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**Welcome to
Year 9 Information Evening
Thursday, 20th October 2022**

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Present this evening are:
Mrs Johnson, Ms Boller, Dr
Mardanpour, Mr Woodburn,
Miss Babalola and Miss Coughlan

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Mrs Johnson

Headteacher

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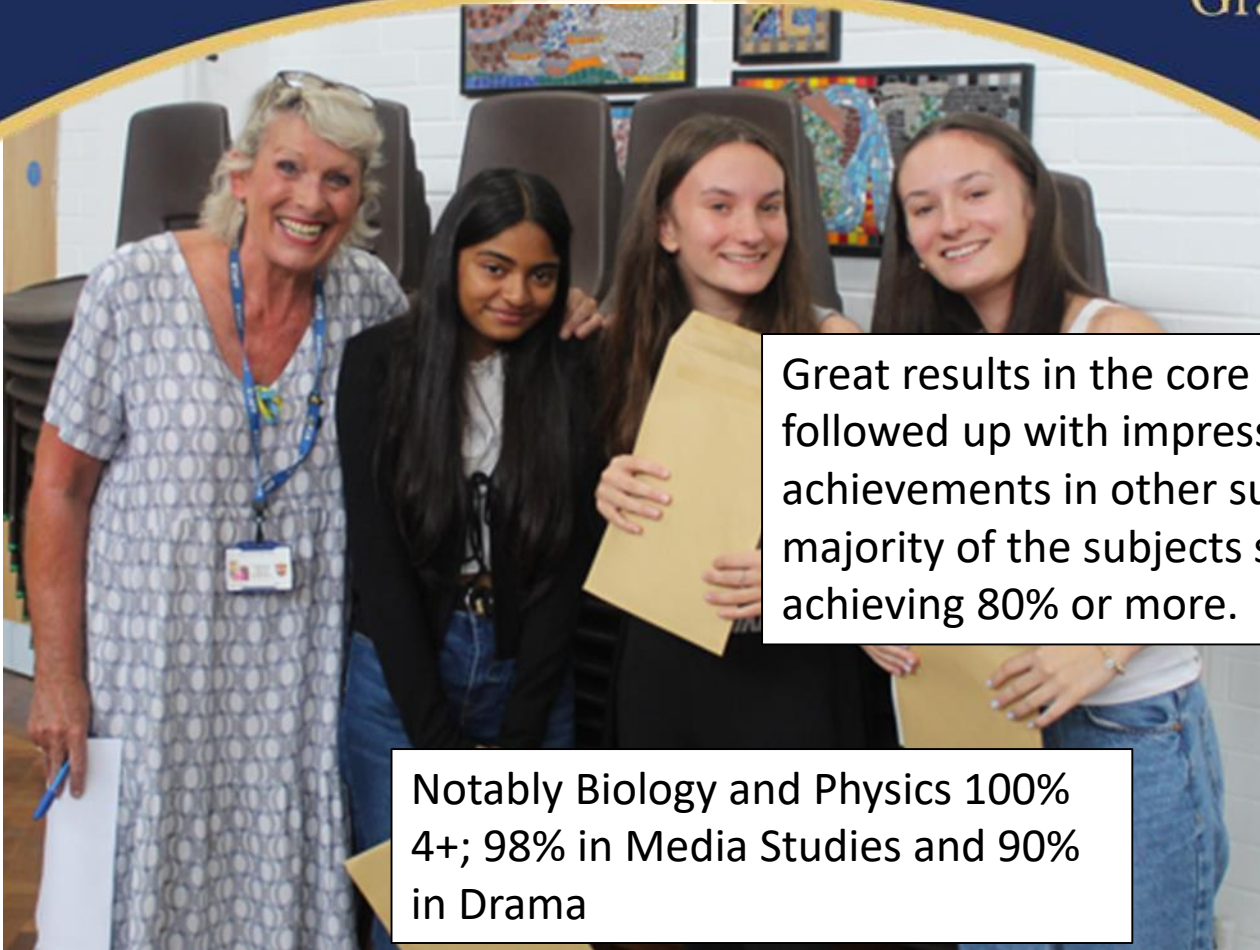


**92% of our 2022 Yr 11 girls achieving the headline figures of 9-4
in English and 82% in Mathematics**

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Great results in the core subjects were followed up with impressive achievements in other subjects: the vast majority of the subjects studied achieving 80% or more.

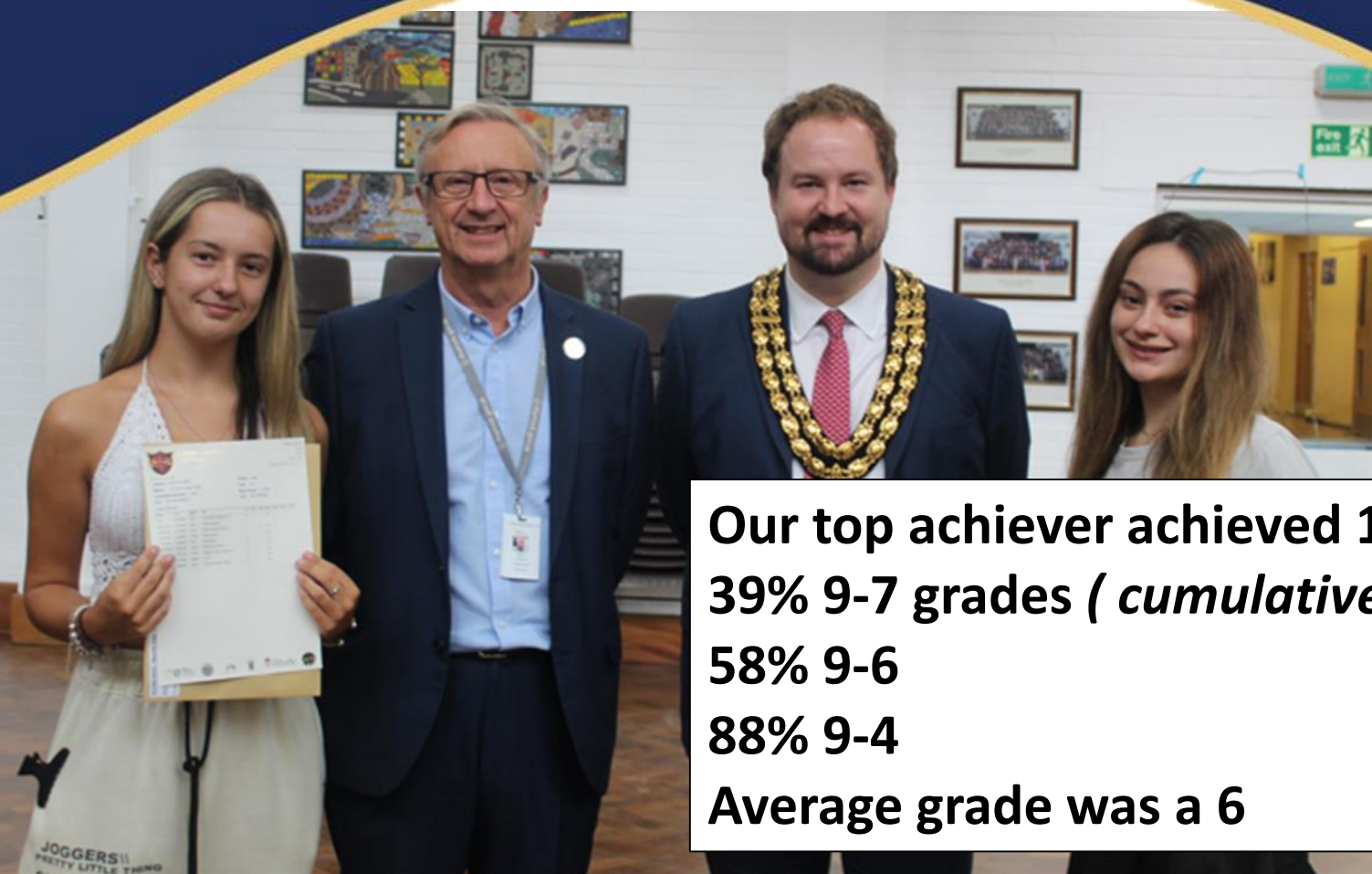
Notably Biology and Physics 100% 4+; 98% in Media Studies and 90% in Drama

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Top Achievers !!



Our top achiever achieved 13 straight 9's
39% 9-7 grades (*cumulative*)
58% 9-6
88% 9-4
Average grade was a 6

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What's changed at GCSE?



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- **100%** linear courses.
- There are few subjects who have controlled assessments : Art, DT, P.E
- A **'9 to 1'** number system replaces grades at 'GCSE'
- **'9, 8 and 7'** = **'A* - A'** and a **'4'** = bottom of a **'C'** grade.
- **Progress in 8 subjects replaces the 5 A* - C that has previously been used.**



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What's changed at GCSE?



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- Progress **8 + 0.9**
- Attainment **8 5.25**

The 8 subjects are : English Language & Literature, Mathematics *plus* three other EBacc subjects (Sciences (2 or 3), Computer Science, Geography, History and Languages) *plus* three further approved GCSE subjects

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What's changed at GCSE?



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How these changes affect your daughter in Year 9

- Increased teaching hours for English & Maths
Greater focus on examinations and memory: long term learning
- Exams this year count for the subjects your daughter will take in the pathways we offer.

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Pathways



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- We operate a pathway model for GCSEs
- Each pathway leads to any route post 16
- Grades are more important than number
- Each pathway has between 8 and 11 GCSEs

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Pathways



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- Ks2 entry level and expected flightpath
- Progress Check results and Cognitive Abilities Test results (8th November)
- Science exams - December
- Level she is working at in English & Maths - how her literacy and numeracy might impact on her ability in some subjects
- If we think she might need to take fewer GCSEs

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Pathways: core



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- Religious Studies (1)
- English Language & Literature (2)
- Mathematics (1)
- Sciences : Triple: Physics, Chemistry & Biology (3) or Combined Science: Trilogy (2)
- Core PE
- PSHEC delivered in Tutor time

**6 or 7 GCSES
from the
core alone**

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Pathways: options

Depending on the pathway the option choices will be:

Art Textiles, Computer Science, Dance, Design Technology, Drama, Fine Art, Food Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Media Studies, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Spanish

There are usually 2 or 3 option choices

**More at
options
time
28th March**

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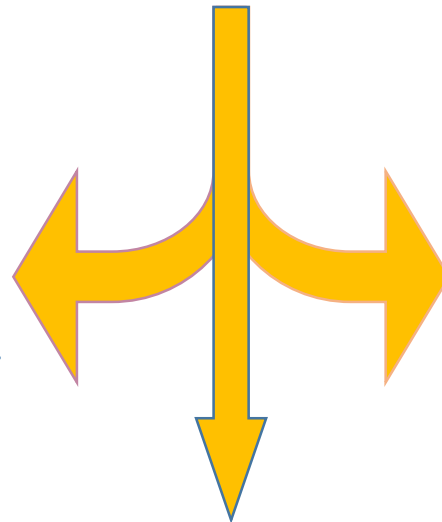
Moving forward...



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Year 11

Work Based
Training
such as an
Apprenticeship or
Traineeship



Work or
volunteering
(with training)

School with a Sixth Form, or
a Sixth Form College, or a
UTC or studio school

The majority of our pupils
study A-Levels at post-16.
Our leavers are educated
across a vast range of post-
16 providers.

The participation age for education has risen to 18

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Some further reading...



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HOME ABOUT US ADMIS

CURRICULUM INTENT

On the 'Curriculum' section of our website, you will find useful information about course content, methods of assessment as well as rationales for the approach to teaching and learning in each subject area.

Information in this section is updated regularly to provide pupils with a further insight into each subject and you receive a curriculum guide half termly .

Curriculum

CURRICULUM INTENT

CURRICULUM
NEWSLETTERS

ART KS3

ART DESIGN,
PHOTOGRAPHY &
TEXTILES KS4

CITIZENSHIP AND
PSHEC

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Our Curriculum Intent At Grays Convent High School

Our curriculum intends to:

- Provide a broad and balanced education for all girls both in and out of the classroom;

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**Some further
reading...**



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HOME ABOUT US ADMISSIONS PASTORAL CURRICULUM PARENT'S SECTION

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Nous Sommes Un Avec Dieu

'We Are One With God'

CURRICULUM INTENT
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DANCE
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
DRAMA
ENGLISH
FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
MATHEMATICS
MEDIA STUDIES
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
MUSIC
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Mr Woodburn Science

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Science Results 2022

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2022

Combined Science	86%
Biology	100%
Chemistry	100%
Physics	100%



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Year 9 Content

Biology

1. Cell Biology
2. Organisation

Chemistry

1. Atomic structure and periodic table
2. Bonding structure and properties of matter

Physics

1. Energy and energy resources
2. Electricity



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How to prepare for a Science Examination



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- Subject content
- Get organised
- Key words
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- Access to an Online resource called **Kerboodle**
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Miss Babalola

English

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English Results 2022



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English Language 4+ 88%

English Language 5+ 73%

English Literature 4+ 89%

English Literature 5+ 80%

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So what's changed - English



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English – Year 9 Curriculum 2022-23

	Term 1a 7 weeks	Term 1b 7 weeks	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Year 9	9.1a / 9.1b Macbeth		9.2a Poetry from Other Cultures	9.2b Spoken Word Poetry and Creative Writing	9.3a Literary Non-Fiction	9.3b Introducing GCSE – An Inspector Calls
Reading Assessment	Written study of a character. Analysis of theme or character. Renaissance Reading Test		Produce writing that analyses one or more poems studied. Unseen poetry assessment piece		Critical commentary of a non-fiction extract. Renaissance Reading Test	Completion of workbook on GCSE text, An Inspector Calls. Renaissance Reading Test
Writing Assessment	Write a monologue or letter which reflects action and/or plot			Creating a piece of poetry	Write a piece of literary non-fiction	
Speaking and Listening Assessment	Deliver a presentation on a theme in the play.			Poetry recitation and/or delivery of own poem		

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Help we are providing



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- Homework club
- Well stocked library and a librarian to help guide your daughter's reading.
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- Interventions
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- Opportunity to purchase revision guides at a reduced cost.

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Dr Mardanpour Mathematics

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Maths Results 2021



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In Summer 2021 the girls achieved

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



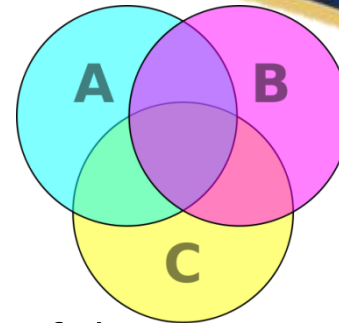
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Ms Boller

**Head of Key Stage/Head of Year
(8 & 9)**

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**WORK HARD,
BE NICE**

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Rewards & Sanctions

- **Achievement points**
- **Behaviour points – Behaviour for learning**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Lates**
- **Punctuality**
- **Social media**

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Pastoral Support Manager



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Mrs Bishop

- A non-teaching member of staff who is part of our pastoral team
- Supports individual pupils but this can overlap into family life or the local community
- Liaises with staff/pupils/parents and outside agencies
- bishope@graysconvent.thurrock.sch.uk alternatively, contact confidential@graysconvent.thurrock.sch.uk

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Eligibility for

Free School Meals

Income support

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – you will need to check your entitlements

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Ms Babalola

English

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English Results 2021



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Head of Mathematics

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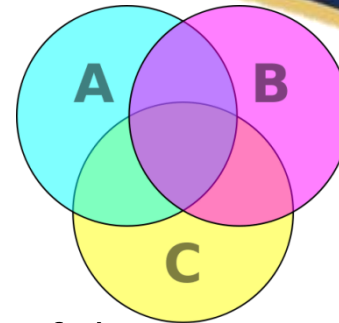
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Science Results 2021



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2021

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Biology	100%
Chemistry	97%
Physics	96%



**Mr Woodburn -
Second in Science**

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Biology



- 1. Cell Biology**
 - 2. Organisation**
 - 3. Infections and response**
 - 4. Bioenergetics**
 - 5. Homeostasis and response**
 - 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution**
 - 7. Ecology**
- Key ideas**

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Chemistry



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- 8. Atomic structure and periodic table**
- 9. Bonding structure and properties of matter**
- 10. Quantitative chemistry**
- 11. Chemical changes**
- 12. Energy changes**
- 13. The rate and extent of chemical changes**
- 14. Organic chemistry**
- 15. Chemical analysis**
- 16. Chemistry of the atmosphere**
- 17. Using resources**

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Physics



18. Energy

19. Electricity

20. Particle model of matter

21. Atomic structure

22. Forces

23. Waves

24. Magnetism electromagnetism

Space physics (Physics only)

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Year 9



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Biology content in Year 9

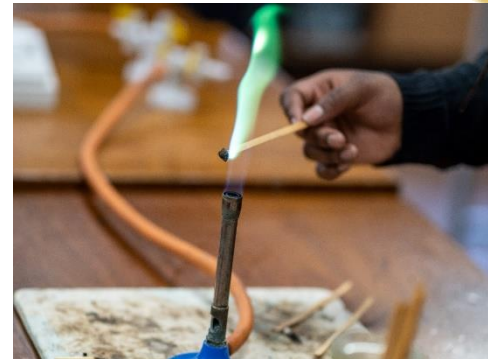
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Chemistry

- 1. Atomic structure and periodic table**
- 2. Bonding structure and properties of matter**

Physics

- 1. Energy and energy resources**
- 2. Electricity**



	Time	Mark	Unit Examined	%
Biology				
B1:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	1-4	16.7
B2:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	5-7	16.7
B1: Triple	1hr 45	100	1-4	50
B2: Triple	1hr 45	100	5-7	50
Chemistry				
C1:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	8-12	16.7
C2:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	13-17	16.7
C1: Triple	1hr 45	100	8-12	50
C2: Triple	1hr 45	100	13-17	50
Physics				
P1:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	18-21	16.7
P2:Trilogy Double award	1hr 15	70	22-24	16.7
P1: Triple	1hr 45	100	18-21	50
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Religious Education (R.E.)



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- Year 9 R.E. develops topics and skills that will be of benefit to pupils who all go on to start their learning for GCSE R.E. in the Summer term.
- Topics studied in Year 9 include : Pilgrimage, Leadership, Prayer, Incarnation, Love, Reconciliation, Paschal Mystery, The Common Good and Judaism.
- Assessments take place each term to monitor progress, and pupils receive regular feedback on how they are doing and on what can be done in order to improve further.
- Access to an online resource called Kerboodle is made available in the Summer term of Year 9 and throughout Years 10 & 11.
- Year 9 are given the responsibility of taking a leading role in the organisation of the school carol service which you will all be invited to on Thursday 8th December at 6 p.m.

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AQA Revision Guides

Websites

<http://www.my-gcsescience.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/>

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

[**https://sites.google.com/view/scienceteacher**](https://sites.google.com/view/scienceteacher)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM7IGCvspoEyIf73YJHI5zzFTo0xOus6U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fNVmDwJk>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/>





THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Grays Convent DofE Centre
Bronze Parents Evening 2022

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The DofE is...

Your DofE programme is a real adventure.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from.

As long as you have started Year 9 you are ready to start.

You can do DofE programmes at three levels:

- [Bronze](#) (from Year 9)
- [Silver](#) (once Bronze has been completed)
- [Gold](#) (aged 16+)

...which lead to a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

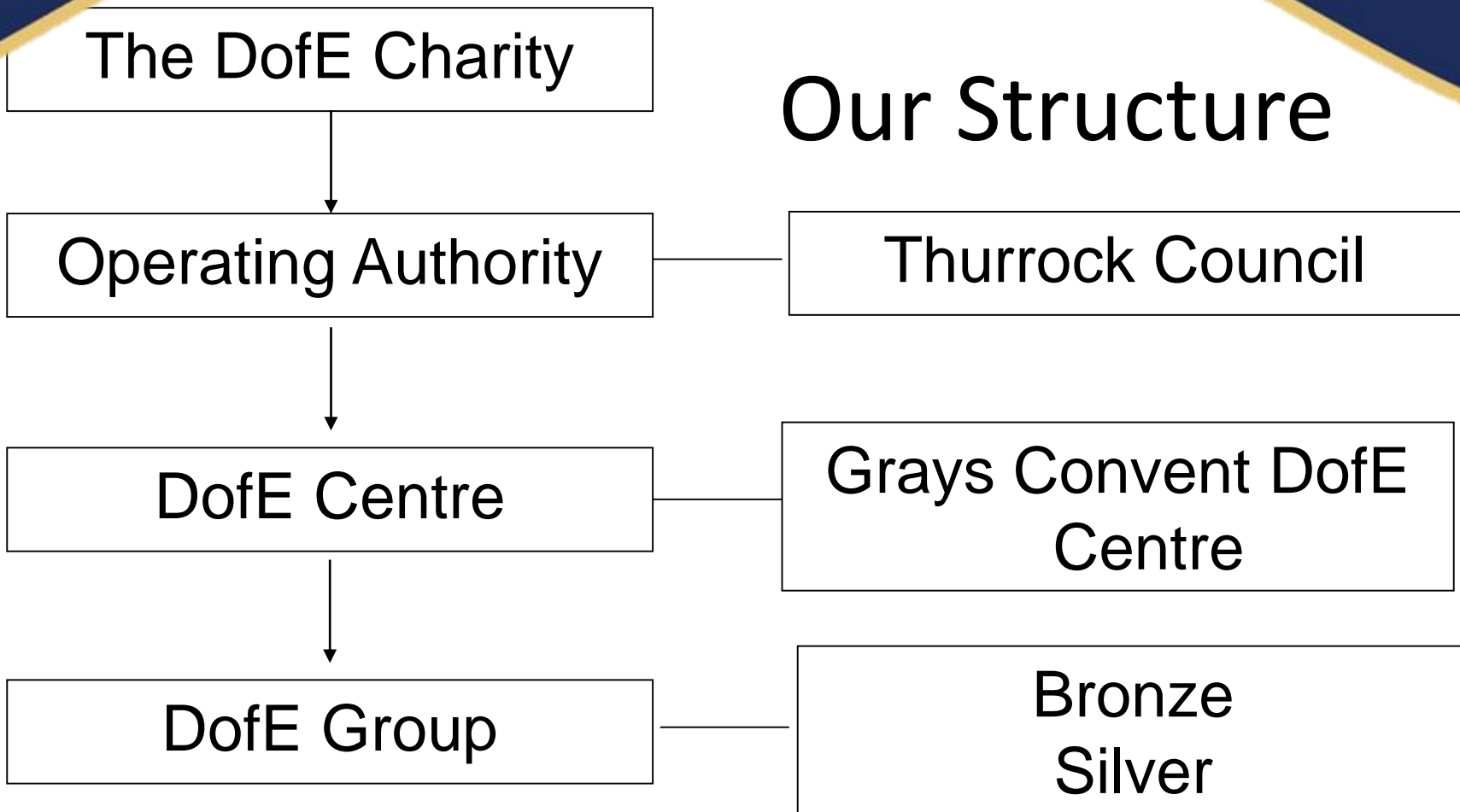
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Our Structure



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Time and age requirements

Level:	Minimum period of participation by:	
	Direct entrants	Previous level Award holders
Bronze	6 months	n/a
Silver	12 months	6 months
Gold	18 months	12 months

Direct entrants are young people starting their DofE programme at either Silver or Gold level, who have not achieved the previous level of Award.

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The DofE is...

You achieve an Award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections:

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- **Expedition:** planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad.

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Choosing activities

There is a massive choice of activities that count towards Dof E programmes. You can select practically any activity you want – as long as it's legal and morally acceptable.

Activities are placed in specific sections for a reason. You need to choose activities you are going to enjoy. Activities could be something that you are already doing or perhaps one you've always wanted to try.

Volunteering

Aim

To inspire young people to make a difference within their communities or to an individual's life and develop compassion by giving service to others.

- Helping people
- Community action and raising awareness
- Coaching, teaching and leadership
- Working with the environment or animals
- Helping a charity or community organisation



Physical

Aim

To inspire young people to achieve greater physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle through participation and improvement in physical activity.

- Team sports
- Individual sports
- Water sports
- Racquet sports
- Dance
- Fitness
- Extreme sports
- Martial arts



Skills

Aim

To inspire young people to develop practical and social skills and personal interests.

- Creative arts
- Performance arts
- Science and technology
- Care of animals
- Music
- Life skills
- Learning and collecting
- Media and communication
- Natural world
- Games and sports



Expedition

Aim

To inspire young people to develop initiative and a sense of adventure and discovery, by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team.

Benefits

Gain an appreciation of and respect for the outdoor environment.

Learn the value of sharing responsibility for success.

Learn the importance of attention to detail and organisational ability.

Develop and demonstrate enterprise and imagination.

Become more able to overcome challenges.

Recognise the needs and strengths of others.

Improve decision-making skills and the ability to accept consequences.

Gain skills to reflect on personal performance.

Learn to manage risk.

Learn through experience.

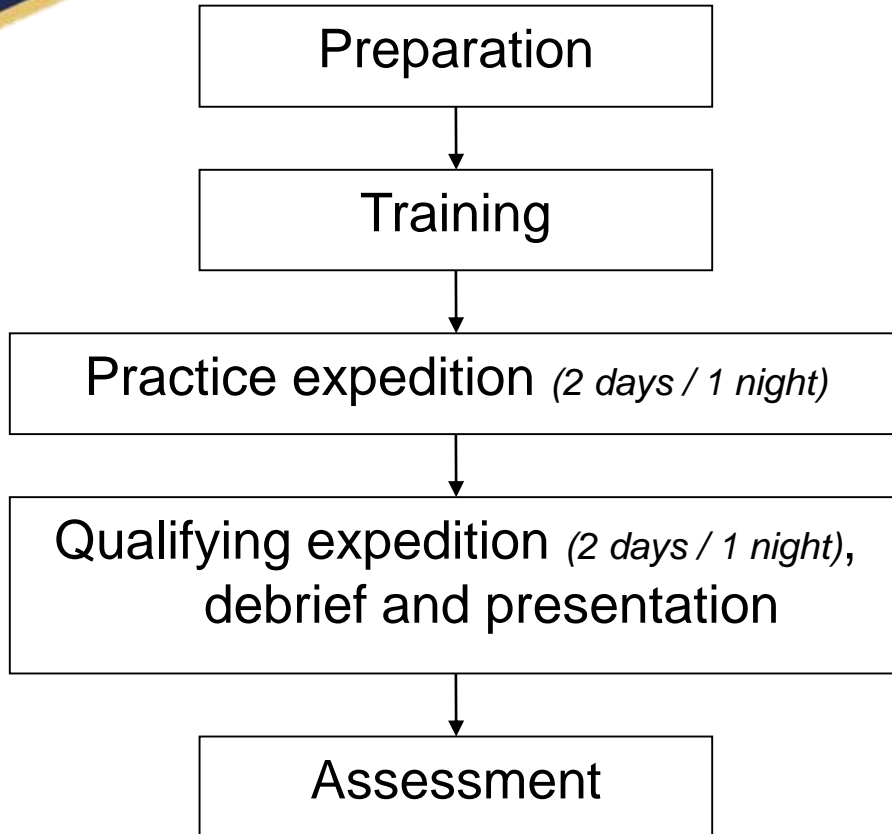
Become more self-reliant.





Grays Convent Dof E Centre

The Expedition Process



All activities are Risk Assessed
Expedition training will be conducted by Grays Convent DofE Centre staff and input and support from Thurrock DoE

Operating Authority holds an AALS Licence

All expeditions are suitably staffed under the Thurrock Council DofE Expeditions Code of Practice

Participants will be remotely supervised whilst on expedition

Specialist equipment will be hired and will be provided within the cost

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Bronze Award (14+ years old)

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train for and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition

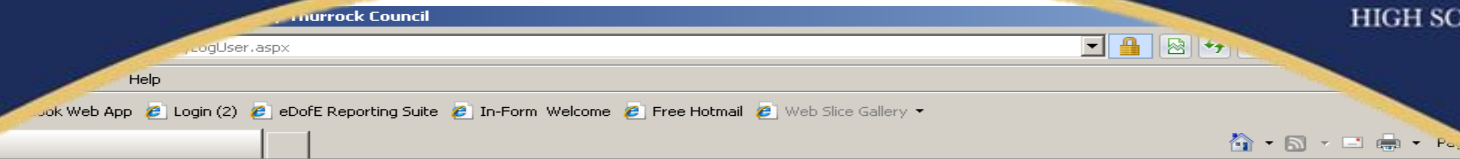
*All participants must undertake a **further** 3 months in one of Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections.*

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Recording your Progression



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Welcome to eDofE!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-24. eDofE enables them to record their intended aims, track their progress and upload evidence of their achievements.

[For assistance click here](#)

Username:

Password:

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Sign in

System status



eDofE is currently fully functional.

As with all good software systems, we occasionally need to make improvements and updates. Any pending downtime in the future will be notified on this sign in page.



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Costs for Bronze Participation

£140 in total (includes enrolment fee) **What does this cover?**

- ✓ Training walk
- ✓ 2 expeditions
- ✓ Camping costs
- ✓ Specialist Equipment Trangias, gas burners
- ✓ First aid training
- ✓ Cooking fuel – Gas
- ✓ Training resources
- ✓ Use of the minibus
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Replacement of worn out kit
- ✓ Payment plans can be arranged

Please don't make money a reason not to do DofE

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What next?

Enrolment: Form and Fee

- eDofE to start, welcome book delivered in post
- Expeditions: 2
- ✓ Pre-qualifying Expedition weekend of June 11th & 12th
- ✓ Qualifying Expedition weekend of 25th & 26th

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Staff

- Miss Coughlan
- Weekly meetings
- Mondays after school 3:30-4:30
- Parents are always welcome if you have any issues or concerns!

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Dates for your Diary



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- **Rise Above Days/Careers**
- **Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) 9th
November 2022**
- **Parent's Evening 24th February 2022**
 - **Year 9 Options 2nd March**
 - **Option Taster week 1st March**