

# Welcome to Year 11

## Year 11 key dates – 2023 – 2024

27 September	Welcome to Year 11 Evening
9 October	Mini Post-16 Fair for students with EHCP, <i>invite only</i> (3.00pm–4.00pm)
w/c 30 October	Report to Parents
2 November	Sixth Form Open Evening (5.00pm - 7.00pm)
9 November	Applying to Apprenticeships, Colleges & Training Providers (5.00-7.00pm)
w/c 27 November	Y11 Mock Exams
w/c 4 December	Y11 Mock Exams
22 December	School deadline Sheffield Progress applications
w/c 15 January	Report to Parents
31 January	Sheffield Progress final deadline
1 February	Y11 Parents' Evening (4.30 - 6.30)
w/c 4 March	Y11 Mock Exams
w/c 11 March	Y11 Mock Exams
w/c 15 March	Reports to Parents
w/c 13 May	GCSE Examinations begin. <i>*please check the school's website to confirm dates of each individual subject</i>
25 June	ADT Exhibition
26 June	Record of Achievement (3.00 – 5.00)
Friday 28 June	Y11 Prom Night
3 – 4 July	Y11 Transition – Sixth Form
Thursday 22 August	KS4 Results published

NB: These dates are correct at the time of printing but there may be changes throughout the year

## 5 Factors for student success

### 1. **Equipment – ‘being prepared’**

- The basics: black pen, green pen, ruler, pencil, eraser, calculator
- PLUS any subject specific equipment e.g. art pencils
- Wear correct school uniform – allow the teachers to focus on teaching and keep relationships with teachers positive.

### 2. **Attendance**

There is a direct correlation with good attendance and good performance. **Attending school** and being **punctual to lessons** is vital to your child's success.

### 3. **Attitude – aim high / have a ‘can do’ attitude**

Your child will have a subject target grade – they need to aim to achieve at least this grade. Encourage your child to find out what qualifications they need for post-16 courses at Meadowhead or college. Maintaining high standards in presentation of work will lead to better results.

### 4. **Every assessment matters**

Your child needs to gain as many marks as possible in controlled assessments and coursework. Subject tests and trial examinations are very important, especially since most exams will be taken at the end of Year 11 – there are no second chances!

### 5. **Homework**

Your child will receive regular homework, which you can view on the parent portal. Students who do homework regularly get better results.

# How can you support your child?

*You don't have to be an expert in every subject!*

1. Talk to them about their work; trust your judgement and challenge them if you feel their work is not up to standard, you'll probably be right. Check for quality of presentation, understanding, completeness and accuracy (e.g. spelling, punctuation, grammar).
2. Ask them to explain their work to you
3. Find out key dates for exams / tests / controlled assessments
4. Look on the SIMS Parent app for homework, or in their planner
5. Look through their exercise book / work
6. Support them with their self-study. Revision guides are available to buy from school and your child's teachers can direct them to useful revision websites.

## Moving on from Year 11 – What happens next year?

This year, your son/daughter will be asked to make a choice about what they will do after Year 11. Young people have to stay in some form of learning or training at least until they turn 18; this could be through a course at sixth form, college or a training provider, or through an apprenticeship.

Students might like to consider:

- How they prefer to learn and be assessed
- Which subjects interest them
- Any interests outside the classroom
- Any future career ideas.

Students from all year groups can expect:

- Futures Week in February, featuring a careers fair and careers-related activities throughout the week
- Chance to hear from employers and other speakers about work, apprenticeships and further and higher education
- Career lessons in form time
- After-school support session Wednesdays in L10 where students can work on applications, CVs, search for opportunities and careers information, and get advice
- The opportunity to speak to a careers adviser about their plans, as and when required.

In Year 11, students can expect:

- A one-to-one careers meeting with a professional, impartial careers adviser.
- Assemblies and tutor time lessons on post-16 options, personal statement writing, apprenticeships and application processes.
- Information on local open days, taster days and other relevant events shared via form tutors.

We have several events coming up at school to inform you about post-16 options (see *Important Dates*). In addition, further events to look out for include:

- Open days at other local institutions in October, November and beyond
- Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, March 2023
- Details of any further events will be shared with your child at school as they are announced.

## Applications

In October and November, students will use Sheffield Progress to make their post-16 applications with the support of their Ethics teachers. If students are undecided, they can apply to (and accept) more than one option and make a final decision around GCSE Results Day in August. Further information on the application process was shared with parents/carers last week. In the meantime, students can browse what is available locally post-16 at [www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk).

## Timescale

We ask all students to complete Sheffield Progress applications before the Christmas holidays. If students know what they want to do, they can complete their applications before the deadline. Some institutions have an end-January application deadline, so we want to ensure that students don't miss this. NB For students applying for apprenticeships, there will be more work to do, and more support on offer, in February and March to find an employer.

## Compulsory Core Subjects – taken by all students

Subject	Number of exam papers	Length of exam papers
English language GCSE	2	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 1hr 45mins
English literature GCSE	2	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 2hr 15mins
Maths GCSE (Foundation or Higher Tier)	3	Paper 1: 1hr 30mins Paper 2: 1hr 30mins Paper 3: 1hr 30mins

Subject	Number of exam papers	Length of exam papers
Combined Science GCSE (Foundation or Higher Tier)  <b>OR</b>	6	Paper 1: 1hr 15mins Paper 2: 1hr 15mins Paper 3: 1hr 15mins Paper 4: 1hr 15mins Paper 5: 1hr 15mins Paper 6: 1hr 15mins
Triple Science GCSE (Foundation or Higher Tier)	6	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 1hr 45mins Paper 3: 1hr 45mins Paper 4: 1hr 45mins Paper 5: 1hr 45mins Paper 6: 1hr 45mins

## Guided Choices GCSE Subjects (1, 2 or 3 taken by most students)

Subject	Number of exam papers	Length of exam papers
History GCSE	3	Paper 1: 1hr 15mins Paper 2: 1hr 45mins Paper 3: 1hr 20mins
Geography GCSE	3	Paper 1: 1hr 30mins Paper 2: 1hr 30mins Paper 3: 1hr 15mins
Languages GCSE (Foundation or Higher Tier)	3	Paper 1: 35mins (F) or 45mins (H) Paper 2: 45mins (F) or 60mins (H) Paper 3: 1hr (F) or 1hr 15mins (H)
Computer Science	2	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 2hrs

## Guided Choices GCSE/non GCSE Subjects (1 or 2 taken by most students)

Subject	Assessment type and timing
Art GCSE (includes 3D and textiles)	40% set task (10 hours in May) and coursework (60%) of which there is a 10 hour examination period held after the main mock exams in December
Food Preparation & nutrition <b>or</b> Product Design	Coursework NEA (50%) – October – November 2023 and January 2024 1 paper – 1hr 45mins (50%)
Music GCSE	1 paper – 1hr 30mins (40%) and coursework (60%)
PE GCSE	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 1hr 30mins
Religious Studies GCSE	Paper 1: 1hr 45mins Paper 2: 1hr 45mins
ICT Cambridge National	Paper 1: 1 hr 15mins (JanY11) (25%) and ongoing assessment

## BTEC Assessment Week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November)

Subject	Assessment type and timing
BTEC Sport	1 hr 15mins (in Y10) (25%) and ongoing assessment in Year 11
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BTEC Construction	1 hr (25%) and 3 assignments (75%)
BTEC Acting	1 hr 15mins (JanY11) (25%) and ongoing assessment
BTEC Health and Social Care	3 hour externally assessed synopsis
BTEC Dance	Internal 12 week assessment verified externally

# Application form for The National Tutor Programme – an opportunity for free small group tuition

Name.....

Form.....

We have a small number of places remaining for students who feel they would benefit from teacher led support for English, Maths and science.

## Q1. What is the National Tutor Programme (NTP)?

- It is a weekly 1-hour session (between 2:45 and 3:45) that supports your examination preparation for Maths, English and Science.
- It is like paying for private tuition outside of school (which can cost around £35 per session), but if you complete it through school, there is no cost to you.
- Places are very limited; we cannot offer it to everybody. There is a minimum 15-session commitment for those who participate (private tuition would cost over £500 for this time).

## Q2. Why might this suit you more than an after-school revision session?

- The group sizes will be smaller (no more than 6 students) which means you get more support than if there are 30 students in the room.
- You have the same tutor every week, so you get to know them, and they get to know what you can and cannot do, there is continuity from week to week.
- The support can adapt to your needs as it is the same students each week, which means the teacher does not have to be so generic.

## Q3. How do I apply?

- Write your name and form group in the spaces provided at the top of the sheet.
- Look at the table below and put a tick in any box where you would be happy to attend the session. This can be one box or more. The more flexible you are, the more likely you are to be given a place.
- Return this sheet to the box in the Year 11 office. Those who return it promptly are more likely to be successful in gaining a space.

Good luck.

Mr. Heggs

Monday

Triple Science  
(Chemistry) ☐

Combined  
Science (F) ☐

Found Maths  
(Grade 3+) ☐

Tuesday

Combined  
Science (H) ☐

Found Maths  
(Grade 3+) ☐

Higher Maths  
(Grade 5+) ☐

English  
(Grade 4+) ☐

Wednesday

English  
(Grade 3+) ☐

Thursday

Combined  
Science (H) ☐

Combined  
Science (F) ☐

Found Maths  
(Grade 3+) ☐

Higher Maths  
(Grade 5+) ☐

English  
(Grade 3+) ☐

Friday

Combined  
Science (F) ☐

Triple Science  
(Physics) ☐

Triple Science  
(Biology) ☐

Found Maths  
(Grade 4+) ☐

Higher Maths  
(Grade 6+) ☐