
AFTERNOON	1-2						Gym	Xbox
	2-3						PE	
	3-4						Maths	Spanish
	4-5	Period 6	Gym			With friends	Computing	English Lit
	5-6			Period 6	Period 6		Spanish	Chemistry
	EVENING	6-7	English Lang	History	Maths	Gym		With friends
7-8		With friends	Biology	Football				
8-9					Computing			

STEP 1:

When can't you revise

STEP 2:

Allocate time to each topic in each subject

STEP 3:

Add in extra where needed

STEP 4:

Leave down time!

How to revise...

The Pomodoro Technique

1

Decide on the task to be done.

2

Set the timer to **25 minutes**.

3

Work on the task until the timer rings.

4

Take a short 5 minute **break**.

5

Take a 15-30 minute **break**.

repeat 4 times



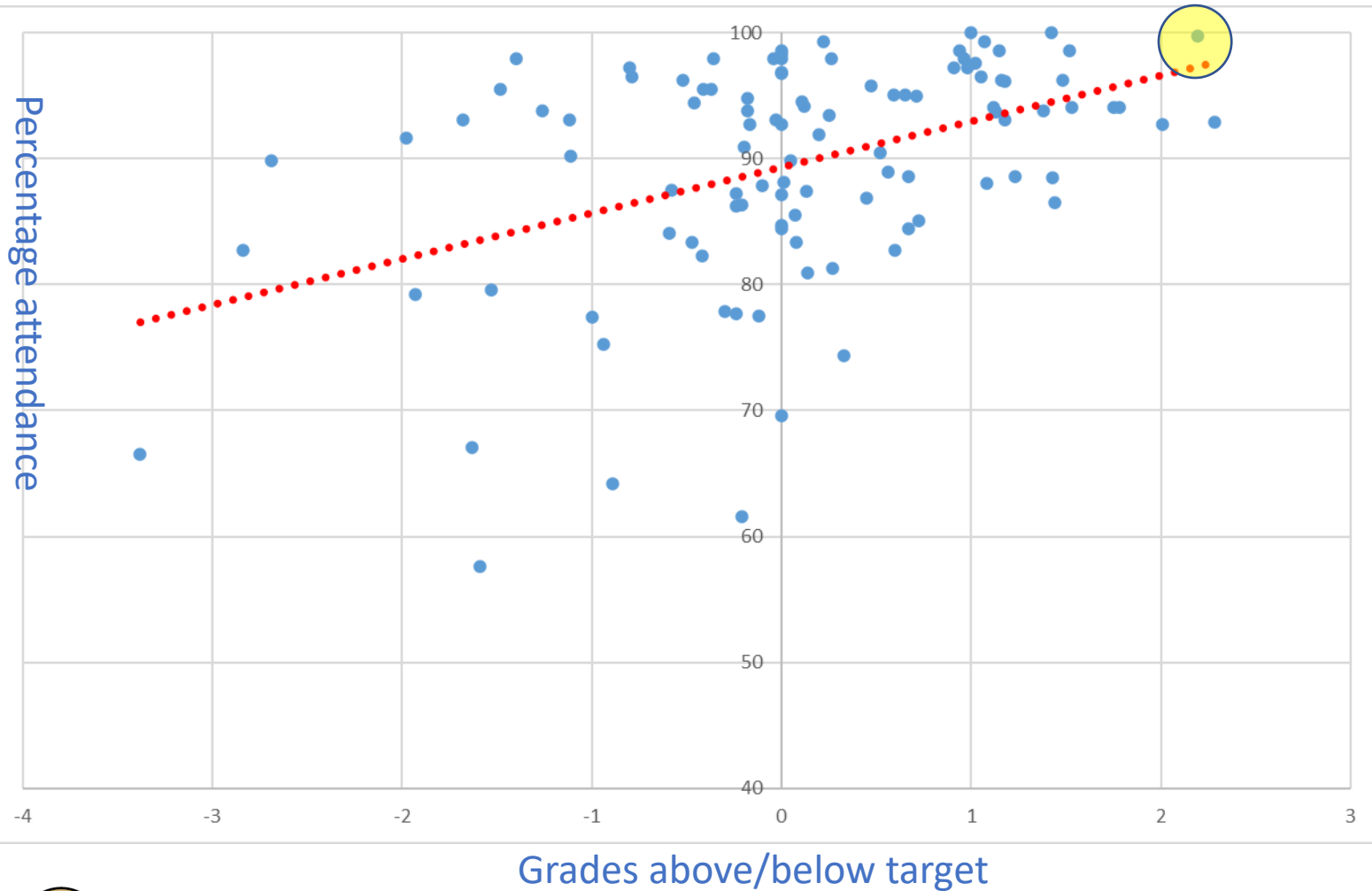
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Maintaining the balance and looking after yourselves



The Athlete's Project

Attendance matters...



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2026-27 examinations



- Assessment and grading will remain at pre-covid guidelines

Legacy GCSEs	New GCSE Grades	Vocational Qualifications	
A*	9	Distinction * 8.5	Level 2
	8		
A	7	Distinction 7	
B	6	Merit 5.5	
	5		
C	4	Pass 4	
D	3	Distinction * 3	Level 1
E	2	Distinction 2	
F		Merit 1.5	
G	1	Pass 1	
U	U	Not Yet Achieved (NYA)	



Key dates

- Key Assessments:
 - **MOCKS 1** – 02/11/26 (fortnight) - **8 school weeks!**
 - **MOCKS 2** – 22/02/26 (fortnight) – **21 school weeks!**
 - **REAL EXAMS** – 10/05/27 – **30 school weeks!!**
- Reports and Progress Evenings following each key assessment point
 - **REPORT 1** = 08/12/26
 - **PROGRESS EVENING 1** = 10/12/26
 - **REPORT 2** = 23/03/27
 - **PROGRESS EVENING 2** = 25/03/27 (specifically arranged)
 - **Mock results assembly with parents invited for both!**

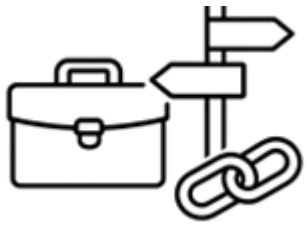


What can you as a parent/carer do to support?

'Evidence shows that parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than other factors.'

- Support with the completion of homework
- Encourage revision **early** rather than last minute (or not at all!)
 - This will help remove stress and helps remember material better
- Work to ensure a healthy work-life balance
- Attendance to school vital
- Reach out to us if you detect a shift in your child's attitude to school





"Year 11 brings important decisions at the same time as examinations and revision. It is normal for students not to have a fixed career plan. Our aim is not to make them choose their entire future now, but to help them make a well-informed next step."

The key question is not *"Which route is best?"* but ***"Which route is the best fit for this young person?"***



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Your next steps

The Parents' Guide to
www.theparentsguideto.co.uk

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Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)			NVQ 8	
7	Masters degree (MA)			Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7	
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4	Higher National Certificate (HNC)			Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4	
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3	
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2	
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1	
Academic route				Vocational route	Applied / work route

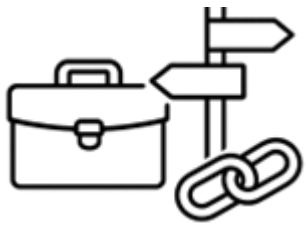
For Maths and English, resitting is compulsory if you haven't achieved a pass (grade 4). You'll need to continue studying these subjects until you either pass or turn 18



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Y11 Careers Programme

Provider Assemblies

21-Sep, (Hartpury)

28-Sep, Glos Col

05-Oct, Forest Sports

19-Oct, Dene Magna

09- Nov, Wyedean

23-Nov, Apprenticeships

12-Oct, Futures skills Questionnaires

13-Oct, Careers Parents evening

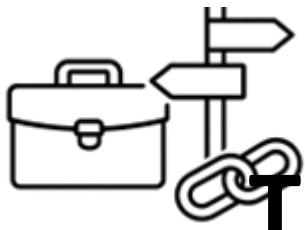
10-Dec, Parents evening-
Gloucester College



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Tips

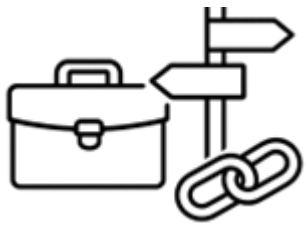
1. Start with the young person, not a job title.
2. Keep several routes under consideration.
3. Check the practical details.
4. Attend open events together.
5. Use real experiences.
6. Avoid comparison.
7. Support ownership.



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What we ask of parents and carers

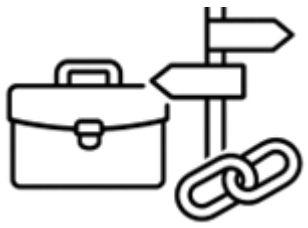
- Keep conversations open: uncertainty at this stage is normal.
- Help your child investigate: compare content, requirements and progression, not just course titles.
- Encourage action: attend events, complete applications on time and seek guidance early.



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The Dean Academy Work Experience – Employer Interest Form



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