

# Westlands



## Year 11 Information Evening

6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

# 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.
- Residential 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.

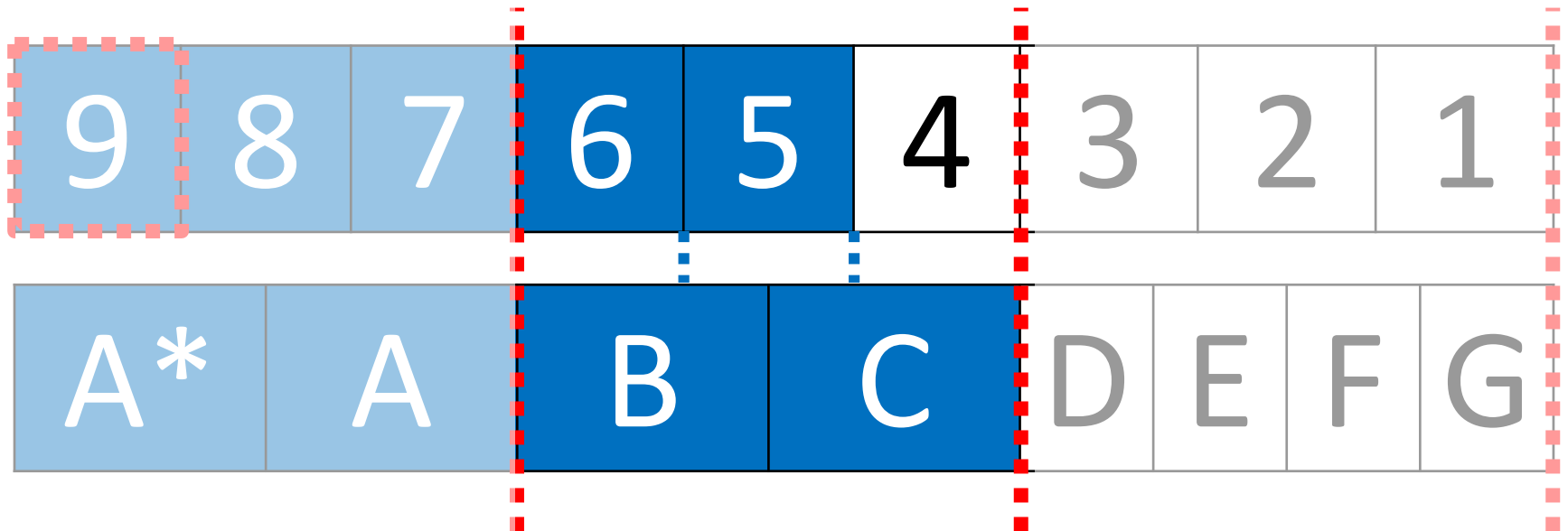


# Dealing with Stress

- 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.
- 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.**

# Grade 5 is a 'solid' pass



This now applies to a number of different GCSE subjects .

# 9-1

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Combined Science
Geography
History
French
Art
Photography
PE GCSE
Food

# A-G

IT
Media
Child Development
Resistant Materials
Sociology

# BTEC

Business
Catering
Construction
Dance
Drama
Engineering
Hair & Beauty
Music

*Equivalent grades:*

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4	C	Pass
5+	B	Merit

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# The Year 11 Team

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# Successful Preparation

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

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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 - 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> 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 - 19<sup>th</sup> Century text and 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

# AQA GCSE English Literature

## **Paper 1 – Shakespeare (Macbeth) and 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

# What are we doing to prepare them?

- The most experienced members of staff.
- 6 lessons per week.
- Regular focus on extended writing in exam conditions.
- Revision Guides.
- OSL – every Monday night in the library.
- Saturday and holiday revision sessions.
- Intervention sessions.
- New English website with revision materials and links to other resources.

***[www.westlandsenglish.weebly.com](http://www.westlandsenglish.weebly.com)***

# How can they help themselves?

- Ensuring they attend lessons with focus and purpose.
- Completing any homework that is set.
- Ensuring exercise books are well presented and tasks are completed – these are their key revision tools.
- Ask for help and support.
- Take advantage of the OSL opportunities offered.
- Maintaining good attendance and getting catch-up work if anything is missed.
- Re-read the whole set texts we are studying. Get their own copy of the texts to keep and annotate.
- Watch the film versions of the texts.
- Purchase the revision guides and text guides for their books.

# What can you do?

- Support them with homework tasks and the routine of writing for more extended periods. Please take a copy of the homework for the next 3 weeks and the summer tasks as you leave.
- Get to know the texts they are studying and explore points of view on characters and themes.
- Encourage them to read shorter texts online or in the media.
- Let their English teacher know if you have any concerns or would like any information.



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**Mathematics & Statistics**

# GCSE Statistics

## Results – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

- All year 10 GCSE results will be available from the start of the new school term. If however pupils are desperate to receive results prior to their return to school, they can come into school and collect them from the main school office (NOT THE HALL), on the day that results are officially released on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August.
- Results will be released from the main school office from 1pm to 3pm only.
- Results are not allowed to be released over the phone. Results cannot be released to parents or friends. Pupils can only therefore collect their own results and not those of anyone else. The only exception to this is if the office is told in advance that an adult will be collecting the result on behalf of the pupil.
- If pupils are unable to get into school on 24<sup>th</sup> August and cannot wait until the start of term, they can leave a stamped addressed envelope clearly labelled “GCSE Statistics” at the main school office before the end of this term. The result will not be posted until 24<sup>th</sup> August.



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# The Maths Exam 2017

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 1/4 (Calculator)- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 (morning exam)
- Paper 2/5 (non-calculator) - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (morning exam)
- Paper 3/6 (calculator) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 (morning exam)

All papers are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length.

# What can you do to support your child?

- Before every assessment we always send out general topic lists on common topics that appear on examination papers. This is the support your child through the revision process. As the year progresses these lists will gradually become more generalised to prepare them for the final examination. If you do not receive a copy please email myself or your child's maths teacher and we will get a copy to you.
- 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

An exam questions pack will be emailed out to parents (if known by the school) for students to work on through the summer holidays. If a hard copy is needed please come to my office.

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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).

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4-4

4-5

5-5

5-6

**Biology:** 6 Units

**Chemistry:** 6 Units

**Physics:** 6 Units

# GCSE Combined Science

## **New this year:**

- 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.

**Rollover:** Practical Course and Definitions and Equations.

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# How can you help?

- Encourage your son/daughter to complete the homework tasks set.
- Encourage your son/daughter to attend OSL on Wednesdays.
- CGP Combined Science Practise Workbook/Revision Guide (£6.00 each)
- Revisions lists via school comms.
- Help your son/daughter learn the information.
- Encourage Assessment for Learning.
- If you ever have any concerns about their progress in science, contact us to discuss it.