

# Year 11

## Information Evening

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# Overview of Evening

- **Year 11 Assessment and Reporting**
  - Summer 2025 GCSE and Vocational Examinations
  - Upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)
  - Student Attainment and Progress
  - Key Dates for the academic year
- **Academic and Pastoral Support for students**
  - Intervention and Revision
  - Exam Preparation and Study Skills
  - Support Structures
- **Preparations for post-16 education, training and employment**



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# Assessment & Reporting

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# GCSE and Level 2 Vocational Qualifications for Summer 2025

- External examinations will take place in Summer 2025 from May through to June.
- National Contingency days on 11<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Students will receive confirmation of their entries and personalised exam timetable in February 2025.
- Ofqual have stated:
  - All qualifications will be assessed in accordance with pre-pandemic specifications.

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# Pre-Public Examinations

- Students will complete formal assessments in each of their subjects.
- Assess students' attainment and progress.
- Identify students' strengths and areas for development.
- Plan targeted intervention and support for students.
- Develop students' examination techniques.



# Pre-Public Examinations

- Students issued with a PPE Timetable for the 2 week period from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October– Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**
- This details the number and duration of assessments that will be undertaken by each subject area and on what date and time.
- The PPEs will be conducted in a formal exam style setting to develop students' confidence, stamina and resilience for this type of assessment.
- This will be the format of their real GCSE examinations – examination practice is a key part of students' preparation.

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# PPE Student Expectations

- Students should attend their PPEs promptly.
- Students should ensure they have all material and resources required, such as stationery and a calculator.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and placed in their bag.
- All watches and ear pods etc. are not permitted in the exam venue.
- Students must follow all instructions from the exam invigilator in relation to the administration of the PPE.



# Access Arrangements

- Access Arrangements are for those students whose normal ways of working include such arrangements, for example a Reader, Scribe, Extra-Time etc.
- Students who are eligible for Access Arrangements will have these administered for these PPEs.





# Student Absence & Contingency

- If a student does not attend their PPE due to illness or other absence, they may not be able to undertake this at a later date as it may compromise the integrity of the assessment. This will be considered on an individual basis.
- Alternative assessment evidence will be considered when generating a Predicted Grade for students who do not complete all of their PPEs.



# Reporting Student Attainment and Progress

- **Predicted Grade** – our professional judgement of how a student will perform if they continue to work at the same rate of progress in that subject taking into account the different components of a qualification (e.g. Exam, Non-Examined Component, Practical Task etc.)



# Reporting Student Attainment and Progress

- Year 11 Academic Progress Summary Report sent to parents/carers w/c **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Parental Consultation Evening face-to-face on-site on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

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# Assessment and Reporting Dates for the diary

- Year 11 PPE 1: 21<sup>st</sup> October– 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Sixth Form Application Process starts – 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Academic Progress Summary Report - w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Parental Consultation Evening – 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Y11 into Sixth Form Information Evening – 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 11 PPE 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Academic Progress Summary Report – w/c 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Parental Consultation Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> March
- GCSE and Vocational Examinations  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June (Provisional)



# Academic & Pastoral Support for Students

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# Progress and Pastoral Care Structure

- Support from Form Tutors, Pastoral Staff and Student Support Coordinator (SSC)
- Year 11 SSC Miss Terry  
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- Progress and Pastoral Leader Mrs Witcher  
[nwitcher@helsbyhigh.org](mailto:nwitcher@helsbyhigh.org)
- [year11admin@helsbyhigh.org](mailto:year11admin@helsbyhigh.org)

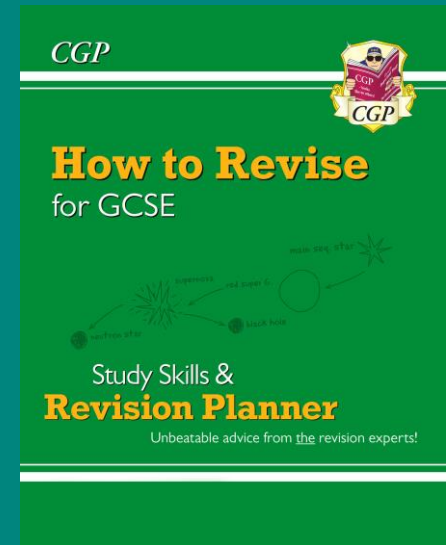
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# Academic support

- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) in Form Time
- Subject interventions
- Subject Revision
- Form Time Skills and Review
- Microsoft Teams
- ClassCharts
- Exams MADE Easy



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# Academic Support Intervention Vs Revision Classes

- Individual students will be invited to intervention sessions where a need has been identified.
- Revision classes will be offered to all students by teaching staff on key topics if and when appropriate.

**Both of the above will be coordinated by the curriculum Support and Pastoral Teams to ensure students attend the most appropriate support for them and their needs.**

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# Exams MADE Easy

All students attended a two hour session to support their exam preparations.

## About this course

Everyone knows that to get the best possible marks in your forthcoming exams, you will need to remember what you've learnt – and to remember what you've learnt, you will need to revise. But few people seem to know how to revise. Do you know how to revise effectively? **Wherever you're at with revision, this course will show you how to:**

- Identify your strengths and weaknesses and prioritise areas for improvement
- Improve your memory skills
- Create effective revision resources
- Structure your time and work efficiently

Experiment with the techniques and practise those that really work for you. Go smash your revision and exams!

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# PPE/GCSE Support Microsoft Teams

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Teams interface for a team named 'Year 11 GCSE Support'. The left sidebar shows navigation options: Activity, Chat, Teams, Assignments, Calendar, Calls, and Files. The 'Channels' section lists 'General', 'Chemistry GCSE', and 'Geography'. The 'General' channel is selected, showing a list of documents and folders. The top navigation bar includes a search bar and options for 'New', 'Upload', 'Edit in grid view', 'Share', and 'More options'.

Name	Modified
Class Materials	
1 5th January Workshop Resources - Success!	January 10
1 GCSE Admin Information	September 8, 2021
1 How to Revise - Exams Made Easy worksh...	January 10
1 Stressed about Exams...Look here!	January 10
1A. 10 REVISION SESSIONS OF ESSENTIALS...	March 8
Art and Design	September 8, 2021
Biology	September 8, 2021
Business Studies	September 8, 2021
Chemistry	September 8, 2021
Computer Science	September 9, 2021

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# Pastoral Support



**revision techniques!**  
tips + tricks everyone can use  
GCSE STUDENT YR11  
which is best?  
flashcards?  
reading?  
highlighting?



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Achieving Success  
Valuing Others

# Sixth Form Helsby

Valuing young voices, Fostering future achievements





# Preparations for post-16 education, training and employment

Sixth  
Form

Apprenticeship



Employment

College

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# Information, Advice & Guidance

Individual Careers Guidance Meetings

A Level and Level 3 Vocational Subject Talks

College Talks

Apprenticeship Talks

Subject sampling

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# *Why our Sixth Form?*

*We offer:*

- A wide range of academic and leadership opportunities
- A track record of success
- A comprehensive pastoral support programme
- Timetabled enrichment curriculum with diverse opportunities
- An innovative Network structure to support careers development
- Award winning careers guidance
- Independent careers advisors
- Over 30 courses at A-Level, BTEC Level 3 or equivalent
- The opportunity for talented students to study 4 A-Levels
- A track record of successfully supporting students' onwards progression, including to Oxbridge

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# Transition to Sixth Form

**Year 10/11 Open Evening 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Subject Talks in Assemblies**

**Sixth Form Subject Taster Days**

**Life After Year 11 Day**

**Course Consultation Day**

**Sixth Form applications open in November**

**Personalised 1-2-1 interviews in January**

**Y11 into Sixth Form Information Evening in February**

**Transition Pack and course preparation materials**

**Year 11 Induction Morning**

**Year 12 transition programme...**

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Achieving Success  
Valuing Others





# Introduction to New Courses and Enrichment Opportunities

**Driving Theory**      **Psychology**      **Cooking**  
**Criminology**      **Further Maths**      **Life Skills**  
**Sociology**      **Extended Project**  
**Politics**      **Qualification**  
**Economics**  
**F1 STEM project**      **Sports Studies**

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# University Destinations 2023

**University of Central Lancashire**  
 • Forensic Science  
 • Mechanical Engineering (Foundation Entry)  
 • Optometric Dispensing (Accredited)

**Edge Hill University**  
 • Aviation  
 • Law with Criminology  
 • Primary Education with QTS

**Liverpool John Moores University**  
 • Early Childhood Studies  
 • Professional Policing

**University of Liverpool**  
 • Accounting & Finance with Year in Industry  
 • Architecture  
 • English Language  
 • Geography  
 • Law  
 • Physics

**Liverpool Hope University**  
 • Fine Art

**Ranger University**  
 • Childhood and Youth Studies  
 • Criminology and Criminal Justice  
 • Product Design  
 • Sociology, Criminology and Criminal Justice

**West Cheshire College**  
 • Access Course to

**University of Chester**  
 • Counselling Skills and Psychology  
 • English Language and Literature  
 • Interior Design  
 • Psychology

**Aberystwyth University**  
 • Marine and Freshwater Biology  
 • Psychology

**Swansea University**  
 • Mechanical Engineering with Year Abroad

**Glyndwr University Wrexham**  
 • Animation with Foundation Year

**Falmouth University**  
 • Business Management  
 • Creative Advertising

**Bath Spa University**  
 • Creative Writing

**University of Bath**  
 • Business with Work Placement

**University of Stirling**  
 • History

**Manchester Metropolitan University**  
 • Computer Games Development  
 • Criminology and Sociology  
 • Fashion Design  
 • International Business Management  
 • Law  
 • Multimedia Journalism  
 • Photography  
 • Politics and Philosophy  
 • Psychology with Counselling and Psychotherapy

**University of Huddersfield**  
 • Aerospace Engineering with Integrated Foundation Year  
 • Games and Animation

**University of Huddersfield**  
 • Business and Digital Marketing Management

**Newcastle University**  
 • Combined Honours

**University of Bolton**  
 • Medical Biology

**University of Cumbria**  
 • Diagnostic Radiography

**Lancaster University**  
 • Accounting and Finance  
 • Geography  
 • Psychology

**Durham University**  
 • English Literature

**University of York**  
 • Business and Management

**University of Leeds**  
 • Nursing (Adult)

**Leeds Beckett University**  
 • Marketing and Public Relations

**University of Sheffield**  
 • Nursing (Adult)

**University of Lincoln**  
 • Pharmacy with Science Foundation Year

**University of Leicester**  
 • Diagnostic Radiography

**City University of London**  
 • Business, Politics and History

**Kings College University of London**  
 • Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

**Coventry University**  
 • Motorsport Engineering

**Staffordshire University**  
 • Fashion

**Students progressing to apprenticeships/employment, or taking gap years**

- Army - Military Police Officer
- B&B Spicers Arctic - Degree Apprenticeship
- BBC - Sport Journalism Degree Apprenticeship
- Bentley Motors - Finance Apprenticeship
- Cheshire Police - Special Constable Fast Track Route Cadet
- Hovvattun Tap Fruithamn - Working Bar Services
- B&B - Apprenticeship in Infrastructure Sales
- 3i Letch Solators Liverpool - Solators Care
- Liverpool Airport - Soleport UK&I
- Lotus Frodoham - Apprenticeship Hardware
- McDonalds - Working Full Time 24
- S&A
- S&M Chester - Audit Degree Apprenticeship



## Sixth Form 2024

Almost  
**1/3**  
 of all grades  
 at A\* - A

Well over  
**1/2**  
 of grades at  
 grade B  
 or over

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# Sixth Form Helsby



## Sixth Form Helsby Open Event – Thursday 10th October 2024

Sixth Form Helsby Open Evening – 10th  
October 2024 – 5:30pm-7:30pm The Sixth  
Form Leadership Team will give identical  
talks...

[Learn more](#)

# Student and Parental Voice

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# Advice from our students and their parents/carers

## What we learnt as parents:

- Talk about ambitions and 'What's next?'
- Attendance & Revision sessions
- Reassurance - ask school for help
- Structure at home inc Timetable
- Place to revise (free of distraction!!) 40 mins quality revision
  - flash cards
  - Online resources
  - practice papers
- Recall/ testing
- Rewards / bribes
- 'Can do' attitude

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# The Importance and Impact of Attendance

The table below shows the percentage of students at Helsby High School in 2023 who achieved at least a Standard Pass or at least a Strong Pass in their English AND Maths in 2023 based on their overall attendance to school in Y11.

<b>Attendance in Y11</b>	<b>English and Maths at Grade 4+</b>	<b>English and Maths at Grade 5+</b>
Above 95%	82	67
Between 90% and 95%	71	50
Between 85% and 90%	70	35
Less than 85%	18	7

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