

Year 10 Success

Evening 1

Thursday 13th November 6pm - 7pm

Academic Calendar & Key Deadlines

Understanding Qualifications

Understanding Mock Exams

Race to Exceptional Initiative

Careers & Work Experience



YOUR SELLING POINTS: **EMPLOYABILITY**



YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURE

How you can evidence that you attend and value education – your reliability!

YOUR CLASSCHARTS PROFILE

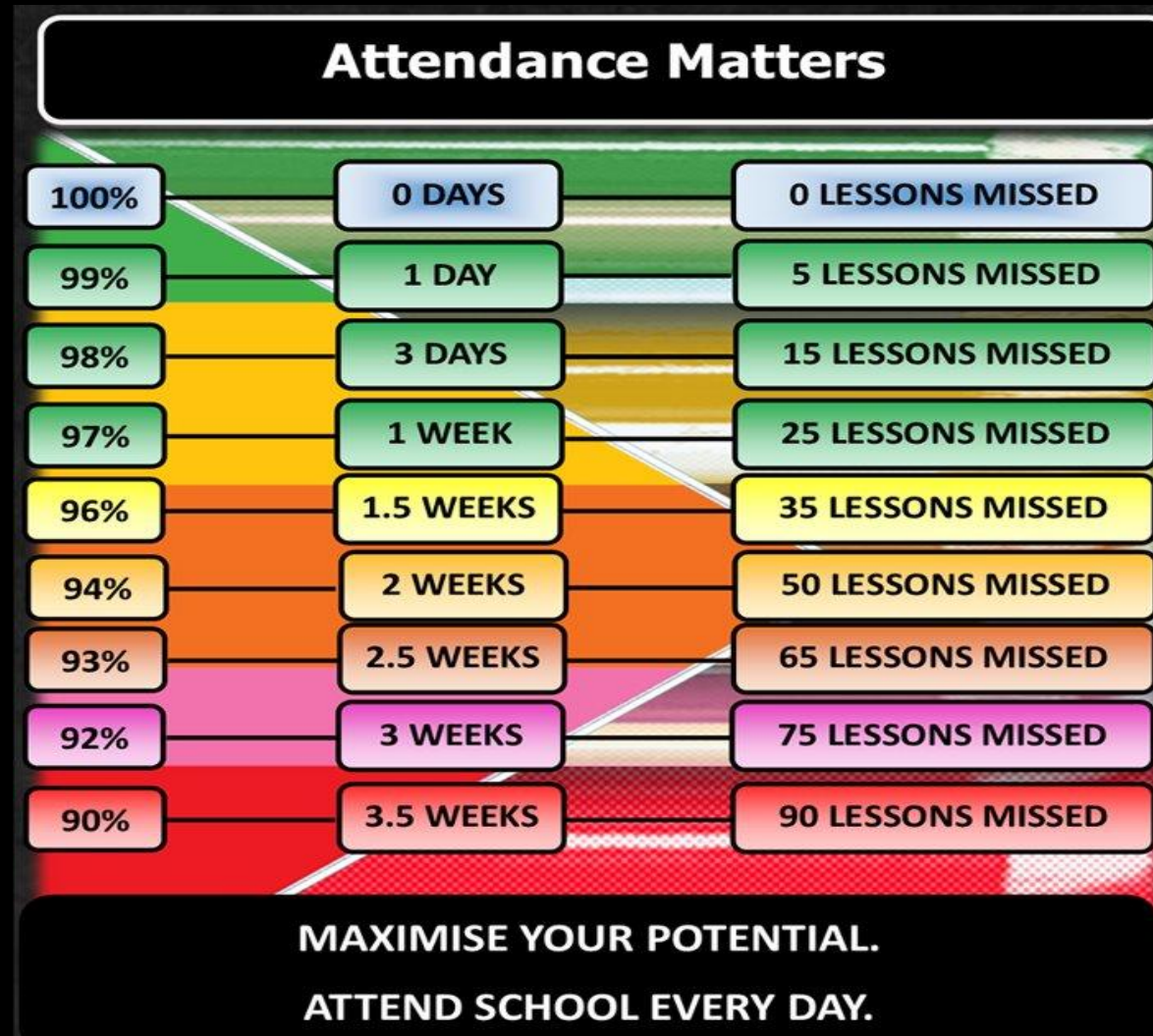
How you can evidence that you value and respect education – your attitude in life!

YOUR PERSONAL SKILLS & QUALITIES

How you can evidence the rewards, extra commitments and how much you can talk confidently about yourself.

General Expectations

✓ Attendance matters



Remember the impact that a low attendance figure has on College applications and life chances!



Calendar & Deadlines



6 WEEKS

UNTIL 2 WEEKS
CHRISTMAS BREAK

0 WEEKS

UNTIL Y11 MOCK 4

13 WEEKS

UNTIL Y10 GCSE
MOCKS
9TH FEB

22 WEEKS

UNTIL GCSE Y11
EXAMS START
5TH MAY

32 WEEKS (+39)

UNTIL THE END OF
SCHOOL YEAR

HOLIDAY INSET Y6 TRANSITION

2025					2026						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
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WE
ARE
HERE



YEAR 10
GCSE EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THIS
YEAR TO SUPPORT
YOUR CHILD

YEAR 10 GCSE SUCCESS EVENINGS

ENSURING THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD

Dear Families

Following on from last years' family GCSE sessions there will be several further events throughout this year to prepare your child for success in their GCSE's. This year, there will be a Mock result-issuing session after every set of Mock exams and there will also be general information giving at several points throughout the year. Starting with today.

Event 1 HT2 – Thurs. 13th November - 6pm - 7pm	Intro to GCSE Year - Preparation for Mocks - Race to Exceptional Initiative - Work Experience
Event 2 Thursday 26th February 5pm-6pm	February Mock results and Parents' Evening - Information sharing and understanding results - How to support your child further
Event 3 Monday 18th May 5pm - 6pm	Work Experience preparation (w/c 8th June) - Final prep for Work Experience - How to support your child further
Event 4 Thursday 9th July (5pm – 6pm)	June Mock results Exam timings and protocol



Understanding Qualifications & Mock Exams



The Importance of Rules and Regulations...

I received an email during week 2 of the summer holidays following an email from AQA.

A student had:

- Doodled on the bottom of the page.
- Answered a question inappropriately.

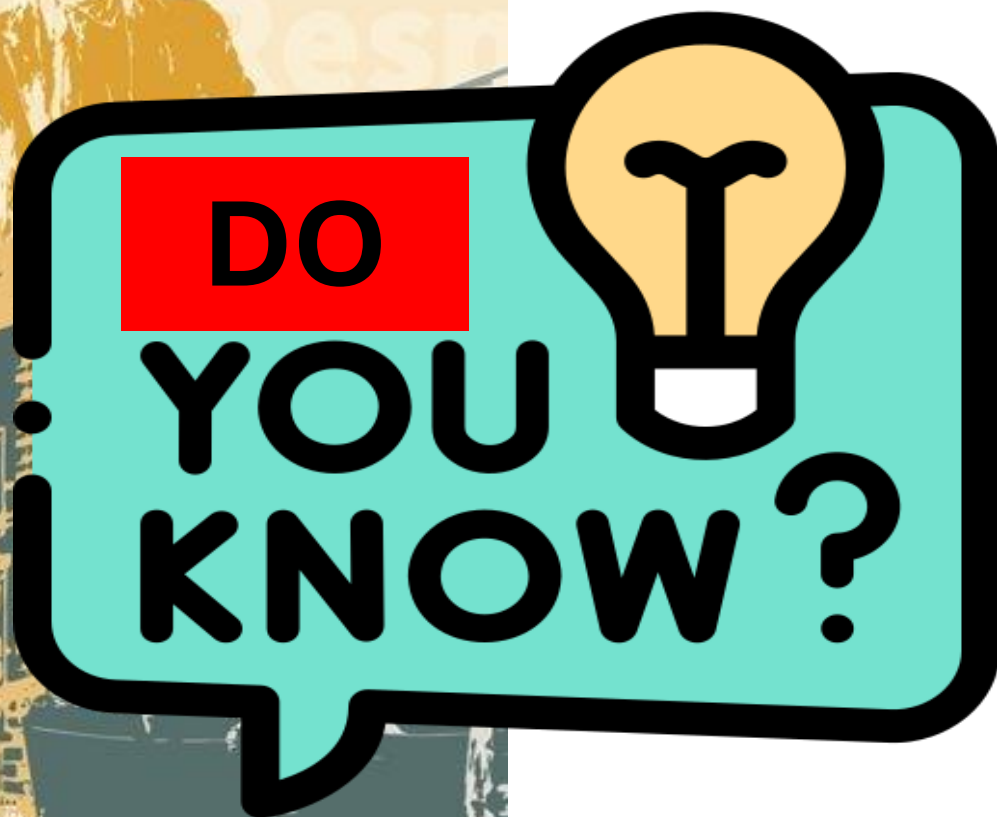
What happened next...

- ✓ Please make sure you know your exam board qualifications.
- ✓ Make sure you know your **current grades** from Summer Mocks.
- ✓ Know your **coursework grades** that have been 'banked' for vocational qualifications.
- ✓ **GCSE Y10 Mock 1** – Starting 9th February
- ✓ **Y109 Work Experience** – W/C 8th June
- ✓ **GCSE Y10 Mock 2** – Starting 18th June

QUALIFICATIONS	
• ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA • ENGLISH LITERATURE – AQA • FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH LEVEL 2 - AQA • STEP UP TO ENGLISH - AQA	
• MATHS (HIGHER) - AQA • MATHS (FOUNDATION) - AQA • ENTRY LEVEL MATHS - AQA	
• BIOLOGY - AQA • CHEMISTRY - AQA • PHYSICS - AQA • COMBINED SCIENCE TRILOGY - AQA • ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE - AQA	
• GERMAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL • FRENCH - PEARSON EDEXCEL • ARABIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL • HISTORY - PEARSON EDEXCEL • ITALIAN - AQA • PERSIAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL • SPANISH – AQA • PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT BEEN ENTERED FOR A HOME LANGUAGE	
• GEOGRAPHY – AQA • RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AQA • HISTORY - AQA • ENTRY LEVEL GEOGRAPHY – OCR • ENTRY LEVEL HISTORY - OCR	
• BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE – NCFE • COMPUTING (DIT) - PEARSON EDEXCEL • TRAVEL & TOURISM - PEARSON EDEXCEL • MEDIA - PEARSON EDEXCEL	
• ART & DESIGN (ART, CRAFT & DESIGN) - AQA • ART & DESIGN (PHOTOGRAPHY) - AQA • MUSIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL • FOOD & COOKERY – NCFE • HEALTH & FITNESS – NCFE • PHOTOGRAPHY – AQA • PERFORMING ARTS – WJEC	

✓ **Remember to know your exam boards** and what you have 'banked'. I can't stress enough that you need to know these to plan for success.

✓ **We will go through each one now as a reminder for you all.**



✓ **Changes to some exam boards.**

✓ **Deadlines for coursework.**

✓ **Organisation!**

Year 10/11

Students must equip themselves with the exam board that will be followed when taking their GCSEs.

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA
- ENGLISH LITERATURE - AQA
- **FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH LEVEL 2 - AQA**
- **STEP UP TO ENGLISH - AQA**

- MATHS (HIGHER) - AQA
- **MATHS (FOUNDATION) - AQA**
- ENTRY LEVEL MATHS - AQA

- BIOLOGY - AQA
- CHEMISTRY - AQA
- PHYSICS - AQA
- COMBINED SCIENCE TRILOGY - AQA
- **ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE - AQA**

- GERMAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- FRENCH - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- ARABIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- HISTORY - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- ITALIAN - AQA
- PERSIAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- SPANISH - AQA

- GEOGRAPHY - AQA
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES - AQA
- HISTORY - AQA
- **ENTRY LEVEL GEOGRAPHY - OCR**
- **ENTRY LEVEL HISTORY - OCR**

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- **PHOTOGRAPHY - AQA**

Readiness for Exams

You can be disqualified from exam boards for malpractice, which includes actions like using unauthorized materials (e.g., mobile phones), copying work, plagiarism, collusion, or sharing/obtaining confidential exam information. Being late for an exam can also lead to work not being accepted. Consequences for malpractice range from losing marks to being disqualified from a specific paper or even an entire qualification.

Examples of Malpractice and Rule-Breaking

- **Unauthorized Materials:** Bringing mobile phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices into the exam room is a common cause for penalties and disqualification.
- **Plagiarism and Copying:** Submitting work that is not your own, or allowing your work to be copied by others, can lead to penalties.
- **Collusion:** Helping other students with their work or allowing others to help you with yours.
- **Cheating:** Engaging in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
- **Sharing Information:** Revealing details about exam questions before an exam, whether you think they are real or fake, or failing to report such information.
- **Security Breaches:** Breaches of exam security can also constitute malpractice.
- **Breach of Exam Conditions:** Failing to follow the rules for the exam, such as being on time.

Consequences of Malpractice

If you are suspected of malpractice, an investigation will be launched. Consequences vary and can include:

- **Losing marks:** on a specific paper.
- **Being disqualified:** from one or more exams.
- **Losing your entire qualification:** or certification opportunity.



Access Arrangements

What are access arrangements?

Definition:

Adjustments made for students who need extra support during assessments / exams so everyone has a fair chance to succeed.

Examples of who might need it:

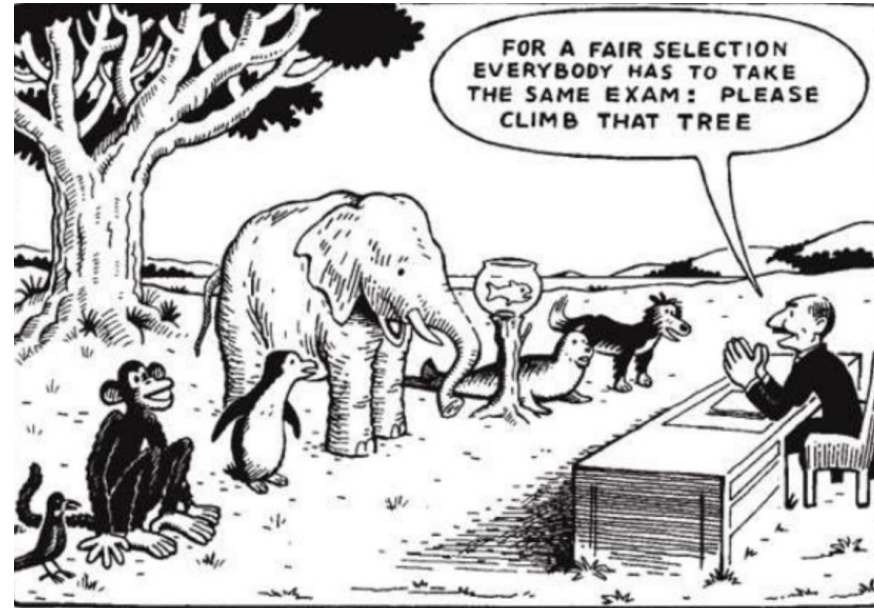
- Students with learning difficulties
- Physical or sensory impairments
- Long-term medical conditions



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Why do they exist?

- To ensure fairness
- To remove barriers without giving an unfair advantage
- So all students can show what they really know



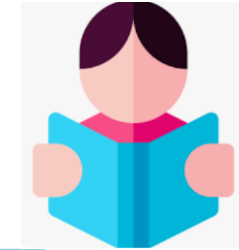
“Fair doesn’t mean everyone gets the same. Fair means everyone gets what they need to succeed.”

Types of Access Arrangements

- Extra time (e.g. 25%)



- Reader or reading software



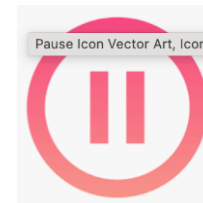
- Scribe or speech-to-text



- Modified papers (large print, coloured paper, Braille)



- Rest breaks



- Use of a laptop



How are they decided?



Based on evidence:

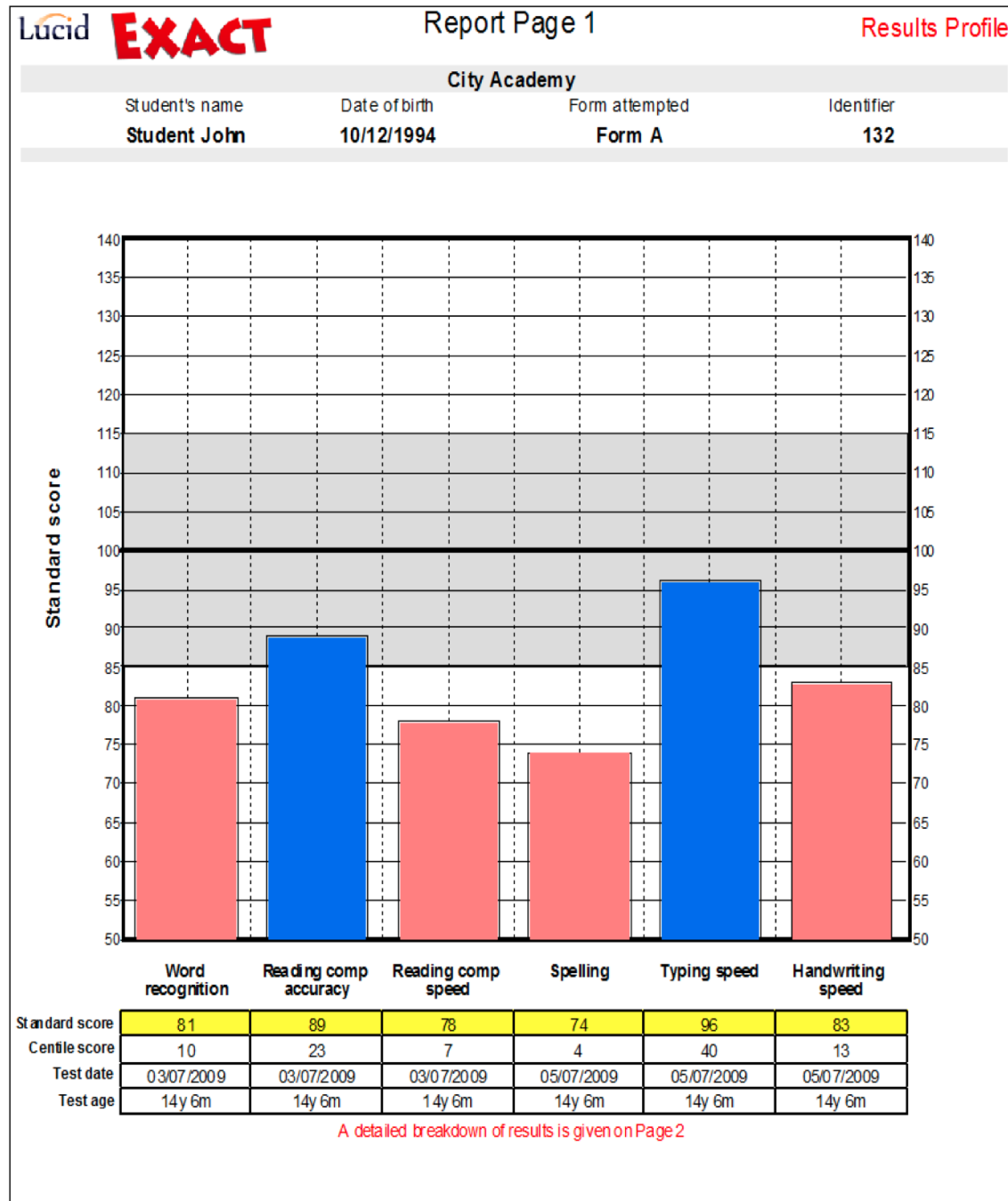
- Educational psychologist or specialist teacher assessments

- History of need (e.g. long-term use in class)

Schools apply to exam boards on your behalf

Not automatic – there has to be a valid reason

Note: Teachers can help identify if you need support



Common Questions

Question	Answer
Can I get access arrangements for every subject?	Yes, if you qualify for access arrangements you will have them in all subject exams (with the odd exception)
Will other students know I have them?	Yes, but it is absolutely not something to be embarrassed about.
Will it affect my grades?	It will only benefit them
Can I use them in mocks too?	Yes, it has to be your normal way of working and so need to be used in all assessments if you qualify.
I have a diagnosis of dyslexia, does that mean I get extra time?	No, it doesn't. It is extra evidence but school has to do their own testing.
Does it mean I have special needs if I have access arrangements?	No. There are many high achieving students that have extra time.
If I qualify for extra time, do I have to take it?	Yes, it is there to help you! Use it wisely.



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Careers & Work Experience



CAREERS



- Work Experience from Monday to Friday, the 8th-12th June 2026
- Working with [NYBEP](#)
- Letters sent in July and November (on website)
- All students and parents have access to the padlet - 'Connect'
- Instructions on Microsoft Teams
- Student Guide on Microsoft Teams
- Getting a work placement
- Find a placement by 12.12.25
- All employers **MUST** agree to the student's placement and have Employers Liability Insurance



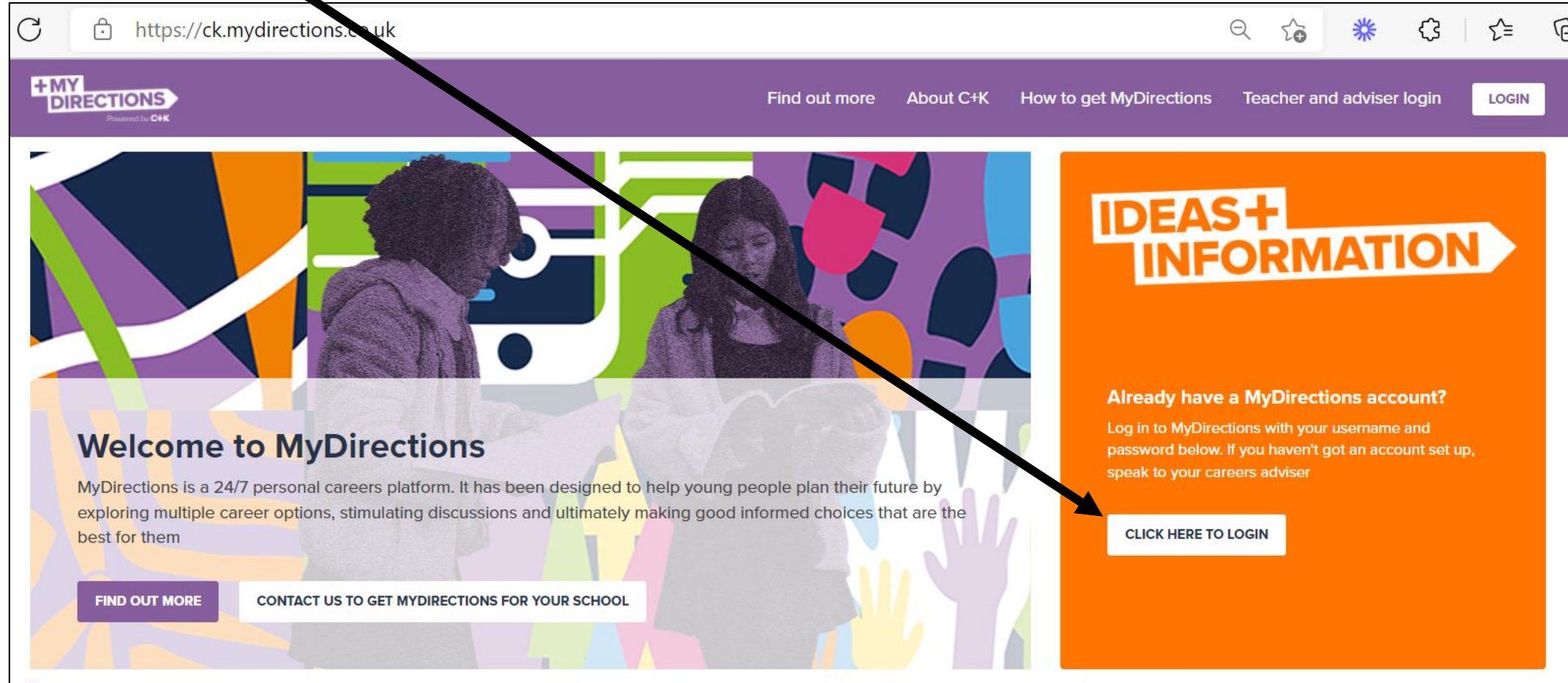
Student Guide

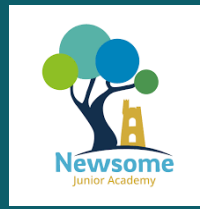
INCLUDES:

- How do I choose my own placement?
- How can I find my own placement?
- How do I make contact with a company?
- Guide to writing your email
- Preparing for an interview
- How can parents help?
- Padlet
- Accessing Connect and uploading your placement

All students also have access to  - another free resource they can access to help draft a CV!

Go to <https://ck.mydirections.co.uk> and click on the login button in the orange box. Password is set to 12345678, change it when you log in





Employers



Students have already engaged with and secured work placements with over 40 employers!





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WEBSITE



All information from weekly seminars to vital information, revision links and letters, can all be found on the Academy website:

[Newsome Academy website](#)

and gets sent to ALL Yr 10 parents/carers every week – please take the time to read through it!

Today we have external employers volunteering to carry out mock interviews with our Year 10s - what a wonderful career opportunity!



Thank you!



Race to Exceptional Initiative

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Preparing for Success



YEAR 10

Home Run

Sprint to success



YEAR 11

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YEAR 10 GCSE STRATEGY

ORGANISATION | PREPARATION | MOTIVATION

Mentorship Materials

1. Self-Development 'Think Activity'
2. Mentorship 'Think Activity'
3. Period 6 Register
4. Qualification Breakdown Checker
5. GCSE Revision Tracker
6. Revision Timetable 1 (Nov)
7. Revision Timetable 2 (March)
8. Revision Timetable 3 (Actual)
9. Achievement Tracker
10. ATL Tracker
11. Intervention Logger