

# Year 10 Parents' Information Evening September 21st 2023.



# Dates for your Diary 2023/24

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# Our Aims

- All pupils to achieve highly and reach their potential
- All pupils to develop academically, socially and emotionally
- All pupils to become successful and independent learners
- To offer all parents /carers high quality information about the progress of their child, at all times.





# Our Expectations

As well as the 3 Rs which we expect of all students. Year 10 students need to be:

Resourceful

Independent learners

Proactive

And must have-

- **Excellent Attendance**
- **Excellent Punctuality**



# Courses at Key Stage 4

Core subjects:

- Mathematics (Maths and Numeracy), English Language and Literature, Science (Double Award or Single Sciences), Welsh, PE, Welsh Baccalaureate
- Option Subjects
- Vocational Level 2 Qualifications



# Other Qualifications

Subject	Old Qualification	New Qualification	GCSE Equivalent
RE	WJEC Short course RE (worth 1/2 a GCSE)	NCFE -Equality and Diversity (coursework based)	2 B grades equivalent
Work Related Education	None	Agored Cymru – Level 2 Certificate in Work Related Education	2 B grades equivalent
Level 2 courses	None	Level 2 courses in Customer service, fire safety, risk assessment and mental Health.	Pass all 4 for a B grade equivalent
Bespoke Courses	None	College courses, MPCT and Other outside providers	Grades vary depending on course studied



# Maths and Maths Numeracy

## Tiers of entry

Higher (grades A\*- C)

Intermediate (grades B – E)

Foundation (grades D – G)

Entry Level

Two Qualifications in GCSE Mathematics & GCSE Numeracy

*\*Intention to enter some for Numeracy Summer 2024 – depending on progress\**

The importance of equipment – all learners should have **Casio scientific calculator, protractor, long ruler and compass.**

## Homework will be set on -

**MathsWatch** - <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

(Login is the same as their Outlook 365 email and password)

or will be put on **Microsoft Teams.**

## Useful resource websites –

- Corbettmaths.com,
- ReviseGCSEmaths.co.uk,
- GCSE POD (username is their school email address and normal school password)



# English Literature Year 10: Key dates

Unit	Date
Mock Literature Exam	December date (tbc) March date (tbc)
Unit 1: Of Mice and Men and Poetry	Wednesday 10th January Resit opportunity in May/June
Unit 2: Unit 2 Novel/Play	In June examination series (only one opportunity to sit exam)
Unit 3: Poetry/Shakespeare controlled assessment	To be started in January and submitted by March

All dates are subject to change, some learners will not be entered but you will be informed if your child is not doing so.





# Revision and Study Skills

Every Tuesday morning registration will be a interpersonal and study skills and revision morning where the following will happen:

- Students will receive coaching and training on best revision practice and techniques
- Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their most recent topics and produce revision resources
- Students will follow a “Build Up” course where they will learn key strategies to be successful learner



# What to do at home

Students should start their revision now by doing the following

- Creating flash cards to learn content
- Creating mind maps of key topics and content
- Begin “Of Mice and Men” revision for the English Literature Unit 1 exam in January
- Regularly watching GCSE pod videos/check and challenge activities to reinforce their learning

Additional materials can be found on

- Past papers- <http://www.wjec.co.uk>



# Online Resource bank

## **GCSE POD**

Username- school email address

Password- Argoed23 but you can change it to school password if it helps

GCSE pod is an online platform where students can watch short clips and attempt quizzes based on their current topics in subject- the links below provide guides for parents

[GCSEPod](#)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/resources/3/2407/engaging-parentscarers/parent-toolkit?open=2419>

**WJEC Website** – There are lots of resources and revision help including a question bank to help them prepare for exams.

## **Microsoft Teams**

Each subject your child is taking will have a teams page containing a range of Learning resources, past papers and learning plans

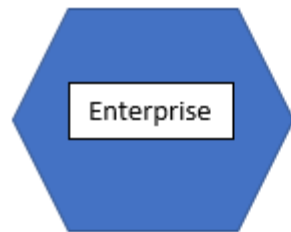


Instead of ...	Try thinking
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that clever	I will learn how to do this
My friend can do it	I will learn from them





# Welsh Baccalaureate



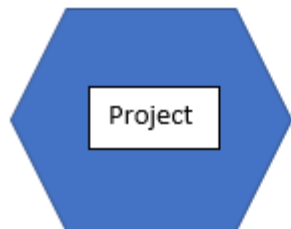
- Creativity and Innovation Skill
- Personal Effectiveness Skill
- Participation in an Enterprise & Employability Challenge

25%



- Personal Standpoint
- Raising Awareness Pack
- Personal Reflection
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills
- Creativity and Innovation Skills
- Participation in a Global Challenge

25%



- Planning and Organisation Skill
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skill
- Digital Literacy Skill
- Literacy Skill
- Numeracy Skill
- Project Work

50%



# Welsh Baccalaureate

**Skills Challenge Certificate**  
(This is a GCSE that is  
graded, no exam)

**English GCSE & Maths  
or Numeracy along  
with further 3 GCSEs  
are also required**

**National = A\* - C (level 2)  
Foundation = D - G (level 1)**



# How to Monitor Progress

## Reporting progress

- **Progress reports (2)**
- **Written reports (1)**

## Monitored by;

- **Head of Year**
- **Curriculum Leaders**
- **Subject Teachers**
- **Form Tutors**

## Encourage & check

- **Use of Planners**
- **Homework in(Teams and GCSEpod)**
- **Learning Plans/Books**
- **Controlled assessments & coursework**



# Keeping up-to-date

- School website, Twitter, emails, newsletter
- Exam board website (WJEC)
- Subject teachers
- Progress Leaders
- Form Tutors
- Parents' evenings
- Reports (progress and full reports)





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