



Dear Parents/Carers

BEGINNING OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS AND THE YEAR AHEAD

Welcome back to all our Green Flash families and to the final year of secondary school. Now more than ever, developing the best habits of getting to school on time; attending every day and seeking support before issues get out of hand; are of the utmost importance and I would really appreciate your support in ensuring pupils have a positive experience in Year 11 and reiterating our shared standards. I must say that most pupils have come back determined to work hard and teachers have already commented on their excellent attitude to learning.

Please can I also take the opportunity to remind you of the uniform rules at Graveney which state that students should only have one single-stud earring in each ear. This means that any other piercings or other pieces of jewellery are not allowed to be worn. We have noticed a small number of students who have returned to Graveney with multiple piercings. We are asking that families review this with their child so that they come into school in accordance with the uniform policy. If not, they will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy.

Form Tutor Parents' Evening

On **Wednesday 30 September** we will have our Form tutor parents evening. The evening will follow a similar format to last year where parents will be split into groups and have different presentations. This year though, parents will be given information about the work experience programme as well as from some Sixth Form students who have just been through GCSEs and are best placed to share their experience. The evening will start at 5.30pm for all parents and we aim to finish by 7.30pm. Please aim to arrive by 5.20pm to get registered so that we can start promptly at 5.30pm. Details of groupings and venues will be communicated closer to the day. We advise that your child attends the evening with you so that they can hear first-hand the information being shared.

Parents will also have the opportunity to buy revision guides (list attached) if you were unable to do so last year. Please indicate your attendance by completing the google form using this [link](#) by **Friday 25th September**.

Finally I have included some key dates for this year to help with your planning. We will of course write to you with details of some of these events and activities closer to the time.

Key dates for the Academic Year 2025/26	Event
Friday 25 September	INSED #1 (pupils not in school)
Wednesday 30 September	Form Tutor Parents Evening (details above)
Monday 12 October	School finishes early at 3.05pm
Tuesday 13 October	*Sixth Form Open evening (details below)
Wednesday 14 October	Internal applications to Graveney Sixth Form opens
Friday 16 October	School starts late at 11.00am
Wednesday 23 October	Internal applications to Graveney Sixth Form closes
Monday 26 October	Half term week
Wednesday 4 November	Sixth Form Course Selection Guidance Meetings commence
Monday 16 November	Performance of Jekyll & Hyde to all Year 11
Thursday 26 November	INSED #2 (pupils not in school)
Monday 7 December	MOCK exams 1 commence for 2 weeks
Friday 18 December	End of Term 1 - school ends early at 12.00pm
Monday 4 January	Start of Term 2
Thursday 21 January	Subject Teacher + Parents Evening
Wednesday 10 February	INSED 3 (pupils not in school)

Monday 15 February	Half term week
Monday 22 February	Languages Speaking Mock week
Monday 2 March	MOCK exams 2 for two days (English and Maths only)
Monday 22 March	KS4 Presentation Evening
Thursday 25 March	End of Term 2 – school ends early at 12.00pm
Monday 12 April	Start of Term 3
Thursday 15 April	GCSE Languages Speaking exams commence
Tuesday 20 April	INSED #4 – Y11 languages pupils may be required in school
Friday 30 April	Leavers Assembly – Study leave commences
Tuesday 5 May	Online / Onsite Revision sessions commence
Monday 10 May	GCSEs commence
Monday 31 May	Half term week
Friday 18 June	GCSEs end
Monday 21 June	Sixth Form offer Holders Day 1
Tuesday 22 June	Sixth Form offer Holders Day 2
Friday 25 June	Work Experience Briefing and Text book returns day
Monday 5 July	Work Experience commences for 1 week
Monday 12 July	Work Experience Debriefing morning
Monday 12 July	PROM evening
Thursday 19 August	GCSE results day

Sixth Form Open evening

On Tuesday 13 October is our Sixth Form Open Event Open evening where you get the opportunity to visit subjects your child is interested in studying at Graveney Sixth Form. The evening is from 5.30pm to 8.30pm and all pupils who wish to attend MUST be accompanied by a parents / carer. Any Year 11 pupil who turns up without a parent/carers will not be permitted entry onto the school site.

Details of how to book a talk and admissions into the Sixth will be published on the school website later this month. We will inform you of when you can book a talk for the open evening and the admissions process.

We are keen to make this final year as productive as possible and rely on having open and honest communication with families at all times so please do not hesitate to contact us as the year progresses should you have any concerns.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Wickliffe
Head of Upper School / Deputy Head Teacher

GCSE REVISION GUIDE PRICE LIST 2025/26

The revision guides listed below have been recommended by the relevant Heads of Department. These guides will be available to purchase during the parents' evening. We accept cash or card on the night. If pupils would like to buy them during school hours, they should bring **cash only** to the Phase Office, Ground Floor, Furzedown House, by classroom FG5.

SUBJECT - EXAM BOARD	Description of revision guide	PRICE
ENGLISH - AQA	English Text Guide – Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde	£3.00
	GCSE English Language Revision Guide	£3.00
	GCSE English Language Workbook	£3.00
	English Text Guide – Macbeth	£3.00
	English Text Guide – Romeo & Juliet	£3.00
	English Text Guide – An Inspector Calls	£3.00
	English Text Guide – Power and Conflict Poetry Guide	£3.00
	English Text Guide – Unseen Poetry	£3.00
MATHEMATICS - EDEXCEL	Your child's maths teacher will recommend a maths revision guide that can be purchased online from Amazon	
SCIENCE - OCR	Biology Revision Guide*	£4.00*
	Chemistry Revision Guide*	£4.00*
	Physics Revision Guide*	£4.00*
	Combined Science Revision Guide* (Higher)	£6.00*
	Combined Science Revision Guide* (Foundation)	£6.00*
	Combined Science Workbook OCR (Higher)	£6.00
	Combined Science Workbook OCR (Foundation)	£6.00
	Biology Workbook OCR	£4.00
	Chemistry Workbook OCR	£4.00
	Physics Workbook OCR	£4.00
RELIGIOUS STUDIES - EDEXCEL	Revision notes: Beliefs in Action	£6.00
HISTORY - EDEXCEL	Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88	£3.00
	Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91	£3.00
	Migrants in Britain c800-present	£3.00
LANGUAGES - PEARSON/EDEXCEL	French Revision Guide	£4.00
	French Workbook	£4.00
	Spanish Revision Guide	£4.00
	Spanish Workbook	£4.00
GEOGRAPHY - WJEC Equqas	WJEC Eduqas GCSE Revision Guide (9-1)	£7.00

MEDIA STUDIES - OCR	OCR GCSE (9-1)	£8.00
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*** Available from the Science department**