



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

The Departure Lounge

14th September 2023



Flight 22-08-24 is now boarding

Year 11 *Flightpaths* programme

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Mr M Brown - Headteacher

Hand luggage

Mr S Neil - Assistant Headteacher

Travel schedule

Mr R Shaw - Year 11 Raising Attainment Coordinator

Group discounts

Ms N Hoad – Assistant Headteacher

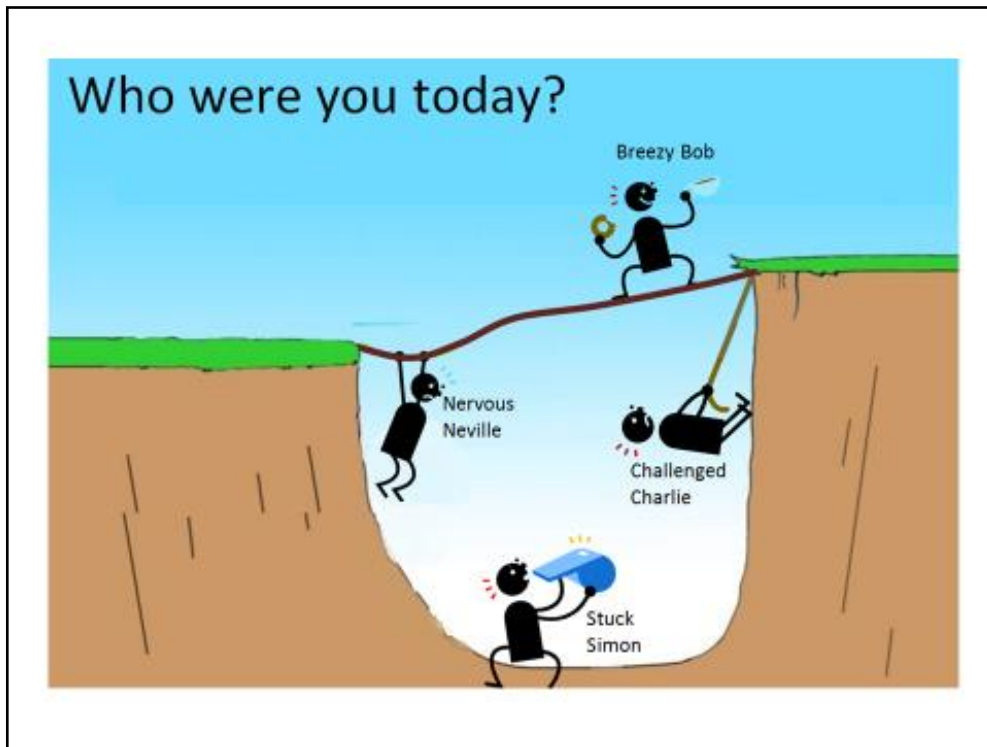
Duty Free

Mr R Shaw – Year 11 Raising Attainment Coordinator

Ms K Brewer – Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

“All you need is the plan, the road map and the courage to press on to your destination” (Earl Nightingale)

Year 11 *Flightpaths* – Hand luggage



DO THIS TONIGHT: The qualities of growth mindset are the hand luggage that students and their families should keep with them at all times during the Year 11 journey. Tonight, take 10 minutes to decide the growth mindset qualities that your daughter knows are secure and those that need family support to ensure that she achieves her personal best at the end of Year 11:

1 = **Yes!** This is one of my strengths

3 = **Help!** I can't do this on my own

2 = **Sometimes.** BUT I can improve to apply growth mindset attitudes on a consistent basis.

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| • Positivity | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| • Resilience | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| • Introspection | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| • Determination | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| • Effort | 1 | 2 | 3 |

⇒ What will make you most proud this year?

“Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.” (Winston Churchill)

Year 11 *Flightpaths* – Travel schedule

Events marked with an asterisk - * - are particularly recommended for family intervention.

AUTUMN TERM

September - October

- 14.9.23*: Year 11 Information Evening
- Post-16 planning: students discuss their ideas with families, teachers, Form Tutors, Ms Drewer (Key Stage 5 Transition Co-ordinator) and the Careers advisor
- Autumn term Action Plan* in Learning Journals agreed, completed and signed off

November - December

- Year 11 Pre-Public Examination* (PPE) schedule is published
- Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations take place*: the opportunity for families and students to practise managing examinations: revising and checking equipment; turning up at the right time and in the right place; coping with examination pressure

SPRING TERM

January - February

- 'Lifting the Lid on Key Stage 5' - Year 12 taster lessons and individual meetings with members of the school Leadership Team for all Year 11 students to explore Key Stage 5 subject interests and preferences
- 10.1.24*: Year 11 PPE examination results published in examination format and distributed in a special Year 11 Assembly
- 11.1.24*: Year 11 Parents Evening
- First provisional GCSE Summer Examination timetable is published to students*
- Spring term Action Plan* in Learning Journals agreed, completed and signed off
- 20.02.24*: Year 11 *Flightpaths* Challenge Day

March - April

- 07.03.24*: Year 11 'Preparing For Success' event for students and parents
- Second provisional GCSE Summer Examination timetable is published to students*
- GCSE practical examinations are scheduled before the Easter holiday

SUMMER TERM

May - June

- GCSE written examinations begin
- *Provisional* final GCSE examination date – *to be confirmed*
- *Contingency Date* – *to be confirmed*
- **TAKE OFF! GCSE RESULTS PUBLISHED: THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST 2023***

“Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.” (Arthur Ashe)

Year 11 *Flightpaths* – Group discounts

Students who achieve their personal best are not solo travellers. Their experience of seeking, shaping and securing success is underpinned by dynamic partnerships between teachers, students and their families. Family fellow travellers ‘look round’ the next corner to pack a spare charger *before* hysterics break out or hand out bottled water *before* headaches start.

Families need to join the Year 11 staff team in school and are invited to join the following events:

- Year 11 ‘Visa’ assemblies: these assemblies are an invaluable opportunity to find out about important deadlines, events and requirements and to meet the staff team supporting your daughter. Dates of the specific Year 11 assemblies to which you are invited will be published in the Family Newsletter.
- Year 11 Parents’ Evening: 11.01.2024 – review your daughter’s Pre-Public Examination results with teaching staff and understand her potential to meet academic targets.
- ‘Preparing for Success’ afternoon: 07.03.24 – meet your daughter’s Form Tutor to secure your daughter’s readiness for public examinations.
- The *Flightpaths* Challenge Day: 20.02.2024 – join Year 11 students in workshops to find out more about post-16 options, including Sixth Form courses; Apprenticeship opportunities and University pathways.

Year 11 *Flightpaths* – Duty Free

Key staff in school guide students and families through the Year 11 journey. Ms Hand is the Deputy Headteacher / Raising Attainment Leader who directs the Year 11 *Flightpaths* programme. Don’t overlook bargain opportunities to get professional input and support as soon as it is needed. The school email is admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk.

Faculty Leaders	Subject Leaders
English – Mr N Love	Art and Design – Mrs K Russell
Mathematics – Mrs I Owolabi	Business – Mr B Kirby
Science – Ms M Gough	Design Technology – Ms V Knight
Expressive Arts – Mrs S Linaker	Drama – Mrs N Jarman
Humanities – Mrs N Doyle	Economics – Mr B Kirby
Politics, Philosophy & Enterprise – Mrs G Laryea Daniels	Modern Foreign Languages – Miss J Carter
Vocational - Ms I Terry	Geography – Mr R Shaw
SENCO - Ms S McCauley	Health and Social Care – Miss K Morris
Head of Sixth Form – Miss K Brewer	History – Mrs A Allam
Student Support Officers - Behaviour or attendance queries	ICT – Ms I Auvinet
Form tutors – Day-to-day enquiries	Citizenship – Mrs G Laryea Daniels
Careers Advisor – Ms Jody Phillips	Music – Mrs S Linaker
	Physical Education – Mr R Momodu
	Religious Education – Mrs N Doyle

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” (Henry David Thoreau)

Additional Information – GCSE English

Year 11 students sit their GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature examinations in June 2024 – a total of four examinations. By Christmas 2023, students will have completed a GCSE English Language practice paper in the form of two assessed pieces, in addition to sitting a Pre-Public Examination in GCSE English Literature. After Christmas, all assessment tasks and practice papers will relate to specific aspects of the examinations. Students should ensure that they have revised for tasks and practice examinations, as directed by their teachers.

Revision in school

Students will be refining their skills for the GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature examinations throughout Year 11. Your daughter's teacher will be offering revision strategies and information to guide revision at home. Revision will take place in taught lessons in the Spring Term, as well as in additional booster sessions. Some students may also be asked to attend additional examination preparation during lunch times or after school. Individual students will be told when to attend these sessions.

'Brekkie Boosters' take place before each of the 'real' GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature examinations. They enable students to have breakfast, see their English teacher and ask last-minute questions before the examination. Revision guides are available from the English office and on sale during the Year 11 Information Evening. We would encourage students to purchase the guides to support their revision and learning in lessons, as well as at home.

Revision at home

We are very grateful to families for their support in encouraging students to remember that English revision is accessible at anytime and anywhere. The old adage, "You can't revise for English" is a myth! Students should continue to re-read the set texts for GCSE English Literature ('Romeo and Juliet' - Shakespeare; 'An Inspector Calls' – JB Priestley; 'A Christmas Carol' – Charles Dickens; the 'Love and Relationships' poetry anthology; and 'Unseen poetry'), and practise their reading skills for GCSE English Language by browsing 19th, 20th and 21st Century non-fiction and literary non-fiction extracts and articles. **Useful websites:** www.bbcbitese.co.uk

English Revision Guides

Revision texts are available for purchase as individual items on WisePay. Alternatively, they can be bought as a single purchase for £20.00 (thereby avoiding separate WisePay fees per item)

- Collins AQA GCSE English All-In-One Revision: Language & Literature: £5.00 (RRP £10.99)
- AQA Anthology of Poetry: Love & Relationships. The Poetry Guide for the Grade 9 - 1 Course: £3 (RRP £5.95)
- Unseen Poetry – Exam Board: AQA. 'The Poetry Guide for the Grade 1 – 9 Course'. £3 (RRP £5.95)
- GCSE English Text Guide – 'A Christmas Carol': £3 (RRP £5.95)
- GCSE English Text Guide – 'An Inspector Calls': £3 (RRP £5.95)
- GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide – 'Romeo and Juliet': £3 (RRP £5.95)
- GCSE English Shakespeare 'THE COMPLETE PLAY' – 'Romeo and Juliet': £3 (RRP £5.95)

Additional Information – GCSE Mathematics

Year 11 students should ensure from September onwards that they have all of the necessary equipment for every Mathematics lesson, as well as for each of the three GCSE Mathematics examinations: calculator, compass, protractor, ruler, pencil, rubber and black pen.

Revision in school

In the Autumn term, your daughter will be completing the Year 11 scheme of work and following a revision plan in lessons. Students will be set revision topic home works by their teachers and will be assessed in lessons weekly. Past examination papers will be set as homework to enable teachers and students to assess gaps in knowledge and understanding and then to address the required learning directly. Revision will take place in taught lessons in the Spring Term, as well as in additional booster sessions. In addition, there will be 'drop in' sessions for students to cover examination preparation during lunch times or after school and individual students will be told when to attend these sessions.

'Brekkie Boosters' will also be scheduled before each of the 'real' GCSE examinations. They enable students to have breakfast, see their Mathematics teacher and ask last-minute questions before the examination.

Revision at home

We expect your daughter to be doing her own independent revision and for this work to be recorded in her **Independent Learning Log** in her exercise book and **signed by parents**. The following resource 'MathsWatch' CD will assist her. It can be bought for £4.50, paid for at the Finance Office and collected from Room 41.

Mathematics Revision Guides

The Collins Higher and Foundation Mathematics packages cost £5.00 each and are a combined revision guide, workbook and answer book. They, too, can be paid for at the Finance Office and collected from Room 41. Your daughter may have bought a copy previously in Year 9 or Year 10.

Useful websites:

www.mymaths.co.uk

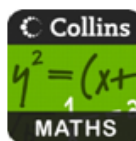
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www.bbcbitesize.co.uk

<http://corbettmaths.com/>

Recommended Mathematics Apps



Collins Maths

The Collins app comes in each Topic:
Algebra, Shape, Number and Data
Available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad.



GCSE Bitesize Maths

GCSE Bitesize will help you revise everything you need to know for the exam. Comes in Higher and Foundation. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad and Android.



I am learning: GCSE maths app

Want help revising? Use this great app to play games and revise with over 2500 questions. Available for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.



Maths Revision app

This colourful interactive app comes in 5 topics. Search 'GCSE maths revision lite' to find out more. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad.



GCSE Maths Tutor Videos
Your entire GCSE maths syllabus delivered as rich tutor-led HD video Available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad

Additional Information – GCSE Science

Year 11 students sit either GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Triple Science in June 2023 – a total of six examinations. During their lessons leading up to their final examinations students should ensure they have the required stationery as well as a calculator in every Science lesson.

Revision in school

Students will be completing the Year 11 Science courses. As part of their preparation for their final examination students will be set past examination papers as homework as well as the mid and end topic tests they will be carrying out in class. Their teachers will use the information from these resources to set targeted activities as part of their revision at home.

Brekkie Boosters will also run before each of their final GCSE examinations.

Revision at home

It is expected that students will carry out their own independent revision at home. Students should have bought their revision guide at the end of Year 9 or during Year 10. Revision guides can be bought online from companies such as Amazon. If your daughter does not have a revision guide and is uncertain what level to buy they should discuss this with their class teacher.

Revise GCSE (9-1) Combined Science Higher Revision Guide

ISBN-10: 1292131632

ISBN-13: 978-1292131634

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Combined Science Foundation Revision Guide

ISBN-10: 1292131594

ISBN-13: 978-1292131597

We also suggest that your daughter uses a wide range of revision resources – listed below are just a few we would recommend:

- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zqkww6f>
- <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com>
- <https://gradegorilla.com>
- <https://www.primrosekitten.com/pages/edexcel-gcse-revision-for-combined-and-separate-science> (Video clips on this website are good, all GCSE content is covered)
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3_bw (Free Science Lessons on YouTube has clips that cover all GCSE content)
- <http://passmyexams.co.uk/>
- <https://www.senecalearning.com/>
- <https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-science-revision/>
- <https://www.revisely.co.uk/gcse/science/edexcel>

In addition to this, your daughter has been given in the past the login details for Activelearn (www.pearsonactivelearn.com) where there are questions and tasks to aid revision alongside, access to an online version of the textbook used in the classroom. Alongside this, there is a 'KS4 science revision' Microsoft Team your daughter can access with further revision resources.

Year 11 GCSE Provisional public examinations timetable - Summer 20

Subject	Board	Start	Duration	Date
Religious Studies - Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Thur 9 May
Drama - Component 3	EDUCAS	13:00	01:30	Thur 9 May
Biology - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Fri 10 May
Biology - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Fri 10 May
Combined Biology - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Fri 10 May
Combined Biology - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Fri 10 May
English Literature – Paper 1	AQA	09:00	01:45	Mon 13 May
Economics – Paper 1	OCR	13:00	01:30	Mon 13 May
French - Foundation Listening	EDUCAS	09:00	00:35	Tues 14 May
French - Foundation Reading	EDUCAS	09:00	01:00	Tues 14 May
French - Higher Listening	EDUCAS	09:00	00:45	Tues 14 May
French - Higher Reading	EDUCAS	09:00	01:15	Tues 14 May
Business - Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Tues 14 May
History - Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:15	Wed 15 May
Mathematics - Paper 1 (Non Calc) F	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Thur 16 May
Mathematics - Paper 1 (Non Calc) H	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Thur 16 May
Religious Studies - Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Thur 16 May
Chemistry - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Fri 17 May
Chemistry - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Fri 17 May
Combined Chemistry - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Fri 17 May
Combined Chemistry - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Fri 17 May
Geography - Paper 1	AQA	13:00	01:30	Fri 17 May
English Literature - Paper 2	AQA	09:00	02:15	Mon 20 May
Citizenship – Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Tues 21 May
Economics - Paper 2	OCR	09:00	01:30	Tues 21 May
Physics - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Wed 22 May
Physics - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Wed 22 May
Combined Physics - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Wed 22 May
Combined Physics - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Wed 22 May
Cambridge National IT	OCR	13:00	01:30	Wed 22 May
English Language - Paper 1	AQA	09:00	01:45	Thur 23 May
French - Foundation Writing	EDUCAS	09:00	01:15	Fri 24 May
French - Higher Writing	EDUCAS	09:00	01:30	Fri 24 May
Citizenship - Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Mon 3 Jun
Spanish - Foundation Listening	EDUCAS	09:00	00:35	Tue 04 Jun
Spanish - Foundation Reading	EDUCAS	09:00	01:00	Tue 04 Jun
Spanish - Higher Listening	EDUCAS	09:00	00:45	Tue 04 Jun
Spanish - Higher Reading	EDUCAS	09:00	01:15	Tue 04 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 2 (Calc) F	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Mon 3 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 2 (Calc) H	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Mon 3 Jun
History - Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Tues 4 Jun
Geography - Paper 2	AQA	09:00	01:30	Wed 5 Jun
Business - Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Wed 5 Jun
Statistics - Paper 1 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:30	Wed 5 Jun
Statistics - Paper 1 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:30	Wed 5 Jun

English Language - Paper 2	AQA	09:00	01:45	Thur 6 Jun
Biology - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Fri 7 Jun
Biology - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Fri 7 Jun
Combined Biology - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:10	Fri 7 Jun
Combined Biology - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:10	Fri 7 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 3 (Calc) F	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Mon 10 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 3 (Calc) H	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:30	Mon 10 Jun
Spanish - Foundation Writing	EDUCAS	13:00	01:15	Mon 10 Jun
Chemistry - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Tues 11 Jun
Chemistry - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:45	Tues 11 Jun
Combined Chemistry - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Tues 11 Jun
Combined Chemistry - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	09:00	01:10	Tues 11 Jun
History - Paper 3 Depth	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:20	Tues 11 Jun
Dance - Component 2 Written	AQA	09:00	01:30	Wed 12 Jun
Spanish - Higher Writing	EDUCAS	13:00	01:30	Tue 13 Jun
Geography - Paper 3	AQA	09:00	01:15	Fri 14 Jun
Physics - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Fri 14 Jun
Physics - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:45	Fri 14 Jun
Combined Physics - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:10	Fri 14 Jun
Combined Physics - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:10	Fri 14 Jun
Music - Component 3 Written	EDUCAS	13:00	01:15	Mon 17 Jun
Statistics - Paper 2 Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:30	Mon 17 Jun
Statistics - Paper 2 Foundation	EDEXCEL	13:00	01:30	Mon 17 Jun
Food Prep & Nutrition - Written	AQA	09:00	01:45	Wed 19 Jun

“If Plan A doesn’t work, the alphabet has 25 more letters – 204 if you’re in Japan.” (Claire Cook)