



A Parents' Guide to Year 11

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The Offer

In year 11, students are offered a wide range of support that all are expected to fully participate in. Our offer has proven to create brilliant outcomes and successful students who are ready for life after Five.

This booklet details key elements of this offer as well as how we will seek to support parents throughout this crucial year.

Year 11 students are expected to:

Participate in the offer detailed in this booklet, which is unique to Five Acres High School.

Attend school 96% of the time or above and attend Period 6.

Revise thoroughly for exams, using flash cards and other effective revision strategies.

Actively participate in lessons with impeccable behaviour, keeping AP referrals to a minimum, so their teachers know what they understand and what they need help with.

Come to school fully equipped so that they're ready to learn.

Students who participate fully in this offer will be rewarded for doing so as detailed in this booklet.

Students who do not participate fully in this offer will be removed and will not receive the extra support detailed in this booklet.



Culture

"The fight is won or lost far away from the witnesses, behind the lines, in the gym and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights." - Muhammad Ali

We want our Year 11s to be Champions and to demonstrate the behaviours that will help them to achieve greatness.

Champions will:

Have goals - we will be asking Year 11 to set these, to know what their own personal success looks like and how to achieve it.

Have a positive and 'can-do' attitude.

Be committed and dedicated to achieving their best, demonstrating determination even when things don't go to plan or when they're tired.

Be resilient - to take on feedback, act on it with the sole aim of getting that little bit better, every day.

Show kindness towards themselves and others - we're ultimately a team and teams only thrive when everyone is going in the same direction, supporting each other to get there.



Attendance

At Five Acres High School, we firmly believe that all students benefit from outstanding school attendance because this has a direct impact on students achieving both academic and personal success.

We expect that all students will:

Attend school regularly.

Attend school punctually.

Attend school appropriately prepared for the school day.

We expect that all our parents/carers who have day to day responsibility for our young people to:

Encourage regular school attendance.

Ensure that the child/children in their care arrive at school punctually, prepared for the day.

Contact the school before 8.30 am to let us know of a child's absence.



Period 6

Period 6 is as an extra, mandatory lesson for Year 11. This approach is not about extending school hours; it's about optimising the learning experience and making every minute count towards academic success

Key things to know about Period 6:

It is 1 hour of timetabled, relevant revision with subject specialists every day, 3pm-4pm.

It starts on the first day back in September.

Period 6 is designed to remove barriers to revision, offering a structured and disruption free environment that mirrors the structure of all their other lessons.

100% attendance is expected from all Year 11 students.

The extra lesson equates to 170 hours of additional revision across the year.

Students may need an alternative way of getting home after Period 6, especially if they have previously taken a bus.



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Homework becomes revision

In year 11, homework becomes revision. English, Maths and Science will continue to use Sparks and Seneca. Option subjects may use the above or set their revision through booklets and/or Quizlet

Our Homework is Revision strategy is:

Set by subject specialists. We will require Year 11s to revise topics that have previously been taught to support their retrieval of knowledge and application of skills.

Research-led and proven to improve academic outcomes. (We are in the top 3% in the country for progress, two years running.)

Proven to promote positive study habits.

Mandatory - 100% completion is expected from all Year 11s.

Supported through 'Working Lunch' - a space to complete this revision so that it doesn't have to be done at home.



Tutor Groups

In year 11, Tutor Groups are Intervention Groups during which, students will receive additional teaching in either English, Maths or Science.

Intervention groups are:

Determined by PPE results. Students are put in the Intervention Group best suited to their attainment so that they receive expert teaching that significantly enhances their academic achievement in that area.

Likely to change throughout the year, depending on PPE results. Although, some students do stay with the same tutor all year.

Led by our Heads and Seconds in charge of Subjects.

An additional 40 minutes of focused instruction in these core subjects each day. This increase in contact time with expert teachers can make a substantial difference in students' understanding, retention, and application of key subjects.



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Treats and Celebrations

We also ensure that we reward students extensively for their hard work so there is a programme of treats to ensure they're recognised and celebrated for demonstrating the habits and characteristics of Champions.

Treats and rewards consist of:

Celebration assemblies
Prizes for students putting in extra-hours
Attendance rewards
Weekly P6 treats
Fun Friday events
Bingo
Prom
Final Leavers Assembly and Shirt Signing

Please be aware that inclusion in the above is dependent on a student's engagement with the YR11 offer.



The Year Ahead: Term 1 and 2

September

- **New Tutor Groups**
- **P6s Start**

October and November

- **Year 11 Parents Information Evening: Revision**
- **PPEs start**

December

- **PPE results**
- **Parents Evening**
- **Celebrations Evening**
- **End of Term Treat**

January

- **New Tutor Groups**
- **Parents Information Evening: Subject Support**

February

- **BINGO Cards are launched**
- **Champions Hours timetable launched**
- **PPEs Start**
- **Champions Revision Sessions offered over half-term.**

March

- **PPEs continue**
- **PPE results**
- **Celebrations Evening**
- **Champions Revision Sessions offered over Easter**



The Year Ahead: Term 3

April

- **New Tutor Groups**
- **Exit Timetable Launched**
- **Deliberate Practice Resources become available**

May

- **GCSE exams start**
- **Exam Warm-ups and Boosters start**
- **Champions Revision sessions offered over half-term**

June and July

- **GCSEs continue**
- **Final Assembly**
- **Prom**

August

GCSE results are issued.



Other Key Strategies

BINGO cards

A weekly card issued to students that detail the successful habits they should be completing to support their success. When students complete an action, they get it signed off to receive a treat.

Champions Revision Sessions

A programme of revision sessions is offered during February, Easter and May Half terms. Revision sessions offer a structured and disruption free environment with subject experts.

Exam Warm-ups

A session with their teacher before an exam. They will offer last minute tips and advice to support students' success.

Exam Boosters

A targeted intervention designed to support students on the evening or Period 3 of their exam.

The Exit Timetable

This starts in April and is a weekly timetable that details the exams, boosters, warm-ups and additional revision sessions they should attend that week.



Parental Support

We also offer our parents and carers support throughout this crucial year so that you too know how to help your child at home. Below are details of the events on offer.

**October:
Habits for
Success**

This session will provide information about the revision strategies students should be using at home so that you can use them too. You will also hear from our Subject Leads in English, Maths and Science about how students can be successful in these subjects. Workshops on Post-16 Options, Effective Time Management and Wellbeing and Stress Management will also be on offer.

**December:
Parents
Evening**

This is your opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers to find out about their progress and their next steps.

**January:
Subject
Support**

This session will be on offer for you to sign up to sessions with subject experts to find out how you can support your child in their subjects. You will be given top tips and strategies to use at home.

**If you have any questions or require any further support, please contact Miss K. Harris.
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