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Assistant Headteacher Achievement & Progress

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Welcome to

Year 10 Information Evening

Wednesday 2nd July

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Centre Assessed Exam Results

Students have received results & papers back from teachers in lesson

Report emailed home to parents/carers

Attitude to learning x 3 for all subjects
(Engagement, Independent Learning & Ready to Learn)

Report comments on Areas of Strength & Areas for Development



Senior Leader Mentoring Programme

- ✦ Mentoring sessions have already taken place with a member of SLT Year 10 Centre Assessed Exam Results and Attitude to Learning
- ✦ Grades have been reviewed.

3 Targets have been set:

- ✦ A Core Subject
 - ✦ An Option Subject
 - ✦ An area of Attitude to learning
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- ✦ Mentoring sessions will take place throughout Year 11.



How are GCSE courses graded?

How the new grades compare with the old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Source: Ofqual

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How are BTEC/CNAT courses graded?

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction	7-8
Level 2 / Merit	5-6
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1



Key Dates for Year 11

- ✦ ***Centre Assessed Exam Weeks: 19th - 25th September 2025***
- ✦ ***Sixth Form Open Evening: 23rd October 2025***
- ✦ ***Parents Progress Event: 20th November 2025***
- ✦ ***Centre Assessed Exam Week: 26th January-6th February 2026***



Key Dates for Year 11

- ✦ ***Year 11 Parents Exam Information Evening: 29th April 2026***
- ✦ ***External Exam Series: 7th May-23rd June 2026***
- ✦ ***Contingency day: 24th June 2026***
- ✦ ***Exam Results: 20th August 2026***



Reporting Details

✦ Term 1

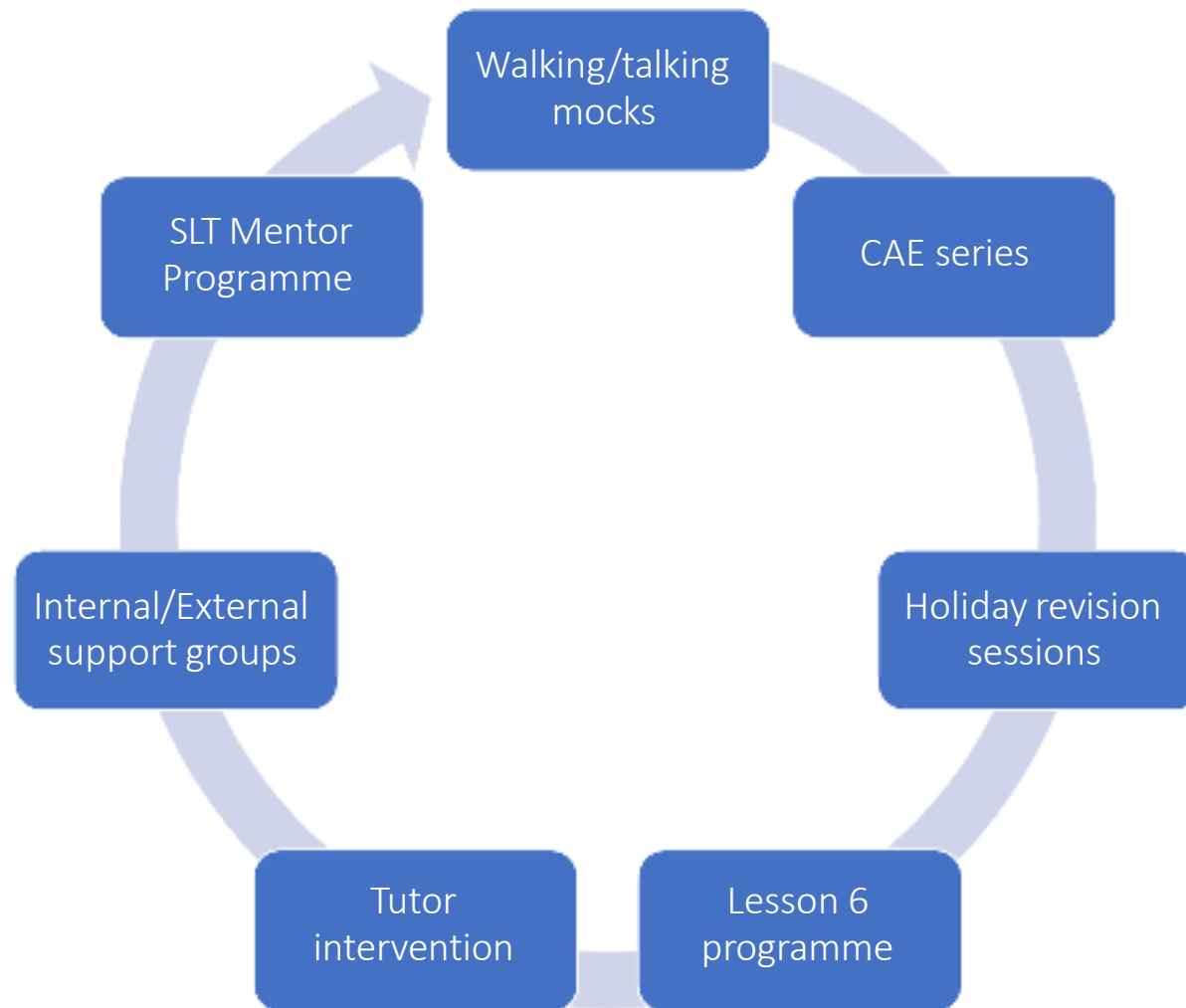
- ✦ Academic Review 1 – October following
- ✦ ***Centre Assessed Exam Weeks: 19th - 25th September 2025***
- ✦ Parents Progress Event ***20th November 2025***

✦ Term 2

- ✦ Academic Review 2 – March (including reports) following
- ✦ ***Centre Assessed Exam Week: 26th January-6th February 2026***



Intervention throughout the year



Summer Homework

- ✦ Each department has compiled a task that will support with revision for their first assessment week at the end of September.
- ✦ This has been based on weaknesses from their most recent CAE results.
- ✦ Each student will also receive a copy of the booklet in tutor this week.



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Assistant Headteacher
SLT Link to Year Group

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Parent Portal



‘Be part of your child's learning journey’

Student Timetable
Attendance Stats
Positive Behaviour Points
Negative Behaviour Points
Update Student Details
Complete Consents
Clubs and Trips
Examination Timetables
Assessment Reports

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Uniform Reminders

- ✦ Shoes: black, polishable, no soft fabric, no logos
- ✦ Skirts of a sensible length, not rolled up, pleated/ skater style
- ✦ Black socks- no bows
- ✦ Official school jumper only
- ✦ No nail varnish, false nails, piercings or jewellery of any kind except one small stud in each ear.
- ✦ No excessive make-up, false tan or false eyelashes
- ✦ Information can be found on Parent section of school website in the Parent Handbook: **Uniform and Appearance**
- ✦ No pinafore dresses – no exceptions



Sixth Form Open Evening

Sixth Form Open Evening- 23rd October 2025

- Talk from Head of Sixth Form
- Opportunity to meet Sixth Form students
- Opportunity to attend a range of subject talks in the areas that students might wish to study in KS5

Sixth Form Show Case- 20th October 2025

- Year 11 student have the opportunity to talk with students currently taking L3 courses to ask them about their experiences.

Sixth Form Applicants Coffee Morning- 30th June 2026

- All applicants invited into school in the summer term to meet other applicants and get to know the Sixth Form team with a view to ease transition in year 12

Sixth Form Entry Requirements

NESTON HIGH SCHOOL - SIXTH FORM

COURSE SUMMARY



COURSE	A LEVEL	LEVEL 3 OTHER *	ADDITIONAL COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENT
APPLIED SCIENCE BTEC		✓	GCSE Science, English and Maths Grade 5
BIOLOGY	✓		Strong GCSE in Science Biology GCSE and GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5
BUSINESS	✓		GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5, GCSE Business Studies Grade 5, or OFEQ Business Level 2 Work Certificate and not successful
BUSINESS CTEC		✓	GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5, GCSE Business Studies Grade 5 or OFEQ Business Level 2 Pass
CHEMISTRY	✓		GCSE Chemistry or GCSE Science Biology and GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5
COMPUTER SCIENCE	✓		GCSE Computing, GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5
CRIMINOLOGY (L3 Dip)		✓	GCSE English Language, Maths and 2 Science at Grade 5
DANCE & THEATRE	✓		GCSE English Language or English Literature and/or GCSE Drama Grade 5
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE	✓		GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 5
ENGLISH LITERATURE	✓		GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 5
ENGINEERING CTEC		✓	GCSE Maths (Physics), Grade 5 Engineering Grade 5 (Diploma not successful)
FINE ART	✓		Grade 5 in a creative GCSE subject (Good drawing skills essential)
FURTHER MATHS	✓		GCSE Maths Grade 5 (Algebraic & Trigonometry)
GEOGRAPHY	✓		Must have studied GCSE Geography, minimum Grade 4, GCSE Maths Grade 5, English Grade 5
GERMAN	✓		GCSE German Grade 5 (English Tier 1/2)
GRAPHIC DESIGN	✓		Grade 4 in a creative GCSE subject. Ability to use creative software such as Photoshop will be an advantage
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BTEC		✓	GCSE English Language Grade 5, Numerical skills ability to independently undertake general level 2 courses by employer and academic entry
HISTORY	✓		GCSE History Grade 5
IT (Computing) DNAT		✓	GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5, Computing Science (ICT) Grade 5/2020
LAW	✓		GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 5 and any Secondary subject Grade 5
MEDIA STUDIES	✓		GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 5, any media GCSE preferred
MATHS	✓		GCSE Maths Grade 5, GCSE Physics Grade 5 recommended
P.E.	✓		GCSE PE Grade 5 and GCSE English Language and/or Science/Tenness/Writing at Grade 5. However, GCSE PE can replace GCSE English
PHYSICS	✓		GCSE Physics or GCSE Science Biology and GCSE English Language and Maths Grade 5
PSYCHOLOGY	✓		GCSE English Language, Maths and 2 Science. Two subjects at Grade 5, one at Grade 4
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	✓		GCSE PE Grade 5. If not studied previously then GCSE English Language and Literature subject or GCSE Religious Studies at Grade 5
SOCIOLOGY	✓		GCSE Geography Grade 5. If not studied previously then GCSE English Language and Literature subject or GCSE Geography subject at Grade 5
SPANISH	✓		GCSE Spanish Grade 5 (English Tier 1/2)
SPORT BTEC		✓	GCSE PE Grade 5, GCSE English Language and 2 Science subject at Grade 5, GCSE PE Level 2 Pass
TEXTILES	✓		Grade 4 in a creative GCSE subject. Previous textile experience an advantage

* If you are studying Applied Science, CTEC or OFEQ Level 2/3 qualification (Drama and History are exceptions to this rule) you will still need to meet the entry requirements for the subject you are studying.

* Please Note - All courses are provisional and are dependent on the number of places available.

Basic Entry Requirements

5 grades 4-9 (or equivalent)

Meet the subject specific entry requirements for three subjects

Please note these will differ for each subject area

Students sitting foundation tier exams at GCSE and wishing to continue this subject at Level 3 may need further discussion

SIXTH FORM

LEADERSHIP TEAM



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How is Sixth Form Different ?



A day in the life of a Sixth Form Student

- 27 taught hours a fortnight
- 20 hours of independent learning
- Students are permitted to leave at lunch time if they have no more lessons to study from home
- Students allowed to leave for lunch
- Driving lessons
- Gym usage
- Enrichment sessions
- Sixth Form Social events
- Sixth Form own spaces
- Sixth Form specific IT spaces



State of the art facilities

Sixth form facilities are different to lower school



Sixth Form Study Area

- 20 desk top computers
- 20 laptops
- 32 study booths
- Group worktables

Sixth Form Refectory

- 10 desk top computers
- Coffee bar (open all day)
- Sixth Form own canteen

Sports Facilities

- New 4G Football Pitch
- Sand-based Astro
- Access to Brio Leisure

Specialised Subject Rooming



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Enrichment



Other Opportunities



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- University Visits
- UCAS conference
- Employment Readiness Programme
- Mock Assessment Centre
- Careers Fairs
- Work Experience Week
- Interview Prep/Mock interviews
- Scholars programme
- Early applicant mentoring Scheme
- University Speakers
- Study Skills Training
- Bespoke PSHE curriculum
- Sixth Form Social Events
- Student Finance Talks
- Year 12 residential trip in Autumn Term
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Community Action Programme
- Sports Clubs/Fixtures
- Charity Organisation



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Miss. Coombs

Head of Maths

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Maths

Your child will either sit Foundation/Higher tier papers.

Both tiers have 3 papers, 2 calculator and 1 non- calculator.

Each paper lasts 90mins.

Tier of entry is based on previous assessments and teacher judgment. The final decision on tiers will be in September after their next assessment.



Maths

Essential Maths Equipment:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator

It is vital your child has a scientific calculator for all their Maths lessons. They are available to buy on sco-pay and cheaper than most supermarkets.



Maths

Summer Homework:

Students need to keep their Maths skills ticking over in the summer and ensure that they have a solid foundation in which to build upon in Y11. Practice and repetition is key!

Students also need to work on their weaknesses that have been identified in their CAEs. They have been given a question analysis sheet which summarises this information and how it links to mathswatch videos/tasks.



Maths

Support:

- Revision sessions afterschool – these will focus on exam practice and be bespoke to your son/daughters class weaknesses.
- Some students have already started Further Maths GCSE with Mr Godson at this time. This will also continue next year.
- Revision guides and flashcards available to purchase on scopay
- A huge host of websites



Maths online resources

[Maths Genie - Free Online GCSE and A Level Maths Revision](#) Choose GCSE REVISION for tasks by grade (with solutions) Choose GCSE PAPERS (OCR) for past papers (with solutions)

[GCSE Maths – Summer 2024 – Corbettmaths](#)

Ultimate revision video (just 8hrs long!) with booklets and solutions

[Maths Revision - PMT \(physicsandmathstutor.com\)](#) Videos, questions and solutions by grade or paper





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English Language and Literature

Your child will be sitting two qualifications: English Language and English Literature; these are not tiered and all students sit the same papers.

Your child has already completed the Spoken Language component of their GCSE.

Over the summer, all Year 10 students will be set homework to support their transition into Year 11. They will all be given this booklet in the last week of term. This is compulsory.

**Year 10
GCSE English
Summer Home Learning
2025
English Language Paper 1 and Macbeth Pre-reading**



Name:

To prepare for Year 11 over the summer, you must complete the following tasks:

- English Language Paper 1 practice questions 1-5.
- Macbeth pre-reading activity and summary task.

You will need to complete these tasks to the best of your ability and submit this booklet to your teacher by Friday 5th September (the first week back).

You will be studying Macbeth in September as part of your AQA GCSE English Literature course.

For further information regarding Shakespeare's Macbeth, visit: [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/gcse/english/macbeth).

AQA English Language: Paper 1 & Paper 2 (80 marks each)

Key Revision Areas & Skills – English Language

Paper 1: 1 hour 45mins

- Understanding of language methods and analysis.
- Understanding of structural methods and analysis.
 - Exploring quotations in detail.
- Writing creatively to craft a description.

Paper 2: 1 hour 45 mins

- Summarising key information from two texts.
- Understanding of language methods and analysis.
 - Exploring writers' viewpoints and perspective.
 - Writing persuasively for a specific audience in a specific format.



AQA English Literature: Paper 1 & 2

Key Revision Areas & Skills – English Literature

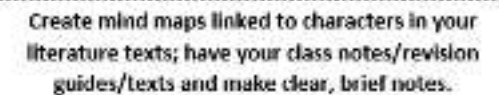
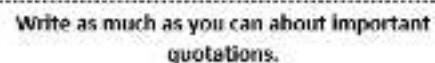
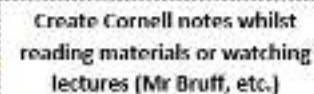
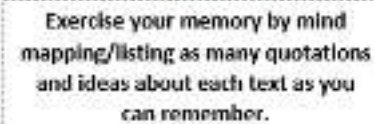
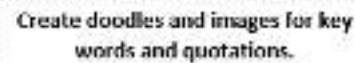
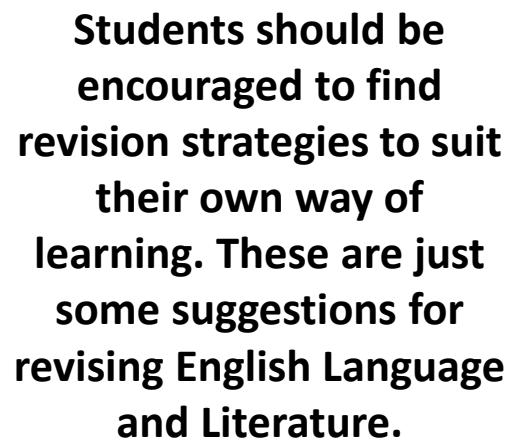
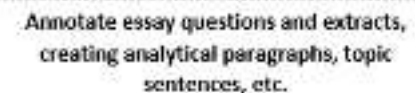
Paper 1: 1 hour 30 mins

- **Macbeth** – key contextual information and a range of quotes.
- **A Christmas Carol** – key contextual information and a range of quotes.

Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins

- **An Inspector Calls** – key contextual information and a range of quotes [No extract given.]
 - **Power and Conflict Poetry.**
- **Unseen Poetry** – revision of poetic techniques and structuring the answer.



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Revision resources



1. Individual classes and full year TEAMs groups.
2. Exercise books and revision materials.
3. GCSE CGP revision guides and literature texts.
4. BBC Bitesize - [GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)
5. Mr Bruff - [\(2\) Mr Bruff - YouTube](#)
6. Mr Salles - [\(2\) Mr Salles Teaches English - YouTube](#)
7. AQA Past Papers - [Physics & Maths Tutor \(physicsandmathstutor.com\)](#)
8. SENECA - [Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 \(senecalearning.com\)](#)

Year 11 ready:

We expect all Year 11 students to come to English prepared with:

- ✦ Completed Summer homework
- ✦ Black pens
- ✦ Highlighters
- ✦ **GCSE Literature texts: they will need their copies of 'Macbeth' in September.**
- ✦ **GCSE text packs are available on ScoPay**
- ✦ Theatre trip: 10th March – Macbeth @ Storyhouse Theatre, Chester



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Science

- Exam board AQA. Students complete Six exam papers.
- **Combined Science** exams – 1 hour 15 minutes
- **Separate Science** – 1 hour 45 minutes
- **Combined Science** achieves 2 GCSE grades
- **Separate Science** achieves 3 GCSE grades
- Papers are HIGHER or FOUNDATION tier.
- **Summer work** will be given as a hard copy and set on TEAMS. September assessments (19th – 26th September) will be based upon this work.
- **Lesson 6 Monday Week A** Revision



AQA Combined Science/ Separate Sciences

Key Revision Areas

Paper 1

- Biology- Cells, Organisation , Infection & response, Bioenergetics.
- Chemistry- Atomic structure & Periodic table, Bonding & properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Energy changes.
- Physics – Energy, Electricity, Particle model, Atomic structure

Paper 2

- Biology- Homeostasis, Inheritance, variation & evolution, Ecology
- Chemistry – Rates of reaction, Organic, Chemical analysis, Atmosphere & resources.
- Physics – Forces, Waves, Magnetism & Electromagnetism



Science Trilogy revision links

Individual classes and full year Science TEAM groups

BBC Bitesize [GCSE Combined Science - AQA Trilogy - BBC Bitesize](#)

Specification [AQA | GCSE | Combined Science: Trilogy | Specification at a glance](#)

Past papers [AQA | Find past papers and mark schemes](#)

Seneca learning [Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2](#)

[\(senecalearning.com\)](#) Physics & Maths tutor [Physics & Maths Tutor](#)

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If revision guides have not already been purchased , scopay is currently open for orders to be made in preparation for September .

Any questions griffithse@nestonhigh.com

Science Seperates revision links

Individual classes and full year Science TEAM groups

BBC Bitesize [GCSE Biology \(Single Science\) - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

[GCSE Chemistry \(Single Science\) - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

[GCSE Physics \(Single Science\) - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Specification [AQA | Science | GCSE | Biology](#)

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Past papers [AQA | Find past papers and mark schemes](#)

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