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Information Booklet.

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booklet on our school website
in the Parent Section





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Essential Information for Year 11

Thursday 11th September 2025





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SUCCESS

does not
happen
by

MAGIC

it
takes

HARD WORK





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Mrs Woodhead

Head of Year 11

Attendance is **crucial** in Year 11

At Harrow Way we have **96%** attendance
as the minimum attendance level

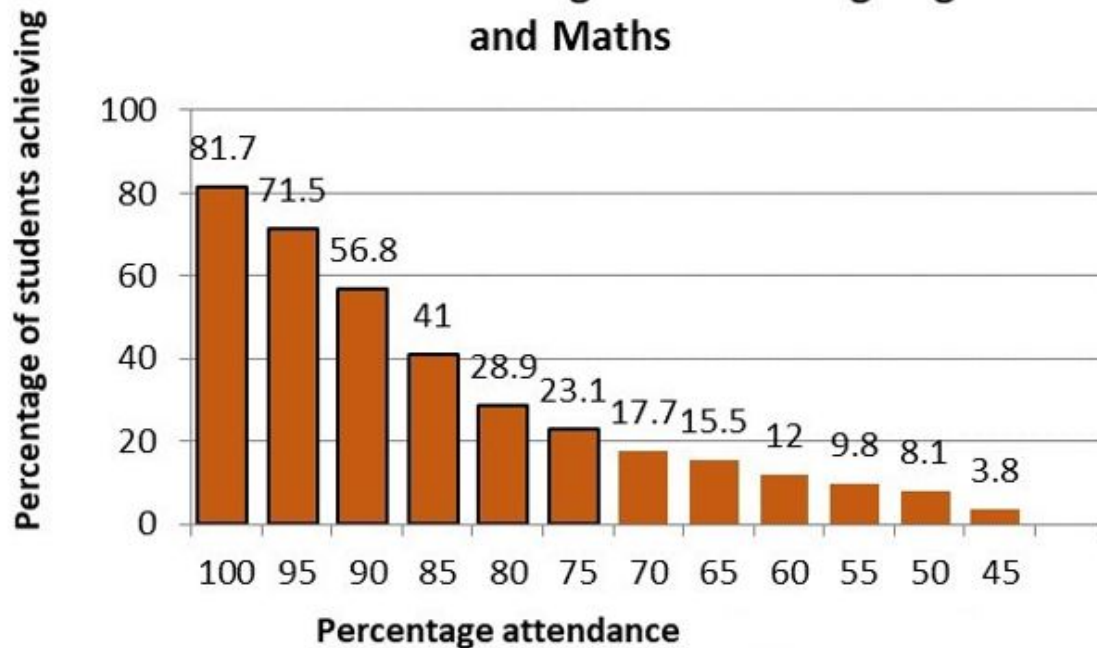
Why? 95% attendance = 50 missed lessons
 90% attendance = 100 missed lessons



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Student Attainment by Attendance

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





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Working together

- Communicate with us – Tutor is your first contact
- In school - good attendance
- On time
- Correct equipment including student diaries and a pen
- Correct uniform – skirts, make up, piercings, hair colour etc
- Please use the calendar on our website
- Realistic revision - Little and often
- Pressure - managing stress and expectations
- Prom Contract
- Health and wellbeing - Healthy diet, sleep, balance, work, hobbies, relaxation, mobile phones



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Mr Mann

Assistant Headteacher



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Our Core Purpose





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Supporting Students to Succeed

Additional Learning opportunities for students:

- Tutor time interventions run by experienced staff

After School - independent study

- Library is always available for Year 11 students - a quiet place to study
- Coursework catch up sessions

PPE (Pre-Public Examinations)

CORE - w/c 10th November 2025

ALL - w/c 2nd February 2026 - 13th February 2026

Preparing for Success = Practice



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Revision: How can *you* help?

- Gentle guidance!
- **Encourage attendance at intervention and Coursework catch up**
- Express confidence in your son or daughter's ability to succeed
- Be a study partner:
 - Effective strategies - flashcards, retrieval practice
 - Less effective strategies - copying out notes, reading through revision guides
- Provide space for study
- Reward successes
- Don't hesitate to contact the pastoral team if you have concerns



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Exam Dates for Year 11

Exam dates for 2026 have been published

START: 5th May

FINISH: 24th June

Please do not book any holiday from **5th May - 24th June 2026**.
There are no second chances for students.



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Mr Nias

Director of Maths



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GCSE Maths



Pearson
Edexcel

3 exam papers : **1 non-calculator** and **2 calculator** papers

No topic lists given to students before the exam.

They *will* have a formulae sheet.

Maths Equipment...

Scientific Calculator

Protractor

Compass

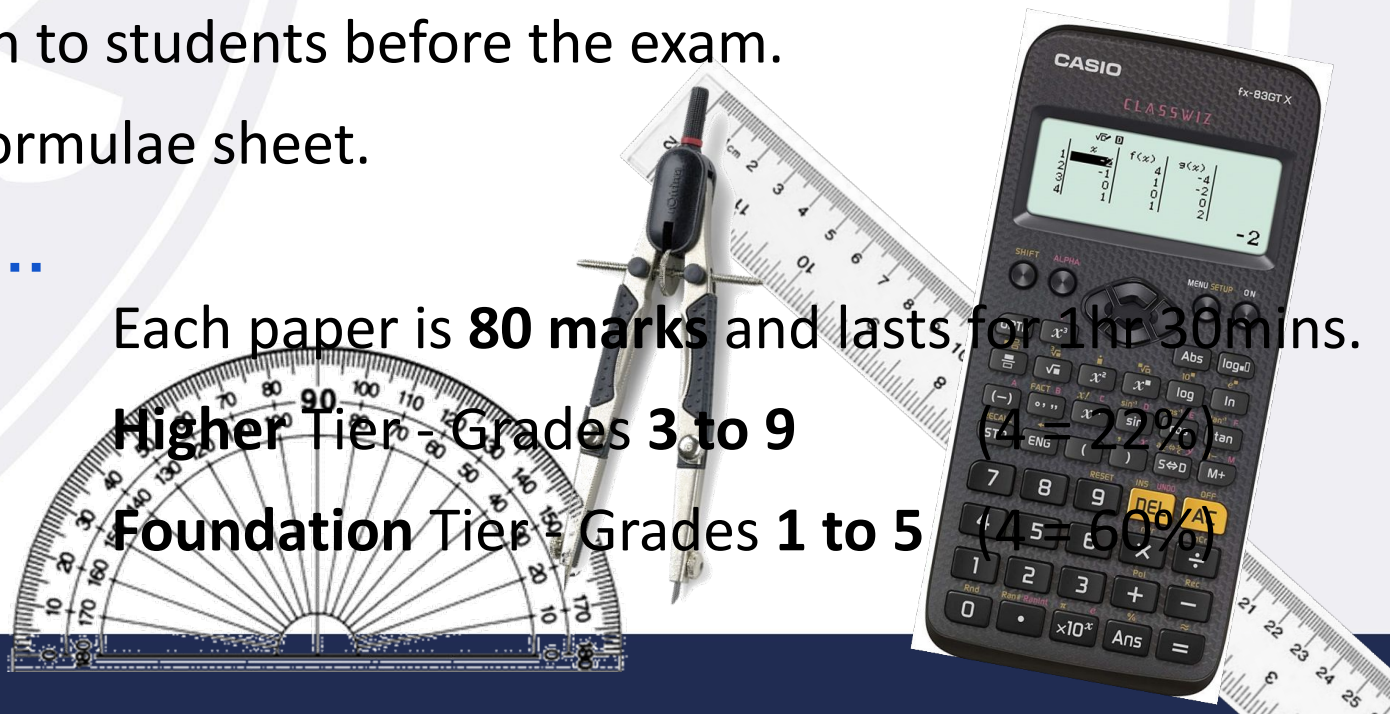
Ruler

Pen/Pencil

Each paper is **80 marks** and lasts for **1hr 30mins**.

Higher Tier - Grades 3 to 9

Foundation Tier - Grades 1 to 5



Students, what you can do:

- Make the most of every lesson
- Revise, little and often
- Attend revision/intervention sessions
- Have your equipment (*every* lesson!)

Maths



Where to get help:

Revision Guides

www.corbettmaths.com

www.mathsgenie.com

www.drfrust.org

Parents, you could :

- Check homework is completed (well)
- Point towards help where necessary
- Ensure your son/daughter is properly equipped



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Mr Hopwood

Director of Science



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GCSE Combined Science & Triple Science



- **Combined Science = 2 GCSEs (4-4)**
- **Separate Science = 3 GCSEs (4,4,4)**

- **6 papers**
 - **2x Biology**
 - **2x Chemistry**
 - **2x Physics**

- **Each paper:**
- **Combined: 70 marks: 75 minutes**
- **Separate: 100 marks: 105 minutes**

- **Grades for each tier:**
 - **HT 3 - 9 (18% for a 4-4)**
 - **FT 1 - 5 (55% for a 4-4)**



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Science

Exam board: AQA

The Curriculum: Combined and Triple science

Biology

Paper 1

~~Cell biology~~

~~Organisation~~

~~Bioenergetics~~

~~Infection and response~~

Paper 2

Homeostasis

Variation, inheritance and evolution

~~Ecology~~

Chemistry

Paper 1

~~Atoms and the periodic table~~

~~Bonding and structure~~

~~Quantitative chemistry~~

~~Chemical change~~

~~Energy change~~

Paper 2

~~Rates of reaction~~

Organic chemistry

Chemical analysis

Chemistry of the atmosphere

Using resources

Physics

Paper 1

~~Energy~~

~~Electricity~~

~~Matter~~

~~Atoms and radiation~~

Paper 2

Forces

Waves

Magnetism and
electromagnets

Space (Triple only)



Science

Exam board: AQA

- A range of question types will be used:
- **Multiple Choice**: About **10 marks**
- **Structured questions** (step-by-step, data-handling, etc): About **30-35 marks**
- **Short answer** (closed response, 1-3 marks each): About **15-20 marks**
- **Extended response** (open, 4-6 marks each): **two** per paper, **one** per paper in FT

- 40% of the paper will be pure factual recall

- 40% will be application

- 20% will be analysing information

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Preparation

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School:

- Teach 'paper 2' content
- Retrieve 'paper 1' content
- Interventions and clinics
- Holiday revision sessions

Students:

- Complete Educake HW
- Complete all tasks in lesson

Parents:

- Check weekly Educake HW
- Freesciencelessons booklet
- CGP revision guides
- Encourage clinic attendance



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Mrs Crooks

Director of English



English Literature

Paper 1

Section A (20%) Shakespeare: Othello;

Section B (20%) Poetry: Eduqas Poetry Anthology.

Paper 2

Section A (20%) Post-1914 Prose/Drama: Blood Brothers;

Section B (20%) 19th Century Prose: A Christmas Carol;

Section C (20%) Unseen Poetry.

Learners are not permitted to take a copy of the anthology into the examination





English Language

Paper 1 (40% of Qualification)

Section A (20%) – Reading. Understanding of one prose extract of literature from the 20th century.

Section B (20%) – Writing. One creative writing task selected from a choice of four titles.

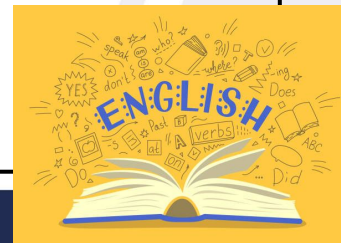
Paper 2 (60% of Qualification)

Section A (30%) – Reading. Understanding of two extracts non-fiction writing - one from the 19th century and the other from the 21st century.

Section B (30%) – Writing. Two transactional/persuasive writing tasks.

Component 3 (Non-Examined Assessment)

Spoken Language.





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English: Literature and Language

English Language

Paper 1

Five reading questions

One creative writing piece

Paper 2

Six reading questions

Two Persuasive writing pieces

English Literature

Paper 1

Othello

Poetry Anthology

Paper 2

Blood Brothers

A Christmas Carol

Unseen Poetry

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar!

Exam board: EDUQAS

Team Work

English Department

Revision sessions:

Pre Christmas - Invited revision sessions.

Post Christmas - Revision after school for all students on an X half, Y half rota.

Students

- Look after yourselves.
- Think about your goals.
- Be organised.
- Attend every lesson.
- Engage with the learning.
- Complete home learning.
- Timed practice at home.
- Complete knowledge and skill based revision.

Parents

- Support knowledge based revision - learning quotations/talking about the texts' characters and plot.
- Loan or buy CGP guides or York Notes.
- Support skilled based revision - encourage reading/timed practice.
- Encourage your child to attend revision if they are struggling to revise at home.



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through of the
English Language
examinations.



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Mr Fluellen

Assistant Headteacher

Our Careers Programme

Careers Lessons - Year 9 and 10

Sessions in Year 11 registration time and Applications Day

- Identifying post-16 options and different progression paths including Apprenticeships
- Understanding Qualifications
- Personal Statement
- Skills



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Our Careers Programme

1:1 Careers Meetings

- Guidance on next steps
- Support with applications

For Parents/carers/students:

- Please contact us if you have any questions
- Ways Forward
- Unifrog



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Autumn Term

- Tonight
- Visiting Speakers
- Andover Area Careers Fair
- Attend Open Evenings at local colleges
- Research different career paths

Applications

- Prepare a personal statement
- Start applying for colleges/sixth forms (you can and should apply to more than one)

Spring Term

- Post-16 Interviews

Always

Support available

Ways Forward and Unifrog



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Post-16/HE Providers

Andover College

Basingstoke College of Technology

Bishop Wordsworth School

Newbury College

Peter Symonds College

Queen Mary's College

Sparsholt College

Rookwood 6th Form

Salisbury 6th Form

AWE Nuclear Security Technologies

Howden Insurance

The Army

The Royal Navy/Marines

Youth Impact

University of Reading

University of Winchester

Winchester College

Test Valley Borough Council

Hampshire Constabulary

Ward & Burke

R E Thompson



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College

Andover College
www.andover.ac.uk

Peter Symonds College
www.psc.ac.uk

Queen Mary's College
www.qmc.ac.uk

Basingstoke College of Technology
www.bcot.ac.uk

Open Events

Saturday, 27 September 2025
Thursday, 13 November 2025
Thursday, 12 February 2026
Wednesday, 6 May 2026
Saturday, 13 June 2026
Timings and booking arrangements to be confirmed on website.
You can apply from 8 October 2025.

Wednesday, 1 October 2025 - 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Thursday, 2 October 2025 - 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Booking arrangements to be confirmed on website - bookings being accepted from beginning June 2025.
You can apply from 15 September 2025; application deadline is 8 December 2025.

Wednesday, 24 September 2025 - 5.00 - 8.00 p.m.
Thursday, 25 September 2025 - 5.00 - 8.00 p.m.
Saturday, 23 April 2026 - timings TBC
Further dates/timings/booking arrangements to be confirmed on website.
You can apply from 3 October 2025.; application deadline is 7 December 2025.

Monday, 13 October 2025 - 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.
Saturday, 22 November 2025 - 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Monday, 27 April 2025 - 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.
Further dates/timings/booking arrangements to be confirmed on website.
You can apply from 13 October 2025.; application deadline is 31 December 2025



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