



# What are the changes to the GCSEs that will have such a big impact on our current Year 11?

- New GCSEs in English Language, English Literature and Maths were launched in September 2015 throughout schools in England, with the first qualifications due to be awarded in August 2017. Courses will be taken over the full two years, rather than by modular assessment.
- In 2016 new GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, MFL and Physical Education were launched.
- These new GCSEs will no longer have a coursework element and will see a significant increase in the exam content that needs to be covered.
- Another one of the main differences with these GCSEs will be the grading system.



# GCSE A\*-G/1-9 Equivalent

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>New GCSE Grades</b>									
<b>Old GCSE Grades</b>	<b>F/G</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	Bottom 2 thirds <b>C</b>	Bottom third <b>B</b> Top third <b>C</b>	<b>B</b> Top 2 thirds	<b>A</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A*</b> Top 20% Grade A and above



# What do the new GCSEs Entail?

**Maths:** Pupils will be expected to learn key formulae by heart, while the syllabus will also cover proportion, ratio and "real-world problems" including financial mathematics. There will also be a greater emphasis on non-calculator work. Where previously, as little as 25% of exam papers were "non calculator", new GCSEs will need to include between a third and 50%. The exams have also been lengthened to cover the extra content, with pupils sitting three test papers over four-and-a-half hours.

**English Literature:** Pupils have to assess a 19th century novel, a Shakespeare play, a selection of poetry since 1789 and a British fiction or drama from 1914 onwards. There is also a much greater emphasis on 'unseen texts' in the exam.

**Science:** The level of detail and scientific knowledge required has increased significantly, and there are clearer mathematical requirements for each topic. New content has been added, including the study of the human genome, gene technology, life cycle analysis, nanoparticles and space physics.

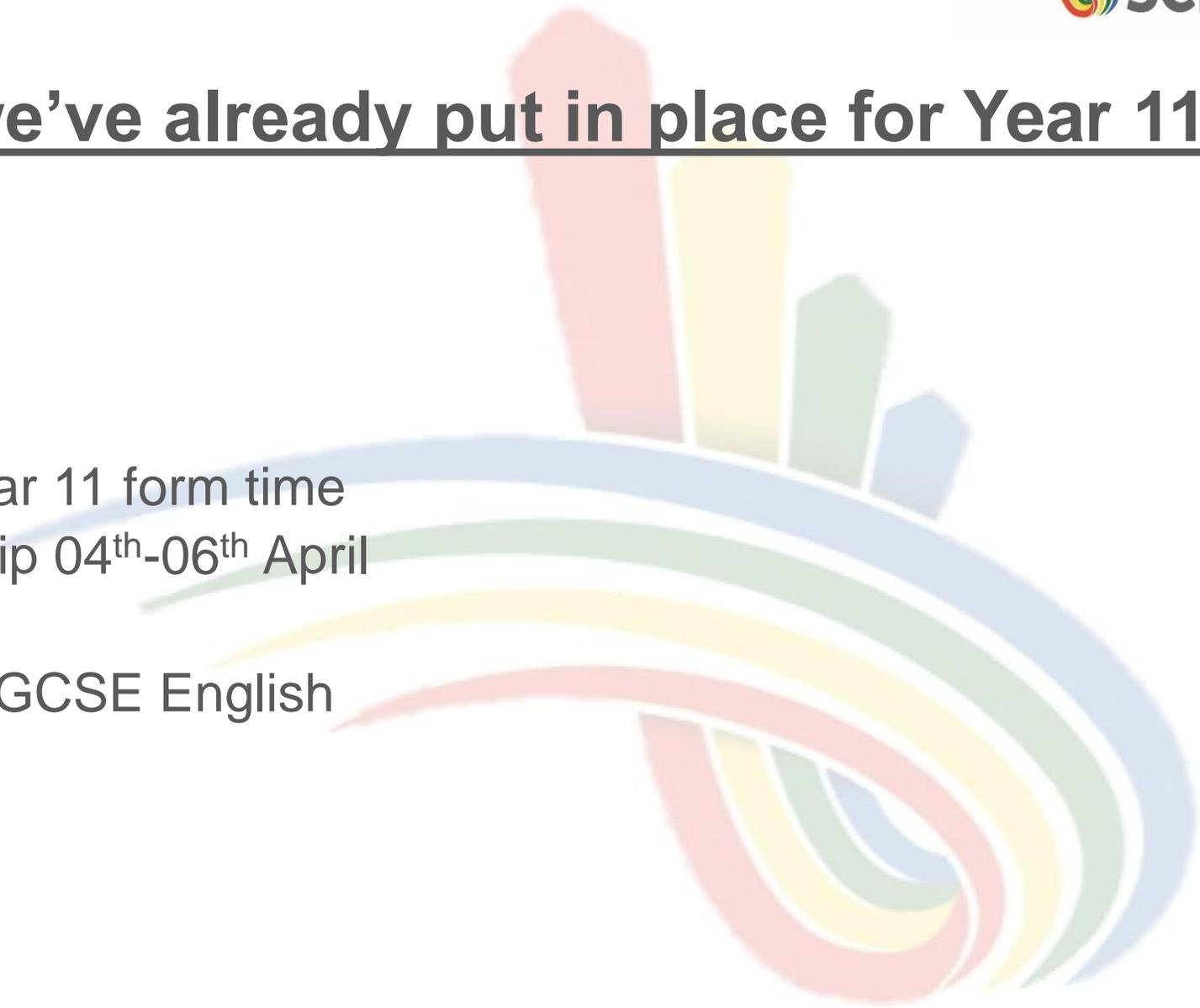
**History:** There is an increase in the range of historical knowledge and methods students will need to develop, from critical assessment of sources to an understanding of chronology, individuals, events and developments.

**Geography:** Students will need to use a wider range of investigative skills and approaches, including more mathematics and statistics.



# Support we've already put in place for Year 11

- Tassomai
- Pixl Maths App
- Pixl Lit App
- Changes to year 11 form time
- PGL revision trip 04<sup>th</sup>-06<sup>th</sup> April
- Mentoring
- Early entry for GCSE English





# Support within the School

We understand that being in Year 11 can bring with it a lot of stress and worry. At Baysgarth we have a pastoral team that it is setup to support our students in the best way possible. Every student has access to the following:

- Tutor
- Head of House
- Learning Manager
- Head of Year 11

We also have a full-time Counsellor, if you need this provision please speak to Miss Driscoll.



# Careers Events

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:**

Year 11 at Forest Pines Careers Fair

- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Top Universities Student Conference

- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January:**

Year 11 National Apprenticeship Department of Education workshops

Every student will receive a one hour 1:1 careers interview from an independent advisor. They will also have sessions in tutor and ICE time where they will be applying for their post 16 provision.



## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Revisewise session
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – PPE fortnight
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Parents evening
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Mock results day

## Compulsory Period 6 for Y11 Tuesday-Thursday

- Tuesday and Thursday will be used by English/Maths/Science on rotation so they will have 20 after school sessions per subject before the exams.
- Wednesday will be for option subjects, rotating Option A/B/C/D, giving teachers a guaranteed eight or nine extra sessions with their classes.
- We will review this before the Christmas break, with the option of adding Monday night sessions too after Christmas, to give four nights of intervention per week.

	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
WC 18th Sept		English	Option A	Science	
	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
WC 25th Sept		Maths	Option B	English	
	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
WC 02nd Oct		Science	Option C	Maths	
	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
WC 09th Oct		English	Option D	Science	



## Advantages

- Staff will know exactly who they are getting each session so they can plan more effectively
- Removes the option of going home for the students we need to make progress with
- Flexibility for departments to group students and deploy staff based upon individual needs



## FAQs

- **What happens if they fail to attend?**

It will be treated in the same way as it would be if students truanted any other lesson.

- **What about getting home?**

We have booked another late bus. There will be a sign on the front of the bus, stated where they are going. The school minibus will be used for students who do not live on the bus route.

- **What if they have other commitments?**

Students need to go and speak to Mr North. No other member of staff can authorise an absence from Period 6.

- **What if they have a detention?**

Instead of them doing the detention on a Tuesday night, they will now do the detention on a lunch time.