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WELCOME TO KEY STAGE 4



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Aims

- Curriculum structure
 - New grading system
 - Expectations
 - Work experience
 - Year 11 and beyond
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- This presentation will be available on the website



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Subjects

*Everyone
does...*

- Two week timetable.
- English Language and English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Science GCSE
- Combined Science (covers Biology, Chemistry and Physics) leads to 2 GCSE qualifications



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Statutory subjects

All non-
examined

- PE lessons
3 lessons a fortnight
- PSE
1 lesson a fortnight looking
at drugs, relationships, finance,
careers advice and British values.
Rotating period this year.
- RPE
2 lessons a fortnight.
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
course



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Options Subjects

- Students chose 3 subjects to study last year.
- 6 hours each per fortnight.
- All students will have the chance to get 8 qualifications,
- New GCSE exams have increased the content and depth of knowledge required.



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*New
grades*

GRADING NEW GCSEs FROM 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	
3	D
2	
1	
U	E
	F
	G
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Reporting

- There will be regular points during the two years when we will report on progress.
- Progress Evening
- Year 11 25th October and 14th March
- Year 10 15th November
- Mock exams during both Year 10 and Year 11
- Reports after each term



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Expectations

- New GCSE courses have more content and require greater understanding than ever before.
- Success will not happen by accident and there must be very careful preparation.
- Behaviour in lessons must be excellent
- Students have no right to disrupt the learning of others.



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Equipment

- Students must come to school with the correct books for the day and the correct equipment.
- Pen (and a spare), a pencil, ruler, calculator (really important for Maths calculator exams).
- They should prepare their bag the night before school so that they know what is coming the next day.
- They should have a place to keep their school work at home so that things are not lost.



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Attendance

- There is more to learn than ever before but no more time in school.
- It is vital therefore that students are in school as much as possible.
- One missed day means that 5 hours of content (or 20% of a week) is lost.
- Do expect to be called about absence - we do it for the benefit of the students.
- Punctuality to lessons is also vital.



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Home learning

- We use Show My Homework.
- This allows students to access home learning that has been set on mobile devices and computers anywhere in the world.
- You, as parents, can log in and see what has been set as well.
- Facility available at lunchtime and after school

Invested Curriculum

Year 11

Autumn

- Passport to Prom
- Have a careers interview
- Attend the Careers Fayre
- Sit mock GCSE exams
- Attend College 'experience' day

Spring

- Participate in Evening School
- Refine revision skills
- Apply to a college
- Create revision timetable
- Develop independent study skills

Summer

- Participate in legacy event to Y7/9
- Attend College Interview
- Sit GCSE examinations
- Attend Leavers' Event
- Celebrate at the Prom

Year 10

- Start GCSE courses
- Embed excellent study habits
- Apply for Duke of Edinburgh (Silver)
- Join Work Related Learning workshop
- Visit a college/university

- Present on current affairs
- Engage in a democratic process
- Make a positive contribution
- Apply to become a Prefect
- Ensure 97% attendance or more

- Refine revision techniques
- Run an extra-curricular activity
- Complete Work Experience
- Sit end of Y10 exams (first Mocks)
- Reflect on your learning journey

Year 9

- Apply for Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze)
- Participate in a Public Speaking task
- Reflect further on future pathways
- Take part in careers workshop
- Develop as a Young Leader
- Become a part of the HPA

- Join a project (ie. Phoenix/Articulary)
- Become a peer reader
- Lead part of an assembly
- Have an advisory options interview
- Choose GCSE options
- Ensure 97% attendance or more

- Enter a competition
- Participate in some volunteering work
- Participate in the Big Bang Fair
- Take part in a young enterprise event
- Assist with academy event
- Join the KS3 Graduation trip

Year 8

- Embed good learning habits (h/w)
- Lead part of a lesson
- Be a Young Leader
- Develop understanding of society
- Reflect on future pathways
- Take part in 'futures' workshop

- Visit a college
- Achieve 100 merits or more
- Become a word millionaire
- Choose your specialist studies
- Support a community event
- Ensure 97% attendance or above

- Take part in a trip
- Represent your peers/ the academy
- Exercise your Student Voice
- Enter a competition
- Be part of a student interview panel
- Carry out an 'act of kindness'

Year 7

- Attend the 'getting to know you' trip
- Embrace school values
- Develop good learning habits (h/w)
- Understand a 'sense of place'
- Go to the theatre; review a play
- Support Christmas community events

- Take part in an enrichment activity
- Exercise your Student Voice
- Become a Young Leader
- Achieve 100 merits or more
- Read 100,000 words
- Ensure 97% attendance or above

- Become a Primary Mentor
- Complete a PACA challenge
- Represent your peers/ the academy
- Develop your ability to revise
- Complete PIXL the Edge award
- Join the rewards trip to London

Primary

All students are invited to Transition Activities throughout the Summer Term and all families receive personalised interviews. Students are baseline tested (CATs) in the first week. Transition learning is encouraged through joint learning projects.

Curiosity
Excellence
Confidence
Self-motivation
Ambition
Leadership
Initiative
Organisation

Honesty
Determination
Persistence
Reflection
Tolerance
Patience
Challenge
Resilience

Value
Support
Kindness
Appreciation
Celebration
Empathy
Responsibility
Communication

ASPIRATION INTEGRITY RESPECT



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Work Experience

- The government removed the legal requirement for schools to complete work experience a few years ago.
- At The Taunton Academy we still believe that this is a valuable thing for students.
- Further details will be sent out in the coming weeks.



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The Future

- Sadly students have to leave us at the end of Year 11.
- There are excellent local colleges offering a range of courses.
- Students will receive information about Post 16 choices such as A levels and vocational courses.
- Careers interviews will be available to make sure that course are suitable and will allow for further progression at 18.



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English and Maths

- The government has said that students will need to meet certain levels in English and Maths.
- Students will need to get a STANDARD Pass (4) at the end of Year 11.
- If they do not get at least a grade 4 then they will re-sit this exam until they do.
- It may well delay them starting the course that they are most interested in and so hard work now really is key.



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Remember

- This is a really exciting time but students must approach school in a positive way.
- Staff are ready to guide your children to success but the students have to be ready to help themselves.
- Please continue to work with us to help your children achieve the success that they deserve.



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Thank you

*We are here to answer
any questions that you
may have.*