

Year 11 Information Evening

Tuesday 19th September
2023



Exams

- Year 11 pupils will sit modules of GCSE exams throughout the year, beginning in November, with further sessions in February and May.
- BTEC – ongoing assessment with an online assessment in ICT and Sport and a written paper in Childcare (details included later in presentation).



‘The biggest factor that will make the most difference to your child’s achievement...is what happens at home’

Alma Harris, Institute of Education, London

Parents

- You don't have to be a subject specialist.
- Encourage and support.
- Provide a suitable working environment, no mobile phone while revising.
- Food and plenty of sleep
- Keep hydrated



Parents

- Offer to help with revision.
- Check they have full notes.
- Ensure good attendance – Every Lesson Counts.
- Let the Year Tutor, Mr. Percy know of any issues which may be impacting on your child's progress in school.
- Let us know if you have any concerns.



Attend to Achieve

Attendance percentages as number of days and lessons missed from Rathfriland High School

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absence in year	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which means this number of missed lessons	Persistent absence over 5 years
95%	9.25 days	2 weeks	90 lessons	$\frac{1}{4}$ year
90%	18.5 days	4 weeks	180 lessons	$\frac{1}{2}$ year
80%	37 days	8 weeks	360 lessons	1 year
70%	56 days	11 weeks	495 lessons	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years
60%	74 days	15 weeks	675 lessons	2 years
50%	92.5 days	18.5 weeks	833 lessons	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years



Attend to Achieve

- Aim for 100% attendance and punctuality in all classes.
- Avoid appointments during the school day.
- Short absences: it is the pupil's responsibility to catch up – please talk to the teacher.



Pupils

- Have a positive attitude to your work.
- Keep to a routine and be organised.
- Be aware of when your examinations are.
- Know and meet deadlines for controlled assessment / homework.
- Attend – be at school whenever you are able to be.



Pupils

- Be an active learner, if you are unsure of anything ask your teacher, these are your exams.
- Start revision early, plan effectively and structure your revision time.
- Work on exam technique through past papers, revision tips and study guides.



Use a variety of learning strategies

- In school you will be encouraged to use a variety of techniques
- Talk to teachers about revision strategies that would be useful in their subjects
- Study Skills presentation early in Term 2



Use a wide range of resources

- Revision cards.
- Textbooks and exercise books.
- Teacher notes / exemplar answers.
- Revision guides..
- Internet revision sites.
- Past papers.
- CCEA microsites for each subject.



Target Setting

- Target Grade is the grade pupils should aim for, this will be shared after Tracking 1.
- The subject teacher will discuss the Target Grade with individual pupils during this Term.
- Target Grade will appear on Pupil Reports after Tracking 1.



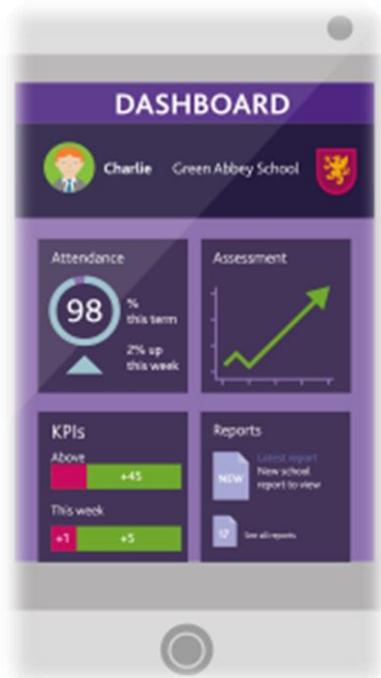
Target setting, Assessment and Reporting

- Teacher/Parent consultation – 27th March.
- Report following January & June exams.
- Results of Tracking 1 and 3 shared via the SIMS Parent App. Reports published on the app after Tracking 2 and 4.
- If you have issues accessing this information, please contact us.



Communication

SIMS Parent App



Rathfriland High App



- Email distribution list
- Letters section on school website.
- Facebook page

Communication between school and home

Year 11 Internal Assessment

- Tracking 1 – October - Class Test (16-27th Oct)
- Tracking 2 – January – Exams (15-19th Jan)
- Tracking 3 – March - Class Tests (11-22nd Mar)
- Tracking 4 – June – Exam (3-7th Jun)



Year 11 Exam Details and Dates 2023/24

Subject	Exam board	Exam details	% Weighting
Construction	CCEA	Unit 1 at end of Year 11 (exam)	40%
Maths	CCEA	Set 1 M4 Module , Sets 2 and 3 M2/M3 Module,	45%
Essential Skills Maths	OCN	Set 4 – Level 1 exam	100%
English	CCEA	Unit 1 Writing for Audience and Purpose and Reading to access non- fiction and Media Texts	30%
Essential Skills English	OCN	Set 4 - Level 1 exam	100%
Science (Single Award)	CCEA	Biology Module - February 2024	25%
Science (Double Award)	CCEA	Biology Module – February 2024	11%
Science (Double Award)	CCEA	Physics Module – February 2024	11%
Science (Double Award)	CCEA	Chemistry Module	11%
Further Maths	CCEA	Unit 1 Pure Maths	50%
English Literature	CCEA	Unit 1 The Study of Prose	30%
History	CCEA	Unit 1	60%
Geography	CCEA	Unit 1 – Understanding our natural world	40%
Health and Social Care	CCEA	Unit 1 – Personal Development, Health and Well - Being	50%
RE	CCEA	Unit – Mark’s Gospel	50%
Business and Communication Systems	CCEA	Unit 1 – Software Applications for Business	40%
Design and Technology	CCEA	Unit 1	25%

Linear subjects (100% of assessment at the end of Year 12)

- Music
- Home Economics
- Art



Vocational Subjects 2023-24

11A4 Class

Subject	Exam board	Exam details	% Weigh
Prince's Trust – worth 2 GCSEs Grade B	CCEA	Level 2 obtained at the end of Year 2	100% Coursework
Essential Skills – Application of Number	OCN	Level 1 (Year 11)	100% Exam
Essential Skills – Application of Number	OCN	Level 2 (Year 12)	100% Exam
Vocational Skills – 1 GCSE Grade B	OCN	Level 2	100% Coursework
Information Technology Application – 1 GCSE Grade B	OCN	Level 2	100% Coursework
Essential Skills – Communication	OCN	Level 1 (Year 11)	100 % Exam plus a Speaking and Listening (completed in class)
Essential Skills - Communication	OCN	Level 2 (Year 12)	100% Exam plus a Speaking and Listening (completed in class)

BTEC 2023-24



- BTEC Completed at RHS

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Details	% Weigh
Information and Creative Technology	Pearson	Level 2	25% online exam (Year 11) 75% (Year 11&12)
Sport	Pearson	Level 2	25% online exam (Year 11) 75% (Year 11&12)
Childcare	Pearson	Level 2	Three units with equal weighting. Paper based exam in Jan of Year 11

BTEC 2023-24

- BTEC Completed in SRC/Newbridge

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Details
Engineering	Pearson	Level 2
Creative Digital Media	Pearson	Level 2
Travel and Tourism	Pearson	Level 2

Occupational Studies (A4 only) - RHS

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Details	% Weigh
Environment and Society	CCEA	Level 2 Unit 1 Horticulture: Caring for plants and flowers	100% Coursework (50% towards final grade)
Technology and Innovation	CCEA	Level 2 Unit 2: Computer Aided Design	100% Coursework (50% towards final grade)

You complete two units in each subject, one in year 11 and one in Year 12. At the end of Year 12, this will give you one GCSE.



Occupational Studies (A4 only) SRC

Subject	Exam Board	Exam Details	% Weigh
Business and Services	CCEA	You complete two units from one subject in Year 11 which counts as 1 GCSE You then complete two units from one subject in Year 12 which counts as 1 GCSE	
Construction	CCEA		
Design and Creativity	CCEA		
Engineering and Engineering Services	CCEA		
Environment and Society	CCEA		
Technology and Innovation	CCEA		



Access Arrangements / Special consideration for Examinations

- There needs to be evidence of need.
- Evidence that the pupil has been on the Special Educational Needs Register in Key Stage 3.
- Individual Education Plans have been used
- Speak to Mrs Hawthorne (LSC, formerly SENCO) for more information on access arrangements.
- Special consideration requests, in circumstances such as bereavement or ill health at the time of exam – see Mrs Fitzpatrick (Exams Officer).



YEAR 11 SCIENCE

**Pupils will either study
Double Award Science
Single Award Science or
Occupational Studies
Horticulture.**



DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE (2 GCSE'S)



Key Dates



September – February pupils study Biology and Physics.



15th – 19th January 2024 – Tracking 2 (school exams) will be a mock examination and used to help decide Tier of Entry.



12th – 16th February 2024 – Half term.
REVISION, REVISION, REVISION!



21st February 2024 = Biology Module Exam
(11%)



23rd February 2024 = Physics Module Exam
(11%)

DOUBLE AWARD CONTINUED



**FEBRUARY – MAY 2024
PUPILS STUDY
CHEMISTRY.**



**WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY
2024. CHEMISTRY
EXAM WORTH 11%**

SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE

Key Dates

September 23 – February 24 Study Biology

15th – 19th January 2024 – Tracking 2 (school exams) will be a mock examination and used to help decide Tier of Entry.

12th – 16th February 2024 – Half term. REVISION, REVISION, REVISION!

21st February 2024 = Biology Module Exam (25%)



TIER OF ENTRY SINGLE & DOUBLE

**Higher Tier =
Grades A* -E**

**Foundation
Tier = Grades
C* - G**

PUPILS CAN MIX TIERS OF ENTRY e.g. FOUNDATION CHEMISTRY and HIGHER BIOLOGY



HOW YOU CAN HELP SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD.

(EVEN IF YOU AREN'T GOOD AT SCIENCE OR DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE DOING)

- **Check in with your child weekly – how are they getting on in Science. If they are anxious/struggling encourage them to seek help from their teacher don't let it fester.**
- **Don't leave revision to the last minute – if your child says they have no homework they can be independently working. They can complete questions by topic.**
- **Use the mind maps they have been given – pupils do not need to rewrite their notes.**

HOW YOU CAN HELP – PRACTICAL TIPS

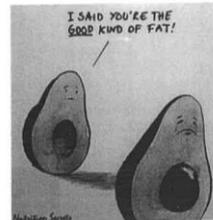
Past paper questions by topic = the key to success!

For every topic will give pupils past paper questions grouped together e.g.

CCEA SA Science - Biology

Chapter 2 – Food and Energy
(Foundation)

QUESTIONS

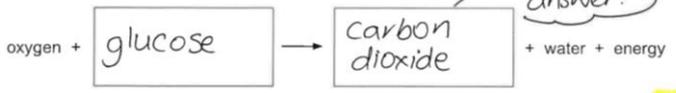


F.T = Foundation Tier
H.T = Higher Tier

Year/
Series → Nov 19 FT

8 (a) Respiration and photosynthesis are processes which can occur in living organisms.

(i) Complete the word equation below for respiration.



Black pen
I know this answer.

[2]

Look at the number of marks!

(ii) Complete the sentence below.

Respiration releases energy, this means it can be described as

an exothermic reaction.

Green pen
I am not 100% confident

[1]

(iii) Complete all the boxes in the table below to show which process(es) can happen in plants and animals.

Use a ✓ if the process happens or an X if the process does not happen.

Process	Plants	Animals
photosynthesis	✓	X
respiration	✓	✓

[2]

(b) (i) Name the structure in a cell where photosynthesis takes place.

chloroplast

red pen. I did not know this answer and copied it.

[1]

(ii) Suggest one reason why being able to photosynthesise is beneficial to the organism.

makes its own food.

QUESTIONS BY TOPIC

- Encourage pupils to complete the questions by topic on their own without books, internet etc.
- Look at how many marks the question is worth.
- Use 3 different colored pens e.g.
- Black = I know the answer
- Green = I think I know the answer, but I am not totally confident
- Red = I didn't know the answer and had to look it up or copy it.

QUESTIONS BY TOPIC

- Use Google Classroom to find the answers to the questions by topic.
- Sit with pupils and help them mark their work – identify key words that keep coming up, encourage pupils to use these in their answers.
- Focused revision - the red answers – these are what pupils NEED to learn.
- Retry the red questions in a few weeks.

Year 11 Single Award Science

Stream **Classwork** People Marks

Chapter 3 Past Paper Questions and Mark S... Edited 23 Nov 2022

Chapter 2 Food and Energy

Chapter 2 Food and Energy ANSWER BOOK... Edited 11 Oct 2022

Chapter 2 Past Paper Questions and Answers Edited 22 Nov 2022

Chapter 1 Cells

Chapter 1 Cells ANSWER BOOKLET Posted 20 Sept 2022

Chapter 1 Cells Past Paper Questions Posted 20 Sept 2022

Specification

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

- Be prepared to support your son/daughter when they “hit the wall” and are frustrated (normally January) – it will take several practice past papers before they achieve the grade they want.
- Keep it achievable. Papers are out of 60 marks – look at their past papers for silly mistakes and encourage them to get 1 or 2 extra marks each time they complete a new paper to improve.

OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES HORTICULTURE. 1 YEAR (11A4)

Occupational Studies

Occupational Studies Level	Grade	GCSE Notional Equivalency
Level 2	Distinction/ Distinction*	A/A*
	Merit	B
	Pass	C
Level 1	Distinction	D
	Merit	E
	Pass	F/G
Unclassified		

- AIM HIGH – Pupils can achieve a Level 2 distinction.
- All pupils need to achieve a Level 2 for when they leave Rathfriland High.
- Practical is completed in school – please reinforce with you son/daughter that weeding etc does count.
- Attendance is important because practical is completed in school.
- You can support with written tasks – Google Classroom.

OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES

ALL PUPILS HAVE JOINED THE CLASSROOM.

The screenshot shows a Google Classroom interface for a class named 'Year 11 Horticulture 23 - 24'. The 'Classwork' tab is active, displaying an assignment titled 'Weeds'. The assignment is due on 28th September and was posted on 1st September. The instructions are: 'Produce an information page on common weeds in Northern Ireland. See the attached pages for help and guidance.' The assignment shows 9 items 'Handed in' and 5 'Assigned'. There are two document thumbnails titled 'Information on Common ... Word'. A 'View instructions' link and a 'Review work' button are visible at the bottom of the assignment card. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 12:02 on 14/09/2023.

If you or your son/daughter are unsure they can send a message through Google Classroom.

You will see the pupil's assignment and some information or examples to help.

They will not have assignments every week - it is important the assignments they have are of a high standard because they go into their portfolio.

Please read through and help your son/daughter to check their work before they hand it in. Sometimes pupils rush work - just to get it done.

Questions?

