



The Sutton Academy



## **YEAR 11 Information Evening**

### **SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS**

*Information, advice and guidance for students, parents and cares to support success in Year 11*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read through this booklet and for demonstrating your continued support for your child as they enter this important final year of their time with us at The Sutton Academy.

As a Year 11 team, we are incredibly proud of the progress our students have made so far during their time at the Academy. They have grown not only academically, but also in confidence, maturity and resilience, and it has been wonderful to see them develop into the young people they are today.

We are now excited to watch them continue that journey throughout their final year with us. Year 11 is undoubtedly an important and challenging year, but it is also one filled with opportunity. Our ambition is for every student to leave The Sutton Academy having achieved the very best that they are capable of, both academically and personally.

This booklet is a reference for you of the programme of support, guidance, intervention and enrichment opportunities that we offer our students in Year 11. We fundamentally believe that, if students engage with this offer, get on board with us, trust the process and make the very most of the opportunities available to them, they will achieve fantastic outcomes on Results Day in 2027.

Success this year will be a partnership between students, parents and the Academy. We therefore ask that you continue to encourage your child to attend school regularly, complete their independent study, respond positively to feedback, seek support when they need it and, most importantly, believe in what they are capable of achieving.

We know that the journey through Year 11 will have its challenges, but we also know the potential within this year group. We are incredibly excited about what they can achieve, and we are committed to supporting them every step of the way.

This year will go by so quickly and it is important to reiterate that every moment counts. Attendance and punctuality are key to success. Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home is greatly appreciated. Working together, we can give our Year 11 students the best possible opportunity to achieve their potential.

Thank you once again for your attendance, your support and your continued partnership with us. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and celebrating the successes of our students together in August 2027.

Kind regards,

The Year 11 Team

# The Year 11 Team



Mr Hodgson  
Vice Principal



Miss Quick  
Associate Assistant  
Principal



Miss Lithgow  
Achievement Leader



Mrs Ryder  
Head of Year

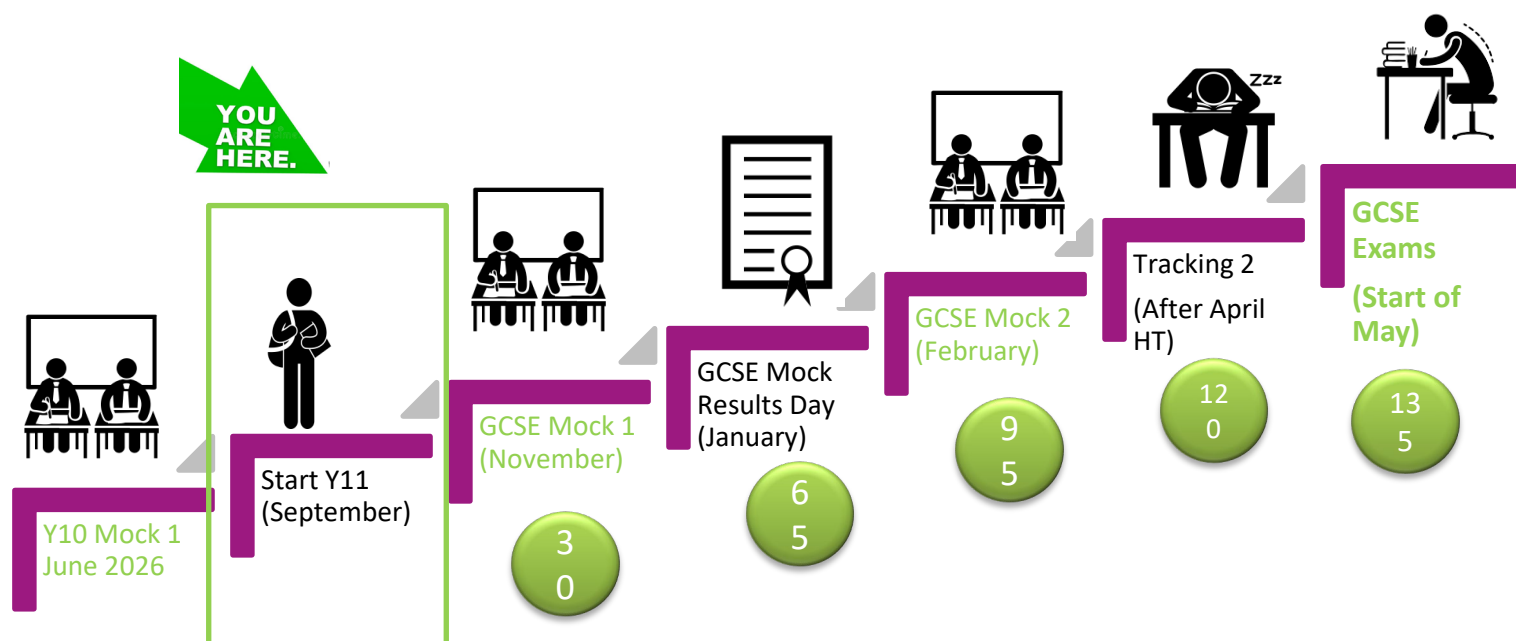


Miss Bibby  
Head of Year – KS4

## Tutor / Intervention Team

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|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Miss Johnson  | Mr Hyams    | Miss Jones   | Miss Quick    |
| Mrs Gordon    | Mrs Worrall | Mr Davidson  | Mr Crowder    |
| Miss Barker   | Mr Courtney | Mr Hill      | Miss Chapman  |
| Mr Murphy     | Miss Henry  | Mr Gilhooley | Mrs Fawcett   |
| Miss Maddocks | Mr Oulton   | Mr Purcell   | Miss Mitchell |

# The Final Countdown ...



# Commonly asked questions

## When should my child start revising?

- By making the most of the opportunities provided in school, your child has already started revising for their GCSEs.
- It's never too early to start revising independently!

## How should my child be revising?

- Avoid the trap of 'busy work' – I am reading the revision guides.
- Effective revision techniques involve active processing and students should be using flash cards, knowledge organisers, whiteboards etc.



## How long should my child be revising for?

- Studying for long periods can be counterproductive as the brain becomes tired, and you can easily lose focus.
- Aim for 30–45-minute sessions with short breaks in between (no more than 3 hours of study – includes B&S).
- It is OK to have rest days.
- Consistency over Cramming.

## Where should my child be revising?

- A designated revision space, ideally in a quiet space with no distractions.
- Mirror the exam environment as far as possible – this will aid recall.
- Boost and Beyond.

## How do I help my child who is anxious about the exams?

- Explain to them what anxiety actually means.
- The more prepared they are the less anxious they will feel.
- Reassure them – effort over outcome.

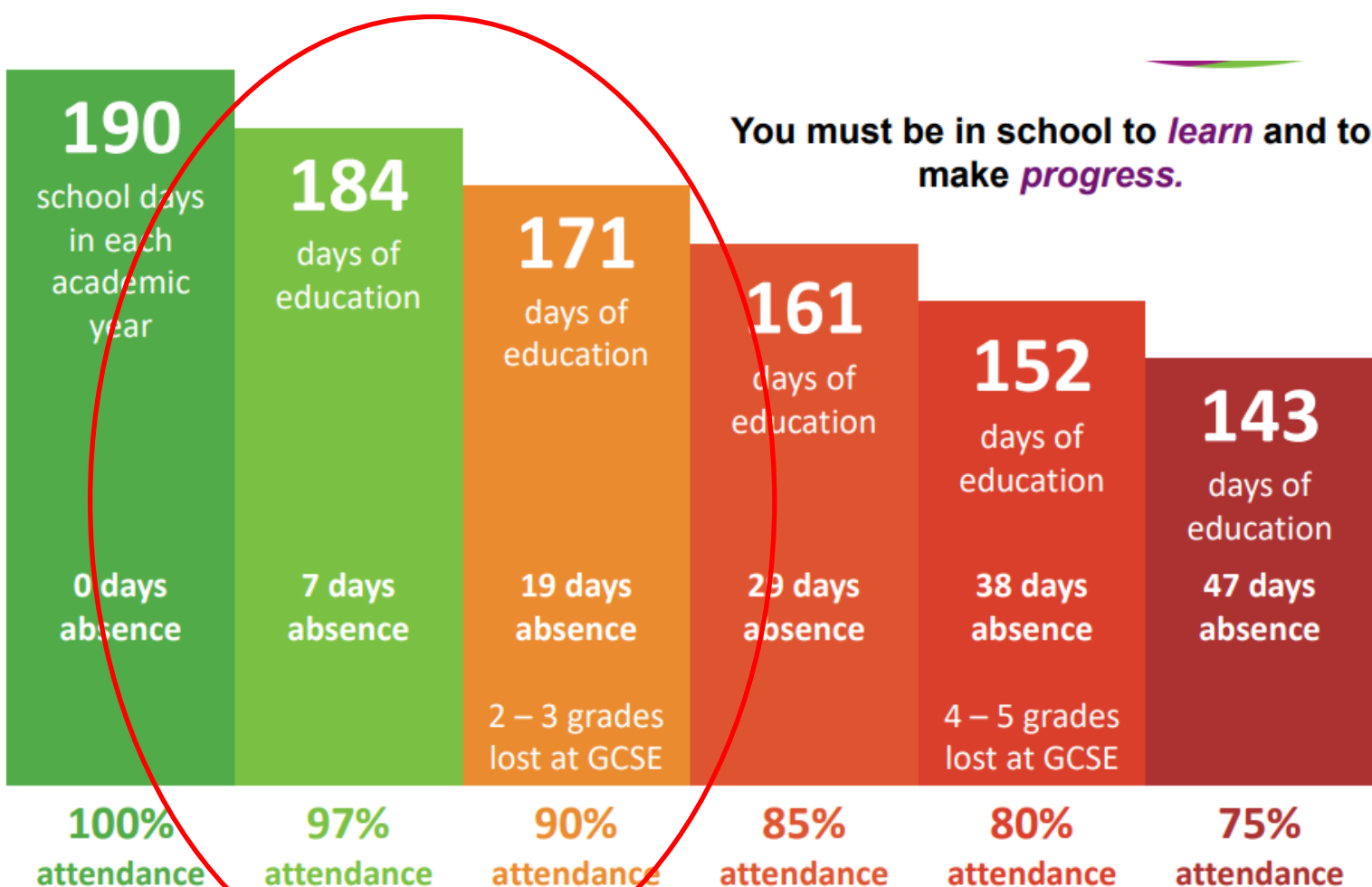
1. GCSEs **cannot** be re-scheduled in Year 11.
2. GCSEs must **start promptly**.
3. GCSEs **cannot be re-sat** in Year 12.
4. The only GCSEs that can be re-sat in Year 12 is Maths and English (alongside A Levels)
5. Parents will be **charged** for any missed exams.
6. You cannot be issued with a **predicted grade** for a missed exam.

# Attendance Matters

Last year, our **10 highest ranking** students for GCSE outcomes had an average attendance of **97.4%**.

Our 10 **lowest ranking** students in for GCSE outcomes had an average attendance of **87.6%**

## Attendance Matters



# The Year 11 Offer

Boost & Secure

Ready to Learn  
Intervention

Core Lesson  
Intervention

Silent Study  
(PE)

Boost &  
Beyond (Sixth  
Form)

Saturday  
Tuition

Half Term  
Sessions

Saturday  
Sessions

Walking Talking  
Mocks

Golden Ticket  
Rewards

Celebration  
Events

We offer a comprehensive package of support throughout the year. Some events will run during the Academy day whilst others will take place after school, weekends and during half term.

## Ready To Learn

You child has been allocated a bespoke intervention slot that runs from 8.35am-8.55am. You child has been allocated to a subject that has been allocated as an area for improvement following Tracking 3 in Year 10.

These sessions have been carefully planned to addressed any gaps in knowlegde or to address any misconceptipons. They are delivered by a team of subject specialist. It is vital that you child arrives at school promptly in order to benefit from these sessions.

## Core lesson time

During core IT or RE, you child may be selected to attend an intervention session. Attendance at these sessions are compulsory.

## Silent Study

During core PE, your child has the option to work independently in a quiet space that will be supervised by a member of staff. This is an opportunity for students who would like to complete extra revision, past papers, flashcards or use online resources to support them with their learning.

Starts **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

No B&S for any student on a **Monday or a Friday**

Cycle 1 up to November Mocks (x 7 **weeks**)

Cycle 1 Ends – No B&S for 3 weeks.

All students will be issued a **personalised B&S Cycle 1 timetable.**

This will be given to all students on Monday in assembly and will be shared with parents and carers.

Cycle 2 starts in **January.**

**Attendance is mandatory.**

Monday  
No B&S

Tuesday  
English

Wednesday  
Maths

Thursday  
Personalised

Friday  
No B&S

Sessions that run after Boost – Tuesday, Wednesday  
Thursday.

**3:30 to 5:00 pm.**

## Sixth Form Centre:

Quiet space for you to work – refreshments provided.

## Subject Specific Sessions:

Subjects like Constructions, Design, Sport (and more) offer  
sessions for you to attend

- Small group tuition will take place on certain Saturdays.
- Each session will run for approximately 50 minutes.
- There will be two sessions to choose from one starting at 10am and one starting at 11am session.
- These sessions will contain no more than 10 students.
- Ran by fully qualified GCSE teachers who are subject specialists.
- **Private tutors charge up to £40 an hour for tuition, but this will be at no cost to parents/carers.**
- We are hoping to run tuition for students in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and Spanish.

*A letter will be sent to parents with a link to an online form to register your son/daughter and we may contact you directly if we believe this is something that will benefit your child.*

# Half term programmes and Saturday sessions

## YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS



Please find below a timetable of Year 11 Revision Sessions that are taking place during the Easter holidays. All students are strongly encouraged to attend all relevant sessions.

| Day/Date              | Sessions Running                                                                                               |                                                   |                                                                                         |                                                     |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>30/3/2026   | Art<br>Mrs Kavanagh<br>(DG09)<br>9am – 3pm                                                                     | Construction<br>Mr Purcell<br>(DG04)<br>9am – 3pm | Health and<br>Social Care<br>Mr Mella<br>(5th form –<br>directed<br>study)<br>9am – 1pm | Design<br>Mr Ryan<br>(DG05)<br>9am – 3pm            | Drama<br>(The Arts<br>Centre)<br>Mr Hughes<br>9am – 3pm<br><i>*Selected<br/>students only<br/>– invites will<br/>be sent*</i> | BTEC Sport<br>Component 3<br>Miss Lithgow<br>(EG01)<br>10am – 3pm                                                                                 | English<br>(Online – links<br>will be added<br>to<br>ClassCharts)<br>10am –<br>11.30am |
| Tuesday<br>31/3/2026  | Construction<br>Mr Purcell<br>(DG04)<br>9am – 3pm                                                              | Design<br>Mr Ryan<br>(DG05)<br>9am – 3pm          | Childcare<br>(6th form –<br>directed study)<br>Mrs Alkarafi<br>9am – 2pm                | Art & Design<br>Mrs McBirney<br>(DG08)<br>9am – 3pm | Drama<br>(The Arts Centre)<br>Mr Hughes<br>9am – 3pm<br><i>*Selected<br/>students only –<br/>invites will be<br/>sent*</i>    | BTEC Sport<br>Component 1<br>resits<br>Miss Lithgow<br>(EG01)<br>10am – 3pm<br><i>*Selected<br/>students only –<br/>invites will be<br/>sent*</i> |                                                                                        |
| Wednesday<br>1/4/2026 | Drama<br>(The Arts Centre)<br>Mr Hughes<br>9am – 3pm<br><i>*Selected students only – invites will be sent*</i> |                                                   |                                                                                         |                                                     |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |

Programme of sessions  
every half term.

This will be  
communicated in  
advance to parents and  
students.

Refreshments provided.

All students who attend  
will receive Golden Tickets

Saturday sessions will often run the weekend before exams.

For example, if you son or daughter has a Maths exam on a Monday,  
they will be invited in for guided revision with a subject specialist. This  
is for mocks and official examinations.

This will be communicated in advance to parents and students.

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# Rewards and Recognition

We acknowledge how challenging and rigorous Year 11 is for our students and we want to reward and recognise those students who are committed to their learning, reflective and resilient.

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunities to earn golden tickets which can then be exchanged for rewards or an invite to special events.

A high attendance record to both school and events such as boost and secure will also enable students to earn even bigger rewards such as a discounted prom ticket.



# Class of 2027 Prom

The Class of 2027 Prom will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Suites Hotel, Knowsley and will cost approximately £65 a ticket.

**All students are currently eligible to attend prom.**



## Prom Eligibility Criteria:

- 96% attendance to school this year.
- 96% attendance to Boost & Secure this year.
- 100% attendance to all internal and external exams.
- No more than 3 late marks to school a half term.
- No more than 40 behaviour points a term.

# Rewards Trip - Friday 16th October



## Eligibility Criteria:

- 96% attendance
- 96% attendance to Boost & Secure.
- No more than 3 late marks to school a half term.
- No more than 10 behaviour points a term.
- Approximately £45 a ticket.



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