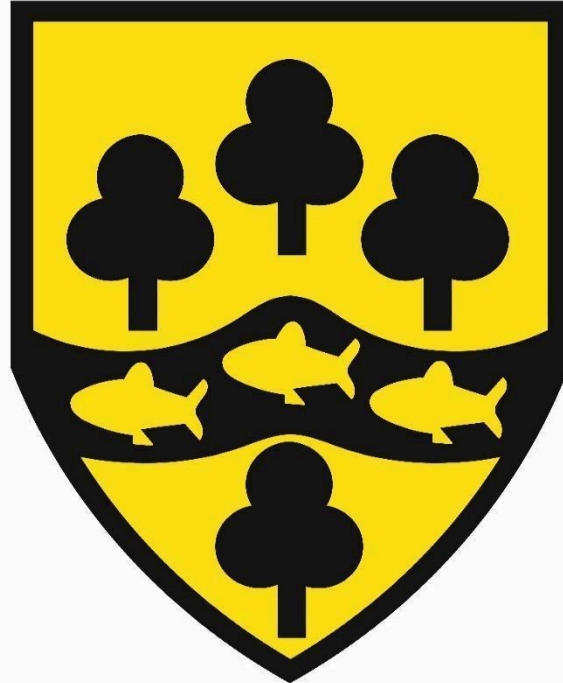


TESTWOOD



SCHOOL

YEAR 11

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 10th October 2024

Caring, Inclusive and Ambitious

Year 11 2024-25

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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Senior Leadership

Mr Webber	Headteacher	twebber@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.

Exam Boards

Subject	Exam Board
English Language / Literature	AQA
Biology / Chemistry / Physics	AQA
Combined Science	AQA
Geography	AQA
French	AQA
Business Studies	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

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 Jones	rhjones@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Business Studies	Mrs Boorman	jboorman@testwoodschoo.co.uk
Computer Science	Mr Lockyer	jlockyer@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 stress workshops in November and in the spring term. During this workshop, students will learn effective techniques to help them manage exam stress, including time management, relaxation exercises, and communication strategies. The workshop will also address common concerns and provide guidance on how to motivate and encourage your teen without adding unnecessary pressure.

November workshops - invite only

Spring Term workshops - pupils can 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 Mr Jenkins or your child's tutor 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.youngminds.org.uk/>

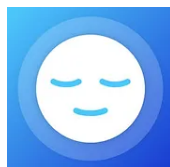
<https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Apps can be a really useful self help resource. Apps that are recommended are;



Headspace



Mindshift



Calm Meditation



Think Ninja

College Information

College	Open Evening Dates	Application Deadline
Barton Peveril College	<p>Wednesday 25 September 2024: 4.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday 26 September 2024: 4.30pm – 8.30pm</p> <p>Online registration required. https://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/</p>	<p>Applications are open from 16th September 2024 to 14th February 2025. Interviews are held between mid-October 2024 and mid-April 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>
Bitterne Park Sixth Form College	<p>Wednesday 9 October 2024: 5pm – 7pm www.bitterneparksixthform.org.uk</p>	<p>Applications will be considered from all students provided we have the appropriate course for them.</p>
Brockenhurst College	<p>Wednesday 25 September 2024: 4.30pm – 8pm Saturday 12 October 2024: 09:30am – 1:30pm Saturday 9 November 2024: 09:30am – 1.30pm</p> <p>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>Wednesday 23 October 2024: 5pm – 7pm</p> <p>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>
Fareham College & Apprenticeships	<p>Tuesday 15 October 2024: 5pm-7pm (Register online) www.fareham.ac.uk</p>	<p>Once an application has been received by the College, a Careers Centre Advisor will make contact with the applicant to arrange the next stage.</p>
Richard Taunton College	<p>Thursday 19 September 2024: 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 13 November 2024: 6pm-8pm Wednesday 11 June 2025: 6pm-8pm</p> <p>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	Saturday 5 October 2024: 10am – 2pm Saturday 9 November 2024: 10am – 2pm You may need to register online-check their website for updates. https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/	Deadline - We will consider applications right up to when the course starts (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 the process.
Southampton City College	Thursday 10 October: 5pm – 7pm You need to register online prior to the event date. https://www.southampton-city.ac.uk/	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.
St Annes Sixth Form College	Thursday 10 October 2024: 6pm – 8pm www.stannes6th.uk	Application forms need to be submitted between September and January.
Totton College	Tuesday 15 October 2024: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Thursday 7 November 2024: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Monday 3 March 2025: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Tuesday 17 June 2025: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Go to the website to book. https://www.totton.ac.uk/	Applications can be made via the website.
Peter Symonds College	Tuesday 1 October 2024 Wednesday 2 October 2024 Check their website updates for attending an event. https://www.psc.ac.uk/#	You can submit an application to start at the College from September 2025 via our website apply.psc.ac.uk from 9:00am Monday 16 September. Please note that the closing date for applications is Monday 9 December 2024.
Itchen College	Thursday 17 October 2024: 5pm – 8pm Saturday 19 October 2024: 10am – 1pm Wednesday 30 April 2025: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Need to register online prior to the event http://www.itchen.ac.uk/	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 2024.

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 2024 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.

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TO BE HELD IN THE SPORTS HALL AND OTHER ROOMS AS REQUIRED**

Day / Date	Registration 8.30-8.50 am	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week A		8.50 am – 10.50 am 2 Hours	11.15 am – 13.15 pm 2 Hours	14.00 pm – 15.00 pm 1 Hour		
Mon 4th Nov		<u>English Literature</u> Paper 1 1 hour 30 mins	<u>Biology</u> Triple Science 1 hour 45 mins Trilogy 1 hour 15 mins			
Tues 5 th Nov	Please Register in Tutor before going to exam	<u>Photography Option C</u> <u>Fine Art Option C</u> 5 hours <u>Hospitality & Catering</u> Option C Task 1 1 hour 30 mins <u>Business Studies</u> 1 hour 45 minutes	<u>Photography Option C</u> <u>Fine Art Option C</u> 5 hours <u>Hospitality & Catering</u> Option C Task 2 1 hour 30 mins	<u>Photography Option C</u> <u>Fine Art Option C</u> 5 hours		
Wed 6 th Nov		<u>Maths</u> Non-calculator 1 hour 30 mins	<u>English Language</u> Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins			

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Thurs 7 th Nov		<u>Chemistry</u> Triple Science 1 hour 45 mins Trilogy 1 hour 15 mins	<u>Religious Studies</u> 2 hours <u>Hospitality & Catering</u> Option D Task 1 1 hour 30 mins	<u>French</u> Listening Higher 50 mins Foundation 40 mins
Fri 8 th Nov		<u>Geography</u> Paper 2 1 Hour 30 mins	<u>Music</u> 1 hour 30 mins <u>Hospitality & Catering</u> Option D Task 2 1 hour 30 mins	

Day / Date	Registration 8.30-8.50 am	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week B		8.50 am – 10.50 am 2 Hours		11.15 am – 13.15 pm 2 Hours		14.00 pm – 15.00 pm 1 Hour
Mon 11 th Nov	Please register in Tutor before going to exam	<u>Maths</u> Calculator 1 hour 30 mins		<u>Computer Science</u> Paper 1 1 hour 30 mins		
Tues 12 th Nov		<u>Photography Option A</u> 5 hours <u>History</u> Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins		<u>Photography Option A</u> 5 hours	<u>Photography Option A</u> 5 hours	

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Wed 13 th Nov		<u>Physics</u> Triple Science 1 hour 45 mins Trilogy 1 hour 15 mins	<u>Drama</u> Written Paper 1 hour 45 mins	<u>French</u> Reading Higher 60 mins Foundation 45 mins
Thurs 14 th Nov		<u>Maths</u> Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	<u>French</u> Writing Higher 1 hour 15 mins Foundation 1 hour	
Fri 15 th Nov		<u>Computer Science</u> Paper 2 1 hour 30 mins	<u>Sports Studies</u> 1 hour 15 mins	

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.

Key Dates 2024-25:

Thursday 10th October 2024 - Yr 11 Information evening

w/b 21st October 2024 - Progress Check

w/b 4th November 2024 - Yr 11 Mock Exams 1

w/b 11th November 2024 - Yr 11 Mock Exams 1

w/b 18 November - Year 11 After School Revision Starts

Thursday 5th December 2024 - Yr 11 Progress Evening (targeted invite)

w/b 16th December 2024 - Progress Check

w/b 24th February 2025 - Yr 11 Mock Exams 2

w/b 3rd March 2025 - Yr 11 Mock Exams 2

w/b 24th March 2025 - Progress Check

Thursday 8th May - **GCSE Final Exams begin**

Wednesday 25th June 2025 - 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 progress evenings please contact the relevant curriculum leader.