

Year 11

Information Evening

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Overview of Evening

- **Year 11 Assessment and Reporting**
 - Summer 2026 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**
 - Academic Support for Core Subjects
 - Intervention and Revision
 - Exam Preparation and Study Skills
 - Support Structures
- **Preparations for post-16 education, training and employment**



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GCSE and Level 2 Vocational Qualifications for Summer 2026

- External examinations will take place in Summer 2026 from May through to June.
- **National Contingency day on 24th June.**
- Students will receive confirmation of their entries and personalised exam timetable in February 2026.
- Students who fail to attend an examination that they have been entered for will be charged the entry fee for this missed examination.



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 20th October– Friday 7th 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.



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 24th November.**
- **Parental Consultation Evening face-to-face on-site on Thursday 27th November.**

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Assessment and Reporting Dates for the diary

- Year 11 PPE 1: 20th October– 7th November
- Sixth Form Application Process starts – 24th November.
- Academic Progress Summary Report - w/c 24th November
- Parental Consultation Evening – 27th November
- Y11 into Sixth Form Information Evening – 29th January
- Year 11 PPE 2: 2nd February – 13th February
- Academic Progress Summary Report – w/c 9th March
- Parental Consultation Evening – 12th March
- GCSE and Vocational Examinations
Tuesday 5th May – Wednesday 24th June(Provisional)



Academic & Pastoral Support for Students

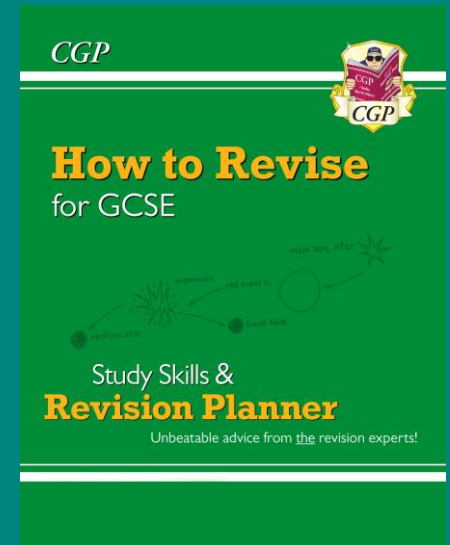
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Academic support

- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) in Form Time
- Subject interventions
- Subject Revision
- Form Time Study Skills
- 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.



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

< All teams

KS4 GCSE Support

- Home page
- Class Notebook
- Classwork
- Assignments
- Grades
- Reflect
- Insights

▼ Main Channels

- General
- The Sciences 2025**

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	Class Materials		
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	1 GCSE Admin Information	September 8, 2021	mravetz
	1 Stressed about Exams...Look here!	January 10, 2022	mravetz
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	GCSE Art and Design	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE Business Studies	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE Computer Science	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE D & T	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE Drama	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE English Language	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts
	GCSE English Literature	November 17, 2024	A Pritchard-Roberts

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Progress and Pastoral Care Structure

- Support from Form Tutors, Pastoral Staff and Student Support Coordinator (SSC)
- Year 11 SSC Mr Parkes
- hparkes@helsbyhigh.org
- Progress and Pastoral Leader Mr Griffin
- mgriffin@helsbyhigh.org
- year11admin@helsbyhigh.org

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Student Support Coordinator

- Organisational help – guiding students with revision timetables and study routines
- Wellbeing support – being a go-to person for students feeling anxious or overwhelmed.
- Access arrangements – ensuring students understand and practise with any exam adjustments (e.g. extra time, reader).
- Communication link – liaising with teachers, parents and pastoral staff to share concerns and progress.



Progress and Pastoral Lead

- Oversees the whole year group to make sure everyone is prepared.
- Attendance focus – ensuring students attend key lessons, revision sessions, and interventions.
- Targeted intervention – identifying at-risk students (academic or emotional) and putting plans in place.
- Parental engagement – regular communication with families to ensure support continues at home.



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Achieving Success
Valuing Others

Sixth Form Helsby

Valuing young voices, Fostering future achievements

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Preparations for post-16 education, training and employment

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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





Introduction to New Courses and Enrichment Opportunities

Graffiti Project

Driving Theory

Psychology

Boxing

Criminology

Further Maths

**Cooking
Life Skills**

Sociology

Politics

**Extended Project
Qualification**

Economics

Sports Studies

Memorial Garden

Project

Religious Philosophy & Ethics

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University Destinations 2024



Lancaster University

- Ecology and Conservation
- Marketing with Study Abroad

University of Liverpool

- Biological Sciences

Liverpool John Moores University

- Biomedical Science
- Business and Finance
- English Literature
- Mechanical Engineering

Liverpool Hope University

- Drama and Theatre

Queen's University Belfast

- Medicine

Bangor University

- Geography
- Marine Biology (Integrated Masters)
- Medical Sciences

Wrexham University

- Aeronautical Engineering with Foundation Year

University of Chester

- Fashion Communication
- Marketing (Social Media)
- Forensic Psychology

University of the West of England

- Professional Studies with Foundation Year
- Criminology
- Foundation Year
- Psychology

University of Exeter

- Literature and Writing

Aberystwyth University

- Film and Television Studies
- Mathematics

University of Exeter

- Law with Business

University of Manchester

- Architecture
- History
- Maths

Manchester Metropolitan University

- Sports Business Management

Leeds Beckett University

- Broadcast Media technologies
- Construction Management
- Law with Criminology
- Media Communication Cultures
- Speech and Language Therapy

University of York

- Environment Economics and Ecology

York St John University

- Animation
- Film and Television Production
- History

University of Sheffield

- Business Management and Economics
- English Literature

Nottingham Trent University

- Business Law
- Business Management and Accounting & Finance

Aston University

- Foundation Programme in Business and Social Science
- Marketing

University of Birmingham

- Biological Sciences
- Sociology
- Sociology and Criminology

University of Salford

- Business with Human Resource Management
- Film Production

Students progressing to apprenticeships or employment

- BAE System – Level 3 Apprenticeship
- BAE System – Level 3 Apprenticeship in Aircraft Maintenance
- Gardening – Self Employed
- Horn's Hill Primary School – Teaching Assistant
- Royal Marines
- Sainsbury's – Retail Management Apprenticeship
- Tesco – Retail Management Apprenticeship

20+%

of all grades were A*/A or equivalent in 2025

88%

of students achieved their first choice University destination in 2025

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Sixth Form Helsby Open Event – Thursday 9th October 2025

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Thursday 9th October 2025 – 5:30pm-
7:30pm The Sixth Form Leadership Team will
give...

[Learn more](#)

The following forms are invited to the 5.30pm talk:

10MBE, 10JLO, 10KOW, 10DME, 11RTL, 11LHA, 11AHU, 11PPA and all other schools

The following forms are invited to the 6:15pm talk:

10HBA, 10RJA, 10EHU, 10CRO, 10CRA, 11NGA, 11NEA, 11LRE and 11LMN

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 including and Revision Timetable
- Place to revise (free of distraction!!) 40 mins quality revision
 - flash cards
 - Online resources
 - practice papers
- Recall/ testing
- Rewards / bribes
- 'Can do' attitude



The Importance and Impact of Attendance

The table below shows the percentage of students at Helsby High School in 2025 who achieved at least a Standard Pass or at least a Strong Pass in their English AND Maths in 2025 based on their overall attendance to school in Y11.

Attendance in Y11	English and Maths at Grade 4+	English and Maths at Grade 5+
Above 95%	89	75
Between 90% and 95%	84	60
Between 85% and 90%	61	11
Less than 85%	31	17

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