

Welcome to Year 11 Curriculum Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026



Ofsted 2023: “Good”

Portsmouth Diocese: “Outstanding” 2025

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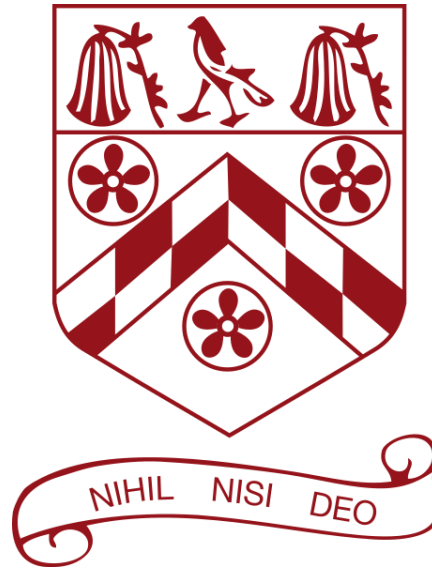
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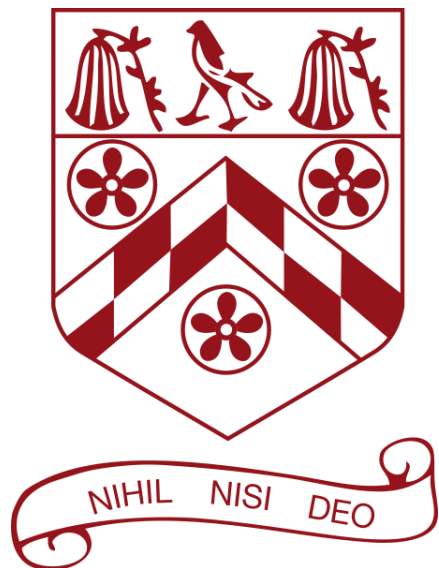
‘Nihil nisi Deo: Nothing without God

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

Mrs Donaldson

Assistant Headteacher





School Prayer

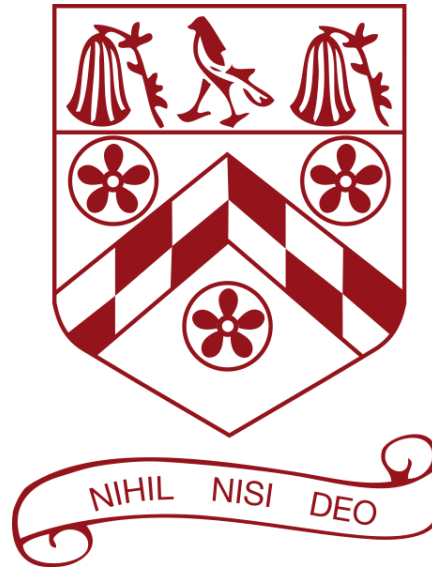
Father
Pour out your spirit
Upon our school
And grant us
A renewed vision of your glory
So that we may experience your power,
Be faithful to your word,
And consecrate ourselves to your service.
We pray that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come:
Through Christ our Lord
Amen

Blessed Hugh Faringdon, pray for us



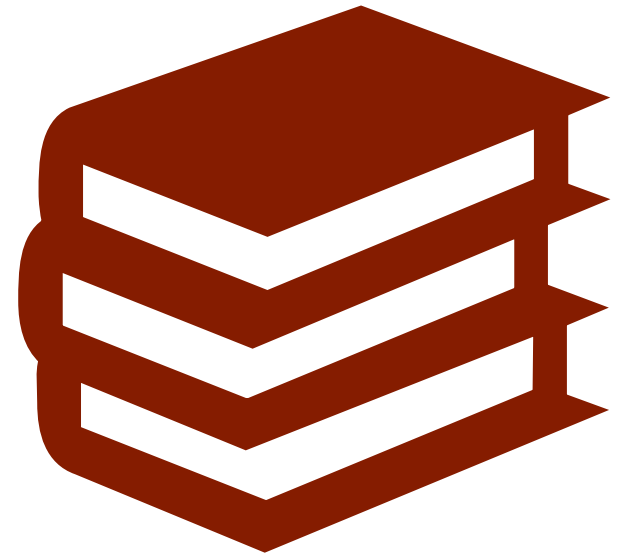
Miss Surtees

Head of Year 11



Achieving Success at Key Stage 4

- GCSE exams are fast approaching
- Home-School Partnership
- Subject Opportunities and Support
- Assessment



“Year 11 Express to August”

- Year 11 Sept → April
 - Exams begin 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%

Actions-

-Tutors and Year Leader specific students monitor their progress.

-Work closely with our Attendance Support Worker.

ATTENDANCE

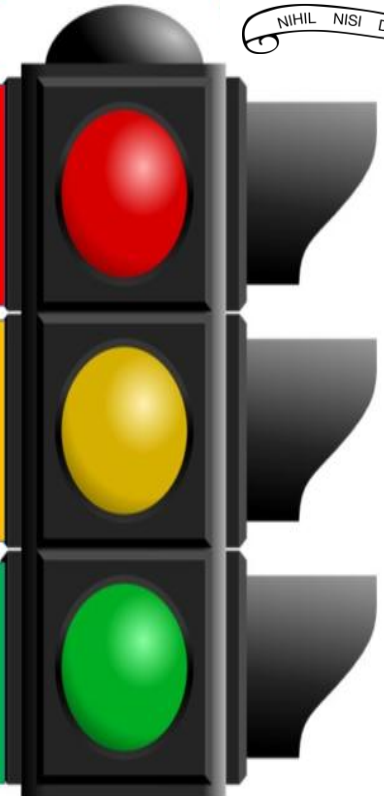
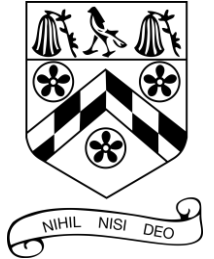
Why is it important?

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!



Year 11- Non Negotiables

- **Attendance**- Being in lessons leads to good grades
- **Behaviour & Uniform** - 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

- Thursday 5th November– Parents Evening for BL, DB, MK
- Thursday 12th November – Parents Evening for ML, MT, OR
- Monday 16th November–Y11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 26th November – 6th Form Open Evening
- January - Mock Results Assembly
- Monday 8th February –Y11 Mock Exams
- Monday 4th May– GCSE Exam Period begins (to early July)
- *Y11 Prom – 7th July*
- ***Thursday 19th 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 – 19th 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

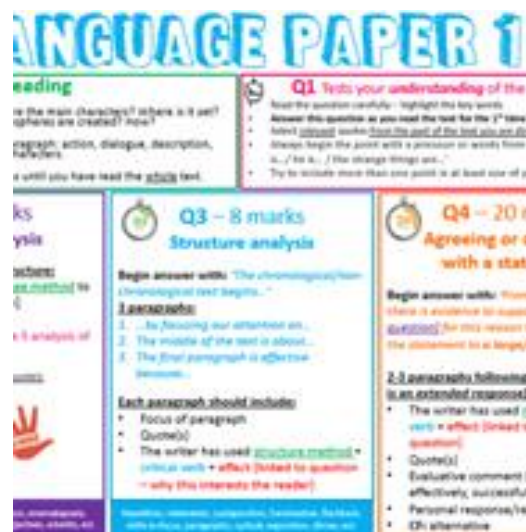
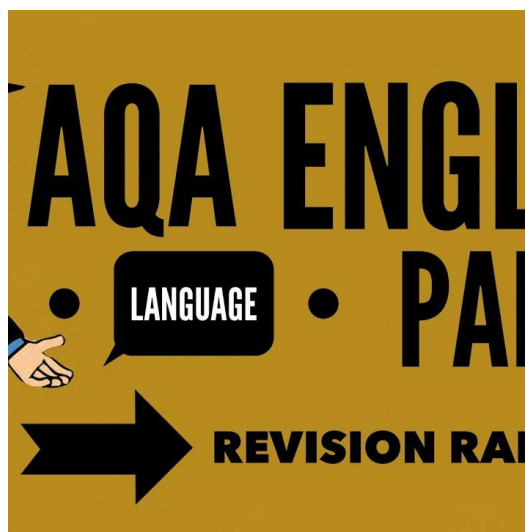
Mrs Shaw – English



Mrs Amieiro – Religious Education

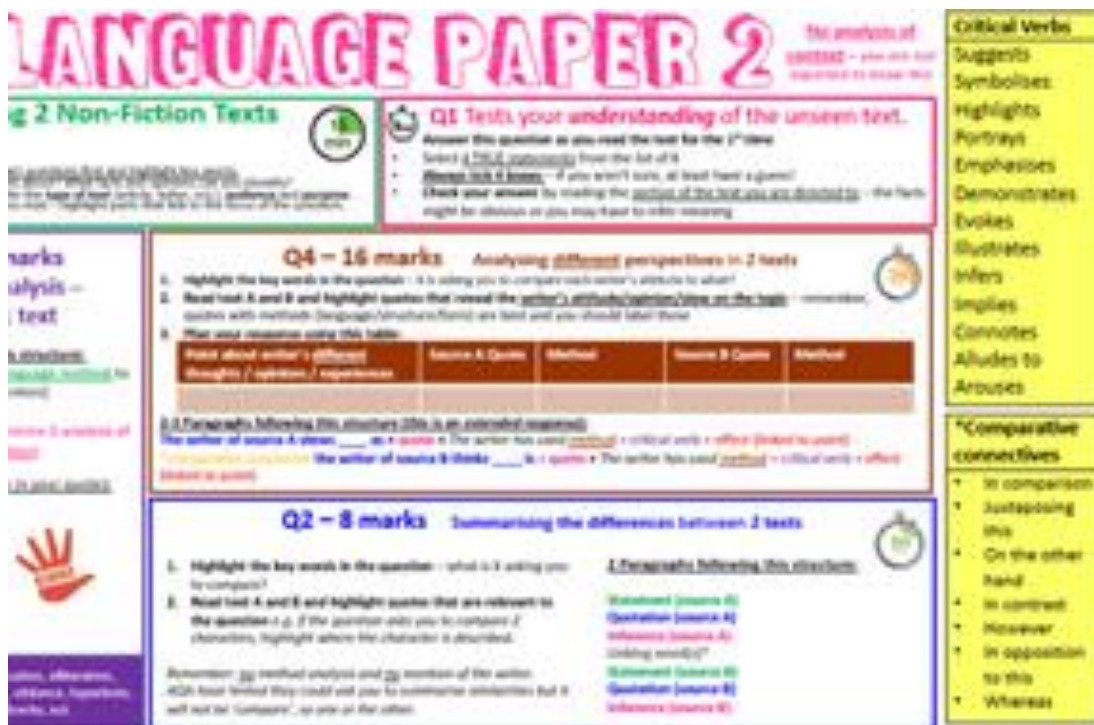


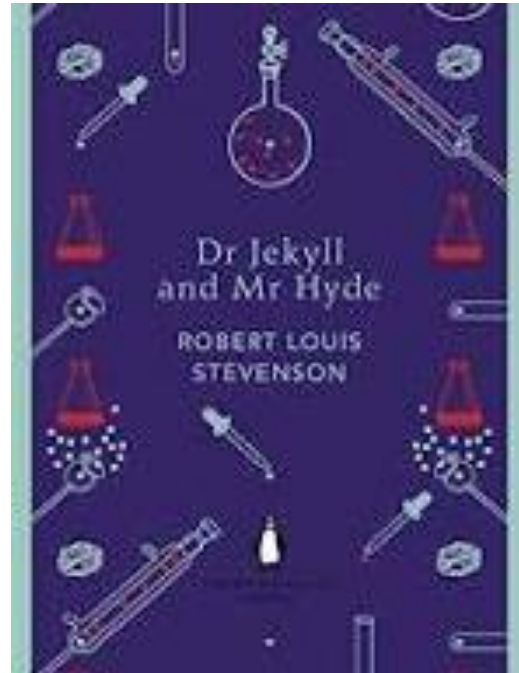
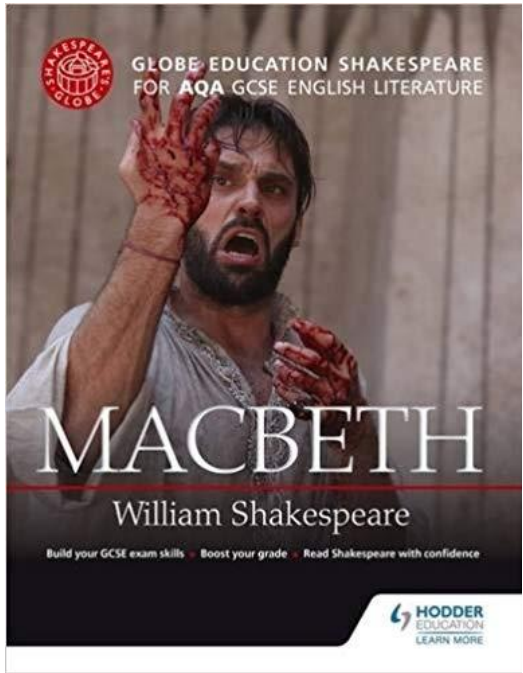
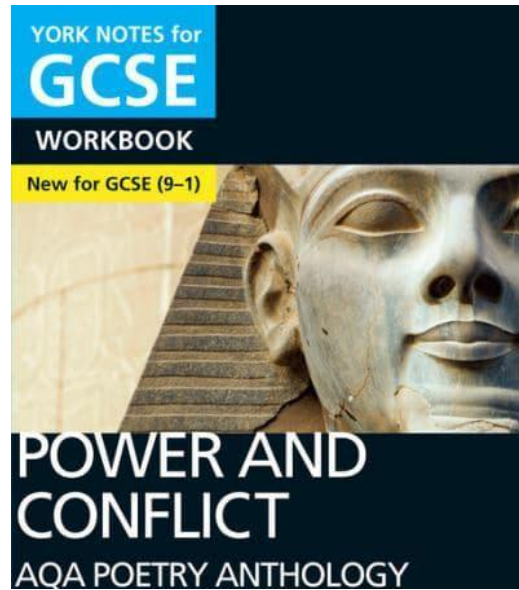
Mr Milne – Teacher of Religious Education



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 2026 results which were well above national average 78%.





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.

Pathways have already been set after the early entry students have moved on to the literature course and other students have been considered for Eduqas.

Our results in Literature also demonstrate our students can achieve significantly above the national average.

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 and Y band
–Thursday 15th 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 7 out of the 10 units, giving them a great head start, ready for the exam !!!

2 Exams at the end of year 11:

1st – Catholic Christianity 50%

2nd – Judaism 25%

- Ethical Themes 25%



An excellent resource is the movie "*The Bible; Son of God*". This can be found on a selection of platforms



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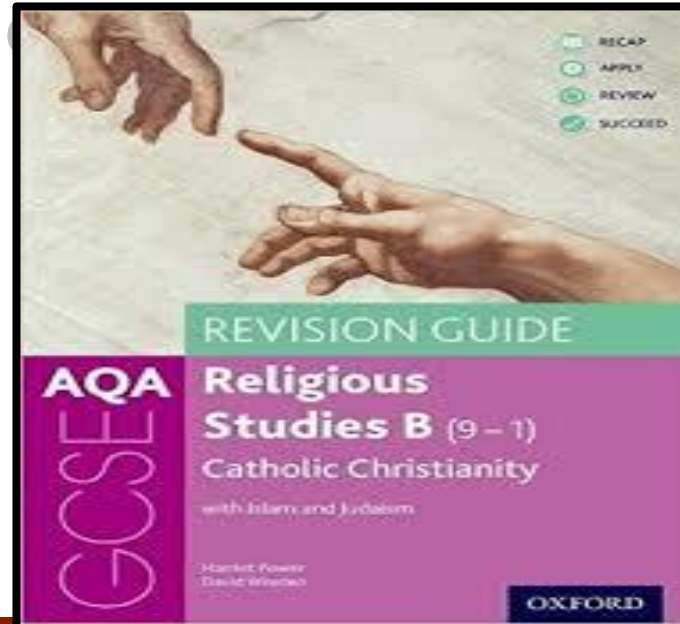
amazon
prime video



Other support...

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

Can be bought for *only* £4!!



Websites:

Judaism BBC teach

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QZ792rjcVE>

Catholic Christianity

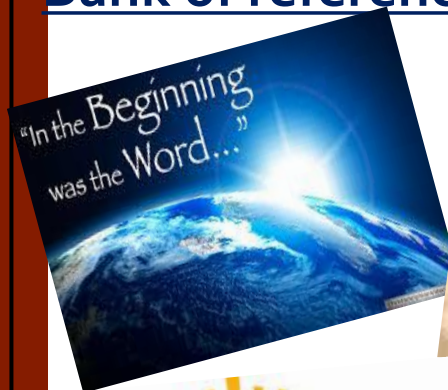
Mr McMillan REvis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM_Kpg_Xr6o

"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

AQA General Certificate of Secondary Education June 2004

Religious Studies (Specification A) Religious Studies (Specification A) (Short Course)

Unit 4: Roman Catholicism Ethics

Tuesday 20 May 2004: 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

405004

1. Answer Question 95 or Question 96. Write your answer to either Question 95 or Question 96 on pages 12 to 20 of this booklet. Do not write outside the lines around each page or on spare pages.

2. You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the lines around each page or on spare pages.

3. Do all rough work in this booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

4. If you use any additional sheets, tie them securely to the back of this booklet. Do not write on the insert. Any work on the insert will not be marked.

5. Do not place the insert into the answer booklet at the end of the examination.

6. The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

7. The question mark for 95 paper is 10.

8. Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) which will be assessed in Part B. These marks are shown below the main allocation for Questions 95 and 96.

9. You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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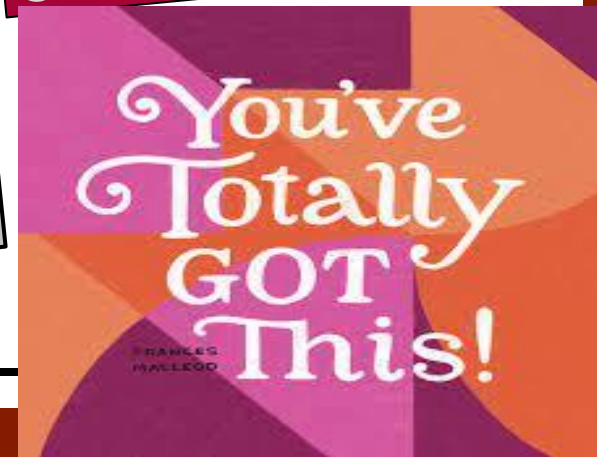
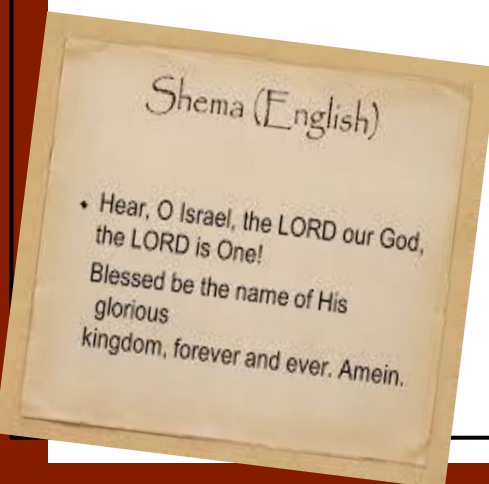
The best way to improve is to practice exam questions

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



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

Old Maths Genie – GCSE Revision by topic

Old Maths Genie – GCSE Exam Papers – Eduqas

Corbett Maths – 5 a Day GCSE 9 – 1

Dr Frost – GCSE revision and Exam Questions by topic

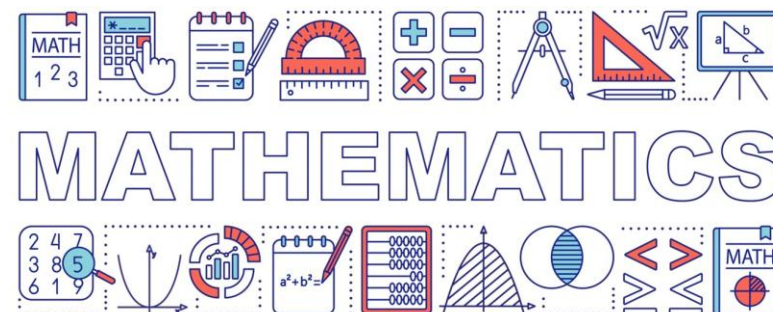
Invited Interventions

Foundation tier – grades 1 to 5 available

Higher tier – grades 4 to 9 available

Students achieving a 4 or above by November Year 11 Mock Exams are considered for Higher Tier

Students achieving a 5 or above by February Year 11 Mock Exams are entered for Higher Tier





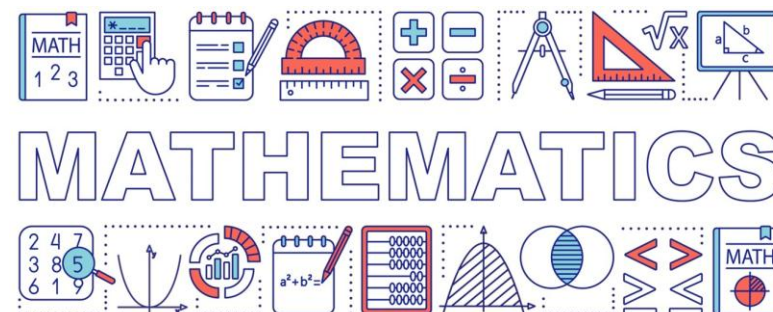
Students in set 3 and 4 who have a target grade less than a grade 4 study the Level 1 Edexcel Award in Number and Measure

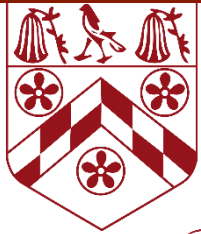


Level 1 Edexcel Award in Number and Measure

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 who haven't yet
achieved this will sit this on:
Thursday 6th May 2027





Students who are achieving a 5 or higher by November Mock Exams are considered for GCSE Statistics

Students should be achieving a grade 6 or above in February to be entered 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



Our partners in learning

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

Students should be achieving a grade 8 or above in February to be entered for Level 2 Further Mathematics

Further Mathematics

Paper 1

Paper 2

Non-Calculator

Calculator

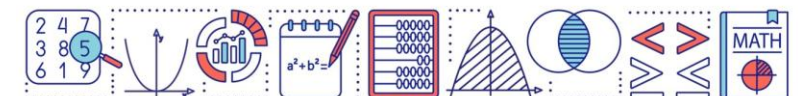
$\frac{1}{2}$ of final assessment each

1 hour 45 minutes per paper

80 marks per paper



MATHEMATICS





Equipment Expectations

Maths set including:

Ruler

Pair of Compasses

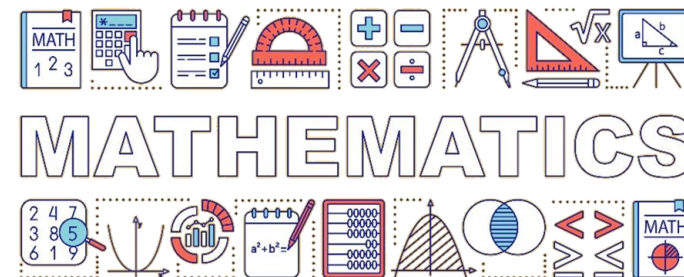
Protractor

Set Square

There is a bundle of Maths Set and Scientific calculator available on parent pay of £11.49

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 B Wednesday)

Reading for Success: Supporting Your Child Through Year 11

Reading is the gatekeeper to the entire GCSE curriculum

- GCSE exam papers require a reading age of 15 years and 7 months to be fully accessible.
- Reading needs to be challenging but also satisfying; select reading material that is interesting.

What can I do?

- Reading Lists – search online
- Audio books:

Free with a local library card

YouTube

- Newspapers/ News outlets online
- Even subtitles help!
- SparxReader

Why is reading important?

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

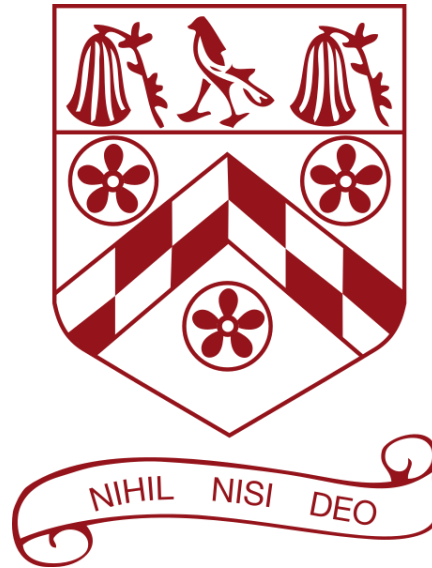
1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Sanmitha Perera
School President

Charlotte Gulliver
Vice President



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!
- *Basketball player development programme with Reading Rockets*



How Can We Help?

- Open Evening – Thursday 26th November
- Taster lessons in school
- 6th 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

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|--|-----------------------|
| ❖ 26th November | 6th Form Open Evening |
| ❖ WC 30 th November | Taster lessons |
| ❖ 18th December | Application Deadline! |
| ❖ 4th January onwards | Interviews |
| ❖ 22nd February onwards | Offer letters posted |
| ❖ 21st & 22nd June | Transition Days |
| ❖ August Results Day - Confirmation and Registration | |

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Sixth



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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 2027 will be issued to students from March 2027
 - 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
 - Familiar faces each time
 - Exam Access Arrangements
 - Mrs M Edwards SENDCo

Year 11 Intervention Timetable

- Will be launched this half term
- 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



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

Childline; 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk



Year 11 Tutor team



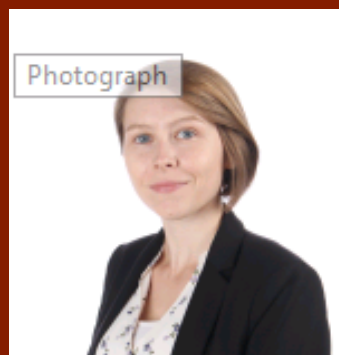
11BL – Miss Maciw/Mrs Wong



11DB – Mrs Pigera/Mr Starr



11MK – Mrs Marriott



11ML – Miss Stevens



11MT – Mr Milne



11OR – Ms Poddar



Year 11- Support Network

Assistant Head Teacher
Mrs Donaldson



Head of Year
Miss Surtees



KS4 Pastoral and Achievement Co-Ordinator
Mrs Craig



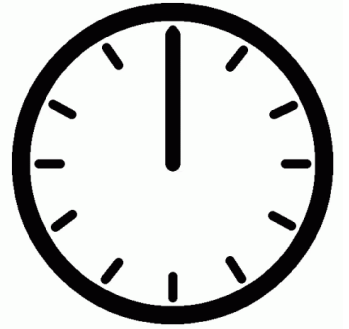
Key Contact Details

- School Telephone: 01189 574730
- Miss Surtees : e.surtees@hughfaringdon.org
- All are formatted the same
 - First initial . Surname @ hughfaringdon . org
- Other staff: admin@hughfaringdon.org

Keeping up to Date: Sources of Information

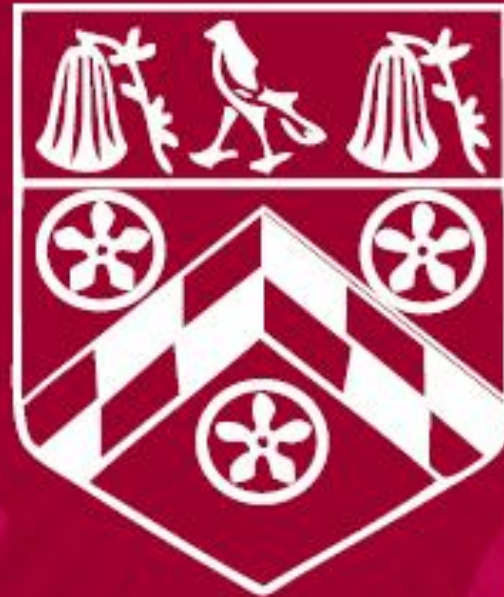
- Curriculum Booklet
 - Hard-copy given at
Curriculum evening
last year, copy on school
website
- Curriculum Overview on
School Website
 - Links to the slides from
tonight and the tab that
links to exam information.

Countdown to
exams has begun!



Link to school website
page for curriculum
booklet

Thank you for your attendance this evening



NIHIL NISI DEO

*Nothing
Without
God*