



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

The Departure Lounge

23rd September 2020



Flight 2021 is now boarding

Year 11 *Flightpaths* programme

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Mr M Brown - Headteacher

Travel schedule and Group discounts

Ms L Hand - Deputy Headteacher

Duty Free

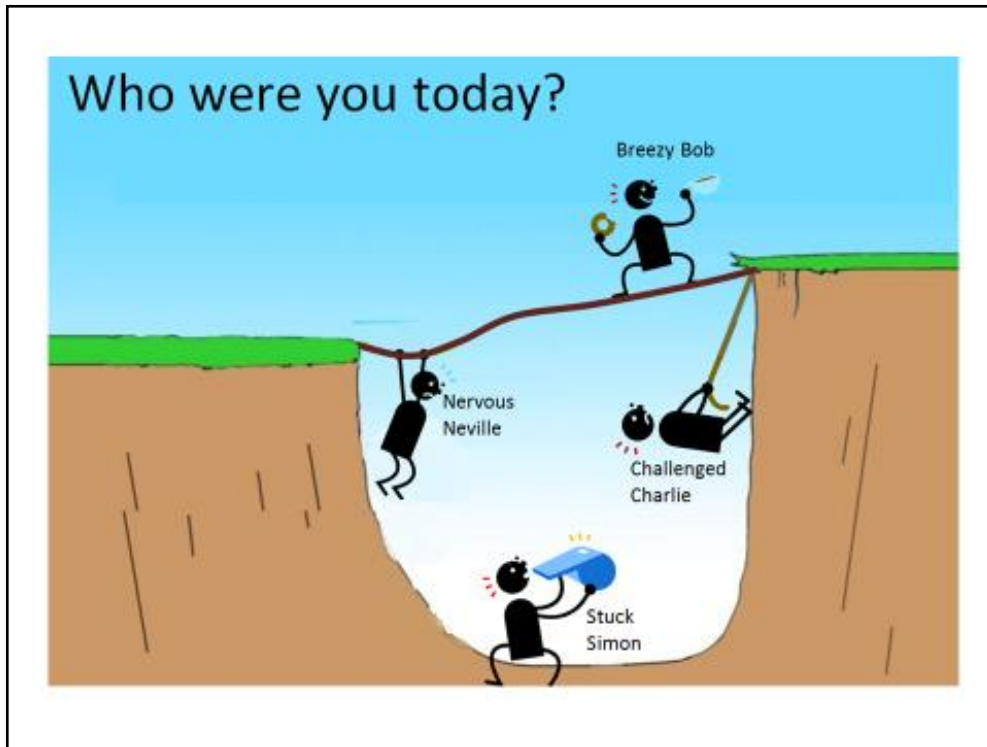
Ms K Brewer – Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form
Year 13. Been there. Done that. Got the T-shirt.

Hand luggage

Mr S Neil - Assistant Headteacher

“All you need is the plan, the road map and the courage to press on to your destination” (Earl Nightingale)

Year 11 *Flights* – 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

Please note, these dates are subject to change and may be replaced by virtual events.

AUTUMN TERM

September - October

- 23.9.20: 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 Student Planners 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
- 13.1.21: Year 11 PPE examination results published in examination format and distributed in a special Year 11 Assembly
- 14.1.21: Year 11 Parents Evening
- First provisional GCSE Summer Examination timetable is published to students*
- Spring term Action Plan in Student Planners agreed, completed and signed off
- 23.02.21: Year 11 *Flightpaths* Challenge Day

March - April

- 9.3.21: Careers exhibition forum
- 19.03.21: Year 11 'Preparing For Success' event for students and parents
- 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* – 16th June 2021
- *Provisional Contingency day 2021*
Tuesday 29 June will be a 'contingency day' for all exam boards in the UK. In line with Ofqual's exam system contingency plan, this is an additional day at the end of the exam period.

TAKE OFF! GCSE RESULTS PUBLISHED: AUGUST 2021

"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: 14.1.21 – review your daughter’s Pre-Public Examination results with teaching staff and understand her potential to meet academic targets.
- The Flightpaths Challenge Day: 23.02.21 – join Year 11 students in workshops to find out more about post-16 options, including Sixth Form courses; Apprenticeship opportunities and University pathways.
- ‘Preparing for Success’ afternoon: 18.3.21 – meet your daughter’s Form Tutor to secure your daughter’s readiness for public examinations.

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	Subject Leaders
English – Ms E McCarthy	Art and Design – Ms. K. Russell
Mathematics – Ms J McMahon	Business – Mr B Kirby
Science – Ms M Gough	Design Technology – Ms S Wainwright
Humanities – Ms. N Doyle	Dance and Drama – Ms B Davis
Expressive Arts – Ms. H. Magrowski	Dance and Drama (November onwards) – Ms. R. Padbury
Social Sciences – Ms L Blatch	Economics – Mr B Kirby
Vocational - Ms I Terry	Modern Foreign Languages – Ms J Carter
SENCO/Deputy Headteacher – Ms S Cascarino	Geography – Mr R Shaw
Head of Sixth Form/Assistant Head Teacher – Ms K Brewer	Health and Social Care – Ms K Morris
KS5 Transition co-ordinator – Ms K Drewer	History – Ms A Allam
Year 11 Raising Attainment Coordinator – Mr. R. Shaw	ICT – Ms I Auvinet
Student Support Officers - Behaviour or attendance queries	Citizenship – Ms L Blatch
Form tutors – Day-to-day enquiries	Music Contact – Mr A McGee
Careers Advisor – Ms Jody Phillips via Ms K Smith	Physical Education – Mr S Williams
	Religious Education – Mrs N Doyle

“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 2021 – a total of four examinations. By Christmas 2020, 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. 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. Some students may also be asked to attend additional 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.bcbitesize.co.uk, www.gcsepod.com, <http://www.geoffbarton.co.uk/student-resources.php>

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 revision topic home works by their teachers and will be assessed in lessons weekly. Past examination papers will be set as homework to enable teachers and students to assess gaps in knowledge and understanding and then to address the required learning directly. Revision will take place in taught lessons in the Spring Term.

'Brekkie Boosters' will also be scheduled before each of the 'real' GCSE examinations. They enable students to have breakfast, see their Mathematics teacher and ask last-minute questions before the examination.

Revision at home

We expect your daughter to be doing her own independent revision and using her Note book to look over the different topics we have taught in lessons. Your daughter has been given login details for 'MathsWatch' which students can use to watch videos and complete mini tests. All students can speak to their teacher if they need to be reminded of the login details.

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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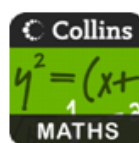
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www.bcbitesize.co.uk

<http://corbettmaths.com/>

There are a wide variety of applications available for smartphones and tablets that can also be downloaded, some 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.



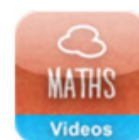
Maths Revision app

This colourful interactive app comes in 5 topics. Search 'GCSE maths revision lite' to find out more. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad.



MathsWatch

The MathsWatch app comes in each grade: A/A*, B, C, D, E. 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

Additional Information – GCSE Science

Year 11 students sit either GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Triple Science in June 2021 – a total of six examinations. During their lessons leading up to their final examinations students should ensure they have the required stationery as well as a calculator in every Science lesson.

Revision in school

Students will be completing the Year 11 Science courses. As part of their preparation for their final examination students will be set past examination papers as homework as well as the mid and end topic tests they will be carrying out in class. Their teachers will use the information from these resources to set targeted activities as part of their revision at home.

Brekkie Boosters will also run before each of their final GCSE examinations.

Revision at home

It is expected that students will carry out their own independent revision at home. Students should have bought their revision guide at the end of Year 9 or during Year 10. Revision guides can be bought online from companies such as Amazon. If your daughter does not have a revision guide and is uncertain what level to buy they should discuss this with their class teacher.

Revise GCSE (9-1) Combined Science Higher Revision Guide

ISBN-10: 1292131632

ISBN-13: 978-1292131634

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Combined Science Foundation Revision Guide

ISBN-10: 1292131594

ISBN-13: 978-1292131597

We also suggest that your daughter uses a wide range of revision resources – listed below are just a few we would recommend:

- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zqkww6f>
- <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com>
- <https://gradegorilla.com>
- <https://www.primrosekitten.com/pages/edexcel-gcse-revision-for-combined-and-separate-science> (Video clips on this website are good, all GCSE content is covered)
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3_bw (Free Science Lessons on YouTube has clips that cover all GCSE content)
- <http://passmyexams.co.uk/>
- <https://www.senecalearning.com/>
- <https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-science-revision/>
- <https://www.revisely.co.uk/gcse/science/edexcel>

In addition to this, your daughter has been given in the past the login details for Activelearn (www.pearsonactivelearn.com) where there are questions and tasks to aid revision alongside, access to an online version of the textbook used in the classroom. Alongside this, there is a 'KS4 science revision' Microsoft Team your daughter can access with further revision resources.

Year 11 provisional GCSE public examination timetable - Summer 2021

Subject	Board	Start	Duration	Date
Computer Science - Paper 1	OCR	09:00	01:30	Fri 14 May
Cambridge National IT	OCR	09:00	01:45	Fri 14 May
Religious Studies - Paper 1	PEARSON	13:00	01:45	Fri 14 May
Economics - Paper 1	OCR	09:00	01:30	Tue 18 May
Biology - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Wed 19 May
Biology - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Wed 19 May
Combined Biology - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Wed 19 May
Combined Biology - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Wed 19 May
French - Foundation Listening	EDUCAS	13:00	00:35	Wed 19 May
French - Foundation Reading	EDUCAS	13:00	01:00	Wed 19 May
French - Higher Listening	EDUCAS	13:00	00:45	Wed 19 May
French - Higher Reading	EDUCAS	13:00	01:15	Wed 19 May
English Literature - Paper 1	AQA	09:00	01:45	Thur 20 May
French - Foundation Writing	EDUCAS	09:00	01:15	Fri 21 May
French - Higher Writing	EDUCAS	09:00	01:30	Fri 21 May
Computer Science - Paper 2	OCR	13:00	01:30	Fri 21 May
Chemistry - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Mon 24 May
Chemistry - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Mon 24 May
Combined Chemistry - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Mon 24 May
Combined Chemistry - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Mon 24 May
Mathematics - Paper 1 (Non Calc) F	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tues 25 May
Mathematics - Paper 1 (Non Calc) H	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tues 25 May
Religious Studies - Paper 2	PEARSON	13:00	01:45	Tue 25 May
English Literature - Paper 2	AQA	09:00	02:15	Wed 26 May
Spanish - Foundation Listening	AQA	09:00	00:35	Wed 26 May
Spanish - Foundation Reading	AQA	09:00	00:45	Wed 26 May
Spanish - Higher Listening	AQA	09:00	00:45	Wed 26 May
Spanish - Higher Reading	AQA	09:00	01:00	Wed 26 May
Physics - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Thur 27 May
Physics - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Thur 27 May
Combined Physics - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Thur 27 May
Combined Physics - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Thur 27 May
Economics - Paper 2	OCR	13:00	01:30	Thur 27 May
Geography - Paper 1	AQA	09:00	01:30	Fri 28 May
Business - Paper 1	PEARSON	13:00	14:30	Fri 28 May
English Language - Paper 1	AQA	09:00	01:45	Mon 07 Jun
Spanish - Foundation Writing	AQA	13:00	01:00	Mon 07 Jun
Spanish - Higher Writing	AQA	13:00	01:15	Mon 07 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 2 (Calc) F	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tues 08 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 2 (Calc) H	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tues 08 Jun
Religious Studies - Paper 3	PEARSON	13:00	01:45	Tue 08 June
History - Paper 1	PEARSON	09:00	01:15	Wed 09 Jun
Drama - Component 3	EDUCAS	13:00	01:30	Wed 09 Jun
English Language - Paper 2	AQA	09:00	01:45	Thur 10 Jun

Business - Paper 2	PEARSON	13:00	01:30	Thur 10 Jun
Geography -Paper 2	AQA	09:00	01:30	Fri 11 Jun
Food Prep and Nutrition Written	AQA	13:00	01:45	Fri 11 Jun
Biology - Paper 2 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Mon 14 Jun
Biology - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Mon 14 Jun
Combined Biology - Paper 2 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Mon 14 Jun
Combined Biology - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Mon 14 Jun
Citizenship - Paper 1	PEARSON	13:00	01:45	Wed 14 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 3 (Calc) F	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tue 15 Jun
Mathematics - Paper 3 (Calc) H	PEARSON	09:00	01:30	Tue 15 Jun
Music - Component 3	EDUCAS	13:00	01:15	Tue 15 Jun
Statistics - Paper 1 Foundation	PEARSON	13:00	01:30	Tue 15 Jun
Statistics - Paper 1 Higher	PEARSON	13:00	01:30	Tue 15 Jun
History - Paper 2	PEARSON	13:00	01:45	Wed 16 Jun
Chemistry - Paper 2 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Thur 17 Jun
Chemistry - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Thur 17 Jun
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Statistics - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	13:00	01:30	Mon 21 Jun
Physics - Paper 2 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Tue 22 Jun
Physics - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:45	Tue 22 Jun
Combined Physics - Paper 2 Foundation	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Tue 22 Jun
Combined Physics - Paper 2 Higher	PEARSON	09:00	01:10	Tue 22 Jun

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