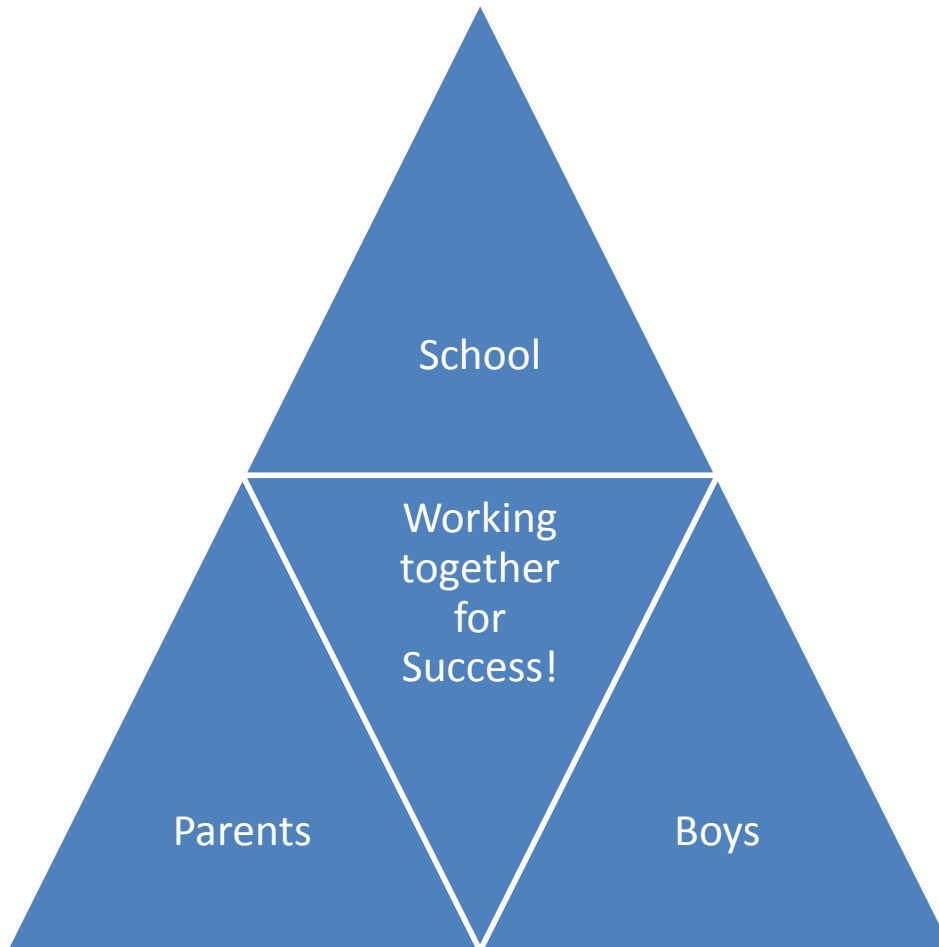


Y11 Parents' Evening

Access to tonight's presentations

The two presentations are on the website under
Parents -> Letters Home - > Y11 Parents Evening

Good Relationships and Success at GCSE



Importance of GCSEs

- **1] STRS Sixth Form Qualification**

Min qualification : **4A/7s** [not including short course RS] + **4s** in Eng Lang and Maths

Individual A Level Subjects also have min requirements. For example **A/7** at GCSE needed to do **Maths [7], MFL [7] and Sciences [7]**

Importance of GCSEs

- **2] University applications**
- Your sons will study **linear A Levels** – a 2-year course **examined at the end of Y13** so **NO AS exams** at end of y12
- So your son's GCSE profile will become even more important in terms of being offered a place at university
- **Increasing competition** for places at our **top universities [Russell Group] and Oxbridge** – *I'm very keen for more of our boys and girls to apply to **Oxford and Cambridge***
- Imperative that boys get the **best possible GCSE Profile** to give themselves the best possible chance of getting **offers**

Failed Entry to STRS 6th Form in 2017

- **16** of last year's Y11 failed to meet the **requirements to gain entry to our 6th Form** which, sadly, led to **much upset** on results day.
- The outcomes could have been so different for these young people if they had **prepared themselves better** for the examinations last May and June, particularly after the Mocks in November/Dec
- *In my opinion, Grammar School pupils who revise hard over a long period of time should all get at least a '6' grade in every subject and a good proportion of '7', '8' and '9' grades.*
- We start them thinking about revision for the summer exams at the **start of March**.

Assessment and new GCSEs

- The amount of coursework is being reduced in a move to make GCSEs more rigorous.
- For example, there is **no coursework in Geography** but the subject is assessed now by **3 exams**.
- The importance of how well the boys **revise** the material covered has therefore increased!!

Coursework /Controlled Assessment

- Coursework/CA still though makes a **significant contribution** to the final grades of a number of subjects –
- Bus Studs [25%], Music [60%], PE [40%], Art [60%], Des and Tech [60%]
- Our boys in general do **very well** in the **exams** but a number **underachieve** in the **easier controlled assessment / coursework** component!!??

Coursework/Controlled Assessment

- Along with revising well, it is imperative therefore that your sons **apply themselves** well to **all Controlled Assessments/ coursework** to make sure they acquire the **best possible grades** in this important aspect of their courses.

Univ/ Med School/ Oxb Prep

- **Myth** that our prep is inferior to another local GS at the other end of the Golden Valley bypass!
- **NOT TRUE!!** The prep that our 6th Form get is first class and we have improved it further by putting on **TIMETABLED** seminars/tutorials for potential Oxbridge Students.
- **Oxbridge links** – significant improvement recently > Y10 visit ; Y12 subject visits eg Geog & MFL; links with **Lady Margaret Hall and Jesus College** – School Liaison Officers come here.
- **Practice interviews** with Heads of Dept, SMT and Oxbridge Tutor/OR

STRS 2018 Target

- ***2017 -18 A*/A TARGET – 70%***

Y10 Short Course RS – 76% A*/A – a good indicator of potential. Clearly it doesn't mean for sure that your son will acquire a number of 7s but if he works hard there's a good possibility.

Meeting the Target

We have set your sons a **very tough challenge**.

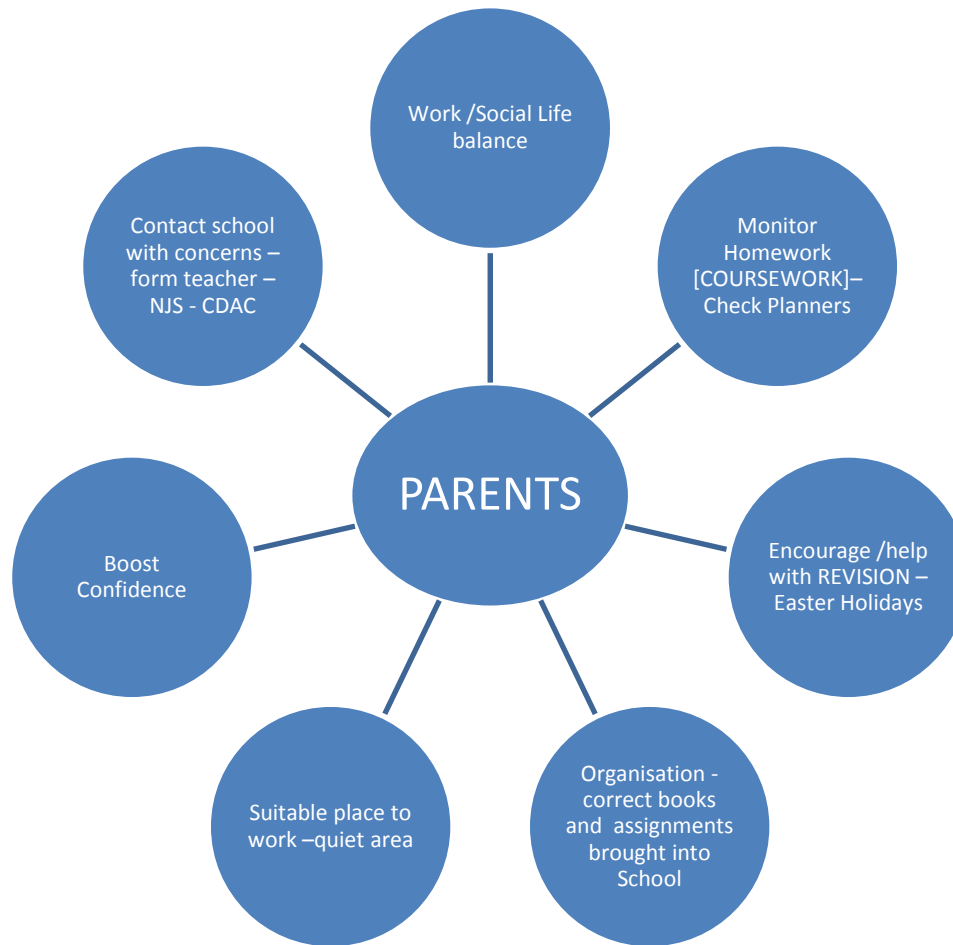
To meet this challenge they will need to -

- Remain **fully focused** in lessons
- work hard at **home**
- **Prepare well** for the Exams
- ***Even though they are able young people '7's, '8's and '9's grades don't just happen, they need to be worked for!***

Work Experience

- Dates: 4th – 8th December
- Mock Interview practice : WEDS 18TH Oct

What a Parent can do





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Is your son ready for the year ahead?

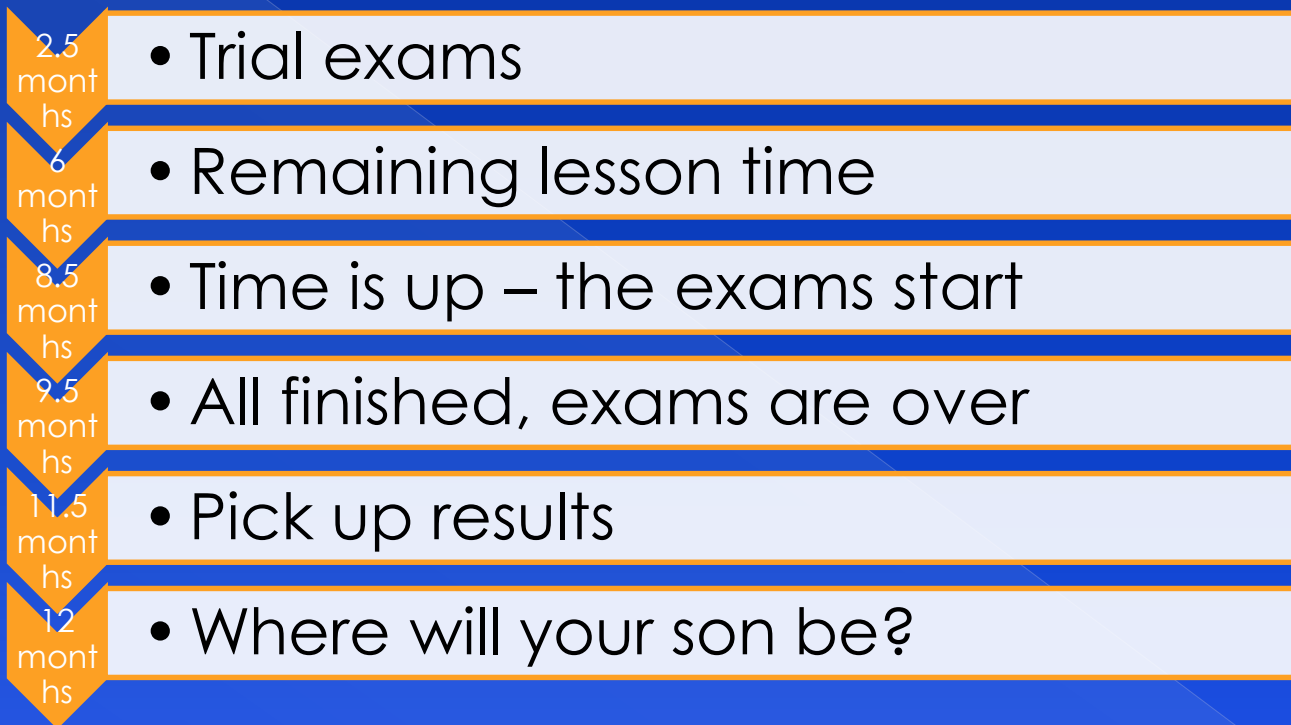
Academically this is the most important year for your son

Achieve the best possible GCSE profile

To develop a positive approach to academic work to lead them through the next ? years

Achieve the results to return to Y12

Timeline



Managing the year



What can they do to maximise your potential?

- ◉ Arrive to classes on time
- ◉ Bring all the necessary books/equipment
- ◉ Be positive and be prepared to learn
- ◉ Take an active part in the lesson
- ◉ Be willing to work outside the lesson
- ◉ **Want to do well**
- ◉ **Build positive relationships with your teachers**

What affects learning?

People

- Teachers
- Parents/family
- Friends
- Other students
- THEMSELVES

Social

- Relationships
- Socialising
- Mobile phones
- Alcohol
- Drugs

Flipped learning & RTF

As a school we are trying a new initiative called flipped learning.

Flipped learning is a pedagogical approach in which the conventional notion of classroom-based learning is inverted, so that students are introduced to the learning material before class, with classroom time then being used to deepen understanding through discussion with peers and problem-solving activities.

Basically, teachers will be expecting your son to do more work, more thinking and take more responsibility. If they don't, they will miss out.

Homework

Each subject sets one piece of homework/prep a week.

So where does the 2 hours a night come in?

- Reinforcement, further practice on ideas covered in lesson
- Revision
- Extension work, wider reading
- Routine tasks which can be done easily at home, enabling better use of lesson time
- Background reading, preparation for new topic
- Independent research

Parent Gateway

Timetable

Attendance

Reports

Reporting absence

Please keep your login in secure by not sharing your password with your son. This is more a resource for you, not them.

Planning ahead

On 23rd August 2018 GCSE results are published

We hope that all students gain the best profile they can. Of course we hope they can come into our 6th Form if that is what they wish.

There will be some students who may be short of their targets and we will talk in depth to these throughout the year, and involve the parents.

Our 6th Form open evening is on 30th January 2018

Grade 7s and above comparison with Y10 5th Orders

2017 GCSE

In relation to Y10	%
Less	9
The same	17
1 more	16
2 more	20
3 more	22
4 more	9
5 more	6
6 more	1
7 more	1
8 more	0

2016 GCSE

In relation to Y10	%
Less	5
The same	7
1 more	12
2 more	13
3 more	27
4 more	12
5 more	10
6 more	8
7 more	4
8 more	2

2015 GCSE

In relation to Y10	%
Less	4
The same	3
1 more	13
2 more	12
3 more	21
4 more	19
5 more	11
6 more	9
7 more	6
8 more	2

Pupil Expectations

- ◉ Be high achievers
- ◉ Take responsibility for their learning and that of others
- ◉ Be involved in school life
- ◉ Take responsibility for their behaviour
- ◉ Set high standards

Mobile phones



Pupils are only allowed to use their mobile phones under the direct supervision of a member of staff.

If they are caught using their phone it will:

1. Be confiscated.
2. They will need to hand it in at the start of the day.
3. Parents will need to collect it.

Key dates

15th – 23rd November

Y11 trial examinations

4th – 8th December

Work Experience

30th January
Evening

Sixth Form Open

20th February

Year 11 Parents' Evening

14th May
Examinations

Start of GCSE

22nd June
Examinations

End of GCSE

2nd – 5th July

Y12 Induction days

23rd August

GCSE Results day

Contacts

E-mail is often a useful and reliable way to make initial contact:

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- > All this information can be found on the Parents' section on the school website.