



Year 11 16+ Options

The Year 11 students have a lot of information being given to them at the moment and it can all feel very overwhelming. The important thing is for them to talk to me and their tutors or trusted member of staff if they have any concerns regarding their future choices or mental health. Year 11 will soon be involved in a 'Next Steps Post 16' day where they will be further investigating their post-16 choices in order to make their applications for courses as soon as they open.



Group Tuition

The small group tuition sessions are well underway. Students invited to these were selected due to them working below their predicted grades and it is an opportunity to gain extra help and support in order to get the best grades they can in their GCSE's.

Study Skills & Revision Techniques

Year 11 students had an extended registration on Wednesday 15th October to take part in some sessions to support them with their revision. Student feedback from the afternoon will be included in the next edition.

Year 11 GCSE Information & Guidance Evening

This event took place on Thursday 16th October and it was beneficial to those parents/carers who attended. Lots of information was covered including: student wellbeing, signs of stress and how to manage it and the importance of revision. Parental feedback from the event can be found on page 5.

Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead

Date for your Diary



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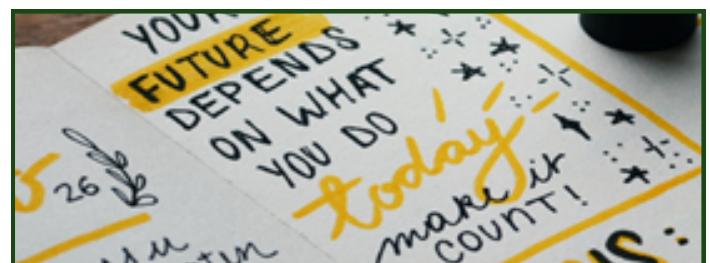
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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27th November 5.45pm
Doors close at 6pm. No tickets required, we look forward to welcoming you.



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for new features -
all things career related!



Services for Young People

Jo Bains, our Services for Young People Advisor, is in school on designated Thursdays to meet with students and discuss their options, ideas and opportunities available to them after Year 11. We aim to get every Year 11 student booked in for an appointment with Jo, or Ms Balchin, before the end of the academic year.

Services for Young People

It is essential that students do not miss their meeting as this wastes valuable time. Students are asked to make a note of the time, date and place of their meeting when Tutors announce them prior to the day. If students are unable to attend their appointment they are asked to swap with another student in their form group and inform Ms Balchin or Ms Charter so that their slot can be re-scheduled. Reminder cards are issued to students via their Tutors on the morning of their meeting to ensure they don't forget!

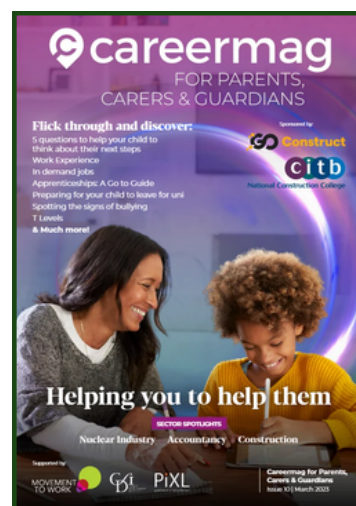
Jo also offers a 'Drop-In' session at break and lunchtime whereby students in Year 8 and above can go along, without an appointment, to ask any questions they have re: their future.

Careermag for Parents, Carers & Guardians

We know talking about careers can be daunting but we're here to guide you through the maze of post-16 and post-18 options, so you can strike up the best career conversations with your children using our expert advice and resources.

Many parents get in touch with us asking for advice on how to respond to their child when they ask this question. What may seem like a daunting question to many parents, doesn't actually have to be. Careermag for Parents connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information. We explain the qualification routes available and bust myths and misconceptions along the way.

Grab a cuppa and sit down with your child, there are lots of opportunities to explore! Click here to read [Careermag for Parents](#). This edition covers 5 questions to help your child to think about their next steps; Work Experience; In demand jobs; Apprenticeships: A Go to Guide; Preparing for your child to leave for uni; Spotting the signs of bullying; T- Levels and much more!



Special Mention - October

Maddison 11G would like to follow her dream of a career in performing arts.

Maddison's first choice is to study further in a college environment. She has attended the open day with Stage Right, a Performing Arts School in Royston. Maddison is right to keep her options open and explore all opportunities open to her, she will also be attending the open event at Emil Dale Academy in Letchworth.

Maddison had a Services for Young People appointment with Jo Bains last week, where all the information required to pursue this career path was explained. I hope she has taken this advice on board and continues to work hard to get the grades required to get on to the course she wishes to do.

With the attitude and determination I know Maddison has, she will succeed at anything she puts her mind to.



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Year 7 Pastoral Evening Feedback

"It was very nice to see how well Oliver has settled in and enjoying fearnhill."

"Lovely to meet Bella's new friends and the wonderful staff."

"It was lovely to see Lucy's confidence as she showed me around and talked to her teachers."

"It was a very exciting moment today. I deeply appreciate the efforts put in to put that in place. It was equally exciting to interact with the teachers, had a good view of Jomiloju's attendance and participation in classes and the Form Room part of it was excellent."

"We loved being shown around the school by Charlie and it was really interesting to see his work. It was good to see how confident he was taking us to various classrooms."

"It was great to have the opportunity to see Joshua's work and meet some of his teachers. We didn't get to go to all the classrooms as ran out of time."

"It was great for us to see how well our daughter is getting on and how much support she is getting."

"The event was very comprehensive."

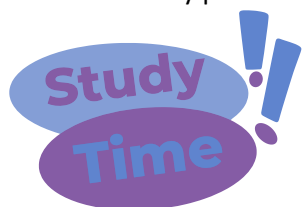
"It was a great evening, great to meet her teachers, speak to them about how she's settling in, it was so valuable for me to let her be in charge of what she wanted to show us. It was a lovely evening, thank you for staying later."

Year 11 Study Skills Sessions

Year 11 attended a study skills session on Monday morning run by Mrs Nunneley, Mrs Morewood-Cordon and Mrs Martin. This was one of a series of events designed to share the best methods of revision and promote good study skills to help students approach their first set of mocks exams in November with confidence. This morning saw them learning practical revision skills that are scientifically proven methods of how to study effectively.



"Study morning was very successful, students learnt about exam stress, 5522, dual coding, mind maps and flashcards." Mrs Morewood-Cordon



"I found it useful. I enjoyed the 'Beat the Stress' session."
Lilly

"I got to know what I'm doing wrong and found out information on more revision resources."
Saheed

"It was very useful, the 'Beat the Stress' session helped me to learn a limit and how I can revise without burning myself out. There should be more sessions to teach future year 11s different revision techniques."
Ella

"I enjoyed learning how to deal with stress with the exams coming up soon."
Tilly-Rose



The Secret to Success

Success begins by planning and preparing yourself to start work- Revision timetable, starting with what you don't know well.
Commitment to your revision schedule- revise in a way that suits you and stick to it!
Practice, Practice, Practice- Past Papers, exam questions, timed tests, knowledge tests.

Year 11 Information & Guidance (IAG) Evening

Year 11 Timeline

- wc 20.10.25 - meet the different student pathway groups and prep for the support after half term
- wc 27.10.25 - half term
- wc 3.11.25 - 'Exam Ready' form time programme.
 - Early P6 starts for some students
 - Form time - revisit study skills & revision
 - 1 week until Autumn mocks!
- wc 10.11.25 - 2 weeks of mock exams in the hall
- 17.12.25 - Results assembly and next steps
- 14.1.26 - Parents' IAG meeting (online)
- 25.1.26 - Period 6 starts (3-3.50pm)
- 20.1.26 - Parents' & carers' evening
- 23.2.26 - 2 weeks of final mock exams in the hall
- 4.5.26 - GCSE exams start
- 26.6.26 - the last exam
- 20.8.26 - GCSE results day!

Revision Material

- School Website - 'One-stop-shop' for revision material (from 20th October)
- Accessible to Parents/Carers
- Info around mock papers & topics
- Revision Materials & Techniques
- Guidance on exam stress
- Students can access further materials on Google Classroom - parents/carers can see what homework is due.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

- C.S Lewis



Support

- Small group intervention
- Study skills workshops
- 6th form mentoring
- Stretch & challenge for 6+ students with Mrs Nunneley
- Subject revision lessons
- Revision timetable support
- Form time core revision and wellbeing support
- Results assemblies & motivational support
- P6 independent revision, coursework catch up, subject revision
- Drop-down coursework catch up
- Pastoral & academic support, Mrs Morewood-Cordon (HOY), Mrs Martin (HOKS), Mrs Brown (PCC), Ms Brown (SENDCo) & Mrs Nunneley (DHT)

Overcoming Obstacles

'I've missed so much, I can't catch up'
'There's too much to learn, I can't do it.'
'I have too much going on in my life, I can't focus on this.'
'I'm too scared to try. What if I fail?'
'If I fail, at least I know it's because I didn't revise/try.'
'I don't care'
'It's too hard/I don't understand'
'I don't like my teacher'
'My teacher is no good'
'My teachers/the school doesn't understand me/what's going'
'I need more help and I'm not getting it from my teachers'
'I've broken up with my girlfriend/boyfriend. I can't do this'
'I've fallen out with my friends, I'm too upset to do this'
'I'm never going to need maths/geography/art etc.'

Year 11 parents/carers were invited to an Information and Guidance (IAG) Evening on Thursday evening run by Mrs Nunneley, Mrs Morewood-Cordon and Mrs Martin. Those who attended were given step-by-step information on how to support students in this vital time in their education.

"It was a great evening and very informative. It was really helpful to see what students are being taught in school to support their GCSE revision and to learn how we can reinforce this at home. The techniques shared were excellent, and it's clear that this collaborative approach between students, parents, and school is helping children to excel. I'm also so impressed by how welcoming and caring the staff are, and by the open-door policy they have for Year 11 students. It's reassuring to see how committed they are to supporting every child, no matter how big or small the challenge, you can tell they genuinely care for each student. I know my daughter feels happy and supported at Fearnhill, and we're so glad she's there. Events like last night really highlight how dedicated the school is to helping students succeed. We all left feeling very positive about the coming year and getting through the GCSEs."

"I thought it was efficient and useful."

"Different revision techniques and how to avoid potential techniques that offer less benefit. It would be good to try encourage more on the side of less pressure to alleviate potential stress."

"It was good to learn the different ways to cope with exam stress and revision. There was lots of information given."

Huge thanks to Mrs Nunneley, Mrs Morewood-Cordon and Mrs Martin for running such a wonderful event full of help and support at this crucial time for Year 11 students.

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Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

EMPLOYMENT SECTORS

**THE AREAS INTO WHICH THE
WORKFORCE IS DIVIDED.**

**E.G. MANY CREATIVE PEOPLE
WORK IN THE STEM SECTOR.**



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The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Namrata is in their 4th year at St George's University. Click [here](#) for Namrata's story.



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YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Subject of the Month - October

 *Note down at least one thing you think you know about these subjects.*

Think about the range of skills this degree requires - not just creativity!

YR 7

Fine art

1. Other than creativity, what skills do you need to study this subject?
2. What activities or hobbies do you enjoy that could relate to this subject?
3. Other than art, which school subjects could help to prepare you to study this degree?
4. What else would you like to know about this subject? Where could you find this information?

Think about how this subject could link to a school subject.

1. How could this subject make a positive impact in the world?
2. How does this subject relate to things you like doing?
3. Which school subjects are linked to this subject?
4. What hobbies or activities could you do to help you learn more about this subject?

YR 8

Horticulture and botany

Unifrog's 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'! Students can log on to Unifrog and watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.

YR 9

Computer games design

Think about how you could prepare for this degree.

1. Other than gaming, what hobbies relate to this subject?
2. What skills do you have that you think could be useful for this subject?
3. What subjects might prepare you well for this degree?
4. If you wanted to study this subject, what could you do to prepare?

Theology and religion


Think about why open-mindedness is an important skill when studying this degree.

1. What sorts of careers could this subject lead to?
2. Why is being open-minded important when studying this subject?
3. Which GCSE (or equivalent) subjects could help someone to prepare for this degree?
4. What else would you like to know about this subject? Where could you find this information?

YR 11

Think about the career prospects that could come from studying this subject.

YR 12
Building surveying and construction


1. Where could studying this subject take you in the future?
2. If you could ask anything about this subject, what question would you ask?
3. What skills or knowledge from your school subjects are most relevant to this subject?
4. What challenges are there with this degree? How do these challenges affect your interest in pursuing this subject?

Think about the progression opportunities leading from this subject.

1. How could you network with professionals or students in this field to learn more about it?
2. Lab work is part of the degree. Is this something that appeals to you? Why or why not?
3. How could the subjects you're studying now help you prepare for university study of this subject?
4. What are some of the progression opportunities after studying this subject?

YR 10

Aerospace engineering and aviation

Think about the elements of this subject you'd excel in or struggle with.

1. What kinds of careers are available in this field, and what do they involve?
2. Are there any aspects of this subject that you think you'd excel in or struggle with?
3. How might your current school subjects help someone to prepare for this career in the future?
4. What else would you like to know about this subject? Where could you find this information?

YR 13

Nutrition

External Opportunities

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Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily! Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines. These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference. A few of these opportunities are listed here.



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External Opportunities Cont'd



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Tuesday 21 October 2025
18:00 - 19:00

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