

# Year 10

## GCSE Success Evening

Monday 11th May 5 pm – 6 pm



*Academic Calendar & Key Deadlines - KST*

*Understanding Qualifications & Mock Exams - DWA*

*Understanding Next Steps for Work Experience - NRA*

*Understanding Work Experience Expectations - KST*

*Race to Exceptional Initiative - KST*

*Head Student & Head Prefect Application Process - KST*

# 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.



Whole School – 93.84%	
Year Group	Attendance
<b>7</b>	<b>94.99</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>93.64</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>93.54</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>93.55</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>93.45</b>





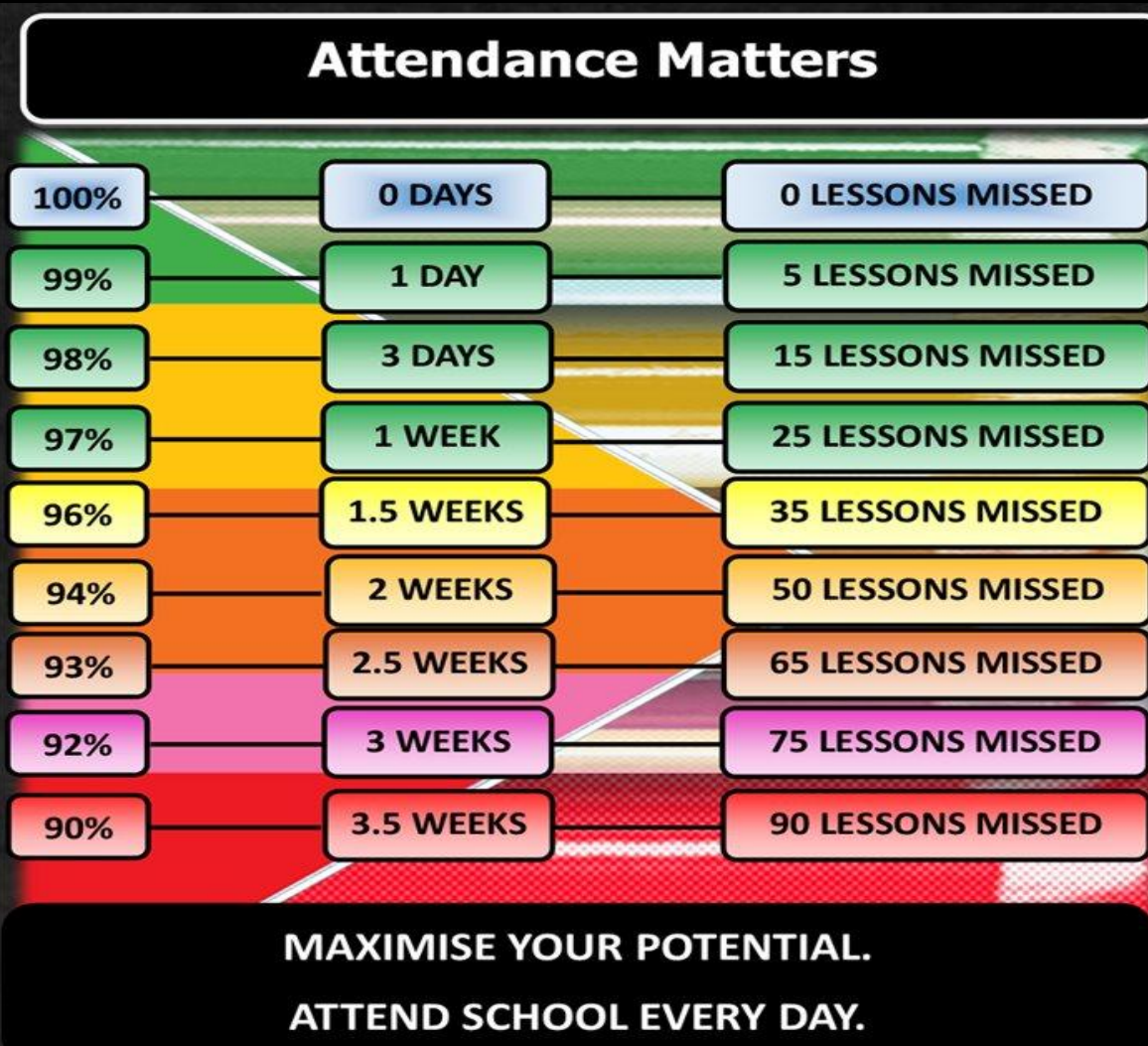
Year 10		93.55%
Team	Attendance %	Rank
AMC	93.75	3
CBR	89.53	5
GAU	96.63	2
IPA	93.00	4
LDE	93.00	4
<b>TAM</b>	<b>97.60</b>	<b>1</b>



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# General Expectations

✓ Attendance matters



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



# *Calendar & Deadlines*

# HOLIDAY INSET Y6 TRANSITION

2025					2026						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Fr	1 Mo <sup>36</sup>	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo <sup>49</sup>	1 Th <sup>New Year's Day</sup>	1 Su	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo <sup>23</sup>	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Mo <sup>6</sup>	2 Mo <sup>10</sup>	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Su	3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo <sup>45</sup>	3 We	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu	3 Fr <sup>Good Friday</sup>	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Mo <sup>32</sup>	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su	4 We	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo <sup>Early May Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>19</sup>	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo <sup>2</sup>	5 Th	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <sup>41</sup>	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Fr	6 Mo <sup>Easter Monday</sup> <sup>5</sup>	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <sup>28</sup>
7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Fr	8 Mo <sup>37</sup>	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo <sup>50</sup>	8 Th	8 Su	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo <sup>24</sup>	8 We
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Mo <sup>7</sup>	9 Mo <sup>11</sup>	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th
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25 Mo <sup>August Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>35</sup>	25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th <sup>Christmas Day</sup>	25 Su	25 We	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo <sup>Spring Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>22</sup>	25 Th	25 Sa
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**WE ARE HERE**



**2 WEEKS**

UNTIL MAY HALF-TERM

**4 WEEKS**

UNTIL YR 10 START WORK EXPERIENCE

**8TH MAY**



**9 SCHOOL WEEKS**

UNTIL THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR



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**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.

<b>Event 1</b> HT2 – Thurs. 13th November - 5pm - 6pm	<b>Intro to GCSE Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation for Mocks</li><li>• Race to Exceptional Initiative</li><li>• Work Experience</li></ul>
<b>Event 2</b> Thursday 5th March 5pm-6pm	<b>February Mock results and Parents' Evening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information sharing and understanding results</li><li>• How to support your child further</li></ul>
<b>Event 3</b> Monday 11th May 5pm - 6pm	<b>Work Experience preparation ( w/c 8th June)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final prep for Work Experience</li><li>• How to support your child further</li></ul>
<b>Event 4</b> Thursday 9th July (5pm – 6pm)	<b>June Mock results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exam timings and protocol</li></ul>

# Entering the 'Home Run'

We take EVERY child's success very seriously and with this comes a distinct shift in their final year...

1. Exam Information
2. Changes for next year
3. Tracking Progress
4. Buy-in from families
5. Key Contacts





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# Qualification Information

## Coursework 'banked' grades'

- All students should know about the courses their child is studying. Many of these courses include C/W completion in Y10.

## Access Arrangements

- Should there be ANY element of concern or barrier for disadvantage, we should know!

## Mock Exams (1x3)

- End of year Mocks this year and Y11 Mocks.



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# Changes for Next Year

## 6 Periods Per Day (8:40am-4:00pm)

- Arrangements should be made for this additional time.
- **Access Arrangements**
  - Should there be ANY element of concern or barrier for disadvantage, we should know!
- **Mock Exams (1x3)**
  - End of year Mocks this year (Y10) and Y11 Mocks. Know what journey your child is on and speak to us.



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# Tracking Progress

## Target Grades

- First time in 2 years schools have worked with SATS. ALL families should know their child's 'minimum' progress target.

## 'Live' Correspondence

- It is imperative that families communicate with Curriculum Leaders.

## What Colleges Say and what Employment Says

- 'Standard' compared to 'strong' in terms of GCSE.

Legacy GCSE Grades		New GCSE Grades	
A*		D*2	9
A		D2	8
B		M2	6
C		P2	4
D		P1	3
E			2
F			1
G			U
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# Buy-in From Families

## Communication

- You will see an even greater level of this on a daily and weekly basis!

## Challenge

- Although stress is increased, we also will enhance challenge to families to ensure aspiration is unapologetically high from school.

## Preparation!

- More than ever before, Y10 families have known about our arrangements for the most important year in 'our' child's life!



# Key Contacts

## Head of Year

- Ms Fletcher

## Senior Leadership

- Mr Whitworth (Assistant Headteacher)
- Mr Frisby (Assistant Headteacher)
- Mr Watkin (Headteacher)

## Curriculum Leaders

- Heads of Departments
- SENDCO



- ✓ Targets
- ✓ GCSE Evenings
- ✓ EoY Exams
  
- ✓ Ensuring knowledge of 'banked' scores and the types of qualifications being studied – check KO.



*Work Experience*



# Getting you prepared for Work experience



Turning potential into possibility



# Why Work Experience Matters



Work Experience is a great chance to gain an insight into the world of work and gain essential skills for your future.

What skills will I gain?



 Communication:  
Speaking and Listening 


 Problem Solving  
and Aiming High 



 Resilience and  
Staying Positive 

 Teamwork and  
Leadership 

 Negotiation  
and Creativity

 Understanding the varied  
job roles within  
a business. 

 Time Management and  
Attention to Detail 

 Decision making  
and taking risks. 

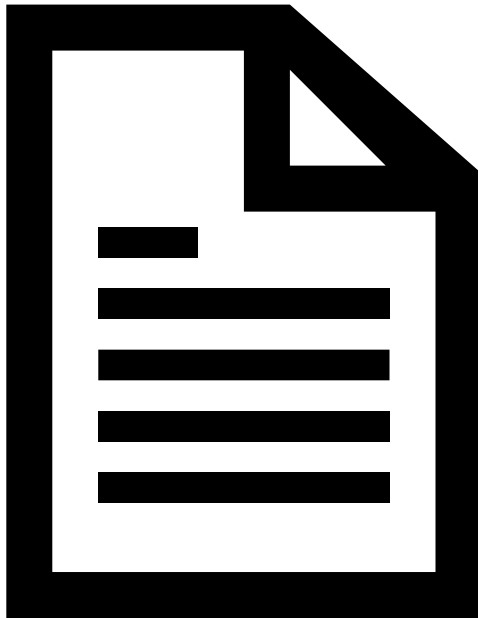
# What do you need to do now?

As it is getting closer to your work experience, there are specific things that need to be done...

- Make contact with the employer – have you contacted the organisation you are going to be working with?
- Find out timings – make sure you know what date and time you are set to start your experience and when your working day finishes
- What to wear – it is important to make sure you have all the required clothing depending on where you will be working.



# Where to find your pre-placement letter



- Your pre-placement letter is important to have and is located in your school email inbox.

This letter will contain information such as:

- Placement dates
- Named contact and contact details for the person
- What needs to be discussed before placement starts
- What your employer should provide you with
- A timetable of timings for the dates of placement

# What to do if...

- **You are unwell** – if you are unwell, it is important to let your employer know as soon as you can as well as letting the school know, like you would on a normal school day.
- **Medical appointments** – if you have a medical appointment during your work experience, it is important to let the employer know. This allows you to take the necessary time off and ensure they are aware of your whereabouts for health & safety reasons.
- **You are running late** – being late can happen for various reasons, but it is important to let your employer know as soon as possible. This way, they know you are on your way & can expect your arrival a little later than planned.

# What should parents/carers do?

It is important that parents and carers know what to do when different things happen as well as the students! This can include...

- **How the student is getting to placement** – it is important to know how they are getting to and from the place of work to ensure they are safe and are arriving on time.
- **If the student is unwell or has a medical appointment** – it is important to contact both the employer and school for health and safety reasons, if the student is unwell or attending a medical appointment, so everyone knows where the student is for the day.
- **Any questions that may need to be asked** – it is important to ask the school and / or the employer, that the student is working with, if there are any questions or worries regarding the placement.

# Workplace expectations

When going into a professional work environment, it is important to work safely and follow the company's guidelines. Some of these may be...

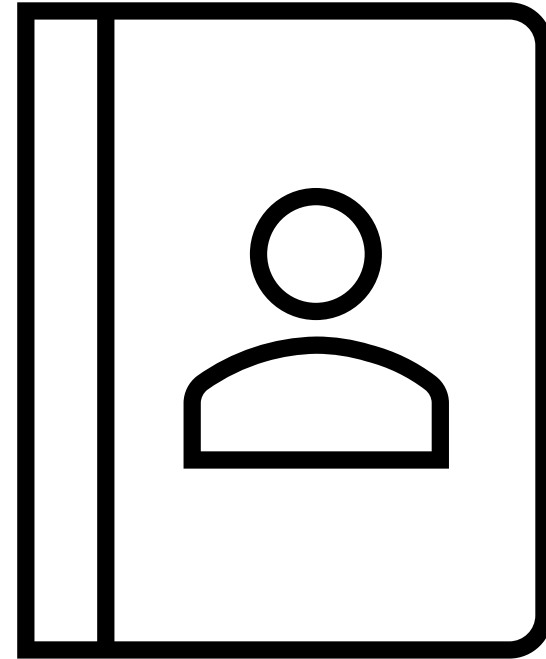
Be polite, respectful and professional with everyone

Communicate clearly

Be honest, reliable and trustworthy

Report hazards, accidents, or unsafe behaviour immediately

Ask questions when unsure (no question is a silly question!)



# Post-Placement

- Once you have finished your work experience placement it is important to fill in your feedback that will be sent to you.
- It is also important to record any skills used during your placement to include in the future in documents such as your CV, personal statement, application forms and also interviews!

ANY QUESTIONS?



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# Student Guide



## Finally, some top tips to make the most of your work placement:

- Keep busy and show enthusiasm
- Be helpful and cheerful
- Do ask questions if you are UNSURE
- Take responsibility
- Be punctual and dress appropriately
- Use your initiative
- Believe in yourself
- Make the most of the opportunity and enjoy it



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# ATTENDANCE



**Ms Fletcher: Awarding 20 reward points for every full day attended towards the end 'mystery prize'**

**Ms Sykes: Attendance checks**

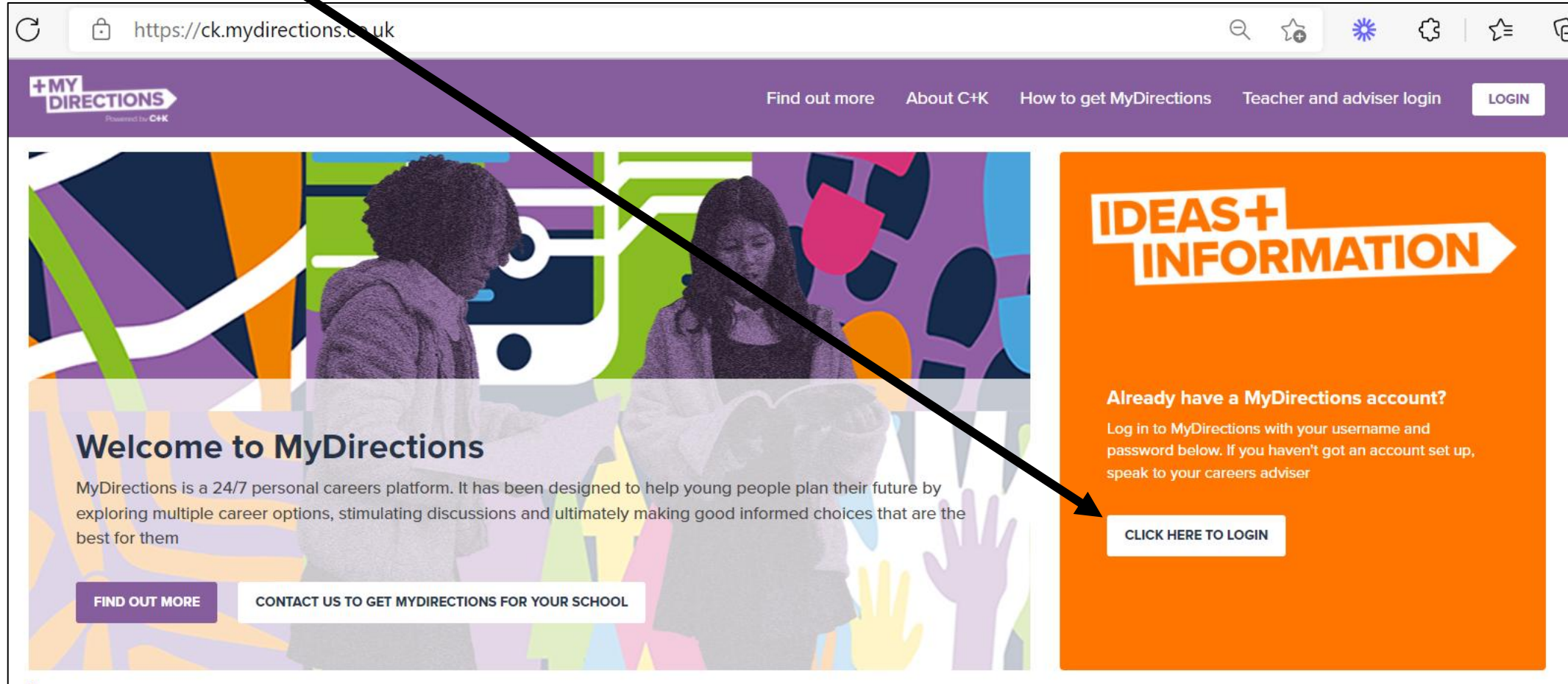
**SLT/Team leaders: phone checks /physical visits**

**Certificate of completion for PD folders**

**Thank you letters to employers**

**MOCKS begin Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2026**

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the MyDirections website. The browser's address bar displays <https://ck.mydirections.co.uk>. The website header features the MyDirections logo (powered by C+K) and navigation links: "Find out more", "About C+K", "How to get MyDirections", "Teacher and adviser login", and a "LOGIN" button. The main content area is split into two sections. The left section, titled "Welcome to MyDirections", describes the platform as a 24/7 personal careers platform and includes two buttons: "FIND OUT MORE" and "CONTACT US TO GET MYDIRECTIONS FOR YOUR SCHOOL". The right section, titled "IDEAS + INFORMATION", contains the text "Already have a MyDirections account? Log in to MyDirections with your username and password below. If you haven't got an account set up, speak to your careers adviser" and a prominent "CLICK HERE TO LOGIN" button. A large black arrow points from the text above to this button.



# Employers

Students have already engaged with and secured work placements with now over 100 employers!





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# Employers – thank you!

RISE, Ruben's Hairdressers, Faulkner Moulds Ltd, Lexis Solicitors Bradford, Lexis Solicitors Huddersfield, Gallifordtry, Newsome Juniors, Burton Safes Security Solutions Ltd, Almondbury Children's Centre, Taylor Hill Animal Care Centre, Chido Glass, ONLINE, Meltham CE, NEXUS, Engineering Veolia, Continental Sports Ltd, Thornhill Primary School, Autotech, Slaithwaite Spice Shop, Farnley Tyas First School, Berry Brow Infants, Waterstones, Gas Engineering, Newsome Pharmacy, Glamour Beauty, Platinum Estate Agents, Cluck and Crust, Londis Hinchliffe Mill, Colne Valley Garden Centre, Barclays Bank, Ginger Home and Gifts, OXFAM, Structherm Ltd, Pop Culture Gift Shop, Holly Bank School, Brighouse Primary School, First Step Pre-School, Marsden Library, Head Honchos, Bayfield Opticians, Colne Valley Ice-Cream Shop, Kentronix Engineering, Parkley Bird Whiteley Ltd, Tivoli Travel, Little Stars Nursery, Lower Houses Primary School, Little Explorers Day Nursery, BCA Leisure, Ridley & Hall Ltd Estate Agents, Dial Wood, Kirkwood Hospice, SE Broscombe Ltd, Forget Me Not Shop, Flannel & Tweed, Andrew France, Hay Days, Allskills Elite Football Club, 4+4 and more Ltd, Compass Care Home, Batley Pharmacy, Physiotherapist JRM, Low Fold Stables, Intact Insurance, Ladybirds Nursery, Crosslandmoor Community Learning, Harpreet Uppal MP, Thomas Brown Engineering, Lindley Dentist, Newsome Doctors Surgery, New Splash GSM, My Caring Vet, Live Well Pharmacy, Phoenix Auto, Maine Hairdressers, AHR Architects, John Brooks, Ability Options, Michael Rath Trombones, Volvo Leeds Rd, Bolster Moor Farm Shop, Tieva Cyber Security, Puma Manchetser, Newsome Pre-school, Snootys, Sons of the North, TH Electrical NW Ltd, A-Z Discount Store, Trinity Childcare, Chapel House Childcare, Huddersfield Infirmary, Cowcliffe Primary School, Triple Treatment, Oak Primary, 24/7 Blinds, The FM Company, Marcos Autos, Poderosa Lakeside Restaurant, Lindley Library, Face Consultants Ltd, Forget Me Not Hospice, Dalton Pharmacy, Parkside Garages Ltd and Lindley Developments.



# WEBSITE



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

[Newsome Academy website](#)

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!



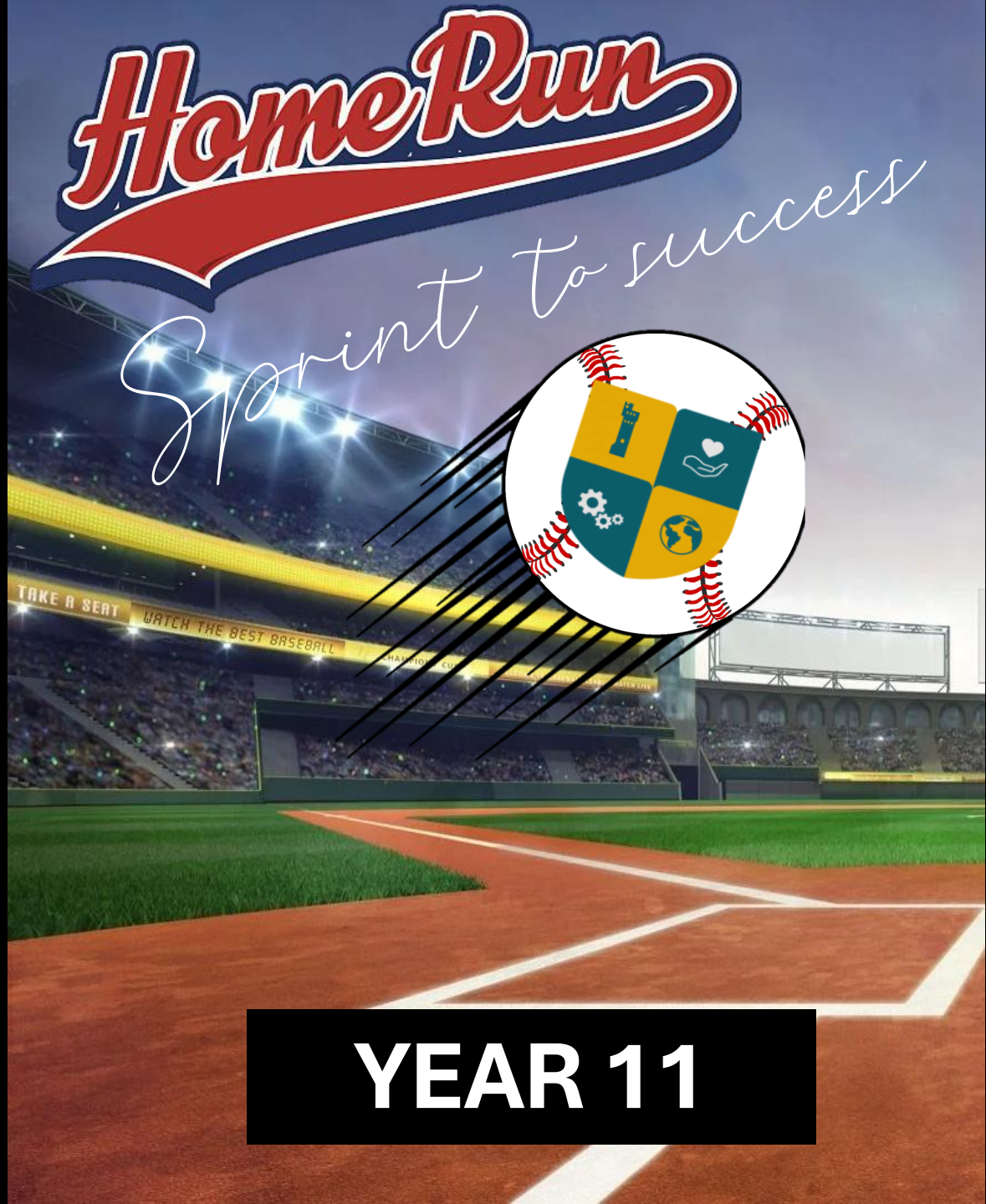
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# Race to Exceptional

*Preparing for Success*



**YEAR 10**



# Home Run

*Sprint to success*



**YEAR 11**

# Race to Exceptional

*Preparing for Success*



## 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



*Head Student &  
Head Prefect  
application process*

# YR10 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION



**Friday 22nd May**

Email applications to: [kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk)

# Year 10 Head Student and Prefect applications for 2026-27!

## How to apply?

### Head Student applications:

To submit an application for the role of head student, please do the following:



- **Submit a video** regarding the 4 bullet points below:
  - Why you want to be a head student?
  - What would you think the role means?
  - What do you think being a head student means?
  - What would you bring to this role?
- **Please also write a letter** addressed to the Senior student leadership team along with your video. Formal presentations in front of staff may be required – TBC soon after the closing date.
- Email all this to: [kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk)

### Prefect applications:

To submit an application for the role of a prefect, please do the following:



- **Write a letter** addressed to the Senior student leadership team addressing the following bullet points below:
  - Why you want to be a prefect?
  - What would you bring to the role?
  - What you think this role means?
  - What do you think being a prefect means?
- Please send your letter of application to these emails:
  - To our email: [kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk)

# GOOD LUCK!

- We look forward to choosing the new voices of Newsome Academy 2026-2027.
- Remember: If your application is late then it will not count.
  - All applications will be viewed in HT6!

Email applications to: [kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:kstokes@newsomeacademy.co.uk)





*Thank you!*  
*Any questions?*