Southend High School for Girls

Year 11
Parents' Information Evening

30 September 2026

Mr Carey
Headteacher

Aims for this evening

- To be informed about key dates and events
- To help you support your daughter in her GCSE journey

“Show up on time,

know the text and

have an idea…”

Tom Hanks

SHSG A LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2026
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SHSG GCSE RESULTS DAY 2026
100% Grade 7-9

SHSG Sixth Form
Key information

- **50 Points** from the best eight GCSEs, counting grade 5s and above.
- A minimum of two GCSEs at **grade 7 or above**.
- E.g. three grade 7s, four grade 6s and one grade 5 will be sufficient
- Grade 5s in **English and Maths**
- **You do not have to apply**

*Specific grade criteria for some subjects

A Level and Sixth Form Information

- **2nd A Level Taster day**
Wed 14th October 2026

- **Sixth Form Open Evening**
Wed 4th November 2026

- **Subject talks**

- **Sixth Form subject choices**
approx. w/c 14th December 2026

Mr Nzemeke
Deputy Headteacher

The Pastoral Team

Mr J Nzemeke
Deputy Headteacher
(*Director of Key Stage 4)*

Mrs H Marcel
Head of Year 11

Mrs C Poxon
Middle School Pastoral Officer (PSO)

Mrs P Hopkins
Safeguarding & Attendance Manager

- Ongoing support and parental liaison
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Please contact us via office@shsg.org

A Further Key to Success

- Home-school communication
- Assessments
- Parents' evening
- Regular information for parents/carers and pupils

Pressure Points Coming Up

- Christmas and the pressure to have fun (all the time).
- Art and MFL PPE early December
- PPE 4th to 19th January 2027
- The period between the PPE / mock exams and the start of the GCSEs is short and very intensive.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Students in higher attendance bands (95–100%) are far more likely to achieve Grade 5+ in English and Maths.
- Every 5% drop in attendance reduces the likelihood of achieving benchmark GCSE grades.

(Department for Education, 2025)

90% attendance in a school year =

* ½ day missed every week

*4 whole weeks of lessons Missed

ATTENDANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

GCSE 2026 RESULTS: THE IMPACT OF EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

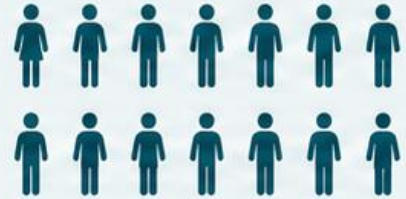
ABOVE 95% ATTENDANCE

105
STUDENTS

1,089 GRADES AWARDED

21.1% ACHIEVED GRADE 9	**9**	**13.0%** ACHIEVED GRADE 9
50.8% ACHIEVED GRADES 9–8	**9-8**	**37.0%** ACHIEVED GRADES 9–8
72.5% ACHIEVED GRADES 9–7	**9-7**	**63.0%** ACHIEVED GRADES 9–7

BELOW 90% ATTENDANCE



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STUDENTS

224 GRADES AWARDED

AVERAGE POINTS SCORE
7.76

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS MOST
13.8 PERCENTAGE POINT GAP AT GRADES 9–8

AVERAGE POINTS SCORE
6.92

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE, EXCELLENT OUTCOMES. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

Data based on GCSE 2026 results.
Association, not causation.

Mrs H Marcel
Head of Year 11

Supporting your daughter

- Sixth Form Peer Mentors
- Staff Mentors
- Revision Guides
- Useful websites
- Revision sessions

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Careers Advice Programme
Careers consultations
Year 12 work experience

Information about your daughter's progress

There are 3 points throughout the academic year when parents will receive information about their child's progress.

1. **Most Likely Grades** (teacher predictions) & short report - Friday 27th November 2026
2. **Parents' Evening** Thursday 3rd Dec 2026
3. **Full report Friday 26th February 2027** - detailing results of **January PPEs** as a %, a GCSE grade, a quartile and a final most likely grade as well as an extra narrative provided by form tutors.

Some key assessment dates

- **PPEs** run for two weeks from Monday 4th January 2027
- The **Art and MFL Speaking PPEs** will take place before Christmas:

- Art PPE 30th November to 1st December 2026

- MFL speaking PPEs 7th - 11th December 2026

- **GCSEs start** week beginning 10th May 2027
- **GCSE Results Day**: Thursday, 19th August 2027! ☺

Key Questions for your daughter leading up to each assessment

- Does she have a clear and realistic revision plan?
- Does she have a suitable, organised place to study?
- Has she established regular revision times?
- Can she manage distractions, particularly her phone and social media?
- Is she using effective revision strategies and focusing on the right areas?
- Will she ask for help when she needs it?

Reflections on Key Stage 4 – Success at GCSE

Shiloh, Nancy and Elicia

Year 12 Students

Mr Nzemeke
Deputy Headteacher

Misconceptions of Effective Study

- Re-reading and highlighting
- Long revision sessions
- Last minute revision (cramming)
- Exam questions before learning content
- Not condensing revision notes

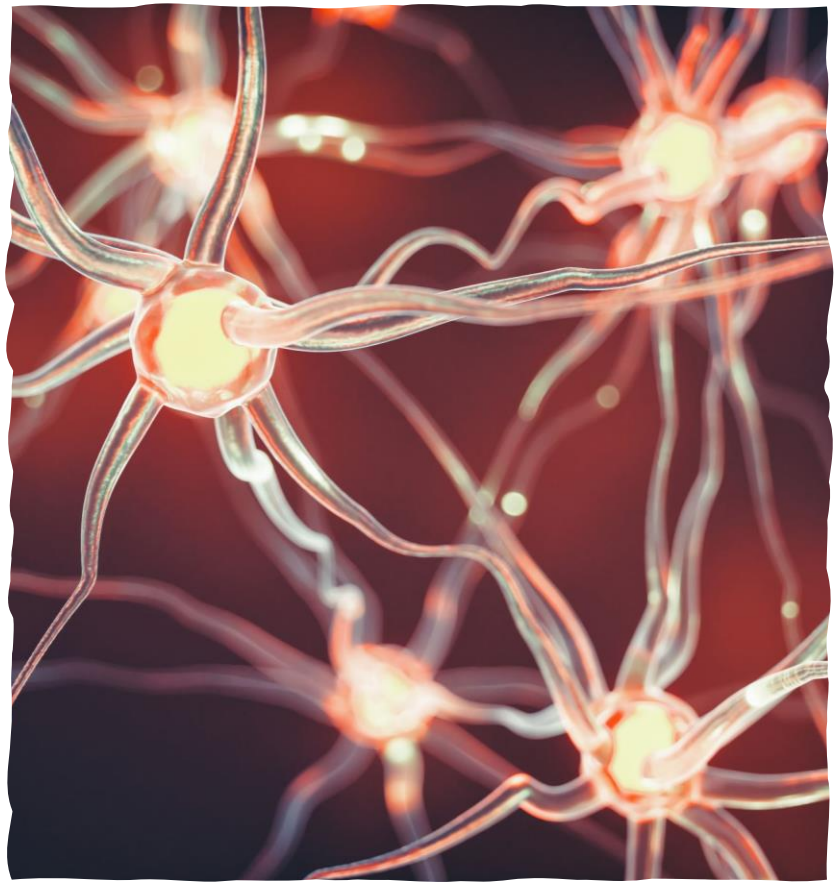
What does learning/revision look like?

- Good Revision Timetable
- Memory Retention and Retrieval Practice

What makes a good timetable?

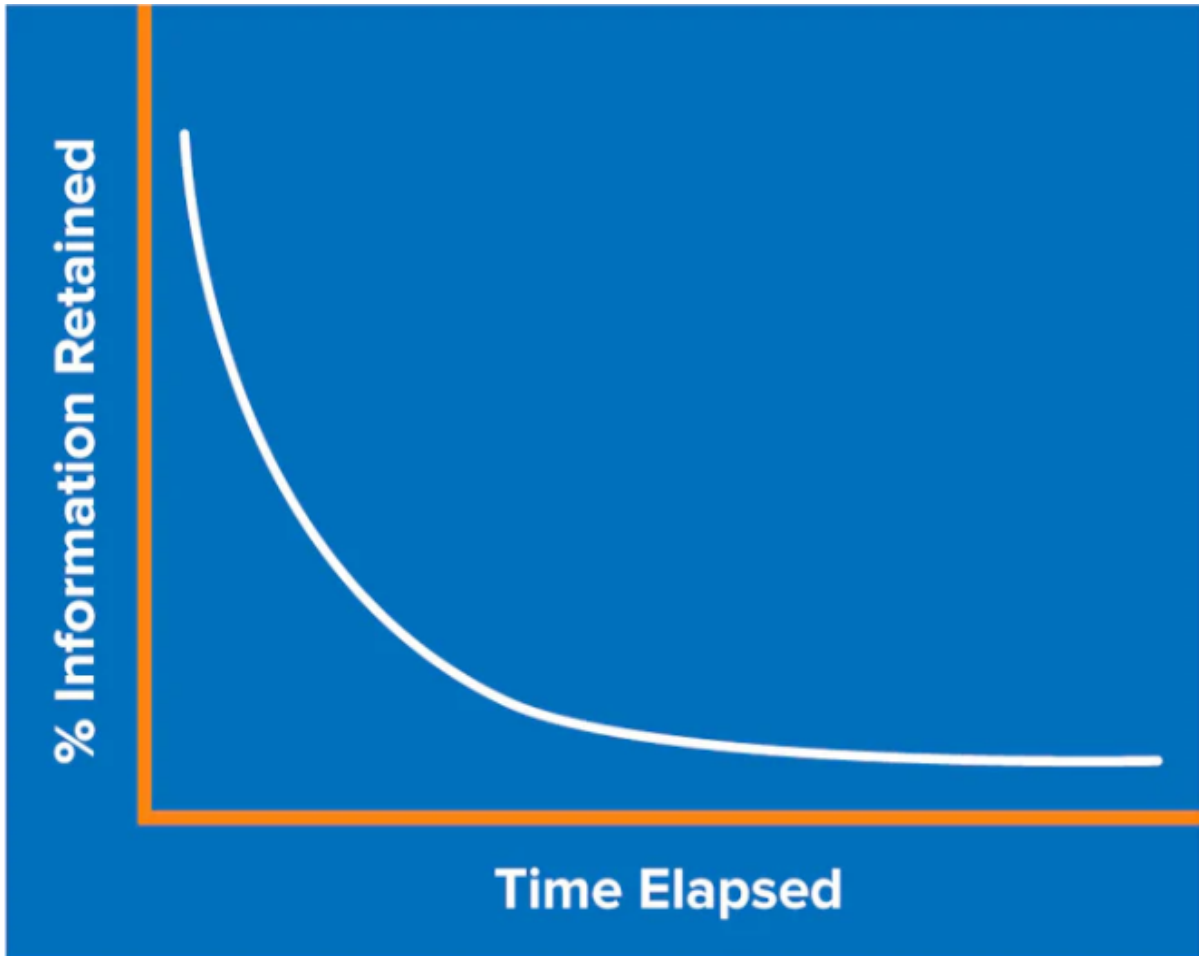
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30-12.00	school	school	school	school	school	History, RE, and Geography	Church Lie in
12.00-4.00	school	school	school	school	school	Out with friends	science
4.30-5.20	English	Maths	X-box	Art/Drama	Mosque	Out with friends	music
5.30-6.30	HW	spare	HW	spare	spare	spare	spare
6.30-7.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7.00-9.30	TV	Taekwondo	Maths	TV	Computing	History	Taekwondo

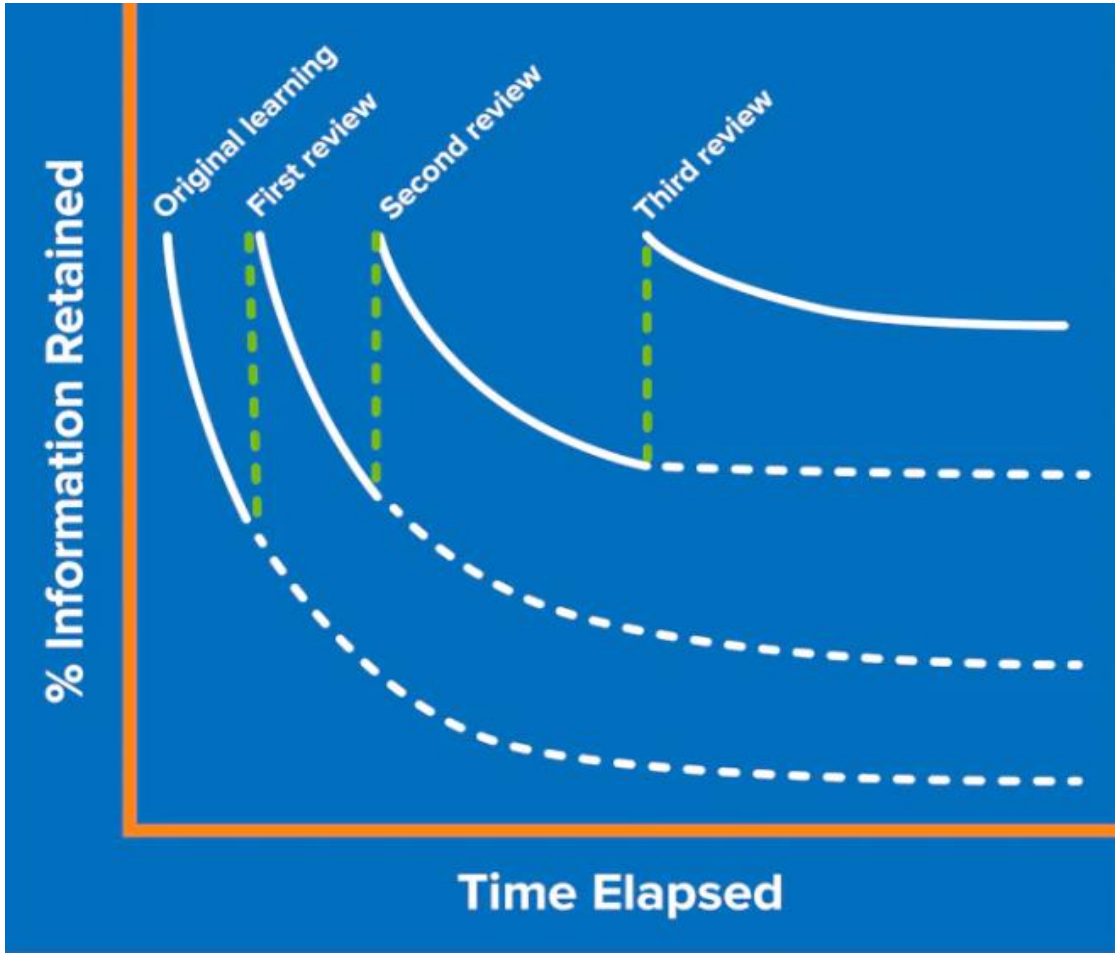
Reviewing:



- When we learn something, new linkages are formed between neurons in the brain.
- These connections are strengthened every time you think of what you have learned.
- However, if you do not use the connections from time to time, they will begin to fade.

Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve





How to review

- Test yourself!
- Little and often.
- If you find topics that aren't recalled as easily, revise the topic & create more resources before next review.
- Use past papers.

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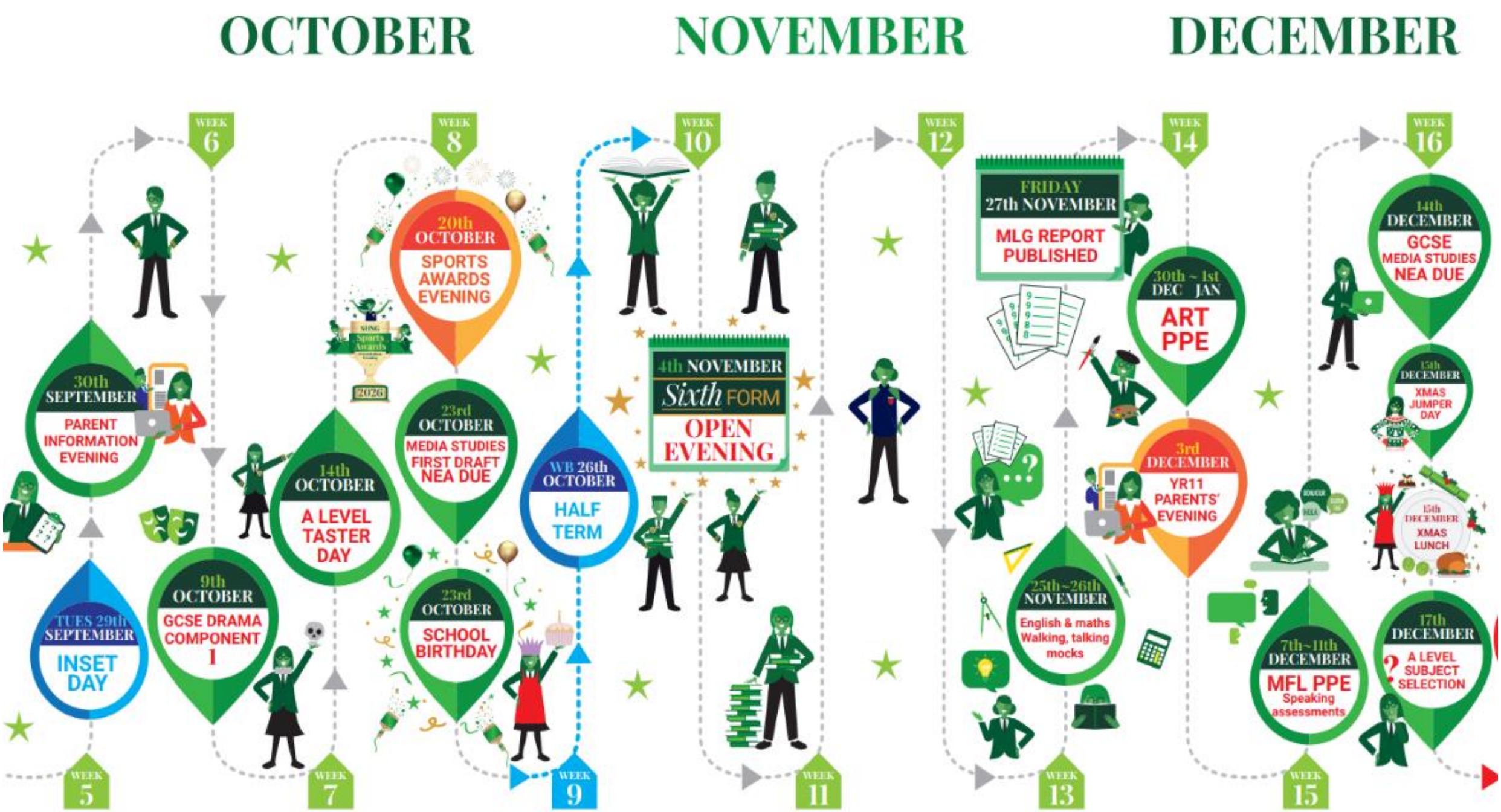
Head of Year 11

Curriculum Booklet



- *Safe*
- *Happy*
- *Successful*

Key dates this term – Autumn 2026

2nd Sept – Start of school year
30th Sept – Year 11 Parent Information Evening
9th Oct – GCSE Drama component 1 practical exam
14th Oct – A Level Taster Day (#2)
4th Nov - Sixth Form Open Evening
Early Nov – Year 11 PPE Launch assembly
25th -26th Nov – Walking, Talking Mocks (English and Maths)
27th Nov – Year 11 MLG report published
27th Nov – Music component 1 solo and ensemble performances recording
30th Nov – 1st Dec – Art PPE
3rd Dec – Parents' Evening
7th - 11th Dec - MFL Speaking PPEs
11th Dec – GCSE Media Coursework NEA due
15th Dec – A Level subject selection (TBC)

Key dates– Spring and Summer 2027

4th – 19th Jan - PPEs
25th – 28th Jan - Food Tech NEA
25th Jan – Music component 1 due
12th Feb – Music component 2 due
26th Feb – DT NEA due
26th Feb – PPE Full Report published
22nd – 23rd April – Art GCSE
26th – 30th April – GCSE MFL Speaking exams
Week beginning 6th May – End of KS4 celebration morning (TBC)
GCSEs to start from 10th May

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Tilda

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Marcie
Class of
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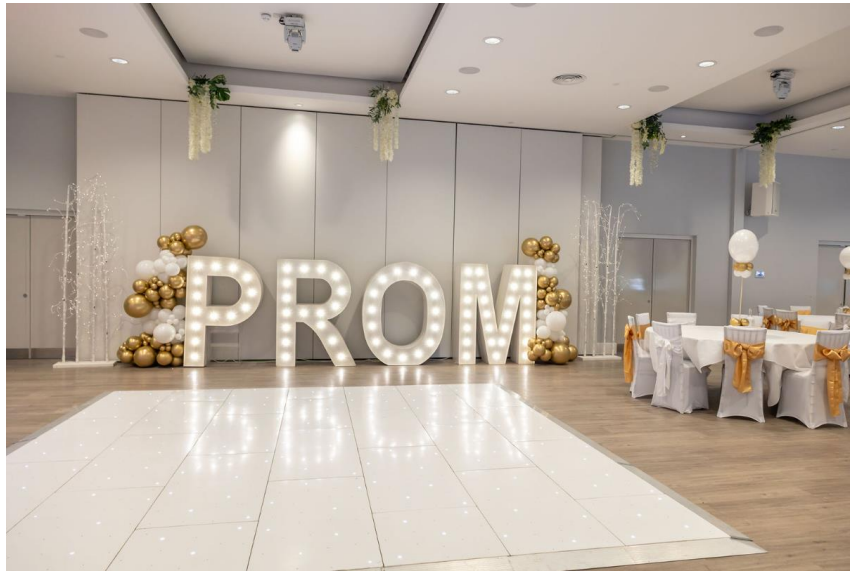
Zoe



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Thank you

GCSEs
What can a parent do?

“Parental support is eight times more important in determining a child’s academic success than social class, according to a study. "

- Check Stachel One weekly
- Pin Year 11 key dates in a shared space
- Provide your daughter with a suitable, quiet study space
- Plan days out/ treats around pressure points
- Help them manage screen time
- Encourage excellent sleep routines