

A night photograph of a city with a bright purple lightning bolt striking down from a dark sky. The city lights are visible at the bottom, and the lightning bolt is the central focus of the image.

Welcome

Year 12

Post Induction Evening

2008

A night photograph of a city skyline with a bright lightning bolt striking the sky. The city lights are visible in the foreground, and the lightning bolt is the central focus, striking down from the dark sky. The text "or how to avoid being struck by lightening!" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**or how to avoid being
struck by lightening!**

Attendance

- If your son/daughter are going to be absent please call 748 2875 before 10.00am
- Please call again if the student is unable to return on the 3rd day of absence.
- Please provide an absence letter or use a note, found on page 106 of the handbook.

Punctuality

- Start time: 8.35am in the form room
- If students arrive at 8.45am they are expected to sign in late at the office
- 3 lates and students will be expected to attend a 30-60 minute after hours prep
- If a 'late' is genuine, this can be covered on page 105 or the Handbook.

Off site / on site

- Off site at lunch time only
- Otherwise onsite all day, except for COPE activities.

Why are attendance & punctuality so important in the Sixth Form?

Responsibility

Quite simply there is a huge amount of content to cover.

Absence leads to Underperformance

Case Study:

- Fred achieved a GCSE point score of 6.6, so is targeted BBBC at AS Level.
- Sixth Form average attendance is 95%, but Fred's was 86% .
- Fred achieved BCDD: he has now dropped 4 grades at the half way point.
- AS is 50% of the A Level, so Fred now has to start his A2s with at least two resit examinations and he is carrying a grade D in his 4th subject. His options for university are now significantly limited.

Dress Code

The Business Philosophy:

Students should wear:

- Dark suits or separates
- Smart clothing

Students should not wear:

- leggings of any length
- shorts or cut off trousers of any length
- tops with thin straps
- Tops with large logos
- round neck shirts (boys)
- Facial piercings

Employment

- 10-12 hours per week maximum
- 15 hours is almost a part time job
- Christmas holidays – AS module exams start Thursday 8th January

Independent Study

- Handbook/planner
- Own space
- Limited distraction
- Many do like music
- Not in front of the tv
- Facebook/MSN
- Mobile phones
- Late at night

Independent Study

- Students should aim to complete between 2-4 hours per subject per week.
(8-16 hours)
- No study time in Year 12 during the school day, so this all needs to be done in their own time.

COPE

Aim: To enrich the student by offering additional activities, not simply academic

- Fitness Suite, Leisure Centre
- Rixton Ecology Park – conservation
- Local primary schools – teaching, Psychology
- Special schools or retirement homes
- Creche
- Work Experience, essential for Accountancy, Dentistry, Engineering, Journalism, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Vet Sciences and many more.
- Optional: Salsa, Fencing, Canoeing, Sailboarding, School Magazine, First Aid, Self-defence, Yoga

PSE/Citizenship

Aim: To support and encourage the wider development of each student so that they can take their place in Society, with a clear emphasis on Personal and Social Education

Every Child Matters (ECM):

- Enjoy and Achieve
- Stay Safe
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Well-being
- Be Healthy

PSE/Citizenship

Enjoy and Achieve

A comprehensive and supportive Induction for newcomers to UGS and a smooth Transition for existing students

- Ice Skating, Breakfast Quiz, Mind Games
- Form Tutor Role, Mentoring Days (October & March), Strategies & Action Plans, Post-Mentoring Review
- Subject Mentoring, Target Setting, Study Skills Presentation & follow up activities, Revision Techniques & Timetables, Peer Advice

PSE/Citizenship

Stay Safe

A brief programme immediately before Christmas to emphasise the need for care with regard to Alcohol and Personal Safety

- Visit from Police and follow up activities

Making a Positive Contribution

A programme of guest speakers and activities to consider the Rights & Responsibilities of people in Society

- The Law & The Police (JP), Road Users (Driving Standards), Consumer Rights (Trading Standards), Employees Rights, Students & Coursework

PSE/Citizenship

Achieve Economic Well-being

An extensive Higher Education and careers programme that examines opportunities after school and supports individual student needs

- Commences Feb/Mar - UCAS Convention
- Oxbridge Student Conference
- Full programme commences after Easter with:
 - Options (Introduction, Centigrade, Connexions)
 - Higher Education Talks (University Admissions)
 - Modern Apprenticeships (Skills Solutions)
 - Gap Years (YINI; Travel)

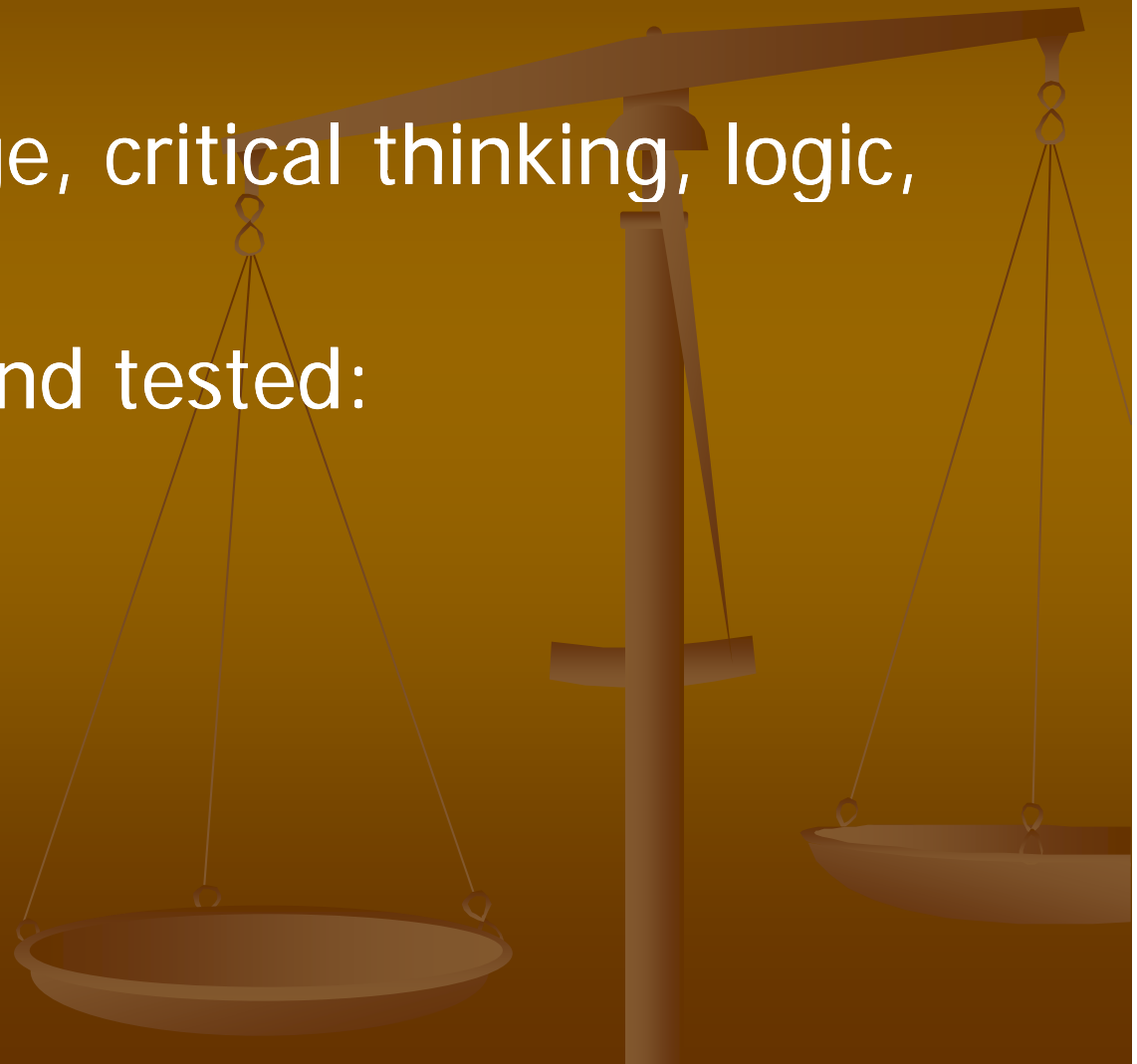
General Studies OCR Syllabus

Skills:

General knowledge, critical thinking, logic, analysis

Subjects taught and tested:

- Culture
- Science
- Social Studies



KEY CALENDAR EVENTS

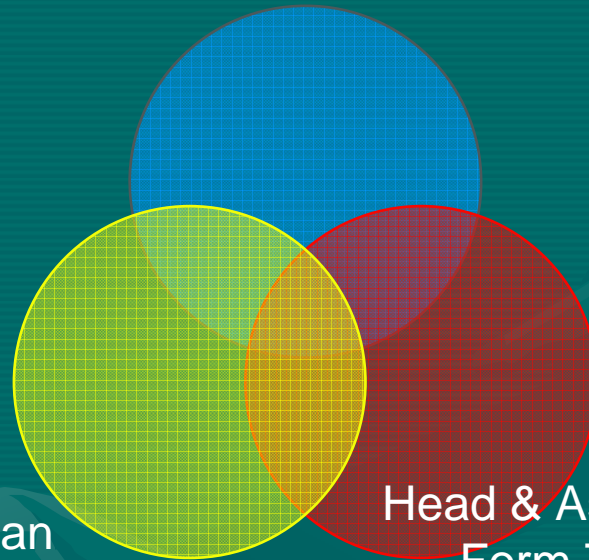
- W/C 6th & 13th Oct – Progress Discussion - all newcomers plus any students who have raised staff concerns.
- 13-17th October – Progress Tests
- 15-31st October – Subject Mentoring (half term)
- 4st November – Mentoring Day
- 3rd Nov – Progress Test Results go home
- 3rd-28th Nov – Subject Specific Targets set
- 10th Nov – Parents' Evening
- 17-28th Nov – Mock Tests
- 15th Dec – Mock Tests go home

KEY CALENDAR EVENTS

- School opens Monday 5th Jan –
Essential revision lessons, content and technique
- Weds 9- Thurs 15th External January modules
- Study Leave – 7-9th Jan
- 5th March – AS Module Results (prov)
- 17th March – Consultation Evening: underachieving students
- 16th-20th March – Spring Progress Tests
- 3rd April – AS Module & Spring Progress Test Results go home
- 31st March – Mentoring Day II – Strategies for AS and future goals
- 23rd March – Cause for concern & after hours Independent Study in Prep
- 4th May – In school revision week. Lessons target subject specific revision.
- 11^h May – AS Summer modules begin
- 8th June – (prov) A2 courses commence

Raising Student Achievement

Student



Parent/s or Guardian

Staff:
Pastoral:
Head & Assistant Head of Sixth Form
Form Tutor or Associate Tutor

Academic:
Subject Teacher or Head of Subject

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Thursday September 25, 2008



Headteacher: Mr M G Spinks
Deputy Headteacher and Director of Science College: Mrs R S Wall:
Deputy Headteacher and Head of Lower School: Mrs G Ball
Deputy Headteacher and Head of Upper School : Mr M Weems
Deputy Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form : Mrs Y N Lyons
Senior Teacher School Improvement: Mr M Parker
Director of Languages: Mr A Elston

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- Details and timings were posted in "Pack B" on Monday 22nd September.
- The test day for our entrance examination is Saturday 11th October 2008.

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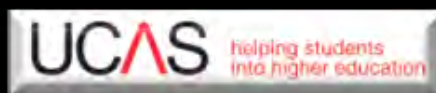
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AS and A2 Revision

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry,
 Economics, English Lit., French,
 Geography, History, Maths, Physics,
 Psychology and Sociology.

Useful Websites

- www.opendays.com
- www.ucas.com/apply
- www.educationguardian.co.uk/universityguide2008
- www.timesonline.co.uk/to/life_and_style/education/good_university_guide
- www.qaa.ac.uk/students
- www.hero.ac.uk
- www.whatuni.com
- www.tqi.ac.uk
- www.hcstuff.com
- www.careercompanion.co.uk
- www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance



Check the dates and time of your exams