

Year 11

Parents Information Evening

Welcome to Avonbourne Academies

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Where we have been

- Two years of **rapid improvement**.
- **Restructuring** of staff, their roles and talent acquisition.
- **New frameworks** around T&L, behaviour structures and implementation of research.
- **Significantly improved** standards and expectations.

- We have **prepared for success**, we have the **mechanisms for success** and we have the **personnel for success**.

THE ONUS IS NOW ON THE **DELIVERY OF SUCCESS.**

Recent government updates

- **Exams will go ahead.**
- There will be **some advance information** about the focus of some subjects exams.
- Schools will be given **some choice** about the **topics/ content** of:
 - GCSE English Literature
 - GCSE History
 - GCSE Geography
- Students will be given a **formulae sheet** in **GCSE Maths** and a **revised equations sheet** in **GCSE Physics** and **GCSE Combined Science** covering all the equations required in the subject content.
- There will be changes to **practical elements** of subjects (this information will be delivered to students by their subject teacher).



Preparing the conditions for success

- **Talent acquisition and investment** in key Y11 positions.
- Allocating the **strongest teachers/ tutors** to specific groups and increasing their contact time.
- Employment of **more pastoral leaders and deputies** and **support staff** to increase our provision for students in a key year group.
- **Investment** in student **Chromebook** provision.
- **Investment** in **online learning packages** – Hegarty, Seneca and MASSOLIT.
- Stripped back and refined homework offer.
- The first two days, **all students** were **taught how to revise**, have been given **flashcards** and have been **given a revision schedule** by the Head of Department, for each subject.



Visualising the end point

- You will get a **brown envelope** – inside, it will say **your name, your subject** and the **grade**.
- **It won't care about attendance or the reasons why you were not in – this grade will inform the next stages of your life.**
- If you are someone who always says “I will do it tomorrow” – that time is now today.
- You have the time and ability to profoundly **change** your grade.
- **You have everything that you need to succeed** at this school (much more than any other school I have taught at).
- All you need to do is **attend, work hard** and **prepare for your exams** (Self Quizzing, homework and revision).



What does success in Y11 look like?

- As a school – it is **our responsibility** to be **unrelenting** in ensuring that your child has **quality teachers, resources** and the **knowledge** of how to achieve excellent results.
- This will in turn, ensure that they have the **best access to opportunity** and can **dictate their life choices**.
- The Y11 team is working **AT PACE** and **EVERY LESSON** has been designed to uncover any **GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE, ADDRESS MISCONCEPTIONS** and **MAKE IMPROVEMENTS**.
- We are doing ‘**our bit**’ and it is **imperative that your child attends school** to access these sessions – we have strategically employed and timetabled fantastic teachers who have **been there and done it** and have the ‘**know how**’ in GCSE’s.
- Your child’s **attendance is key** in them gaining the knowledge, skill and **confidence** to being able to get the grades that they deserve.



How are we closing gaps at pace?

- We have redrawn the school day and **built in P5 intervention**.
- **EVERYDAY** students receive **extra lesson time with their subject teacher**, or receive extra contact time in their Ebacc offering (English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and MFL) – this is delivered by a **subject specialist**.
- **P6** sessions run **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** for their B3 subjects to **close gaps in their option subjects**.
- **Homework club** runs on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**.
- A select group of students are receiving **extra English intervention** with bespoke English tutors.
- **‘Pop up parents evenings’** will begin to offer support and guidance for specific students.
- Targeted **boys revision clubs** will start next week.
- **‘Scholars lunches’** are running in multiple subjects, fostering **higher level academic conversations**.
- Mock preparation guidance.
- **Support** and **revision** booklets created for students.
- **P0 and P6** sessions tailored to match the exam experience.



Successful habits and routines

- In the classroom – teachers are working **incredibly hard** to teach exam skills and **plugging any gaps** in our students knowledge.
- However, students who will do best will commit to their home learning aspect of study, your child should be:
 - **Self quizzing** (this is the foundational knowledge for each unit).
 - **Completing subject homework** (these are the key skills for each unit).
 - **Online learning** (this will recall past topics and knowledge).
 - **Revising** (using the techniques taught during the first two days and which are used in tutor time sessions).

Getting a **GCSE is tough** – no one will give it to you.



Delivering success

- We have a **moral imperative** to deliver **successful outcomes** for this year group.
- Therefore, the challenge is to **close gaps** as quickly as possible.
- **Ours is an unrelenting focus to live and breathe Y11 outcomes.**

- We are all first and foremost teachers.
- This year will be the **result of three years incredible work.**
- We have **prepared for success**, now **we will be the team to deliver success** for the **school**, the **students** and the **community** that we serve.

Y11 IS ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY.



Revision at Avonbourne Academies

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Why does my child need to revise?

- Classwork and homework is the bare minimum
- GCSEs are a national competition: you have to go above and beyond for top grades
- New course content is still being covered in Y11
- Y10 content will also be assessed this summer
- New learning has to run alongside revision of old content



How is my child's revision being supported in school?

- Revision workshops in September
- Training in an array of revision techniques
- Personalised revision schedules designed in tutor time
- Subject specific revision schedules provided by all departments so that your child's independent study time is organised and purposeful
- Subject specific resources provided by all departments: revision guides, work books, Seneca and other platforms
- School reward system for those students evidencing their revision to their subject teachers



How can I support my child's revision at home?

- Ask questions: what subject is on your revision schedule today? What is the specific focus of your English revision?
- Reminders: have you shown your History teacher your flashcards? Did you speak to your Geography teacher about that exam question you found difficult? You've done a lot of English revision this week, I'm sure your schedule had some Maths and Spanish on it too...
- Environment: a quiet space, free from distracting technology. A tidy work surface with revision resources organised by subject. Revision schedule up on the fridge or notice board.
- Get involved: your child will be writing their own quizzes or making their own flashcards and trying to retrieve information from memory while they revise, so it's easy to join in!



Summary

- Revision is necessary to be successful at GCSE
- Revision is supported in school through a tutor time program and each subject area has provided a schedule and resources to last until Christmas
- Revision is rewarded using the whole-school REACH system
- Revision can be supported at home through giving helpful reminders, asking questions, providing a dedicated space to revise in and getting involved!



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Student wellbeing and support

Alison Ball

Head of Year 11



Tiered approach

- Level 1

- Kooth
- ChatHealth
- The Mix
- HEADSPACE
- Beat
- Calm Harm
- Clear Fear
- YoungMinds

- Level 2

- MISTERSAD
- HeadEd
- School Nurse service
- Young carers
- Early Help
- Space Youth
- Mosaic
- Brighter Futures

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Post 16 options & USF

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Post-16 Options & United Sixth Form

September 2022 and beyond...

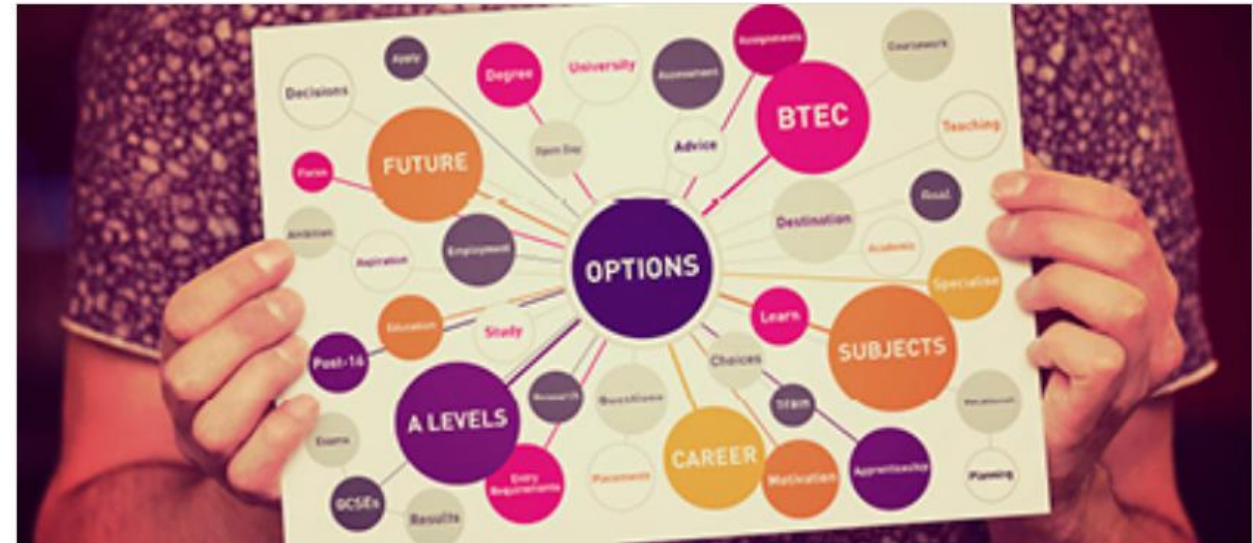
- A Levels, BTECs or T Levels?
- Sixth form or college?
- Course combinations and entry requirements?
- Wider Post-16 Experience? (Enrichment / higher education preparation / work experience / employability skills)



Post-16 Options – Yr11 process

- Research – courses, institutions, career pathways, experience, outcomes
- Parents - active involvement in the process – regular conversations during year11
- Seek advice – teachers, tutors & family
- Open minded & flexible
- Ultimate objective - **informed** decisions

Post – 16 Options



Post-16 Options – Careers



The Skills Surgery

Breaking into a career in medicine, dentistry and veterinary surgery. Led by Dr. Julian Pearce, Dermatology Registrar and Academic Fellow.

Live online | 6th October 2021 | 7-8pm GMT

[Register Now](#)



Armed Forces careers – November: Navy Chefs, Army Apprenticeships, RAF Aviation Careers Day (date TBC)

Online resources for parents



Succeeding in STEM

Discover how to kickstart your child's career in STEM-related industries. Led by Ella Podmore, McLaren Engineer.

Live online | 20th October 2021 | 7-8pm GMT

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**Digital & STEM subjects:
Boscombe 21st October**

United Sixth Form

Academic. Professional. Personalised. Focused.

2021 Academic outcomes:

A level A* - A: **35%**

A* - B: **75%**

A* - C: **91%**

Average A Level grade achieved: **B**



ALPS: Top 10% Nationally for value added progress (GCSE to A Level)

United Sixth Form Open Evening– Thursday 25th November 2021



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APPLY TO USF

Online applications welcome from Thursday 25th November 2021

USF Open Evening

Thursday 25th November 2021 5pm-7pm

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- Autumn term – research & applications
- Spring term – applications & interviews
- Provisional offers
- Results & enrolment