

We have a 'No Excuses' culture when it comes to GCSE:

- We give students more choice than any other school
- We give students at least twice as many lessons to complete their qualification than that recommended by the exam boards
- We give students excellent teachers who deliver outstanding outcomes year after year
- Every group of students, male or female, high ability or low ability, does better than nationally
- Our most able students achieve nearly a grade higher in each of their subjects than students in other schools
- We are in the top 5% of schools in the country for the progress our students make from when they join us in Year 7 to when leave in Year 11
- We give students excellent support from Form Tutors, Learning Managers, Heads of House, Progress Managers and the school counsellor to ensure their mental health and wellbeing is a top priority
- We give students unbiased advice, support and opportunities to find out about their next steps so they have a plan and something to aim for when they leave Baysgarth

So the challenge is on - can you as parents support them to once again break our records for results and give your children every advantage to be successful and happy in life!

At Baysgarth, we believe getting your child outstanding academic results is only half our job. We know that in order to be successful in their life there are skills and attributes that they will need. This year we are focusing on the 3Rs:

	As a community we will ...
R _{espect}	Be respectful to all members of the school community through our actions and our use of language.
R _{esilience}	Give 100% effort at all times viewing failure and challenging situations as an opportunity to learn and grow.
R _{esponsibility}	Taking responsibility for our own actions and encouraging others to take responsibility for their actions.

The schools behaviour and reward systems are all linked towards encouraging and celebrating these traits in our students.

Expert Learner

We have looked at our most successful students and have identified what made that success happen. This is reflected in our expert learner framework which makes it clear what our minimum expectations for students are.

We expect all our students to have reached the graduate status, which is the Baysgarth expectation. Any student who needs support to reach this will be provided this through our exceptionally strong pastoral team. However, students who do not reach this standard by the end of the year will have their option programme reviewed, in order to address the areas that they need further support in.

As parents you will see this information on your child's report each time and your child reviews their progress weekly in their employability profile.

Effort Criteria

The big emphasis at Baysgarth is on effort; trying and doing our best. The reports you receive home will show you the effort your child makes in all of their subjects. We expect all students to demonstrate good effort as a minimum, which means:

- completing all classwork and homework to a high standard, including presentation
- participates fully in all group work
- shows respect to others at all times
- punctual to all lessons
- takes responsibility for bringing the right equipment
- takes responsibility for own learning and meeting all deadlines
- displays resilience and acts on feedback positively

How you can support your child

- Get involved (Friends of Baysgarth Group, Governors, Parent Forums); we would love to hear from you!
- Check out our website / social media page / mobile APP to keep up to date with what's happening
- Attend Parents' Evenings to speak to all class teachers and find out what is being studied and where your child's strengths and areas of development are
- Speak directly to teaching staff
- Reinforce 3Rs at home
- Get ahead with coursework and ensure your child finishes all of this as soon as possible, leaving time for revision near to the exams
- Create revision materials now, such as flashcards which are really effective
- Revise as a family little and often; make it a regular thing
- Create a revision timetable for your child which allows them time to relax as well as managing their workload
- Use online resources such as 'Mathswatch'
- Make sure you know when key assessments and PPEs are and support your child's preparation during this time
- Communicate with us if you are worried about your child in any way



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Contact Details

We are here to support you and your child and if you have any concerns, worries or questions please get in touch with us.

In the first instance of an academic concern, please speak directly to your child's Form Tutor who will be happy to discuss the matter

For wider academic concerns :

- Andy North: andrew.north@baysgarthschool.co.uk
- Andy Browne: Andrew.browne@baysgarthschool.co.uk

For pastoral concerns please contact your child's Learning Manager or Head of House

Headteacher: Mr Richard Briggs

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