



New Year 12 Information Evening

Objectives:

Part A: To meet the Sixth Form team and spend some time getting to know your child's tutor and providing us with your most recent contact details

Part B: To find out about the systems and procedures we use to support your child through this important phase of their education

The Sixth Form Team

- Head of Sixth – Mr Wright
- Head of Year – Mrs Todd
- Year 12 tutors:
 - Mr Bliss – 12R
 - Ms Harrison – 12O
 - Mrs Hyde – 12Y
 - Ms Bennett – 12G
 - Ms Hargrave – 12B
 - Ms Chambers – 12I
- Sixth Form Administrator: Mrs Shephard
- Enrichment co-ordinator: Mr Pitchforth

Time to meet your tutors

- Confirm your attendance
- Collect your information pack – please take some time to read carefully
- Check courses your child has chosen (but no changes tonight)
- Complete the contact details form - did you bring your pens?
- Collect a bursary application form if necessary
- Tutor rooms for this evening

RED – BF9

GREEN – BG9

ORANGE – BF10

BLUE – BG10

YELLOW – BF11

INDIGO – BG11

Time for change: Timetable

- Less subjects, taught in blocks, slightly different lesson times

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 – 09:10	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:10 – 12:10	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
12:10 – 13:10	Lunch and Travel				
13:10 – 15:10	Block D	Block E	Block A	Block B	Block C
15:10 – 16:10		Tutorial			

GCSE English and Maths re-sit programme – timetabled for 2 hours per week per subject in Block C (no BTEC lessons are timetabled)
Away schools: Operate similar blocked timetable so wide range of choice if subjects clash at Rooks Heath.

The blocks

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 – 09:10	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:10 – 12:10	Block A BTEC Business BTEC Applied Science (D) Criminology L3 Dip AS Ancient Greek AS Maths AS Geography	Block B BTEC Business BTEC Applied Science (S) AS Latin AS Psychology AS Product Design	Block C GCSE Maths GCSE English AS Biology AS English Literature AS Economics	Block D BTEC Health Social Care (S) BTEC Media AS Chemistry AS Business Studies AS Further Math	Block E BTEC Health Social Care (D) BTEC IT AS Art and Design AS Sociology AS Maths AS Physics
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The Curriculum – Route X

- In year 12, students study 4 linear AS levels subject to them meeting the minimum entrance requirements for each subject – e.g. a grade 6 at GCSE maths in order to study AS maths
- Depending on how secure learning is during year 12 students will identify weakest AS subject and take the external AS exam in this subject only (2 exam papers per subject)
- In Year 13, students continue with their 3 strongest subjects to A level and take the external A level exam in the summer exam window (3 exams per subject)
- Student leaves with 3 A levels and 1 AS level

The Curriculum – Route Y

- In year 12, students study 2 or 3 BTEC Level 3 subjects (usually a double and a single) plus GCSE Maths or English if necessary
- In Year 13, students will be allowed to continue with their BTEC subjects plus GCSE Maths or English if necessary as long as they successfully completed Year 12 i.e. they have completed all mandatory units and passed any external examinations
- Student leaves with the equivalent of 3 A levels

The Curriculum – Route X/Y

- In year 12, students study 2 AS levels and 1 single BTEC or 1 double BTEC and 1 AS level
- In Year 13, students will be allowed to continue with their 3 subjects as long as they successfully completed Year 12 i.e. they have completed all mandatory BTEC units and passed any external examinations
- Student leaves with the equivalent of 3 or 4 A levels

Rooks Heath Sixth Form: Minimum Entry Requirements

To study **A levels** you need to achieve a minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grades 9-5 (or C and above) including both Maths and English Language.

The following A level subjects have specific entry requirements which you must achieve if you are to study them.

A level subject	Specific requirements
Maths	A minimum of grade 6 at GCSE Maths
Further Maths	A minimum of grade 7 at GCSE Maths
Biology	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Biology) or a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science
Chemistry	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Chemistry) and a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science
Physics	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Physics) or a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science <u>and</u> a minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE Maths. Students will also need to study A level maths
Computer Science	A minimum of a grade 6 at Maths and it would be desirable to have at least a 6 grade at GCSE Computer Science
Psychology	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in a GCSE Science and at least a grade 5 if students have sat GCSE Psychology
French	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE French
German	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE German
Latin	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE Latin
Ancient Greek	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE Ancient Greek
English Literature	Ideally, a minimum of grades 6 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
Business Studies	A minimum of a Merit for students who studied BTEC level 2 Business Studies
History	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE History

There are no specific subject entry requirements for the following A level subjects: Drama & Theatre Studies, Economics, Fine Art, Geography, Government and Politics, DT Product Design, DT Textiles, Media Studies, Philosophy & Ethics, Photography and Sociology.

BTEC level 3 entry requirements

To study **BTEC level 3 subjects** you need to achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 9-4 (or grade C and above) including either Maths grade 4 **and/or** English Language grade 4.

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Science: A minimum of grades 44 in GCSE Combined Science or a Pass at BTEC Level 2 Science

There are no subject specific entry requirements for the following BTEC National or WJEC level 3 subjects:

Extended Diploma: Health and Social Care

Diploma: Health and Social Care and Business

Extended Certificate: Information Technology, Performing Art, Media and Sport

WJEC L3 Applied Diploma: Criminology

Time for Change: Independent Study Time

- For some of your timetable you will be “free” – i.e. you have no timetabled lesson - we call it independent study time
- In order for you to keep up with your workload (at least 4 hours per subject/block per week) it is essential for you to work during this time
- Therefore, when you are free in the morning you are expected to be in school where you will be supervised by a teacher for at least half of your independent study time
- You will be expected to bring sufficient work to these sessions to keep you busy for the entire morning
- During your independent study time in the afternoon you are required to be off-site, i.e. working at home

Time for Change: Uniform

- **There is no uniform but there is a dress code**
- Sixth form students are allowed to wear their own clothes with few restrictions. The basic dress code is 'smart casual'
- The following guidelines are set out to avoid offence or a breach of health and safety rules
- No caps or hats are to be worn on site
- No ripped jeans
- No offensive wording on clothes
- No clothes which expose an excessive amount of flesh and /or underwear including short denim or jean shorts
- Leggings or jeggings may be worn but need to be accompanied with a top, jumper or dress that covers the bottom
- Phones and earphones – apart from the study room at break and lunchtimes phones should be switched off and out of sight. Head phones are banned and will be confiscated.

What hasn't changed?

High Expectations

- Attendance (95% is the minimum)
- Punctuality (95% is the minimum)
Daily phone calls, weekly checks, detentions, meetings with parents, warning letters home, meetings with senior teachers
- Hard work
year 12 is about a breadth of knowledge
year 13 is about a depth of knowledge
Your teachers are going to give you lots of work to complete - don't moan about it to them; it is your choice to be here!
Expect to spend at least 4 hours per subject per week on homework
- Co-operation
say "yes sir" or "yes Miss" preferably with a smile

Supporting students: Tracking

- At the beginning of Year 12 all students are given a Minimum Target Grade based on their GCSE grades.

GCSE (APS)	Approx. GCSE grades	Minimum Target Grade (A level / BTEC)
7.5 - 9.0	Mainly 8/9	A*/A – Distinction*
7.0 - 7.49	Mainly 7/8	A – Distinction* / Distinction
6.4 – 6.99	Mainly 7, some 6	B - Distinction
5.8 - 6.39	Mainly 6	B/C – Merit / Distinction
5.2 – 5.79	Equal 6 and 5	C – Merit
4.7 – 5.19	Mainly 5	C/D – Pass / Merit
4.0 – 4.69	Equal 5 and 4	D – Merit/Pass

- This target grade is a minimum
- Students are regularly tracked by their teachers
- Intervention is put in to support students working below their MTG

Supporting students: Tracking and Early Intervention

- Being on the right course is very important
- Swapping courses is not encouraged
- 42 day contract (Friday 11th October) – during this period students have the opportunity to change courses
- Skills review for each subject completed w/c 7th October
- Failing students - parents meet with Head of Sixth to discuss ways forward (reports, detentions, catch up sessions, dropping a subject)
- 4 further Tracking points during the year to help identify students who need extra support

YEAR-12-OCTOBER-SKILLS-REVIEW

Name: _____ AS Geography (Mr Wright) Date: _____

SECTION A: LESSON PASTORAL CHECK

PASS—student must pass ALL 4 criteria to pass

1. → Attendance
2. → Punctuality
3. → Concentration in class
4. → Meeting deadlines

Tick if pass

FAIL—circle one or more criteria to fail

1. → Attendance
2. → Punctuality
3. → Concentration in class
4. → Meeting deadlines

Tick if fail

LESSON PASTORAL CHECK INSTRUCTIONS —inform student of the outcome of the Pastoral Check. Deadline for completion is Friday 11th October. If student fails then teacher needs to give brief details below of the nature of the concern e.g. missed 5 lessons, late 8 times, will not be quiet in class.

Concerns

SECTION B: LESSON ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECK

LESSON ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECK INSTRUCTIONS: --To be completed by each Sixth Form Teacher--
 Circle Yes or No. Deadline for completion is Friday 11th October. Students who fail, i.e. they have at least one NO, must be given a date before half-term when they re-submit their file to you.



ORGANISATION	MEETS CRITERIA (Please circle)	TARGET / ADVICE (if fail)
Is your work in a secure folder?	YES.....NO	
Is a specification included in your file?	YES.....NO	
Is your work organised into sections relating to the specification?	YES.....NO	
Is your classwork complete?	YES.....NO	
Is your homework complete?	YES.....NO	
SUBJECT SPECIFIC CRITERIA -- AS Geography		
Do you have evidence of extra reading from the core textbook?	YES.....NO	
Have you achieved more than 60% in the Chapter 1 test?	YES.....NO	
Have you made a glossary for the current unit of work?	YES.....NO	
Is there evidence that you have reviewed and improved marked homework?	YES.....NO	

FILE CHECK RESULT.....Pass
Fail If fail, re-submit by: _____



Preparing students for the Sixth Form

- Your summer holidays are long
- Some very clever people suggest that they are too long
- Furthermore, they say that you actually regress during your holidays
- Consequently, you start year 12 less clever than you finished year 11
- This is not good
- What is the solution?
- Bridging work – subject specific work that will be available via the Sixth Form area of the school website during the summer holiday. You **have** to complete this before the start of term and hand in on induction day.

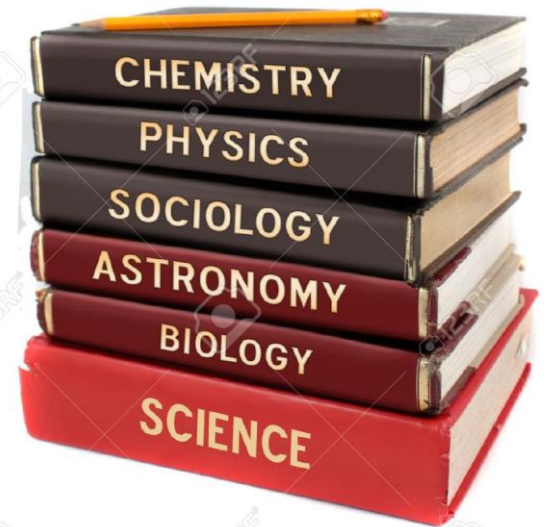


- Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form
- Collegiate Prospectus
- Sixth Form Applications
- Applying to University
- AS and A Level
- Attendance & Punctuality
- Bridging Work
- Dress Code
- Enrichment
- Events
- Exams
- Life at Rooks Heath
- Quick Links
- Study Rooms



Textbooks

- You are required to purchase one text book per course
- These will be available to order through Parent Pay before you start the course in September
- Please place your order after results day!
- Allows the school to take advantage of any savings by ordering in bulk
- New students will get a username in September



Supporting students:

Keeping parents informed

- My Child At School – monitor attendance and punctuality, homework tasks and completion (new students can see Mrs Davis in September to get a username)
- Reporting – two reports are sent home and available on My Child at School
 1. Autumn Review (19th November)
 2. Spring Review (18th March)
- Parent consultation evening
29th January
- Mock Exams
26th November – 4th December
- AS levels and UCAS predicted grade assessments – May/June
- Planners – can be used for teacher/parent/student communication

Supporting students:

Parents keeping college informed

- Sixth Form Office telephone number:
0208 872 8919 – please phone as soon as you know your child is not attending college (before 9am you can leave a message)
- Absences:
The main reasons for keeping your child at home are:
He/she is too sick to be comfortable at college, and/or
He/she might spread a contagious disease to other students and staff
- Medical appointments
Doctor/dentist (no)
Hospital/orthodontist (yes) – appointment card
- Holidays (no)
- Religious observance – 3 days per year
- University Open Days – 2 days per year

Supporting students: Bursary

<https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/print>

- If you are eligible for free school meals or your personal circumstances have deteriorated recently you could get a bursary to help with education-related costs worth up to £1,200 depending on your circumstances and benefits
- A bursary is money that you, or your college, can use to pay for things like:
 1. Clothing, books and other equipment for your course
 2. Transport and lunch on days you study
- **It is paid directly into the students bank account in instalments**
- If you are absent for two sessions per week then you will forfeit that weeks bursary (£17.50 plus a free school meal)
- You must apply by completing the Bursary application form (even if you have been receiving free school meals in year 11)

Away schools

- Some students have requested a subject, e.g. music, PE, classical civilization, computer science and law, that is only being taught at an away school such as Whitmore or Nower Hill
- Please note that these students will be treated by the away school as one of their own and will need to follow their rules and regulations. Timings of events such as parent evenings, INSET days and mock exams will vary and it is the away school's responsibility to keep parents and students informed
- Please contact the away school directly if you have any concerns but obviously if you are not happy then do not hesitate to contact me

GCSE results day and year 12 enrolment

- **GCSE Results Day/Year 12 enrolment day:
9:00am Thursday 22nd August**
Look out for either a **green** or **red** enrolment form
Please sign and hand in the **green** form before you leave.
If you have a **red** form then you must speak to a member of the sixth form team before you leave.
- **9:00 – 11:00am Tuesday 3rd September**
Assembly in the theatre followed by tutor time including Bridging Work check
- **9:00am Thursday 5th September**
Registration in tutor rooms followed by Year 12 teaching begins – Please note lessons in away schools will start this week as well.