



The King Edmund School

A Business & Enterprise and Applied Learning Academy

KS4 Aspiration Evening Exam Preparation

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Aim

- Ensure that you have the information and tools needed to support your child in achieving their personal best.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
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8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

All GCSEs will be awarded a number grade

GCSE equivalents will be P/M/D/D*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Year 7			English 8 Lessons								Maths 8 Lessons							Science 6 Lessons					PE 4 Lessons				MFL 6 Lessons					Tech 2		IT 1	RE 2		Geog 3			Hist 3			Art 2	Dra 2	Mus 2	Rd 1				
Year 8			English 7 Lessons								Maths 8 Lessons							Science 6 Lessons					PE 4 Lessons				MFL 5 Lessons				Tech 2	IT 2	RE 3		Geog 3			Hist 3			Art 2	Dra 2	Mus 2	Rd 1						
Year 9			English 7 Lessons								Maths 8 Lessons							Science 6 Lessons					PE 4 Lessons				MFL 5 Lessons				Tech 2	IT 2	RE 3		Geog 3			Hist 3			Art 2	Dra 2	Mus 2	Rd 1						
Year 10			English 8 Lessons								Maths 8 Lessons							Science 10 Lessons					PE 3			Option Block X 6 Lessons				Option Block Y 6 Lessons				Option Block Z 6 Lessons				PS 3												
Year 11			English 8 Lessons								Maths 8 Lessons							Science 10 Lessons					PE 3			Option Block X 6 Lessons				Option Block Y 6 Lessons				Option Block Z 6 Lessons				Eng/RE/PS 3												

Year 12	Option Block W 12 Lessons			Option Block X 12 Lessons						Option Block Y 12 Lessons						Option Block Y 12 Lessons						Enri *2																											
Level 2 Childcare Construction Health and Social Care Public Services																																																	
Year 13	Option Block V 10 Lessons					Option Block W 10 Lessons					Option Block X 10 Lessons					Option Block Y 10 Lessons					Option Block Z 10 Lessons																												

In Year 12 students select subjects from three of the four option blocks. In the remaining block they study the Extended Project Qualification and have supervised study lessons. In Year 13 students select subjects from three or four (dependant on the student) of the five blocks and have supervised study lessons in the remaining block.

GCSE 9-1 grading – standard pass and strong pass

- GCSE *grade 4* will be a *standard pass*. A grade 4 standard pass or above marks a similar level of achievement to a current grade C or above
- GCSE *grade 5 or above* will be a *strong pass*. The proportion of pupils achieving a grade 5+ in English and maths will be one of the school headline performance measures.
- *‘We will also publish the proportion of students achieving a grade 4 or above for transparency and to enable schools to show their students’ achievement’* **DFE Fact Sheet**

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

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Strong pass

Standard pass

GCSE Assessment in Y11

- In the summer of 2019 she will take GCSEs in:
 - English Language - Two 1¾ hr exams
 - English Literature – One 2¼ hr exam, one 1¾ hr exam
 - Maths – Three 1½ hr exams
 - Combined Science - Six 1¼ hr exams
 - Spanish – One 45 min exam, one 1hr exam, one 1¼ hr exam, plus 25% NEA
 - RE - Two 1¾ hr exams
 - Product Design – One 2 hr exam (50%), plus 50% NEA
 - History – Two 1¾ hr exams
 - Drama – One 1½ hr exam (40%), plus 60% NEA
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMS - 22**
- **TOTAL EXAM LENGTH - 33 HRS**
- **YEAR 11 SUMMER EXAMS REPRESENT 86.5% OF TOTAL GCSE ASSESSMENT**

So what now!

- Open dialogue
- Revision
- Practice



**TOP
TIPS**

to help your child achieve
their Personal Best in KS4

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Short term

- Mentoring with a member of staff
- Registration withdrawal
- Aspiration evening
- Know what your MEG is – where are you heading?
- WTM before PPE1
- Make a revision timetable

Medium term

- Increase your use of revision apps
- Use your Smith proforma (English, Maths and Science) to target your revision
- Look again at your PLC – focus on the areas you highlight as Red
- Registration withdraw continues
- Attend revision clinics
- Edit your revision timetable

Long term

- Think about how you are preparing yourself mentally, are you being mindful about how you spend your time
- Use PiXL Power recipes to prepare your body
- Edit your revision timetable
- Attend PEBs
- Show the examiner how amazing you are
- Exceed your MEG and have the choice to follow whichever post-16 path you want