

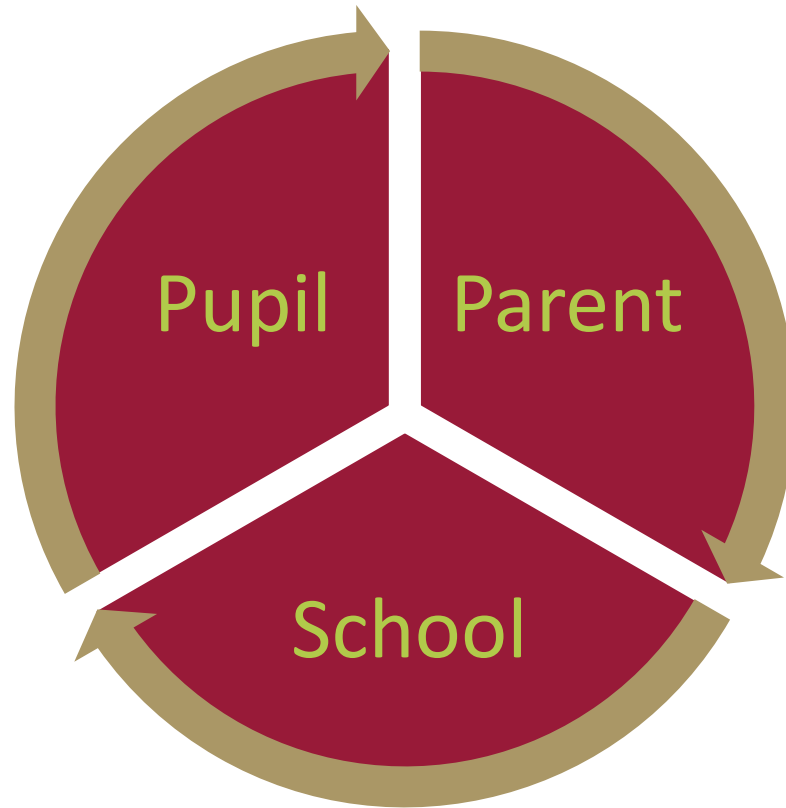
Year 11 Information Evening

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Working Together in Partnership



This Evening

- The year ahead.
- The curriculum.
- Homework.
- How you can support your child.



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September

- Welcome back!
- School photographs **7th September**
- Write personal statements
- College talks
- College visits
- Big Push begins **21st September**
- Final deadline for personal statements **30th September**



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Big Push

September to December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Option Z	Option Y	Option X

January to April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
English and Maths	Science and RE	Option X, Y, Z

- It is expected that your child will attend every session if their teacher requests them.
- You will be notified if your child is required to attend.
- You will be notified if your child does not attend.



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October



- Exam regulations assembly.
- College application forms begin.
- Pupils assigned mentors and revision timetables.
- Open Evening **1st October.**
- Start of MOCKS – taster **6th and 7th October.**
- The Big Sleep Out **9th October.**
- Careers Fair **13th October.**
- Revision Workshop for Parents **13th October.**
- Show Racism the Red Card Day **16th October.**
- Half Term **16th October – 2nd November.**

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November

- MOCKS continue **9th – 23rd November**
- Big Push paused for two weeks during MOCKS.
- Deadline for online applications for Aquinas College **30th November**
- The Manchester College and Stockport College **April 2027**

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Year 11 Written Mock Exams are being held in the Sports Hall
Monday 11th November to Monday 25th November 2024

	PERIOD 1-2	LINE UP OUTSIDE SPORTS HALL AT 8:45		PERIOD 3-4	LINE UP OUTSIDE SPORTS HALL AT 11:15		PERIOD 5	LINE UP OUTSIDE SPORTS HALL AT 1:55pm
Monday 10 Oct	English Language P1 (2H00)			Biology P2 Combined (2H15) Biology P2 Triple (2H45)				
Tuesday 19 Oct	RE P2 (2H00)			Maths P1 Non-Calculator (Higher) Calculator (Foundation) (2H00)				
Monday 11 Nov	English Language P2 (2H00)			Chemistry P1 Combined (2H00) Chemistry P1 Triple (2H45)		LUNCH	Spanish Listening Oct 8/9/12 (2H00/2H00)	
Tuesday 12 Nov	Maths P1 Calculator (Higher) Non-Calculator (Foundation) (2H00)			History P1 (1H20) (400 students)			Spanish Speaking Exams	
Wednesday 13 Nov	Option B Business Studies P1 (1H45) Computer Science P2 (2H00) Geography P1 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) Music P1 (1H45) Photography Practical (2H) Spanish Reading (45m) (2H) Food and Cookery P1 (2H00)			Option B 3D-Design Practical (2H) Art Practical (2H) Business Studies P1 (1H45) Engineering P1 (1H15) Geography P2 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) Spanish Reading (45m) (2H)			Spanish Speaking Exams	
Thursday 14 Nov	English Literature P1 (2H45)			RE P2 (2H00)			Physics P1 Combined (2H15) Physics P1 Triple (2H45)	
Friday 15 Nov	Option A 3D-Design Practical (2H) Child Development P2 (2H15) Drama Practical (2H) Engineering P1 (2H15) Geography P2 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) Creative Media P1 (2H00) PE P2 (1H45) Spanish Reading (45m) (2H)			Biology P2 Combined (2H15) Biology P2 Triple (2H45)		LUNCH	Spanish Speaking Exams	
Week 1								
Monday 18 Nov	Option B Business Studies P2 (1H45) Computer Science P2 (2H00) Geography P2 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) Photography Practical (2H) Spanish Writing (1H) (2H00) Music Practical Mock (2H)			Option B 3D-Design Practical (2H) Art Practical (2H) Business Studies P2 (1H45) Geography P2 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) Spanish Reading (45m) (2H)			Spanish Speaking Exams	
Tuesday 19 Nov	Maths P1 Calculator (Higher and Foundation) (2H00)			RE P2 (2H00)			Chemistry P2 Combined (2H15) Chemistry P2 Triple (2H45)	
Wednesday 20 November	English Literature P2 (2H15m)			Option A 3D-Design Practical (2H) Drama Evaluation (2H00) Geography P2 (2H00) History P2 (1H45) PE P2 (1H15) Spanish Reading (45m) (2H)			Spanish Speaking Exams	
Thursday 21 Nov	Physics P2 Combined (2H15) Physics P2 Triple (2H45)			RE P2 (2H00)			Geography P2 (2H00) (400 students)	
Friday 22 Nov	Spanish Speaking Exams			Spanish Speaking Exams			Spanish Speaking Exams	
Week 2								
Monday 25 Nov	PE Practical			PE Practical			PE Practical	

December

- Photography Trip **4th December**
- MOCK results evening **10th December**
- Parents Evening **10th December**
- Christmas Jumper Day **11th December**
- Sports credit trip **14th December**
- Carol Concert **15th December**
- KS4 Rewards Breakfast **16th December**
- Holidays – rest

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February

- Tutoring begins
- Start of MOCKS – taster **8th and 9th October.**
- Staff INSET **12th February** – your child may be asked to attend school
- Half Term – revision sessions will take place.
- Deadline to purchase leavers hoodie **26th February**
- Immersion Week **22nd – 25th February**
- MOCKS begin (Core only) **26th February**



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March

- College interviews begin – you will be notified of the outcome by the end of March.
- MOCK results evening **24th March**
- Parents Evening **24th March**
- KS4 Rewards Breakfast **24th March**
- Easter Holidays begin **25th March**



April

- Easter holidays – revision sessions will take place
- Return to school **12th April**
- Revision Workshop for Parents **13th April**
- Revision Saturday **24th April**
- Exam regulations assembly
- Practical examinations such as Art, PE, Photography & 3D design
- Oral examinations for languages
- Leavers Mass.

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May

- GCSEs begin **7th May.**
- Half term – revision sessions will take place
- No study leave.

MORNING SESSION (8.45am)			DATE	AFTERNOON SESSION (1pm)		
Exam	AB	Length		Exam	AB	Length
			Fri 09 May	(1850/02) Business: Paper 1 Drama?	Edexcel	1h45
(8702/2) English Literature: Paper 1	AQA	1h45	Mon 12 May	(227/2/03) Computer Science: Paper 1 (3CND/3H) Chinese Listening (3CND/3H) Chinese Reading	OCR	1h30 45m 1h05
(18A0 1A-3C) Religious Studies A: Paper 1	Edexcel	1h45	Tue 13 May	(8462/02) Biology: Paper 1 (8464/9/21/H) Combined Science: Biology Paper 1	AQA	1h45 1h05
Geography A: Paper 3	Edexcel	1h30	Wed 14 May	(1850/02) Business: Paper 2 (1P10/02) PE: Paper 1	Edexcel	1h45 1h30
(1MA1/3H) Higher Maths: Paper 1 Non-Calculator (5560/02) Foundation Maths: Paper 1 Calculator	Edexcel OCR	1h30 1h30	Thur 15 May			
(1HD 3D-13) History: Paper 1 (8462/2H) Chemistry: Paper 1	Edexcel AQA	1h30 1h45	Fri 16 May	(1850/02) Business: Paper 2 (1P10/02) PE: Paper 1 (9648/1/H) Urdu: Listening (9648/6/H) Urdu: Reading (3cnd 4th) Chinese Writing	Edexcel	1h45 1h30 35m/45m 45m/1h 1h05
(8464/K/01/H) Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 1	AQA	1h05	Mon 19 May	(227/2/02) Computer Science: Paper 2 (R027) Child Development: Paper 1 (18A02A-2C) Religious Studies A: Paper 2	OCR CMAI	1h30 1h05
(8702/2) English Literature: Paper 2	AQA	2h05	Tue 20 May	(18A02A-2C) Religious Studies A: Paper 2 (8463/04) Physics: Paper 1 (8464/9/21/H) Combined Science: Physics Paper 1 (18A0 1A) Arabic Listening (18A0 3H) Arabic Reading	Edexcel	50m 1h45 1h05 45m 1h05
			Wed 21 May			
Level 1/2 Food and Cookery (8658/L/H) French Listening (8658/R/H) French Reading	NCFE AQA	1h30 35m/45m	Thur 22 May			
(8700/2) English Language: Paper 1	AQA	1h45	Fri 23 May			
HALF TERM						
(8633/L/H) Italian Listening (8633/R/H) Italian Reading (8648/W/H) Urdu Writing	AQA AQA AQA	35m/45m 45m/1h 1h/1h05	Mon 2 June			
(R01 4) Engineering Manufacture: Paper 1 (18A0 4H) Arabic Writing	CMAI Edexcel	1h05 1h05	Tue 3 June	(9688/L/H) Polish Listening (9688/R/H) Polish Reading (18A03A-C) Religious Studies: Paper 3 (18A04A-B) Religious Studies: Paper 4	AQA	35m/45m 45m/1h 50m 50m
(1MA1/2H) Higher Maths: Paper 2 Calculator (5560/02) Foundation Maths: Paper 2 Non-Calculator	Edexcel OCR	1h30 1h30	Wed 4 June			
(1HD 2A-2H) History: Paper 2	Edexcel	1h30	Thur 5 June	(8658/W/H) French Writing	AQA	1/2h/1h
(8700/2) English Language: Paper 2	AQA	1h45	Fri 6 June	Geography A: Paper 2	Edexcel	1h30
(8462/2H) Biology: Paper 2 (8464/B/01/H) Combined Science: Biology Paper 1	AQA AQA	1h45 1h05	Mon 9 June	(R038) Graduate Medicine: Paper 1 (1P10/02) PE: Paper 2 (9633/W/H) Italian Writing	CMAI Edexcel	1h30 1h05 1h/1h05
(8658/L/H) Spanish Listening (8658/R/H) Spanish Reading (1MA1/3H) Higher Maths: Paper 3 Calculator (5560/02) Foundation Maths: Paper 3 Calculator	AQA AQA Edexcel OCR	35m/45m 45m/1h 1h30 1h30	Tue 10 June	(1HD 3D-3.3) History: Paper 3	AQA	1h30
Geography A: Paper 3 (8462/2H) Chemistry: Paper 2 (8464/K/01/H) Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 2	Edexcel AQA AQA	1h30 1h45 1h05	Thur 12 June Fri 13 June	(8659/1) Further Maths: Paper 1 (9688/W/H) Polish Writing	AQA	1h45 1h/1h05
(8462/2H) Physics: Paper 2 (8464/9/21/H) Combined Science: Physics Paper 1 (8658/W/H) Spanish Writing	AQA AQA AQA	1h45 1h05 1h/1h05	Mon 16 June Tue 17 June Wed 18 June	(8271/W) Music: Paper 1 (8659/2) Further Maths: Paper 2	AQA	1h30 1h45
EXAM CONTINGENCY SESSION			Wed 25 June	EXAM CONTINGENCY SESSION		

EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY IS WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE

The Awarding Bodies advise that **ALL** examination pupils must be available for exams until this date.
We advise that parents **DO NOT** book holidays until **AFTER** this date.

Individual candidate timetables will be distributed



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June

- Leavers assembly.
- GCSE end **18th June.**
- GCSE Contingency day **23rd June.**
- Prom



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August

- GCSE Results Day **19th August.**



- Venue: Manchester City Football Club

Criteria to attend

- Outstanding Attendance = 97%
- Outstanding Punctuality = must not hit Trigger Point 1 more than once
- Outstanding behaviour = must not hit Trigger Point 2 or Trigger point 1 more than once
- SPAR points = Bronze Award

You MUST achieve ALL of the above criteria

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Leavers' Hoodies & Yearbook

- Deadline for ordering Leavers' Hoodies is 26th February 2027.
- Order direct from supplier using QR code to be shared via email.
- Standard price approximately £27 additional £4 charge for other styles or adding initials/nickname.
- Leavers' yearbook details to be finalised and information to be shared via email.
- **Additional orders cannot be made after the deadlines have passed.**



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Home Learning overview – Year 11

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Subject	Platform	Set	Due  take courage and do it.
RE	 SENECA & set tasks	Monday	Monday 9am
English	Sparx Reader & booklet	Tuesday	Tuesday 9am
Maths	Sparx Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday 9am
Science	Sparx Science	Monday	Sunday evening
Spanish	 SENECA	Every Monday	Every Monday
History	 SENECA & revision task	Weekly – set by teacher	Weekly – set by teacher
Geography	Set by teacher	Weekly – set by teacher	Weekly – set by teacher
DT (3D Design, Engineering, Food)	Specified by teacher	Weekly – set by teacher	Set by teacher
Computer Science & Business	Microsoft form	Weekly – set by teacher	Specified by teacher
PE	 SENECA	Tuesday	Tuesday 9am



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How can I support my child to succeed?

- **Homework:** Take an active role!
- **Same time / same space:** Somewhere quiet and organised.
- **Try to set a routine.**
- **Include breaks.**
- **Food for thought:** Are they fed and watered?
- **Be open minded:** Don't panic if you do not understand the work yourself.
- **Encourage independence.**
- **Monitor and limit screen time:** Set clear limits.
- **Provide support and encouragement.**
- **Support with revision.**

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Curriculum

- Everything your child is studying can be found on our website.

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Revision Hub

- Revision resources and support tailored to our curriculum at The Barlow
- Quality resources created by our teachers for our pupils
- Knowledge Organisers, revision lists, practice questions
- Resources to support GCSE exams, mocks, and KS3 Big Tests

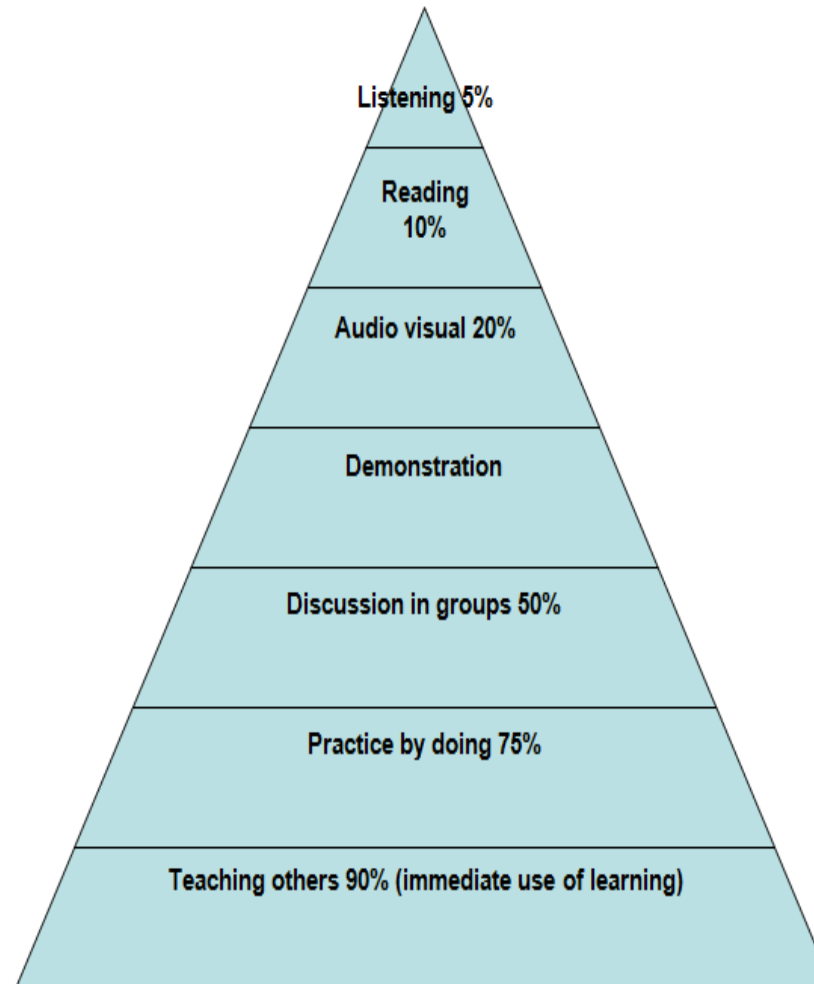


Revision at The Barlow



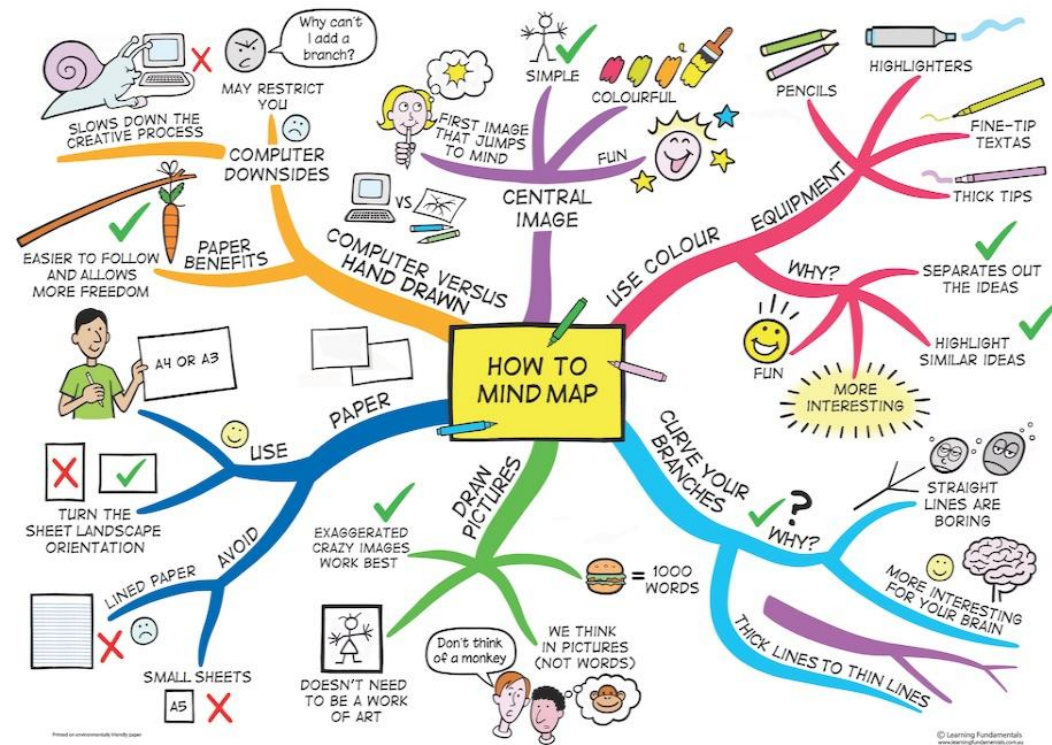
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How can I support my child with their revision?



How can I support my child with their revision?

- Create a revision timetable
- Get your child to create flash cards – test them!
- Create mind maps
- Past papers
- Revision guides
- Show and tell

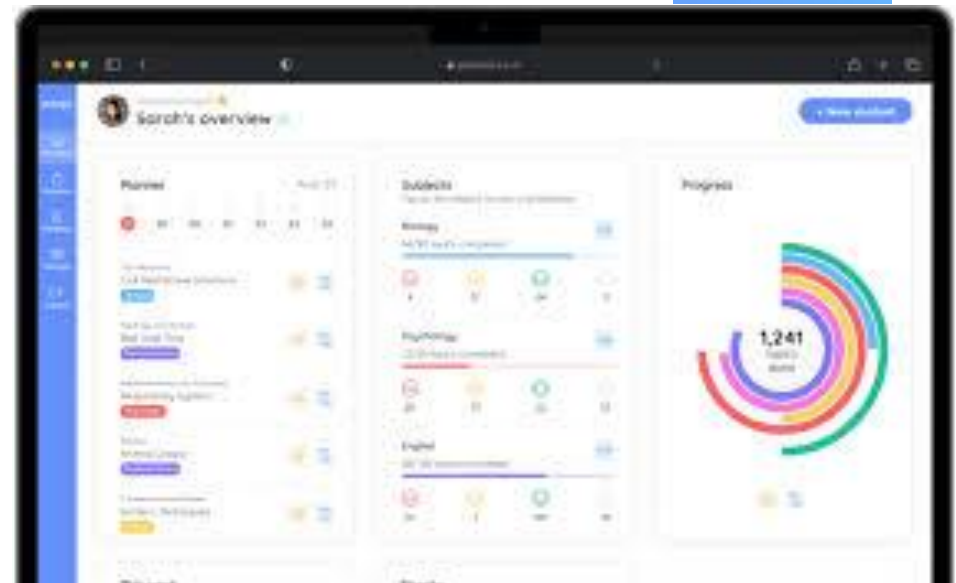


Apps to support revision.

Flora



Adapt



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Additional Revision

- Flashcards – daily recall
- Cornell Notes
- Revision lists
- Revision Guides - ParentPay
- Re-reading the Literature texts
- Past Exam Papers – AQA Website
- Big Push attendance
- Tutoring



Attendance matters.

Attendance	Number of school days missed	Number of hours of learning missed
95%	9.5 days	47.5 hours
94%	11 days	55 hours
93%	13 days	65 hours
92%	15 days	75 hours
91%	17 days	85 hours
90%	19 days	95 hours

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Been late to school costs time.

Minutes Late Per Day During School Year		
5	3.4 Days	98.4%
10	6.9 Days	97.8%
15	10.3 Days	94.7%
20	13.8 Days	92.9%
30	20.7 Days	82.2%

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Post 16 : Parents/Carers



Your support and involvement is important.



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and do it.



Post 16 :What do you want to do next? Some options to explore ...

Post-16 Options from September 2027:

From **September 2027**, the government is changing some of the qualifications available to pupils after GCSEs. The aim is to make post-16 choices clearer and provide different routes into **university, further study, apprenticeships or employment**.

These reforms mean that the post-16 system will offer 3 main pathways:

- V Levels:** vocational qualifications that allow students to explore sectors and combine subjects
- T Levels:** technical programmes developed with employers, including an industry placement
- A Levels:** an academic, subject-based qualification

The government is also introducing new Level 2 pathways for students who would benefit from additional preparation before they can progress to an advanced level of study:

- A Further Study pathway will provide a 1-year programme that will help students progress into one of the main 3 pathways.
- An Occupational pathway will provide a 2-year programme focused on developing skills for employment or apprenticeships.

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New post-16 options



Post 16 :What do you want to do next? Some options to explore ...

A Levels – Academic

- Mainly classroom and exam based.
- A good option for pupils who are considering university or academic careers.
- Pupils normally study 3/4 subjects.
- Pupils need at least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above

T Levels – Technical

- 2-year technical courses.
- Designed with employers and focused on a particular career area.
- Include a substantial industry placement.
- Can lead to employment, an apprenticeship or university.

V Levels – Vocational

- New from September 2027.
- Designed for pupils who want a more vocational and practical route.
- Each V Level will be approximately the size of one A Level and can be combined with other qualifications.
- The first subjects include **Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting**. More subjects will be introduced over time.

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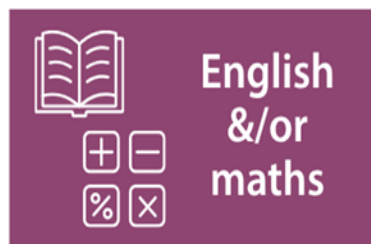
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Further Study Pathway



Post 16 :What do you want to do next? Some options to explore ...

Occupational Pathway



Level 2



Two-year
course



16-19
year olds



Progression
to
particular
occupation



Taught in
colleges &
training
providers



Occupational
Certificate



English
&/or
maths



Enrichment,
core &
occupation-
specific
content

Post 16 :What do you want to do next? Some options to explore ...

 **Apprenticeship:** A post-16 option that allows young people to **earn while they learn**. Apprentices work for an employer, gaining practical skills and experience in a real job while studying towards a recognised qualification. Available in many industries, apprenticeships are ideal for students who prefer hands-on learning and want to start building their career while continuing their education.

- **Amazing Apprenticeships (Parent Zone)**

www.amazingapprenticeships.com

- **Official Government Apprenticeships**
www.apprenticeships.gov.uk



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Understanding the changes to post-16 pathways



What?

The Government have recently announced lots of changes to the options available to students at the post-16 stage.

Why?

To make sure it is really clear what the options are for you and that you can gain the skills, knowledge and behaviours employers and the wider economy need.

When?

The first new courses are planned to start in September 2027, with different courses being rolled out until 2030/31.

New and existing post-16 options



What's new?

A-levels and T Levels are joined by V Levels at level 3

Two new level 2 pathways (roughly the same level as GCSEs) are available to support students into further study or work

New level 1 GCSE qualifications provide a foundation year ahead of level 2 GCSE resit(s)

V Levels - key facts

- Level 3 vocational qualifications.
- Two-year course.
- For 16-19 year olds who would like to explore sectors without specialising.
- Taught in schools and colleges.
- Similar in size to one A-level.
- Multiple V Levels can be taken in combination with other qualifications such as A-levels or level 2 English or maths.
- First subjects available from September 2027 in Education & Early Years, Finance & Accounting and Digital.
- Content based on the skills you need for real jobs - the same ones used in T Levels and apprenticeships.
- Nationally recognised qualification.
- Most of assessment will be non-exam and will be through practical tasks.
- Attract UCAS points.

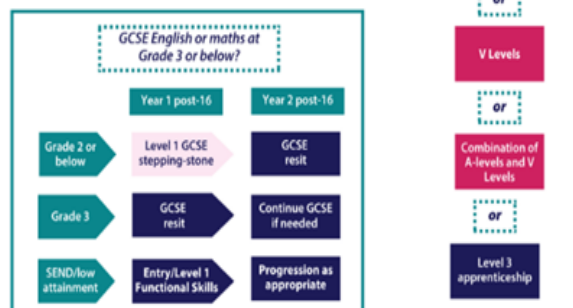
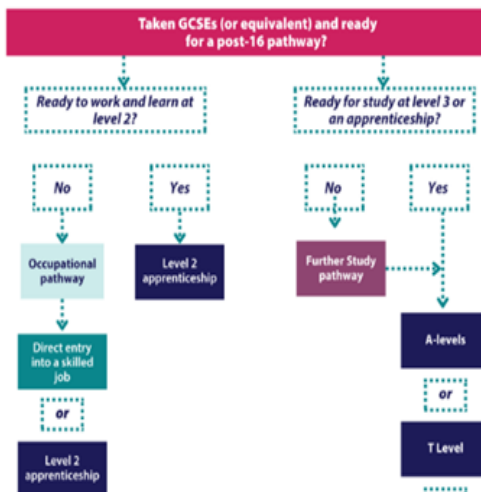
Further Study Pathway - key facts

- Level 2, classroom-based option.
- One-year programme.
- For 16-19 year olds who want to and are capable of progressing to further study at level 3 (T Levels/A-levels or V Levels).
- Taught in schools and colleges.
- Includes a Foundation Certificate, a vocational qualification.
- Content includes English and/or maths, enrichment activities and exposure to level 3 teaching.

Occupational Pathway - key facts

- Level 2, classroom-based option.
- Two-year programme.
- For 16-19 year olds who want to enter a particular level 2 occupation and need to develop their technical knowledge and skills.
- Taught in colleges and other training providers.
- Includes an Occupational Certificate, a technical qualification.
- Content includes English and/or maths, enrichment activities, core content and occupation-specific learning

Post-16 pathways from 2027



A hand out will be shared this evening to explain some of these key changes.

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Careers at the Barlow Bulletin Board

Welcome to our careers bulletin board! Here you will find an exciting mix of careers opportunities and information.

Results day

Results day advice



bbc.co.uk

Miss Estruch's top tips for GCSE results day 2026 - BBC Bitesize



careerconnect.org.uk

Manchester - Career Connect

National Careers service - Next steps



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Parent/carer feedback. Please complete this short form to share your feedback of the careers provision at The Barlow



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Year 10 work experience and opportunities

Work experience digital form



forms.cloud.microsoft

Work Experience Self-Placement Form
The Barlow High School Y10 22/02/27 - 26/02/27

Guide to helping your child find a work placement



unifrog.org

For parents and caregivers: how to help your child find a work placement

Parent guide to helping to work placement

Upcoming events and open days



loreto.ac.uk

Open Days 2026 - Loreto

Loreto College - Please book your space online. Booking is essential.
Saturday 10 October 2026
Sunday 18 October 2026
Session Times
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



xaverian.ac.uk

Open Day - Xaverian College

Xaverian College open day -

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Co- Curricular Activities : Why?

- *The chance to switch off and do something you enjoy.*
- *They can actually improve your grades and your outlook on school in general.*
- *Opportunities to explore a range of interests and unlock passions you never knew you had.*
- *Build your self-confidence*
- *Expand your social network.*
- *Make your CV or College application stand out from the rest.*

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What will
you do?



Who can I contact for support?

- Class teachers
- Curriculum Leaders
- Family Tutors
- Mr Anderson Fitter – Head of Year
- Mrs Bowyer – Director of Key Stage

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Questions?



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