



**Week Starting:** Monday 23rd May 2022

## Events this week:

All Week		Year 11 GCSE Examinations
Monday	23	Year 11 Exams: AM Geography
Tuesday	24	Year 11 Exams: AM Arabic: Listening and Reading, French: Listening and Reading; PM GCSE Physical Education, CNAT Sport Studies
Wednesday	25	Year 11 Exams: AM English Literature, PM Latin Language Written Paper
Thursday	26	Year 11 Exams: AM Spanish: Listening and Reading PM Religious Studies Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday	27	Year 11 Exams: AM Chemistry; PM Computer Science

## Notices from First Aid

- Students are not to contact home themselves if they feel unwell. Please ask your teacher and go to the First Aid Office; if required, First Aid staff will contact home.
- Students should not be carrying their own medicine. Medicines are to be handed in to the First Aid Office.
- Students should bring a reusable water bottle, with their name on, to school everyday.
- Please remember to name ALL items, including clothes, bags, pencil cases, water bottles etc.
- **Head lice / Nits are in school!** Please follow this link to the NHS website for information about how to spot and treat nits. Prompt action is necessary to keep the outbreak at bay [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth615/Pages/Nits.aspx](https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth615/Pages/Nits.aspx)

To report a student absence from school, please email  
[attendancembs@meole.co.uk](mailto:attendancembs@meole.co.uk)

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure ALL pupils have a water bottle or can buy one at break or lunch.

Le Department de Langues de

Meole Brace School

vous offre...

Exams : Good luck!

Les examens : Bonne Chance!

Die Prüfungen : Alles Gute!

Los exámenes : ¡Buena suerte!

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## Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

The first groups of Year 10 students went out on their training expeditions last week. Some interesting meal choices, glorious sunshine and life memories made. The next groups will be heading out on the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June.



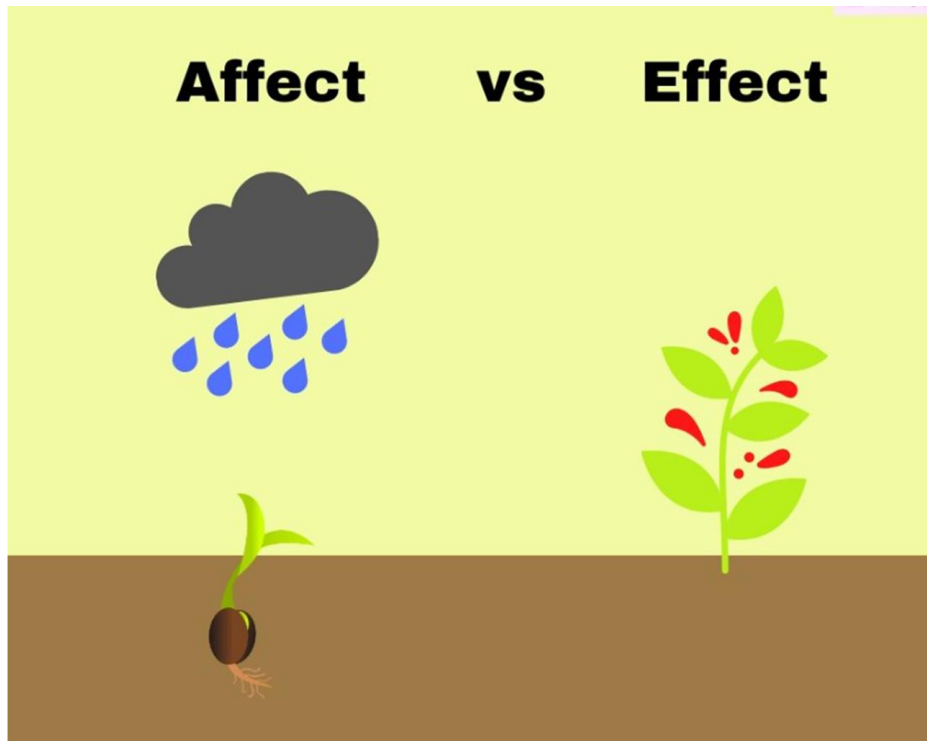
# Misspelt Words Week 4

Do you ever get confused by the words “affect” and “effect”?

What is the difference between “affect “ and “effect”?

The meaning of **affect** is to influence. It is a verb and means to make a difference to or impact something in some way.

The **effect** is a noun. It is a change that is the result of some action or some other cause.



The rain affects the soil which gives the seed moisture to grow.

The effect of this is that the seed grows.

"**A**ffect" is a verb, a word expressing an **a**ction.

"The **e**ffect".  
If you are using "the" , follow it with the "e" in effect.

Which word should fill the gap? Affect (action / verb ) or effect (the effect)?

1. Gravity ..... everything on earth.
2. The melting of the ice caps and the rising of sea levels are examples of .....of global warming.
3. The .....of the floods in Shrewsbury were devastating to local businesses.
4. Building on flood plains .....the water table.
5. When the witches greet Macbeth, Shakespeare uses dramatic irony with great .....
6. Exercise .....the heart rate because the heart speeds up to pump extra food and oxygen to the muscles.



# Charlie Adlard is Aspirational!

Friday 13th May, fittingly, saw the visit of Charlie Adlard, local comic book artist of The Walking Dead. 115 students signed up to hear Charlie interviewed by Mrs Hare about his lifelong dream of becoming a comic book artist, his early inspiration, his experience with the TV series The Walking Dead (based on his illustrations), and his Top Tips for budding creatives who'd love to turn their talent into a career.

As the 14th Aspirations Talk this year, Charlie was our busiest yet – and we celebrated by holding a Meet and Greet workshop after the Talk, where 57 students from Years 7-10 had the opportunity to come together, collaborate on art works, develop their skills AND get advice from someone at the top of their game. The buzz in the Learning Hub was wonderful, and our students were not only exceptionally well-behaved and incredibly polite, they're also fantastically talented. Perhaps the next hugely successful comic book series and TV show spin-off was created today!

Huge thanks go to Mr Evans and Mrs Pankhurst for all their hard work to support the day and make sure our students got the absolute most out of such a special experience.

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/education/2022/05/14/walking-dead-creator-talks-comics-and-careers-with-school-pupils/>





## Meole Brace School PTA

How can you help:

- Join us for our half termly meetings, a great way to meet other parents from the school.
- Look out for our information in the Pulse.
- Donate any unwanted school uniform and PE kit for our second-hand uniform stalls.
- Volunteer to help at events like second-hand uniform sales or selling refreshments at shows and parents evenings.
- Buy online using [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and help us to raise money for the school.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Contact us via our email address [mbs.pta1@gmail.com](mailto:mbs.pta1@gmail.com)



# New Uniform Information

You will be aware of the changes to uniform from September 2022. Here is a quick reminder.

Next year's Year 7s will wear the new uniform when they join us in September 2022. This will be compulsory for all year 7 students.

The current Year 7-9 students will be given until the follow year (September 2023) to 'transition' to the new uniform. This means that from September 2023 the new uniform will be worn by every year group.

The new uniform comprises of a white shirt, KS3 or KS4 tie, blue jumper with school logo for all year groups, 'school grey' trousers or school Meole Brace School skirt. Shoes should be smart, plain black leather (or leather look) with no sports logo evident. Trainers and boots (including Airforce 1) are not permitted.

The only items that have to be bought from our main uniform provider (School Shop Direct) is the tie, jumper with school logo and the one option skirt - everything else can be bought from other sources should you wish to do so.

There is nothing stopping current Year 7-9 students opting to wear the new uniform in September 2022, but given some families will have purchased new uniform this year, it seemed more reasonable to give families a year to transition across. Students in these year groups will need to wear either the new uniform or the old uniform. A mixture of new and old uniform will not be permitted.

Students in current Year 9 who decide to stay in the current uniform for 2022/23 may continue to wear their KS3 sweatshirt if they wish, rather than buying a KS4 sweat shirt which will only be permitted for one year.

The school shop is offering an early order discount of 7% off the standard price for all Meole Brace School uniform. The discount will be automatically applied at the till or for online purchases ([www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)) use order code EARLYORDER22. This discount applies from June 20th to July 23rd 2022.

If your family needs financial support in order to transition to the new uniform, please contact Mr Rob Carlyle at [newuniformmbs@meole.co.uk](mailto:newuniformmbs@meole.co.uk). This offer is available to all current Year 7-9 students until September 2023.



Jumper embroidered with  
same crest for all year  
groups



School grey skirt with navy insert  
(The only acceptable skirt for the new uniform)



White Shirt



Meole Brace School  
Year 7-9 Tie



Meole Brace School  
Year 10-11 Tie



School Grey trousers  
(No skinny fit/leggings/jeans/joggers)



## Examples of Appropriate School Shoes



### Other Areas to Consider:

- Shirts should be plain white cotton. (short or long sleeve).
- Students may wear one stud type earring per ear and a watch.
- Tights should be plain black or natural.
- Extremes of hairstyles / hair colour are not permitted.
- No false nails or nail polish – students will be instructed to remove if worn.
- No false eye lashes or excess makeup.
- All forms of facial piercing are strictly forbidden.
- No other forms of visible jewellery are permitted. These will be confiscated if worn.
- Hoodies are not permitted as part of school uniform.
- Coats should be waterproof and plain design.
- During summer term school grey shorts will be permitted for all students who wish to wear them.

If in doubt please contact the school.



# SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP

**Construction Inc. Tasters** open to Year 8, 9, 10 and Year 11 girls  
**Thursday 9 June 4.00-6.30pm & Thursday 16 June 4.00-6.30pm**

## Breaking down barriers to women joining the construction industry

Construction and the specialist trades within this sector offer amazing opportunities for those with an interest in **creativity, detail and craftsmanship**. They can lead to **university courses, management jobs** and lifelong careers in your area of expertise, with roles as diverse as **joinery** and **bricklaying** to **site management** and **interior design**.

Whilst there is a perception that this area of industry remains male-dominated, there is a **fast-growing number of women joining the workforce** and finding career success and job satisfaction.

### What we are planning...

SCG Construction Inc. Taster sessions aim to give girls the opportunity to try out these trades and see where their skills lie, in a supportive and welcoming environment.

**Led by our female teachers** this is your chance to investigate typical trades activities and ask the questions you really want to know the answer to, surrounded by your peers and friends.

### What happens in the sessions...

Held in our Electrical Plumbing & Gas workshop you will undertake activities in:

**Brickwork | Carpentry & Joinery | Construction and the Built Environment** (*architecture, site management etc.*)

**Electrical Installation | Painting & Decorating | Plumbing**

There will be the opportunity to **ask questions during each activity** or you can drop your query into our **anonymous "Ask-it Basket"** for the teachers to answer at the end of the session.

We will also have staff on hand to tell you more about **Apprenticeships** (earn whilst you learn), and **Work Experience** programmes where you spend part of your time at college in a real workplace doing a real job.

On completion of the session, you will receive a **personalised certificate** for your Achievement Portfolio and a better insight into the brilliant world of careers in construction.

**Book your place now!**



*Please note that this is a women-only event, intended as an inclusive definition of women to welcome trans women and those that are nonbinary or identify as a woman.*





# Child Exploitation in Shropshire

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How to recognise if your child may be  
being exploited, and what you can do to  
help reduce the risks



Shropshire  
Council



# What is Exploitation?

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Are you concerned about changes in your child's behaviour? Have you noticed that they may be feeling under pressure from influences from outside your family home? Realising that your child could be being exploited can be distressing, but help and support is available.

Exploitation is a form of abuse, it occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child, young person or adult into any activity that results in an advantage for the perpetrator. Specific types of Exploitation include **Sexual Exploitation**, **Criminal Exploitation**, and **Financial Exploitation**.

## Who does it affect?

Exploitation can happen to any young person from any background, in any part of the country - including Shropshire. The young person often isn't aware that they are a victim, as exploiters are very clever in the way they manipulate the young person into trusting them.

## What are the signs?

- New friendship groups, who may be older in age
- Engaging in sexual activity, including exchanging indecent photos
- Missing episodes, when you don't know their whereabouts
- Spending less time at home and distancing from previous friends
- Receiving gifts & rewards
- Increased secretiveness
- Disengagement from school & hobbies
- Use of drugs or alcohol, perhaps without the means to afford this
- A decline in mental health, possibly becoming more aggressive
- Possession of a weapon
- Committing low level crimes

# What can I do as a parent or carer?

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- ✓ Discuss differences between healthy and unhealthy friendships and relationships
- ✓ Stay alert to any changes in behaviour which may indicate that they are feeling under pressure
- ✓ Carefully monitor any episodes of staying out late or not returning home
- ✓ Be aware of who they are spending time with and encourage them to keep in touch by texting you when they are out in the community
- ✓ Report them missing if you do not know where they are
- ✓ Talk openly to your child about keeping safe and listen calmly if they confide in you
- ✓ Regularly check the young person's possessions for drugs and any unexplained money or gifts
- ✓ Install online safety features and apps
- ✓ Check in with parents of their friends
- ✓ Be cautious of any older friends or friendships where there appears to be a power imbalance
- ✓ Check in with school or college to see if they have noticed any changes in behaviour
- ✓ Share your concerns with school staff or Children's Services
- ✓ Take a look at our CE Directory to find out about other support available:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/21754/ce-directory.pdf>



# Report concerns about a child

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Shropshire's TREES (Together Reducing & Ending Exploitation in Shropshire) Hub are based within Children's Services. We are committed to identifying young people who are at risk of exploitation, and supporting professionals and families to reduce these risks. It is recognised that these risks are out in the community, rather than within the family home. This is what is known as **Contextual Safeguarding**.

We can offer social care support to families where appropriate, or we can signpost to another support service such as a substance misuse service, sexual abuse support service, Early Help or diversionary activities - with the aim of disrupting exploitation and reducing the risks going forward.

**Call 0345 678 9021 or 0345 678 9040 if out of office hours**

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/childrens-social-care-and-health](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/childrens-social-care-and-health)

# Report concerns about potential exploitation in your community

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Intelligence about perpetrators and locations of concern is crucial to help us build up a picture of Child Exploitation in Shropshire, and allows West Mercia Police and Children's Services to work together to safeguard children and make our communities a safer place to live.

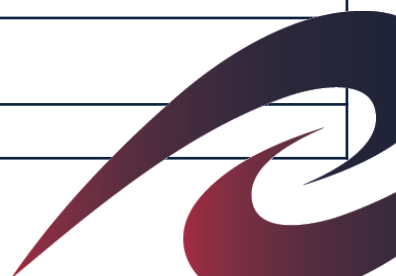
**If anyone is at risk of immediate harm:** Call 999

**To share non-urgent information:** Call 101 or visit the "Tell Us About" section on [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

**To report information anonymously:** Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

# Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable - Summer 2022

Date	AM	PM
Mon 16 May	Religious Studies A P1-3 Christ Religious Studies A P1-5 Islam	Comp Sci: Computer Systems Wrtn
Tue 17 May	Biology Paper 1 Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1	
Wed 18 May	English Language Paper 1	German: Listening & Reading
Thu 19 May	History Paper 1B Option B	Drama Written Paper
Fri 20 May	Mathematics 1: Non-Calculator	Chinese: Listening & Reading Bus: Bus 1: Bus Actvty Mrktng Pple Wtn
Mon 23 May	Geography Paper 1	
Tue 24 May	Arabic: Listening & Reading French: Listening & Reading	Physical Education Paper 1 CNAT Sprt Stdies: Cntmpty Issues Sprt Wrtn
Wed 25 May	Eng Lit Paper 1-Modern Prose/Drama Eng Lit Paper 1-19th Century Novel	Latin Language Written Paper
Thu 26 May	Spanish: Listening & Reading	Religious Studies A P2
Fri 27 May	Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1	Comp Sci: Comp Thnk Algrthm Prgrm Wtn
Mon 06 Jun	Chinese: Writing German: Writing	Arabic: Writing
Tue 07 Jun	Mathematics 2: Calculator	Geography Paper 2
Wed 08 Jun	English Literature Paper 2	
Thu 09 Jun	History Paper 1A Option A	Physics Paper 1 Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1
Fri 10 Jun	English Language Paper 2	AQA Physical Education Paper 2
Mon 13 Jun	Mathematics 3: Calculator	Bus: Bus 2: Oprtn Fnnc Inflnc Bus Wtn
Tue 14 Jun	Geography Paper 3	Statistics Written Paper 1
Wed 15 Jun	Biology Paper 2 Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2	Design and Technology Written Paper
Thu 16 Jun	French: Writing	
Fri 17 Jun	Spanish: Writing	
Mon 20 Jun	Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2	Food Prep and Nutrition Written
Tue 21 Jun	History Paper 2B Option C	Dance Written Paper Hosp & Catering (Spec A) UNIT1: Paper
Wed 22 Jun	Music: Listening and Appraising-Wtn	
Thu 23 Jun	Physics Paper 2 Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2	
Fri 24 Jun	Statistics: Written Paper 2	







# Shrewsbury Town IN THE **COMMUNITY**

Shrewsbury Town is proud to offer **FREE Premier League Kicks** football sessions in Shrewsbury. The sessions are fully funded by the Premier League and West Mercia Police to give anyone aged 8-18 the chance to take part in sport completely for free.

**Our sessions are listed below;**

**PL Kicks Football (Ages 8-11)**

Every Friday 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Shrewsbury Academy (indoor), SY1 4AL

**PL Kicks Football (Ages 12-14)**

Every Friday 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Shrewsbury Academy (indoor), SY1 4AL

**PL Kicks Football (Ages 15-18)**

Every Friday 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Shrewsbury Academy (indoor), SY1 4AL

**PL Kicks Football Competitions (Ages 15-18)**

Every Friday 6:00pm - 7:30pm at Shrewsbury Town FC, SY2 6ST

**PL Kicks Girls Only Football (8-18)**

Every Friday 5:00pm - 6:00pm at Shrewsbury Town FC, SY2 6ST

**PL Kicks Dance (Ages 8-18)**

Every Friday 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Shrewsbury Academy (indoor), SY1 4AL

**For more information please email [plkicks@sttc.co.uk](mailto:plkicks@sttc.co.uk)**





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# WE NEED YOU!

**CAN YOU  
HELP?**

We are **ALWAYS** looking for new speakers for  
our **Aspirations Talks**.

It's an exciting time for our students, as they  
learn how to build a future that genuinely  
excites and fulfills them. You could play a **HUGE**  
part in inspiring someone to a pathway for life.

Can you give up 30-45 minutes of your time to  
talk to students about your career, your  
business, your hobbies, your experiences?

If you can, get in touch!  
**hare.k@meole.co.uk**



# School Shop

The school shop is now open at break time accepting cash during the school day. Please see [school website](#) for prices.

Orders via email [shopmbs@meole.co.uk](mailto:shopmbs@meole.co.uk) and payment via Parent Pay will continue as before, if parents prefer, but pupils will now need to collect their items from the school shop please.

Many thanks,  
Mary Braddick  
Meole Brace School Shop

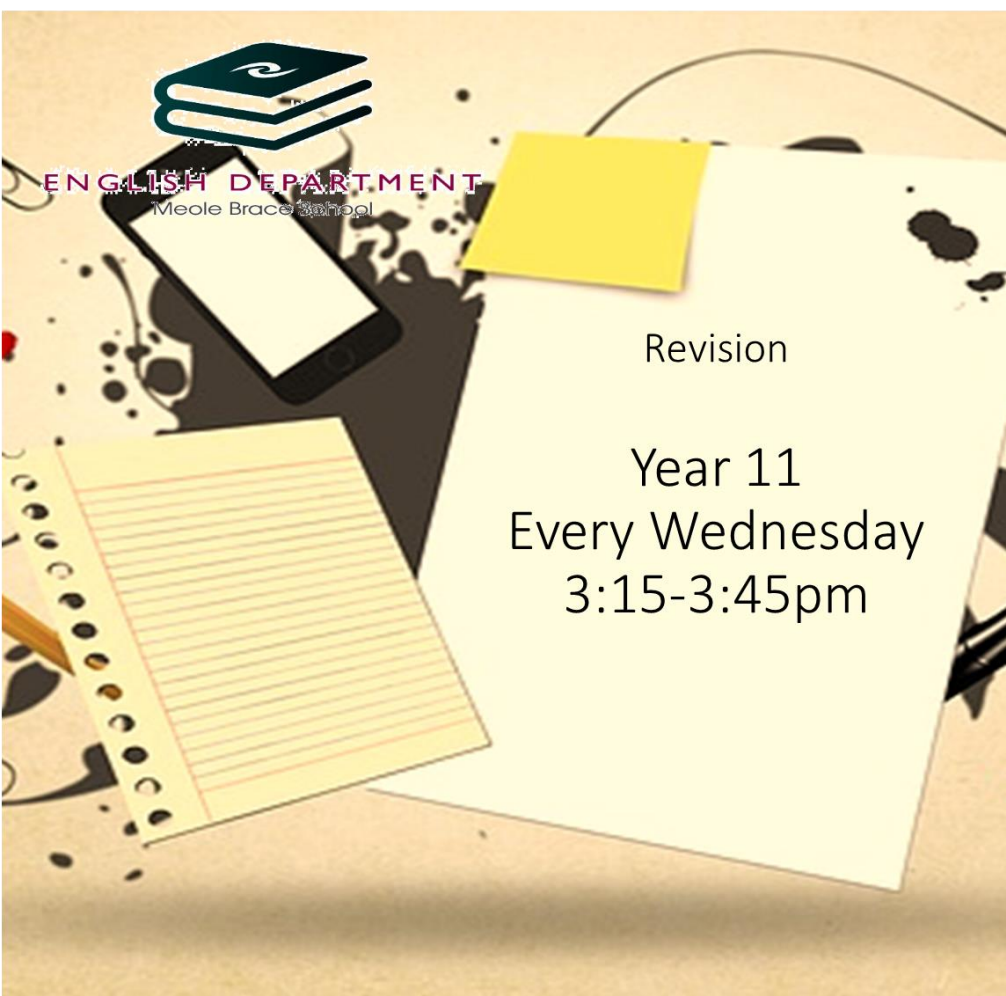
School Shop  
open @  
morning break



Dear Year 11....

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
A MONDAY MASTERCLASS  
EVERY MONDAY @ 3:15-3:45PM  
STARTING ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022.**

Head to A4 each week for a short, sharp session to develop your skills and confidence in tackling the English Language papers. Drinks and snacks provided.



## Summer Final Exams

**18<sup>th</sup> May** - Language  
Paper 1 AM 1 hr 45

**25<sup>th</sup> May** - Literature  
(ACC and AIC) AM 50  
mins per question

**8<sup>th</sup> June** - Literature  
(Shakespeare and  
Unseen Poetry) AM 50  
mins per question

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - Language  
Paper 2 AM 1 hr 45

Workshop	Date	Teacher	Room
Language Paper 1 Section A	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	K Brayne	A7
Language Paper 1 Section B	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	G Evans	E5
A Christmas carol	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	O Roberts	E3
Unseen Poetry	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	C Soutar	E2
Macbeth	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	K Brayne	A7
Romeo and Juliet	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	O Roberts	E3



## Year 11 revision/study extra-curricula sessions

Day	Time	Subject	Staff	Room
<b>Monday1</b>	3:10-4:00	Graphic communication	Mr Alexander	DT2
	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Mr Owens	B10
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Trow	B7
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Mr Williams	B3
	3:10-4:00	Art	Miss Billingham	B14
	3:10-4:00	Geography	Miss Pickering	W1
	3:15-3:45	Physics up to Grade 6	Mr Pickard	s12
<b>Tuesday1</b>	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Miss Thorley	B6
<b>Wednesday1</b>	3:10-3:45	French		C3
	3:10-3:45	Spanish		C1
	3:10-3:45	German		C2
	3:10-3:45	English	various- for all	various
	3:10-4:00	Music coursework		M2
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Trow	B7
	3:10-4:00	Geography drop in		W7+W4
	3:10-4:30	NEA support	S.Cox	DT3
	3:30-4:30	Food catchup	AE	DT5
	3:10-4:00	Computer Science	Mrs Hughes	D3
	3:10-4:00	Art	Miss Nash	B13
	3:10-4:00	History	Mr Mackenzie	W3
	5:00-5:45	History	M.Madden	Teams
<b>Thursday1</b>	0830-08.50	Physics grades 7-9	Mr Lawson	A3
	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Mr Langley	B11
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Cook	B9
	3.10-4.00	Chemistry (Grades 4-6)	RH/HG	S11
	3:15-4:00	Chemistry H	Dr Starnes	S10
<b>Friday1</b>				

## Year 11 revision/study extra-curricula sessions

Day	Time	Subject	Staff	Room
<b>Monday2</b>	3:10-4:00	Graphic communication	Mr Alexander	DT2
	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Mr Owens	B10
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Trow	B7
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Mr Williams	B3
	3:10-4:00	Art	Miss Billingham	B14
	3:15-3:45	Physics up to Grade 6	Mr Pickard	s12
<b>Tuesday2</b>	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Miss Thorley	B6
<b>Wednesday2</b>	3:10-3:45	French		C3
	3:10-3:45	Spanish		C1
	3:10-3:45	German		C2
	3:10-3:45	English	various- for all	various
	3:10-4:00	Music coursework		M2
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Trow	B7
	3:10-4:00	Geography drop in		W7+W4
	3:10-4:00	Art	Miss Nash	B13
	3:10-4:30	NEA support	S.Cox	DT3
	3:10-4:00	Computer Science	Mrs Hughes	D3
	3:30-4:30	Food catchup	AE	DT5
	3:10-4:00	Business	Mr Mackenzie	W3
	5:00-5:45	History	M.Madden	Teams
<b>Thursday2</b>	0830-08.50	Physics grades 7-9	Mr Lawson	A3
	3:10-4:00	Maths Foundation	Mr Langley	B11
	3:10-4:00	Maths Higher	Miss Cook	B9
	3.10-4.00	Chemistry up to Grade 6	RH/HG	S11
	3:15-4:00	Chemistry H	Dr Starnes	S10
<b>Friday2</b>				



# Student Wellbeing



Break time drop-in

The Hub

Monday - KS4

Tuesday - KS3

Wednesday - KS3

Thursday - KS3

# Student Wellbeing



LGBT

CLUB

Tuesdays

3:15 - 4pm

The Hub

All year groups welcome!

# Student Wellbeing



## YOUNG CARERS

Young Carers Group

Tuesdays

3:15 - 4pm

The Space

# Student Wellbeing



## Wellbeing Team Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with the latest Wellbeing Team news!

