



Y10 INTO Y11 EVENING

THURSDAY 17TH JULY (6PM-7PM)

Y10 Achievement Evening Agenda

- Issuing of GCSE Mock Exam results
- Important information on embarking on Year 11 study (Mr Watkin)
- Changes to the Year 11 curriculum and expectations (Mr Watkin)
- College application information (Mrs Stokes)





Important information on embarking on Year 11 Study

- Mr Watkin

Shift in Focus of Year 11 Teachers

- Your child has been made aware of the focus and determination of Year 11 Teachers and the increased expectations in this important year.
- This energy is to be matched by students to stand the best possible change of success in GCSE studies.

The Importance of Teachers

- Naturally, children will 'like' some teachers more than others. It has been explained that regardless of relationships, the Teacher is partly responsible for all information that goes towards securing a College place.
- Every Year 11 Teacher will be separately issuing a predicted grade directly to College.
- Remember that a full suite of subjects is looked at to show all-round-ness. Simply doing well in a select few doesn't demonstrate commitment to study and education – something with College Principals are looking for.

Key Staff that form our Year 11 Team

- **Ms Hallsworth** is the Head of Year 11. She has vast experience in the entire Year 11 process and will be a key point of contact throughout the Year.
- **Mr Whitworth and Mr Frisby** have recently been appointed as Assistant Headteachers and will be attached to Year 11.
- **Ms Stokes (Assistant Headteacher) and Ms Dunkerley (Associate Leader)** are attached to Year 11 for College Application process support.
- **Mr Watkin (Headteacher)** is also linked to Year 11 as well as teaching some qualification groups. You'll be bombarded with communication and updates through the year.

Extension of the School Day

- After Half-Term 1, Year 11 students will be required to attend Period 6 sessions from 3pm-4pm. Mr Watkin has been sharing this information for a good 6 months so this shouldn't be a surprise to anyone. Failure to attend has negative impacts on attitude to learning (ATL).

Coursework Element Qualifications

- Some students have received official notification letters/contracts where there is lack of work/effort.
- Coursework subjects are 60% of the overall grade. Throwing this down the drain is throwing the entire qualification/s away.
- These are to be seen as serious action points – for students and families.

Home-School Communication

- We make no apologies for the increased volume of communication you will receive in this final year. We are proud that our home-school communication supersedes other schools and this increases even more as we enter our child's most important year. You'll have the pleasure of direct texts, emails and letters from Mr Watkin.
- Families are reminded that the 'My Child at School' App and the 'ClassCharts App' are the main 2 sources of important information about your child. Reports will be attached from next year instead of the previous ways we have sent these home.



Issuing of Mock Results

Key Areas to Note

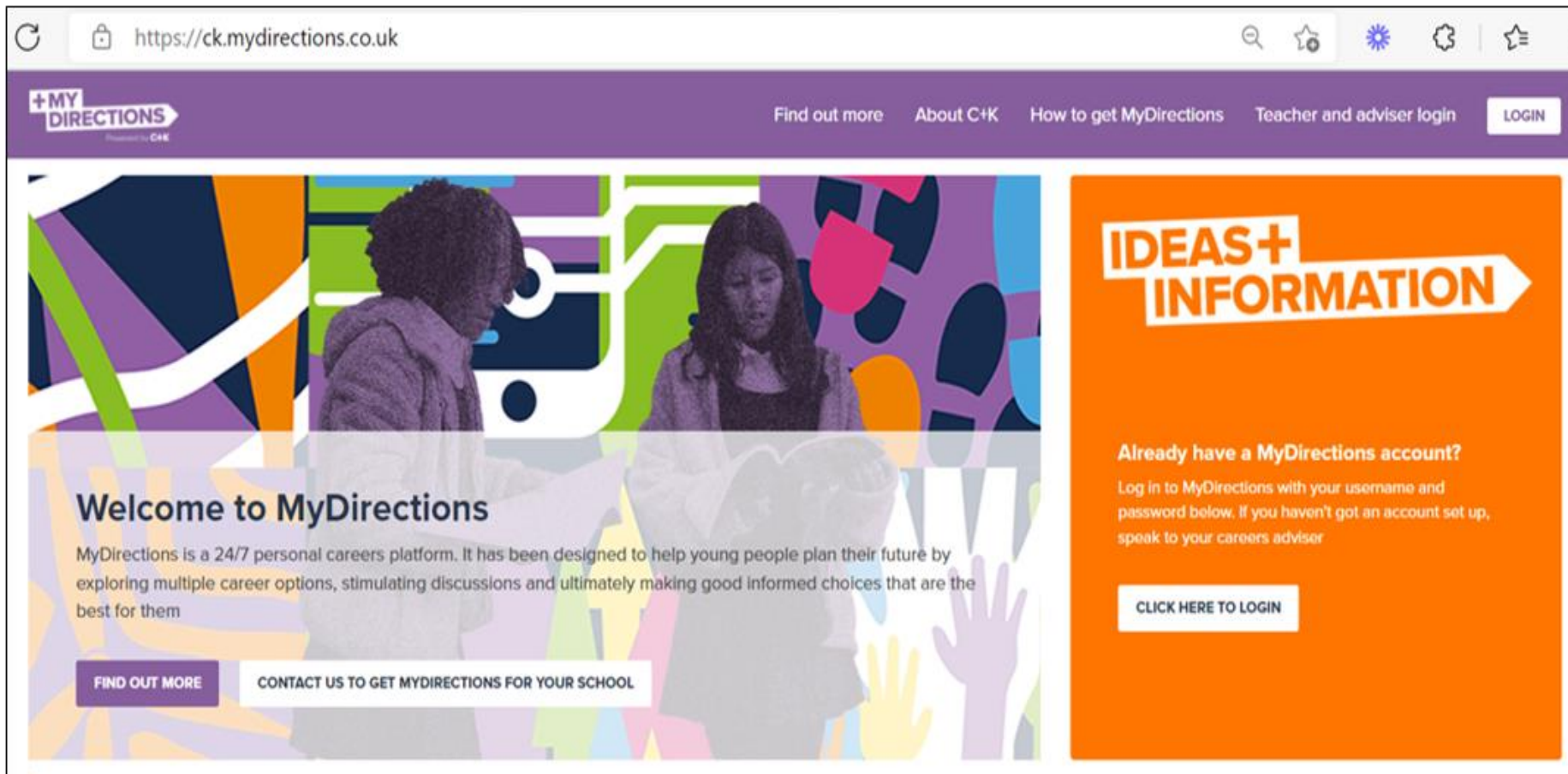
- These Mock grades are the first set of 'full' Mock Exams in all subjects. You will have another 2 Mocks next year (Term 1 (Winter) & Term 2 (Spring)).
- After each set of Mock results, you will get a table that shows your incremental progress and this will form (part of) your Teachers' decisions when issuing College predictions in Term 1 next year.
- After every set of Mock Exams, there will be an Achievement Evening where families are expected to be involved in our journey **together**.
- Students have completed a Mock already this year in Core Subjects and these will be shown on your Mock results papers.
- You have already completed a set of Mocks for English, Maths and Science. Note that the grades may have gone down between Mock 1 and Mock 2. The reason for this is because more units have been studied since which may have changed in terms of difficulty.



College Application Information

- Mrs Stokes

In school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students have been introduced to My Directions this summer term and should have logged in and begun to complete an online version of their generic CV, which will then be tweaked to suit each application to the different colleges.
Kirklees College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of courses available, students pick one subject to study. Requirements vary depending on the course level, check college website for more information. Full-time courses and apprenticeship training available. • Open days: TBC (usually in October/November/December). • Students apply in November/December, interviews take place January onwards.
Huddersfield New College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will need 3 GCSEs at grade 5, 2 GCSEs at grade 4 and passes in maths and English to study A levels. For vocational qualifications, students will need GCSEs at grades 4 including maths/English (see website for full details). Students can study A-levels, vocational qualifications or a mix of both. • Open events: Sat 11 Oct, 9.30am-3.30pm; Weds 12 Nov 5.30-8.30pm. • Application deadline 12 December. Taster lessons in Feb 2026 for students who have applied. Interviews usually in February or March.
Greenhead College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require minimum of GCSE grade 6 in 3 subjects and grade 4 in maths and English. • Open events: Sat 4 Oct, 9.30am-2.30pm (first hour is 'quiet' hour); Thurs 13 Nov 5.30-8.30pm. • Application deadline: 1 December. Interviews take place in school around February.
Creative & Media Studio School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative courses (art, graphics, photography, media, performing arts) and other subjects available (business, criminology, English, early years). • Require GCSE grade 4 in 5 subjects including English and maths. Open days: TBC
College offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's recommended that students accept all offers they receive from colleges. Students can apply to numerous colleges and accept all offers. • Some students apply to other colleges or sixth forms e.g. Mirfield College, Calderdale College, Leeds College of Building.
Careers advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Year 11 students will meet with the careers adviser to discuss college or apprenticeship options. The careers adviser can help with choosing college subjects, look at different careers, help with apprenticeship applications, CVs etc.



MY DIRECTIONS IS A 24/7 personal careers platform. It is designed to help young people plan their future by exploring multiple career options, stimulating discussions and making informed choices.

TO LOG-IN: <https://ck.mydirections.co.uk>

Username: Your school email address

Password: 12345678