

Westlands



Year 11 Information Evening

5th July 2018

The Year Ahead

Year 11 will be, without a doubt, the most exciting year your child has had in education so far.

- Trips to different universities.
- Careers fair.
- Theatre trips.
- Intervention days.
- Revision trips.
- Mock interviews
- The prom.

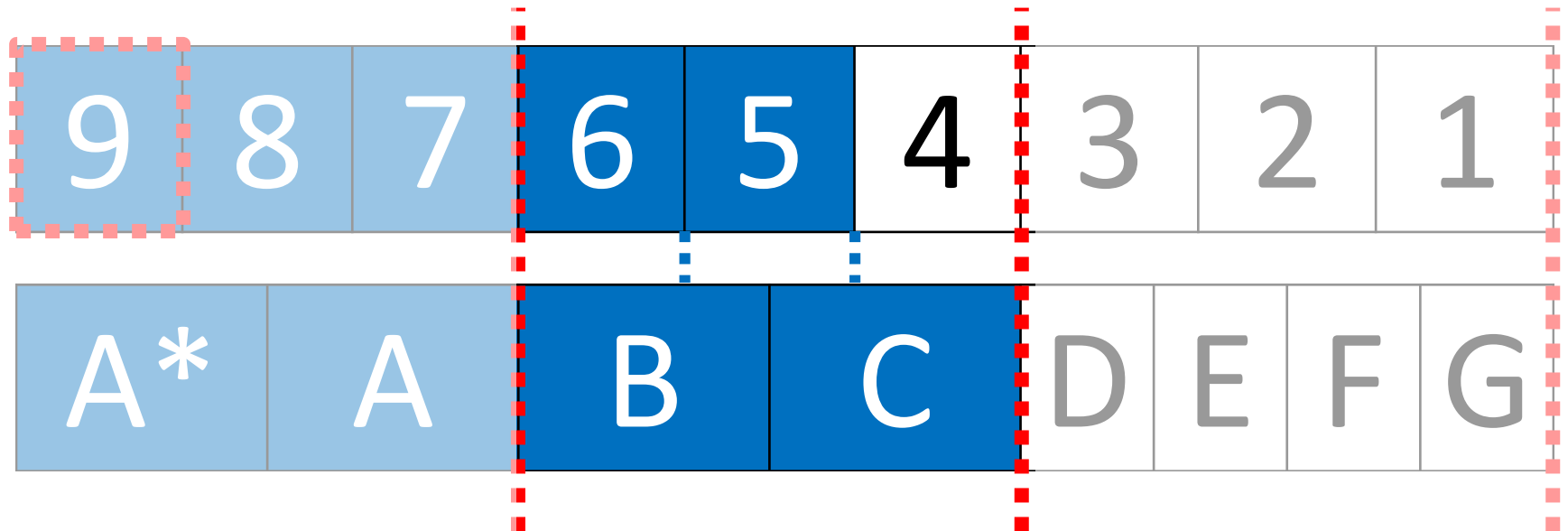
There are many things to look forward to, but there will also be some big hurdles that they will need to overcome.

The Year Ahead - Hurdles

- High Stakes Exams
- The Number of Exams
- Changing Grade Boundaries
- Managing and Dealing with Stress.



The New Qualifications



This now applies to almost all GCSE subjects .

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English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Combined Science
Geography
History
French
Art
Photography
PE GCSE
Computer Science
Statistics
Media

A-G

Child Development

BTEC

Business
Catering
Construction
Dance
Drama
Engineering
Hair & Beauty
Music

Equivalent grades:

4	C	Pass
5+	B	Merit

The New School Day

Period 1

8.35 am – 9.35 am

Break

9.35 am – 9.55 am

Period 2

9.55 am – 10.55 am

Period 3

10.55 am – 11.55 am

Lunch

11.55 am – 12.25 pm

Tutor

12.25 pm – 12.50 pm

Period 4

12.50 pm – 1.50 pm

Break

1.50 pm – 2.00 pm

Period 5

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Community Structure

For the past 10 years we have had the following structure at our school:

Norman Community

Years 7 - 11

Tudor Community

Years 7 - 11

Stuart Community

Years 7-11

6th Form

Years 12-13

The New Year 11 Team

Norman Community

Years 7 - 10

Tudor Community

Years 7 - 10

Stuart Community

Years 7-10

The New Year 11 Team

Norman Community

Years 7 - 10

Tudor Community

Years 7 - 10

Stuart Community

Years 7-10

Hanover Community

**Years 11, 12
and 13**

Hanover Community

Principal: Mr Hallam

Vice-Principal: Miss Houlker

PSM: Miss Taylor

Learning Leaders:

- Mr Packman
- Miss Winstanley (S)
- Mr Medhurst (T)
- Miss Sawyer
- Mr Corrente (N)

The Same Route to Success

1. Attendance.
2. Organising their time and making sure they attend the relevant OSL sessions and complete their homework.
3. Being active, (write out a mind map, create revision cards, create a poster, etc.)
4. Being resilient.
5. Talking to others about their learning.
6. Repeating.
7. Well-being, dealing with their stress.

Dealing with Stress

- Teaching pupils not to be afraid when they experience the symptoms associated with stress.
- Teaching pupils to develop resilience.
- Training sessions with a psychologist.
- Mindfulness courses.
- Yoga sessions.
- Briefing groups as we get closer to exams.
- Making sure everyone knows when there will be pressure points.

If you have any concerns about your child's stress levels – please let us know as soon as possible.

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English

GCSE English and English Literature

Year 11 is all about getting exam ready!

4 Examination Papers

- There are **3 ½ hours** of written exams for GCSE English Language and **4 hours** of exams for GCSE English Literature.

Speaking and Listening Certificate –Pass/ Merit/ Distinction

No tiers

9-1 grading system

AQA GCSE English Language

Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing.

- Section A -20th or 21st Century text with 4 questions.
- Section B – An image or title is given and students select one to create a descriptive piece.

Paper 2 – Writers’ Viewpoints and Perspectives.

- Section A - 19th Century text and 20th or 21st Century text for comparison and 4 questions.
- Section B – Pupils must respond to a statement and demonstrate that they can argue or explain a point of view, using language for impact.

Essentially, English Language is now unseen texts and being able to write in exam conditions accurately and confidently.

AQA GCSE English Literature

Paper 1 –Shakespeare (Macbeth) and 19th Century Novel.

- ‘Jekyll and Hyde’ by Robert Louis Stevenson or ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens.
- This paper is worth 40% of the final qualification.

Paper 2 – Modern Text

- ‘An Inspector Calls’ or ‘DNA’.
- Poetry (Unseen and Anthology Poems)’
- This paper is worth 60% of the final qualification.

Pupils will have to develop essay writing skills to answer all of these elements.

What are we doing to prepare them?

- Experienced members of staff.
- Experienced AQA markers.
- Regular assessment and feedback.
- Lead lessons.
- OSL opportunities.
- Revision guides.
- Intervention sessions.
- Sample questions and exam papers.

How can they help themselves?

- Completing any homework that is set promptly and to a high standard.
- Ensuring exercise books are well presented and tasks are completed – these are their key revision tools which they will need in two years time!
- Ask for help and support.
- Take advantage of any OSL opportunities offered.
- Maintaining good attendance and getting catch up work if anything is missed.
- Re-read the whole set texts we are studying.
- Watch the film/performance versions of the texts.

What can you do?

- Get to know the texts they are studying. Buy the CGP English Text Guides for each text.
- Encourage them to read shorter texts online or in the media as well as versions of classic stories as the extracts can be chosen from anywhere.
- Encourage them to regularly proofread and check the quality of expression in their work.
- Let their English teacher know if you have any concerns or would like any information.

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Mathematics & Statistics

Provisional Exam Dates

The examination board have published their preliminary examination dates for next year which are below. These dates will be the same for all GCSE mathematics examination boards.

Paper 1 (calculator) 21st of May 2019 (morning exam)

Paper 2 (non- calculator) 6th June 2019 (morning exam)

Paper 3 (calculator) 11th June 2019 (morning exam)

All papers are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length.

Statistics Exam Dates

The examination board have published their preliminary examination dates for next year which are below. These dates will be the same for all GCSE mathematics examination boards.

Paper 1- 13th June 2019 (afternoon exam)

Paper 2- 18th of June 2019 (morning exam)

Year 11 Mathematics Team

B Band	E Band	M Band
11B1- Mrs Krige (Higher tier)	11E1-Mr Wade (Foundation) Assistant Headteacher in charge of data	11M1- Mr Hill (Higher tier) Second in charge of mathematics and Key Stage 4 Leader
11B2-Mr Shah (Higher tier) A level teacher and Key Stage 3 Leader in Mathematics.	11E2- Mr Gray (Foundation) Assistant Headteacher	11M2- Mrs Sapp (Foundation) Assistant Headteacher in charge of Mathematics.
11B3-Mr Willis (Higher)	11E3- Mr Hill (Foundation) Second in charge of mathematics and key stage 4 leader.	11M3- Mr Cox and Mrs Cox (Foundation) Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher
11B4- Dr Clark (Foundation) Assistant Headteacher	11E4- Mrs Sapp (Foundation) Assistant Headteacher in charge of Mathematics.	11M4- Mr Anderson (Foundation)

Key Information

- Out of school learning (OSL) will take place on a Thursday evenings from 3.05 till 4pm.
- Saturday and half term revision sessions will be organised before mock examinations and the summer examinations to provide additional support. Parents will be contacted via school comms with dates and locations.
- Past examination questions or full examination papers will be used for all homework.

Key Information

- Mock examination for mathematics will take place in throughout the year. The next mathematics mock exam is scheduled for November 2018.
- Regular class assessments will take place to help monitor your child's progress.

What can you do to support your child?

- The best way to revise maths is for your child to do past examination papers and go back over the questions they have got wrong. Once marked, your child needs to then be reflecting on topics that were incorrect.
- Support from parents to encourage the completion of homework and attend OSL sessions has a positive impact on your child's outcome at the end of year 11.

What can you do to support your child?

Equipment

A GCSE mathematics revision guide can be brought from the school (£2.50 each) and a scientific calculator can be purchased from the school library (£7.00).

Over the Summer Holiday

- Past Exam Paper.
- Century Tech Revision Topics.

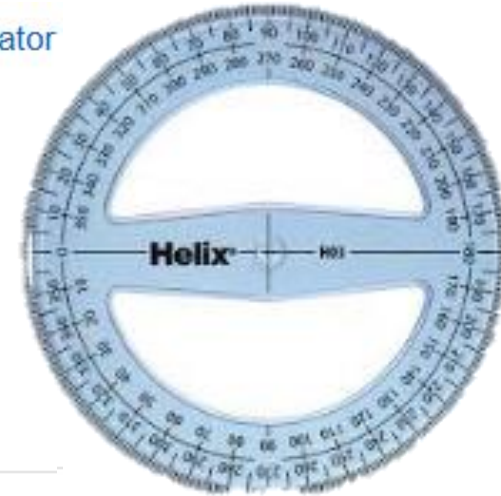
What can you do to support your child?



Casio FX-85GTPLUSBLUE Scientific Calculator
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360° protractor

Amazon's Choice for "casio scientific calculator"



Casio FX-83GTPLUS Scientific Calculator
by Casio

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Science

GCSE Combined Science

Gateway Science Suite – Combined Science A (9-1) – J250 (from 2016) OCR.

This is a combined science course that gives the pupils 2 GCSEs (separate grades).

3-3

3-4

4-4

4-5

5-5

5-6

Biology: 6 Units

Chemistry: 6 Units

Physics: 6 Units

GCSE Combined Science

How it is different:

- 6 exams
- *Foundation 1-5, Higher 5-9*
- Each worth 16.7% of total GCSEs
- Papers 1hr 10 mins.
- 2 x biology, 2 x chemistry, 2 x physics.
- No formula sheet.

Class	Teacher	Email
11E1	Mr Corrente	crc@westlands.kent.sch.uk
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11E3	Mrs Buchan	vcb@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11E4	Mr Howland	olh@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11B1	Miss Ward	shw@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11B2	Mrs Buchan	vcb@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11B3	Mr Edwards	dae@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11B4	Mrs Williams	amw@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11M1	Miss Ward	shw@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11M2	Mrs Hulme	mdh@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11M3	Mr Murphy	jxm@westlands.kent.sch.uk
11M4	Mr Corrente	crc@westlands.kent.sch.uk

How can you help?

- Encourage your son/daughter to complete the homework tasks set.
- Encourage your son/daughter to attend OSL on Monday afternoon.
- CGP Combined Science Workbook/Revision Guide (£6.00 each).
- Revision help will be made available during the year.
- Help your son/daughter learn the information. Science is content heavy.
- The key to passing exams is keep practising the same thing and improve performance.
- If you ever have any concerns about their progress in science, contact us to discuss it.