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Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

Take under your protection the serious
and troubling situations that I commend to you,
that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you.

Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

Amen.





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Year 11 Mock Exam Results Reveal & The Year Ahead





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Thank you & Teamwork

Thank you

- Some sobering thoughts;
- Only get one chance at Year 11
- 9 months
- 28 weeks

**Don't count the days, but make
the days count**

Teamwork & Wanting the best:

- Year 6 evening
- 3 parts to this team
- More important than ever!





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The Results

There'll be a mix of emotions today:

- ✓ Relief
- ✓ Joy
- ✓ Anger
- ✓ Frustration
- ✓ Sadness



What these results aren't:

- The final results
- All you can achieve
- A reason to be complacent
- A reason to give up – every grade matters!

What these results are:

- **YOUR** mocks
- An indicator
- A motivator
- A starting point



Reflections

- When you go home, on Class Charts will be a link to an online reflection form.
- There are 21 questions to aid your reflections;
 - 19 for pupils
 - 3 for parents
- It'll take approx 10 minutes to complete.
- The 3 relating to college courses will aid our future planning for WIN sessions
- Use this form to gather your thoughts and record your reflections.
- Be honest, that's the only way you'll be able to change things that need to change and make improvements that'll mean you are more successful!





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How We Will Support Your Child

- **Study Skills**

- Sessions
- How to revise subject specific guidance
- General Study Skills Booklet

- **WIN Sessions – What I Need sessions**

- **Mentoring** for select pupils & tailored timetables

- **February Half Term & Easter Revision Sessions**

- **Regular Homework**

- Supports with information recall
- Supports with exam practise

- **Pastoral help**

- Form Tutors, pastoral managers

- **College awareness & Careers interviews**

- Open days regularly communicated
- Interviews - all will have had an interview by the end of this term

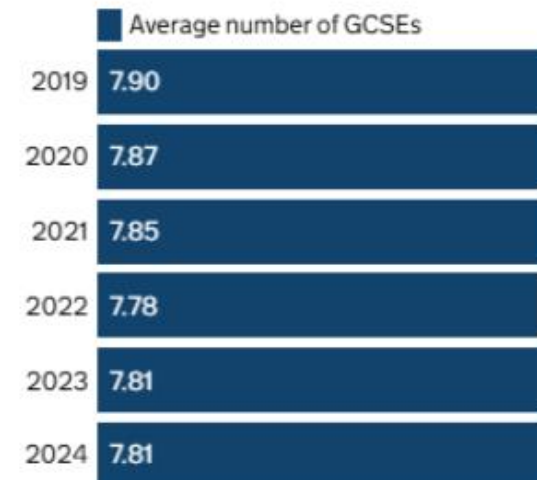


Curriculum Rationalisation

- Our pupils at KS4 have traditionally taken 10 GCSEs
- The national average is 7-8 GCSEs
- We've asked the pupils
- We've been discussing with departments following the mock exams
- Same process this year for Year 11 and it worked brilliantly for motivation and engagement
- If a subject is 'dropped' frees up time for independent study for other areas (worked into the timetable)
- You have a letter in your pack, advising of our recommendation - please sign and return the slip by Monday, if you do not we will assume that you are happy to support our recommendation

Average number of GCSEs taken by 16-year-olds, from 2019 to 2024 — England only

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How will they work?

- 30-minute weekly sessions
- Now until Christmas (reviewed after next mocks in Jan)
- Chocolate to boost energy at the start!
- Low-Stakes Retrieval – quiz/mini whiteboards/brain dumps
- Exam Technique
- Modelling of exam answers using visualisers or chalk & talk
- Independent practise for the pupils



WIN Sessions – beginning 15th September (last Year's programme for illustrative purposes)

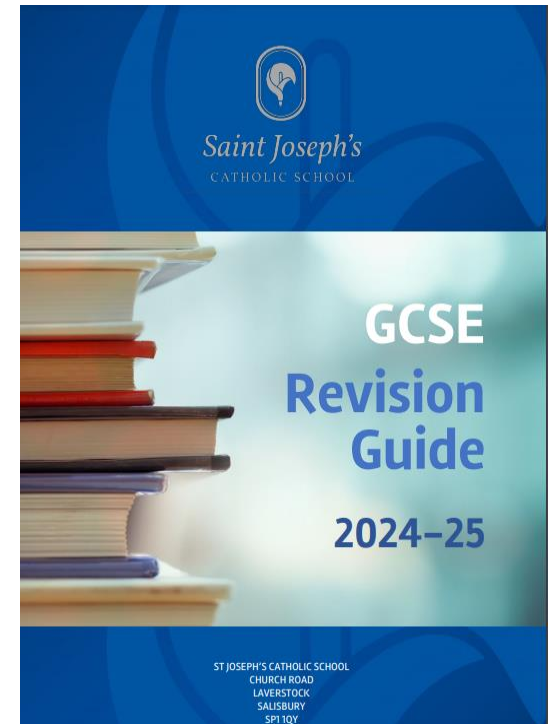
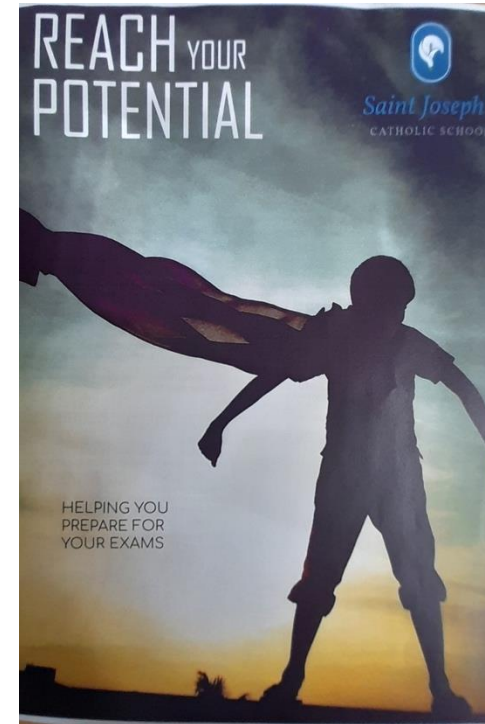


Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	History GCSE PE	Geography	English Language		GCSE PE Art
After - School	RE Spanish French	English Literature Sociology Computer Science/ Creative Media Combined Science	Maths Combined Science Food Tech Music	Maths Triple Science Drama Combined Science Spanish	

How We Will Support You –

www.sjcs.org.uk/revision/ - key stage 4 section

- **Study Skills**
 - **Online clips**
 - Effective Revision Techniques
 - Myths about revision
 - How the teenage brain functions and what this might mean for revision!
 - Things to avoid saying to your child during revision
 - Getting organised – revision timetables and flashcards
 - Your suggestions!
 - **Booklets**
 - Subject specific guidance with links to the exam boards, past papers and markschemes
 - Reach Your Potential – study skills for pupils
- **Being a call or an email away**
- **Subject Revision Guides purchasable through School Gateway: Science, RE, Spanish**



GCSE Candidate Information | St Joseph's Catholic School (sjcs.org.uk)



How You Can Help

- Attendance
- Homework
- Attendance at parents' evening
- Take an interest
 - Progress trackers in books
 - Go through the study skills booklet together
 - Be willing to be a revision partner!
- Get in touch if you have concerns!
- Provide balance

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Who will be selected and how will I know if my child has been selected?

- Heads of Department are giving their suggestions
- These plus the completion of your form when you get home will help to shape the make-up of the groups
- Mrs Webb, Mr Ford and I are meeting early next week to make the final decisions
- You will be notified of the sessions your child is expected to attend





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Important Dates



- **Parents Evening:** 11th December
- **1st Progress Reports** – End of term 2
- **January Mock Exam Series** – Week Commencing Mon 12th Jan
- **Results report** comparing Target, Sept & Jan grades and predicted grades – end of term 3
- **2nd Progress Reports** – end of term 4
- **Open Events** at colleges & deadlines check the website
- **Contingency Date for exams -**
 - Wednesday 24 June 2025 all day

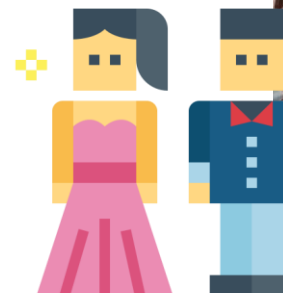
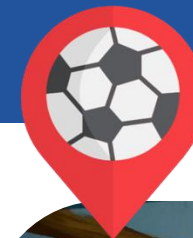


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The Year 11 Journey & Events

Lots of good things to come...

- Prom
- Dance-Off
- End of Year Yr11 vs Staff Football & Netball
- Big Sleep
- Legacy Leaves
- Leavers breakfast
- House Meals
- Year 11 Rewards Trips
- Year 11 bonding trip...



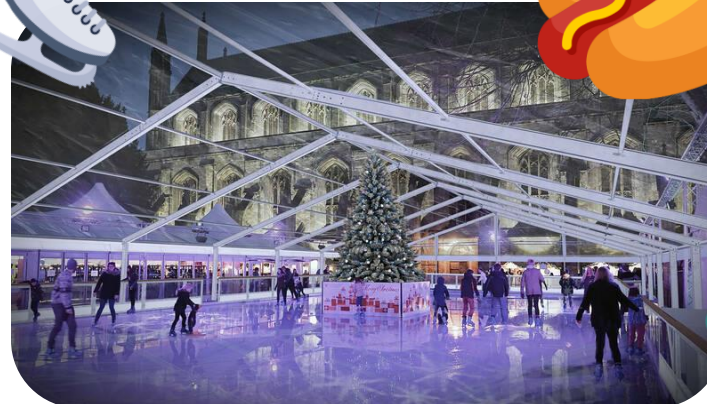


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The Year 11 bonding trip...

A Year Group visit to Winchester Christmas Market!

- Thursday 18th December
tbc
- Free time with friends
- Grab some lunch
- Do some Christmas
shopping
- Go ice-skating (details TBC)



Y11 Perks & Feel-Good Friday



- 1st in the lunch queue everyday!
- P5 on Friday is Enrichment!
- Exploring the possibility of a common room at lunchtimes



Miss Gale, Careers Lead Professional

Year 11 Careers Support

- 1:1 Meetings
- PSHE lessons
- Post-16 Assemblies/ talks
- Apprenticeship Workshop
- Online resources & parent information
- Drop in's Tuesdays and Thursdays



Your Choices

	Academic	Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship
LEVEL 6	Degree		Degree Apprenticeship
LEVEL 5	Degree Year 2	HND Foundation Degree Y2	Higher Apprenticeship
LEVEL 4	Degree Year 1	HNC Foundation Degree Y1	Higher Apprenticeship
LEVEL 3	A levels	T LEVEL other Level 3 - BTEC/OCR	Advanced Apprenticeship
LEVEL 2	5 x GCSEs 4 - 9	T Level Foundation and other Level 2	Intermediate Apprenticeship
LEVEL 1	GCSEs 1 - 3	Foundation level/ pathway	Supported Internships

Post-16 study

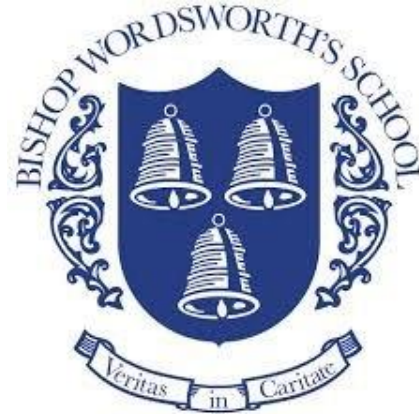


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Post-16 Options



**Wiltshire College
& University Centre**



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 **The Burgate**
School & Sixth Form

Post-16 Study

	Academic	Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship	Entry Criteria
LEVEL 3	A levels	T LEVEL other Level 3 - BTEC/OCR	Advanced Apprenticeship	5 GCSE's grade 4-9 (or 5-9)*
LEVEL 2	5 x GCSEs 4 - 9	T Level Foundation and other Level 2	Intermediate Apprenticeship	GCSE grades 3 *some grade 4
LEVEL 1	GCSEs 1 - 3			GCSE grades 1-2 *some require 3

*Specific subjects and specific 6th forms/ colleges will require additional grades for certain subjects
ie. 7 in Maths to study maths A-Level
Level 2 Electrical requires a minimum grade 4

Choosing options – what to think about

What grades are you likely to get at GCSE?

Check the college, 6th Form, apprenticeship entry criteria

How do you like to learn e.g. by doing, by studying?

Start with what you want to do in the future - what do you need to do to get there?

Start with a Subject/s you like – focus in later

Consider location, type of establishment, and their performance and results.

There are lots of ways of getting to the same future job.



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Why this Approach?

Mindset Shift – it's in your hands!

- Research shows:
 - Students often cite things like ability, luck and teacher bias as to why they can't achieve.
 - Rather than think this we shift the thinking to things they can control – effort, mood, persistence
- In WIN sessions we combine **high expectations** with **meaningful support** and **help students understand that success is built on strategies they can control**
- We give them the **confidence** to keep trying, to see failure as part of learning, and to believe that **success is within reach**.

Cognitive Shift – being active not passive learners!

- Study of students actively and passively revising
- Active = Not sit and listen, but actively recall and produce answers
- Students from both control groups no difference in how prepared they felt, but the ones who engaged in active recall performed better in all types of questions – knowledge and application of the knowledge!

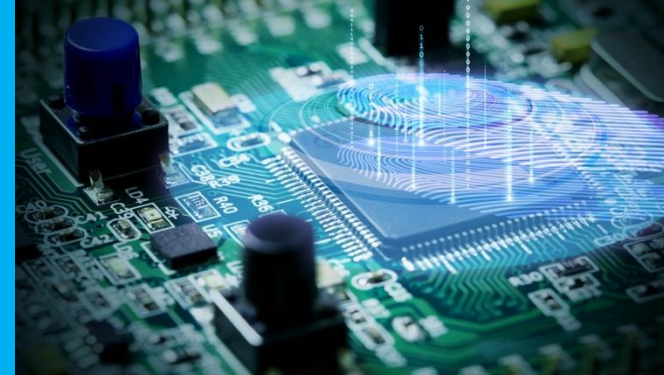


Where are future jobs going to be?

Medical, Health Science and Care



IT and Digital Technology



Engineering and Construction



Environmental (Green Jobs)



This is Labour Market Information (LMI)
Be in the know . . . to know where to go



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Steps to success

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| 1 - Find out more at 6 th Form/ College Open Events | Now! |
| 2 - Apply for your course | Now - Dec → |
| 3 - Attend your interview | |
| 4 - Receive an offer | |
| 6 – Accept your offer | (accept ALL that interest you!) |
| 5 - Enrolment / Grades check | August 2025 |
| 7 - Start your course | September 2025 |



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Stay Strong & Stay Together



- This isn't going to be easy or plain sailing
- We stay strong
- We stay together
- We play our part
- We **all** 'do our best and mind our manners' no matter how things might feel like they're going!

Don't count the days, make the days count!