

Welcome to Year 10

Introduction Presentation

KENILWORTH SCHOOL

MR HOVERD – DEPUTY HEAD (DATA AND CURRICULUM) – P.HOVERD@KSN.ORG.UK



Outline of the Presentation

- ❖ Curriculum
- ❖ Pupil Targets and Tracking
- ❖ How to Succeed



New Curriculum

Why the change?

1. Provide a stronger foundation for further study and employment, keeping pace with demands from universities and employers
2. Support students in developing the knowledge, skills and values they need in modern life
3. Match the standards of the best education systems in the world



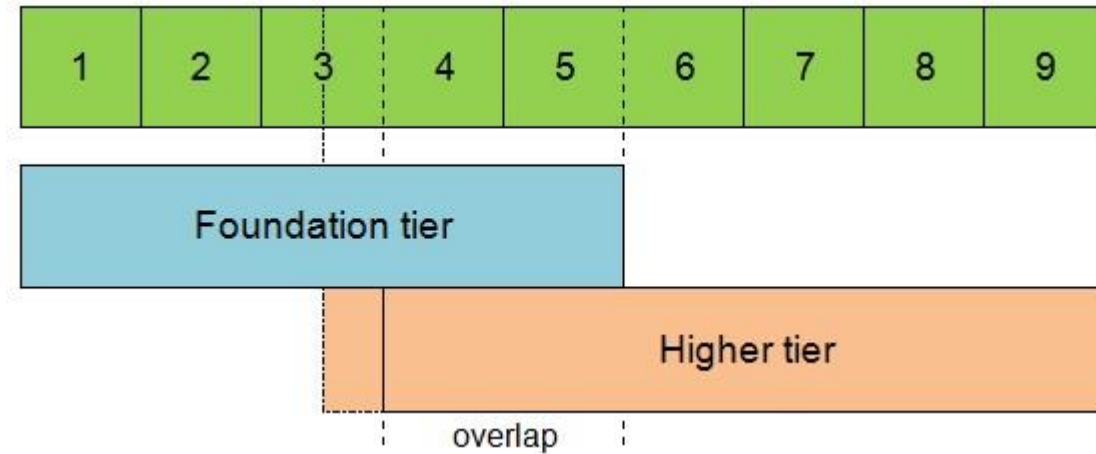
GCSE – The main changes

- ❖ Assessed by examination in most subjects
- ❖ Final Exam at the end of the Year 11
- ❖ One ability tier entry, only Maths, Science and languages will have different papers for higher and foundation
- ❖ Awarded grades in all GCSE subjects from 1 to 9, with grade 9 being the highest grade



GCSE Grades 1 - 9

New GCSE Grading Structure									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
				← 4 = C and above →					
A*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Current GCSE Grading Structure									



‘Good’ Pass – GRADE 5

‘Standard Pass’ – GRADE 4

<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents/>



English GCSE

KENILWORTH SCHOOL



Key details about the exams:

- ❖ 2 x GCSEs (English Literature and English Language)
- ❖ No coursework/controlled assessment folders
- ❖ Closed book examination (no books in exam)
- ❖ No tiered papers (all pupils will sit the same examinations)
- ❖ The weighting for the exam is 50% Reading 50% Writing.



What's included:

- ❖ 100% exam after two years (a two year course)
- ❖ The inclusion of 19th 20th and 21st century texts 'high quality and challenging'
- ❖ Increased emphasis on providing appropriate supporting textual referencing (knowing the texts well)
- ❖ An increased weighting in the marking of technical accuracy (Spelling and Grammar) in both the Language and Literature exams.



What you can do at home to support your child:

- ❖ Reading. Please encourage pupils to read a range of texts from a variety of non-fiction and fictional sources.
- ❖ Theatre and film productions of the set texts are available and often support with plot and character understanding.
- ❖ Encourage discussion around the set texts, to help pupils develop interpretations of key characters and themes.



Examination board:

- ❖ We use AQA
- ❖ Specifications for Language and Literature can be found at:
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english>



Maths GCSE

KENILWORTH SCHOOL



Key changes for Maths:

- ❖ More Content
- ❖ More demanding content
- ❖ More Emphasis on problem solving
- ❖ No formulas given – all must be memorised
- ❖ 3 examination papers (1 x non – calculator, 2 x calculator)



What you can do at home to support your child in Mathematics

- ❖ Check homework – 1 or 2 pieces every week
- ❖ Practise numeracy skills
- ❖ [Mymaths.co.uk](https://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- ❖ PIXL Maths App
- ❖ Revision Guides - Year 11



Examination board:

- ❖ We use Edexcel
- ❖ Specifications for GCSE Maths (9 – 1)
- ❖ <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>



Science GCSE

KENILWORTH SCHOOL



Science GCSE

Separate Science pathway	Combined Science (Trilogy) pathway
Sets 1 & 2	Sets 3-6
6 Science lessons per week	5 Science lessons per week
Higher and Foundation papers available	Higher and Foundation papers available
3 separate GCSE grades will be awarded 9 -1	2 GCSE grades will be awarded combining all 3 Sciences (9-9, 9-8,1-1)
10½ hours of examination (across 6 papers) 2 Biology papers, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics (1hr 45, 100 marks per paper)	7½ hours of examination (across 6 papers) 2 Biology papers, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics (1hr 15, 70 marks per paper)
No coursework, 100% exam	No coursework, 100% exam



Science

- ❖ It is possible to achieve the top grade 9 in both pathways and both pathways allow for a successful transition to A-Level and beyond.
- ❖ Content is now much more mathematical (20% in total!) plus more A-level content, extended writing and higher level thinking has been added to examinations.
- ❖ Students have the option to purchase revision guides for both pathways via Parent Pay over coming weeks. Paper letters will be given to students and emails sent to parents shortly.
- ❖ Students will have four key Science assessments in year 10 and three in year 11. Information regarding these is being emailed to all parents within the next week.



Examination board:

❖ AQA specification followed.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse>



Citizenship

KENILWORTH SCHOOL



Citizenship

- ❖ Exam sat at the end of Year 10
 - ❖ Relieve exam pressure in Year 11
 - ❖ Experience of exams
 - ❖ Additional time for support in other subjects

Exam (Edexcel)

2 x 1:45 min exams

- ❖ Encourage watching news, reading newspaper and keeping up with current affairs



New School Performance Measures

- ❖ Attainment 8 and Progress 8
- ❖ Increased focus on progress students make rather than their final grade
- ❖ Both focus on performance in 8 subjects rather than 5 (English and Maths have extra weight)
- ❖ Grade 5+ in English and Maths



Progress 8 (P8)

- ❖ Progress 8 is calculated by comparing a student's Attainment 8 score against that of all other students who started secondary school at a similar starting point
- ❖ This starting point is worked out using KS2 SATs results
- ❖ If attainment 8 score is higher than that of pupils who had a similar starting point, a positive P8 score will have been achieved.

- ❖ In 2018 Kenilworth school had an average P8 score of 0.63
- ❖ (This means that she achieved an average over 0.6 of a grade better than other pupils with the same prior attainment at KS2)



What does A8 and P8 mean for your child?

- ❖ Students should strive for the best grades in all subjects
- ❖ Focus on progress for all subjects and all grades.
- ❖ Subjects cannot be dropped
- ❖ Pupils with the highest primary school data **MUST** be getting 8s and 9s for positive progress!



Target Setting and progress

- ❖ We will continue to set aspirational targets for our students
- ❖ We use a combination of
 - End of primary School data
 - National Predictive data
 - Progress and attainment at KS3
 - Knowing our pupils
- ❖ We will report every term on how your child is progressing against these targets.



Curriculum Support

- ❖ Full and Interim Reports (End of every term)
- ❖ Year 10 Parents evening
- ❖ Contact teacher or Head of department (All contact details on the website – email best)
- ❖ Exam Boards
- ❖ Class Charts
- ❖ Parent Portal
- ❖ GCSE POD – Revision tool
- ❖ Curriculum websites and homework sites (Mymaths, Kerboodle)



Welcome to Year 10

Introduction Presentation

KENILWORTH SCHOOL

MR HOVERD – P.HOVERD@KSN.ORG.UK

