

Create Your Future

Year 11 Parents Information Evening

October 2023

Preparation for mock exams and beyond



Year 11 Timeline & Preparation for Mock Examinations

Matilde Warden – Deputy Head

Year 11 Timeline

October

- Passport to Prom introduced
- Drop-in sessions start
- Focus groups identified
- Attitude to Learning grades assigned

November

- Drop-in sessions
- Mock Exams
- Sixth Form Open Evening

December

- Apply for Sixth Form
- Teachers highlight gaps from mocks
- Drop-in sessions
- Practical coursework deadline.

January

- Mock results day
- Parents consultation meeting
- Mock results review

February

- Intervention begins
- Drop-in sessions

March

- Attitude to Learning grades assigned
- Coursework deadlines
- Drop-in sessions

April

- In class mock exams (some subjects)
- Language speaking exams begin

May/June

- GCSE written examinations begin.
- Final exam date is 26th June

Mock Exams: w/c Monday 20th November

Monday 20 th November AM	English Lang P1	Monday 20 th November PM	French Listening/Reading German Writing
Tuesday 21 st November AM	Maths (non-calc)	Tuesday 21 st November PM	History - Migration and Norman conquest
Wednesday 22 nd November AM	English Lang - Paper 2	Wednesday 22 nd November PM	RE - Paper 1 Computing
Thursday 23 rd November AM	Geography - Paper 1	Thursday 23 rd November PM	Biology
Friday 25 th November AM	INSET DAY	Friday 25 th November PM	INSET DAY

Mock Exams: w/c Monday 27th November

Monday 27 th November AM	Maths (calc)	Monday 27 th November PM	Chemistry
Tuesday 28 th November AM	History - Cromford and Living under Nazi rule Geography - Paper 2	Tuesday 28 th November PM	German Listening/Reading French Writing
Wednesday 29 th November AM	English Literature	Wednesday 29 th November PM	Design Technology Drama
Thursday 30 th November AM	Physics	Thursday 30 th November PM	RE – Paper 2 Further Maths PE
Friday 1 st December AM	Media	Friday 1 st December PM	Business

Mock Exams: w/c Monday 4th December

Monday 4 th December AM	Geography Paper 2 (clash)	Monday 4 th December PM	
Tuesday 5 th December AM	Graphics practical Textiles practical	Tuesday 5 th December PM	Graphics practical Textiles practical
Wednesday 6 th December AM	Fine Art 11A Digital Photography 11B	Wednesday 6 th December PM	
Thursday 7 th December AM	Fine Art 11C Digital Photography 11A	Thursday 7 th December PM	
Friday 8 th December AM	Graphic Art 11D	Friday 8 th December PM	

Mock Exams

Monday 20th November

How the mock exams help to prepare for the real GCSEs

- How to revise
- What to revise
- How to manage emotions in the build up to the exams
- Procedures and routines
- Examination rules
- How to manage time in the exam
- How to keep going during the exam
- What happens on results day

Exam Preparation

Our Examination Team will:

Provide each student with an identification card

Post details of seating plans on the library window – look every day

Post details of the seating plans outside the exam hall

What can you do?

- Have a copy of the mock timetable available
- Ensure they have somewhere quiet to revise
- Ensure they have time to revise
- Let them have time to relax
- Speak to their place of work to reduce their hours
- Check that they have the equipment they need
- Encourage them to come to drop in sessions
- Encourage them to have breakfast before school
- Ensure they get to bed at a reasonable time
- Ensure they are in school

Drop in Sessions – Week 1

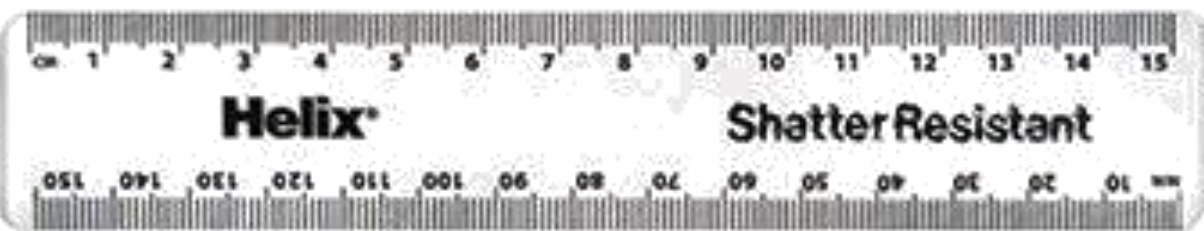
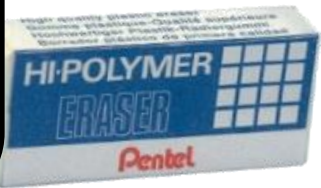
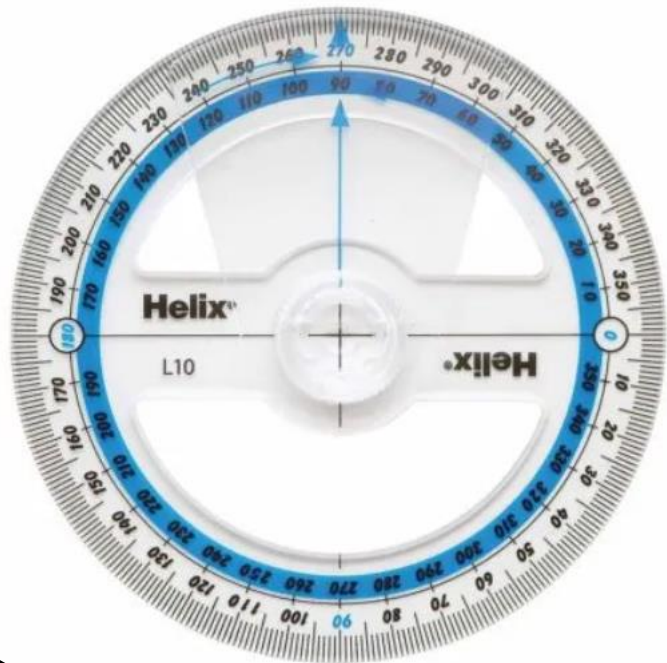
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Monday	DT – Phill T4 (catch up coursework portfolio) Food – Kay T2	
Tuesday	DT – Phill T4 (catch up coursework portfolio) Digital Photography – Jody A2	French – Linda L10 Media – Steven L6 Textiles – Sarah T1
Wednesday	DT – Phill T4 (catch up coursework portfolio) Digital Photography – Jody A2	Maths – Gary M6 Maths – Marc P2 Maths – Ade M4 (Foundation only) French – Johanna L3 German – Sarah L5 German – Rachel L1 (translation/speaking/writing) Media – Steven L6
Thursday	DT – Phill T4 (catch up coursework portfolio)	Maths – Carlos M1 Maths – Ade M4 – (Higher only) German – Sarah L5
Friday	DT – Phill T4 (catch up coursework portfolio) Digital Photography – Jody A2	Maths – Hannah P1 (Higher and Further Maths) Maths – Malcolm M3

Drop in Sessions – Week 2

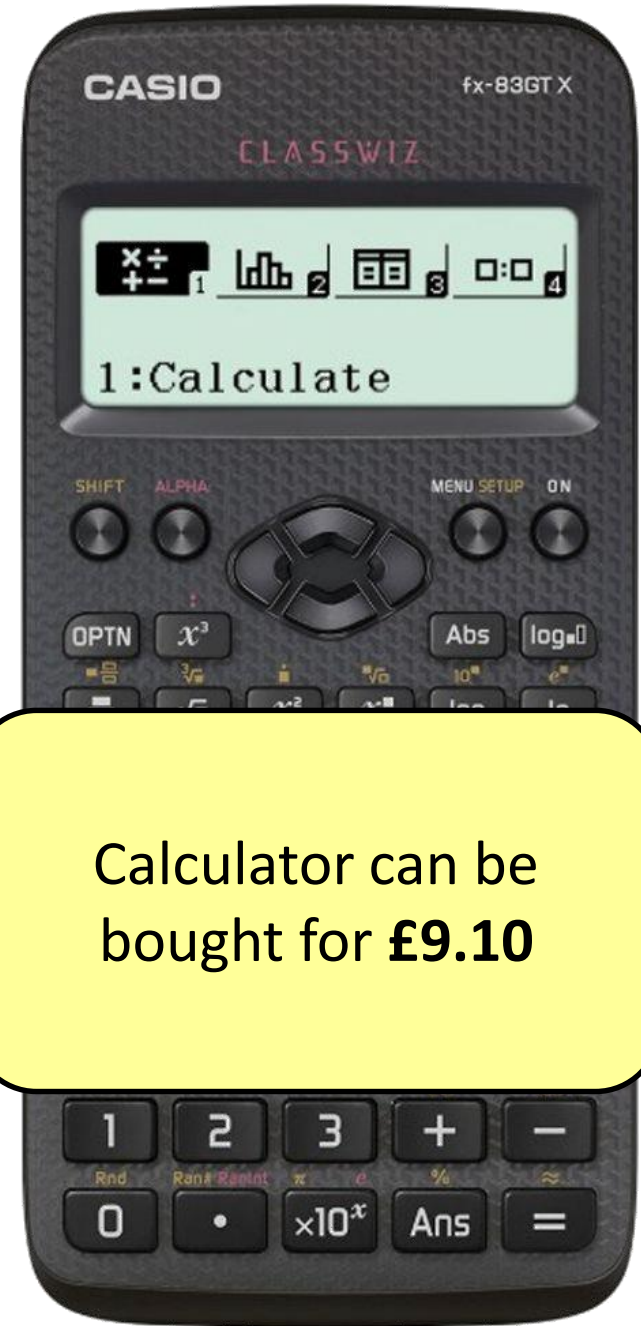
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Other sessions

Drama	Rehearsals are taking place with year 11 students on evenings of their choice, negotiated with staff. This is in readiness for their component 1 practical exam on 16th November.
English	Arranged with the individual class teachers as and when required
Humanities	Will start in the new year
Science	Times to be confirmed
Computing	Will start in the new year



Filled see-through exam pencil case can be bought from the library and on Parent Pay for **£1.70**



Calculator can be bought for **£9.10**

Prohibited items


(New rules introduced last year)

- Phones
- Watches
- Airpods
- Revision notes

They are not allowed to be left in pockets or bags, even if they are switched off.

Leave in lockers

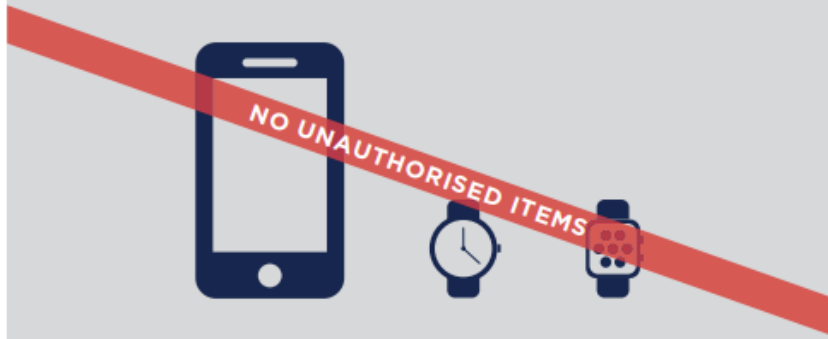
Hand in to invigilators on way in (kept secure and collected at the end of the day)



AQA City & Guilds CCEA OCR Pearson WJEC

**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

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Other Important Information

- There is only one sitting of each exam, except for clashes.
- **Students who miss exams will receive either an X or a U grade.**
- Special consideration will be made for those with a doctor's note or for compassionate reasons (eg. bereavement/funeral etc)



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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.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

Mock Results

We will have a mock results day on Tuesday 9th January (First day back after the holidays)

Students will not receive individual results until then.

Why?

- If they haven't done well they will receive bad news multiple times.
- If have done well, less likely to listen to advice on improvements during lessons. The aim is to improve the student, not the work.
- Individual questions won't be repeated on the real exams, but the strategies will.

Mock Results

GCSE results are never much higher than mock results...

These will give a good indication of your actual grades so you can plan accordingly.





Sixth Form Open Evening

9th November



Advice from Year 12

Start revising as soon as possible

Actually pay attention in class!

Make the most of help from your teachers.

Teachers know exactly what's going to come up so listen to them!

Extra Curricular

11	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Lunchtime	Volleyball With Steve Sports Hall 12.15 – 1.00	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors With John MR3 12.30 – 1.00 Ambassadors only	Scalextric/Hornby Railway Club With Phill T2 12.15 – 1.00	Mindful Colouring With Johanna L3 Week 2 12.15-12.35 By invitation	Chess With Carlos M2 12.15 – 1.00
		Book Club With Freya Library 12.15 – 1.00	Belper Band With Anna Mu1 12.15 – 1.00	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors event planning With Phil MU2 Week 2 12.15 – 1.00	
		Girls' Basketball With Leanne Sports Hall 12.15 – 1.00	Cryptic Crossword Club With Malcolm M3 12.15 – 1.00	Debate Club With Yr12 volunteers and Linda V4/5 12.15 – 1.00	
		Table Tennis With Steve Gym 12.15 – 1.00	Duke of Edinburgh Silver With Marc M8 12.15 – 1.00	Duke of Edinburgh Silver With Marc M8 12.15 – 1.00	
			Boys' Basketball With Steve Sports Hall 12.15 – 1.00		

Extra Curricular

11	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
After School	Recycling/Litter Picking With Marc P2 3.00 – 4.00	LGBTQ+/Pride With Karen, Emma and Sally T5 3.00 – 4.00	Music Producers Club With Phil Music Block 3.00 – 4.00 Textiles Club With Sarah T1 3.00 – 4.00 Matilda rehearsals With Sarah Hall 3.00 – 5.00 Cast and Crew Scalextric/Hornby Railway Club With Phill T2 12.15 – 1.00 Recycling/Litter Picking With Marc P2 3.00 – 4.00	LARP With Mike H9 3.00 – 5.00 Belper Choir With Anna Mu1 3.00 – 4.00 Gardening Club With Marc and Tony Rosie's Garden 3.00 – 4.00	Computing Club With Adam, Carol, Jamie. L7 3.14 – 4.00

Duke Of Edinburgh



Duke of Edinburgh award. 2022-2023
Largest ever number of pupils have taken part in bronze and silver.



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Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from
Belper School and Sixth Form Centre

who spent
1404 Hours

volunteering between
1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is
£6752

RUTH MARVEL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 2023

Duke Of Edinburgh



To finish the award:

- Complete the expedition and sign off on eDofE (all pupils have done this)
- Collect an assessor report for each section: Physical, Skill and Volunteering.
- Have all reports uploaded to eDofE for our verifier to check.

An email has been sent out to all parents and Marc will be visiting tutor groups a week at a time.

Passport to Prom and Attendance

Rachel Warren – Head of Year 11

PASSPORT to PROM



Belper School
2024



Date: Friday 28th June 2024

Venue: Shottle Hall

Half Term 1	ATL Grades and BfL	Thailand
Half Term 2	Contribution to school community	Tokyo
Half Term 3	Attendance to revision sessions	Mexico
Half Term 4	Attendance	Egypt

Create Your Future

BE CURIOUS

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESILIENT

BE CONFIDENT

BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

BE BELPER

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BE PRESENT BE PUNCTUAL

THERE ARE 175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS DURING THE YEAR TO SPEND ON FAMILY TIME, VISITS, HOLIDAYS, SHOPPING, HOUSEHOLD JOBS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING

BE BELPER

100%
OUR TARGET FOR ALL STUDENTS

97%
6 DAYS ABSENCE
30 HOURS LOST LEARNING

EXCELLENT
OR GOOD ATTENDANCE
BEST CHANCE OF
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

95%
10 DAYS ABSENCE
50 HOURS LOST LEARNING

WORRYING
AT RISK OF MAKING IT
HARDER
TO PROGRESS

90%
19 DAYS ABSENCE
95 HOURS LOST LEARNING

CONCERN
LESS CHANCE OF SUCCESS
AND SIGNIFICANTLY
REDUCES LEARNING

Being in school and being on time is crucial for success and preparing for the future

Lost learning can lead to additional anxiety and pressure to catch up work and risks the student falling even further behind

REASONS NOT TO HAVE TIME OFF SCHOOL

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

REASONS NOT TO HAVE TIME OFF SCHOOL

Covid-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- Have a high temperature
- Do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#).

Loss of voice (yes we have had this reason this term)

You can still send your child to school if they have lost their voice

IMPACT ON GRADES

Analysis of the recent year 11 and year 13 examination results showed a clear connection between attendance and grades achieved.

For example, students with strong attendance usually significantly outperformed national averages whereas those with less than 80% achieved much lower results - often losing 1-2 grades per subject.

When we looked at other schools, it was the same pattern across Derbyshire.

YEAR 11 ATTENDANCE TO DATE

Only 64 students have 100% attendance (31% of the year group)

33% of the year group would currently be classed as persistently absent and risk letters being sent home raising this concern

34 students are already below 80% attendance which means they have lost 4 days / 20 hours of learning already this term

Managing Exam Stress

Wellbeing Team and Key staff

What Next After Year 11?

Richard Leach – Careers Lead

What next after Year 11?



Parents & Carers

- You know your children best.
- You know their interests & what motivates them.
- You help them make realistic decisions.
- You are there for them if things go wrong.
- You are there to celebrate their success.

You are the most important influence in supporting them to make a successful transition into post-16 education, training and apprenticeships.



Year 11 GCSEs



Level 1
Less than 5 GCSEs 2s & 3s

Level 1 BTEC



Level 2
Less than 5 GCSEs mainly 3s

Level 2 Apprenticships Level 2 BTEC

Level 3
5 or more GCSEs grade 5 - 9

A Level

BTEC Level 3

T Level

Apprenticeship
Level 3

HNC
HND

Foundation Degree
Degree

Degree
Apprenticeship

Higher
Apprenticeship
Level 4

Employment



What are your post 16 options?

Sixth forms offer mainly A Levels & Level 3 BTECs.

Colleges offer a wide range of courses, below level 3, Levels 1, 2 & 3.

Training providers are small colleges offering courses at below level 1, level 2 & 3, traineeships etc

Apprenticeships are available with local and regional employers, apprentices earn a wage while they train. Apprenticeships are offered at Level 2, 3 for 16 year olds.

When should Year 11 students apply?

Sixth forms have application windows. Normally in the autumn term, check their websites and attend open evenings.

College, applying in the autumn term is a good idea, this should ensure you have the opportunity to be accepted on to the course your are interested in.

Training providers should be contacted in the spring term. They like to meet students in person and discuss their needs.

Apprenticeship applications involve applying for vacancies. Students should only apply for apprenticeships that start after they have completed year 11. Large apprenticeship schemes have an applications window. It is important to check company websites to ensure you do not miss out.

Help & Support

Careers Guidance, students can book an interview to discuss their plans or if they need help with applications.

Careers drop In at lunchtimes. The careers office is located in the library.

Belper School website has useful links. This can help with careers research and decision making.

Information on open days, apprenticeship schemes and other opportunities will be sent out to students and parents via the **year 11 noticeboard and email** etc.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any issues in more detail, Richard, rbl@belperschool.co.uk