



Welcome to the Year 11 Information Evening for Parents, Carers and Students

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Objectives of the evening

- Overview of year 11 Key dates to remember
- Trial Exam information
- Advice on Extended Study
- Support with revision techniques
- What additional resources are available? Where to find them? How best to use them?
- Post-16 options and Sixth Form at Beths
- Careers update

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Key Dates and Milestones for Year 11

16th September 2025 – Year 11 Information Evening

6th - 10th October 2025 – Year 11 Work Experience Week

3rd November 2025 – MFL mock speaking exams begin

12th November 2025 – Sixth Form Information Evening for internal students

17th – 26th November 2025 – Year 11 Trial Exams begin (2 weeks)

11th December 2025 — Year 11 reports sent to parents

15th January 2026 – Parents Evening

30th January 2026 – Closing date for sixth form applications to Beths

2nd February 2026 – Year 11 second set of Trial Exams (Core)

13th March 2026 — Year 11 reports to parents

22nd April 2026 – MFL Public speaking exams begin

7th May – 24th June 2026 – Official start of GCSE Public Exams

24th – 26th June 2026 – Sixth Form Induction Days

Thursday 20th August - GCSE Results day and Sixth Form Enrolment



Homework and Extended Study



- Students should be engaged in ten to twelve hours of study per week, evenly distributed across the working week and the weekend.
- Two hours of study should be undertaken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, preferably between the hours of 6.00pm and 8.00pm. If, for some reason, it is not possible to stick to these exact timings because of other important commitments, sports training for example, the period allocated for study can of course be moved to a more convenient space. However, it should not simply disappear.
- Friday evening can be used either as 'time off' after a tiring week or to catch up on any study time missed on Monday to Thursday.
- Two to four hours of study remain to be done over the weekend. It is strongly advised that this is undertaken in two hour blocks from approximately 10.00am to 12.00am on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- No student studying for GCSEs in this School should ever claim that there is no aspect of study he can usefully undertake and that he has no homework to do. Students and parents must be very clear about this.







Students will sit formal trial exams across all GCSE subjects.



Students will be off timetable and all exams will take place in the School Sports Hall under strict exam conditions.



Exam grades will be issued to parents in December 2025



There will be no study leave and students will be in school undertaking exams or attending normal lessons.



A formal timetable will be sent to parents/carers 3 weeks before the first exam.

Three types of "work"



Reactive Study Classwork (Homework) **Proactive Study (Work)** You Set Yourself)

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• 1. Study Sensei (October)

 Working consistently, note taking, conceptual learning skills, standing out on assessment

• 2. Ace Your Exams (January)

 Effective work, fixing mistakes, allocation of time, exam room techniques

• 3. Time Management (March)

Study routine, working smart, study groups, procrastination

Parent Support Webinars

Online sessions to equip parents with strategies to support their child with study skills at home.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

GETTING (AND KEEPING) YOUR CHILD MOTIVATED SEPTEMBER 17 How to help their child develop and maintain a positive approach to studying. HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR TIME OCTOBER 1 How to support their child in staying organised, meeting deadlines, and balancing school and fun. HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN EXAMS. OCTOBER 15 Maximising exam marks using practice papers, effective revision planning, and optimal exam prep routines. **NOVEMBER 19** HELPING IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S MEMORY How their child's memory works and what they can do to help improve information retention and recall. DECEMBER 3 BUILDING RESILIENCE IN YOUR CHILD How to help their child bounce back from setbacks and navigate challenging times with confidence. DECEMBER 17 HELPING YOUR CHILD ALLEVIATE STRESS Advice on starting a dialogue around wellbeing with their

child and effective stress management techniques.

SPRING TERM 2025

MARCH 25

JANUARY 21 HELPING YOUR CHILD IMPROVE THEIR NOTE TAKING
What their child's notes should look like and how they can
help them study more efficiently.

FEBRUARY 4 MAKING TECHNOLOGY AN ALLY (& NOT THE ENEMY)
How to break the tech-procrastination cycle and use apps to
motivate their child to study.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD DURING EXAMS

MARCH 11 HELPING YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR EXAMS

Maximising exam marks using practice papers and effective revision planning.

Supporting their child in the run-up to exams by establishing good routines in the days before.

Audit your strengths and areas for improvement

- Which subjects are you doing well in?
- Which subjects are you <u>underperforming in</u>?
- Where do you need to focus your efforts on?
- English and Maths are essential (future employment)
- Don't run away from the tricky subjects allocate more time to these subjects.
- Don't be too self-critical. Just be honest.

	Mathematics			Audit week 2	Audit week 3	Audit week 4
% <u>in</u> Trial Exam	Grade in Trial Exam	Knowledge – Where are the gaps in Knowledge?				
		(strategies)				
		glish (Literature and Language)	Audit week 1	Audit week 2	Audit week 3	Audit week 4
% <u>in</u> Trial Exam	Grade in Trial Exam	Knowledge – Where are the gaps in Knowledge?				
		Science (select 1)	Audit week 1	Audit week 2	Audit week 3	Audit week 4
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		Regulation – next time I am going to do better by (strategies)				

Worked Example

	Mathematics				
% in Trial Exam 75 %	Grade in Trial Exam Should be at least an 8	Knowledge – Where are the gaps in Knowledge? Algebra Ratios Quadratic equations Regulation – next time I am going to do better by (strategies) Complete a past paper each week from physics and maths tutor Attend a revision class Watch a YouTube video on Quadratic equations – do practice questions	 Audit week 1 Attended after school revision class on Wednesday Watched video and made notes Completed and self marked a past paper (scored 80%) 		

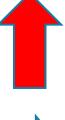
"Proactive study" – Effective Revision

Text books, revision guides, websites

Analyse the paper – WWW, areas for improvement?

Analyse the paper – more t revision on those final areas

Create and gather together the revision material



Complete

Past Paper question

WITH your revision

material

(Open book)





<u>WITHOUT</u>

Complete

your revision material



Complete Past
Paper question

UNDER EXAM

CONDITIONS

Mark against the mark scheme – use the language of the examiner

Using Mark Schemes

State two economic objectives of the UK government.		Explain one benefit to the UK government of a lower unemployment rate.	
	[2 marks]		[2 marks]
Objective 1			
Objective 2			

11	State two economic objectives of the UK government.	
	AO1 1 mark for each valid objective (max 2) Answers must be related to whole UK economy and not individual markets. Possible answers: Full employment/low unemployment High rate of economic growth (allow variations on this including just 'economic growth') Price stability Stable balance on current account of balance of payments Reducing inequality Managing environmental change.	

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14	2	Explain one benefit to the UK government of a lower unemployment rate.	2		
		AO1			
		mark for identification of a correct benefit, plus mark for showing understanding of why it would occur.			
		Possible answers:			
		 Tax revenue will be higher as more people will be in employment (and paying income tax and spending more leading to greater VAT receipts). Expenditure on welfare benefits is likely to be lower as fewer 			
		claiming benefits. Skills will not be lost due to workers not being economically			
		inactive.			
		 Social problems are likely to be lower as a result of people's average standard of living being higher in work. 			
		Note: This indicative content is not exhaustive, other creditworthy			
		responses should be awarded marks as appropriate.			



School days left before Trial Exams
Start

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Using the "Survival guide"





Achieving success at GCSE Year 11 survival guide

For exams 2024

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- Advice to parents on how to support your child with their GCSE studies.
- Advice on how best to prepare for trial exams and public exams.
- Revision strategies and techniques.
- Expectations on homework and academic performance.
- Links to exam specifications
- Links to past papers
- Assessment and subject content advice for each GCSE subject.

LINKS TO THE EXAM SPECIFICATIONS

Subject	Exam Board	Link to the GCSE Exam Specification
Art	Edexcel	Edexcel GCSE and GCE 2014 (pearson.com)
Biology	OCR	OCR GCSE (9-1) Biology A (Gateway Science) J247 Specification
Business Studies	AQA	GCSE Business Specification
Chemistry	OCR	OCR GCSE (9-1) Chemistry A (Gateway Science) J248 Specification
Computer Science	OCR	GCSE (9-1) Computer Science J277 Specification (ocr.org.uk)
Drama	EDUQAS WJEC	GCSE Specification Template (eduqas.co.uk)
DT	Edexcel	GCSE Design and Technology Specification (1DT0) (pearson.com)
Economics	AQA	GCSE Economics Specification
Electronics	EDUQAS	GCSE Specification Template (eduqas.co.uk)
English Language	AQA	GCSE English Language Specification
English Literature	AQA	GCSE English Literature Specification
French	AQA	GCSE French Specification
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3.1.1 The purpose and nature of businesses

Content	Additional information
 Purpose of business Reasons for starting a business Basic functions and types of business Business enterprise and entrepreneurship Dynamic nature of business 	 Students should be able to: understand what a business is and the reasons for starting a business (including producing goods, supplying services, distributing products, fulfilling a business opportunity and providing a good or service to benefit others) understand the difference between goods and services, needs and wants understand the meaning of factors of production – land, labour, capital, enterprise define opportunity cost define the three sectors of primary, secondary and tertiary and give examples of types of business that operate in each sector understand the term enterprise and what is meant by an entrepreneur outline the characteristics of an entrepreneur, such as hard working, innovative, organised and willingness to take a risk outline the objectives of an entrepreneur, including to be their own boss, flexible working hours, to pursue an interest, earn more money,

What you need to know – what the examiners could test you on

Check the specification

4.1.5.3 Perfect competition

Content

- The formal diagrammatic analysis of the perfectly competitive model in the short and long run.
- The implications of the following for the behaviour of firms and the industry: large numbers of producers, identical products, freedom of entry and exit, and perfect knowledge.
- Firms operating in perfectly competitive markets are price takers.
- The proposition that, given certain assumptions, relating for example to a lack of externalities, perfect competition will result in an efficient allocation of resources.

Additional information

Students should be aware that perfect competition, in both product and labour markets, provides a yardstick for judging the extent to which real world markets perform efficiently or inefficiently, and the extent to which a misallocation of resources occurs.

Students should also be able to assess critically the proposition that perfectly competitive markets lead to an efficient allocation of resources.

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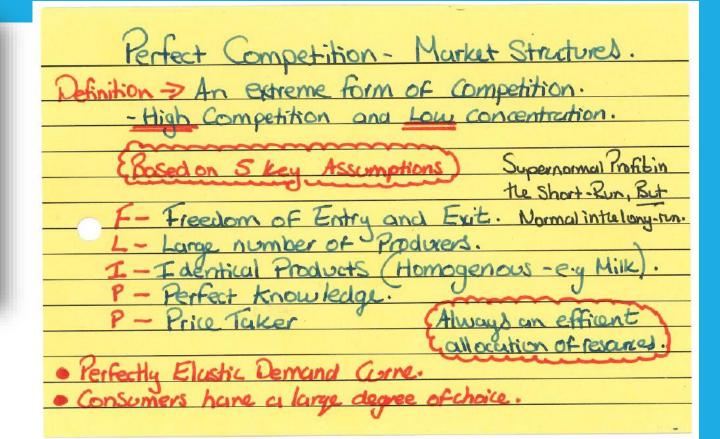
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LINK TO PAST PAPERS (FOR REVISION AND PRACTICE)

Subject	Exam Board	Link to Past Papers
Biology	OCR	GCSE / IGCSE Biology Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
Chemistry	OCR	GCSE / IGCSE Chemistry Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
Physics	OCR	GCSE / IGCSE Physics Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
Mathematics	Edexcel	GCSE / IGCSE Maths Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
English Language	AQA	GCSE / IGCSE English Language Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
English Literature	AQA	GCSE / IGCSE English Literature Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
		GCSE Computer Science Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
Geography	AQA	GCSE / IGCSE Geography Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)
Economics	AQA	GCSE / IGCSE Economics Past Papers - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com)

BIOLOGY

Students will sit two papers for GCSE Biology. There is no coursework or NEA. It is 100% exam based.

Course content for GCSE Biology

OCR Level 1/2 GCSE (9-1) in Biology A (Gateway Science) (J247)

Paper 1 Assesses B1, B2 and B3

Topic B1: Cell level systems

Cell structures, what happens in cells, respiration and photosynthesis

Topic B2: Scaling up

Supplying the cell and the challenges of size

Topic B3: Organism level systems

Coordination and control – the nervous system, coordination and control – the endocrine system, maintaining internal environments

OCR Level 1/2 GCSE (9-1) in Biology A (Gateway Science) (J247)

Paper 2 Assesses B4, B5 and B6

Topic B4: Community level systems

Ecosystems

Topic B5: Genes, Inheritance and Selection

Inheritance, Natural selection and evolution

Topic B6: Global Challenges

Monitoring and maintaining the environment, feeding the human race and monitoring and maintaining health

OCR Level 1/2 GCSE (9-1) in Biology A (Gateway Science) (J247)

The course is assessed by 2 written examinations (Higher Tier Grades 9-4)

Paper	Mode of	Assessment Details	Total marks	Weighting (%)
	Assessment			
Paper 3	Written paper	Topics B1-B3	90	50
(J247/03)	(1 hour 45 mins)			
Paper 4	Written paper	Topics B4-B6 with	90	50
(J247/04)	(1 hour 45 mins)	assumed knowledge of		
		B1-B3		

Paper 3 exemplar responses - https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/549003-higher-tier-paper-3.pdf
Paper 4 exemplar responses - https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/549004-higher-tier-paper-4.pdf

BUSINESS STUDIES

Students will sit two papers at the end of Year 11 making up their GCSE in Business. Each paper is worth the final GCSE.

There is no coursework or NEA. It is 100% exam based.

Paper 1 – Influences of operations and HRM on Business Activity

1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks (50% of the GCSE)

What topics are assessed:

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Business operations
- Human Resources

How is it assessed?

- Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 20 marks.
- Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 mark
- Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 mark

Paper 2 – Influences of marketing and finance on business activity

1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks (50% of the GCSE)

What topics are assessed:/

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Marketing
- Finance

How is it assessed?

- Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 20 marks.
- Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 mark
- Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 mark.

Sixth Form at Beths

- Purpose built sixth form centre (for sixth formers only)
- Meet new people make new friends
- Over 30 different A-Levels (no other school can match this)
- The timetable is built around you and for you
- We will offer 7 periods across the fortnight meaning we will give you more taught hours of lessons with a subject specialist
- Electives promoting extra-curricular
- Dedicated in-house careers team (work experience for every year 12 student)
- A pastoral structure that continues to support students



Academic Expectations



GRADING STRUCTURE	GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	^
7	Α

Beths Gold Standard

All boys should aim to achieve grades 7-9 in ALL of their subjects



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4
4
C
and and above above
D
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Sixth Form Entry

- Entry to the sixth form at Beths Grammar School is based on <u>academic</u> <u>outcomes at the end of GCSE.</u>
- Students need an average point score of <u>6.0</u> AND a Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.
- All subjects have individual entry requirements.
- Grade 7 is the "safe grade" to keep options open.

Student A

Average point score of 8.9 English 8 and Maths 9

A-A*

Wants to study Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Further Mathematics

Student B

Average point score of 7.3 English 7 and Maths 6

Wants to study Mathematics, Geography, Business

Student C

C - **D** Average point score of **6.0** English 5 and Maths 5, Chemistry 6 and Physics 6 Wants to study Mathematics, Physics, and Geology

Be careful.....

- Procrastination
- Putting off for tomorrow what you can do today
- Resting on good trial exam results
- AI (chat GPT)



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What to do now

- Purchase any revision guides
- Prepare a weekly revision schedule for trial exams
- Prepare revision notes and materials from year 10
- Look up the specifications and start the past papers
- Complete the "starting year 11 survey"

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School Development Fund

- We offer your **child life changing opportunities** both in the classroom and beyond.
- We foster excellence and ambition in a diverse and supportive environment and give each pupil every opportunity to reach their full potential.
- We want to go above and beyond for our young people.
- Parental contribution of 10 per month.
- This is an investment in Young People.











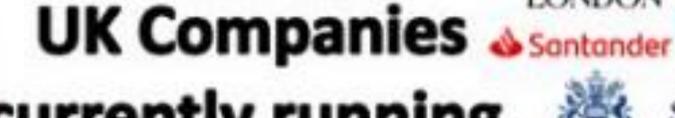


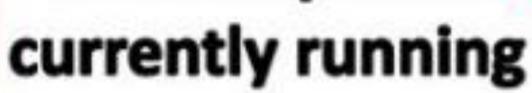




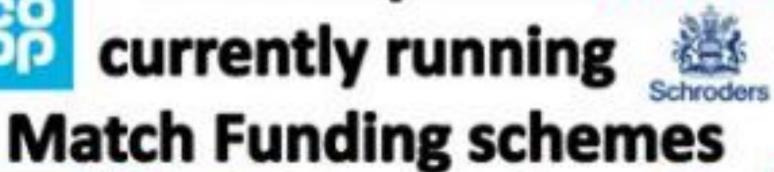








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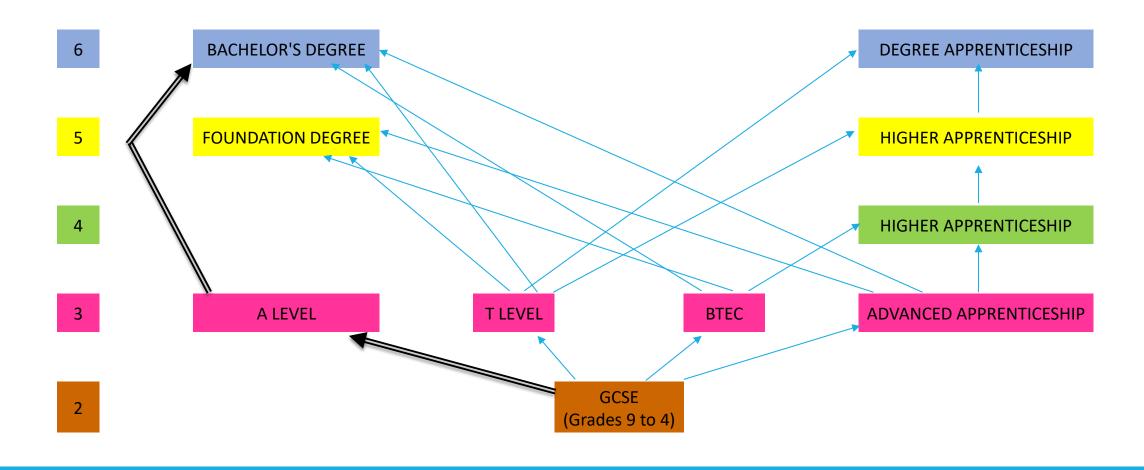
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Inspiring People: Developing Potential



CAREERS CATCH-UP

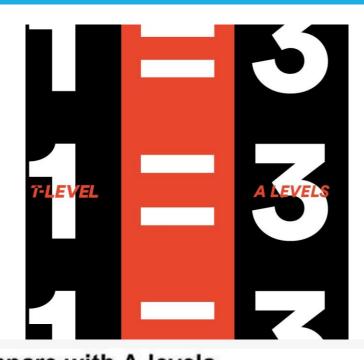
Do you know your levels?



T levels

T Levels

- Two year qualification
- Distinction* is worth the same as three A* at A level
- •80% study and 20% work (45 day industry placement).
- •Agriculture, Environmental and animal care, Business, Construction, Digital, Engineering, Education, Health, Science, Legal, Finance.



Over 150 higher education providers
have confirmed that they will consider T Levels
onto entry onto at least one course.

T-level overall grade	A-level equivalent grades	Ucas points
Distinction*	A*A*A*	168
Distinction	AAA	144
Merit	BBB	120
Pass- C or above on core section	ccc	96
Pass- D or E on core section	DDD	72

BTEC (Business Technology Education Council)

- Are work-related qualifications that combine practice learning with theory.
- They are a good alternative to A levels if you want less classroombased learning.
- You can take BTECS alongside other qualifications like A-Levels

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma = Three A-Levels

BTEC Level 3 Diploma = Two A levels

BTEC Level 3 Certificate = One A-Level



Level	Equivalent Educational Level
2	GCSE
3	A Level
4,5,6 &7	Foundation degree and above
6 &7	Bachelor's or Master's degree
	2 3 4,5,6 &7

Apprenticeships

- Available post-16 as well as post-18
- 80% work and 20% study
- Application process through the employer like finding a job
- Earn while you learn!
- Hands-on training and the chance to practice skills
- Networking opportunities, professional development and potential future employment
- Apprentices work towards a qualification
- Apprenticeships are available at multiple levels
- Competitive: they are not an easy option!

Advanced Apprenticeships give you UCAS points for application to university, or can lead to Higher or Degree apprenticeships

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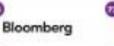






































































After GCSES



- Many of you will be planning to come back to Beths for Sixth Form.
- Beths point score average which will enable you to return to Beths and specific subject requirements
- No limit on the number of post-16 provisions you can apply to
- Don't just apply to other Grammar Schools look at local schools and colleges who have lower entry requirements

September – book onto open days and schools and colleges local to you with lower entry requirements

October – visit, ask questions and decide what courses to apply for

January – deadline to apply.

Have a Plan B now so that you can concentrate on your exams!

Student Success Harvey