

Welcome Miss C Angus – Assistant Headteacher





We are a family that values
Being Kind
Being Respectful
Being Heard
Being Inclusive
Being Fair



The National Picture

- The whole of the UK has now returned to pre-pandemic approaches to grading and GCSE results reflect this. Comparisons are made to 2023 and not before.
- This year's results mark the biggest ever assessment series in England, Northern Ireland and Wales for GCSE entries, mostly made up of an increase in 16-year-olds.
- GCSE overall results for 16-year-olds are broadly similar to 2023:
 - At 7/A and above: 22.0% (2023) and 21.8% (2024)
 - At 4/C and above: 68.2% (2023) and 67.6% (2024)





Subject	Grade
English Language	9
English Literature	7
Mathematics	8
Science Trilogy (double award)	99
Computer Science	8
Enterprise	D2
Geography	9
RE	9



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Mathematics	8
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Arabic	9
History	8
Music	7
RE	7
Spanish	7





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Computer Science	6
Design Technology	8
History	9
RE	9



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Subject	Grade
English Language	4
English Literature	7
Mathematics	7
Science	88
Geography	7
RE	8
Health & SC	M2
Digital IT	M2



Subject	Grade
English Language	7
English Literature	6
Mathematics	6
Science	87
Geography	8
RE	8
Urdu	9
Computer Sci	6
Des Tech	6



Most Progress Pupils



Subject	Grade
English Language	7
English Literature	8
Mathematics	5
Science	76
History	7
RE	8
Computer Sci	6
Health & SC	D*2



Subject	Grade
English Language	5
English Literature	6
Mathematics	6
Science	66
History	6
Citizenship	6
Photography	8
Health & SC	D*2

Results 2023-24

Smithills Results

- We are making fantastic progress

How?

- Focus on curriculum design
- Revisiting learning
- High expectations and standards of Year 11 pupils
- Home and school communication and partnership



Results 2024-25



Welcome

Mr. J Nash – Head of Year 11



What the evening will involve:

- Year 11 “road map”
- New revision tool – GCSEPod
- Upcoming PPE exams
- Revision preparation
- Invite you to speak to staff about:
 - Your child’s academic report
 - Importance of attendance and behaviour
 - How to support wellbeing during revision and exams
 - How to support your child with GCSEPod and Class Charts
 - Information about Post-16 options



Prom celebration

Summer
2025

Exam Results day 2025!

GCSE Examinations

Set-backs

Successes

Coursework Catch up

Revision

Stress/Relaxation

Year 11 Parents Evening

PPEs – PPE results day

Mock Interview Day

Revision

Session 6

College applications

Post-16 providers will be delivering assemblies

CV Writing/Personal Statements

GCSE Pod



PPEs w/c Monday 13th January
2025

Summer
2025

Year 11 Parents` Evening
Thursday 13th February 2025



“I am worried about letting my family down.”

“I want to do well so I can get a good job in the future.”

“I don’t like the pressure of the exam in the hall. The silence makes me feel extra scared!”



Barriers to Learning

“The pressure of exams sometimes makes me shut off completely.”

“I don’t know how to fully prepare because there is so much I should revise.”

“I find it hard to get motivated to start.”



How can you support?


- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Staying in touch
- Supporting homework accountability
- **Supporting with revision**

Percentage attendance per year	Days missed per year	Lessons missed per year	Over 5 years...
100%	0 days missed	0 lessons missed	0 lessons missed
98%	3 days missed	15 lessons missed	75 lessons missed
97%	5 days missed	25 lessons missed	125 lessons missed
96%	7.5 days missed	37.5 lessons missed	187.5 lessons missed
94%	10 days missed	50 lessons missed	250 lessons missed
93%	12.5 days missed	62.5 lessons missed	312.5 lessons missed
92%	15 days missed	75 lessons missed	375 lessons missed
90%	19 days missed	95 lessons missed	475 lessons missed

5 minutes late to school per day = 3 days of missed learning



Year 11 Countdown to Success Bulletin



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce a new Year 11 bulletin, which will be sent out twice each half term to keep you informed as your child prepares for their GCSEs. This bulletin will include key dates, important milestones for post-16 applications, success stories from pupils, and general updates to support your child's journey through Year 11.

Please look out for these updates to stay informed and support your child during this crucial time.

Best regards,

The Year 11 Team



The image above is our visual roadmap that has been introduced to our Year 11 pupils, charting their journey towards Summer 2025, when they will finish school.

This roadmap will be updated regularly, showing pupils how far they've come and how long remains until their final exams.

Along the way, they will encounter successes, face challenges, experience revision milestones, and ultimately reach the end of school, knowing they have given 100%.

Our staff will be there to provide support and guidance at every step!

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Year 11 SLT Link – Miss C Angus c.angus@smithillsschool.net



Key dates for the upcoming year:

WB 25th November: PPE MFL Speaking Tests

Friday 13th December: BTEC coursework upload deadline

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Thursday 13th February: Year 11 Results and Parents Evening

WB: 12th May: GCSE Examinations begin

Local College Open Evenings:

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Attendance and Punctuality

As your child progresses through Year 11 and prepares for their GCSEs, we cannot stress enough the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Every single lesson is crucial.

1 day of absence = 5 hours lost learning

5 minutes late per day = three full days of lost learning over a year

We want to ensure every pupil has the best chance to succeed, so if you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

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We have invested in the award winning resources, **GCSEPod**, to help your child reach their goals!

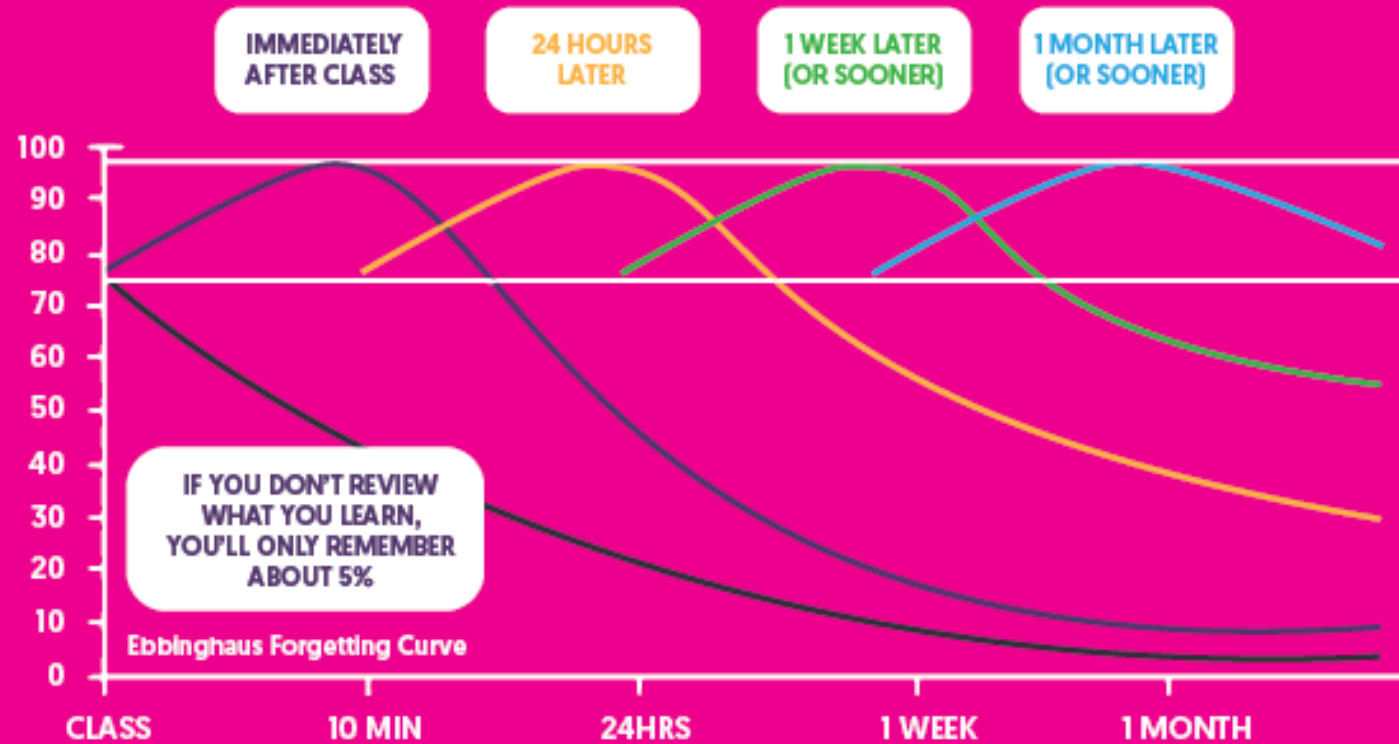
"My daughter used GCSEPod for her GCSEs and was very successful with her results. She absolutely loved the pods and this style of revising" Parent

www.gcsepod.com



YOU'LL FORGET THIS IN 24 HOURS!

Did you know that you forget 80% of what you learn in the first 24 hours?
This is why cramming for exams doesn't work!



It is proven that by reviewing what you've learnt at regular intervals, you can reduce how much you forget to just 10%

Review your work 4 times within a month and you'll remember nearly 100%



- <https://getrevising.co.uk/> :
- <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesizeco.uk/>:
- <https://genius.com/Aqa-gsce-english-literature-poetry-anthology-annotated>
- <https://www.examsolutions.net/> :
- <https://studywise.co.uk/>: Gives links to other revision websites for loads of subjects.
- http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/gcsen/physical_landscapes.php :
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> :
- <https://quizlet.com/en-gb> : flashcards website
- **YOUTUBE:** Primrose kitten for physics and maths
- **ADAPT APP** : put what course/subject you are doing.
- **DUALINGO**
- **MEMRISE**
- **GOJIMO**
- **No Fear Shakespeare**
- **Shmoop**
- **TikTok**
- **Revision world**
- **Goconqr**
- **Save my exams**
- **Cyberphysics**
- **Save my exam**
- **The history learning website**





gcsepod
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- Short pods with important information
- Made specifically for each subject and each exam board
- Quizzes to test knowledge
- Past papers to access

All on one website which can be accessed on any device!



18,155 pods watched total

Subject	January PPE	Actual Result	Pods Watched
English	3	4	1469
Maths	3-	5	
Science	3 3	5 5	



Subject	March PPE	Actual Result	Pods Watched
English	4	7	749
Maths	4	7	
Science	4 4	8 8	
History	X	7	



Subject	GCSE Result
English	5
Maths	6
Science	7 6
French	7
Geography	5
Citizenship	6



543 Pods

Subject	GCSE Result
English	6
Maths	8
Science	8 8
Geography	8
English Lit	6
Computer Science	8



901 Pods



Year 11 Impact Analysis

On average, regular users of GCSEPod achieved

0.7 more Progress 8 points than non-users

On average, the highest users achieved

20 Attainment 8 points more than non-users

Regular users of GCSEPod achieve, on average,

1 grade higher per subject than non-users

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Parent



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SUCCESS FOR ALL



Year 11 Careers

Expectations evening 2024
Mrs Bennett – Careers Leader



Timeline of Year 11 Careers



- **Throughout the year** – year 10 and year 11 - Access to a Connexions adviser Emma Carmichael . Access to information, advice & guidance from Mrs Bennett for help and support with college applications, post 16 information, CV's & Personal Statements and any other post 16 related concerns.



Careers

- We are helping to preparing all our pupils for their next steps in Higher Education, Apprenticeships or work ready for 2025 .
- We have invited some colleges tonight to help support your child for a smooth transition with their application to their chosen provider .
- Each college will have a school liaison adviser ready to answer all your questions and concerns for your child, Emma our advisor from Connexions will also be present
- Handouts are available with all colleges , 6th form and training providers open events 2024-2025
- Handouts available for personal statement and cv writing to support job and college applications



T Level qualifications

What is a T Level?

- 45-day industry placement.
- Group and one-to-one tutorials.
- Careers guidance and preparations for next steps.
- Enrichment programme.
- Assessments is by exam, practical skills tests and an employer set project.

Entry Requirements:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 including a minimum grade 4 in English Language and Maths.
- Keen interest in the industry.

Subjects include:

- Accounting
- Building Services Engineering (Plumbing & Electrical)
- Digital Production, Design & Development
- Digital Support Services
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing, Design & Development
- Health
- Management & Administration
- Media, Broadcast and Production
- Science



A Level qualifications

What is an A Level?

- Subject based qualification
- An exam based assessment at the end of the 2 year study
- Lead to university, further study, training or work

Entry Requirements:

A minimum of 6 GCSEs including:
3 GCSEs grade 5, 3 GCSEs grade 4 including grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

Subjects include:

- Accounting
- Art, Craft & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Further Mathematics
- Law



Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs)

What is an AAQ?

- Level 3 academic qualifications with primary purpose to support students to progress into Higher Education.
- Small AAQs are equivalent to 1 A Level and large AAQs are equivalent to 2-3 A Levels.

Entry Requirements:

Varies depending on chosen area of study

Subjects include:

Support progression to degrees in Healthcare professions allied to Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing.

- Applied Science
- Human Biology
- Engineering
- Information Technology

(Medical Science; Early Years; Health and Social Care; Computing)



Vocational Studies

What is an Vocational?

- A training programme which focuses on more practical work, rather than traditional academic exams.
- These qualifications are usually linked to a specific job e.g. plumber, hairdresser, professional cook

Entry Requirements:

Varies depending on chosen area of study

Subjects include:

- Art & Design
- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Business
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Catering
- Childcare
- Computing
- *Electrical Installation*
- Engineering
- Esports



Apprenticeships

What is an Vocational?

- A paid job which offers hands-on work experience alongside off-the-job training.
- Apprenticeships take 1-5 years to complete depending on their level.
- Apprenticeships can also offer a route to degree or further study

Entry Requirements:

Varies depending on chosen area of study

Subjects include:

- Engineering
- Nursing
- Construction
- Marketing
- Law
- Project management
- Painting and decorating
- Early years and childcare



Next steps: College Applications 2024- 2025

- Bolton College -Open now online closes December 2024
- Bury College –Opens 1st October online closes 25th November 2024
- Salford College- Opens next week online – closes 31st December 2024
- Bolton 6th form -open for online applications –closes 31st January 2025
- Wigan & Leigh- open for online applications –closes December 2024
- Runshaw College –opens 21st September online closes 1st April 2024



Thank you for your attendance and support.

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Every single
adult...
...is a teacher of
everyone...
...all the time

