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# Year 10 Information Evening

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

# Year 10 Information Evening

- The year ahead for all Year 10 students
- **Mr Bryant, Head of Year 10**
  
- How parents can help their children
- **Mr Gillett, Assistant Headteacher**
  
- Careers provision for Year 10 students
- **Mr Bell, Assistant Headteacher**



# The year ahead

- Key dates
- Religion and Philosophy GCSE Exam
- PPE's
- What is new?
- Mental Health support and attendance



# Key Dates

<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>RP Exam Study Skill assembly</b>
<b>w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>RP PPE</b>
<b>w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y10 PPEs</b>
<b>w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>RP PPE2</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Year 10 parents evening</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Public Exams start</b>

# Religion and Philosophy GCSE

## Exam preparation



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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
GCSE EXAMINATION**



In May of Year 10 is the first GCSE examination.  
We study Edexcel B- Religious Studies.

Google classrooms page:

**q26g3ik** (revision videos,  
exemplar answers, revision help sheets,  
glossaries, checklists etc...)

There are 8 topics of study:

Christian Beliefs

Living the Christian Life

Crime and Punishment

\*Peace and Conflict

Muslim beliefs

Living the Muslim Life

Marriage and the Family

\*Matters of Life and Death

These six units were  
studied in Year 9

The remaining two will  
be studied in year 10

PPE – week after October half term (date tbc by exam team)

Four topics- 1hr 45 minutes

**CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**MUSLIM BELIEFS, MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY**



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# Exam preparation



- Revision corridor in preparation for the PPE and summer exam
  - Attend revision and booster sessions run by the department
  - If given the opportunity for intervention – **TAKE IT**
  - Complete practice questions (booklet on RP Google classrooms page)
- Teacher appointments
  - If additional support is needed, please speak to your class teacher
- Revision timetable
  - Create a revision timetable – work in stages
  - Find out the best way that works for you.
- Does your child have all the resources they need?
  - Organised notes, books & folders, google classrooms
- Allow time to focus on **you**



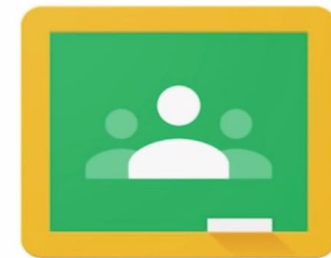
# Pre Public Exam's

- Students will complete PPE's in exam conditions within venues such as the sports hall, gym, main hall and smaller venues.
- Students will be provided with a PPE timetable which will state
  - Time and date of exam
  - Length of exam
  - Venue and seat
- Topics will be shared on Google Classroom and parents in advance

w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	RP PPE
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y10 PPEs
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	RP PPE2

# Class Charts and Google Classroom

- CC - Student and parent access
- CC - Homework notifications
- GC – resources uploaded
- GC – ensure your child is on all subject GC pages



Google Classroom

# Personal Study

- One lesson a fortnight
- Rotation of topics throughout the school year
- Skills and techniques to help their learning styles
- Revision techniques
- Computer skills
- Develop characteristics such as resilience and independence.

# Expectations of students

- Be **ready** to learn in every lesson – uniform, equipment, homework
- Be polite, **respectful**, and kind at all times
- Be **responsible** - attend school every day and be on time to every lesson
- Take as many opportunities as possible

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## THE 3 R'S

### READY

READY FOR LEARNING - ON TIME, STANDING BEHIND THE DESK. BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT READY. UNIFORM CORRECT. MOBILE PHONES ARE SWITCHED OFF AND AWAY.

### RESPECTFUL

RESPECT - NOT TALKING WHEN TEACHER IS TALKING, OR WHEN OTHER STUDENTS ARE TALKING, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION.

### RESPONSIBLE

RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN LEARNING - ENGAGED, PARTICIPATING, TRYING AND WILLING TO FAIL. INDEPENDENCE TO COMPLETE CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

# Key Stage 4 Curriculum Booklet



- [https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/\\_site/data/files/users/curriculum-booklets/F46272903EDA39E37AED3DA3327BAEC9.pdf](https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/_site/data/files/users/curriculum-booklets/F46272903EDA39E37AED3DA3327BAEC9.pdf)



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# Mental Health and Emotional Support



General Support and Guidance



Anxiety



Child Bereavement/  
Traumatic Events



E-safety



Low Mood and Depression



Mental Health



Self Harm



LA Parent Helpline Links

# Support in School

Mental Health  
First aiders

Inclusion Team

Referrals can be made to:

CAMHS  
MHST

JAC

Counselling  
Panic Clinic





# Attendance

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Attendance	Effect on Results (per GCSE or equivalent)
96 – 100%	+1.4
92 – 95.9%	-0.7
90 – 91.9%	-1.5
85 – 89.9%	-1.9
80 – 84.9%	-2.7
0 – 79.9%	-3.3



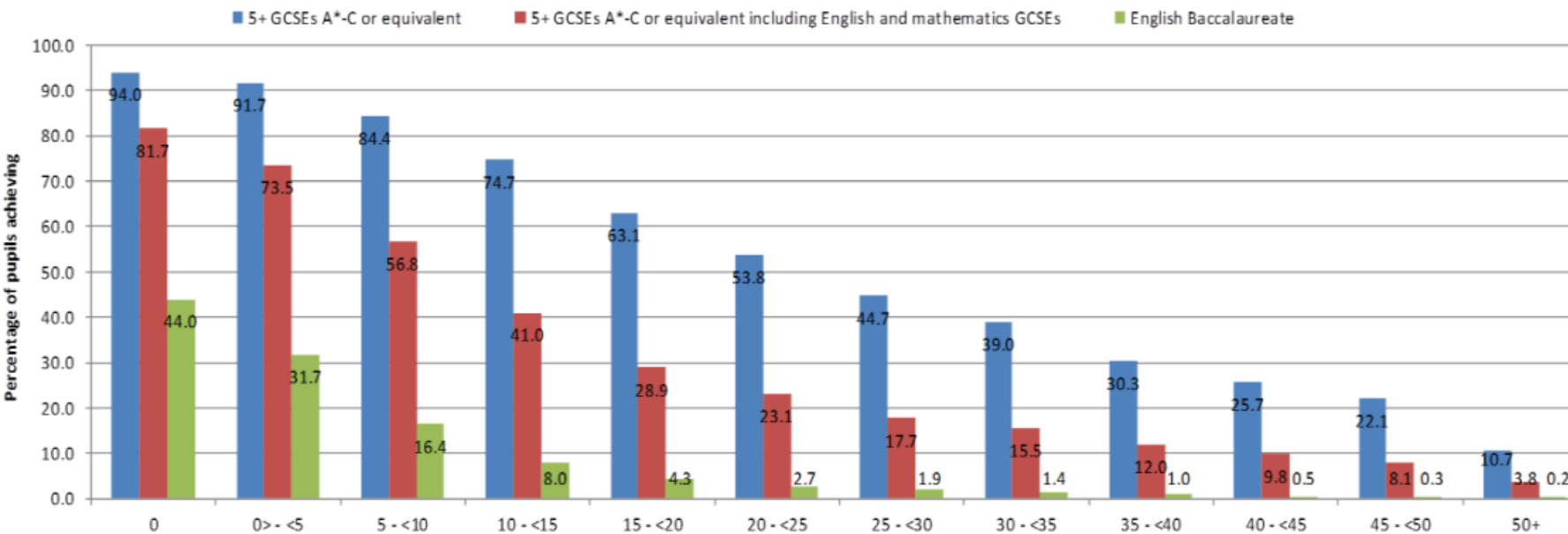
# How parents can help Year 10 Students ?

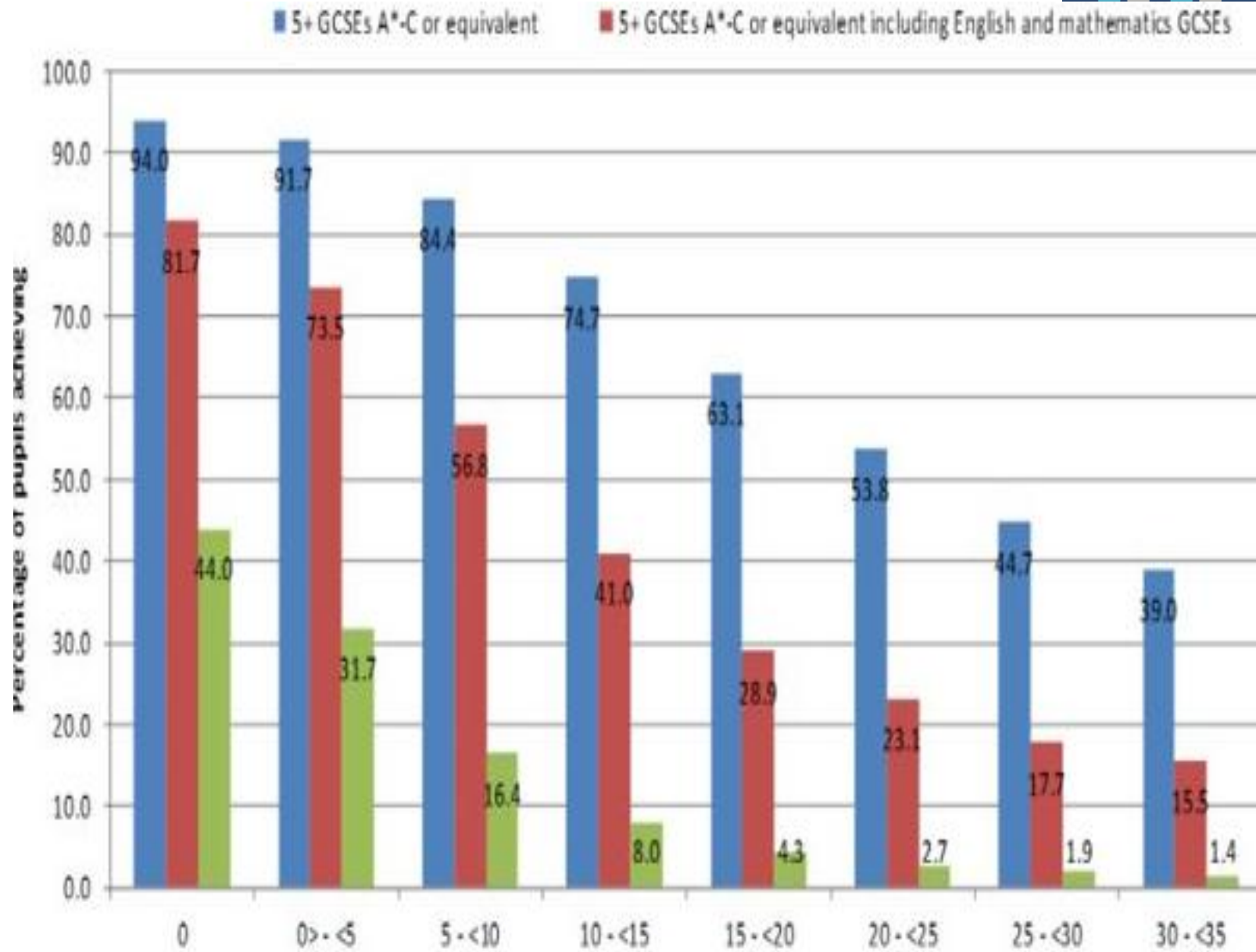
- ✓ It is all about energy
- ✓ Thermometers and barometers
- ✓ Trust but verify
- ✓ 22 minutes
- ✓ Tony Blair





90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all





# Work experience –

**M Classes – Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June 2026**

**E Classes – Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July 2026**



# About Education Business Partnership – EBP

- Based in Newbury
- Work with students in secondary schools and colleges
- Sourcing work experience placements to provide an insight into the world of work





# Work Experience Options



## Route One

### Own Placement

- Student/Parent/Guardian find their **own placement** using their own contacts
- EBP will carry out pre-placement checks and issue relevant paperwork

## Route Two

### EBP sourced placements

- EBP will source placements for the school
- Students will access the jobs using the Link2 system to select available jobs
- EBP will use Link2 to allocate students to chosen jobs





## Route One : Finding an Own Placement

- Who could provide a work experience placement ?

**Family**

**Friends**

**Contacts**

- Employers must have full Employer Liability Insurance cover
- There may be charges for some pre-placement checks outside of Berkshire
- Student and Employer complete and sign an Own Placement form which is returned to the EBP via school. Student **MUST** also select 4 jobs using Link2 in case the placement falls through



## Route Two : EBP Sourced placements

- All students will choose 4 jobs using an on-line system called Link2- including those who get an Own Placement.
- Parental/Guardian/Carer consent will be required for your choices
- You will be given your own individual PIN to access the system
- A full set of guidelines will be issued to assist you with using Link2
- The EBP will issue you with a placement description once your placement is confirmed.

## Please bear in mind when considering placements for 2026

- Some employers are now hybrid working and so not in the office all week, eg **'IT/Computing'**, **'Finance'** and **'Legal Services'**.
- **JD Sports**, **Sports Direct** and **Foot Locker** do not offer work experience to Year 10 students.
- **Football clubs** such as Reading generally only train in the evening and weekends and do not offer work experience.
- Most **vets** like students to approach them directly so try and get an 'Own Placement'
- Many **'Healthcare'** providers do not offer work experience – **'Dental Practices'**, **'Doctors'** and **'Hospitals'** do not take students for work experience.
- **Building and construction** is difficult to find work experience in due to the high-risk nature of the work (e.g. plant machinery moving around) and lack of staff to supervise a student.
- Industries such as **'Engineering, Manufacturing and Production'** generally already have their own work experience programme running at times to suit them.
- **Performing Arts:** Normally run their own WEX applications at set times throughout the year.



## Planning and Preparation for the placement

- Pre placement checks are carried out for EBP sourced and Own Placements, covering Health and safety checks and placement details
- We ensure that correct Insurance is in place
- All students are issued with a placement description of the role including start/finish times, dress code and supervisor information.
- The placement hours are unlikely to be the same as school hours and could be up to a **maximum** of 8 hours a day
- As soon as students get placement details they **must** contact their employer if this is requested on the placement description, eg phone call, initial meeting or interview



## Students' Comments

"Overall my work experience placement was great, despite it being not what I wanted (I wanted to work in the IT department or as a real estate agent). But I have learnt many life skills which I may not learn anywhere else, so I feel extremely grateful to be a part of this and I hope to seek more opportunities in the future."

"I was offered a chance for a degree level internship when I leave School at Natwest, and am very thankful for the opportunity to work there again."

"I really enjoyed my work experience, and it gave me idea of what I enjoy doing and how to communicate to others and to take risks."



# Employers' Comments

“We find that having students on a work experience placement gives them the chance to experience the business world and sometimes a student really shines and wants to have a career in the industry. We have had a couple of students over the years that end up returning once they have left school and joining us for an apprenticeship. This is beneficial to the company as we get to see how they perform and learn before joining us in a position.”

**Elmdale Maintenance Ltd, Aldermaston**

“It's always refreshing to have a new pair of eyes in the business, particularly in teams where we have a lot of historical processes, and it's always great to hear new ideas and new suggestions.”

**Ascot Racecourse**

“We enjoy having students work with us as it means we can spot potential talent and it gives the student a chance to see retail for what it really is.”

**M&S Reading**

“We have benefited in seeing how the younger generation view our industry, safe in the knowledge that there is still genuine interest in either becoming a tradesperson or working in that environment. It has also given us an insight in to how we can improve and help new people wanting to work for our company.”

**Pilon Ltd, Bracknell**





## Can you help?

- We are always looking for companies in a wide range of industries
- Could YOUR company offer work experience placements?





<b>Work experience launched at Year 10 information evening</b>	<b>Tuesday 30 September 2025</b>
Students select 4 options via Link 2 system	February / March 2026
Own Placement forms returned to school	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Placement details confirmed	May 2026
Work Experience Week	M Classes – Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June 2026 E Classes – Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July 2026