

Year 11 September information evening

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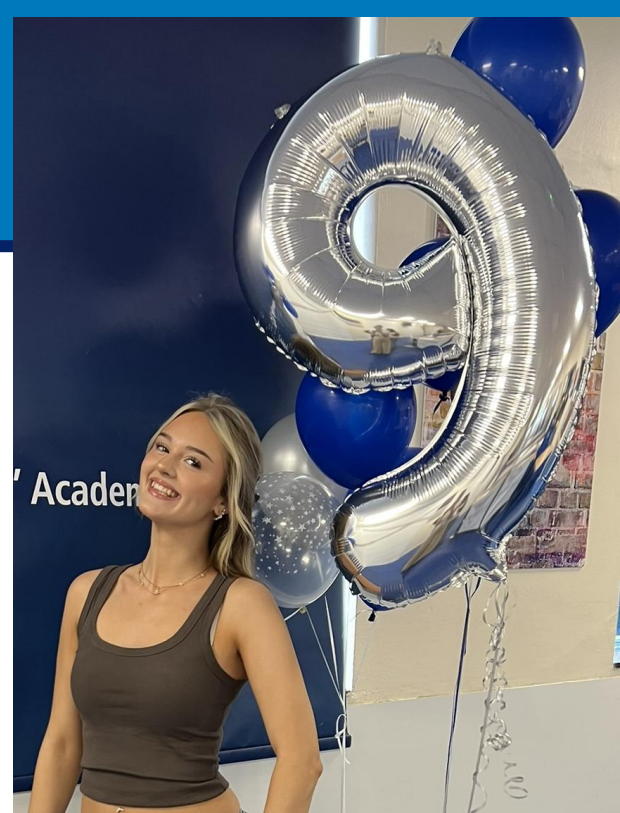
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GCSE Results day 2026

- A fantastic morning and a culmination of a lot of hard work from students, teachers and parents/carers
- Some of the best results in Avonbourne's history
- Clear that those with low attendance didn't attain as well
- Clear that those that didn't work hard inside and outside the classroom didn't attain as well



Our promise to students this year

- Excellent teaching- all Year 11 teachers have been handpicked. They all have an excellent track record of success.
- Lessons without disruption- disruption is the biggest barrier to student progress.
- Cover lessons with a subject specialist
- An extra 30 minutes of core teaching per day (DEAR) and 20 minutes of class-based revision, giving your child an advantage over students in other schools
- Revision strategies explicitly taught over the year
- Raising attainment programmes (P0/P5)
- Holiday sessions
- Experienced and highly supportive year team who want what is best for your child and their future
- Pop-up parents evenings in addition to two parents evenings
- Two series of mock exams, marked by experts with feedback given
- Teaching until the very end in June – no study leave
- Rewards: 100% clubs, celebration events, prom



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Three races

- This year is a marathon, not one long sprint
- There will be three 'races'. Aim for each race and try to improve your grades each time.
- Race 1- Autumn mocks – start 3rd November
- Race 2- Spring mocks- start 23rd February
- Final race- GCSEs- first exam is Monday 10th May
- Each race must be prepared for with absolute hard work and determination. You need to constantly push your knowledge and exam technique to learn from mistakes.
- Race 1 starts in **33** school days.



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Mock exams

Mock exams are a key way that students can prepare for their Summer GCSE exams, this experience is invaluable throughout the progression of the year:

- It allows students to learn how to balance their time.
- To see how their revision, attendance and attitude to learning is reflected in their exam performance.
- Gives students experience of the physical process of being in the GCSE series.
- Prepares them for their GCSE exams, 'feel the weight' of the exam series.
- After the exams, students get feedback which allows them to address misconceptions and prepare for their next series.
- Get predicted grades which are used for 6th form, colleges or potential employers.
- Get new tutor groups and sets are redrawn – ensure 'right student' is in front of the 'right teacher.'



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JCQ regulations

- Very strict
- In the summer of 2025, there were 5,025 cases of student malpractice in GCSE, AS, and A-level exams
- 'Malpractice' happens here every year with serious consequences.
- Students will be issued with a booklet with all of the guidance – please read this as well.
- Followed regulations very well in year 10.
- Any 'malpractice' in mock exams we will let you know. The invigilator is always right.



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Rewards

- REACH points- prize boxes (same as last year) and fortnightly draws at line ups)
 - Prizes with the chunking of the year
 - Celebration assemblies
 - Leavers assembly
 - Prom
 - Certificate evening
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- The biggest reward – high grades leads to more opportunities in your life (we also want you to have fun along the way)



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Homework

- Crucial. Must be completed and on time. Mainly revision tasks and consolidating learning inside the classroom.
- Homework completion wasn't great in year 10. Fresh start now and needs to be 100%.
- Further support can be put in place if required (compulsory homework clubs at lunchtime, after school etc)



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Pastoral support

- We are here to help your child navigate this year – they can seek support when they need it.
- Mr Nash and Miss Underdown are non-teaching staff. However, they do have meetings and patrols so might not be instantly available.
- If they need support - All of the Year 11 team (and SLT) are on duty every break and lunch. We are all available before line ups each day (and SLT are on duty on the drive).
- Students should never go to pastoral instead of a lesson. Ask their teacher to email Mr Nash and Miss Underdown and they will visit the lesson as soon as they can.
- Wellbeing Hub- speak to Miss Underdown/Mr Nash if you feel your child needs to access this.
- Kooth
- Supporting students in a transition to adult life



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Year 11 teachers

- Handpicked.
- Statistically some of the highest performing teachers in the country.
- Students need to absorb all of the knowledge and advice they are given – these teachers have the track record and deliver success.
- Fresh start for **all**
- It is human nature to work harder for people you like... the more students invest in the relationship with their teacher, the more they will get in return (P0s, P6s, holiday sessions, extra practice questions/past paper feedback, office hours, extra revision resources created). Teachers are not paid for any of this extra work.
- Your child will get a significantly better package here than at other local schools – parents tell us this every year.
- We will help your child to form strong professional relationships. Please also encourage this at home.



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Be selfish for your grade

- Thursday 19th August 2027. 8:30am. You will get a brown envelope. You will open that envelope – it will say **your name** and **your grades**. You can't change anything at that point.
- It won't say any difficult circumstances or challenges you have had.
- **It will greatly affect the next stages of your life.**
- If you are someone who always says "I will do it tomorrow" or "I will do it in Year 11" – **that time is now today.**
- You have the time and ability to profoundly **change your grade.**
- Negative friendships and dramas- focus on yourself and cut it out of **your life.**
- **BE SELFISH FOR YOUR GRADE**



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What parents/carers can do to support

- Trust us – we have done this journey many times successfully.
- Be in contact with us if you need help, support or advice. It can be a tough journey for parents/carers as well!
- Ensure your child is in school as much as they can be - attendance is the cornerstone of success.
- Ensure your child completes their homework
- Ensure your child has a quiet, distraction-free space for revision. Discuss revision with your child.
- Prepare your child for class changes throughout the year - always based on what will maximise your child's progress.
- Attend information evenings and parents' evenings.



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First three days reflection

- Students are working very hard in lessons
 - They are polite and kind, building brilliant relationships with their peers and teachers
 - Not one teacher has made a negative comment about them as a class or year group – everything is very positive so far.
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- Resilience
 - Mobile phones



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Summary

- Lots of rewards – we want this journey to be fun and your child feel successful!
- Measures in place to ensure your child doesn't get left behind on this journey
- Your child must get the basics right – equipment, uniform, one-way systems, mobiles etc
- Three races – 33 school days until first race begins
- Lots of support – everyone wants your child to be successful
- Fresh start for all
- Build excellent relationships with teachers – your child will get more out of them and they need them
- Your child has everything they need to be successful at this school
- It is your child's grades and your child's grades only that matter – **BE SELFISH FOR YOUR GRADE**



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Year 11 behaviour and uniform

Ashley Taylor – Associate Assistant Principal



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- Uniform
- Mobile phone policy
- Silent Study- to Year 11 Hub
- Detentions
- Best year group Avonbourne have had.



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Year 11 attendance

David Gorvin – Vice Principal



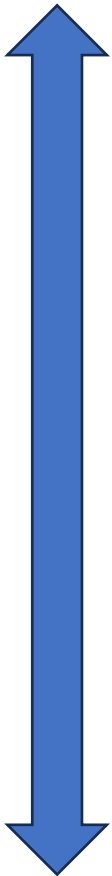
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Impact of absence

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days	Equivalent sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9 days	18 sessions	2 weeks	45 lessons
90% (persistently absent)	19 days	38 sessions	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	58 sessions	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	72 sessions	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	96 sessions	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	114 sessions	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	134 sessions	13.5 weeks	335 lessons



100% attendance
'How does Shakespeare present Macbeth as an ambitious character?'

95% attendance
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90% attendance
'How does [] present [] as an ambitious character?'

50% attendance
'How does [] present Macbeth []'



Impact of absence

Boys' academy

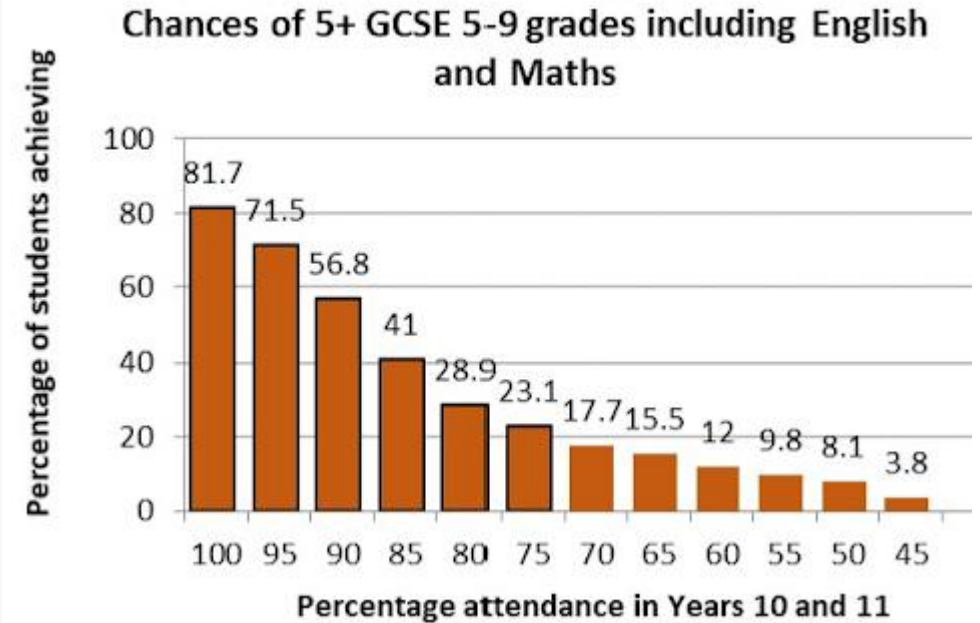
100% attendance

49% more likely to achieve grades 5+ in English and Maths

Girls' academy

100% attendance

44% more likely to achieve grades 5+ in English and Maths



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Case Study

- Year 9- 41% attendance
- Year 10- 51% attendance
- Year 11- 94% attendance

Results:

Four Grade 7s

One Grade 6

One Grade 5

One Level 2 Merit

If your child have found it difficult to attend regularly until now, it is not too late.

This student overcame an incredibly difficult time and flourished in year 11. Their improved attendance and commitment to their academic studies has given them a brilliant platform to continue to achieve amazing things in the future.



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Impact of missing a lesson

- When watching a tv series, you watch the episodes in order
- You would never skip an episode in a boxset – you would lose key parts of the story
- Your curriculum is built like a boxset- missing a lesson means that you have missed an episode. This creates knowledge gaps. This will lower your marks/grade.



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What if my child is too ill to attend school

- Please continue to email to attendance@ however please also email classof2029@.... So that a member of the year team can pick this up and support straight away.
- Expect a member of the year team or pastoral team to contact you to see if there is anything we can do to support. **We do this because we care.**
- Expect your child's teachers to contact you/send catch up work home.
We do this is because we care.
- Expect a call the next morning before school to see how your child is and if there is anything we can do to support. **We do this is because we care.**



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Post-16

James Goldsmith – Vice Principal



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Post-16

- Future Pathways/Work Experience/Careers Tutor Programme
- Careers Guidance – 1-2-1 meetings
- Careers Hub – Drop-in Sessions – Tues-Fri
- Open Days – Colleges and 6th Forms (starting in next few weeks)



Post-16

- Application window opens between Sept & Nov (3 options)
- Interviews before Christmas Holidays (conditional/unconditional)
- Apprenticeships/Internships/T-Levels (timings and availability vary/college)
- Provider showcase events (United 6th Form/Brockenhurst/B&P College)
- Consistency of effort across year (your current grade/reflection of where you are at/are you applying for aspirational courses)



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United Sixth Form

David Paterson – Vice Principal



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United Sixth Form – Opportunities For All

- 10 hours of teaching a fortnight per subject
- A bespoke Enrichment Program
- Access to the United Learning Oxbridge program
- 2 year Chromebook lease for use in class and at home
- Designated Sixth Form study spaces
- Personalised careers and UCAS support
- Work Experience
- 16-19 Bursary Program
- Student-centred Pastoral support
- Full induction process
- Summer bridging courses
- Post-16 PSHE program
- Off-site Enrichment activities
- One-to-one mentoring
- University visits
- Rewards & cultural trips
- Seminar style lessons
- USF Social Space
- Seamless KS4 to KS5 transition



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Application process

- 8th October 2026 – USF Open Evening
- 31st October 2026 – Online applications open for all students
- December and January – Taster Events
- 31st January 2027 – Online applications close
- February 2027 – Interviews for all applicants
- March 2027 – Offer letters sent to all applicants
- July 2027 – USF Induction Day
- August 2027 – GCSE results and USF enrolment



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The Year 11 Team

Leon Nash – Head of Year

Francesca Underdown – Pastoral Lead



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