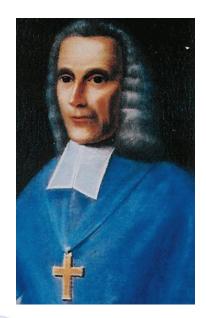
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Meet the Senior Leadership team

Headteacher



Mr Wright

Deputy Head Pastoral



Mr Dollimore

Deputy Head Curriculum



Miss MacDonald

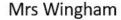
Lay Chaplain



Mrs Cripps

Assistant Head Business Manager







Mrs O'Shea

Key Staff

Mrs Ferris Head of Year

Mrs Curran
Deputy Head of Year

Mrs Oakes SENDco









<u>Tutors</u>

Tutors are your key point of contact:

10A Miss Hessom 10B Mr Jarratt 10C Mrs Pollard 10D Mrs O'Neill 10F Mr Gomarsall 10G Mrs Musker Please contact tutors if you have any concerns. Issues around health, friendships, attendance or work can be addressed in the first instance by tutors. They are experienced and will know how to resolve or obtain support for most issues.



Dates for the diary

<u>AUTUMN TERM</u> Tuesday 2 September – Friday 19 December 2025

Year 7, 10 & 11 return 3 September 2025

All year groups return 4 September 2025

HALF TERM 27 October – 31 October 2025

SPRING TERM Monday 5 January – Friday 27 March 2026

HALF TERM 16 February – 20 February 2026

SUMMER TERM Monday 13 April – Wednesday 22 July 2026

HALF TERM 25 May – 29 May 2026

INSET DAYS Tuesday 2 September 2025

Monday 29 September 2025

Friday 28 November 2025

Monday 20 July 2026 Tuesday 21 July 2026



Dates for the diary

| Y10 Parent's Evening | 26/11/25 |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Y10 Reports | 13/07/26 |
| Summer Mocks | 16/06/26 - 26/06/26 |



Careers Staff

Mrs Roberts **Head of Careers**



Mrs Hamilton

Careers Assistant





College Support













What are they doing in careers this year?

| | Autumn | Spring | Summer |
|---------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | One to One Careers Advice | One to One Careers Advice | One to One Careers Advice |
| | Access to Employer Talks | Access to Employer Talks | Access to Employer Talks |
| Year 10 | Future Skills Questionnaire | National Apprenticeship Week | Personal Statement Writing |
| | LMI - Do I need Maths with that? | Speed Networking College Assemblies Careers fair | College Assemblies |
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Parent involvement

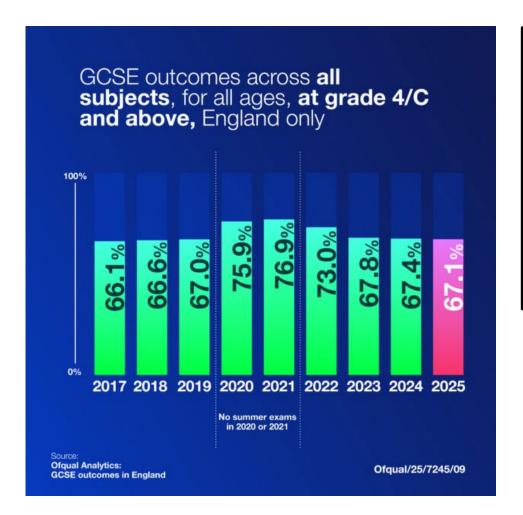
- Students will be having one to one careers interviews over the course of the year.
- Talk to your child about the interview in advance do they have an ideas of careers/subjects they enjoy.
- Talk to your child after, the careers adviser will provide an action plan, which is available on Morrisby.
- Visit the college open days just for a look around and to gather information – they do these in the autumn and spring/summer term aimed at year 10's.

Morrisby Careers programme

- This is a web based programme that all students have access to.
- It is linked to their school email account.
- If they forget their password they can reset it themselves using forgotten password link.
- To support your child, you can view this with them. There is no separate parent log in.
- It has a survey they take during year 9 and year 10 that links them to job roles they might be interested in, they can also search for specific job roles or look at job roles linked to subjects they enjoy.



GCSE Outcome - the National picture...



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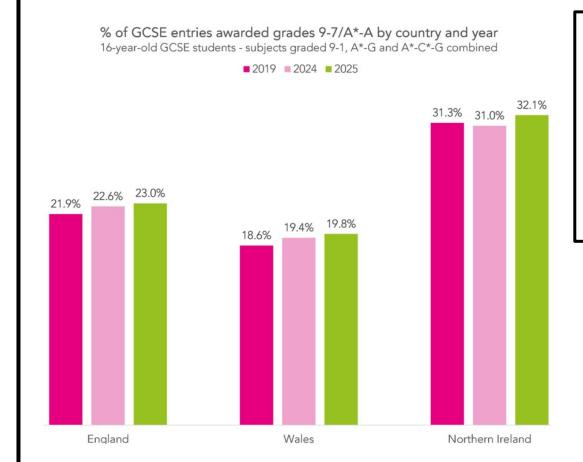
2025 88%

2024 87%

2023 82.4%



GCSE Outcomes - The National Picture...



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2025 41%2024 37%2023 36%



Behavior expectations

'Pupils enjoy being at this inclusive school, which has very high standards and expectations. Pupils are greeted with warmth and care. Relationships between pupils and teachers are exceptional.'

'The school celebrates the contributions and potential of all pupils. Pupils are encouraged to do ordinary things extraordinarily well... This is seen in their exemplary behaviour. Pupils feel safe and know that they can talk to staff, who will listen and support them.'

Ofsted September 2023

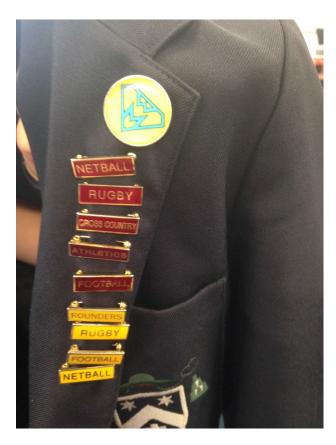


Activities and Clubs

Clubs run at break, lunch and after-school

We have something for everyone!

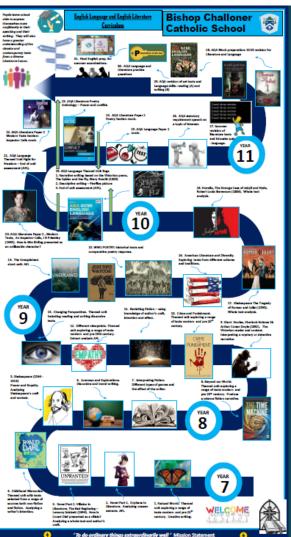
- ✓ Academic support
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Cultural Enrichment
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Faith
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Games





Subject Learning Journeys



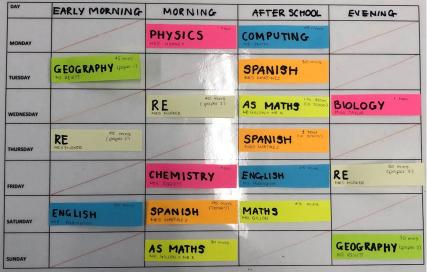






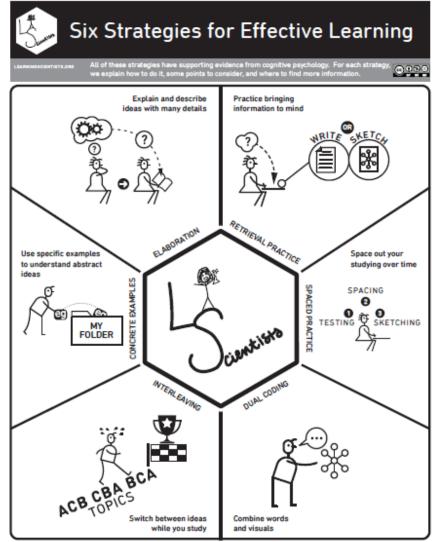
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Revision Strategies



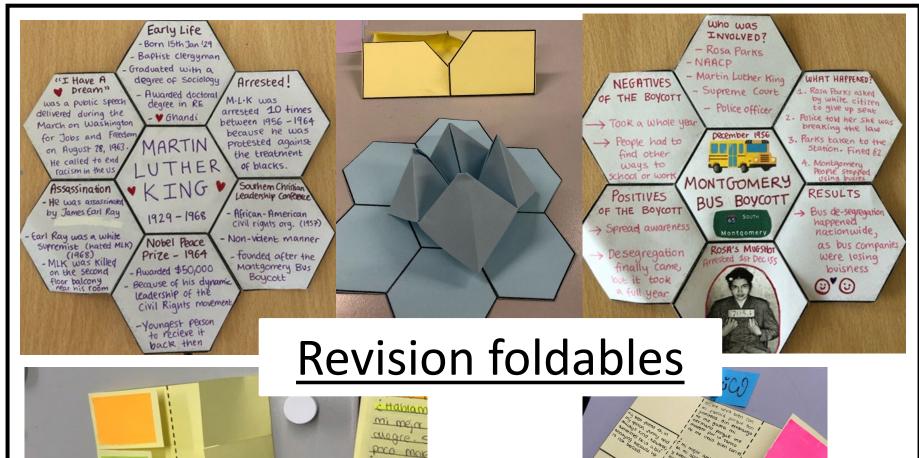
| MONDAY | BIOLOGY | 2 md session 3rd session 44 | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | 10.0 70.0 | ENGLISH LIT. | COMPUTING | 4th session HISTORY |
| TUESDAY | MATHS | RE | FRENCH | CHEMISTRY |
| WEDNESDAY | ENGLISH LIT. | PHYSICS | HISTORY | MATHS |
| THURSDAY | COMPUTING | CHEMISTRY | ENGLISH LANG | BIOLOGY |
| | RE | PHYSICS | HISTORY | RENCH |
| FRIDAY | COCAICH | MA THS | BIOLOGY | ENGLISH LIT. |
| SATURDAY | FRENCH | ENGLISH LANG | COMPUTENG | PHYSICS |
| UNDAY | CHEMISTRY | ENGLIDITETAL | | |

https://www.learningscientists.org/





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Support with home learning



Maths https://corbettmaths.com/contents/

History revision by Mrs O'Neill – One History Help

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQU5628Mo62xMu0-yAHkbkw

Science revision – AQA Biology Videos by Mrs Taylor

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tfU4JIqJoOi-coLaxxvQw

AQA Chemistry Videos by Mrs Roberts

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8PbAi6OldxoGCp85aHYl6w

AQA Physics https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoksQRTIfgAQ-

WwJSdOtqGQ

Geography revision – Seneca Learning (AQA GCSE Geography)

https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Geography Rocks by Mrs Wingham

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDmBIMG-Ot69GTLIQBVSk6w

Music set work revision (1) – Africa by Toto:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBS1vxd06C4

Music set work revision (2) - Badinerie by JS Bach:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkpxRFBpH2c

RS revision – www.kerboodle.com

Support with home learning













Revision Environment



FOCUSED

Put your phone away

Turn the music off

Avoid distractions

Be in the right physical place to revise

Be in the right frame of mind to revise



LONG-TERM

Start early to cut down on stress later in the year

Make a revision timetable and commit to it

Plan for 3 - 4 hours a week from January

Interleave different topics



ACTIVE

Engage your brain by actively creating revision resources

Test yourself, get others to test you

Practise exam technique by writing or planning answers

Revise what you struggle with

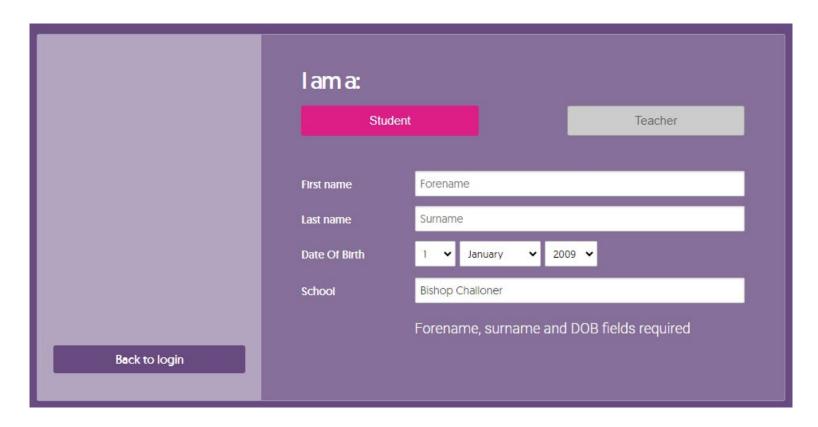


TRANSFORMED

Transform the knowledge you want to learn into a different format

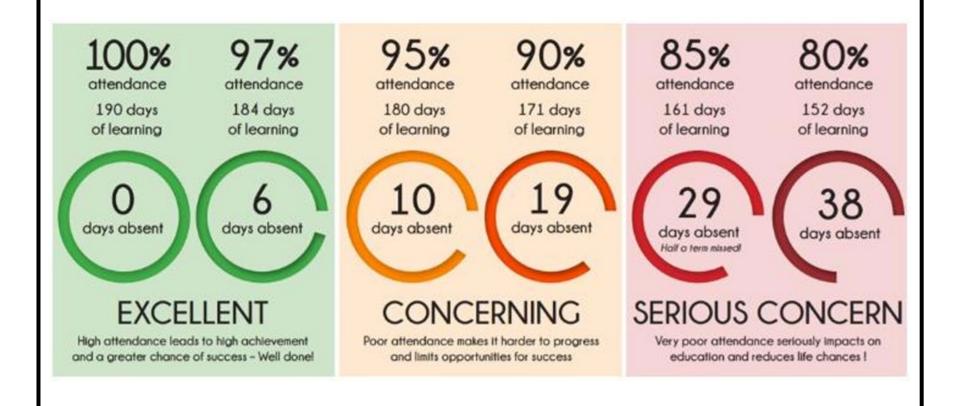
Make flashcards
Produce a timeline
Record a podcast
Invent a mnemonic
Take Cornell notes
Create a mindmap
Design a flowchart
Make a powerpoint
Teach it

GCSE Pod





Attendance





<u>Attendance</u>

- A student who is absent a day a week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve 5 or more good grades at GCSE
- Absence can lead to significant gaps in learning which will effect wellbeing, confidence and overall performance across the five year journey



Punctuality

| If in a school year your child is late everyday | Your child would have lost approximately | Or they would have missed approximately |
|---|--|---|
| 5 minutes | 3 days from school | 21 lessons lost |
| 10 minutes | 5 days from school | 35 lessons lost |
| 15 minutes | 8 days from school | 56 lessons lost |
| 20 minutes | 11 days from school | 77 lessons lost |
| 30 minutes | 16 days from school | 112 lessons lost |



Residential Trips

| USA (Georgia & Alabama) | March 2026 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Germany/Belgium/ Netherlands | April 2026 |
| Kintbury Retreats | Throughout the year |
| Bournemouth (Geography Fieldwork) | June 2026 |



Summer Mocks

- ✓ Arrive on time!
- ✓ Morning exams start 09:15
- ✓ Afternoon exams start 13:00
- ✓ Quiet and calm for call-in





✓ Bags are not permitted in the exam hall – they will be placed in the container



What you MUST bring into your exam

- BLACK pen for all exams
- Clear plastic pencil case. (Clear plastic bag is OK)
- Pencil and eraser for most exams
- Ruler for most exams
- Calculator (where permitted).
- Mathematical equipment (not in a box or case) for Maths Exams

What you CAN bring into your exam

- Water bottle, but it must not have labels or printing on it.
- Calculator for any exam, unless it says it is not allowed
- Highlighter pens can only be used to highlight text in the question paper. Must NEVER be used in your answers

What you must NOT bring into your exam

- Mobile phone
- ANY TYPE of watch
- Any other electronic device, eg mp3 player
- Paper, notes, etc
- Glasses case, pencil case (unless clear plastic)
- Food (unless permission has been given for medical reasons)
- Jackets/Coats







NO UNAUTHORISED ITEMS







Exam Boards

AQA https://www.aqa.org.uk/

Eduqas/WJEC https://www.wjec.co.uk/

OCR https://www.ocr.org.uk/



Art (AQA) https://www.studentartguide.com/

CNAT (OCR) https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/

Computer Science (OCR) https://collins.co.uk/products/9780008535230

Design Technology (AQA) https://technologystudent.com/

Drama (OCR) https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/drama/dmr41-gcse-drama-revision-guide

English (AQA) https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/School/books gcse english

Food Preparation and Nutrition (Eduqas/WJEC) https://senecalearning.com/en-gg/blog/free-eduqas-food-prep-nutrition-gcse-revision/

Geography (AQA) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035

History (AQA) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/specification-at-a-glance

Maths (AQA) https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/mathematics/specifications/AQA-8300-SP-2015.PDF

MFL (AQA) https://www.linguascope.com/

Music (Eduqas/WJEC) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39

PE (AQA) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx

RE (AQA) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt

Science (AQA) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3



Support

- Internet matters
- Parentzone
- Net- aware
- OurPact
- NHS Every Mind Matters
- MIND
- Barnardo's Talk 2 Service
- CAMHS



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