



to the 2024-25 school year Year 11

Mrs Mellors, Headteacher

Thank you and well done to our new Year 11 students

Exam Results 2024



	National	AW 2024	AW 2023	AW 2019
	2024	Results	Results	Results
5+ English and Maths		52.6%	55.6%	51.33%
4+ English and Maths		69.5%	73.1%	68.10%
% of grades at 9	5%	8%	10.1%	11.00%
% of grades at 7+	22%	32%	33.7%	30.80%
% of grades at 5+		66%	60.8%	55.80%
% of grades at 4+	67%	80%	73.9%	69.70%





Success...





"Sometimes success looks like this, collecting trophies..... Sometimes it's just waking up and putting one foot in front of another. There's only one of you in the world, and that's more than good enough. Be unapologetically yourself."



Mary Earps, February 2023 – FIFA Award Ceremony

How can I support my child?



- ✓ They are all different and will need different things this may change throughout the year
- ✓ Health and wellbeing is the most important thing
- ✓ Support with post-16 plans A, B and C
- ✓ Encourage good study habits as well as hobbies, relaxation and good eating, sleeping and relaxing routines
- ✓ Positive talk do your best, it is important but doesn't define you, a little anxiety is normal and shows you care, take a break
- ✓ School and lesson attendance is key for academic success
- ✓ Seek support and advice if needed

The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs M Holling
Deputy Headteacher
Behaviour
Alternative Provision
Year 7



Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher



Mrs L Rockley
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Year 10



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Safeguarding (DSL),
Attendance,
Pupil Premium
Year 9



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Year 8



Mr A Young
Assistant
Headteacher
Achievement,
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Exams, IT
Year 11



Mr K Stephan
Enrichment
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College
Director



Mrs S Gardiner
Curriculum Leader
for English
Transition



Mr Allsopp
Progress Leader
Year 10
Recognition and
Celebration



Ms Oakes
Operations Manager









Parent Survey 2024 (178 responses)

- ✓ Range of subjects available (94%)
- ✓ Would recommend the school (94%)
- ✓ My child feels safe (93%)
- √ The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved (93%)
- √70% of parents say their child hasn't been bullied; 21% school dealt with it well
- ✓ Clubs and activities (90%)

- ✓ Not had concerns (28%) or they were dealt with well (61%)
- ✓ My child does well (88%)
- ✓ The school lets me know how they are doing (88%)
- ✓ My child is happy (87%)
- ✓ Support child's wider development (85%)
- ✓ High expectations (84%)
- ✓ SEND support (75%)

Strong ethos based on values. Lots of clubs and wider opportunities.
Encouraging, supportive and encouraging staff. Clear communication about events/arrangements.

Friendly, caring, approachable yet with good focus on academic development.

They haven't given up on my child

I appreciate that Alderman White values community and kindness.

It lives its values

There is a strong sense of a school community. Both children have been able to get involved in activities beyond the classroom which have helped them feel they belong and contribute to the school.

School Development 2024-25



- Success for every student e.g. recognition and celebration approaches; oracy; literacy and numeracy interventions
- Ongoing development of curriculum and teaching and learning
- 3) Mental health and wellbeing e.g. behaviour interventions ("Reset Room")
- 4) Preparing for the changing world AI, anti-racism, Climate Action Plan, review uniform
- 5) Continue to develop our resources and facilities



A
community
of
opportunity
for all



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- Safeguarding issues
- Impacts concentration
- Social media addiction
- Quiet background music for some activities – controlled by teacher
- Use of technology in curriculum





Get involved with the school

Parent Forum

- ✓ Every term for 1 hour
- ✓ All parents are welcome
- ✓ A forum for parents to ask questions or provide feedback to SLT
- ✓ You can add an item to the agenda or come along to listen or join in
- √ Very informal
- ✓ Changes school policies and procedures and creates understanding

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

- ✓ Has a committee and volunteers / helpers
- ✓ Runs fundraising and community events to support the school eg. Summer Fair

Ms Friend, Progress Leader



Ms Gayle Friend Y11 PL.

Mrs Jacqui Brookes Y11 SSM Mr Alex Young Y11 SLT link



Working in partnership



Key Staff

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Who's who at Alderman White...



Mrs Padley - SENCo



Miss Owens – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Kempster- Lead Teacher for Looked after Children



Mr Moore – Careers Lead



Mr Lea – Outdoor Education Leader



Ms Zhang – Literacy and Library Lead



Mrs Philpot - Attendance
Officer



Charlotte Graves -School Counsellor – (and emotional support dog Willow)



Ms Oakes – Operations Manager



Mrs Crofts – School Administrator



Mrs Wooley - Receptionist

Looking after health and wellbeing in Year 11

- Health routines and lifestyle look after your self – healthy eating, exercise, good sleep routines
- Avoid things that we know are bad for us – processed food, smoking and vaping, alcohol, toxic relationships
- Hobbies, friends, positive self talk, things to look forward to, relaxation / mindfulness
- Seek advice and support childline, counsellor, GP,
- Listen to friends and family if they are worried
- Don't catastrophise all of this will pass

Mental health and wellbeing support



MHST

Useful resources for students and parents:

- Info and advice | Childline
- Local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
 NottAlone
- Health For Teens | Everything you wanted to know about health
- Parents and Carers UK Safer Internet Centre

How to seek support if you are concerned:

Speak to your child's Progress Leader or tutor

Make a GP appointment

Self referral to MHST or CAMHS

NottAlone https://nottalone.org.uk

Health for Teens

School website

https://aldermanwhite.school/parents-and-students/mental-health-wellbeing







Communication – General



✓ Please see our website for general information e.g. About our curriculum



✓ For news, sign up for our newsletter and like our Facebook page



✓ Get in touch if there is something we should know or you have a
question



Parent priorities at the start of the academic year:

- Make sure you can still login to MCAS. If not, email mcas@aldermanwhite.school for support.
- Update key household/child information and contacts. Make sure email addresses are correct as most of our communication is received this way
- Go through and approve parental consents for image use.

Communication – Other platforms







Google Classroom

All lesson material and homework is here. Once you've accepted the Google Classroom invitation for guardian summaries, you will receive an email either daily or weekly listing student's homework assignments.

School Cloud

All online parent's evenings are booked and hosted through School Cloud. Your login details will be details about you and your child. More information is sent out when an event is approaching.

Student Portal

This is for your child and details all the things students need to know including timetable, reports, rewards and more.

Chromebook scheme

- Please reinforce that students use the carrycases provided to prevent breakages to screens.
- Screen repair can be done in school and paid for using MCAS (£25).
- School should be made aware of any issues with Chromebooks as soon as possible so a loan device can be allocated whilst investigation/repair takes place.
- We only monitor Chromebooks in school. It is parent's responsibility to monitor student use of Chromebooks outside school hours.
- At the end of Year 11, we offer a buyback scheme where you can sell the device back to school. You can just choose to keep them. Buyback only applies to devices in a good condition and with charger and bag.

Key Dates for Year 11 (Autumn term)



- Maths Progress Calculator Exam: 1st October 2024
- English Language Paper 2 Progress Exam: 3rd October 2024
- Bramcote College Open evening: 9th October 2024
- Online Year 11 Parents Evening: 17th October 2024
- Most Post-16 establishments open to applications: Oct/Nov 2024
- Main November Progress Exam Window: 18th November 2024 29th November 2024
- Photography Progress Exam: 16th 17th December 2024
 (Art progress exam –Early January 2025)

Key Dates for Year 11 (Spring term)



- Art progress exam –Early January 2025
- Year 11 Success @ KS4 Evening: 23rd January 2025
- English Language Paper 1 Progress Exam: 27th January 2025
- Year 11 Reports published: 14th February 2025
- Main mock exam window: 24th February 7th March 2025
- NEA Food practical exams: $10^{th} 14^{th}$ March 2025
- Additional targeted parents evening: 3rd April 2025
- Official GCSE Photography practical exams: 31st March 4th April 2025

Key Dates for Year 11 (Summer term)



- Official GCSE Art practical exams: 23rd 25th April 2025
- Language Speaking exams: 28th April 6th May 2025
- Main GCSE Exam window: 8th May 24th June 2025
- Year 11 Leavers Assembly: 25th June 2025
- Year 11 PROM: 25th June 2025
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August 2025

Post-16 Open evening dates

- Bramcote College Sixth Form (WHP Trust): Wednesday 9th October 6-8pm
- George Spencer Sixth Form: Thursday 3rd October
- **Bilborough College:** Saturday 5th October 9:30 2:00; Wednesday 16th October 2024 4:30 7:30, Saturday 9th November 2024 9:30 2:00
- **Nottingham College:** Tuesday 8th Wednesday 16th October https://www.nottinghamcollege.ac.uk/about-us/events/open-days
- Chilwell Sixth form: Thursday 17th October 6:30-8pm
- NUAST: Thursday 7th November 2024, 5.45pm-7pm or 6.45pm-8pm
- Confetti: Saturday 16th November (Book)



Next stage; level 1-3 qualification requirements

A levels- courses usually require the very minimum of a GCSE grade 5 to study the subject at A level (as well as Grade 4 for Maths and English GCSE). Usually a maximum of three A levels, although some colleges may allow four to be started, for the first year.

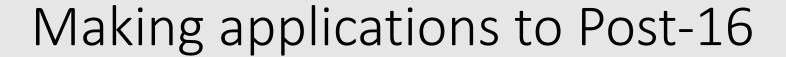
Level 1 BTEC/Vocational course – standard requirements are 4 GCSE grades 1 - 3

Level 2 BTEC/Vocational course – standard requirements are 4 GCSE grades 3 incl either English or Maths

Level 3 BTEC/National course - standard requirement of 5x GCSE grade 4 passes including English and Maths

Apprenticeships- entry requirements are different depending on the employer and the role, but generally, Level 2 apprenticeships don't require any formal qualifications. If you don't already have GCSEs in English and maths, you will need to take functional skills as part of the apprenticeship, which is an alternative to GCSEs.

T levels-T Levels are aimed at advanced students who are aged 16-18 and have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths.





- College and Sixth form application process normally opens late October/early November for September 2025.
- Apprenticeship applications run throughout the year https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- We recommend applications for college/sixth form to be completed by January 2025.
- We recommend applying for more than one post-16 place.
- Check you are on track to achieve the entry requirements and course is appropriate. Speak to us if unsure.
- When you've made an application, fill it in on Unifrog.





We have reviewed our recognition and celebration policy based on feedback from students, staff and parents.

Our priorities for the academic year are to:

- encourage consistency in the way staff give out INSPIRE points.
- recognise and celebrate those who consistently demonstrate INSPIRE values.
- make parents more aware their child's successes in school.
- increase the number of positive conversations had with students.

Trips overview

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11		
Autumn				DoE Bronze Expedition	DoE Silver Expedition		
			German Exc		hange return visit		
			Cologne trip (GCSE German)				
			London Theatre trip				
		Bletchley Park Trips*					
	Pantomime/Theatre visit*			Cadbury's Business and iMedia trip			
Spring University Trip*			German Ex	change trip			
		Hagg Farm Residential		GCSE Eng	lish Poetry Live		
				GCSE Geography fieldtrip 1			
	University Trip*		UoN Engineering Trip				
			Skiing trip				
	Athletics Competition						
Summer			DoE Bronze Practice Exp	DoE Silver Practice Exp			
				GCSE Geography fieldtrip 2			
		Big Bang Fair			Prom*		
		UK Music Tour					
	Walesby Camping*	China Town London Daytrip					

More information about costs, duration etc on the website...

Enrichment Opportunities



Weekly enrichment programme – encourage your child to take part in wider opportunities.

Year 11 study V 'down time'

Getting the balance right- sense of belonging that comes from being involved; activities/clubs, trips, Senior student responsibilities, study groups!

Find out more: Enrichment (aldermanwhite.school)





Alex Young -SLT Link

You are here

June 2025 End of Exams

Year 10 Start of KS 4











Who will you be during the summer?



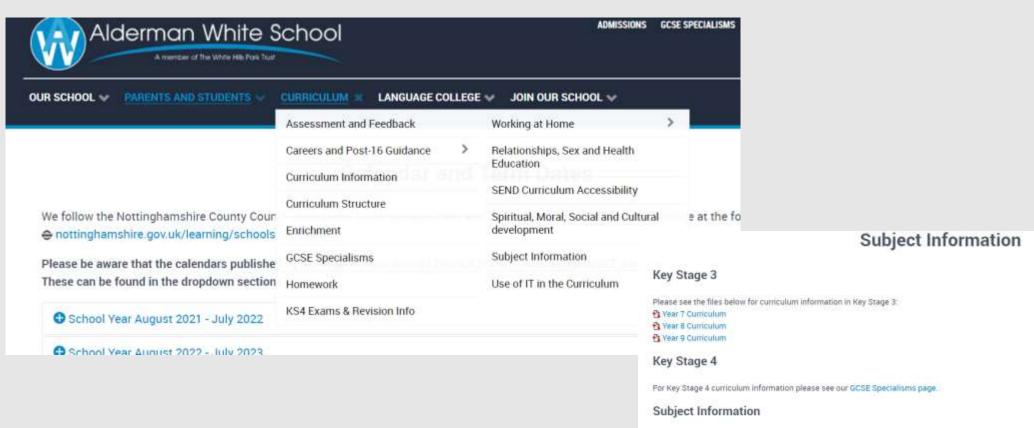
Attendance

- 90% attendance = half a day missed every week.
- 90% attendance in one school year = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed in that year.
- 90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = half a year of school missed.
- Evidence suggests that, on average, every 17 days of school missed by a student equates to a potential drop of 1 GCSE grade.

Curriculum Information

There is lots of information about our curriculum on our website





<u>Subject Information (aldermanwhite.school)</u>



Core subject information ENGLISH



- We alternate between English Language and English Literature progress exams. Autumn Term has Language Paper 2, followed by Literature Paper 2.
- Students will be new to the Language Paper.
- The Literature Paper requires revision of An Inspector Calls and the Power and Conflict AQA anthology.
- Please be aware that, while your child will want to use online resources to support revision, these are highly variable in quality and accuracy. Instead, please encourage students to learn from flashcards, Seneca, and resources provided by teachers as their first resort.



MATHS

- Years 10 & 11, pupils are set into Foundation & Higher Tier groups and they follow the AQA scheme of learning.
- Intervention is offered to GCSE students requiring additional support.
 Students who are not on track to pass Maths are offered a reduced curriculum in Years 10 & 11 to focus on the most important topics in order to improve their chances of passing. This is a 1-year Consolidation curriculum that is repeated in each year, alongside plenty of exam technique practise.
- The order of the topics can be found on the school website, under subject information.
- We use mini-whiteboards regularly, to reduce the fear of making mistakes and encourage a culture of collective responsibility, self-regulation and reflection. We have also developed a comprehensive IT-based curriculum on Dr Frost & Google Classroom to support remote learning and revision.





English: 2 groups targeting grade 7-9; 2 targeting grade 6-8; 1 targeting grade 3-5; 1 working towards grade 4

Maths: 1 Further Maths / Higher GCSE group; 2 Higher groups; 4 Foundation groups – broadly sets but with 2 parallel Foundation tier groups - all students aiming for Grade 4+

Science: 2 x Triple groups; 1 x Higher Combined group; 1 Higher / Foundation Combined group; 2 x Foundation Combined groups

Specialism subjects: mainly mixed attainment groups

There may be some changes during the year to ensure students are being taught to the correct tier

Assessment at Key Stage 4



- GCSE Grades 9-1; vocational grades Level 1 or 2 Pass, Merit or Distinction
- Progress exams June / July of Y10, November of Y11 and Mock Exams March of Y11 (plus additional standalone exams in English, Maths and Science)
- Regular and ongoing "low stakes" formative assessment
- Each exam is followed by target tackling to support students in improving their grade
- Target grades will be reviewed this half term by the teacher and student
- Tiers of entry (Foundation or Higher) finalised in spring term of Year 11
- Find out more: <u>Assessment and Feedback</u> (aldermanwhite.school)

GCSE 1-9	Vocational
9	Level 2 Distinction*
8	(8.5)
7	Level 2 Distinction (7)
6	Lovel 2 Marit /F E)
5	Level 2 Merit (5.5)
4	Level 2 Pass (4)
3	Level 1 Distinction (3)
2	Level 1 Merit (2)
1	Level 1 Pass (1.25)
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Homework, revision and independent study

Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

- English, Maths
- 1 piece per week (45-60 minutes)
- All other qualification subjects including single Sciences
- 1 piece per week (30-45 mins) or 1 piece per fortnight (45-60 minutes)
- Deadlines: Minimum of 4 days
- In school support sessions
- Homework focuses around revision and preparation for exams at key points in the year.



Learner Behaviour



Ambitious learners

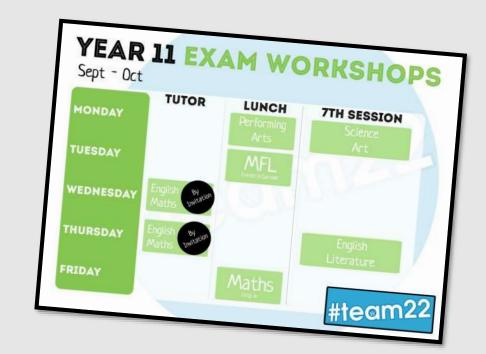
- are constantly striving to improve their understanding and ability to explain their ideas
- take great pride in their work
- enjoy being challenged
- are willing to take risks and learn from mistakes

Active learners

- listen attentively to instructions and explanations
- do their best to complete each activity to a good standard

What are we doing to support

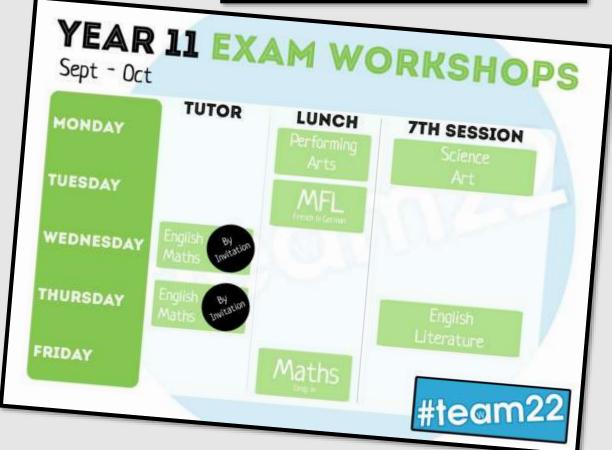
- Quality first teaching
- Bespoke and personalized Pastoral care
- 7th session workshops
- Spaces to revise at school
- Mentoring
- AW Endurance program



7th Sessions & Revise til 5

- 7th session workshops will start in the coming weeks. Timetable will be sent out.
- An opportunity for students to get additional input from their teachers.
- Loyalty scheme to encourage attendance. 6 stamps enters you into the prize draw for goodies at the end of term.





Struggling with revision?

- Monday Thursday: 3.30 5pm
- New Block corridor
- Hot Chocolate and biscuits
- Revision guides
- Computers

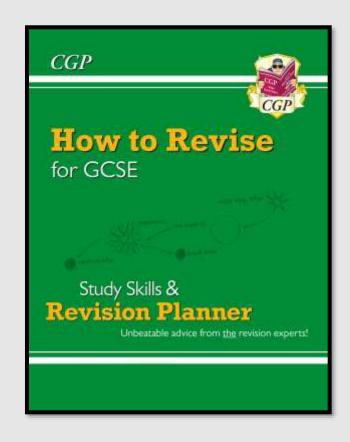






Equipment ready for exams - MyChildAtSchool

- All revision guides, exam equipment and more is available on MyChildAtSchool.
- We only show you what is relevant to your child.
- We offer funding for all 'free school meal' students to access these resources.



In summary: What can parents do?

- Be positive and encouraging. Be a revision buddy and test your child.
- Be aware of the additional support in school
- Create an environment conducive to study.
- Help supply the tools for revision (revision guides, equipment etc...) through school or externally.
- Help build a revision timetable all family members can agree to. Set up a 'Don't break the chain' calendar.

Some of the Roles of Parents During Exam Time 1. Link between home and school 2. Attendance officer 3. Banker 4. Provider 5. Project manager 6. Adviser 7. Study buddy 8. Biggest supporter

Exam Preparation

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There is lots of guidance and support on our website

Supporting children through exams (aldermanwhite.school)

Success @ KS4 (aldermanwhite.school)



Success at Key Stage 4

This collection has been designed to help you prepare for assessments across KS4 with the ultimate aim of getting you in the best shape possible for the official examinations at the end of Year 11. Here you will find our 3-step model to success; Power2Perform, Prepare2Perform and Metacognition. If you are a first-time user then we recommend you start with the Power2Perform video information and then work your way through to Metacognition.

Exams

Exam Information & Timetables
Exam Regulations & Appeals
The 7th Session
Revision Skills
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for joining us — we look forward to working with you this year



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