

# Welcome to Year 11 Curriculum Evening

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025



*Ofsted 2023: “Good”*

*Portsmouth Diocese: “Outstanding” 2025*

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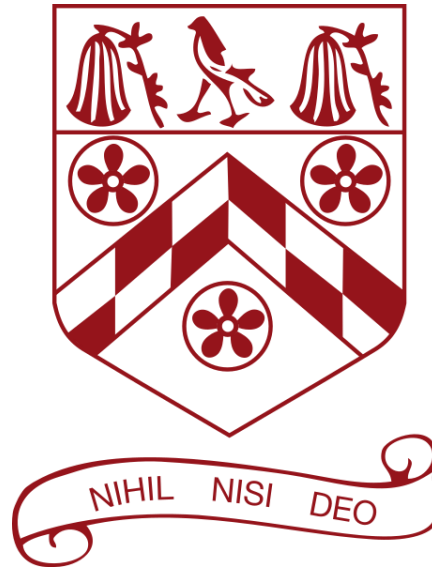
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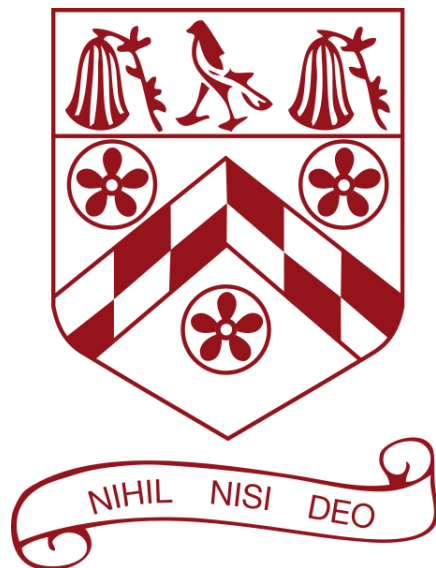
**‘Nihil nisi Deo: Nothing without God**

**Lively faith, active minds and the best place to learn and work’**

# **Mrs A Donaldson**

## **Assistant Headteacher**





# School Prayer

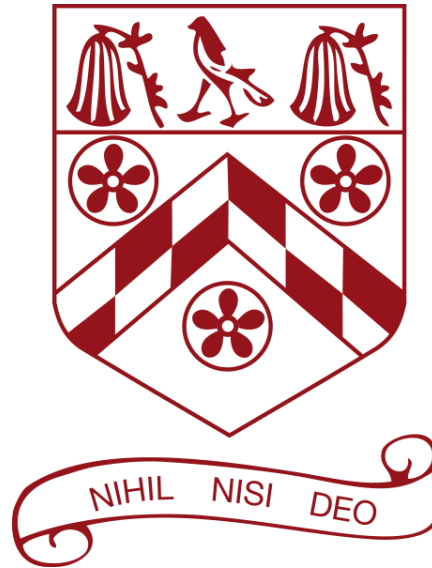
Father  
Pour out your spirit  
Upon our school  
And grant us  
A renewed vision of your glory  
So that we may experience your power,  
Be faithful to your word,  
And consecrate ourselves to your service.  
We pray that your love may grow among us,  
and your kingdom come:  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen

Blessed Hugh Faringdon, pray for us



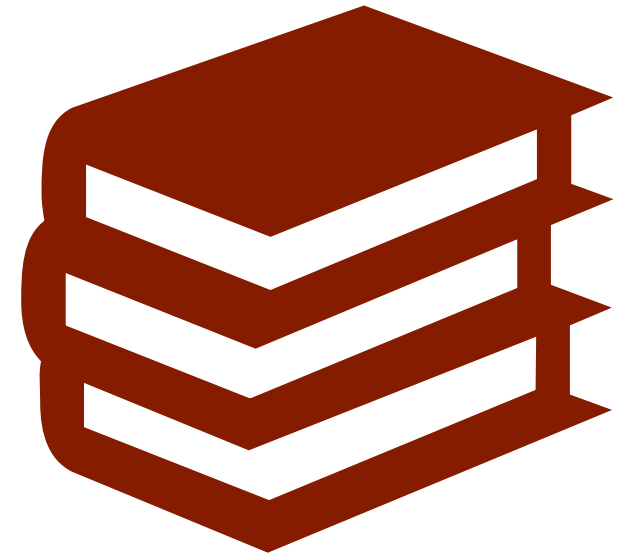
# Mr P Gibbs

## Head of Year 11



# Achieving Success at Key Stage 4

- 221 days until first GCSE exam
- Home-School Partnership
- Subject Opportunities and Support
- Assessment



# “Year 11 Express to August”

- Year 11 Sept → April
  - Exams begin 4<sup>th</sup> May until early July.
  - BTEC and Cambridge Nationals Exams begin January
- Crucial Year, ‘Flies By’ so quickly!
- Accumulates five years of education here at BHF in a set of exams.
- Maximize every opportunity to succeed, reach their potential and make their mark.

# Attendance

School Target 96%

Year 10 Persistent absentees  
Under 90%:

- 24 students
- 15%

Target this year- Less than 10%

## Actions-

- Tutors and Year Leader specific students monitor their progress.
- Work closely with our Attendance Support Worker.

## ATTENDANCE

### Why is it important?

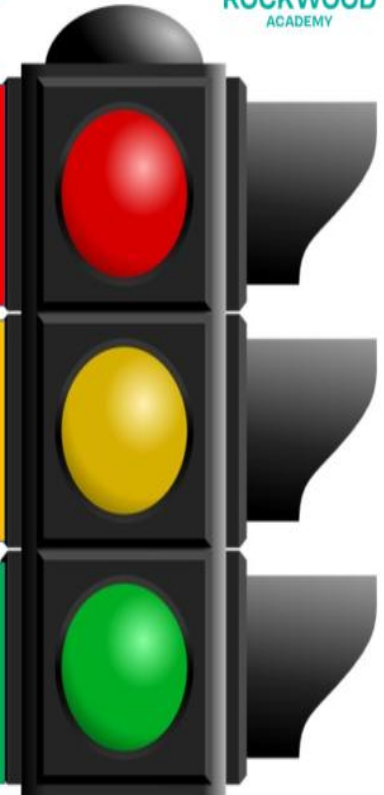


| Attendance | Days absent | Weeks absent | Lessons missed |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 95%        | 9 days      | 2 weeks      | 50 lessons     |
| 90%        | 19 days     | 4 weeks      | 100 lessons    |
| 85%        | 29 days     | 6 weeks      | 150 lessons    |
| 80%        | 38 days     | 8 weeks      | 200 lessons    |
| 75%        | 48 days     | 10 weeks     | 250 lessons    |
| 70%        | 57 days     | 11.5 weeks   | 290 lessons    |

89% or below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

96% - 90%  
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%  
Excellent!



# Uniform

- Role models to the younger year groups
- 3 uniform and jewellery checks a week in tutor time
- Fully aware of items they cannot wear. Most common confiscated items include: Hoodies, socks over tights, jewelled earrings, nose stud, fake eye lashes.
- All 186 students expected to comply with our uniform/jewellery policy

# Year 11- Non negotiables

- **Attendance-** Being in lessons leads to good grades
- **Behaviour-** You know our expectations
- **Commitment-** all worthwhile in the end
- **Destination-** Your results will impact where you end up post 16 education

# ***Key Dates in Year 11: An Overview***

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November– Parents Evening for X Band
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening for Y Band
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening
- December- Mock Results Assembly
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Y11 Mock Exams
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE Exam Period begins (to early July)
- June- Transition Day Sixth Form
- *Y11 Prom – 14<sup>th</sup> July*
- ***Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August– GCSE Results Day***



# "Year 11 Express to August" Key Information For Exam Results

- The Reformed 9-1 GCSE Qualifications
- The 'New GCSEs'
- Results Day – 20th August

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New GCSE grading structure

| New grading structure | Current grading structure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9                     | A*                        |
| 8                     | A                         |
| 7                     | A                         |
| 6                     | B                         |
| 5                     | B                         |
| 4                     | C                         |
| 3                     | D                         |
| 2                     | E                         |
| 1                     | F                         |
| 1                     | G                         |
| U                     | U                         |

GOOD PASS (DfE)  
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

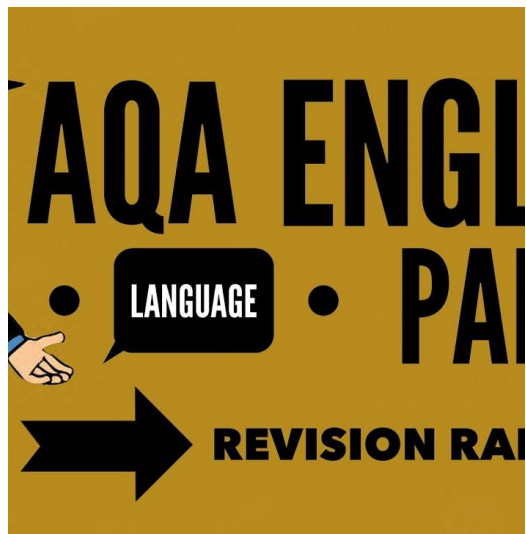
# Core Subject Leaders

**Mrs P Shaw – English**



**Mrs L Amieiro – Religious Education**

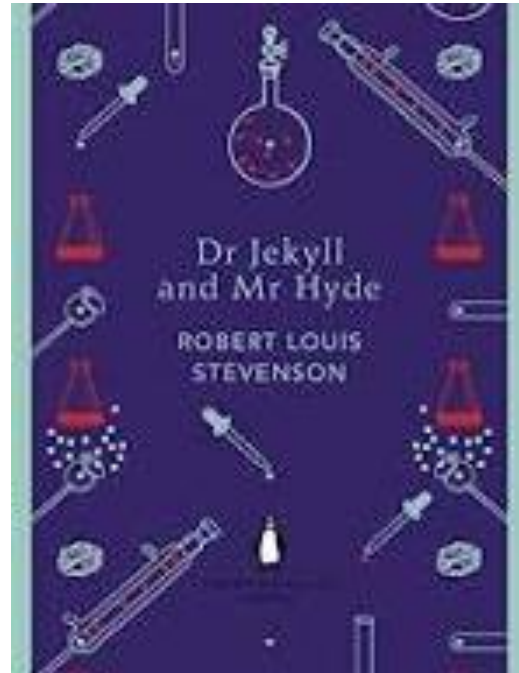
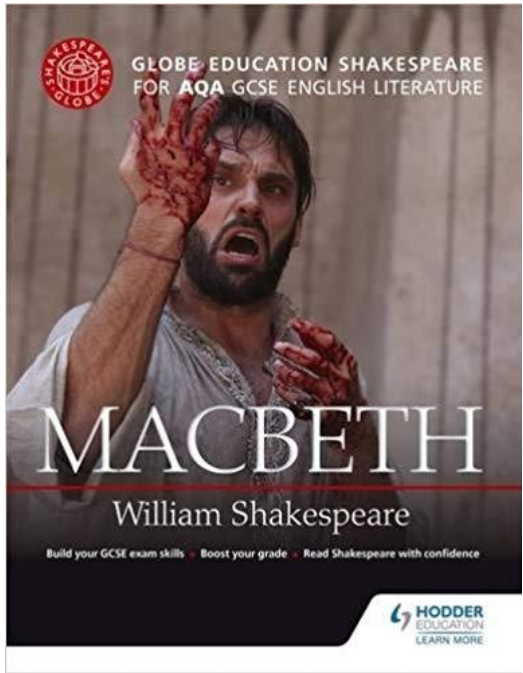
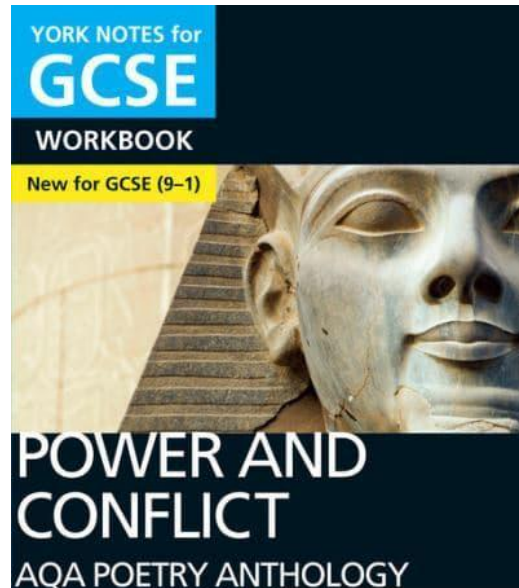




# English Language GCSE

- Mocks in November will be on Paper 1 and 2 English Language with Literature Paper 1. Students who were entered early will do both Literature papers.
- All students have been given Educake accounts for homework which will be largely revision based.
- You can help students revise for Language by encouraging them to read to raise reading speed, exam expediency and proficiency. There are also revision resources online (youtube have plenty for each question) and Q and A sites such as Seneca. We also subscribe to Bedrock and Educake.
- Students can also prepare for this exam through practice. There are practice exam papers for students to pick up from the office and online on the AQA website. We also have revision guides and workbooks at £3.50 each on sale and new all -in -ones £7.00
- Intervention and tuition skills will also be made available, including 6th form academic mentoring. 6th form small group intervention, holiday and early morning sessions had a lot of impact on our 2025 results which were well above national average at 74%..





# English Literature - What the Literature texts look like. . .

- All students are given copies of *Lord of the Flies*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Power and Conflict Poems* and *Macbeth*. If possible, please ensure they bring these to each lesson on these texts as all their notes are in them. Students undertaking EDUQAS will have a different poetry anthology but otherwise all content is the same. Final decisions will be made post mocks in November as the possibility of two pathways for Literature enables some flexibility in terms of the skills students possess.
- Please also be aware of revision guides and workbooks available at the school or online (Amazon) by CGP and other providers for all set texts.
- You can also subscribe online to Mr Bruff and other providers as well as utilize youtube for analysis of all the set texts via scene, chapter, character and theme. PixL literature can also be used.

Interventions at lunchtimes are also running with sixth formers Wednesdays and tutor times with me.

- \*\*For a modern translation of the Shakespeare text, please use Spark Notes No Fear Shakespeare *Macbeth* available online.

*Interventions will also be offered and similarly the holiday , after school and early morning sessions will be available. These also impacted on our results this summer .*

This evening is to help to put your mind at ease...

### Assessments:

These don't contribute to the overall grade, but inform us of *progress*, and *subsequent intervention* AND are great preparation for the actual exam.

Eschatology Assessment Date: X band -Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

Y band – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

You will also be notified via an email from school which are now sent prior to each assessment.

Progress so far.....

Your children have already completed 8 out of the 10 units, giving them a great head start, ready for the exam !!!

2 Exams at the end of year 11:

1<sup>st</sup> – Catholic Christianity 50%

2<sup>nd</sup> – Judaism 25%

- Ethical Themes 25%



An excellent resource is the movie "*The Bible; Son of God*". This can be found on the school website, under "Stream"



## Other support...

AQA have produced a fantastic revision guide which covers the WHOLE RE GCSE course. Most students bought these last year – they are an absolute MUST.

## Websites:

Judaism BBC teach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Wslne-FKg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpFw7DqRMEc>

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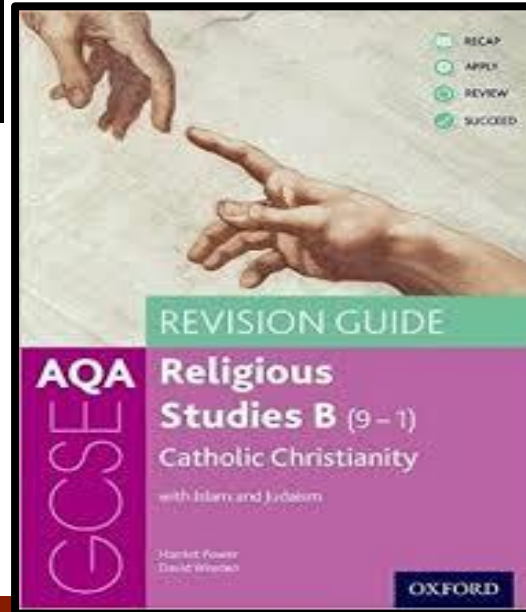
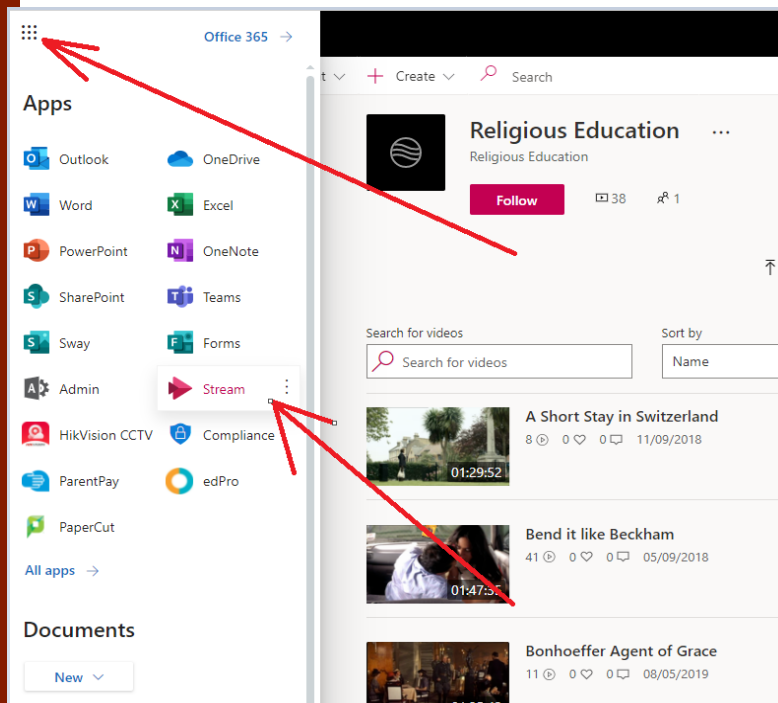
Catholic Christianity

Mr McMillan REvis

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM\\_Kpg\\_Xr6o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM_Kpg_Xr6o)

Also, on

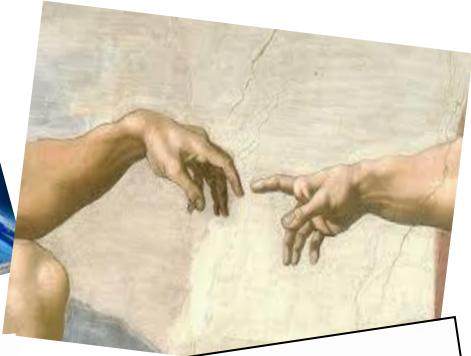
NETFLIX



**"Year 11, What YOU can do to maximise YOUR attainment?"**

**How to prepare for the exam:**

## Bank of references and teachings



## Practice exam Q's

The cover of an AQA Religious Studies (Specification A) (Short Course) exam paper. It includes the AQA logo, the title "Religious Studies (Specification A) (Short Course)", the unit "Unit 4: Roman Catholicism (Ethics)", the date "Tuesday 20 May 2024", and the time "1.30 pm to 3.00 pm". It also features a table for the examiner's use with columns for questions 1-10 and a total score.

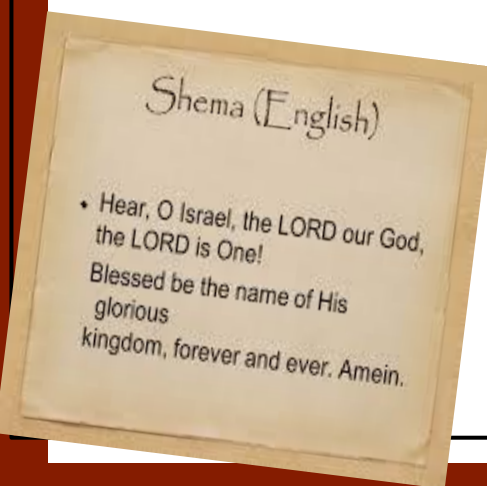
**Prepare for the mini quiz that that you're now being set at the beginning of each week - revision of topics from year 9**

**Test your children regularly on subject content – e.g., keywords**



**To prepare for the Ethical themes' exam papers, be familiar with current and topical issues e.g. family, relationships, equality and discrimination, as well as human rights and wealth and poverty.**

**Finally, continue to give your support**



# Preparing for Exams – and Mock Exams (x2!)

- As referred to in the Key Dates, Year 11 will sit TWO 'rounds' of Mock Exams.
  - November and February
- Information, including Mock Exam Timetables, will be shared with pupils directly
  - GroupCall; Published on the Website in 'Exam' Section
- **Formal, personalised** GCSE Timetables for Summer 2026 will be issued to students from March 2026
  - NB: BTEC Exams in January
- Whole School Exam Timetable published on school website

# Exam 'Routine' - Mocks & the 'Real Thing'



- Same Routine for each set of exams
- Emulate the 'real thing'
  - 'Top Tips' – delivered by subject specialists
  - Same rooms used each time
  - Same Seat for each exam
  - Core Team of Invigilators
  - Exam Access Arrangements
    - Mrs M Edwards SENDCo

# Year 11 Intervention Timetable

- Will be launched in the next 2 weeks
- Subjects starting intervention sessions prior to this, contact will be sent via group call
- Students to attend detentions **BEFORE** intervention sessions
- Communication will be sent home to confirm subjects, days and times
- Future- Interventions during holidays for individual subjects

# Core Subject Leaders

**Mrs J Hulin – Mathematics**



**Miss M Dimbylow – Science**





## Mathematics

Paper 1

Paper 2

Non-Calculator

Calculator

$\frac{1}{2}$  of final assessment each

2 hours 15 minutes

120 marks

## Revision:

SPARX Maths – Independent Learning

Maths Genie – GCSE Revision by topic

Maths Genie – GCSE Exam Papers – Eduqas

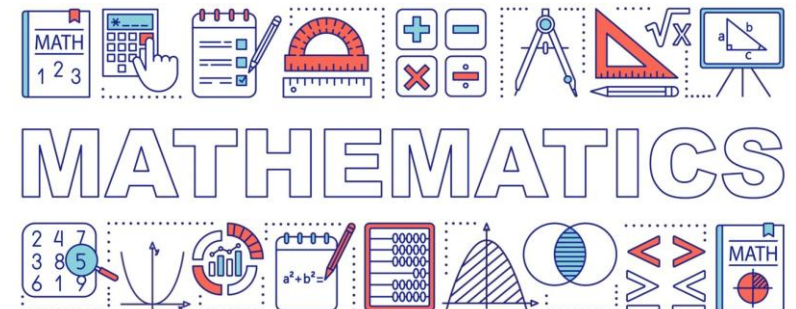
Corbett Maths – 5 a Day GCSE 9 – 1

Invited Interventions

Foundation tier – grades 1 to 5 available

Higher tier – grades 4 to 9 available

Students achieving a 5 or higher by November 2025 Mock Exams are entered for Higher Tier





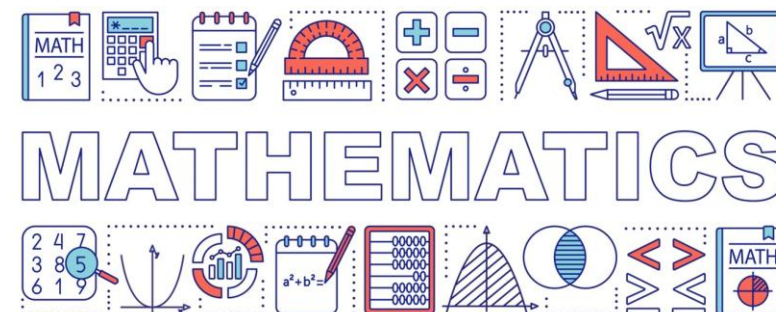
Students in set 3 and 4 who have a target grade less than a grade 4 study the Level 1 Edexcel Award in Number and Measure



## Level 1 Edexcel Award in Number and Measure

| Section A                         | Section B                         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Calculator                        | Non-Calculator                    |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ of final assessment | $\frac{1}{3}$ of final assessment |
| 1 hour 30 minutes                 |                                   |
| 80 marks                          |                                   |

Students will sit this on:  
Tuesday 5th May 2026





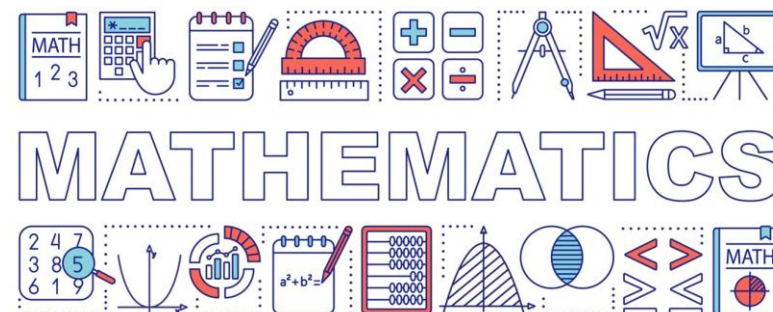
Students entered for Higher tier are considered for GCSE Statistics

| Statistics (Higher only)               |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Paper 1                                | Paper 2 |
| Calculator                             |         |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ of final assessment each |         |
| 1 hour and 30 minutes per paper        |         |
| 80 marks per paper                     |         |

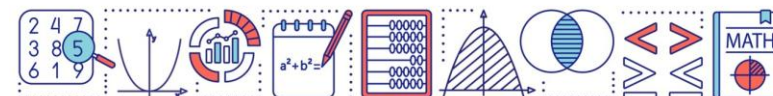
| Statistics (Higher only)               |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Paper 1                                | Paper 2 |
| Calculator                             |         |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ of final assessment each |         |
| 1 hour and 30 minutes per paper        |         |
| 80 marks per paper                     |         |

Students in set 1 who are achieving a 7 or higher by November 2025 Mock Exams are also considered for Level 2 Further Mathematics

| Further Mathematics                    |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Paper 1                                | Paper 2    |
| Non-Calculator                         | Calculator |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ of final assessment each |            |
| 1 hour 45 minutes per paper            |            |
| 80 marks per paper                     |            |



MATHEMATICS





# Equipment Expectations

Maths set including:

Ruler

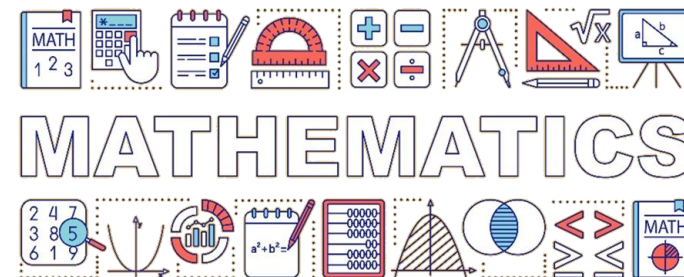
Pair of Compasses

Protractor

Set Square

Scientific Calculator (Casio FX-83GT-CW or Casio fx-85GT – CW)

Older calculators are accepted but often have reduced functionality compared to the recommended ones. These have all now been discontinued by CASIO.



## MATHEMATICS

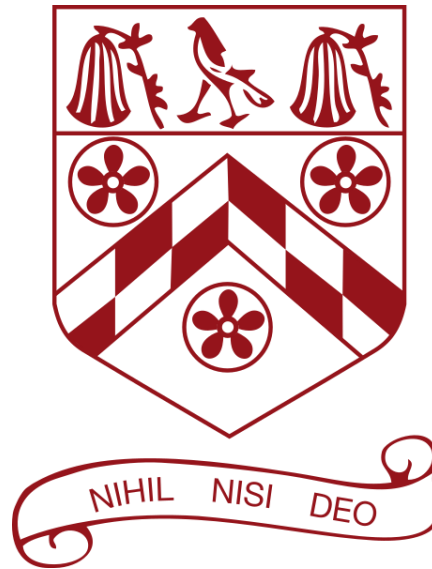


# Science GCSE (separate and trilogy)

- AQA Combined Science Trilogy
- AQA Separate Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Those who achieve 4-4 in mocks will be offered to try for higher paper
- Mocks in November will be paper 1 of biology, chemistry and physics.
- Revision guides, revision cards and exam practice booklets are all available to purchase through Parent pay.
- Intervention – every fortnight (week A Wednesday)

# Ms H Jordan

## Head of Sixth Form



# Preparing for Sixth Form Study

- 96% Attendance
- Good and Excellent Effort grades
- Proactive, curious mind. Ask questions!
- Independent work habits
- Love what you do



# What you can look forward to...

- Increased independence – early finish/late start with attendance privilege
- Career pathways to Higher Education & Apprenticeships
- Work experience placements throughout the school year
- Leadership opportunities in school & wider community
- Smaller class sizes and specialist teaching for great results!
- \*Sports qualifications via coach and player development programme with Reading Rockets\*





## How Can We Help?

- Open Evening – Thursday 20th November
- Taster lessons in school
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form buddies & Subject Ambassadors for Q&A
- Talk to your teachers!
- Guidance interviews in the Spring Term
- Guest speakers from Higher Education and industry
- Intervention to get you on track

# ***Transition Timeline***

- |                                                      |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ❖ 20th November                                      | 6th Form Open Evening |
| ❖ WC 24 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Taster lessons        |
| ❖ 19th December                                      | Application Deadline! |
| ❖ 5th January onwards                                | Interviews            |
| ❖ 23rd onwards February                              | Offer letters posted  |
| ❖ 22nd & 23rd June                                   | Transition Days (TBC) |
| ❖ August Results Day - Confirmation and Registration |                       |

# *Blessed Hugh Faringdon Sixth*



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# Mental Health and Wellbeing at Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School.

If you can, start by talking to your parents or carers, they may be able to help more than you think!

## Support-

- Form tutor
- Year leader
- Pastoral support team
- School counsellor
- Sixth form peer supporters



Outside of school you can find support from your Doctor or calling 101. You can also try;

**Kooth;** [www.kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

**Childline; 0800 1111**

[www.childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)



# Year 11 Tutor team



**Mrs E Avduli**



**Mrs A Wej-Nunoo**



**Mr D Holifield**



**Mrs L Guernion**



**Miss K Edwards**



**Miss J Warren**



# Year 11- Support Network

Assistant Head Teacher  
Mrs A Donaldson



Head of Year  
Mr P Gibbs



KS4 Pastoral and Achievement Co-Ordinator  
Mrs G Craig



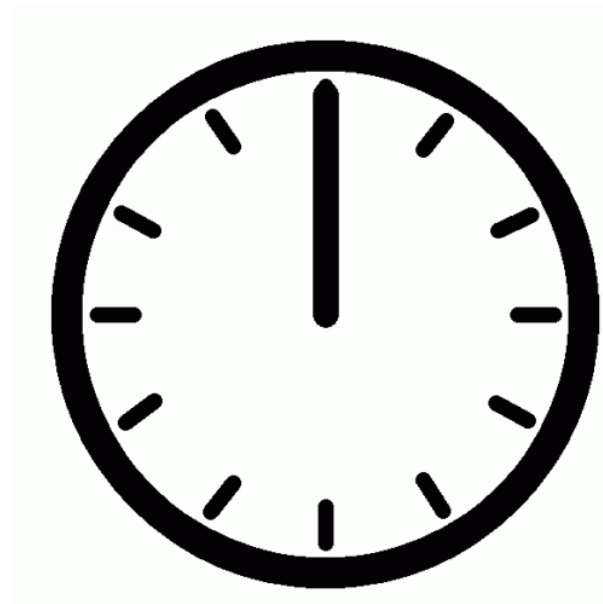
# Key Contact Details

- School Telephone: 01189 574730
- Mr P Gibbs : [p.gibbs@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:p.gibbs@hughfaringdon.org)
- All are formatted the same
  - First initial . Surname @ hughfaringdon . org
- Other staff: [admin@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.org)

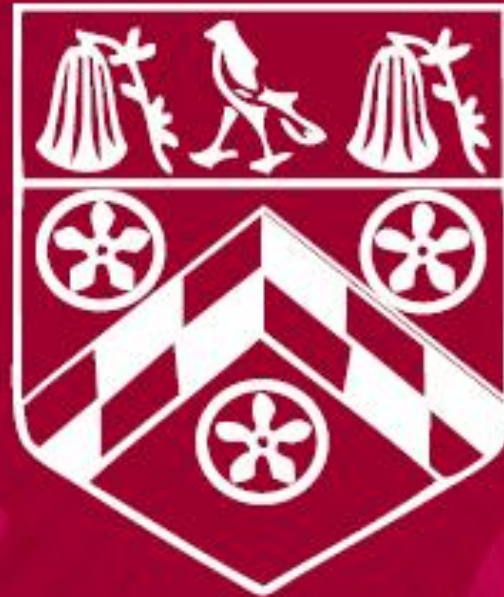
# Keeping up to Date: Sources of Information

- Curriculum Booklet
  - Hard-copy given at  
Curriculum evening  
last year, copy on school  
website
- Curriculum Overview on  
School Website
  - Links to the slides from  
tonight and the tab that  
links to exam information.

221 days



**Thank you for your attendance this evening**



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*Nothing  
Without God*