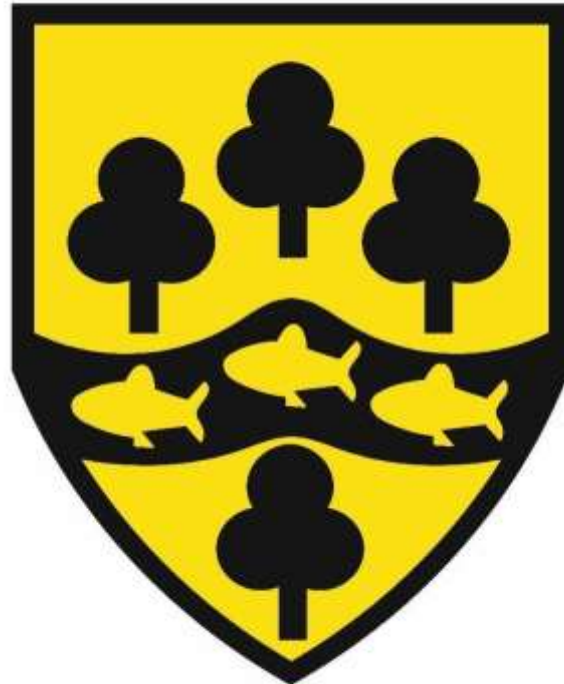


TESTWOOD



SCHOOL

YEAR 11

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 12th October 2023

Every Child, Every Step, Every Day

Key Dates 2023-24:

11th September 2023 - Yr 11 whole year school photograph

12th September 2023 - Motivation Speaker (within the school day)

20th September 2023 - Careers Evening

12th October 2023 - Yr 11 Information evening

w/b 13th November 2023 - Yr11 Mock Exams

w/b 20th November 2023 - Yr11 Mock Exams

7th December 2024 - Parents Evening

15th December 2023 - Progress Check 1

8th January 2024 onwards - Year 11 After School Revision Starts

w/b 26th February 2024 - Yr 11 Mock Exams 2

22nd March 2024 - Progress Check 2

w/b 6th May - **GCSE Final Exams begin**

26th June - Prom - details to follow.

These key stages of the year are critical to keep every parent informed and updated of the academic progress. If you have any queries that are raised as a result of the Progress Reports or parents evening please contact the relevant curriculum leader.

Year 11 2023-24

Welcome

A warm welcome to all our parents and carers of Year 11 students. This is the year that will make the difference to your child's future.

The purpose of this booklet is to inform parents and carers of important dates throughout the year, to inform you of what support the school is providing for your children and impart useful information regarding GCSE revision and examinations that you can use to aid studying at home.

If there are any reasons during this year why your child may not be working to the best of their ability and you feel as a school it would be best for us to know, then we would ask you to contact us immediately and we will help put in place the relevant support mechanisms in order for your child to get 'back on track' as quickly as possible.

We are determined to work with yourselves and your child to maximise the chances of academic success. The best chance your child has to get the results they need is if we all work together to motivate, support and guide them in the right direction.

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Mr Gilbert	Asst Headteacher	ngilbert@testwoodschoo.co.uk
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Expectations for behaviour

For students to achieve this year, the emphasis is for all students to take responsibility for their own behaviour. We expect students to be proactive, use their initiative, build relationships with their teachers based on trust and honesty, and to follow the code of practice for the school. If a student is disrupting the learning of others they will be removed from that lesson and will work in a parked room, remove room or the reset room depending on the severity of their behaviour.

Year 11 is too important for any students to have a poor attitude or poor behaviour within lessons and around the school and therefore this behaviour will not be tolerated.

Attendance

As in all years, attendance and punctuality are vital to the progress made by students. There is a clear link to attendance and achievement. National data suggests that just 9 days of absence a year can affect a student's attainment by half a grade. There will be no authorised holiday or leave of absence requests granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Also, it is essential that every child attends every formal examination that they are entered for. Unauthorised non-attendance of a formal exam will result in a penalty notice being issued, as well as payment for the missed examination.

Therefore please encourage and motivate your child to attend school every single day.

Thank you for your support and I really hope that come August when your child opens their exam envelope they do not have any regrets and that they achieve the results they need to make the next steps in their life long journey.

This year is the key to their future.

Mrs Holmes

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Year Leader

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Exam Boards

Subject	Exam Board
English Language / Literature	AQA
Biology / Chemistry / Physics	AQA
Combined Science	AQA
Geography	AQA
French	AQA
Business	AQA
Fine Art	AQA
Photography	AQA
Drama	AQA

Maths	Pearson / Edexcel
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Performing Arts	Pearson BTEC Tech
Dance	Pearson BTEC Tech
Art and Design	Pearson BTEC Tech

Hospitality and Catering	Welsh Board / Eduqas
Religious Studies	Welsh Board / Eduqas

History	OCR
Music	OCR
Computer Science	OCR
Sport Studies (Cambridge National)	OCR
Imedia and Enterprise (Cambridge National)	OCR

Curriculum Support

Every single lesson, every day is vital this year. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress please use the following details to contact the relevant curriculum leader:

SUBJECT	CURRICULUM LEADER	EMAIL
English	Mrs Fox Mrs Ukahi	mfox@testwoodschoo.co.uk vukahi@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Maths	Mrs Morley	amorley@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Science	Mr Rothwell	grothwell@testwoodschoo.co.uk
History	Mr Gilbert	ngilbert@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Geography	Mr Gilbert	ngilbert@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Business Studies	Mrs Boorman	jboorman@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Computer Science	Mr Easterbrook	teasterbrook@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Creative i-media	Mr Easterbrook	teasterbrook@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Technology	Mr Blythe	ablythe@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Art	Mrs Hickman	rhickman@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Photography	Mrs Hickman	rhickman@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Music	Mr Byrne	cbyrne@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Drama	Mrs Barnes	abarnes@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Sport Studies	Miss Barbour	kbarbour@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Dance	Miss Barbour	kbarbour@testwoodschoo.co.uk
French	Mrs Kingsbury	mkingsbury@testwoodschoo.co.uk
SENCO	Mrs Wheeler	awheeler@testwoodschoo.co.uk

Student Wellbeing

Throughout the year your child will go on a rollercoaster of emotions. We have staff available to offer pastoral support to your child if needed. They have a wealth of experience and will be able to support your child or sign post you to support where appropriate.

We will be looking to run exam mental health workshops in both November and March. This will be allocated by a student sign up. Please speak with your child to see if this is something that would benefit them.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Holmes, Mr Hindle or your child's tutors to arrange some pastoral support if needed.

Below is a list of useful websites that you can use to support your child throughout this academic year.

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/help/parents-carers/>

<https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/>

<https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

College Information

College	Open Evening Dates	Application Deadline
Barton Peveril College	<p>Wednesday 4th October 23 4.30pm - 8.30pm Thursday 5th October 23 4.30pm - 8.30pm Online registration required. https://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/</p>	<p>Applications are open from 11th September 2023 to 19th January 2024.</p> <p>Interviews are held between 17th October 2023 and 23rd March 2024. The date of your interview does not affect your chances of being offered a place.</p> <p>After your interview you will receive an offer via email. You must accept your offer within two weeks of receiving your conditional letter.</p>
Brockenhurst College	<p>Wednesday 27th September 23 4.30pm- 8.00pm Saturday 14th October 23 9.30am -13.30pm Saturday 4th November 23 9.30am - 13.30pm Register online to attend. www.brock.ac.uk/open</p>	<p>Deadline - We do not have a formal deadline because we are aiming to be as flexible as possible. However, for planning purposes, we would recommend you apply sooner rather than later.</p>
Eastleigh College	<p>Tuesday 26th September 23 4.30pm- 7.00pm Register online prior to the event date. https://www.eastleigh.ac.uk/</p>	<p>Deadline - We do not have a set application deadline, however we do suggest that if you are applying for a course starting next September, ideally you should submit your application between September and December of the year before. This will ensure you are able to attend admissions interviews and that you have the best chance of securing your first choice of course.</p>
Richard Taunton College	<p>Thursday 26th September 23 6pm – 8.30pm Thursday 16th November 23 6pm – 8.30pm Wednesday 28th June 24 6pm – 8.30pm Register online to attend. https://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/</p>	<p>Deadline - You can make an application from late September (the year before joining) onwards. We recommend that you apply by February to ensure your place on your preferred courses.</p>
Sparsholt College	<p>Saturday 7th October 23 10am – 2pm Saturday 11th November 23 10am – 2pm Saturday 2nd December 23 10am – 2pm Saturday 2nd March 24 10am – 2pm</p>	<p>Deadline - We will consider applications right up to when degree start (subject to spaces being available) in September. We however recommend applying as soon as possible, so you are included in offer holders events and we can keep in touch as we prepare for the start of</p>

	<p>You may need to register online-check their website for updates.</p> <p>https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/</p>	session.
Southampton City College	<p>Thursday 12th October 23 5pm – 7.00pm Saturday 18th November 23 10am – 12.00pm</p> <p>You need to register online prior to the event date. https://www.southampton-city.ac.uk/</p>	Deadline - Course applications should be made by the end of March. Late applications will be considered but the course offered will depend on availability. The earlier a student applies and attends their interview, the better the chance of them securing a place on their preferred course.
Totton College	<p>Tuesday 10th October 23 5.30pm-7.30pm Thursday 10th November 23 5.30pm-7.30pm Monday 4th March 24 5.30pm-7.30pm Tuesday 18th June 24 5.30pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Go to the website to book.</p> <p>https://www.totton.ac.uk/</p>	Deadline - tbc
Peter Symonds College	<p>Wednesday 3rd October 24 5.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday 4th October 24 5.30pm – 8.30pm</p> <p>Check their website updates for attending an event. https://www.psc.ac.uk/#</p>	Deadline - 11th December
Itchen College	<p>Thursday 12th October 23 5pm - 8pm Saturday 14th October 23 5pm - 8pm Wednesday 1st May 24 5pm - 8pm</p> <p>Need to register online at</p> <p>http://www.itchen.ac.uk/</p>	Deadline - We welcome applications throughout the year. Please be aware that, due to high demand, some courses get full quickly.

All of the Colleges above are on our Careers page (college links) of the Testwood School website with direct links to their websites if you cannot access them with these links.

It is vital that all Year 11 students access College websites sooner rather than later to work out which course(s) and College will be best for them. College applications for the next academic year usually have to be submitted online by December 2023.

Apprenticeships

Also those students interested in an Apprenticeship should also see what apprenticeships are on offer at certain Colleges as these involve at least a day at a College. Our Careers Advisor recommends all students apply to either two Colleges or if applying for an Apprenticeship then they apply for that as well as a course and place at a College.

Below is a link to the Gov.uk website where your child can look into apprenticeships in your area.

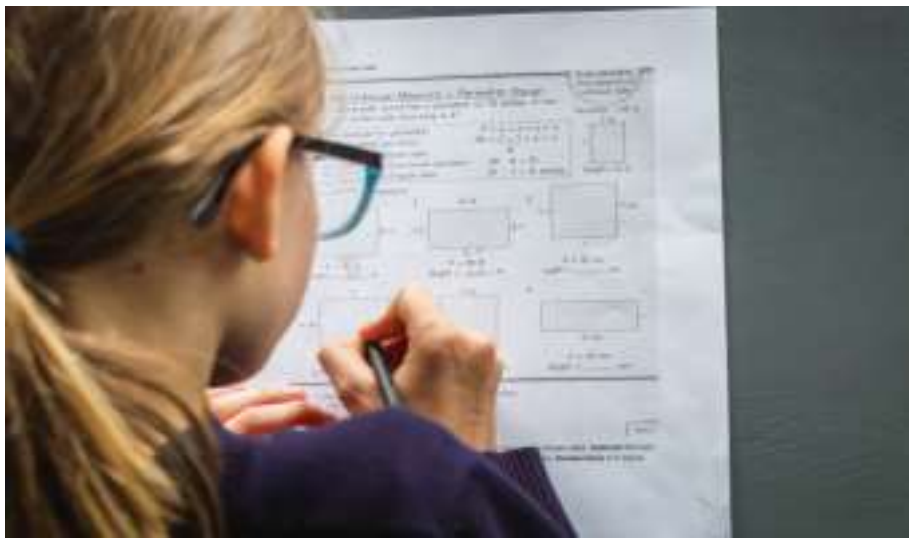
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Careers Advisor

Further guidance on this will be given to students during the autumn term 2023 in their 1-1 Career Interview with the Careers advisor from EBP South. Grace Wiley (EBP South). If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Workshops for Parents & Carers

These workshops are designed to help your child manage their lives positively and reach their potential. The workshop is online. Simply use the link to register and receive the login details.



Managing Revision Year 10 & 11 Tuesday October 17th 8-9pm

Use this link to register:

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqfu6uqzopGdH1z42yomzx5aZKgeyMZdP7>

In order for your child to revise effectively and learn independently some key foundations need to be in place. This workshop will explore things you can do as a parent to promote positive home learning and revision. Plus how to build the necessary skills to take exams confidently and independently.

Lorraine Lee, a professional parenting practitioner, will lead the session. Lorraine has worked with schools, parents and teachers for 20 years.

If you have any further questions, please contact your school.

Mock Exam Timetable

Day / Date	Registration 8.30-8.50 am	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
		08.50 am – 10.50 am 2 Hours		11.10 am – 13.10 pm 2 Hours		13.55 – 14.55pm 1 Hour
	PLEASE REGISTER IN YOUR TUTOR ROOM FIRST					
Monday 13th November		English Language 1 Hour 45 Mins		Maths (Non – Calculator) 1 Hour 30 Mins		
Tuesday 14th November		Triple/Trilogy Science – Biology 1 Hour 15/45 Mins		History 1 Hour 45 Mins		Religious Studies 1 Hour Christianity
Wednesday 15th November		Geography Paper 1- Physical 1 Hour 30 Mins		Computer Science – Paper 1 1 Hour 30 Mins		
Thursday 16th November		Maths (Calculator) 1 Hour 30 Mins (Care: Start time 9.15am)		Triple/Trilogy Science – Chemistry 1 Hour 15/45 Mins (Care: Start time 11.25am)		
Friday 17th November		French Listening ML4/ML5 – 1 Hour 30/40 Mins		English Literature 1 Hour 45 Mins		

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		08.50 am – 10.50 am 2 Hours		11.10 am – 13.10 pm 2 Hours		13.55 – 14.55pm 1 Hour
Monday 20th November	PLEASE REGISTER IN YOUR TUTOR ROOM FIRST	Maths (Calculator) 1 Hour 30 Mins		Computer Science – Paper 2 1 Hour 30 Mins		Religious Studies – Judaism 1 Hour
Tuesday 21st November		Triple/Trilogy Science – Physics 1 Hour 15/45 Mins				
Wednesday 22nd November		French- Writing 1 Hour/1 Hour 15 Mins		Drama 1 Hour 45 Mins		Music 1 Hour
Thursday 23rd November		English Language (Year 10) 1 Hour 45 Mins (Care: Start time 9.15am)				
Friday 24thNovember						

Exam Expectations

- Registration: Pupils should register with their tutors first and then proceed to their exam room.
- **REMEMBER: NO MOBILE PHONES, HEAD PHONES, IPODS, AIRPODS, EARBUDS, EARPHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, WRIST WATCHES etc ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOMS!!**
- **Warning!!** Inappropriate conduct during the trial examinations may result in you being withdrawn from your real, final GCSE examinations.
- Please arrive **promptly**, before the exam starts **with all the right equipment** that you will need (including a BLACK pen), and wearing the correct uniform. You must bring with you items such as calculators, ruler, eraser and spare pens as equipment will only be provided by Invigilators in exceptional cases.
- **Take your trial exams seriously** – they are very important and will help both you and your teachers
- Stay calm and try to do your best in every exam.
- If there are parts of the exam you are struggling with – move on to the next part and come back to it.