

Welcome to Year 11 Parent Information Evening

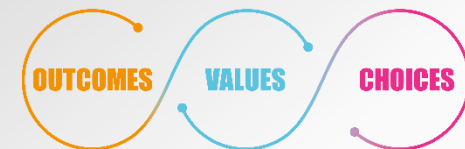
How do we thrive rather than survive?

~~SURVIVING~~
THRIVING

- Expectations of the year
- Communication – Arbor
- Academic tutor sets
- Study skills
- Attendance and punctuality

Year 11 Team 2026 – 2027

- Head of Year 11 – Mr A Preston
- Guidance Manager – Ms R Hoare
- KS4 Lead – Ms H Cole
- Raising Attainment Lead – Mrs C Davis



Attendance

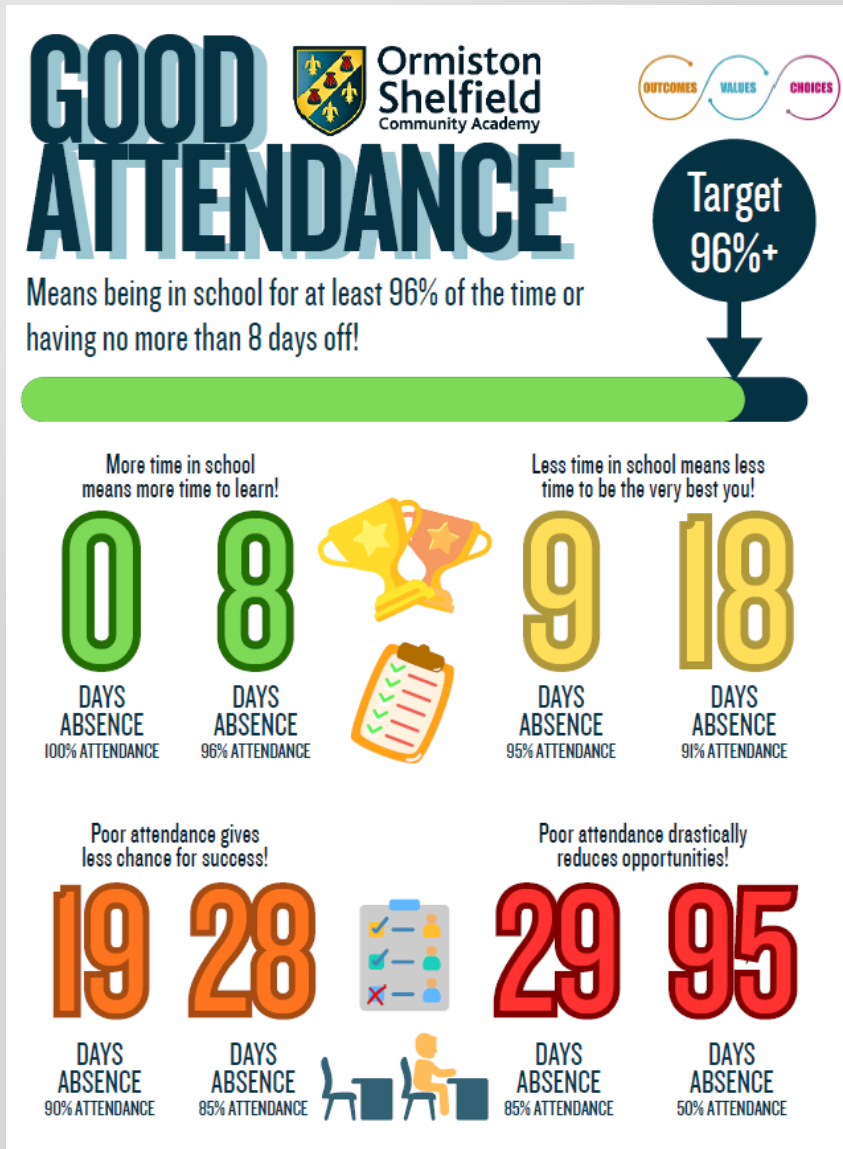
All students should aim for attendance of 96% or above.

- **Good attendance is essential for high achievement in exams.**
- If your child is absent from the academy - please telephone to inform us.
- Below 90% attendance is called persistent absence.

Pupils with higher KS4 attainment had lower levels of absence

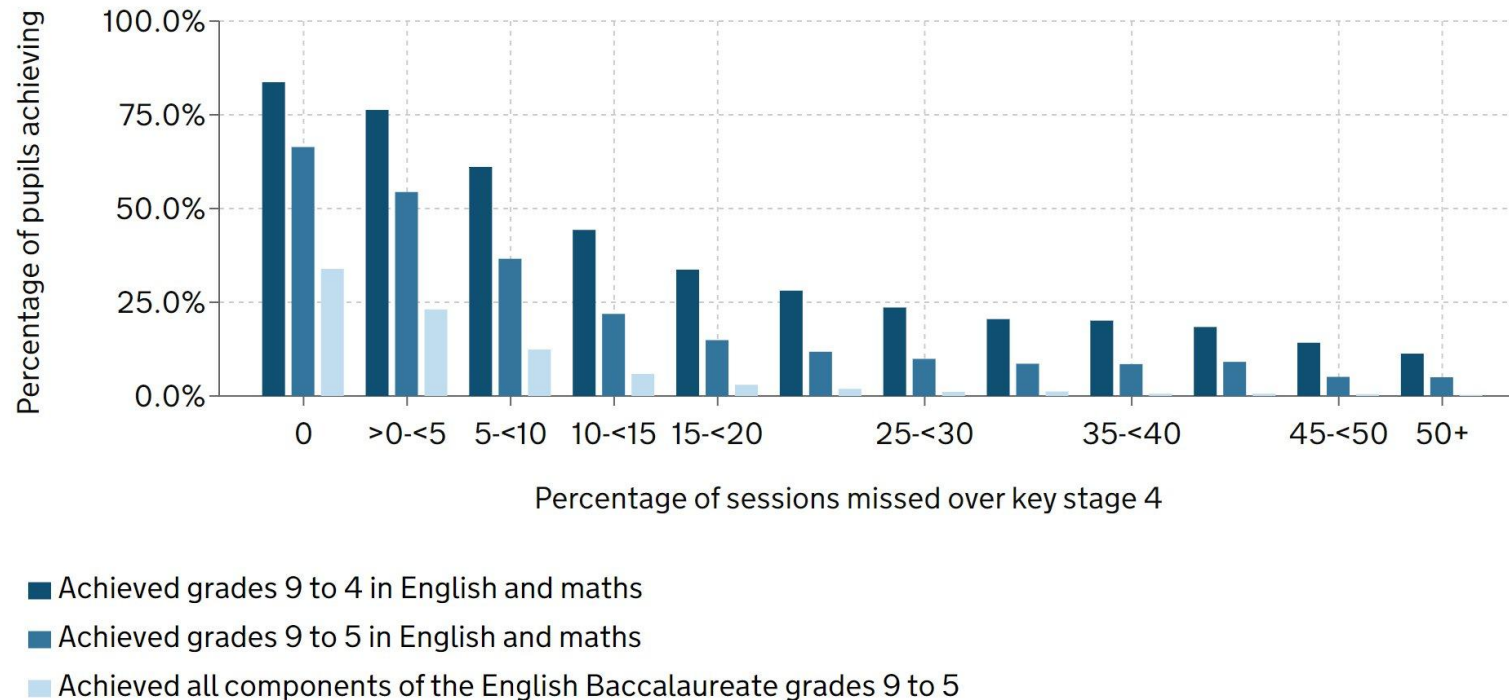
- *35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent achieved 4 or above in English and maths*
- *76.3% of pupils with attendance 95% and above achieved 4 or above in English and maths*
- *83.7% of pupils with no missed sessions achieved 4 or above in English and maths*

The higher the percentage of sessions missed at KS4 the lower the level of attainment



Attendance

Figure 6: Overall attainment in stated qualifications at the end of KS4 by percentage of sessions missed over KS4



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As absence increases, earnings decrease. Increased absence was associated with a higher chance of being on benefits for a sustained period, and a lower chance of being in sustained employment at the age of 28.

CALENDAR



Watch this space...
Parent Masterclasses

- **For BTEC qualifications: students' PSA deadline**
 - Monday 30th November 2026
- **Mock Examinations**
 - Thursday 5th November – Wednesday 18th November
 - Thursday 25th February – Tuesday 9th March
 - Mock results days/reports issued once results are collated
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
 - Thursday 14th January 4pm - 7pm
- **Sixth form Open Evening**
 - Thursday 15th October 5.00 – 7.00pm
- **External Examination Dates**
 - Start date Monday 3rd May (Art and Spanish speaking will be before this)
 - 134 school days
- **Prom/Leavers assembly**
 - Leavers assembly and Prom - Friday 2nd July 2027
- **GCSE Results Day is Thursday 19th August 2027**

Academic Tutoring

- Small groups – evidence suggests that this is effective
- Personalised approach – instant feedback; closing gaps in knowledge and skills
- Booked through Arbor – calendared on the timetable
- 3:10pm – 4pm
- Start date Monday 14th September (Week A)

Year 11 tutoring timetable 2026/7

<u>AMon</u>	<u>ATue</u>	<u>AThu</u>	<u>BMon</u>	<u>BTue</u>	<u>BThu</u>
English	MFL	Sociology (HJC)	Science	History	<u>Maths</u>
Performing Arts	Art	Geography	Computer Science/IT	Media	Technology
	Sport	Business	GCSE PE	Child Development	Sociology (LZB)
	Health and Social Care		Music		

EXAMINATIONS

- Statement of Entry for examinations will be given to students towards the end of February.
- They should check this to ensure they are entered for all subjects and at the right tier i.e., Foundation or Higher.
- Final timetables will be issued to students around Easter time. These timetables will have the dates and times of all exams as well as the room, row and seat number for each student.
- Morning exams start at **9:00am**
- Afternoon exams start at **1:30pm**
- Students will have subject boosters prior to examinations so should arrive in plenty of time.
- If students are late for an examination, there is a cut-off point beyond which we have a duty to report this to the examination board which may result in them refusing to mark the paper.
- If there is a problem which is out of the student's control i.e., a bus not turning up or a car breaking down etc., please telephone the school as a matter of urgency.
- Examination dates and times are set by the examination boards and cannot be sat on an alternative day.

Exam Regulations

We as an Academy are an approved examination Centre. This approval is given by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). The JCQ have overall responsibility for all the examination boards, which in this Academy are AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC. It is the JCQ who make and enforce the standards we have to meet; we are regularly inspected during examination time by the JCQ Inspection Team to ensure we are doing just that.

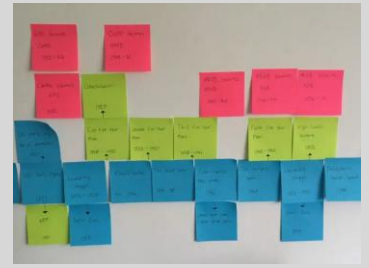
The following regulations must be met by students in an examination room:

- Only material listed on the question paper is allowed in the examination room
- Notes, books, papers, **Mobile Phones and any type of watch are not permitted** in the examination room and will be collected in prior to the commencement of any exam. Anyone found in possession of such items will face disqualification
- Bags and coats must be placed in the trolleys at the rear of the examination room
- Students must write in only black pen, the exception being drawings where a pencil can be used
- Silence must be maintained from the time of entry into the examination room until release from the examination room
- Water in clear plastic bottles is permitted, however the label must be removed
- Students must sit in the seat they have been allocated
- Pencil cases must be clear
- Students must raise their hand if there are any issues

JCQ Summer 2027 Contingency Days

- JCQ have introduced contingency days to the exam period in the event of national or significant local disruption
- **Wednesday 23rd June 2027**
- Candidates must remain available until this date

Supporting our students through exams



The exams can be a stressful time. Supporting children through exams is all about reducing stress, optimising well-being and putting good study processes in place.

A Homework routine:

Short bursts of revision - with scheduled short and long breaks, with regular self-testing to aid memory (and some testing by parents, if they want it).

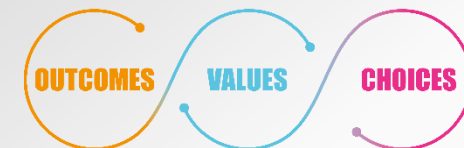
Stepping stones to exams: revision resources created and regular small incentives. Revision TT (**which we will be creating with students in school**)

Physical exercise: increases blood supply to the part of the brain that focuses on memory has shown to improve memory and increase students' new vocabulary 20% faster after exercise. Exercise also relieves stress and aids relaxation and sleep. As you hit your stride, your body releases endorphins which studies show help with anxiety, stress and improves self-esteem.

Sleep is crucial: Teenagers who get 9/8 (A grades) get on average 15 minutes more sleep a night than those who score 7/6 (B grades) and they get 15 minutes more sleep on average than those who get 5/4 (C's)!

Positive praise at home: Motivation, incentives at home.

Healthy Diets and brain food: Pre-exam breakfast clubs



Post-16 Next Steps

- In Year 11 students will have to research and apply for places in our 6th Form or other 6th forms, colleges, or apply for apprenticeship or traineeship vacancies.
- It is important students choose what is right for them and not what their friends are doing.
- All students will receive support from their form tutors to support your child with their next steps.

Timescales for Applications:

- **September – December:** attend open evenings and submit applications
- **Sixth form Open Evening**
 - Thursday 15th October 5.00 – 7.00pm
- **January – April :** attend interviews and receive conditional offers
- **May – June:** sit exams and apply for apprenticeship vacancies (if you wish)
- **August:** Receive GCSE results and make final choices for your next steps
- **September:** start new course/apprenticeship



Destinations - Key Information

- Grades required for a level 3 qualification at College or Sixth Form is a minimum of **5** GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or above.
- Grades for a T-Level (equivalent of 3 A-Levels) is a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including Maths and English.
- Grades required for an A Level is a **minimum grade 6** (some organisations may ask for higher grades e.g. Grammar schools) in the chosen subject/s as a minimum.
- Attendance, punctuality and behavior reports must be taken into college interviews as well as predicted grades which are based on mock exams.
- It is imperative that students maintain an excellent level of attendance and punctuality in Year 11 as this could impact any offers made to your child.
- For example:- Some students in last year's Year 11 were unable to secure their chosen course due to their attendance at school.
- Colleges want the best students, and it is extremely competitive now to secure a place a good at college or an apprenticeship especially popular courses.

Please see below for a variety of useful links for Parents/Carers:

- National Careers Service - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices>
- PROSPECTS - A guide for students to make the right career choice. Match your skills and personality to 400+ job profiles. <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
- CareerMap - An online magazine which provides a useful guide for parents about careers. <https://careermag.co.uk/understanding-your-childs-post-16-options/>
- Apprenticeships - <http://www.apprenticeship.gov.uk>
- Post-16 options - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>
- Parents Guide to... https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/files/ugd/a0f9e4_e95a4504a1834ac4aef24d626a1b0835.pdf



Students and parents/carers can use Unifrog to explore careers, courses, apprenticeships and future pathways.

STUDENTS

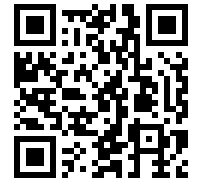
- 1 Scan the QR code or go to the Unifrog sign-in page.
- 2 Use your school Microsoft account if Single Sign-On is enabled.
- 3 Alternatively, enter the email/username and password linked to your Unifrog account.
- 4 Forgotten your details? Use 'Reset password / Resend welcome email' or ask a member of staff.



STUDENT
SIGN IN

PARENTS / CARERS

- 1 Your email address must first be linked to your child's Unifrog profile by the academy.
- 2 Scan the QR code to open your parent/carer account.
- 3 Create/access your account using your email address or Google Single Sign-On.
- 4 Once created, use the normal Unifrog sign-in page for future visits.



PARENT
ACCOUNT

Parent accounts can use Google SSO, but not Microsoft SSO.

Fundraiser

