

Year 11

Parents/Carers

Information Evening

16th September, 2021

6-7pm



Key dates.....

- Consultation Day – 14th October (appointment time allocated)
- Sixth Form Open Evening – 20th October
- Sixth form application process and taster sessions – Application process begins following open evening - late October/early November 2021
- PPE 1 – w/b 29th November and 6th December
- Year 11 Parents' Evening 20th January
- PPE 2 – w/b 28th Feb & 7th March
- Consultation Day 2 – 24th March (appointment time allocated)

** examination dates tbc.



Exam boards and Revision Guides



| Subject | Exam Board | Revision Guide available /cost | Available in school/Method of payment |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|---|
| GCSE Design Technology | AQA | Yes-already provided to students | |
| GCSE Business Studies | Edexcel | Yes-already provided to students | |
| GCSE Combined Science | AQA (Trilogy) | Yes - CGP Combined Science Book - £9.95 Revision cards £15.99 | No |
| GCSE Computer Science | OCR | Yes - ClearRevise PG Online | Copies available to loan from class teacher |
| GCSE English Language | EDUQAS | Yes - Printable on Google Classroom | See class teacher if struggling to access |
| GCSE English Literature | EDUQAS | Yes - Printable on Google Classroom | See class teacher if struggling to access |
| GCSE Fine Art | AQA | N/A | |
| GCSE Geography | AQA | Yes- £5.50 | Via School Gateway |
| GCSE Graphic Communication | AQA | N/A | |
| GCSE History | Edexcel | Yes - £8.10 | Via School Gateway |
| GCSE Mathematics | Edexcel | Yes - £4 | Via School Gateway |
| GCSE Music | OCR | Yes to borrow from class teacher. | Students encouraged to buy a second hand copy on line. See Miss Birtley for details |
| GCSE Photography | AQA | N/A | |
| GCSE Physical Education | AQA | Yes - £5 | Via School Gateway |
| GCSE Religious Education | Edexcel | Not needed at present | |
| GCSE Spanish | AQA | Yes - £9 | Via School Gateway |
| BTEC Child development | BTEC / Edexcel | Yes - printable resources on Google Classroom | See class teacher if struggling to access |
| BTEC Construction | BTEC/Edexcel | Yes-already provided to students | |
| BTEC Dance | BTEC/Edexcel | N/A | |
| BTEC Health and Social Care | BTEC/ Edexcel | Yes - printable on Google Classroom | See class teacher if struggling to access |
| BTEC Sport | BTEC/Edexcel | Yes-already provided to students | |



Exam information – to be confirmed

- The intention is for formal exams go ahead in 2022, but with some adaptations aimed at making them fairer to pupils who have missed out on parts of their education.
- The Department for Education and Ofqual have completed a consultation proposing a package of measures to help mitigate the impact of disruption to students' education. They have sought views on proposals on the following areas:
- choice of topics in GCSE English Literature, History and choice of content in GCSE Geography
- changes to the requirements for the delivery of practical activities in Science subjects, and assessment in Art and Design
- the provision of advance information on the focus of the content of exams, in the majority of subjects at GCSE
- the provision of support materials in GCSE Mathematics, Physics and Combined Science exams
- Once the outcome of this consultation has been published we will communicate that information.



Exam information – firm decisions

- GCSE English Language – we no longer need to submit an audio-visual recording of students undertaking their spoken language assessments.
- GCSE Geography - the exam boards will not ask questions in written examinations about fieldwork.
- GCSE Spanish - return to formal speaking tests in 2022



How can your child make each week count?



Google Classroom



- **Use the PPE Preparation Booklet as a guide to help plan out revision topics**
- **15 mins, 2 subjects a day**
- **30 minutes a week**

****Use the usual school emails and passwords to access these revision options****





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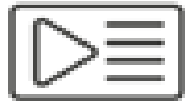
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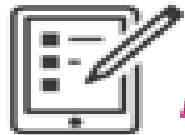
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Use the guides alongside your marked past exam papers to identify areas you need to focus on. Watch the Pods relating to questions you did not do so well on to help fill any knowledge gaps.



My Courses

Keep yourself organised by viewing a list of your upcoming exams in subject or date order. View an exam playlist to see all the Pods relevant to that exam, select the areas you find



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Download the free GCSEPod app in the Apple App Store or in the Android Play Store. Once downloaded, use the apps to access Pods on the go and download

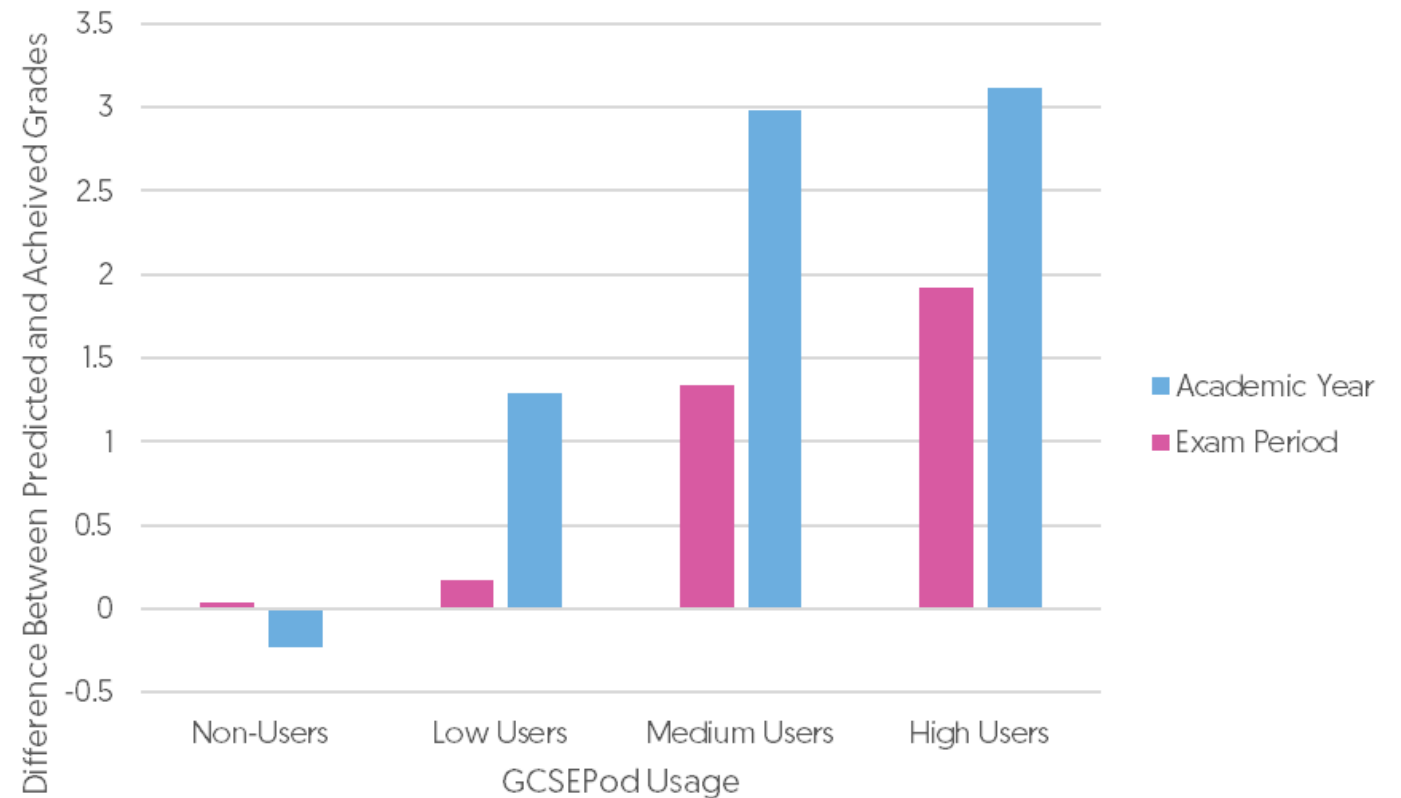
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Revision Strategy of the Week

- Each week for the next ten weeks we will give your child a new revision strategy every Monday in tutorial time
- They should try to use this strategy in at least one of their subjects that week - this will arm them with a number of approaches
- They will find some more useful than others – everyone learns differently
- The essential thing is finding which is most EFFECTIVE for them (not just the one that they like!)



Support and enrichment

In addition to class teacher subject support and form teacher pastoral support in school, there are a variety of opportunities on offer -

- Tutoring opportunities via Tutor the Nation and the National Tutoring programme
- Academic mentoring with the Year team
- The 'Bright Leaders' course – a provision which supports the development of key leadership skills
- Opportunities to form the very first student leadership group – who have an active voice in the development of Thornleigh
- All students will be offered a careers appointment with our dedicated careers advisor



Sixth form application process

- Your child will be receiving support with this on a weekly basis during their form tutorial sessions. Sixth form teachers will be leading on this, talking your child through the application process.
- Further information will be given to your child about post 16 options and opportunities in Year Group assemblies.
- Taster sessions will also be delivered to give your child an insight into some KS5 subjects they have not had access to at KS4 e.g. Economics, Psychology, Criminology, Sociology and Performing Arts.
- The deadline for the application will be January 30th 2022. This will allow students time to have received some progress data from their PPEs to allow them to make the most informed decision.



Sixth form open evening

- Wednesday 20th October 2021 5pm-7pm
- Ask questions of staff and students - General entrance requirements to Thornleigh Sixth Form - 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, however some subjects have specific entrance requirements eg. A level Mathematics requires a grade 7 at GCSE
- Further information is available on the Sixth Form area of the website.
- [SIXTH FORM VIDEO](#)

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Other Sixth form Open Evenings



The Sixth Form Bolton (previously known as Bolton Sixth Form)

- Saturday 9th October 10.30-1.30pm
- Wednesday 24th November 5.30-7.30pm
- Tuesday 25th January 5.30-7.30pm



- Wednesday 6th October 5.30pm- 7.30pm
- Tuesday 12th October 5.30pm-7.30pm
- Saturday 20th November 11am -1pm



- Tuesday 19th October 5pm- 8pm
- Wednesday 17th November 5pm- 8pm
- Thursday 9th December 5pm- 8pm

- All providers have a virtual experience on their website
- All require prior registration for attendance at the open evenings on the relevant website.



Consultation Day

- 14th October 2021– you will have your own appointment time
- Opportunity for you to discuss the next steps for your child and talk through their first few weeks in Year 11
- Information will also be provided about the PPE cycle in November/December

