



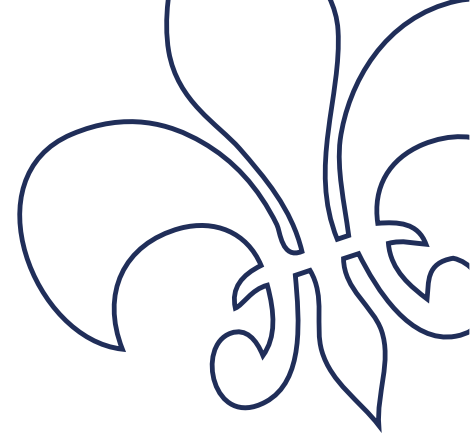
**THE BICESTER
SCHOOL**

Aspire and Achieve

Core Curriculum Evening

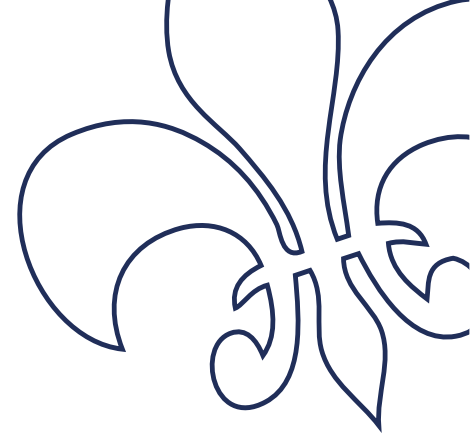


An **ACTIVATE LEARNING** Academy



Format of the evening

- Overview
 - Miss Le Brun, Deputy Head
- 3 subject specific presentations
 - Mrs Nash, Head of Maths
 - Mrs Whitley, Head of English
 - Mr Curtis, Head of Science



Key dates

- 8th March - Reports issued.
- 5th – 8th March - March mocks (core).
- 21st March – Drama exam (performance).
- 3rd April – PE moderation.
- 8th – 11th April - Easter School.
- 29th & 30th April – Art & Graphics exam.
- 13th May – main exam season starts.
- 22nd August – Results day!

9 – 1 grading.

5 - Strong pass

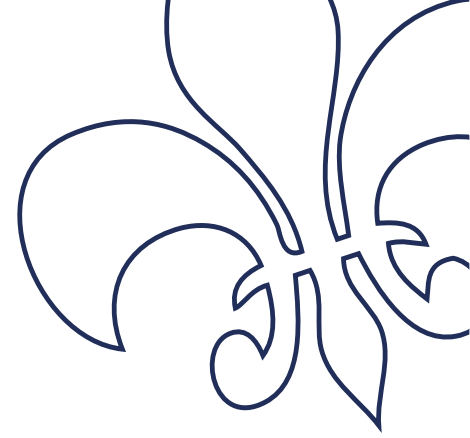
4 - Standard pass

New grading structure	Former grading structure
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8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
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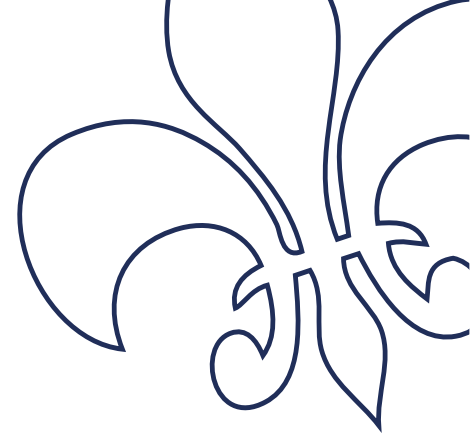
Revision.

- All subjects will finish teaching new content to allow lesson time in the summer term to be dedicated to revision.
- Students should also be revising at home.
- Revision isn't just reading notes. There are lots of good websites, books and apps that students can use. Variety is the best way to keep motivated but students should work with resources they find most useful.



How can parents help?

- Good attendance - lessons will focus on revision and exam preparation. Missing lessons will mean students miss out on this vital information.
- Ensure homework is completed. Tasks will be focused on exam preparation (past papers, 6 mark questions, preparing revision notes).
- Help students write a revision timetable and help them stick to it.



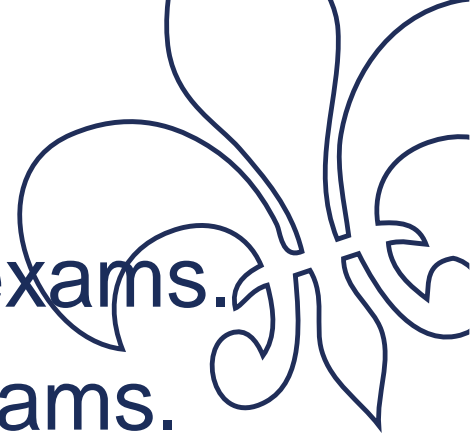
How can parents help?

- Make sure students have a quiet place to work at home.
- Ensure students have all equipment they need.
- Limit time on social media/phone/games.
- Work together – revise with students, test them.

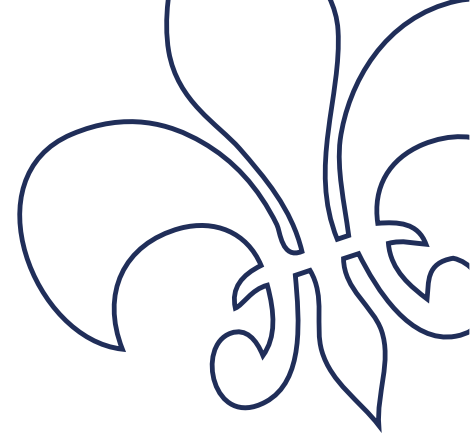


Exams

- Ensure students have everything ready the night before an exam.
- Make sure students arrive at school on time. If they are going to be late, please ring us.
- Students should eat breakfast before an exam.
- Students can take water into exams.
- If a student has been unwell overnight or you have any concerns on the day of an exam, please ring us.



- Smart watches are not allowed in exams.
- Mobile phone are not allowed in exams.
- Encourage students not to look up answers online after they have sat an exam. This causes unnecessary stress and is not helpful.
- Most exams have more than one paper. Students shouldn't dwell on an exam that didn't go to plan but focus their time and energy into preparing for the next one.

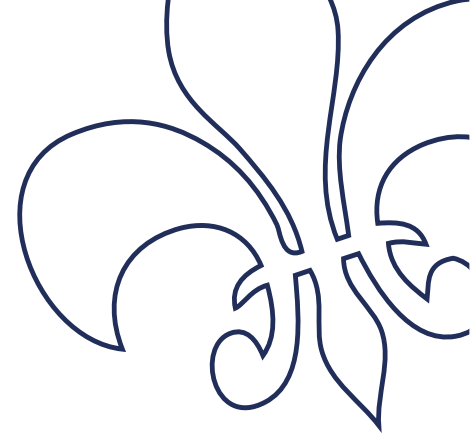


- Provisional exam timetables are on our website.
- Students will be issued with final entry sheets after Easter.
- All students must be available to sit exams up until 26th June.

Support



- Form tutors – Mrs Knibbs, Miss Taylor, Miss Kennett, Ms Powell, Sue Quainton
- Head of Year 11 – Mrs Tansley
- Head of Key Stage 4 – Mr McAulay
- Subject teachers
- Careers advisor – Mrs Rosier
- Pastoral support – Mrs Walden, Mrs Metcalf
- Miss Le Brun



Support

- Wednesday period 5.
- Saturday school.
- Easter school.
- Morning Maths, English, Science & History.
- Various lunchtime and after school subject revision sessions.



Thank you

- Thank you for your continued support.
- If you have any questions between now and the exams, please do not hesitate to contact us.