

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening





GCSE Headlines 2018

- **Grade 9s:** 32 pupils (just under a fifth of the year group) achieved at least one grade 9 in the new reformed GCSEs.
- **English:** 89% of pupils achieved at least a grade 4, 78% achieved at least a grade 5 and 34% achieving at least a grade 7.
- **Maths:** 73% of pupils achieved at least a grade 4, with just under half the year group achieving a grade 5 or above.
- **Religious Studies:** 87% of pupils achieved at least a 4, with over half the year group getting a 7 or above. A very impressive achievement when it is considered that all pupils take Religious Studies as part of their core curriculum.





Eight grade 9s
and an A⁺ in
further
mathematics.





A Levels

- 99% Pass rate
- 23% A and A*



9 – 1 Grading

Current GCSE	New GCSE
U/G	1
F	
E	2
D	3
C	4
B	5
	6
A	7
A*	8
	9



Year 11 Team

Head of Year: Mrs Trueick

11 Alphonsa: Mr Jacobs

11 Bernadette: Miss Judd

11 Catherine: Mrs Bamford

11 Edith: Mr Ngwenya

11 Hildegard: Mr Powell

11 Josephine: Mr Tucker

11 Thérèse: Mr Brady

Assistant Headteacher: Mr Waterfield



Key Dates

2018-19

- Wednesday 17th October: Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00-8.00pm)
- Monday 29th October: Year 11 pre-public Examinations start (2 weeks)
- Friday 7th December: Year 11 PPE Results Day (pupils only)
- Friday 30th November: Staff Development Day (School Closed)
- Thursday 6th December: Christmas Cracker (4:00-6:00pm)
- Tuesday 15th January: Year 11 Parents Evening (4.30 – 7.30pm)
- Tuesday 29th January: Careers' Fair
- Thursday 20th June: Year 11 Celebration Day (Assembly and Prom)
- Thursday 22nd August: Exam Results Published
- Friday 23rd August: Sixth Form Enrolment Day

Information from departments



Maths



- There are no controlled assessments or coursework in maths.
- There are three exam papers that they will complete, one without a calculator and two with. It is therefore **essential** for your daughter to have her own scientific calculator so she can be taught how to use it correctly. These can be purchased in school for £6.50.
- We have provided your daughter with her own textbook to use for classwork and for revision purposes. It is expected that your daughter returns this textbook at the end of the exam period.
- Homework after Christmas will consist of a fortnightly and then weekly past paper. Please encourage your daughter in working on this under timed conditions and in a quiet area away from distractions.
- All pupils have been given personal passwords for '**mymaths**' and '**mathswatch**', which are great revision websites.
- The login for mymaths is *annes* and *triangle*.
- For mathswatch, a parental login has been set up:
 - Login: parent@stannes
 - Password: triangle
- Your daughter will also have an extra maths PPE the week before February half term.

English Language & English Literature



- Pre-public examination:
 - Organising and tidying notes
 - All classes will be preparing for their exams in their lessons
 - Re-read texts (examiners recommend 3 x reading)
 - Engage your daughter in debate and discussion
 - Read non-fiction articles regularly
 - Both subjects are 100% exam

Religious Studies



- No deadlines for coursework or controlled assessments.
- To enable our students to practise revision and exam skills our students have half termly class tests.
- Revision classes will run from January onwards but independent revision needs to start now.
- We will offer students the opportunity to purchase a revision book through school to support their revision. Letters about this will be given out in due course. The CGP book is not suitable for our exam board.

Science



- The course is assessed through 100% terminal exam at the end of year 11.
- This test covers all sciences covered in Years 9-11.
- The vast majority of students across the country are taking combined science.
- Important to read over classwork outside of lessons, complete all homeworks and practice exam questions.
- Recommend the use of a revision guide to review work from lessons throughout the year – not just used at the end of year 11. Most students have revision guides now.
- We recommend CGP for AQA 9-1 science guides



Geography

- A coursework booklet will be available after Christmas to support revision
- CGP revision guides will be available to buy through school at a discount

History



- 20th September: Germany Trip parents' meeting at 5pm.
- 5th October: Germany Trip drop off at 4.30am!!
- 8th October: Germany Trip collecting at 10.30pm
- PPE examination in November – 2 papers (Richard and John & medicine through time).
- Lunchtime revision in Room 19 on Wednesday.



Media Studies

- NEA (Non Examination Assessment) needs to be completed by Christmas. This is 30% of GCSE. Monday Lunchtimes are available for catch-up.
- Revision Notes for Close Study Products need to be kept up to date.
- Mocks will be on topics studied in Year 10.

Music



- A letter with details about coursework deadlines has gone home to all students and parents
- Thursday 19th October - ensemble recordings.
- November - a chance to re-record solo performances to get higher marks.
- Friday 29th March - final deadline for compositions. 30% of overall grade.
- Wednesday 2nd May - informal concert in Room 18 – all parents welcome; all students expected to participate.

Drama



- Devised Portfolio to be completed by the first half term.
- Text in Performance examined by external moderator by the end of March 2019 at the latest.
- Revision/exam practice taught alongside performance work throughout the year.
- Throughout the course we will be using the AQA GCSE Drama text book by Annie Fox (ISBN: 9781911208211) which pupils can purchase from book shops. The set text we study is 'The 39 Steps' adapted by Patrick Barlow (ISBN 9780573114403). It would be beneficial if pupils could have their own copies, particularly of the set text.



Physical Education

- One CA to be completed after half term. All other practical activities are carried out during lessons.
- Girls have netball, trampolining and possibly one other practical to complete.
- On target to complete the theory aspect of the course before Easter. Then begin revision.
- External Moderator due to visit in February (TBC)

Dance



- All pupils are currently working very hard in both practical and theory lessons.
- All practical assessments to take place in lessons between now and Easter. They will all be filmed and sent off to the external moderator.
- We are on track with where we should be with the theoretical element of the course and are now starting to look at topics in more detail.
- All pupils will be performing in the showcase on Monday 4th Feb which is a fantastic opportunity to see some of their pieces.

MFL



- MFL is being graded 9-1 this year.
- There are no controlled assessments.
- Pupils have completed a lot of sample past questions at the end of each unit.
- The most important thing is that they revise their vocabulary and grammar regularly. (This is their home learning each week.)
- We encourage them to use Kerboodle where they can access their textbook online and Quizlet for vocabulary learning.
- If pupils wish to buy a revision guide, we recommend the Collins AQA All in One guide. These will be available to purchase through school.

Art and Design



- Two projects are created from the beginning of year 10 through to Christmas of year 11. This makes up their coursework (60%). **Deadline for this year is Monday 10th December 2018**
- Examination papers are handed out in January of year 11. This is made up of seven different titles for their exam project. (40%)
- The 10-hour controlled assessment for the examination project is after the Easter holidays. This is their final piece for their exam project. This is a practical exam spread over two days.
- Any exhibition/ gallery visits outside of the classroom will always support their learning and projects.
- Candidates are required to supply the materials and components of their projects.



Design & Technology

- Design Technology does not use one particular material, but embraces a multitude of different types of materials and disciplines for example wood, metal, plastics, textiles, electronics etc. The product can be painted, varnished or stained or a combination of all can be used. The ultimate aim is to produce a high quality product via the exam board's remit.
- The product shall be designed and made using various materials which allows pupils to not be restricted to one material but to combine materials where necessary.
- The AQA board specification outlines an equal balance of theory based design, investigation and analysis, alongside the practical making product. Students will be taught about materials, techniques and processes through specially designed, engaging projects in Year 10 and 11 in preparation of their extended projects (Non Exam Assessment NEA) in yr11. Students are required to produce a working prototype of an original project, along with a portfolio of evidence to support it.



Design & Technology

Unit 1

50% external written paper (2 Hours)

Unit 2 Design and Make

50% practical work (Non exam based assessment, 30-35 hours approx. in class)

Deadlines-

UNIT 2

Criteria 1-Initial Research and Design work- **Monday 29th October 2018** (can email the teacher as PPE commence)

Criteria 2- All development modelling & planning- **Monday 10th December 2018**

Computer Science



- Paper 1 Theory Exam takes place in Summer 2019 (50%)
- Paper 2 Theory Exam takes place in Summer 2019 (50%)
- A NEA (Non-exam assessment) of 20 hours in lesson must be completed after the PPEs (Note: this has 0% contribution to the GCSE but must be completed)
- Paper 1 & 2 Theory Revision: Students must continue to revise & make revision notes in order to be prepared for their pre-public Exams after October half term and their actual Summer exams in 2019.

Business



- Paper 1 Theory Exam takes place in Summer 2019 (50%)
- Paper 2 Theory Exam takes place in Summer 2019 (50%)
- Paper 1 & 2 Theory Revision: Students must continue to revise & make revision notes in order to be prepared for their pre-public Exams after October half term and their actual Summer exams in 2019.

Health and Social Care



- 75% Centre assessed work.
- This is divided into three pieces of work each worth 25%.
- The deadlines are:
 - Friday 19th October (RO23)
 - Friday 21st December (RO22)
 - Thursday 4th April (RO31)
- 25% Exam (RO21)
- For those who are re-taking the exam this will be in January 2019, with one more opportunity in June 2019.

Tourism



- 75% Centre assessed work.
- This is divided into two pieces of work one worth 25% and one worth 50%.
- The majority of girls have completed and submitted their first piece of centre assessed work.
- The deadline for the second one which is worth 50% is : Friday 21st December (RO22).
- There will be one exam to sit in June 2019 which is worth 25%.



Food Preparation and Nutrition

- 50% NEA (non-examined assessment) which consists of:
- NEA1 Food investigation: 10 hours. Pupils pick an area of investigation from the titles and prepare experiments to prove a hypothesis. Expected completion by end of autumn term.
- NEA2 Food preparation practical task: 20 hours including a 3-hour practical exam. Plan, prepare, cook and present three dishes within 3 hours. Practical exam will take place on 7th and 8th March 2019.
- 50% written exam in May/June 2019 on all topics covered in the two year course.

General information





Attendance

What do we expect?

- Pupils are expected to attend school every day but 97% is the minimum expectation.
- To put this in perspective, 90% attendance means half a day per week is missed.
- Research shows that 17 days missed per year is equal to a GCSE grade drop in achievement.
- Being on time to school is equally important.



Attendance

The facts

Attendance over One School Year

98% attendance = less than 4 days absent

95% attendance = less than 10 days absent

90% attendance = 4 weeks absent

85% attendance = 5 ½ weeks absent

80% attendance = 7 ½ weeks absent

Attendance over 5 years (Years 7-11)

If a student has:

- 85-90% attendance = about half a year off school!
- 80% attendance = 38 weeks off school = one whole school year missed!

How can you help?



- Ensure your daughter is getting a healthy balance between revision, work and rest. It is important that they are encouraged to take regular breaks.
- Ensure they are eating a healthy, balanced diet avoiding junk food and energy drinks. They should be drinking plenty of water.
- Have a revision and exam timetable pinned up at home so that both you and your daughter are aware when these things are going to happen.
- Ensure your child has a good space to study. A tidy, quiet area is needed. If this isn't always possible we have lots of options available for students to study in school. Homework Club, Room 19, Spring Term Revision Clubs and our Library.
- Encourage the rest of your family to be considerate of a quiet and peaceful place for study.
- Support your daughter to be organised on examination day – get ready the night before and eat a proper breakfast.
- COMMUNICATE – you are not alone.
- Try to avoid bribes conditional on high grades – it is better to encourage them to work for their own fulfilment and achieve their own full potential.

Revision



- A good revision **timetable** is half the battle won – parents and pupils need to work with staff in school to get this right.
- Find the best time for active revision - everyone is different!
- For most people 30 minute revision sessions work best. Little and often!
- Encourage regular breaks to aid concentration.
- Long-term memory is best aided by constant review of revision materials.
 - Small chunks for each subjects reviewed regularly work well for most people. Review 48 hours later, than a week later and then shortly before the exam.
- Some girls prefer to study in small groups. Others may work more effectively by themselves.
- Homework Timetables

How will we support your daughter?



- Full exam workshop timetable in the weeks leading up to the GCSE examinations.
- All year 11 pupils will receive a careers interview to help keep them focused. There will be an assembly to give them an overview of their options moving forward as well as PSHE lessons focused on thinking about their futures.
- Exam timetable, reports, parents' evening, tutor and Head of Year contact.
- Opportunity for mentoring/buddies for those requiring additional support.
- Online resources provided for extra study support.
- Full timetable of revision clubs and classes held during lunchtimes and after school (starting after Christmas).
- Pastoral support for all pupils (Head of Year, Tutor, Chaplaincy Team, No Limits, Anxiety Workshop, Mental Health Nurse, Counsellors)

Be consistent!



Clear and high expectations of all students

- Behaviour
- Uniform
- Effort
- Attendance
- Attitude to learning
- Behaviour for learning
- Focus and effort in all lessons
- Homework completed and handed in

Well-being



- Encourage your daughter to take part in extra curricular clubs.
- Allow girls time to spend on hobbies or shopping with friends.
- Do not allow the girls to work throughout the night.
- Short, focused revision sessions work better with time for relaxation in between.
- Please let us know if you are worried about your daughter.

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Wednesday
17th October
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6pm-8pm

What do we offer?

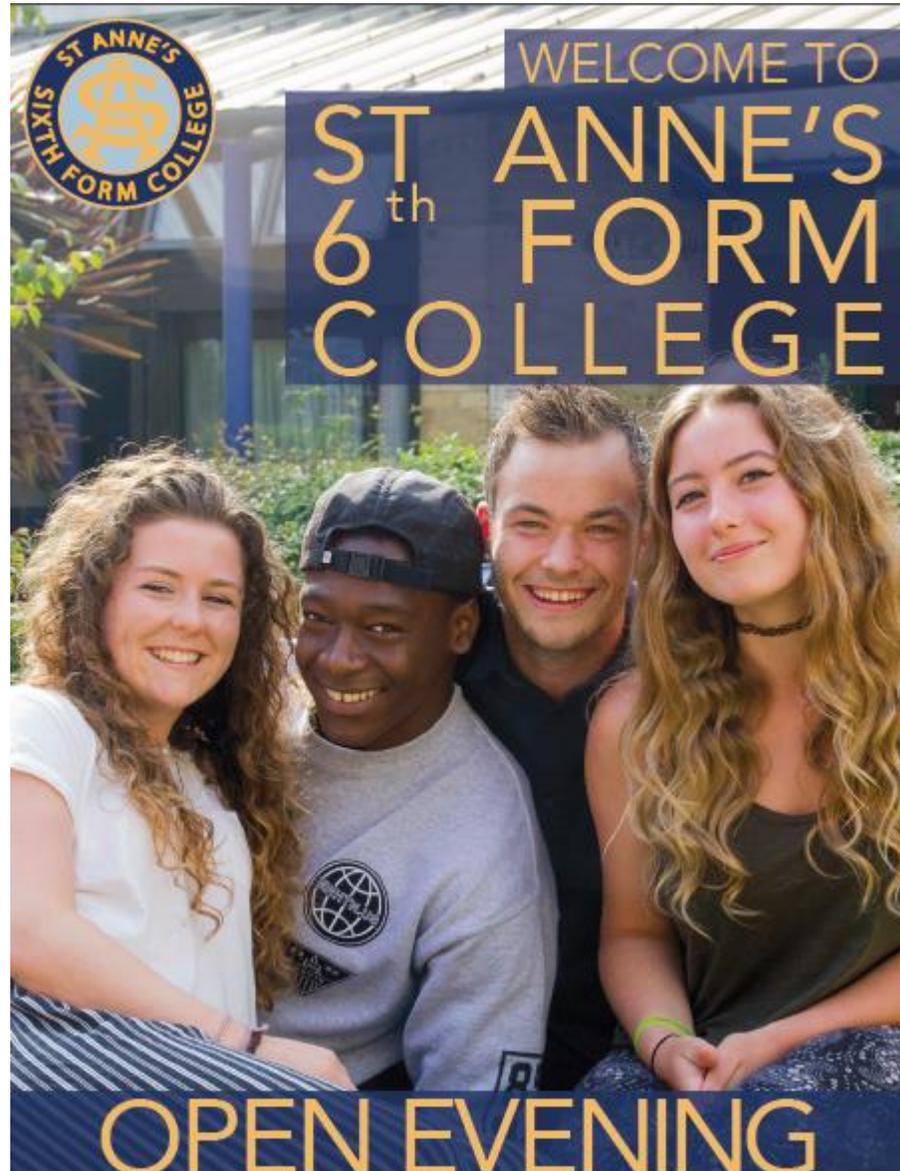


- Art and Design
- Applied Science
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- D&T - Product Design
- D&T - Textiles
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Mathematics - Further
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Travel and Tourism



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Questions?

