

Shaftesbury School

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Year 11 Parents Information Evening

*Please firstly join us for a welcome from the
Principal in the main hall*

Your workshops for this evening are:

Where is my workshop?

- **GCSE Science:** Room A3
- **Success in GCSE History:** Room A17
- **Learning Styles and Revision:** Room A16
- **Revision in Computer Science:** Room B14
- **Revision in Mathematics:** Room A18
- **Success in GCSE Drama:** Room A6
- **Career Planning:** Room A8
- **Learning through Metacognition:** Room A7
- **AQA English Lang & Lit:** Room A9
- **GCSE EDUQAS Music Exam:** Room A13
- **Support for Year 11 Parents:** Room A15



Year 11 key dates

- **September-October** Information Advice and Guidance Session with Form Tutor. Initial discussion of future plans and action points.
- **October-November** Information Advice and Guidance Session with Senior Member of Staff. Review of career plans, option choices and progress with action points.
- Sixth Form Options Evenings at Shaftesbury School (**14 Nov**) and Sturminster Newton (**16 Nov**).
- Year 11 reports **17th November**
- Pre public exams **27th November – 8th December**
- Submission of sixth form options form (deadline **Friday 1st December 2017** although applications submitted after this date will be considered).
- Year 11 parents evening **Tuesday 9th January**
- Acting on feedback conference **23rd January**
- **January-March** Follow up Information Advice and Guidance Session with Senior Member of Staff. Review of applications and mock examination results. For those applying to Shaftesbury & Sturminster Sixth Form feedback on application, and resolution of any issues arising due to option blocks or predicted grades.
- **April-May** Formal offers are issued. These are conditional offers which will be based on results in GCSEs and other Level 2 qualifications.
- **Monday 14th May** – main GCSE exams start - but MFL, Art and others are often before this date
- **Thursday 23rd August** – GCSE results day

Revision strategies you can encourage your child to use

- Plan their revision – see attached revision timetable – start early to ensure all topics are covered
- Different muscular or body movements to remember key words
- Mind-maps and revision cards full of colour
- Use ICT to help retain information i.e. online revision games/websites. BBC GCSE 'Bitesize' would be a good place to start: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>
- Flash cards – ask if you can test them or they can test themselves or put in chronological order
- Colour and pictures – add to as many revision materials as possible to aid memory
- Changing song lyrics to remember information
- Memory walks – associating information with a point on a well known journey
- Mnemonics eg Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain for colours of the rainbow
- GCSEpod – see next page for more information
- Creating summaries for each topic
- Post it notes, labels around the home to help them remember key vocabulary (languages) or facts
- Have a go at past or specimen papers, these can be found on the relevant exam board websites and further resources are available on the schools' student shared drive



- **What is it?**
- – 3/4 minute video podcasts covering a large proportion of examined content for most subjects that students can access from a website/android app/IOS app/download to their phone and computer
- **How can it be used?**
- – students can watch the podcasts for revision, teachers may also set them as homework
- - Watch out for the ‘2017 or 2018 exam’ banner at the bottom of podcasts to make sure you are watching the correct content

- **Who can access it?**
- – All students. It can be accessed by the app they can download to their phone or by following the link below on a PC.

- **First time user?**
- – Go to www.gcsepod.com and click on ‘login’, then ‘new here? get started’. Then it is a simple case of signing up.

Recommended revision guides

Music	ISBN	9781785582158	GCSE Music WJEC Revision Guide
Maths	ISBN	9781782944041	HIGHER Maths
	ISBN	9781782944003	FOUNDATION Maths
MFL	ISBN	9781292132075	SPANISH Revision WORKBOOK
	ISBN	9781292132105	SPANISH revision GUIDE
	ISBN	9781292132013	FRENCH Revision WORKBOOK
	ISBN	9781292132082	FRENCH Revision GUIDE
History	ISBN	9781292169774	The American West
	ISBN	9781292169736	Weimar & Nazi Germany
			Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000-present and Whitechapel,
	ISBN	151040323X	c1870-c1900
	ISBN	1510403248	Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88
Catering	ISBN	9781782946533	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition WORKBOOK
	ISBN	9781782946526	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition REVISION GUIDE
Computer Science	ISBN	9781782946021	Revision Guide
	ISBN	9781782946021	Workbook

Recommended revision guides

D & T	ISBN	9781847623539	Resistant Materials
Geography			
	ISBN	9781782946106	Grade 9-1 Revision Guide
Science			
	ISBN	9781782945567	Biology
	ISBN	9781782945574	Chemistry
	ISBN	9781782945581	Physics
	ISBN	9781782945598	Combined Science - HIGHER
	ISBN	9781782945604	Combined Science - FOUNDATION
PE			
	ISBN	9781292135120	Revision Guide
	ISBN	9781292135083	Workbook
English			
	ISBN	9781471833946	Get the grade WORKBOOK
	ISBN	9781471832055	English language POW
	ISBN	9781471832857	Get the grade! SUCCESS

Exam boards for year 11 GCSE courses

GCSE	Year 11s 2017-18	
	Board	Award code
Art Craft & Design 9-1	AQA	8201
Art & Design (Graphic-Comms) 9-1	AQA	8203
Art & Design (Textile Design) 9-1	AQA	8204
Biology	AQA	8461
Business Studies	OCR	J253
Food Preparation & Nutrition 9-1	WJEC	C560P1
Chemistry	AQA	8462
Child Development (Home Economics)	AQA	4582
Computer Science 9-1	OCR	J276
D&T: Graphics	AQA	4550
D&T: Resistant Materials	AQA	4562
Drama 9-1	AQA	8261
English Language 9-1	AQA	8700
English Literature 9-1	AQA	8702
French 9-1	Edexcel	1FR0
Geography 9-1	AQA	8035
History 9-1	Edexcel	1HI0
Maths 9-1	Edexcel	1MA1
Music 9-1	WJEC	C660QS
Physical Ed 9-1	Edexcel	1PE0
Physics	AQA	8463
Psychology	AQA	4182
Religious Ed 9-1	WJEC	C120P3
Science: Combined Science Trilogy 9-1	AQA	8464
Spanish 9-1	Edexcel	1SP0

Year 11 key contacts

- **Year 11 Progress Leader** (for academic concerns/queries) Ms L Baxter
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- **Key Stage 4 Pastoral Support Worker** (for support with welfare concerns) Miss J Beach
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- We can also be contacted via the school office on 01747 854498
- **Workshop leaders:**
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