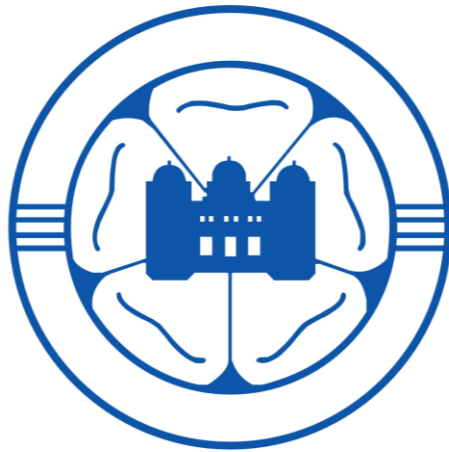


**YEAR 9
PARENTS
INFORMATION
EVENING
2023-24**



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MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES DEPUTY
HEAD, PASTORAL

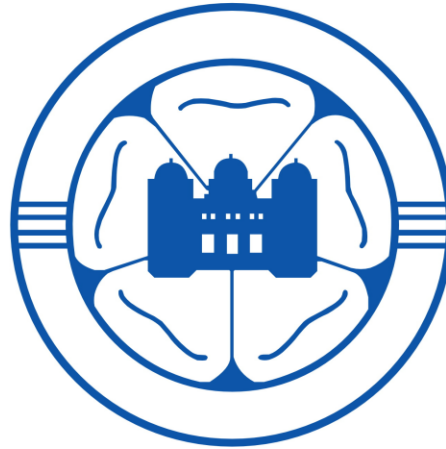
MISS WRIGHT
DEPUTY HEAD, CURRICULUM

MS FAERBER HEAD OF YEAR 9

- CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
- GCSE OPTIONS
- SUPPORT AND SAFETY
- EXPECTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**CULTURE &
COMMUNITY**

**VISION
MISSION
VALUES
REWARDS**



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Positivity



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Integrity



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POLICIES



[HOME](#) → [ABOUT US](#) → [OUR POLICIES](#)

Our Policies

[GIRLS' LEARNING TRUST POLICIES](#)

[LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES](#)

Our policies and procedures for the following areas are with our Behaviour for Learning and Anti-Bullying policies:

- [Anti-Bullying](#)
- [Home School Agreement \(Nonsuch Charter\)](#)

[Click Here to view our SEN Local Offer](#)

[AIMS & VALUES](#)

[OUR SCHOOL FUND](#)

[HISTORY](#)

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[OUR TRUST](#)

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[OUR POLICIES](#)

[OUR GOVERNING BODY](#)

Attendance Updated Policy:

1. Attendance expectations – 97%

“It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure that their child attends school on time every day that the school is open.”

2. Punctuality:

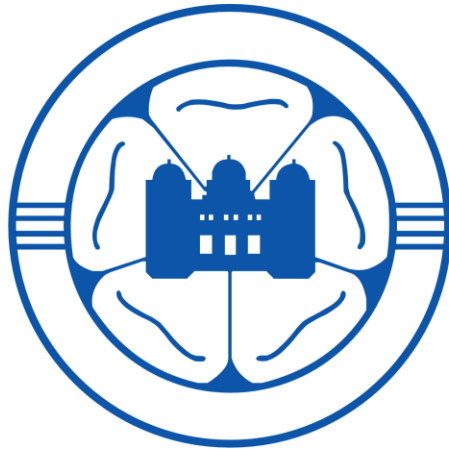
“The school recognises occasions where students may arrive late to school and this cannot be helped because of external issues. However, these are rare event”

2. Medical / other appointments

3. Holidays during term time – Zero Tolerance

Only in exceptional circumstances will an expected leave of absence be granted by the Head teacher. Each request will be considered individually. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the Head teacher to determine the length of time the student can be away from school.

GCSE OPTIONS



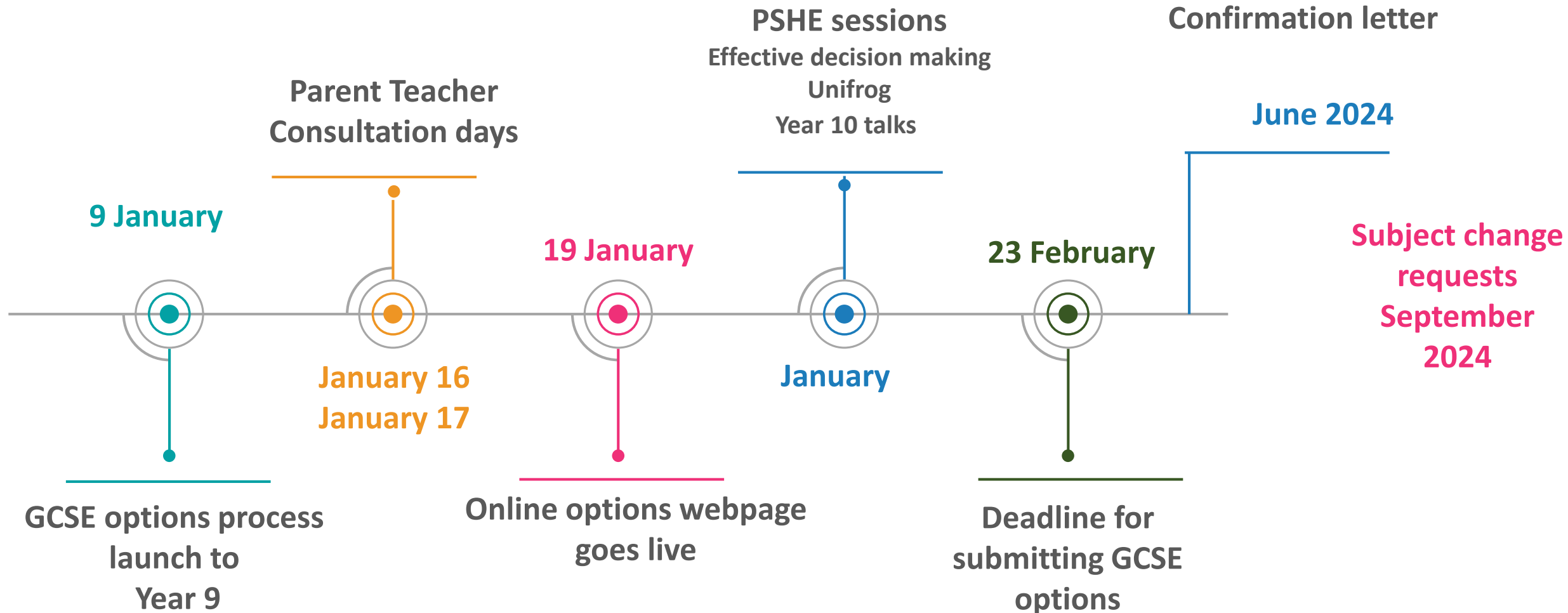
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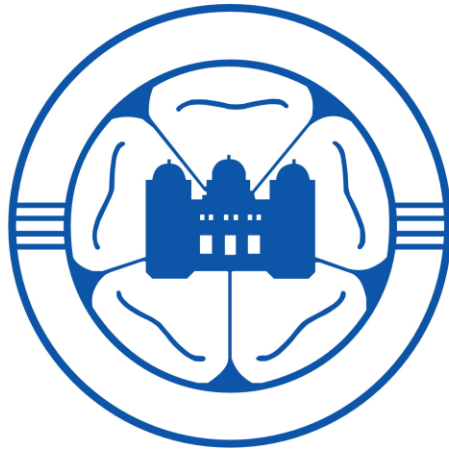
JANUARY 2024 - JUNE 2024

GCSE OPTIONS key milestones





**WHAT
SUBJECTS DO
THEY STUDY
IN KS4?**



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WHAT WILL THE TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

Core curriculum over a two-week period:

- 6 lessons of Mathematics
- 12 lessons of Triple Science (4 GCSE Biology, 4 GCSE Chemistry, 4 GCSE Physics)
- 8 lessons of English (Literature & Language)
- 4 lessons Modern Foreign Language (German, French or Spanish)
- 2 lessons RS (GCSE short course)

Core curriculum – non assessed:

- 4 lessons of PE
- 2 lessons PSHE

WHAT WILL THE TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

Option subjects:

In addition to the core curriculum students study three further subjects.

- If RS full course is chosen students will have 2 study periods a fortnight. Your child will study 10 GCSEs.

50 sixty minute-lessons on two-week cycle

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
10/11	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	Chem	Chem	Chem	Chem	Bio	Bio	Bio	Bio	Phy	Phy	Phy	Phy	MFL	MFL	MFL	MFL	PE	PE	PE	PE	RS	RS	RS	RS	Study	Study	OPTION 1		OPTION 2		OPTION 3		PHSCE	PHSCE		

- If RS short course is chosen students will study 10½ GCSEs.

50 sixty minute-lessons on two-week cycle

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
10/11	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ma	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	Chem	Chem	Chem	Chem	Bio	Bio	Bio	Bio	Phy	Phy	Phy	Phy	MFL	MFL	MFL	MFL	PE	PE	PE	PE	RS	RS	OPTION 1		OPTION 2		OPTION 3		PHSCE	PHSCE						

OPTION SUBJECT CHOICES

- Astronomy
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Fine Art*
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Product Design
- RS (full course)
- Spanish
- Textiles*

* Students cannot study both GCSE Fine Art and Textiles due to the similarities in both courses and the practical demands of each subject.

LIMITED SPACES

Every year our practical subjects remain very popular, in particular GCSE Textiles and GCSE Food Preparation.

This year, we are able to offer 20 places for our GCSE food preparation course and 20 places for GCSE Textiles.

Places are limited on the grounds of health and safety reasons, staffing and capacity.



MATHEMATICS AT GCSE



MATHEMATICS AT GCSE Classes – named after moons in the solar system

Top Tier
(29 students
per class)

Hy
(Hyperion)

De
(Deimos)

Middle Tier
(27 students
per class)

Io (Io)

Ca
(Callisto)

Eu
(Europa)

Lower Tier
(24 students
per class)

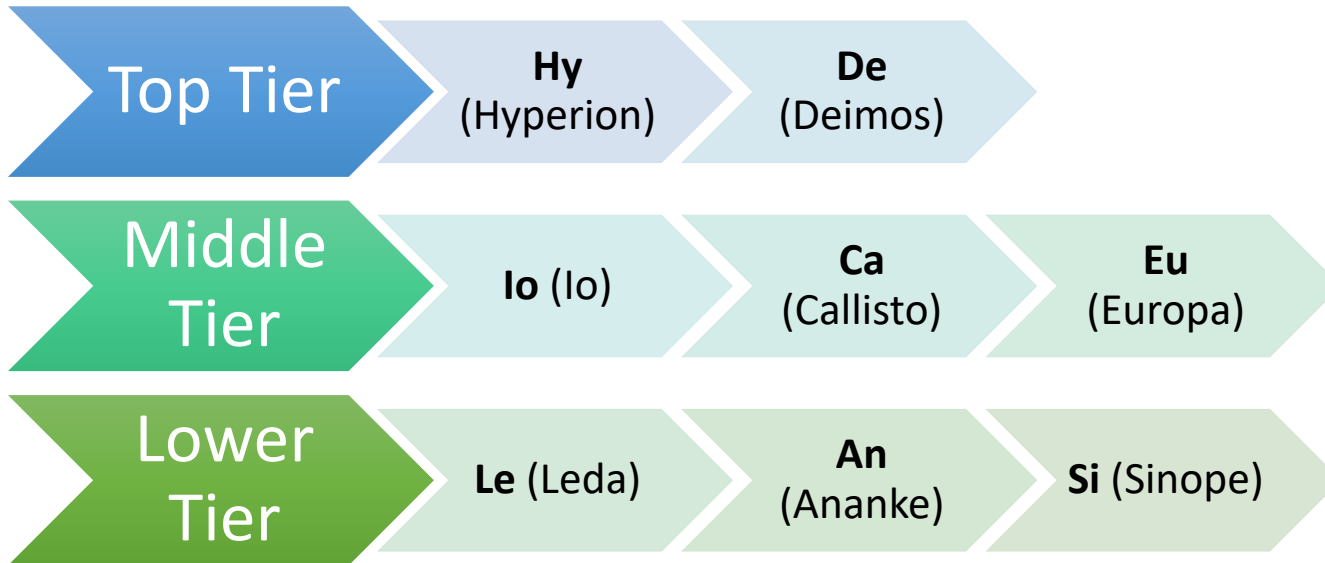
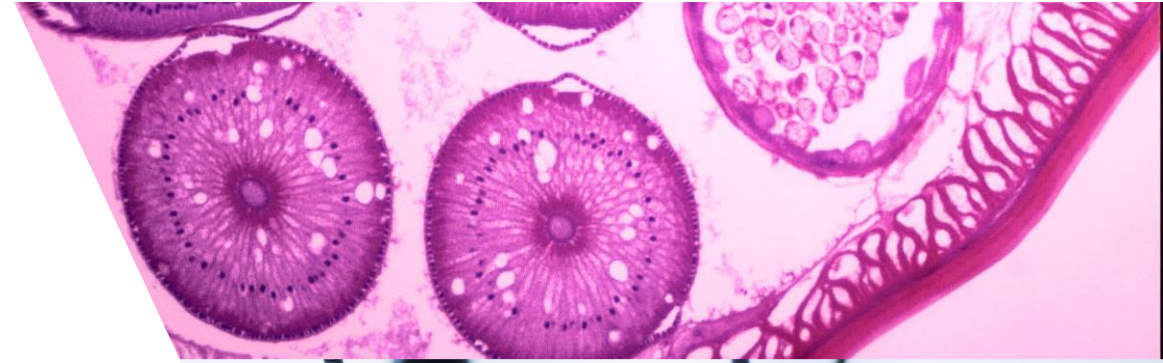
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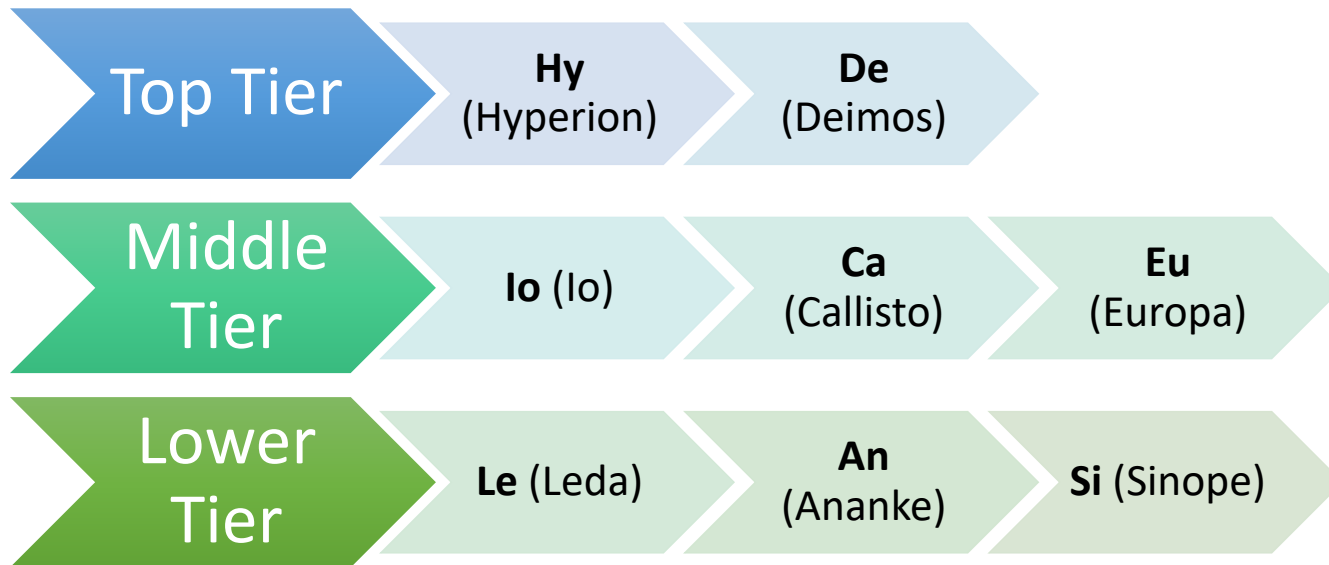
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SUBJECTS THAT YOU ARE TAUGHT IN THESE CLASSES?

Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics



MATHEMATICS AT GCSE- HOW ARE CLASSES DETERMINED?

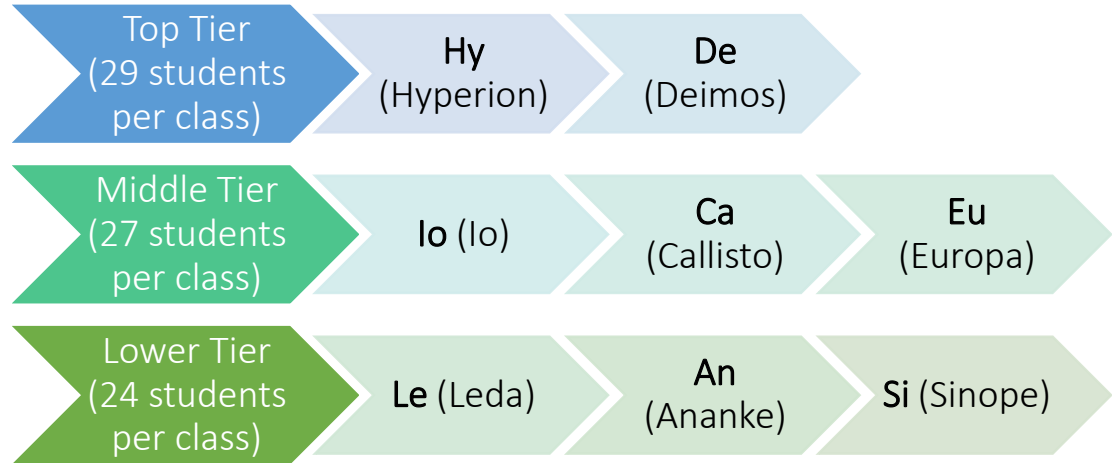


Based on all year 9 data and End of Year exams for Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Classes in the tiers are of equal ability.

There is NO top class.

CERTIFICATE IN FURTHER MATHEMATICS



Top Tier students (approx. 58)
Study CFM alongside the GCSE.
AQA Level 2 course – it is an
enrichment course

The entrance requirement for **A-Level Mathematics** is determined by **GCSE Mathematics grade**, not by the enrichment course.

Currently 161 students in Y12 and 143 in Y13 study A-Level Mathematics.

The AQA Certificate in Further Mathematics is not required for entry to **A Level Further Mathematics** at Nonsuch.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- Discuss future aspirations.
- Work backwards- career, degree, A-Levels
- What do they enjoy?
- Avoid selecting what you think they should be studying
- Review the GCSE course guide together
- Sixth form prospectus- A level entry requirements
- Career Advisor
- Unifrog (students will have access to this platform from January)



A digital copy of this booklet will be shared with parents and students in January.



2024-2026

GCSE Options Course Guidance

Head of Year: Miss Faerber

Deputy Head: Miss Wright



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OUR KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

Our KS4 curriculum is designed to provide you with a diverse range of educational opportunities to suit your needs. It is aimed at enabling you to reach the highest levels of achievement and personal development.

You are encouraged to choose whichever options *you want* and we will endeavour to build our curriculum around you where we can. Our KS4 options provision allows for greater *personalisation*, providing you with a challenging, broad and rich curriculum. You will continue to develop your oracy to become articulate and *confident* in expressing opinions informed by a knowledge rich curriculum. We aim to develop a *love* of learning and scholarship so that you will flourish in KS5. The curriculum aims to enrich rather than accelerate. Our pastoral system will support you as you prepare for your external examinations and make decisions about your future pathways. A core aim of the PSHE programme is to foster *resilience* and confidence and to promote the school's core values. We aim to equip you with the skills to keep you safe in the face of social media and peer pressure.

What GCSE options can I study?

Astronomy	Art & Design	Computer Science	Drama	Food Prep	French
Geography	German	History	Latin	Music	PE
Photography	RS	Product Design	Spanish	Textiles	



[HOME](#) → [QUALITY OF EDUCATION](#) → [YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS](#)

Year 9 Options Process

We offer a very broad range of subjects at Key Stage 4.


Our offer for 2023-25 includes English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Triple Science, a half course in Religious Studies and a modern foreign language. All students study for at least ten GCSE qualifications and some opt to study for ten and a half.

The optional subjects are:

CURRICULUM

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN THE CURRICULUM

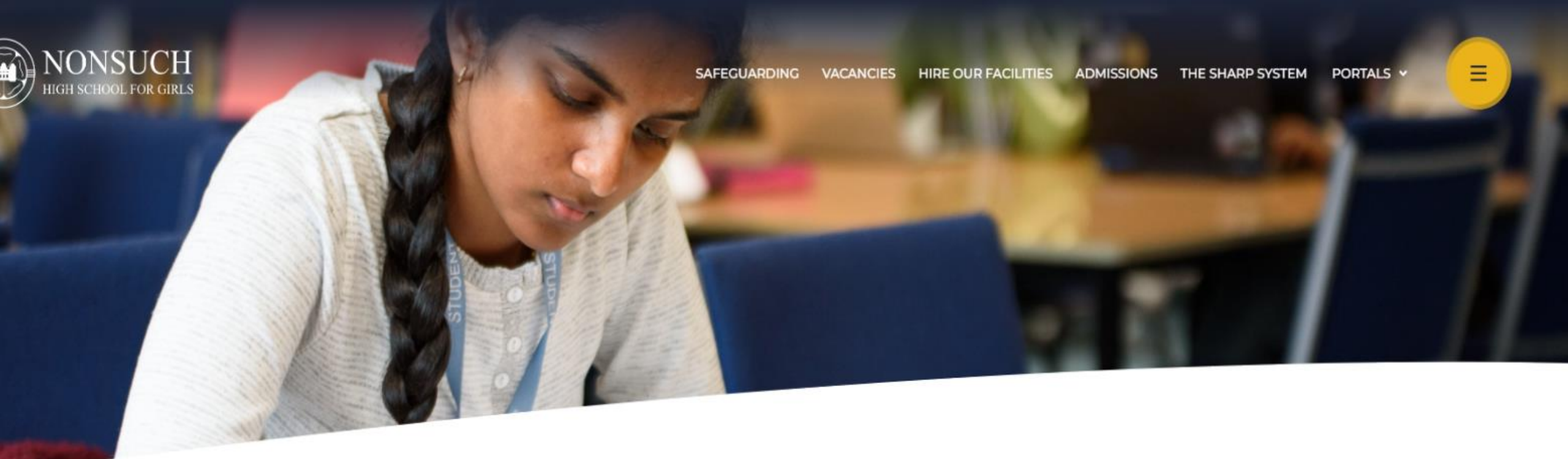
ASSESSMENT (STUDENT PROGRESS & REPORTING)

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS 

CAREERS EDUCATION

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

EXAMINATIONS



[HOME](#) → [SIXTH FORM](#) → [SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM OFFER](#)

Sixth Form Curriculum Offer

We offer a wide choice of A Levels and strongly encourage students to take a breadth of subjects. In the table below, are the A level subjects currently being studied by our students.

Art	French	Music
Biology	Geography	Physical Education
Chemistry	German	Physics
Computer Science	Government & Politics	Product Design
Drama	History	Psychology

WELCOME

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM OFFER >

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

SIXTH FORM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

SIXTH FORM BURSARY

**ELECTIVE PROGRAMME AND
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

APPENDIX B: SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO A LEVEL COURSES



The **minimum** requirement for entry to the Sixth Form at Nonsuch High School for Girls is an average point score of 6 over their best eight GCSE subjects and a grade 6 in English (either Lang or Lit) and Mathematics.

Subject	Exam Board	Criteria
Art & Design: Fine Art	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Art or portfolio seen (if Art GCSE not taken)
Biology	OCR	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Biology
Chemistry	OCR	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry
Computer Science	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science or a grade 7 in Mathematics if Computer Science GCSE not taken
DT: Product Design	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Product Design or portfolio seen (if Product Design GCSE not taken)
Drama	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Drama or by audition (if Drama GCSE not taken)
Economics	Pearson	No additional requirements
English Literature	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE English Language or Literature
French	Pearson	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE French
Geography	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Geography
German	Pearson	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE German
History	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE History
Latin	OCR	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Latin

Subject	Exam Board	Criteria
Mathematics	Pearson	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Mathematics (Further)	Pearson	A grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics and must be taken alongside Mathematics and with 4 A Levels
Music	Pearson	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Music or a Grade 5 or above in Music Theory and a Grade 6 or above in an instrument is required (if Music GCSE not taken)
Physical Education	AQA	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE PE or evidence of sporting, dance or coaching competence (if PE GCSE not taken)
Physics	OCR	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Physics
Politics	Pearson	No additional requirements
Psychology	AQA	No additional requirements
Philosophy & Ethics (RS)	OCR	No additional requirements
Spanish	Pearson	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Spanish

*Students who have studied combined science and wish to study either Biology, Chemistry or Physics need a minimum of one grade 7 and one grade 8 and are advised to study one science only.

FILLING IN THE GSCE OPTIONS ONLINE FORM

Step 1 of 3

[Start](#) > [Choice 1](#) > [Free choice](#) > [Confirmation](#)

Choose ONE of the following Subjects:

- German (De)
- French (Fr)
- Spanish (Sp)

Next

Step 1 – As part of your child's core offer, she will need to **select the MFL** that she wishes to study.

FILLING IN THE GSCE OPTIONS ONLINE FORM

Step 2 - they can then select their 3 options subjects.

- The numbers are **not showing order of preference**.
- Short course RS does not need to be selected.
- In the example to the right, this student has selected three GCSE options.
- **Submit.**

Step 2 of 3

[Start](#) > [Choice: French](#) > Free choice > Confirmation

Please enter your 3 choices by entering 2, 3, 4 in the box by your chosen subjects.

Subject	Choice
Photography (Ap)	<input type="text"/>
Fine Art (Ar)	<input type="text"/>
Astronomy (As)	<input type="text"/>
Computer Scienc (Cs)	2
German (De)	3
Drama (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
French (Fr)	Already selected
Geography (Gg)	<input type="text"/>
History (Hi)	<input type="text"/>
Latin (La)	<input type="text"/>
Music (Mu)	<input type="text"/>
Product Design (Pd)	<input type="text"/>
Phyiscal Educ (Pe)	<input type="text"/>
Religious Study (Rs)	<input type="text"/>
Spanish (Sp)	<input type="text"/>
Food Prep (Tf)	<input type="text"/>
Textiles (Tx)	4

Submit

Reset this form

FILLING IN THE GSCE OPTIONS ONLINE FORM

Step 3 - Confirm choices. The following pages asks for email confirmation. Students enter the email address they wish to receive a confirmation of choices

Choice No.	Subject chosen
1	French
2	Computer Scienc
3	German
4	Textiles

Confirm Choices

Go back and change choices

FILLING IN THE GSCE OPTIONS ONLINE FORM

After the options have been confirmed, the following pages asks for email confirmation. Students enter the email address they wish to receive a confirmation of choices followed by a page giving them the choice of an email confirmation.

- **Request for an email confirmation**

Thank you

Your Subject Choices have been saved - thank you.

[Click here if you would like an Email confirmation](#)

[Click here to finish and log-out](#)



**MRS IVANA
O'BRIEN**

**Careers
Advisor**

obrien-i@nonsuchschool.org

Mrs Ivana O'Brien our careers advisor, meets with students in KS4 and KS5.

She will be available for a limited number of appointments on the parent teacher consultation days should your child be struggling to identify what subjects she wants to study.

REMINDER

Friday 19th January

Online registration for GCSE options opens

Friday 23rd February

Online registration closes

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AND SAFETY**



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YEAR 9 TUTOR TEAM



Jupiter
Miss B Tulej



Jupiter
Miss N Younas



Mars
Mr G Murdoch



Mercury
Ms A Ross



Neptune
Mrs E Tandon



Pluto
Mr A Bubnjar



Saturn
Miss Y Figueras



Venus
Miss S Hobart

Mr Bird is currently supporting 9V.

PASTORAL TEAM



Mrs Williamson-Jones
Deputy Head (Pastoral)



Mrs Hart
Designated Safeguard
Lead



Mrs Bond
SEND
Co-ordinator



Ms Faerber
Head of Year 9

PASTORAL TEAM



Miss Campbell
ELSA



Ms Morris
School Counsellor



Ms Hicks
Pastoral Support Officer

Olu Idowu
Community School Nurse

SAFEGUARDING

All adults in school have a responsibility for safeguarding

- Mrs Hart is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- All staff are trained and know the procedures for reporting concerns
- Pastoral staff work with parents and outside agencies to try and put the right support in place for all students

PSHE & RSE

Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education

- Transition to Year 9
- Active Citizenship
- Living in the wider world
- Personal safety
- Health and wellbeing

Relationships and sex education (RSE)

- (RSE) is compulsory for all secondary school pupils

"PSHE education isn't just another school subject. It's a chance to give every child and young person an equal opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive now and in the future."

The PHSE Association

HOW WILL I BE KEPT INFORMED OF MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening will take place online on **Tuesday 16th January** (16:00 – 19:30) and **Wednesday 17th January** (13:10-15:30)

Reports

Reports will be sent home in **December** and in **July**.

Exams

Year 9 will have an assessment period- 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th **May**.

Colours are used at KS3 to describe attainment and approach to learning.

In each subject a series of robust assessments, common across the whole year group are used to determine each student's progress against each subject's high standards.

Attainment: GREEN IS GREAT

KS3 Attainment		
Purple	5-10%	Exceptional
Blue	20-30%	Exceeding NHSG expectations
Green	45-50%	Expected NHSG standard
Yellow	8-12%	Working towards NHSG standard
Orange	3-6%	Below NHSG standard

2023 86% of our students achieved GCSE grades of 7-9; 40% of all grades were Grade 9

ClassCharts

ClassCharts is software used by staff to award both positive and negative behaviours to students, including nominations for individual golden tickets.

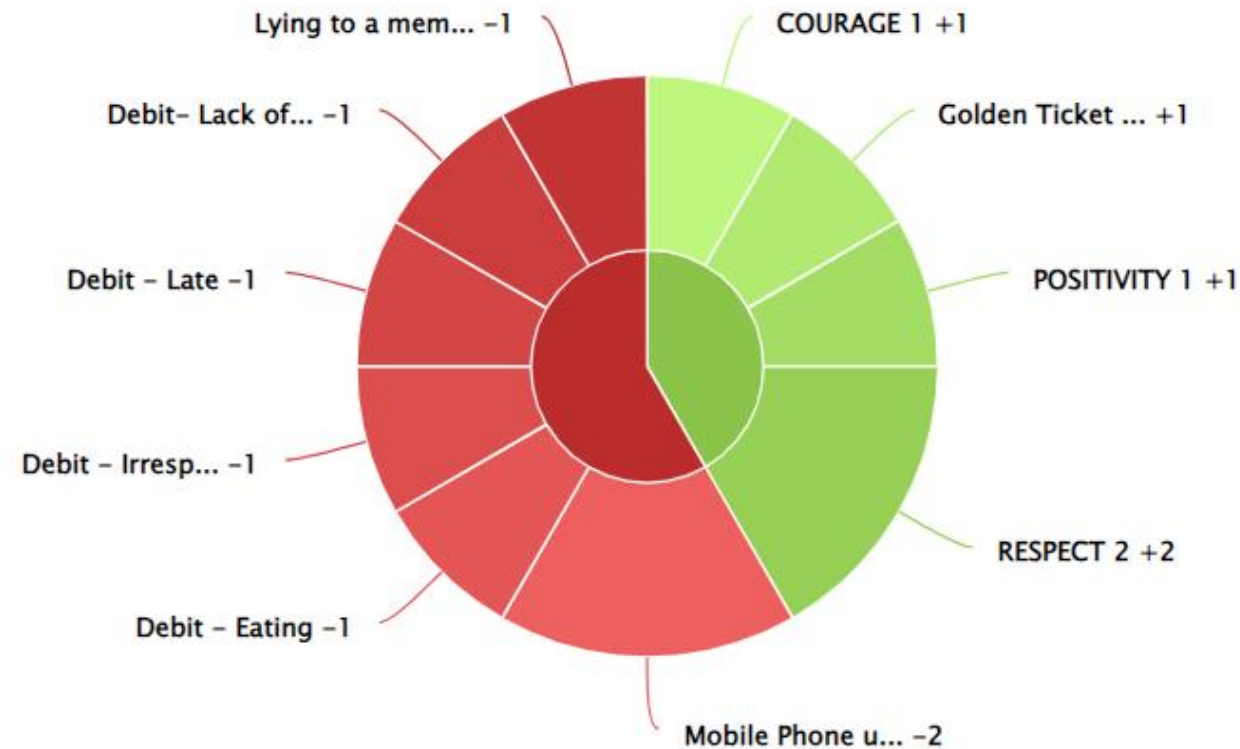
Year 9 will receive an assembly next week introducing ClassCharts. KS3 students will be taught how to use the app in Computer Science lessons.

Parent logins will be shared in January, with guidance provided in the newsletter and a webinar.



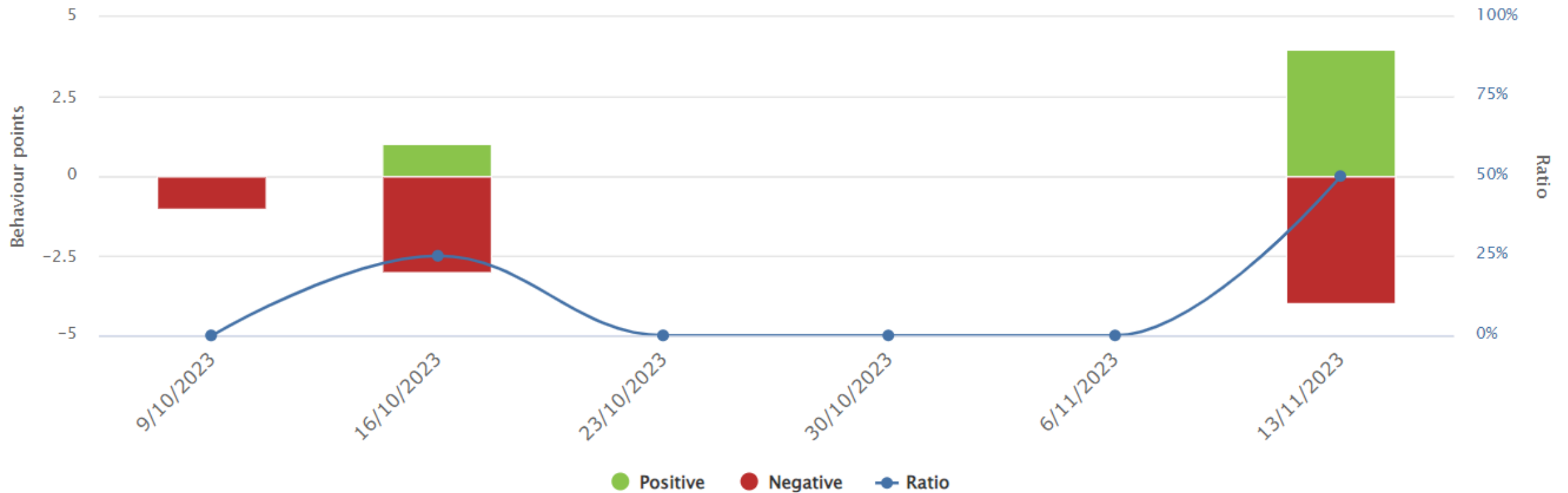
Parent and student view of behaviours

Behaviour score breakdown



Parent and student view of behaviours

Weekly Behaviour Breakdown



Parent and student view of behaviours

Activity

Monday 13 November

-1 Demo Pupil 10:55
Debit - Late awarded by Mrs A Todd.

0 Demo Pupil 10:55
Detention issued for **3 x low level debits in a week**
Location: School Canteen **Type:** Whole School Detention - 30 mins **Date:** 14/11/2023 **Time:** 15:30

+1 Demo Pupil 10:55
POSITIVITY 1 awarded by Mrs A Todd.

+1 Demo Pupil 10:55
COURAGE 1 awarded by Mrs A Todd.

Parent and student view of detentions

Future

Whole School
Detention - 30
mins

Pending

Date: 14/11/2023
Time: 15:30

Location: School Canteen
Duration: 30 min

Past

Whole School
Detention - 30
mins

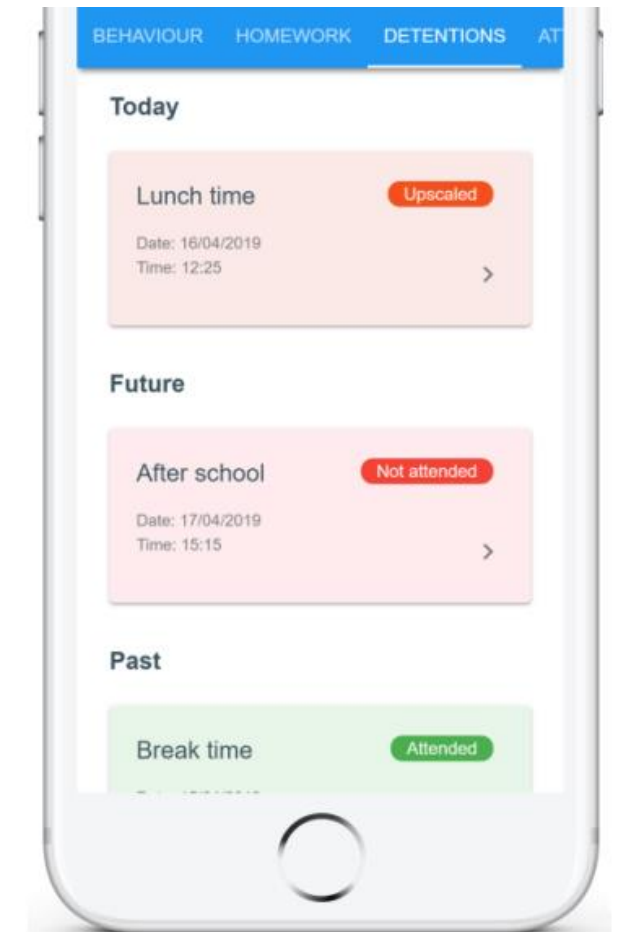
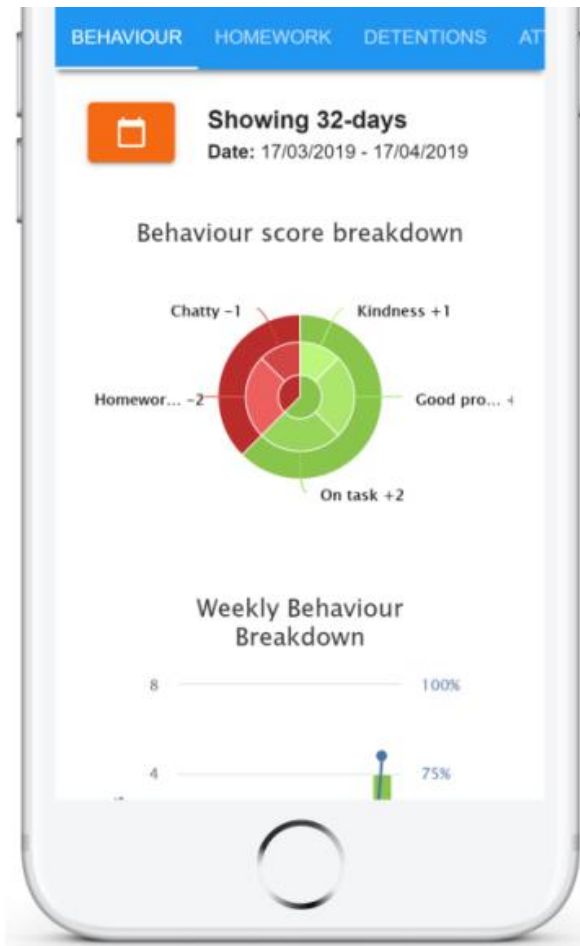
Attended

Date: 17/10/2023
Time: 15:30

Location: Room 150
Duration: 30 min

DEMO CLASS - MISS L DICKEN

Parent and student view





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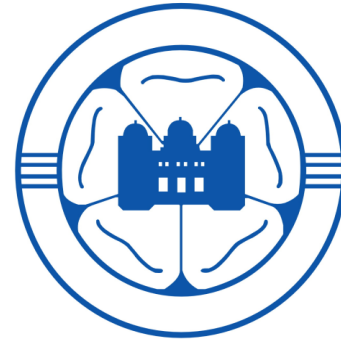
ENRICHMENT AND TRIPS

- We encourage all our students to attend at least one club a week.
- Clubs are an invaluable opportunity learn and discover and learn new skills, to extend friendships beyond their tutor group, to take risks and to build resilience.
- Students sign up on **Evolve**.
- Activities Week summer term w/c 24th June 2024.

ENRICHMENT AND TRIPS



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT



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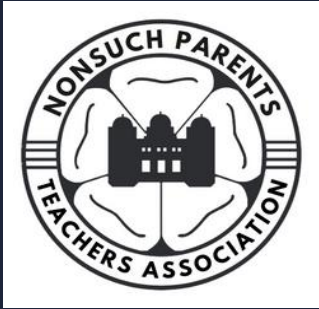
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- Home School positive relationship
- Expertise / resource
- Donation
- Time

PARENT/CARER ENGAGEMENT

Home/School Agreement





NHSG PTA

Supporting our
daughters
and our school



[@nonsuchpta](https://twitter.com/nonsuchpta)



fb.com/nonsuchhighschoolpta

200+
CLUB

200+ Club
£6,335

The PTA raised
£22,965
All funds raised to
benefit our daughters


Preloved
Uniform
£3,896


Walking
Challenge
£2,013




Christmas
Raffle
£2,674


Year 7
Welcome Event
£2,945


Refreshment
Sales
£1,693


Quiz Night
£962


Amazon Smile
&
Easyfundraising
£605


Doughnut Day
£1,111

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