Year 11

GCSE PROGRESS EVENING

Raising Aspirations
Raising Participation Age

- For pupils in Year 11 they will need to continue in education or training until their 18\textsuperscript{th} birthday.

- This could be:
  - Full time study at school or college
  - Full time work combined with part time study
  - An apprenticeship
English and Maths

- Students not achieving a grade 4 in English and maths will have to retake the following year
- This could be GCSE or functional skills
- This is the case wherever they go post-16
Post-16 Options

Courses available include:

- Traditional A levels
- Applied A levels
- BTECs
- NVQs
- Diplomas
- Apprenticeships
Post-16 Options

Where can you study?

- Sixth form in a school
- Sixth form college
- College
- Other - eg CTFC, Stage Door Learning, services, etc....
Post-16 Options

How to choose?

- Career interests?

Some careers require a university degree, which is usually accessed via A levels at a traditional sixth form. Others are better access through vocational routes.
Post-16 Options

How to choose?

- Career interests?
- Entry qualifications?

Each option will have different entry criteria and it is important to be aware of these.

Every student will have to have a back-up plan!
Post-16 Options

How to choose?

- Career interests?
- Entry qualifications?
- Which setting?

Traditional sixth forms are not for everyone, some students relish starting work at 16, others may not be ready, others prefer a college setting.
Post-16 Options

Different levels

- Entry level
- Level 1 GCSE grade 1-3 (previously D-G)
- Level 2 GCSE grade 9-4 (previously A*-C)
- Level 3 A Level equivalent
Why is 5 grades 9-4/5 so important?

This is a ‘gateway’ to many post-16 courses

- A levels
- Level 3 BTECs
- Level 3 Diplomas
- Advanced apprenticeships

Whether you need grade 4 or 5 will depend on where you are applying.
Why is 5 grades 9-4 so important?

With fewer than 5 grades 9-4, you would usually be looking at a level 2 course.

- Level 2 BTECs
- Intermediate apprenticeships
- Traineeships

But it is important to look at individual entry criteria.
Entry requirements

Up to date entry information will be published by all the post-16 providers later in the year.

However, the basic requirements haven’t changed much over the last few years:
Entry requirements

Balcarras - 2 grade 7s and 3 grade 6s, including grade 5 in English (literature OR language) and maths.
# Entry requirements

**Bournside**

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Entry requirements

Cirencester College:

5 grades 9-4 including English and maths. Higher grades are needed in English and maths for certain courses.
## Entry requirements

**Cleeve Sixth Form:**

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In addition, grade 4 is required in English and maths.

For all courses, you must meet the criteria for each course.
Entry requirements

Hartpury:
5 grades 9-4 for A level courses.
Look at the prospectus for BTECs and diplomas.

Pate’s Grammar School:
Use a points system - this equates to 7 grade 7s and 1 grade 8 at GCSE. Minimum grade 5 for English and maths.
Entry requirements

**GlosCol:**
Entry requirements will depend on each course.

**Apprenticeships:**
For an advanced apprenticeship, most require 5 grades 9-4 at present.

**CTFC:**
Grade 3/4 but they will look at individual applicants.
Entry requirements

- Not having 5 grades 9-4 can close a lot of doors.
- Not everyone will achieve this, but students who are capable have a lot to gain if they reach this threshold.
- Although there is flexibility in many instances, higher grades do bring more choice.
Moving on to Level 3

- For those who don’t achieve this, level 2 courses are often one year long.
- This provides a transition year so students can move on to Level 3 courses the year after.
- This can include moving on to apprenticeships.
SEND students

- For students who have an EHCP, our team will work with team at college to ensure a smooth transition.

- This starts in Year 10, so students will already have begun this process.
A levels - why take them?

- Some jobs require a degree.
  Eg: doctor, teacher, nurse, vet, architect, social worker, lawyer, accountant.
- So this means going to university.
- A levels are the usual (although not the only) route to university.
- If you are interested in this sort of career, but don’t think university is for you, there are other pathways or related careers such as care worker, vet nurse, paralegal.
A levels - why take them?

- They can help with entry to Higher Apprenticeships at 18.
- They help access to many jobs at age 18.
- They can help with entry to certain jobs in the armed services.
- If you are achieving mostly grade 6s, you should consider A levels, even if you don’t want to go to university.
A levels - how to choose?

- Look at entry requirements - you probably need grade 6 to access the course (grade 7 for maths).
- Which subjects do you enjoy?
- Some subjects are considered particularly useful for a large number of university courses:
  ENGLISH, MATHS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, LANGUAGES
- Look carefully at new courses, such as psychology, law, sociology, photography etc. Find out what they entail and how useful they will be.
Some degrees require particular A levels.

- Engineering - Maths
- Physiotherapy - Biology
- Nursing - Biology
- Medicine - Chemistry
- Architecture - Maths
- Computer Science - Maths
- Sport - Biology
- Biology - Chemistry
More about degree courses

- Bachelor degrees - 3 years
- Masters degrees - 4 years
- Part time/full time/sandwich

There are a wide variety of universities offering a wide variety of degree courses.

You will get a lot of support at sixth form or college when choosing the right course.
More about degree courses

www.ucas.com
https://digital.ucas.com/search
More about degree courses

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Although going to university is the traditional route, there are other options:

- Degree apprenticeships
- Foundation degrees
- Online/distance learning
- MOOCs
- Degrees at FE colleges
- Private universities
What happens next?

- This term students have started putting together CVs. Later in the term, they will look at personal statements.
- Students will also look at the settings and courses available.
What happens next?

7th November - POST-16 EVENT

Balcarras, Bournside, Cleeve, GlosCol, Navy, NCS, Prospect Training have already confirmed.

This is when you can get up to date information about courses and entry requirements and MOST IMPORTANTLY, meet the providers.
What happens next?

- In November every student will take part in a mock interview with local employers.
- College open events are starting soon and take place throughout the year.
- Most sixth form open evenings take place in January. These are followed by application deadlines 2 to 3 weeks later.
- Many engineering apprenticeships open in January.
- Colleges also hold open evenings after Christmas.
What happens next?

- Throughout the year students can apply to colleges.

- However, the earlier the application, the greater the chance of securing a place on the course.

- Through the year I will be meeting all students to go through applications and ensure that everyone has a BACK-UP PLAN!
What happens next?

- Apprenticeships can come up throughout the year, but the majority are advertised from March onwards.
What happens next?

Look out for notices on SHOWMYHOMEWORK

We also put information and weblinks up on the school website.

Students should look out for notices in tutor trays and on the noticeboard outside the careers office.
What happens next?

The careers office is open every lunchtime and tutor time for students to look at information or talk to Miss Foster or, on Mondays, Mr Weldon, our careers advisor.

There will be assemblies and meetings throughout the year with local providers - students need to check tutor notices.
Other Support

Notices went home and are on SMHW
Other Support

Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} October

\textbf{Exams made easy}

Parent information event.

Information will be emailed out nearer the date.
Other Support

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Preparing for the summer

- Pupils need to know and track what grade they are working at.
- Keep talking to teachers - they will provide plenty of good advice about how to reach target grades.
Preparing for the summer

- Start thinking NOW about post-16 courses and what the entry requirements are.
- Students need to know their address, phone number and email address and that of at least one parent/guardian.
- There is a lot of hard work to come, so keep your eye on the goal - great results in the summer!
Applications

- The process is starting now!
- You can apply for as many places as you want.
- Always have a back-up plan.
- If you aren’t sure - apply for them all!

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** - choose wisely, but don’t panic. You can continue to train, take courses and achieve qualifications throughout your life.