



Year 10 into Year 11 GCSE Support & Guidance Evening

26th June 2025

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Welcome and the Year Ahead

GCSE Examinations

Grading

Progression



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Yr 10

Yr 11

Roadmap

Apr/June
Mock 1 Exams &
Parents' Evening

July
Work
Experience

Sept
Period 6
begins

Sept
PDD:
Careers

Oct
Taster Day

Oct
Parents'
evening

Oct
Parents'
evening

Nov
Mock 2
Exams

Feb
Mock 3
Exams

Feb
Study
room open

Feb
PDD:
English

Jan
Deadline for
Sixth Form
applications

Jan
Academic
Review
Evening*

Dec
Mock
Results
Day

Mar/Apr
Full report
& mock
results

Apr
Easter
Revision &
Study room

Apr
Period 6
ends

May
GCSE
exams start

May
Leavers'
Day

May
Easter
Revision &
Study room

June
Contingency
Day

July
Prom



GCSEs - A Student Perspective

What was it like being a Year 11 student?



What was it like during the exam period?

What can parents/carers do to help their child through GCSEs?

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Be successful at FBA

**Excellent
Attendance**

On time

Homework

**Independent
learner**

**Read for
pleasure**



Ask for help

Be organised

**Outstanding
Attitude to
learning**

Well behaved

**Attend
Revision
sessions**

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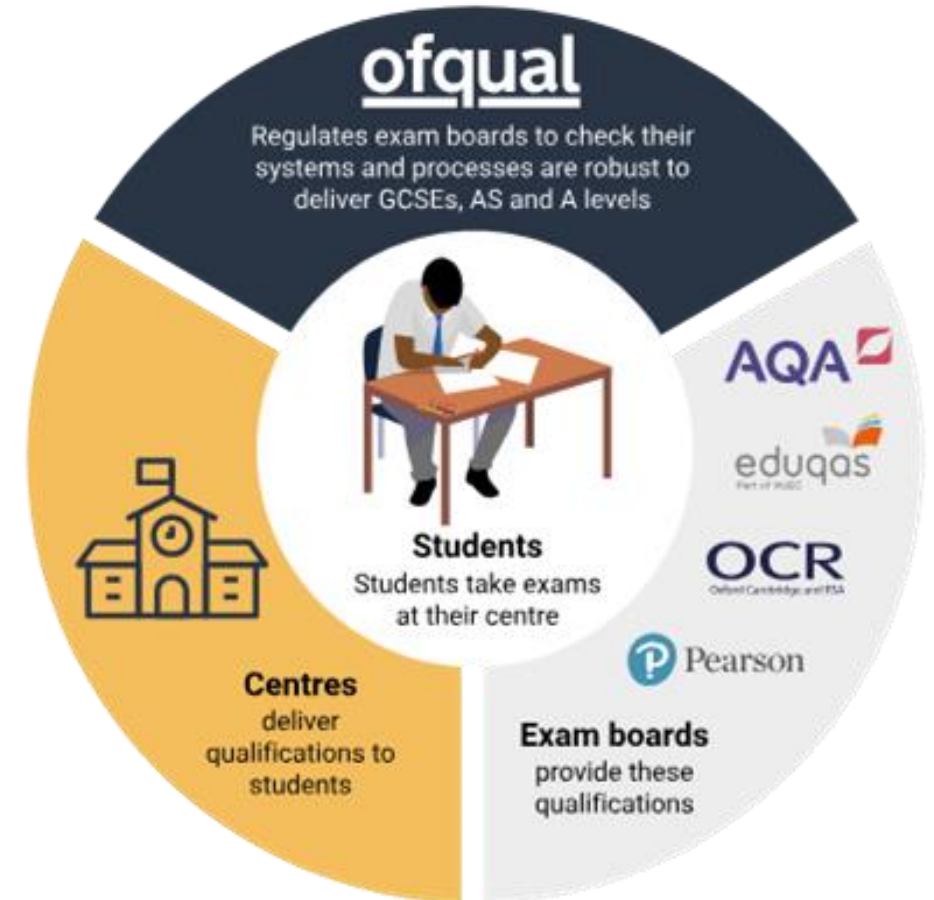
Exams and Grading in 2025

Ofqual organises all exams

Exam Boards

- Specification
- Exams
- Non Examined Assessment (Coursework)

Centres e.g. FBA follow the regulations to ensure exams are delivered effectively



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Examinations General Advice & Guidance

There will be mock examinations and these will mirror what the students will experience in the summer examinations

The examinations take place in a formal setting e.g. Sports Hall

Students will receive a timetable

They need to ensure they are on time and have the correct equipment with them

Please check the examination details below before entering your candidate information

Candidate surname	Other names
Centre Number	Candidate Number
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)	
Time 1 hour 30 minutes	Paper reference 1MA1/2H
Mathematics PAPER 2 (Calculator) Higher Tier	
You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser, calculator, Formulae Sheet (enclosed). Tracing paper may be used.	
Total Marks	

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- You must **show all your working**.
- Diagrams are **NOT** accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Calculators may be used.**
- If your calculator does not have a π button, take the value of π to be 3.142 unless the question instructs otherwise.



Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Turn over ➞



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Student timetable

This is the name printed on certificates, there is a charge to alter this so any errors must be reported to Miss Woodward

Candidate Timetables Report

The Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls



Name: Frances Bardsley
DoB: 06/01/2009 Tutor Gp: 11W
Candidate No: 1906 UCI: 12345678910
Centre No: 12837 Season: SUMMER GCSE/GCE/VCE 2025

Date	Start	Board	Level	Option Title	Option Code	Exam	Unit Code	Room	Seat	Length
09/05/2025	1:15PM	WJEC GCSE	GCSE	Business	C510QS	Business COMP1 Business Dynamics	C510U10-1	GYM	G1	2h00m
12/05/2025	8:45AM	AQA	GCSE	English Literature	8702	English Literature Paper 1	8702/1	GYM	K17	1h45m
13/05/2025	8:45AM	Edexcel GCSE	GCSE	Religious Studies B Option ZN	1RB0ZN	Christianity	1RB0 1B	GYM	K17	1h45m
13/05/2025	1:15PM	AQA	GCSE	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464H	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1H	8464/B/1H	GYM	E14	1h15m
14/05/2025	8:45AM	AQA	GCSE	Geography	8035	Geography Paper 1	8035/1	GYM	G7	1h30m
15/05/2025	8:45AM	Edexcel GCSE	GCSE	Mathematics Option H	1MA1H	Non Calculator (H)	1MA1 1H	GYM	C19	1h30m
16/05/2025	1:15PM	WJEC GCSE	GCSE	Business	C510QS	Business COMP2 Business Considerations	C510U20-1	GYM	G1	1h30m

Students must be present for their exams at the date and time stated on their timetable. **Exams cannot be rearranged.**

Students must sit in the correct seat or they may get the wrong paper or be marked absent

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WEEK 2	P1 & P2 8.45am start		P3 10.55am start (1hr 30mins max)		P4 & 5 1.15pm start
Mon 11 November	French & Spanish Writing Foundation - 1 hr French & Spanish Writing Higher - 1 hr 15mins Sports Hall	BREAK	Normal lesson	LUNCH	RS - 1hr 45mins Sports Hall
Tues 12 November	History - 1hr 45mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Biology - 1hr 45mins Science Trilogy Biology - 1hr 15 mins Sports Hall
Wed 13 November	English Literature - 1hr 45mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Design Technology - 2 hours Food Prep & Nutrition - 1hr 45mins Sports Hall
Thu 14 November	Business Studies - 1hr 45mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Science Trilogy Physics - 1hr 15mins Physics - 1 hr 45mins Sports Hall
Fri 15 November	Maths Non Calc. - 1hr 30mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Media Studies - 1hr 30mins Sports Hall

Example Mock Exam timetable:

Over 9 days with two exams a day

- Period 3 normal lesson
- Go home at the end of an exam in the afternoon

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WEEK 1	P1 & P2 8.45am start		P3 10.55am start (1hr 30mins max)		P4 & 5 1.15pm start
Mon 18 November	Geography - 1hr 30mins Sports Hall	BREAK	Normal lesson	LUNCH	Maths (2) Calc. 1hr 30mins Sports Hall
Tues 19 November	English Language - 1 hr 45mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Chemistry - 1 hr 45mins Science Trilogy Chemistry - 1hr 15mins Sports Hall
Wed 20 November	French Listening Higher - 45 mins French Reading Higher - 1 hour Rose Theatre Spanish Listening Higher - 45 mins Spanish Reading Higher - 1 hour G24		French Listening Foundation - 35 mins French Reading Foundation - 45 mins Rose Theatre Spanish Listening Foundation - 35 mins Spanish Reading Foundation - 45mins G24		Drama - 1hr 30mins Computer Science - 1hr 30mins P.E - 1 hour Sports Hall
Thu 21 November	IT - 1hr 20mins IT Rooms F20 & F39 Child Dev - 1hr 15mins Statistics - 1hr 30mins Sports Hall		Normal lesson		Normal lessons
Fri 22 November	Normal lessons		Normal lesson		Normal lessons

Example Mock Exam timetable:
Multiple exams taking place at the same time but with different finish times.

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What do you need to bring?



Clear pencil case



Black pens



Pencils



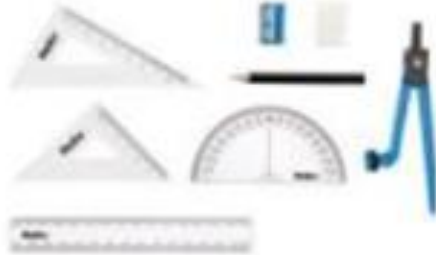
Pencil sharpener



Rubber



Calculator needed for exams not just in Maths - ask your teacher



Maths set



Clear water bottle



Highlighters

This equipment is needed for **all exams**.

Students must have their own equipment or they may lose marks in the exam.

You may require a calculator, ruler and pencil for a range of different exams

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Invigilators

- Invigilators are FBA members of staff
- They are trained and many are very experienced
- They are there to ensure that the students are safe and students must follow their instructions
- They make sure that the exam runs smoothly
- They are there to help students if they become ill



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Exam regulations

Warning to candidates



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

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Instructions before all exams

- Mobiles should be switched off and in bags
- Students must take off their watch
- Empty their blazer pockets (they should have no notes or any unauthorised items)
- All items should be in a clear pencil case
- Remove labels from water bottles
- Enter the exam room in silence
- Follow all instructions from invigilators
- Leave in silence if multiple exams with different end times are taking place in the same room.



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Thursday 20th August 2026

Collect results from school

If unable to collect, someone can collect on your behalf. We do not email results/give these out over the phone.

FBA Sixth Form enrolment

Careers Manager available

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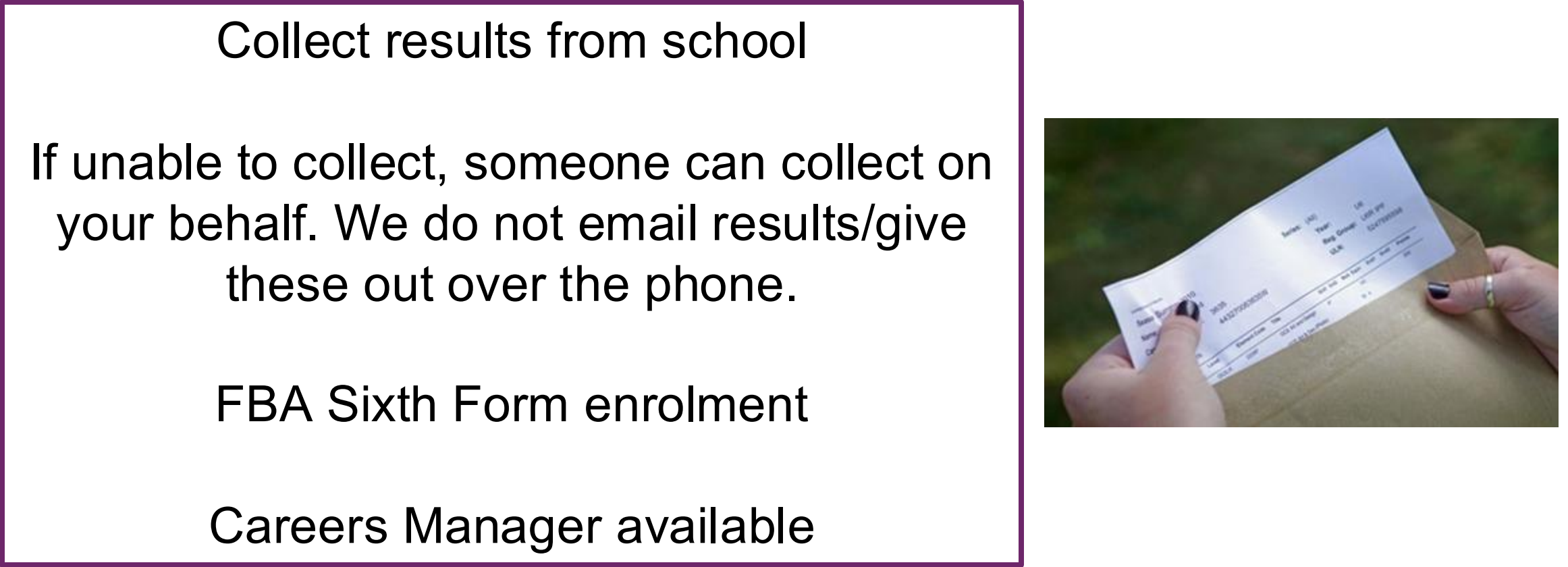
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Why attendance matters

Year 11 pupils with 98% attendance are almost **twice as likely** to achieve **grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE**, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time.

Missing just **10 extra days a year** **reduces** the likelihood of achieving these grades by around **50%**.

Missing school doesn't just affect exam results and a child's time in education – it can impact **future earnings** too.

Persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn **£10,000 less at age 28** compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance.

For each **additional day of absence** between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings.

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Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Learning Hours	
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0	The best chance of achieving good GCSE grades
	99%	188 days	2	10	
Good	98%	186 days	4	20	This is the equivalent of missing an entire topic
	97%	184 days	6	30	
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern.	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5	This is the equivalent of missing an entire GCSE English unit
	94%	179 days	11	55	
	93%	177 days	13	65	
	92%	175 days	15	75	
	91%	173 days	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95	GCSE course are made up of 120 guided learning hours
	89%	169 days	21	105	
	88%	167 days	23	115	
	87%	165 days	25	125	
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135	This is almost 40% of the GCSE course
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5	
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158 days	32	160	
	82%	156 days	34	170	
	81%	154 days	36	180	
	80%	152 days	38	190	

Academic Support

Year 11 have an extended school day every Tuesday from 8:30am until **4:05pm**

Additional Period 6 includes:

- **Walking Talking Mocks**
- **Journey to Success**
- **Subject revision sessions**

This does not take place during mock exam periods and finishes before the final GCSE exams begin

Concludes with an afternoon tea & good luck messages

In-School Support

- Tutor time – Careers, PSCHEE, Reading & She is Studious programme including English, Maths & Science interventions.
- Subject revision sessions
- Study room including Saturday*
- Easter & Half term revision
- Form time & PE Intervention
- Mentoring
- Online Tutoring after school
- Breakfast before exams

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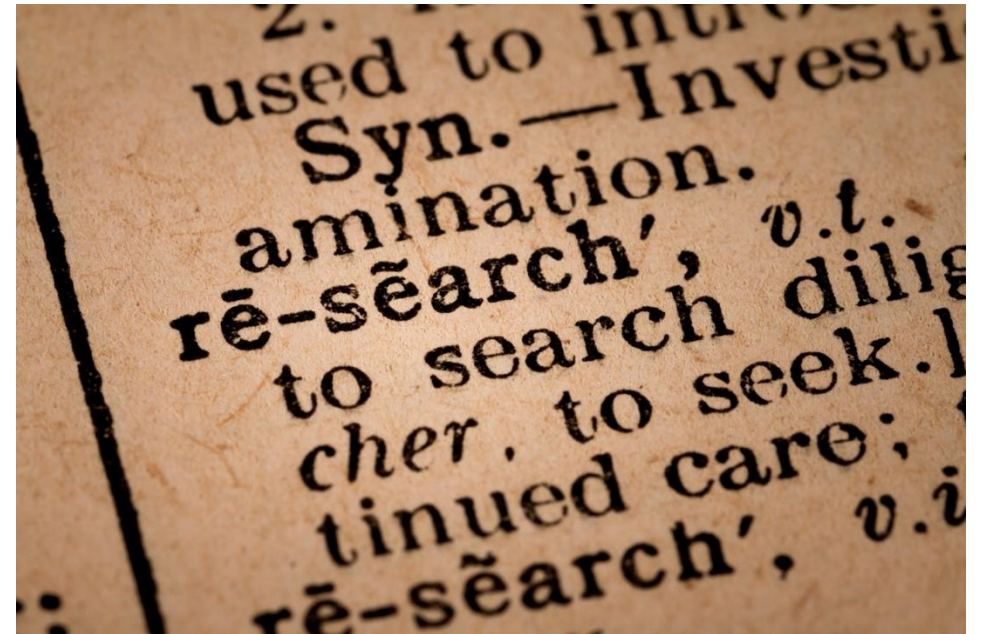
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The Frances Bardsley Academy exists to empower young women with the knowledge and personal characteristics needed to live successful and fulfilling lives

Vocabulary at age 13 strongly predicts both English and Maths at GCSE



Communication Hits No.1 Spot As In-Demand Skill
In 2024, Says LinkedIn



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Student wellbeing & Pastoral Care

We would encourage you watch the pre-recorded session and read the parent booklet about student wellbeing on the school website

Much of the headlines and language about mental health is negative

We want to encourage our students to look after their wellbeing and focus on promoting good mental health by focusing on diet, sleep and exercise.

Number of children in mental health crisis at record high in England

NHS data reveals more than 3,500 urgent referrals of under-18s in May, three times higher than same month in 2019



GCSEs harm our young people. Ministers should have the guts to abolish them - and start again

'I spent my GCSE mock having a panic attack – this is why I'm calling for exam reform'

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Student wellbeing & Pastoral Care

It is important that students should be able to talk about their feelings to an adult they trust this could be:

- Form tutor
- Teachers
- Progress Manager
- SLT link Mrs Hebden
- Wellbeing Team Mrs Martin, Mr Lynagh & Mrs O'Shaughnessy

For parents/carers/family members:

- Use the suggested websites for information and support if required.
- Keep us informed



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Year 11 Exam Preparation Page

Recording of this evening

Information for Parents/Carers
& students

Period 6 programme

Revision timetable

Pre-recorded videos:

- Careers
- How to revise
- Wellbeing session
- Subject sessions

These are available on our
website

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PiXL Parent Pamphlets

- Apprenticeships - An Alternative to University
- Aspirations
- Building Resilience
- Encouraging Independence
- Handling the pressure of external exams
- Helping your child get into good habits
- Hobbies & Opportunities
- How to encourage productive learning
- How to help develop reading and vocabulary
- How to support re-visiting of learning
- Mental Health
- Positive relationships and social connections
- Relaxation
- Screen Time
- Self-care for teenagers
- Sleep
- Social Media
- Transition into secondary school
- Work Experience

MCS Parent App



- Download the MCS Parent App
- All letters are sent out on the app
- Update your contact details
- Get your child's reports to your phone
- See attendance, punctuality and much more

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Questions

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Thank you for listening

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