

# Y11 Parent Information Evening

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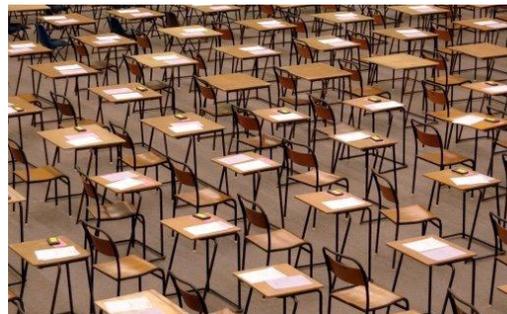
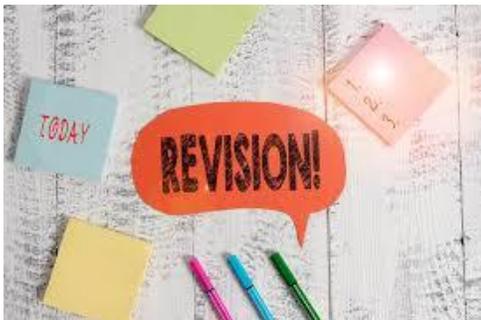
# When you think of Year 11.....

**GCSEs**– This is the big focus of Year 11. Students are preparing for and taking their GCSE exams, which includes completing NEAs and PPEs. There are always lots of worries and concerns about "revision" - how to, top tips and "short cuts"

**Choices and Futures** – Year 11 marks a key transition point. Students start thinking seriously about what comes next: A-levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships, or college.

**School Leavers Events** – There might be special events like prom, leavers assembly and year books – all there to recognise and celebrate the end of Secondary School

**Stress and Pressure** – Students can often feel a lot of stress and pressure to perform well. They will feel an uptick in expectation in lessons and for homework





## Outline for this evening

- Exams & revision
- Choices and Futures
- Expectations and getting the most out of the year
- The fun stuff!
- Support for students and parents



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- Exams & revision



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# GCSE Results – August 2025

## Class of 2025

% students achieving 5 (G9-4): 70%

% of grades Grade 7+: 18%

16 % of students achieved a Grade 9 spread across  
14 different subjects

Overall Pass rate: 99.1%

Progress score: +0.34



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# By comparison

Measure	2024	2025
No.	71	68
A8	37.4	44.3
P8	-0.42	+0.34
En 4+	59%	71%
Ma 4+	49%	71%
5+ (4-9)	44%	69%
En 7+	10%	17%
Ma 7+	10%	24%
% (7-9)	9%	18%
% Grade 9	1%	4%

**Post 16 placements include** Piggots, Highdown, The Forest School, Reading Boys, Reading BlueCoat, Henely College, Reading College, BCA and various apprenticeships including: Childcare, hair & beauty, mechanics and plastering.

Last year's cohort of Year 11 are **broadly comparable** (by prior attainment) to this Year 11 group – therefore our baseline targets measures are to match, if not exceed, the headline figure results!

### How did they do it?

- Strong attendance in lessons
- Use of tutor time for targeted intervention at key times of the year
- Engaged with homework and opportunities provided to do “a little extra”
- Goal Setting and getting a Post 16 plan in place
- A “little, but often” approach... avoided burnout and students could feel their progress



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# Revision

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At this stage of Year 11 the most important elements are around ensuring **good study habits**:

- Ensuring there is a quiet, distraction free space to work (school library?)
- Routinely spending time each day completing homework. Asking for help when stuck!
- Creating weekly summaries of key topics covered in each subject (e.g. on index cards / revision notebook)



PPE 1 (after Oct Half Term) will be launched on **Monday 6 October** to students with timetable, revision lists and subject specific support available.

# Revision

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We will be revisiting key methods of effective revision with students over the course of the year (and sharing info with you too) but some initial top tips:

- Creating a timetable helps to balance work, rest and play
- Work in 30-45 minute blocks
- Creating flash cards / mind maps is a good place to start (overview of topics)
- Using past papers and practice questions helps once you have learnt the information
- Accessing online platforms / revision guides / study groups recommended by your teachers. **BE CAREFUL** of online "influencers"





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- Choices and Futures



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# Post 16 Planning

- **All students will need to remain in education once they leave MECE.** This could be at Sixth Form, College or in an apprenticeship
- All students will have had (end of Y10 or start of this term) a 1:1 careers interview with the Trust Careers Advisor and an individual action plan created
- Support through Personal Development lessons to prepare for applications and interviews (Autumn Term)
- Practice interviews for all students with local employers or staff from the central Trust team (October)
- All students will visit the Trust HE/FE fayre (October) and Henley College on an Open Day (November) and will experience some taster session in their chosen subjects. This builds on the trips from Y10 to other Post 16 providers
- Students who are leaning towards an apprenticeship can access support in finding opportunities and applying for them

We aim for **ALL STUDENTS** having at least one Post 16 application completed & submitted before Christmas



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# Open Evenings in the surrounding area

**Pigott School Sixth Form – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Henley College – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Highdown Sixth Form – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form – Thursday October**

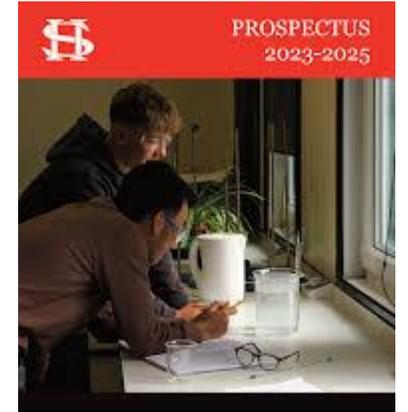
**UTC – 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Reading College - 15<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November**

We will keep students informed of other Open Days that we hear about (there is usually a second “round” in the Spring for colleges)



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Sixth Form



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FULL-TIME PROSPECTUS  
2023/2024



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- Expectations and getting the most out of the year



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# Every day in school counts...

With less than 150 school days left of year 11 every minute counts.



## and every minute counts...



Currently, Year 11's attendance for this year sits at 92.4%.

As a year group, this equates to **54 days** of lost learning

# Uniform - Items



## UNIFORM LIST – Items Students Should Have

Shirt	White shirt or blouse
Tie	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School tie
Blazer	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge blazer (boy or girl cut)
Trouser/Skirt	Grey trousers, grey drain leg trousers OR grey drop waist skirt (worn just above the knee) OR long tailored grey school style shorts.  A navy salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons
Jumper	Plain, navy V-necked jumper (optional) – not in place of blazer
Others	Dark socks/tights Navy headscarf  Plain black or navy coat or anorak Plain black, navy, grey turbans/headscarves/hijabs
Shoes	All Black polish-able school shoes Shoes should be sensible i.e., not have thick soles or high heels/wedges (Boots, canvas shoes, sports brand shoes etc. are not appropriate and students should not wear them.)

# Class Charts

As you are aware, Class Charts is now our go to area for everyday updates.

It's used to set homework, take registers and see attendance and report illnesses. We also have the function to send "notices" to students / parents. These might be reminders (e.g. on days of exams a reminder of what equipment is needed)



If you are yet to log in as parents, please follow the link that Mr Clark has sent out this afternoon.

# My Child At School

MCAS remains the place we will upload termly reports (and PPE results!)





# Outline for this evening

- The fun stuff!



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# The Prom!

Students have formed a committee and will work closely with HOY to agree a theme, budget and fundraising ideas

**The Prom will be held around 1<sup>st</sup> July – date TBC.** This is after the end of the exams.

The last few years we have held it at Badgemore Golf Club, Henley on Thames and tickets have been between £20-30 (this is heavily influenced by the choices the committee make and the amount of fundraising they do to offset costs).

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Prom is a wonderful event where we all get to celebrate the end of 5 years of Secondary School education.



All students are invited to attend. Very rarely has the privilege been withdrawn from students, but poor behaviour across Year 11 would certainly raise the question!



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- Support for students and parents



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# Support

Year 11 is a stressful year – the culmination of 5 years of secondary school and public exams looming in the summer. Students feeling stressed is not uncommon and to a degree is not unhealthy.

There is lots of in-school support available to students including: mentoring, school nurse, signposting to online apps for Mental Health etc. We also will be delivering sessions through tutor, assembly and in targeted workshops focusing on combating exam stress and on the importance of sleep and diet to success. We will of course share these resources with you too

We would always encourage you to keep an open dialogue with us if you are concerned. If we don't know, we can't help!



Our website has several links that you can further explore for initial support if you are concerned.



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And Finally.....



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# Year 11 Road Map – Key upcoming dates (Autumn)

**25 September** – Exploring the world of Careers evening

**3 October** – HE/FE Fayre

**6 October** – PPE1 launch

**20 October** – Mock Interviews begin

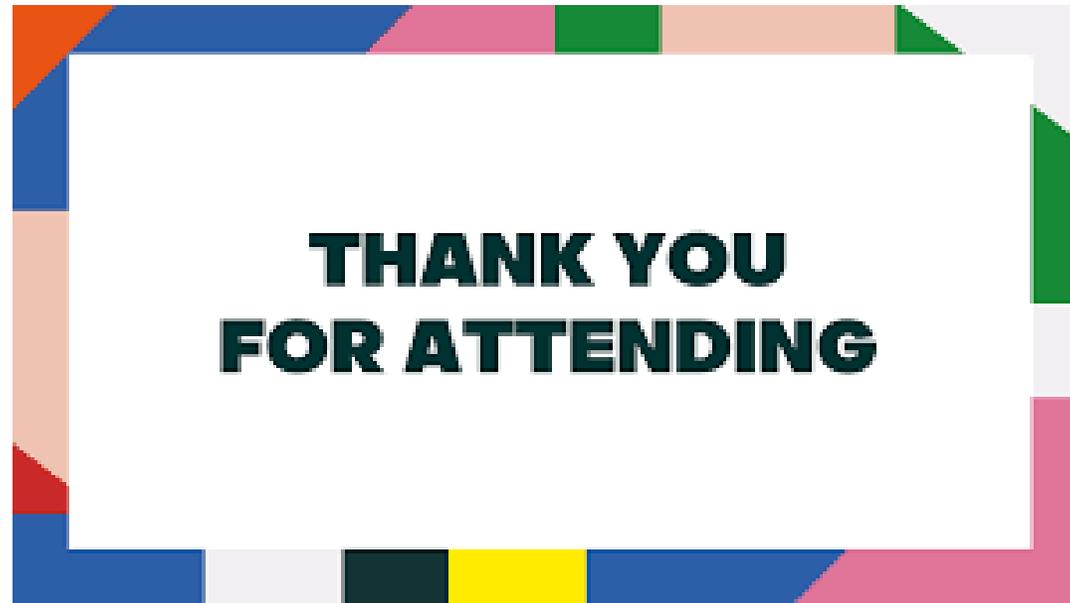
**3 November** - PPE week

**13 November** – Henely College visit

**3 December** – PPE results and Parents evening



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