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Welcome to Year 10 Information Evening

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Important people at KS4



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- Ms Coughlan Head of Year 10/KS4
- Mrs Burrow AHT
- Ms Bird, Mr Mvududu, Mrs Grint, Dr Mardanpour, Mr Burr
- Mrs Nyland HoD English
- Mr Stinton HoD Mathematics
- Mrs Bialek HoD Science
- Mr O'Hanlon HoD RE
- Mrs Johnson Head Teacher

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So how can you help?



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- The most significant impact on your daughter underperforming is poor attendance
- Get her to school on time and encourage her to be on time to lessons
- Remind her the focus of her time in school should be on her academic progress, not the make up, not the eyelashes, and not wearing her uniform in an inappropriate manner
- With Achievement and Behaviour points you will get notification the following morning so it is easy to keep tabs on what is happening

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Where to find information about Year 10



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The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for the URL 'graysconvent.school/y10'. The calendar displays a grid of dates from the 5th to the 30th of the month. Several events are listed as blue boxes with white text:

- On the 14th: '08:40 Trailblazer Dra' and '12:40 Year 10 New S'.
- On the 15th: 'Year 10 Informatio'.
- On the 16th: 'School Council Hus'.
- On the 20th: 'School Council Hus'.
- On the 21st: 'School Council Hus' and '13:35 Lee Valley Cro'.
- On the 22nd: 'School Council Hus'.
- On the 23rd: 'Jeans For Genes D' and 'School Council Hus'.
- On the 26th: 'it Photograph'.
- On the 29th: 'GCSE Geography 1'.

At the bottom of the calendar, it says 'shown in time zone: United Kingdom Time' and 'Google Calendar'.

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Reporting absence



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Is your child ill?

If your child's ill and will be absent from school, you need to tell us.
We use a service called **Studybugs** which makes it easy.

x Not right now

 [Report Absence on Studybugs](#)



Use this
tool to
report
absence



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health


See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted



Working in partnership with:



 brighton and sussex
medical school



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Head Teacher
Mrs Johnson

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GCSE 2023



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**90% of our 2023 Year 11 girls achieving the headline figures of
9-4 in English and 78% in Mathematics**



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GCSE 2023



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Top girls

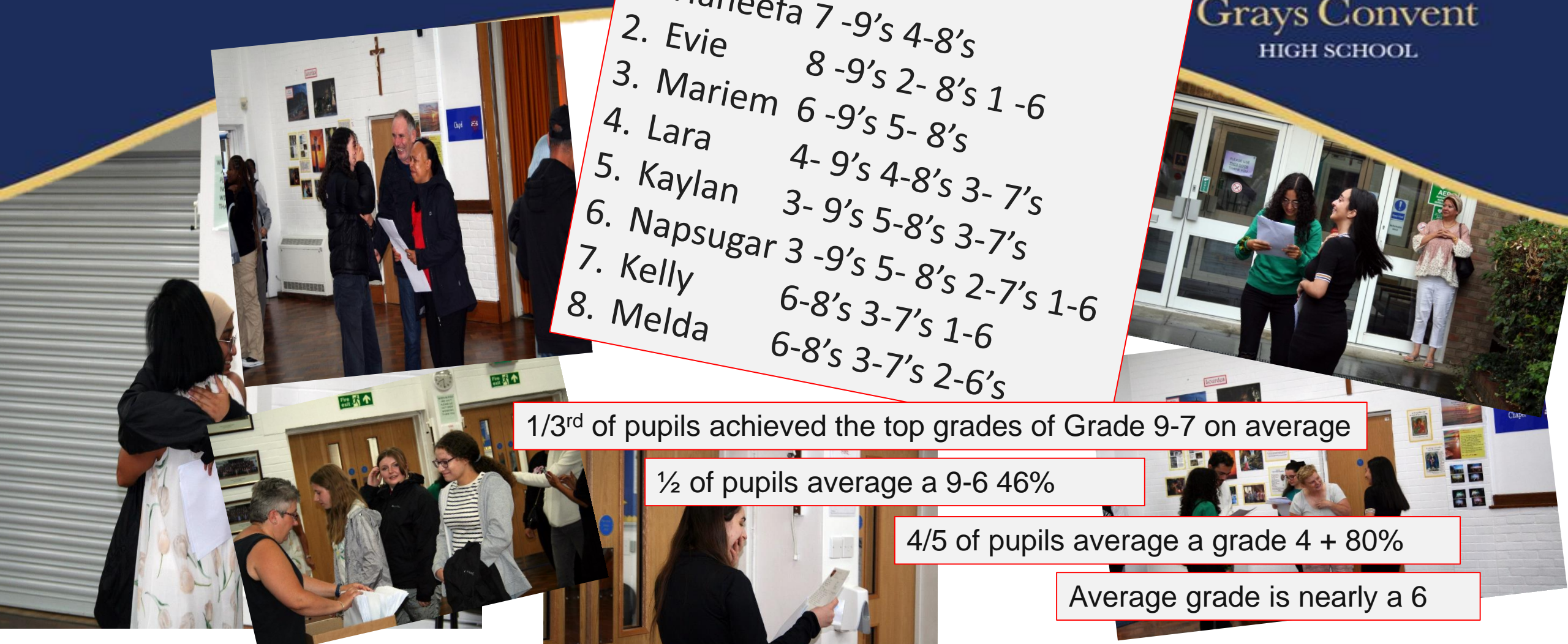
1. Haneefa 7 -9's 4-8's
2. Evie 8 -9's 2- 8's 1 -6
3. Mariem 6 -9's 5- 8's
4. Lara 4- 9's 4-8's 3- 7's
5. Kaylan 3- 9's 5-8's 3-7's
6. Napsugar 3 -9's 5- 8's 2-7's 1-6
7. Kelly 6-8's 3-7's 1-6
8. Melda 6-8's 3-7's 2-6's

1/3rd of pupils achieved the top grades of Grade 9-7 on average

1/2 of pupils average a 9-6 46%

4/5 of pupils average a grade 4 + 80%

Average grade is nearly a 6



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What you need to be aware of at GCSE

- Your daughter will sit **100%** exam courses in all subjects except those with an NEA: D & T, P.E, Computing, Media Studies, Textiles, Music, Photography and Art who still retain what you may have known as coursework.
- **Linear** means that all subjects have exams/units will be sat at the **end of the course in Year 11.**
- A **'9 to 1'** number system for results has replaced grades at 'GCSE'.
- **5** is the recognised **a strong pass grade.**
- **4** equates to the bottom of a **'C' grade, a standard pass.**
- **'9, 8 and 7'** equate to **'A** - A'**, with an A at 7-statistical awards at 9&8
- **We do not set targets to achieve 8's or 9's as they are statistical awards, awarded differently each year.**

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What does that mean for my daughter ?



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Your daughter will need:

- Maths at a 4 (standard pass) or above for post 16 study.& University
- English Language &/ or Literature at a 4 or above. Literature is now equivalent to Language
- Many top schools ask for 5's in Maths & English
- A 6 in the subjects she wishes to study, minimum, some subjects are 'facilitating'
- A 7/8 if she wishes to study Maths or Sciences
- 8 GCSES overall for A level or Level 3 study
- A back up plan !
- There is a route for all pupils at whatever level but it is always good to have this in case she changes her mind or plans change

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Items of note

- We consider changes to GCSEs in Year 11 around about Christmas time . No changes now !
- 90% of the year group are taking a Language.
- We do not make decisions on tiers of entry where relevant, until the last moment, usually in January of Year 11.
- We do 3 Pre-Public Exams across the key stage: a walking talking mock exam in Year 10, a 'timed' walking exam in Year 11 and a PPE at Easter in Year 11 so that we know her really well, as well as her capabilities, to predict a grade.
- Predicted grades November of Year 11- they are changed after mocks
- Careers interviews & support **+/-/= on progress checks**

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Curriculum pages



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[Art Textiles](#)

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[Design and Technology](#)

[Drama](#)

[English](#)

CURRICULUM

Main Entrance



CAREERS

Careers Information

Careers Resources For Students & Parents

Progression Pathways And Opportunities

All students have careers and destinations information in Careers interviews, Option

Support And Help For Post 16 Choices

- This guide is designed to support young people as they prepare for next steps after Year 11 and Year 13 [My Choices Guide for Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](#)
- This guide is designed to support parents and carers to guide their child through post-16 and 18 options [My Choices Guide for Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](#)

Post 16 Options

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Careers Information



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Head of English

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Results in English

English Literature and English
Language

Literature
7-9 35%

English
4+
89.5

Language
7-9 22%

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Pupils follow schemes of work designed to teach the new Pearson Edexcel specifications for **English Language** and **English Literature**.

Pupils' notes or written tasks are kept by the pupils themselves. The work of pupils is marked and regular feedback is given in the form of written advice and G.C.S.E. grades. **Your daughter will need to be organised. Lever arch files, folder dividers and plastic wallets will help with this!**

Half-termly assessments take the form of **exam practice papers** which will be completed under timed conditions in exam conditions. The results of these, along with work throughout the term provide guidance for teachers when completing pupil progress checks.

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Course Overview

| | Year | English Language | English Literature |
|--------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Autumn | 10 | Reading 19 th C. texts (fiction) and Creative Writing | 19 th Century Text (<i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>) Poems 1-5 from the <i>Anthology</i> |
| Spring | 10 | | <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> |
| Summer | 10 | Speaking and Listening Endorsement | Poems 6 -10 from the <i>Anthology</i> |
| Autumn | 11 | Reading 20 th and 21 st C. texts (non fiction) Transactional Writing | Poems 11 -15 from the <i>Anthology</i> Preparing for the Unseen Poems |
| Spring | 11 | Revision | Revision |
| Summer | 11 | Revision | Revision |

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English Literature



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Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature (50%)

Section A – Shakespeare: a two-part question.

Section B – Post – 1914 British play or novel: **ONE** essay question from a choice of two on your studied text.

Assessment duration: **1 hour and 45 minute** examination

19th – century Novel and Poetry since 1789 (50%)

Section A – 19th – century novel: a two part question

Section B – Poetry since 1789

Assessment duration: **2 hours 15 minute** examination

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English Language



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Fiction and Imaginative Writing (40%)

Section A – Reading: questions on an **unseen 19th – century fiction extract.**

Section B – Writing: **a choice of two writing tasks**

Assessment duration: **1 hour and 45 minutes.**

Non-fiction and Transactional Writing (60%)

Section A – Reading: questions on **two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts**

Section B – Writing: **a choice of two writing tasks.**

Assessment duration: **2 hours and 5 minutes.**

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Spoken Language Endorsement



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- Students must demonstrate their presentation skills in a formal setting, listen and respond to questions and feedback, and use spoken English effectively.
- There are no marks for the Spoken Language endorsement.
- Your daughter will be awarded a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction).

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How can you support your daughter?



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Ensure that she is:

- Making use of study guides and revision materials provided.
- Reading a wide and challenging range of Literature. Read non-fiction texts too!
- Re-reading the Literature studied in class and creating mind maps for characters, themes, settings and contexts.
- Creating cue cards with key points and key quotations relating to characters, themes and settings.
- Learning new terminology by adding to a glossary of Literary/linguistic devices used by writers.
- Using practice essay questions to plan and write sections of essays under timed conditions.
- Continued work on SPaG, *KS4 Writing Skills booklet*, www.cybergrammar.co.uk
- *Completing her homework to the best of her ability.*

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Mr Stinton

Head of Mathematics

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Results in Mathematics



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Mathematics

Maths Results 2019

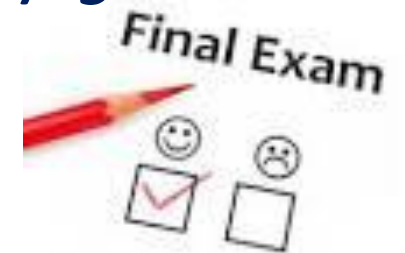
- 72% grade 4-9
- 46% grade 5-9
- 21% grade 7-9

Maths Results 2022

- 82% grade 4-9
- 68% grade 5-9
- 20% grade 7-9

Maths Results 2023

- 78% grade 4-9
- 59% grade 5-9
- 23% grade 7-9



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- Mathematics retains tiers:
- Foundation (grades 1 – 5) & Higher (grades 4 - 9)
- There are no controlled assessments.
- The examinations will almost certainly be harder with several topics from the Higher Tier now appearing on the Foundation Tier syllabus such as using trigonometry and factorising quadratic equations.

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So what's changed? - Maths

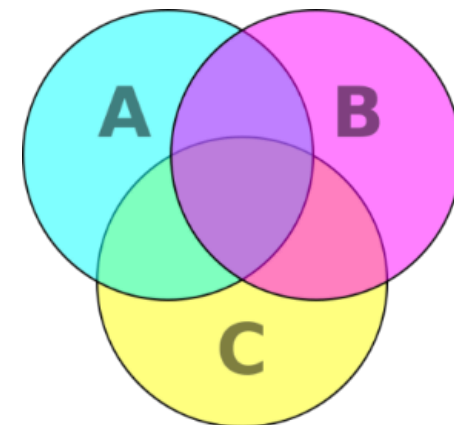


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- Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not assessed. However, there is a greater emphasis on reasoning and problem solving.
- There are some 'new' topics such as Venn Diagrams, iteration and the equation of a circle. We will put a copy of the exam specification on the school website.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



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Additional Support



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- We have started the Edexcel / Pearson GCSE course ! We have completed 6 or 7 chapters in year 9.
- Doing regular practice assessments.
- Setting regular challenging homework.
- Supporting those that need it by having a focus on key topics to get that target grade.
- 'Pushing' those that need it.

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All pupils have a personal account:

www.mathswatchvle.com –these clips that show pupils how to answer questions on every topic on the syllabus. They also provide interactive differentiated questions for each topic to confirm understanding.

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How can you help?



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- Make sure she does her homework on Google classrooms.
- Check she brings her calculator to class – she needs to make friends with it!
- Ask her to read new notes when she gets home to check understanding.
- If she is not sure encourage her to ask.

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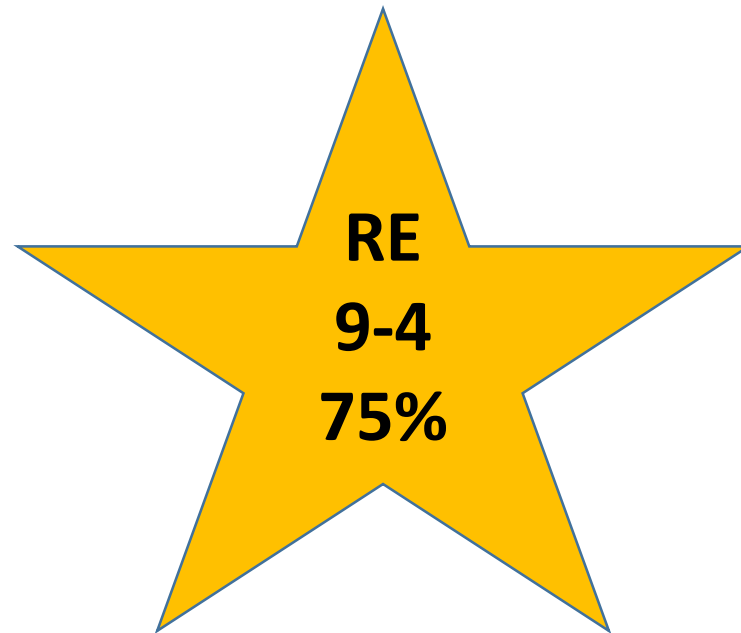
Mr O'Hanlon
Assistant Headteacher
Head of RE

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Results in R.E



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Paper 1. Catholic Christianity - Catholic beliefs, teachings, practices, sources of wisdom and authority, and forms of expression and ways of life.

e.g. Holy Trinity, God's Creation, Catholic social teaching, eschatology



Paper 2. Judaism – Jewish beliefs, teachings, practices, sources of wisdom and authority, and forms of expression and ways of life.

e.g. The covenant, sanctity of life, Shabbat, festivals

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Paper 3. Philosophy and Ethics – e.g. Can we prove the existence of God ? The problem of evil.

Religious teachings on relationships and family life – marriage, family planning, prejudice and discrimination.



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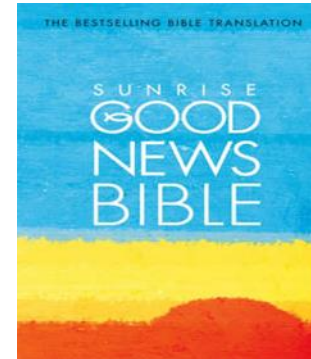
How it's assessed :

Three written exams :

Paper 1 – Catholic Christianity – 1 hour 45 mins. (50%)

Paper 2 – Judaism – 50 mins. (25%)

Paper 3 – Philosophy and Ethics – 50 mins. (25%)



You will need a Bible to help with your studies in Year 10 & 11

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Mrs Bialek
Head of Science

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Results in Science



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| | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Combined Science | 80% | 69% |
| Biology | 100% | 100% |
| Chemistry | 97% | 100% |
| Physics | 96% | 100% |

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Triple Science / 3GCSEs
(Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
Combined Science/ 2 GCSEs

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Biology

Cell Biology

Organisation

Infections and response

Bioenergetics

Homeostasis and response

Inheritance, variation and evolution

Ecology

Key ideas

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Physics

Energy

Electricity

Particle model of matter

Atomic structure

Forces

Waves

Magnetism electromagnetism

Space physics (Physics only)

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Chemistry

Atomic structure and periodic table

Bonding structure and properties of matter

Quantitative chemistry

Chemical changes

Energy changes

The rate and extent of chemical changes

Organic chemistry

Chemical analysis

Chemistry of the atmosphere

Using resources

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Year 10 Science topics



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- C4 Chemical calculations
- P4 Electrical circuits
- B4 Organisation in animals and plants
- P5 Electricity in the house
- B5 Communicable diseases
- C5 Chemical changes
- P6 Molecules and matter
- B6 Preventing and treating diseases
- C6 Electrolysis
- B7 Non- communicable diseases
- C7 Energy changes
- P7 Radioactivity
- B7 Photosynthesis
- C8 Rates and equilibrium

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Triple Sciences



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Biology, Chemistry and Physics

2 written exams for each Science area

Total of 6 papers

1 Hour 45 minutes each exam

Extended/closed questions

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Combined Science



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2 Biology , 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics
exams

Total of 6 papers

1 hour 15 mins each exam

Extended/closed questions

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Additional support



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- Weekly practice of exam style questions in lessons
- Assessment tests at the end of each sub topic to monitor progress.
- Revision sessions
- Access to an Online resource called Kerboodle
- Recommendation on revision materials

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How can you help?



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- Make sure she uses Kerboodle effectively, to read ahead and practice answering extended style questions
- Make sure she completes all of the specimen/past papers on the AQA website <http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>
- Make sure she uses the GC, practising the different 'How Science works' questions
- Make sure she uses the revision guide effectively

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Some Reminders on Expectations



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Achievement and Behaviour

- Achievement points awarded in lessons and extra curricular
- Bronze, Silver and Gold & Platinum Achievement awards
- Behaviour points system, monitored fortnightly by HOY
- Behaviour for Learning
- Respect Card MUST be in top pocket of blazer

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Some Reminders on Expectations

Punctuality

- The school day starts at **8:25am** and registration begins promptly at **8:30am**. SO, FROM 8:30, IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS NOT IN SCHOOL, SHE will BE MARKED AS LATE OR ABSENT.
- Lates to school immediately incur a 10 minute break time detention on the day.
- Lates are monitored and three or more lates in two week period will incur an automatic after school detention.



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Some Reminders on Expectations

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Attendance

- Our aim is for every pupil to maintain a 100% attendance record – on average 95% of our girls achieve this every year
- Research suggests that **17 missed school days** a year = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (DCSF)

So, the better the attendance the greater the achievement. The better the reference!

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Some Reminders on Expectations



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- All absences must be reported before 9am each day.
- Known absence: advance notice OR **'Leave Of Absence Form'**
- Response to Keep Kids Safe messages
- Written notification, giving details of absence, can be handed in at Student Reception or to the Form Tutor on return to school.
- Absence of five days or more must be supported by medical evidence. **Details can be found in the 'Importance of Good Attendance' booklet on the school website.**
- Avoid medical and dental appointments during the school day.
- **Illness is authorised at the discretion of the school**

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Some Reminders on Expectations



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Parents and Staff Working Together

- Please remember to sign to home school agreement.
- Student planner – Teachers may make a note in the planner so please check when you sign it each week.
- The school has a policy of a 24hr response to calls and emails.
- School newsletter and website is an excellent way of keeping up to speed of all school events and important dates and information.
- Please ensure that we have up to date contact information – phone numbers and email addresses.

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Extra Curriculum Opportunities



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- School Play
- Prefecting
- Head Girl
- Senior Student Leadership
- Silver DofE
- Sports clubs
- LAMDA
- Arts Council
- School Council

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Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver



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- Cost £150
- Complete all sections of Bronze
- Return deposit of £34 and Form Dec 15th
- Attend training (when and as)
- Practice Expedition Friday 2nd – Sunday May 4th
New Forest
- Assessed Expedition Friday 17th – Sunday May 19th
- Must complete a presentation on Expedition
- Must complete all sections

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Important Dates



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- Senior Prefect Applications January 20th
- School Play Feb 13th 14th Hairspray
- DofE Awards Evening February 28th
- Head Girl Applications March 1st – interviews W/B March 18th
- Parents' Evening May 23rd
- Year 10 Mock Exams June 5th –June 28th