



Welcome to GCSE Revision Evening

Education in and beyond the classroom

The Year Ahead...

- You have 215 days until GCSE exams start
- This is only **151** school days left

GCSE and Vocational Qualification Grades

Old GCSE Grading Structure		New GCSE Grading Structure	Vocational Qualification Grading Structure BTEC, First Awards, Technical Awards
A*		9	Level 2 Distinction*
A		8	
B		7	Level 2 Distinction
	Strong Pass (DfE)	6	Level 2 Merit
C		5	Level 2 Pass
	Standard Pass (DfE)	4	
D		3	
E		2	Level 1 Pass †
F		1	
G			
U		U	U

† Some qualifications additionally divide level 1 grades into Pass, Merit, and Distinction



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The Year Ahead...

- 13th October 2026 - Your Future Careers Fayre
- 3rd November 2026 - Trial exams start
- 3rd December 2026 - Parents/carers evening
- 23rd February 2027 - Trial exams start
- 24th March 2027 - Parents/carers evening
- 10th May 2027 - Formal GCSE exams start
- 18th June 2027 - Last scheduled exam
- 23rd June 2027 - Exam contingency day
- 19th August 2027 - GCSE results day



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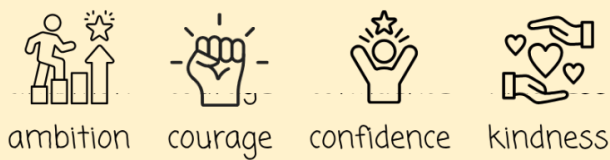
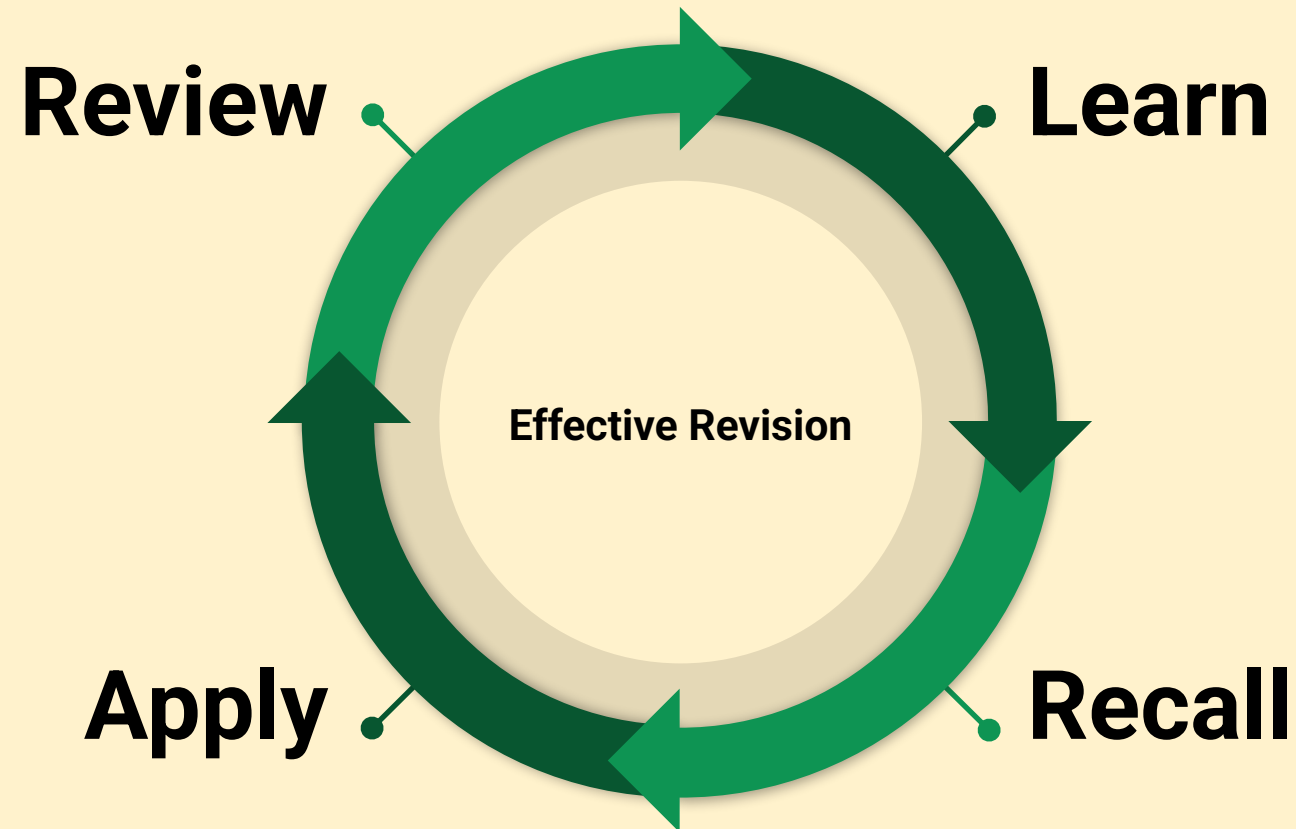
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Revision isn't about spending the most hours at a desk. It's about using the right methods consistently.



What actually works?

Retrieval practice

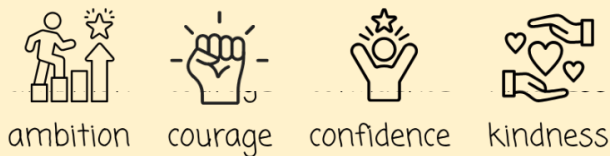
- Flashcards
- Blurting
- Self-quizzing
- Covering notes and recalling key information

Spaced practice

- Don't learn something once and leave it until the night before.
- Practice again and again and again

Practice questions

- Past papers
- Exam questions
- Mark schemes
- Model answers
- Correcting mistakes



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How much revision should I do?

There isn't a set number, but you need to plan your time well to ensure you have covered everything you need to cover

These revision sessions should be:

- Short, focused sessions
- Breaks
- Variety
- Regular repetition
- Gradually increasing revision as exams approach

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER								
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30AM-4PM	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	9AM-10AM	BREAKFAST/SHOWER	BREAKFAST/SHOWER
4PM-5PM	HOMEWORK	TV/GAMING/SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	TV/GAMING/SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	10AM-11AM	REVISION - ENGLISH	REVISION - SCIENCE
5PM-6PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	11AM-1PM	SEEING FRIENDS/LUNCH	SPORT/LUNCH
6PM-7PM	REVISION - GEOGRAPHY	HOMEWORK	REVISION - HISTORY	REVISION - FRENCH	REVISION - SCIENCE	1PM-3PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - FLASH CARDS
7PM-8PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - ENGLISH	FREE TIME	HOMEWORK	FREE TIME	3PM-5PM	OUT WITH FAMILY	SPORT/TV/GAMING
8PM-9PM	FREE TIME/SHOWER	FREE TIME/SHOWER	FREE TIME/SHOWER	FREE TIME/SHOWER	FREE TIME/SHOWER	6PM-8PM	DINNER/FREE TIME	DINNER/FREE TIME



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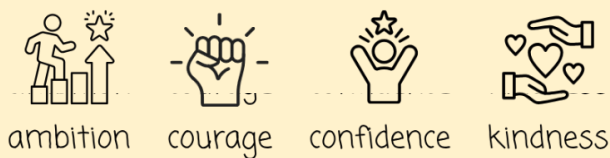
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What can I do to support my child?

What can I do without becoming the revision police?

- Help establish a regular routine
- Provide a quiet place to work
- Get involved
- Help them organise their timetable
- Encourage sleep, food, exercise and breaks
- Praise effort and consistency
- Help them access resources
- Contact school if they're becoming overwhelmed



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What is the biggest threat to your revision?

- Phone
- Social media
- Gaming
- Netflix
- Friends
- Tiredness
- Stress

What can I do? ✓

- Plan your breaks
- Remove any distractions
- Get plenty of rest
- If stressed, STOP → SHRINK → START



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What can I do now?

Now

Build habits and identify gaps.

A few months before exams

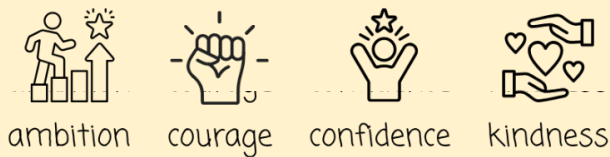
Increase retrieval and exam-question practice.

Final weeks

Past papers, weak areas, timing and exam technique.

During exam season

Focus on the next exam, rather than worrying about every remaining GCSE.



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Every Voice.

Every Day.



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Key messages

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why attendance is important...

BELOW 90%

- **Significantly** reduced chance of success!
- The chances of obtaining five good GCSE grades (grade 4+) is **almost halved!**
- Possible **risk** of fines and court action!

SERIOUS
BUT VERY
RARE

95% - 90%

- Up to **one month** of school missed!
- Below 95%: On average, a drop in at least one GCSE grade in **every** subject!

WORRYING

100% - 96%

- High attendance leads to **improved achievement!**
- You are giving your child the **best chance** of success!

MOST
STUDENTS
ACHIEVE
THIS

There are 175 non-school days in the academic year -

That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, go shopping and to other appointments.



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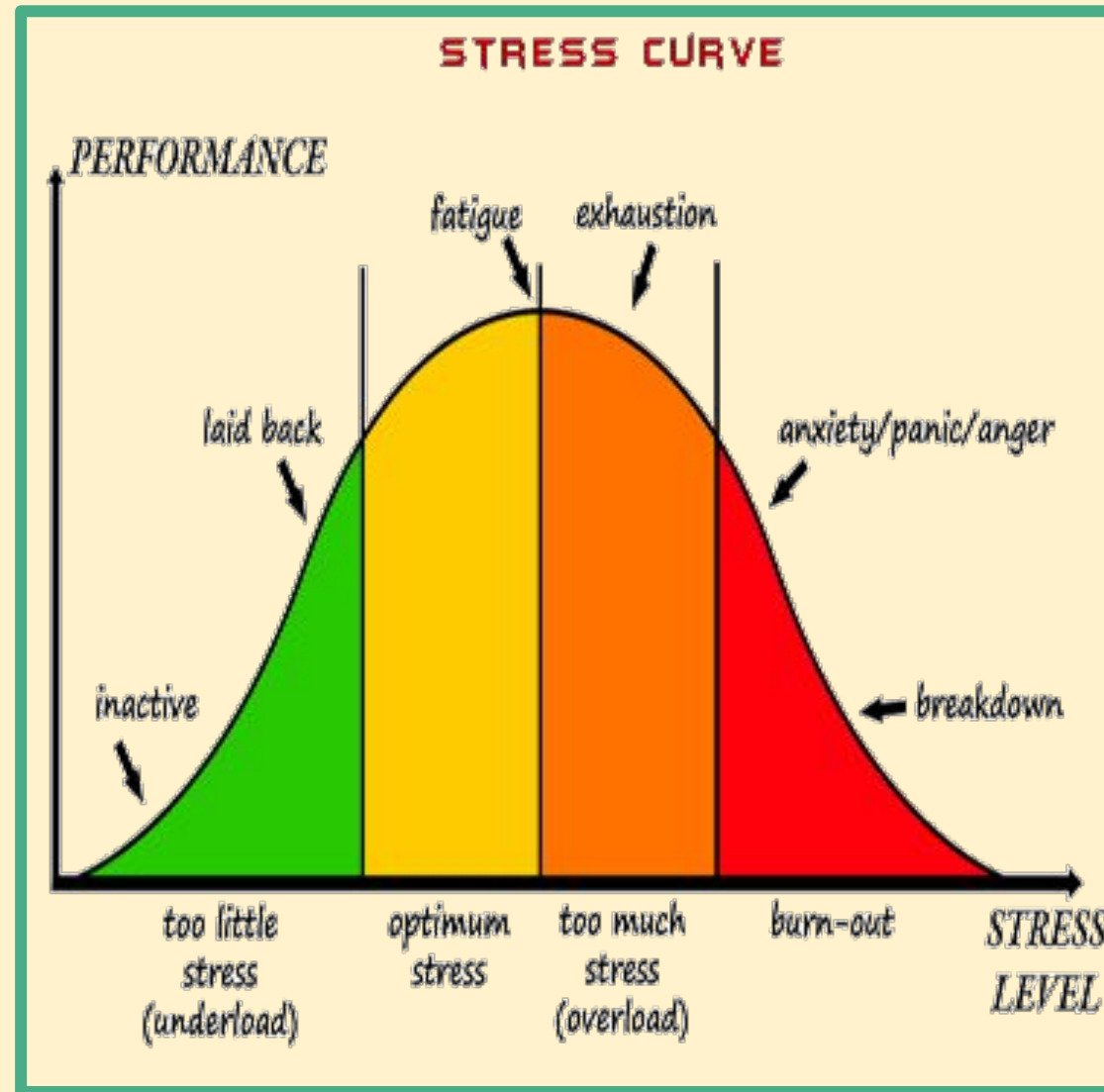
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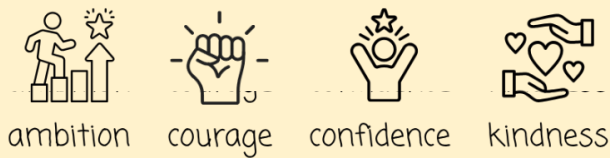
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Key messages

Successful students generally:

- attend school every day;
- arrive ready and on time;
- engage properly in lessons;
- complete homework;
- ask when they don't understand;
- revise little and often;
- attend intervention when asked;
- act on feedback;
- practise rather than simply rereading.

The best revision strategy is still being in school, in lessons, learning well every day.



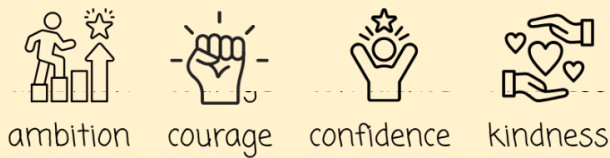
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Key messages

Year 11 is a marathon rather than a crisis.

One poor trial result does not determine the summer outcome - but ignoring the message it gives would be a wasted opportunity.

Students have worked for years towards these qualifications. Our exam expectations are there to make sure nothing avoidable gets in the way of them demonstrating what they know.



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Warning to candidates



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material is not allowed even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

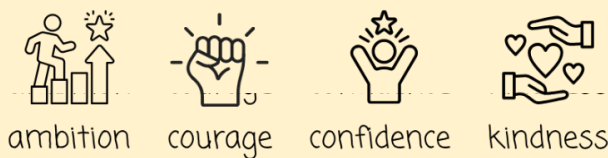
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If you are confused about anything during your examination, raise your hand to speak to an invigilator.

Do not speak to or disturb anyone else.

The **Warning to candidates** must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

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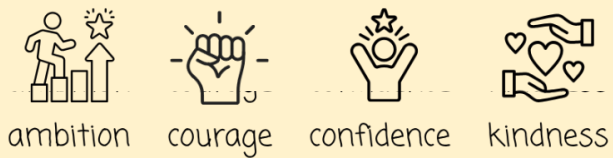
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Key messages

Year 11 outcomes are not determined tonight.

They will be shaped by hundreds of small choices made between now and the summer.

Don't leave the work for next year - focus now.



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Discover Your Future & Pathways

Your guide to A Levels, Level 3 Vocational qualifications, and Level 2 step-up routes designed to help you succeed.

A Level

Academic Route

Level 3 BTEC

Vocational Route

Level 2

Step-Up Route



Explore Your Options & Level 2 Pathway

A Level Pathway

Traditional academic route for university & higher careers.

- 2-Year Course Duration
- Choice of 3 A Level Subjects
- Min. 5 GCSEs at Grade 9–4
- Inc. English & Mathematics
- Direct UCAS Guidance

Level 3 Vocational / BTEC

Hands-on, career-focused technical qualifications.

- Applied & Practical Learning
- Equivalent to A Levels
- Criminology, Sport, Fashion
- Childcare & Social Sciences
- Direct Progression to Work/Uni

Level 2 Pathway **NEW PATHWAY**

Step-up route to build core skills & progress to Level 3.

- Foundation Post-16 Option
- Core Subject Development
- Tailored Support & Mentoring
- Clear Progression Pathways
- Inclusive Learning Community

Accounting and finance	Computing and Maths	Creative Arts	Engineering	English	Humanities and Social Sciences	Languages
Recommended Maths	Recommended Computer Science or Maths	Recommended Art, Fashion, Graphics or Photography	Recommended Physics and Maths	Recommended English Language or English Literature	Recommended History, Psychology or Sociology	Recommended French or Spanish
Additional Computer Science Government and Politics Further Maths Business Studies Psychology	Additional Further Maths Chemistry Physics Applied Science	Additional Media Studies Film Studies Drama Music English Literature Foundation Art Classic Civilisation	Additional Biology Chemistry Computer Science Further Maths Geology	Additional Film History Media Studies Classic Civilisation Psychology Sociology	Additional Geography Psychology Government and Politics Classic Civilisations Criminology Law Travel and Tourism	Additional English Language English Literature Government and Politics History Classic Civilisation Geography Drama Film
Law	Media and Journalism	Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary	Sciences	Performing Arts or Music	Services and Health Care	Sport and Leisure management
Recommended English Literature or History	Recommended Media Studies	Recommended Chemistry and Biology	Recommended Biology or Chemistry or Physics	Recommended Drama or Music	Recommended Health and Social Care or Child Development	Recommended BTEC Sport
Additional Law Government and Politics English Language Sociology Criminology Classic Civilisations Business Studies	Additional English Language English Literature Film Studies Psychology Government and Politics Drama Photography Graphics History	Additional Medicine/dentistry Maths Physics Computer Science Psychology Further Maths Veterinary Maths Physics Computer Science	Additional Maths (Compulsory for some top universities) Geology Further Maths Computer Science BTEC Sports Psychology Geography Sociology	Additional English Literature Media Studies Film Studies Photography Art Graphics Fashion Classic Civilisations	Additional Travel and Tourism Sociology Psychology Criminology Applied Science English Language Biology	Additional Psychology Biology Health and Social Care Child development Sociology Travel and Tourism Business Studies

Pearson Level 3 BTEC Applied Science

(Extended Certificate) — How it differs from pure science A Levels



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Practical & Accessible Learning

- Designed specifically for the practical-based learner.
- Accessible for students currently studying foundation combined science.

Balanced Assessment & Flexibility

- 50% external examination and 50% internal assessment.
- Allows students to maintain a science subject while choosing 2 other options.

Transferable Skills & Progression

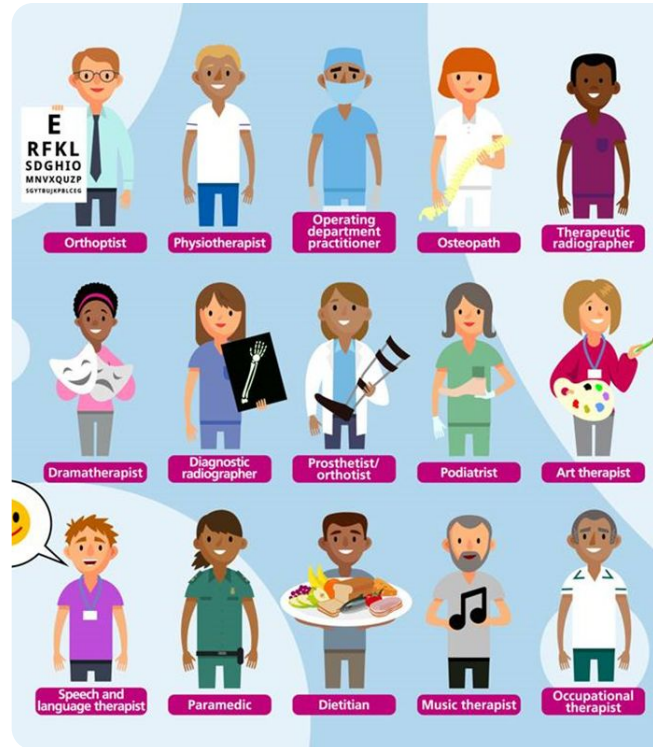
- Develop and demonstrate a diverse range of transferable skills.
- Prepares learners directly for apprenticeships, university degrees, and employment.

Complementary Subjects & Future Pathways

Complementary Subjects

Which subjects complement this qualification?

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography
- Geology
- Sport
- Health & Social Care



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Future Pathways

What learning will this qualification lead to?

Degree Progression:

- BSc (Hons) Applied Sport & Exercise Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Nursing
- BSc (Hons) Biochemistry

Apprenticeships:

- Allied health care professions (radiography, cardiology, etc.)
- Engineering pathways

Supporting Post-16 Decisions

1. Open Dialogue

Encourage regular, low-pressure conversations about interests and long-term aspirations.

- **Discuss Interests:**
Focus on subjects they enjoy and excel at daily.
- **Active Listening:**
Understand their personal motivations without pressure.
- **Explore Strengths:**
Match skills to suitable A Level or Vocational routes.

2. Research Pathways

Explore all options together to make informed academic or technical choices.

- **Pathway Differences:**
Compare A Levels, Level 3 BTECs, and Level 2 options.
- **Entry Requirements:**
Check required GCSE grades for desired subjects.
- **Future Horizons:**
Review university UCAS requirements and apprenticeships.

3. Attend Open Events

Experience the environment firsthand to gauge fit and learning culture.

- **Visit Campus:**
Tour dedicated facilities and post-16 study spaces.
- **Speak to Teachers:**
Ask subject specialists about course expectations.
- **Student Insights:**
Hear directly from current students about VI Form life.

4. Practical Support

Help keep the decision-making process structured, positive, and stress-free.

- **Key Deadlines:**
Keep track of application dates and key events.
- **Balance & Wellbeing:**
Maintain a supportive environment during GCSE prep.
- **Backup Plans:**
Ensure flexible secondary choices are considered.

Explore Your Post-18 Pathways

University / Higher Ed

Degree Level (Level 6)

- **Degree Options:** Full-time BA, BSc, or integrated Master's degrees.
- **UCAS Process:** Structured application support, personal statements & references.
- **Top Destinations:** Russell Group, specialist creative & STEM universities.
- **Entry Requirements:** Based on A Level & Level 3 BTEC UCAS points.

Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

Earn While You Learn

- **Debt-Free Degree:** Tuition fees paid by employer with a competitive salary.
- **Practical Experience:** 80% workplace training, 20% academic study.
- **Key Sectors:** Engineering, Finance, Tech, Law & Healthcare.
- **Direct Entry:** Fast-track route into corporate & industry careers.

Employment & Training

Direct Career Launch

- **School Leaver Schemes:** Structured corporate entry programmes.
- **Skill Acceleration:** Professional certifications & on-the-job training.
- **Immediate Income:** Financial independence right after Year 13.
- **Local & National:** Pathways with top regional & UK employers.

Gap Year & Volunteering

Broaden Your Horizons

- **World Experience:** International travel, teaching & conservation projects.
- **Skill Building:** Public speaking, adaptability, leadership & independence.
- **Deferred Entry:** Secure university place before taking time out.
- **Industry Internships:** Short placements to test career choices.

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Open Evening 2026

DATE

Nov 12th

Thursday Evening

TIME

5pm – 8pm

Drop-in Anytime

What to Expect:

- **Explore Pathways:** Discover A Levels, Level 3 BTECs & Level 2 options.
- **Meet the Team:** Speak with subject specialist teachers and staff.
- **Campus Tours:** Experience our dedicated post-16 facilities.
- **Student Insights:** Hear directly from current Island VI Form students.

NO PRIOR BOOKING REQUIRED • ALL WELCOME



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Open Mornings 2026

DATES

Various Days....

November - March

TIME

9:15am – 10:45am

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Working School Day Tours

What to Expect During Your Visit:

- **Live Learning Experience**

See lessons in action and feel the vibrant, focused atmosphere.

- **Guided Campus Tours**

Explore specialist facilities, study areas, and social hubs.

- **Q&A Session**

Speak directly with senior leadership and current students.

BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED PLACES PER SESSION

