



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

the Departure Lounge

12th September 2018



Flight 22-08-19 is now boarding

Year 11 *Flightpaths* programme

The Departure Lounge

Mr M Brown - Headteacher

Hand luggage

Mr S Neil - Assistant Headteacher

Travel schedule

Ms N Hoad - Assistant Headteacher

Group discounts

Ms F Minnis – Deputy Headteacher

Duty Free

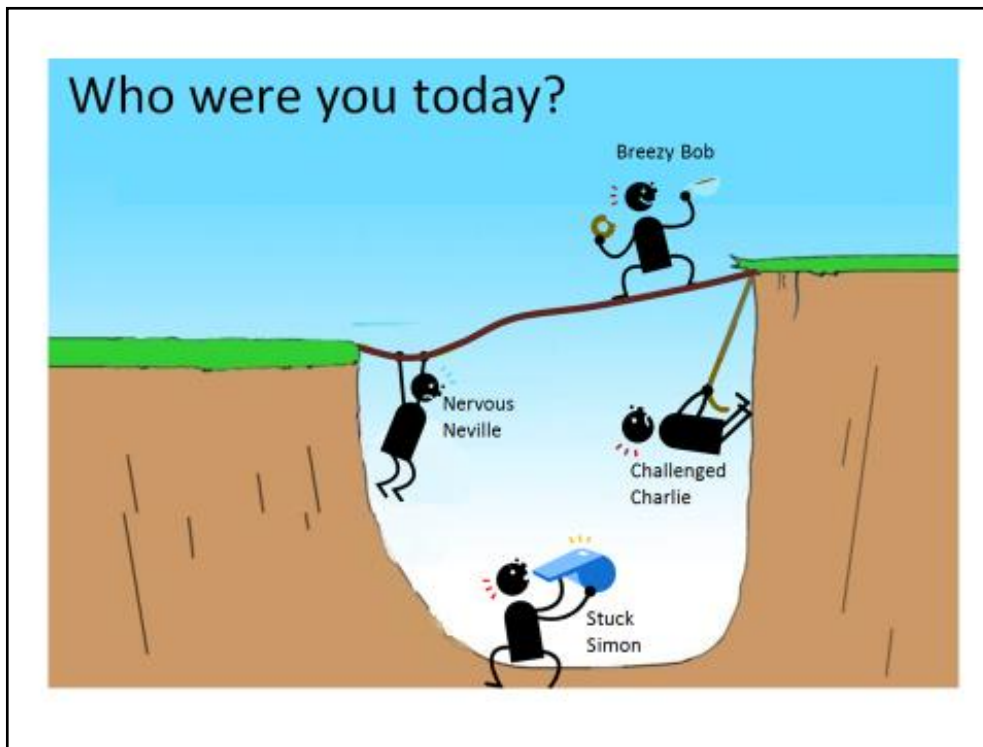
Ms L Hand – Deputy Headteacher

Ms K Brewer – Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

Nicola Brooker & Angilla Safa – Year 13. Been there. Done that. Got the T-shirt.

“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

- 12.9.18*: 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
- 16.1.19*: Year 11 PPE examination results published in examination format and distributed in a special Year 11 Assembly
- 17.1.19*: 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

March - April

- 12.3.19*: Careers exhibition
- 21.3.19*: Year 11 'Preparing For Success' event for students and parents
- 22.3.19*: Year 11 *Flightpaths* Challenge Day
- 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* – 17th June 2019
- **TAKE OFF! GCSE RESULTS PUBLISHED: THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST 2019***

"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: 17.1.19 – review your daughter’s Pre-Public Examination results with teaching staff and understand her potential to meet academic targets.
- ‘Preparing for Success’ afternoon: 21.3.19 – meet your daughter’s Form Tutor to secure your daughter’s readiness for public examinations.
- The *Flightpaths* Challenge Day: 22.3.19 – 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 English – Ms E McCarthy Mathematics – Mrs K Brown Science – Ms V Smith Creativity and Performance – Mr S Olan Humanities – Mrs N Doyle Art and Technology – Ms R Constant Politics, Philosophy & Enterprise – Ms L Blatch Vocational – Ms J Knowles & Ms I Terry SENCO/Deputy Headteacher – Ms S Cascarino Head of Sixth Form – Ms K Brewer KS5 Transition co-ordinator – Ms K Drewer Student Support Officers - Behaviour or attendance queries Form tutors – Day-to-day enquiries Careers Advisor – Ms Jody Phillips	Subject Leaders Art and Design – Ms R Constant Business – Ms J Knowles & Ms I Terry Design Technology – Ms V Brooks Drama – Mr S Olan Economics – Ms J Knowles Modern Foreign Languages – Mme I Auvinet Geography – Mr R Shaw Health and Social Care – Ms K Morris History – Ms A Allam ICT – Mr L Safo-Antwi Citizenship – Ms L Blatch Music – Mr S Olan Physical Education – Ms N Langham Religious Education – Mrs N Doyle
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“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 2019 – a total of four examinations. By Christmas 2018, 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. Some areas still need to be taught in school but other units, such as the Literature Poetry Unit, can be revised immediately, as your daughter was taught the poetry unit as part of the Year 10 course. 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. It is likely these booster sessions will be offered on Mondays, after school, in the weeks leading up to the Pre-Public Examinations in December 2018 and before the actual public examinations in June 2019. Some teachers may also offer other opportunities for students to cover 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.bbcbitessize.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)

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 topic home works by their teachers. Past examination papers will be set as homework from January 2019 onwards, to enable teachers and students to assess gaps in knowledge and understanding and then to address the required learning directly. Mathematics teachers will also be available on a 'drop-in' basis for extra help or advice during the Autumn term. After-school targeted booster sessions for GCSE Mathematics will take place every Wednesday, from January 2019 onwards, following analysis of the GCSE Mathematics Pre-Public Examination in December. 'Brekkie Boosters' will also be scheduled before each of the 'real' GCSE examinations.

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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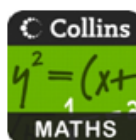
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www.bcbitesize.co.uk

<http://corbettmaths.com/>

There are a wide variety of applications available for smartphones and tablets that can also be downloaded. Some are free and others may have a small charge.

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

Year 11 provisional GCSE public examination timetable - Summer 2019

Subject	Board	Start	Duration	Date
ICT	OCR	09:00	1 hour	Mon 13 May
Computing Paper 1	OCR	09:00	1 hour 45	Mon 13 May
Religious Studies Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Mon 13 May
French Listening Foundation	EDUQAS	09:00	35 Mins	Tues 14 May
French Listening Higher	EDUQAS	09:00	45 Mins	Tues 14 May
French Reading Foundation	EDUQAS	09:00	1 hour	Tues 14 May
French Reading Higher	EDUQAS	09:00	1 hour 15	Tues 14 May
Combined Science Biology Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Tues 14 May
Combined Science Biology Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Tues 14 May
Triple Science Biology Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Tues 14 May
Triple Science Biology Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Tue 14 May
English Literature Paper 1	AQA	13:00	1 hour 45	Weds 15 May
Combined Science Chemistry Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Thurs 16 May
Combined Science Chemistry Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Thurs 16 May
Triple Science Chemistry Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Thurs 16 May
Triple Science Chemistry Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Thurs 16 May
Computing Paper 2	OCR	13:00	1 hour 30	Thu 16 May
Religious Studies Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Mon 20 May
French Writing Foundation	EDUQAS	09:00	1 hour 15	Fri 17 May
French Writing Higher	EDUQAS	09:00	1 hour 30	Fri 17 May
Drama	EDUQAS	13:00	1 hour 30	Fri 17 May

Geography Paper 1	AQA	13:00	1 hour 30	Tues 21 May
Mathematics Foundation Non-Calculator Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Tues 21 May
Mathematics Higher Non-Calculator Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Tues 21 May
Spanish Listening Foundation	AQA	09:00	35 Mins	Wed 22 May
Spanish Listening Higher	AQA	09:00	45 Mins	Wed 22 May
Spanish Reading Foundation	AQA	09:00	35 Mins	Wed 22 May
Spanish Reading Higher	AQA	09:00	45 Mins	Wed 22 May
Combined Science Physics Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Wed 22 May
Combined Science Physics Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Wed 22 May
Triple Science Physics Foundation Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Wed 22 May
Triple Science Physics Higher Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Wed 22 May
English Literature Paper 2	AQA	09:00	2 hours 15	Fri 23 May
Business Studies Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Fri 24 May
Economics Paper 1	OCR	13:00	1 hour 30	Fri 24 May
History Paper 1	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 15	Mon 03 Jun
Economics Paper 2	OCR	13:00	1 hour 30	Mon 03 Jun
English Language Paper 1	AQA	09:00	1 hour 45	Tues 04 Jun
Business Studies Paper 2	AQA	13:00	1 hour 30	Tues 04 Jun
Music	EDUQAS	13:00	1 hour 15	Tues 04 Jun
Spanish Writing Foundation	AQA	09:00	35 Mins	Tues 05 Jun
Spanish Writing Higher	AQA	09:00	45 Mins	Tues 05 Jun
Geography Paper 2	AQA	13:00	1 hour 30	Tues 05 Jun
Mathematics Foundation Calculator Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Thurs 06 Jun
Mathematics Higher Calculator Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Thurs 06 Jun

History Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Thurs 06 Jun
English Language Paper 2	AQA	09:00	1 hour 45	Fri 07 Jun
Combined Science Biology Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Fri 07 Jun
Combined Science Biology Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 10	Fri 07 Jun
Triple Science Biology Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Fri 07 Jun
Triple Science Biology Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Fri 07 Jun
Food Technology	AQA	13:00	1 hour 45	Mon 10 Jun
Mathematics Calculator Foundation Paper 3	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour30	Tues 11 Jun
Mathematics Calculator Higher Paper 3	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 30	Tues 11 Jun
History Paper 3	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 20	Tues 11 Jun
Combined Science Chemistry Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Wed 12 Jun
Combined Science Chemistry Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Wed 12 Jun
Triple Science Chemistry Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Wed 12 Jun
Triple Science Chemistry Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Wed 12 Jun
Citizenship Paper 1	EDEXCEL	13:00	1 hour 45	Wed 12 Jun
Geography Paper 3	AQA	13:00	1 hour 30	Thurs 13 Jun
Statistics Higher	EDEXCEL	13:00	2 hours	Thurs 13 Jun
Combined Science Physics Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Fri 14 Jun
Combined Science Physics Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 10	Fri 14 Jun
Triple Science Physics Foundation Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Fri 14 Jun
Triple Science Physics Higher Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour 45	Fri 14 Jun
Citizenship Paper 2	EDEXCEL	09:00	1 hour45	Mon 17 Jun

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

(Claire Cook)