



# **Year 11 English & Maths**

## **Information Presentation**

# Why are we having an information evening?

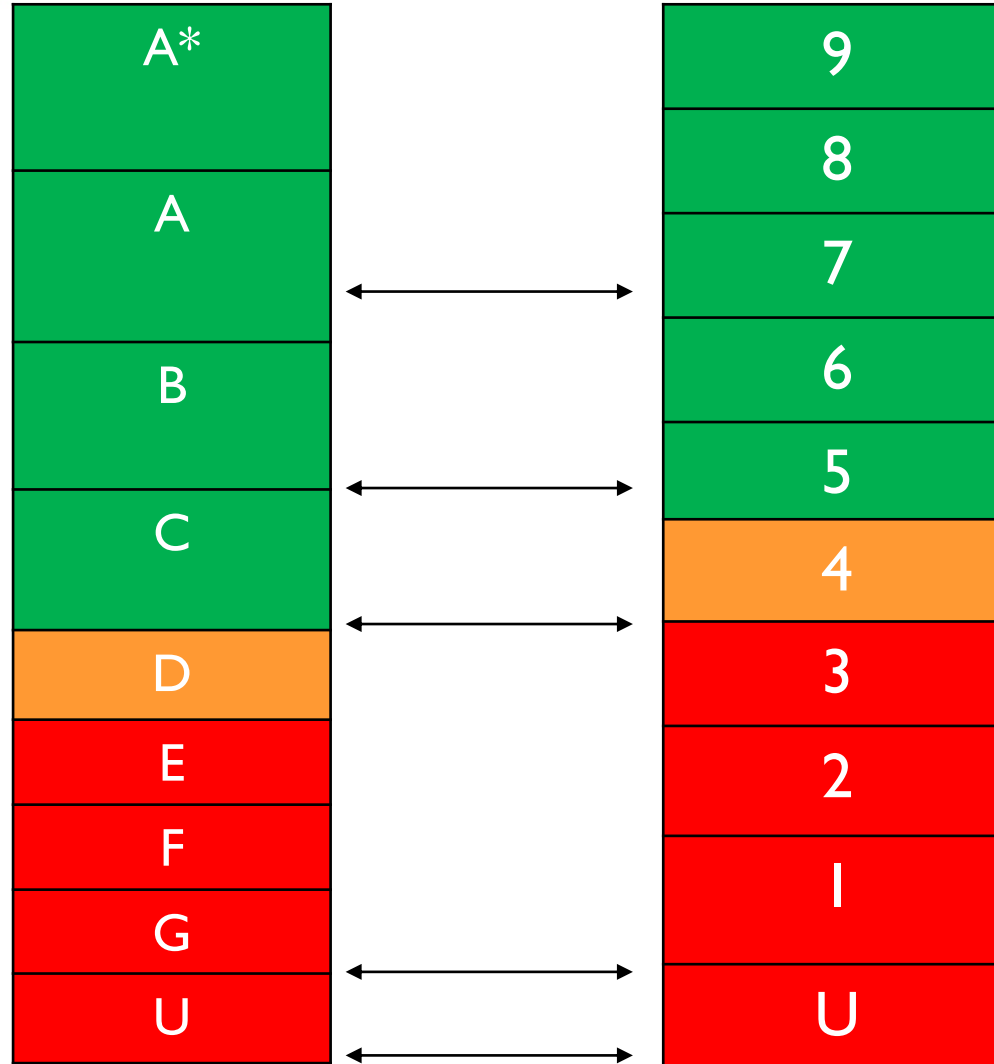
- To run through the GCSE specification
- To keep you informed of important dates
- To let you know what is happening in your child's English & Maths lessons.



## Current GCSE Grades

## New GCSE Grades

**Grading =**



## Grading

- A similar proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above – however the accepted baseline is a grade 5.
- Grade 5 will be positioned in the top third of the marks for a current Grade C and bottom third of the marks for a current Grade B.
- A similar proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve an A and above.
- For each examination, the top 20 per cent of those who get grade 7 or above will get a grade 9 – the very highest performers.
- The bottom grade I will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.

## Grading

- **Grade 5 will be awarded to the top third of those who currently get grade C and the bottom third of those currently getting grade B.**
- This is what numbers could look like for England in 2017, assuming the same number of candidates:

Subject	2015 grade C and above	2017 grade 5 and above	Drop in 'good pass'	Proportion of cohort
English lang	65%	46%	85,000	19%
English lit	75%	59%	65,000	16%
Maths	64%	44%	137,000	20%

## Maths GCSE Changes

- All students sitting their GCSE Maths exams from 2017 will be following a new curriculum. It will be a linear specification with students having one sitting at the end of year 11.
- 2 calculator papers and 1 non-calculator.
- Broader and deeper mathematical content.
- Designed to be more rigorous to allow stretch and challenge for both Higher and Foundation students.



## Structure of the Assessments - Maths

- This course is a 2 year linear course.
- It will be assessed externally with exams in June of year 11.
- Students are either working towards the Foundation (1-5) or Higher (4-9) exam depending on their ability.
- The tier they sit could possibly change during year 11.



# Important Exam Dates - Maths

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June and  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

There will be holiday intervention sessions run by the Maths department in preparation for each of these exams.

Provisional sessions:

February, Easter , May Half Term.



## **GCSE Changes - English**

- All students sitting their GCSE English exams from 2017 will be following a new curriculum
- Linear specification with students having one sitting at the end of year 11
- 2 English Language and 2 English Literature papers
- Closed book examinations – no books allowed!
- No coursework or controlled assessment
- No tiers in the exam – questions get progressively more difficult, but are all accessible



## Structure of the Assessments – English

- This course is a 2 year linear course
- It will be assessed externally with exams in June of year 11
- The exams are tierless for both Language and Literature – they get progressively more difficult throughout the paper
- All on examinations – up from 60% to 100% from previous years



## Important Exam Dates - English

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Shakespeare and Dickens

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Poetry

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

English Language P1

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

English Language P2

As with Maths, holiday preparation sessions will be offered for all aspects of both English courses.

## Internal Assessments

- Throughout the year there will be numerous internal assessments. These will be used to help predict final GCSE scores.
- These include two formal mock exam windows and half termly mocks in December and April.
- These assessments sometimes lead to set changes for some students so they are working with other students with similar ability to themselves.

## What are we doing to support your child?

- Two formal mock exam windows
- ½ termly mocks
- P7's Monday Wednesday and Friday, 3pm-4pm
- P0's Tuesday mornings 7.45-8.30am
- SLT support in lessons.
- One-to-one mentoring.
- Intervention with head of Departments/KS4 Coordinator.
- Intervention from the class teacher.
- Holiday revision sessions
- Pizza & Coke Nights
- Saturday morning booster sessions
- Late Night Lectures
- English & Maths residential weekend for targeted students



## Identifying & Plugging Gaps

- A Raising Attainment Group meet fortnightly to discuss your child's progress in English & maths
- Students are identified for intervention and support
- Gaps in their knowledge are identified using Question Level Analysis, which is also shared with students
- Targeted P7s and P0s are provided each week to focus on a specific skill
- Students with a gap in this skill or knowledge are invited to attend the P7/0
- Students have been allocated a dedicated Mentor who will chase attendance through visits to students and phone calls/texts home



## **Exam Preparation Enrichment – P7s & P0s**

- In year 11 class teachers run Exam Preparation enrichments as well as homework catch ups.
- In Maths, these run from 2.45-3.45 on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 7.45am – 8.30am on a Tuesday. In English, they are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Gaps in skills and knowledge are identified and plugged through re-teaching & re-testing
- Students complete and get help with past exam papers to help them prepare for their assessments and the real exam.
- Students who regularly attend exam prep enrichment (at least once a week) significantly improve their grade.
- Texts/phone calls will be sent home to let parents/carers know if students are making the most of these enrichments.



## Additional Support for Your Child

All students have been/will be provided with:

- A free English, maths and science revision guides
- A Revision Calendar
- A bespoke revision guide which includes information on all aspects of all exams – what to revise and what to expect in the exam
- A Revision Planner – completed with support from SLT members
- Access to the onsite counsellor to help with exam stress (on request)
- Assemblies focused on revision/study skills
- English & Maths focused Study Skills sessions
- A stress ball in exams (on request) + free Polos and water!
- Early bird and 11<sup>th</sup> hour revision session prior to the summer exams

& much more....





## How you can Support your Child

- Ensure they attend ALL opportunities offered to them
- Ensure all Homework is completed to the best of their ability
- Find them a quiet place to study
- Ensure they are using the revision guides bought for them
- Ensure they have planned their revision timetable and stick to it – for the mocks and the real thing!
- Contact school if there is any additional help you child needs