

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

Sixth Form

Welcome and induction briefing

September 2025



Presentation Contents



- Welcome and introductions
- The sixth form journey
- Bursary (financial support)
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Key Staff

Headteacher

Mrs McIlroy

Deputy Headteacher

Mr Wakefield

Joint Head of Sixth Form and HOY 12

Mr Larter

Joint Head of Sixth Form and HOY 13

Mr Finn-Kelcey

KS5 Support and Careers

Ms Butterly

KS5 Student Support and Supervision

Mr Cowlam

SENCO & Head of Keystage 3

Mrs S Percy



Form Tutors



12Q - Dr T Dedman

12E - Dr J Perkins

12G - Mr P Buckland & Mrs L Miles

12S - Miss K Gray

12F - Miss L Humpage & Mrs H Morgan

12K - Mrs D Longhurst

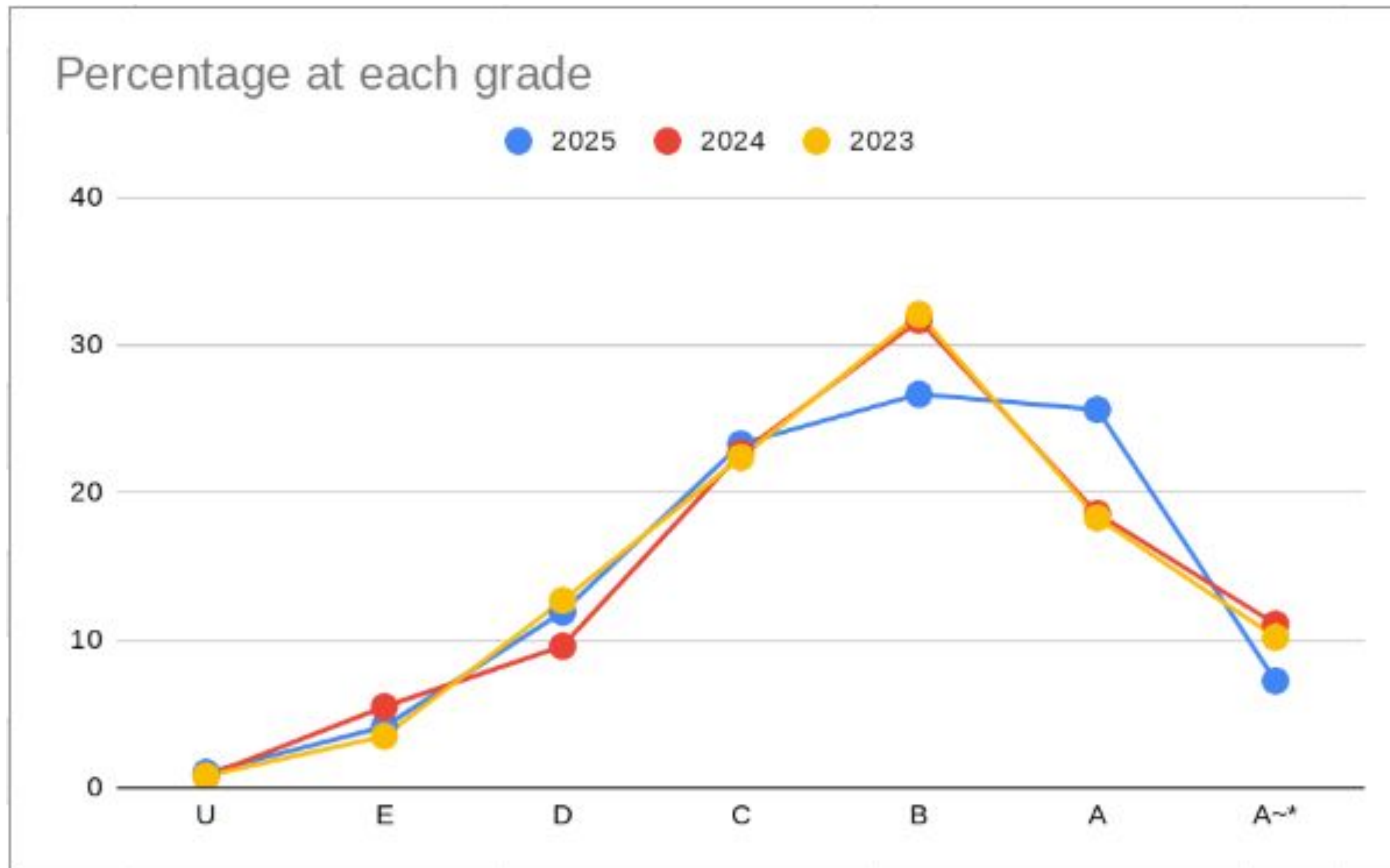
12C - Mr T Piotrowski

Examinations 2025 - A levels



GRADES	2025 (%)	2024 (%)	2023 (%)
A*-A	32.9	29.7	28.6
A*-B	59.6	61.5	60.6
A*-C	82.9	84.1	83.0

QEGS A level results 2025



Year 13 Destinations -2024



Pathway	% of students
University	78
Oxbridge	5
Russell Group	44
Apprenticeship	6
Employment	4
Gap Year	13

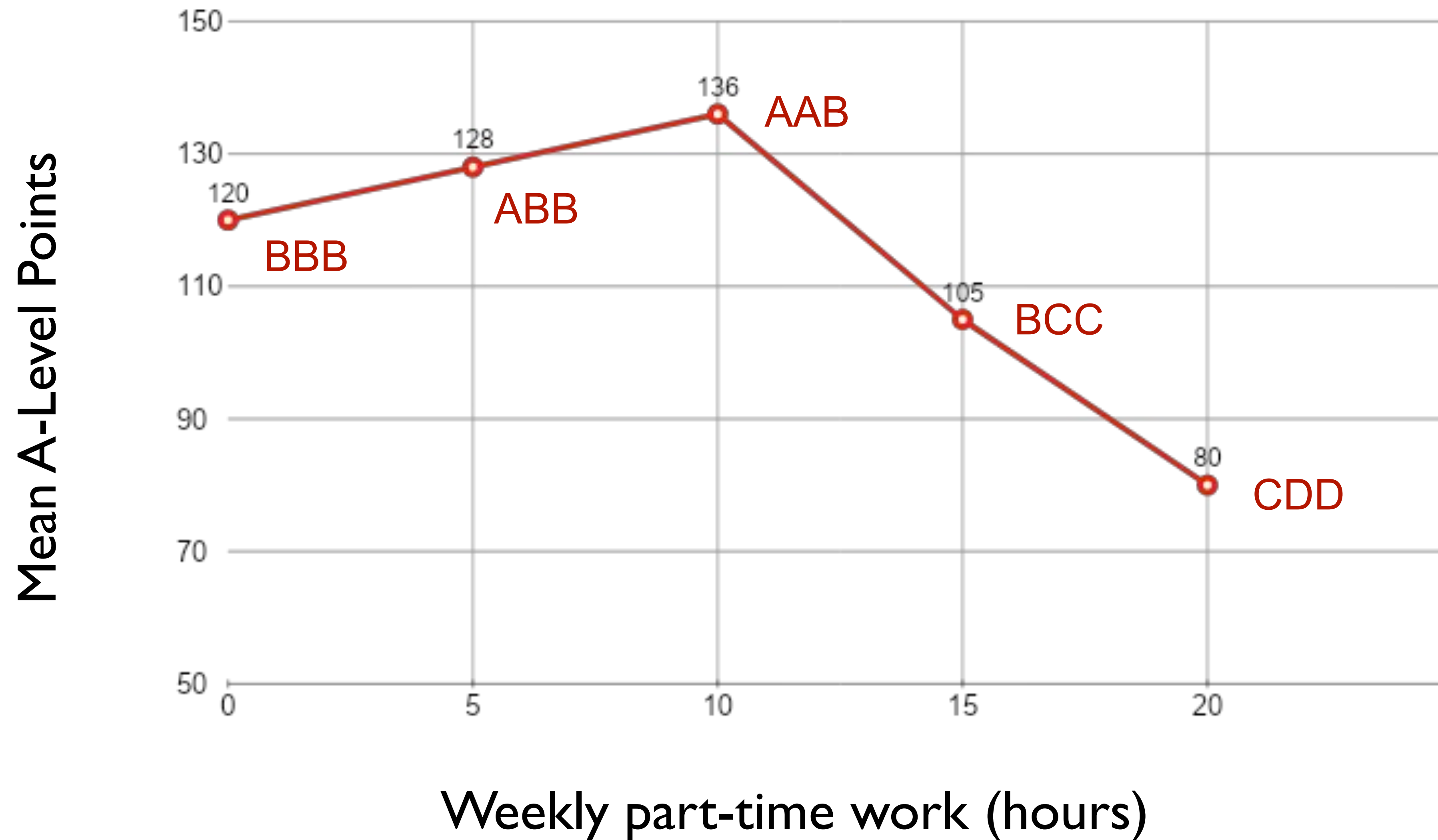
Sixth Form Agreement

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- Absence procedures and lateness
- Private study periods
- Predicted grades
- Changing subjects - 8th October



Part-time work and A-level success





The Sixth Form Journey

3 main elements to the “step up”....



- The step up in INTENSITY OF WORK
- The step up in INDEPENDENT STUDY
- The step up in SYNOPTICITY

The Journey through Sixth FormYear 12



- Those golden early weeks....
- The “Long Winter”.....
- The build-up to year 12 exams....
- The summer of future possibilities.....

Time to hear from some of our students...



Which bits of Year 12 did you “get right”?

What were the challenges for you during year 12?

The Journey through Sixth FormYear 13



- The ‘Big Pinch-Point’...
- The build-up to Year 13 internal exams.
- The “Long Spring”
- The “Final Furlong”.

Tips for success....



- Turn up- NOTHING is more impactful than your attendance
- When you are working at A level, this is **material to master** not **jobs to get through**.
- Keep work organised in folders & online- stuff will pile up v quickly
- Use your study periods effectively.
- Talk to your teachers.
- “I’ve finished all my work” is not something a sixth former who understood A level would ever say.
- Enjoy your subjects- getting to learn things in real depth is amazing!

Wednesday enrichment activities



- Debating
- QUEST - Science Research Groups
- Sports
- Artsmark (Student Directors, Art club, Film Club, Cookery, Tech)
- Volunteering/Work Experience

16 – 19 Bursary 2024/2025



A Bursary award can be allocated to students with stretched household incomes as well as current Pupil Premium students.

We can offer financial support to purchase the following;

- Transport e.g. Bus pass, Train tickets etc.
- Books/Stationery
- Equipment e.g. Football boots for PE students, IT - such as Chromebooks etc.
- Course Curriculum Trips and other course related costs
- Cost of attending university open days and interviews



Please come and speak to us about qualifying for Bursaries after this event

BURSARY FUND

Bursary expense claims

Bursary Application Form 2025 26

QEGS 16 19 Bursary Self Declaration Form 2025 26

QEGS 16 19 Bursary Student Policy 25 26

QEGS 6th Form Contract 16 19 Bursary Fund v2

<https://www.queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk/learning/sixth-form/bursary-fund/>

Looking ahead



- Students need to engage with the career planning provision
- All students will have an initial 10 minute career meeting in terms 1 and 2 with Ms Butterly
- Very specific preparation for some routes, such as Oxbridge and Early entry courses

Looking ahead



Work experience - Term 3 (Feb 2nd & 3rd)

Post 18 Options evening - Term 4

UKC - careers event - Term 5

UCAS Evening - Term 6

Mentoring



- 1:1 Mentoring takes place during form time with form tutors
- Students will discuss their progress at least once per term but more frequently if more support is needed
- Extra support is available from subject areas via Google Classroom, from subject teachers, and the Sixth Form team

Assessment



- Students are assessed formally at regular intervals (Interim Assessments)
- This takes into account factors such as attitude to learning and academic progress, engagement in lessons, attendance, use of study time and meeting deadlines
- ALPS targets - published today 18th September

Assessment



- Interim Assessment - 16th October
- Interim Assessment - 27th November
- Year 12 Parents Eve: Thursday 19th March
- Year 12 Predicted Grade PPE exams - 22nd April - 1st May
- Exam result and Attitude to learning - 21st May

Monitoring academic progress



ALPS Targets

- An average 'points score' is calculated for each student based on their GCSE results
- This is used to set *realistic* target grades

ALPS - calculation from GCSE



ALPS targets are only based on GCSE results

Other Level 2 qualifications are not included

Results	Points
1 x grade 5	5
1 x grade 9	9
1 x grade 8	8
2 x grade 7	14
3 x grade 6	18
Average Score = Total points/number of entries	$54/8 = 6.75$

'Bands' and potential



Average GCSE POINTS	MINIMUM EXPECTED GRADE
7.75 +	A/A*
7.0 < 7.75	A
6.55 < 7.0	B
6.10 < 6.55	B
5.65 < 6.10	B/C
5.21 < 5.65	B/C
4.77 < 5.21	C
4.37 < 4.77	C

59.6% of all grades were A*-B in 2025 but not all students had A*- B targets.

The average points score gives an indication of the ALPS target.

Actual Student Example

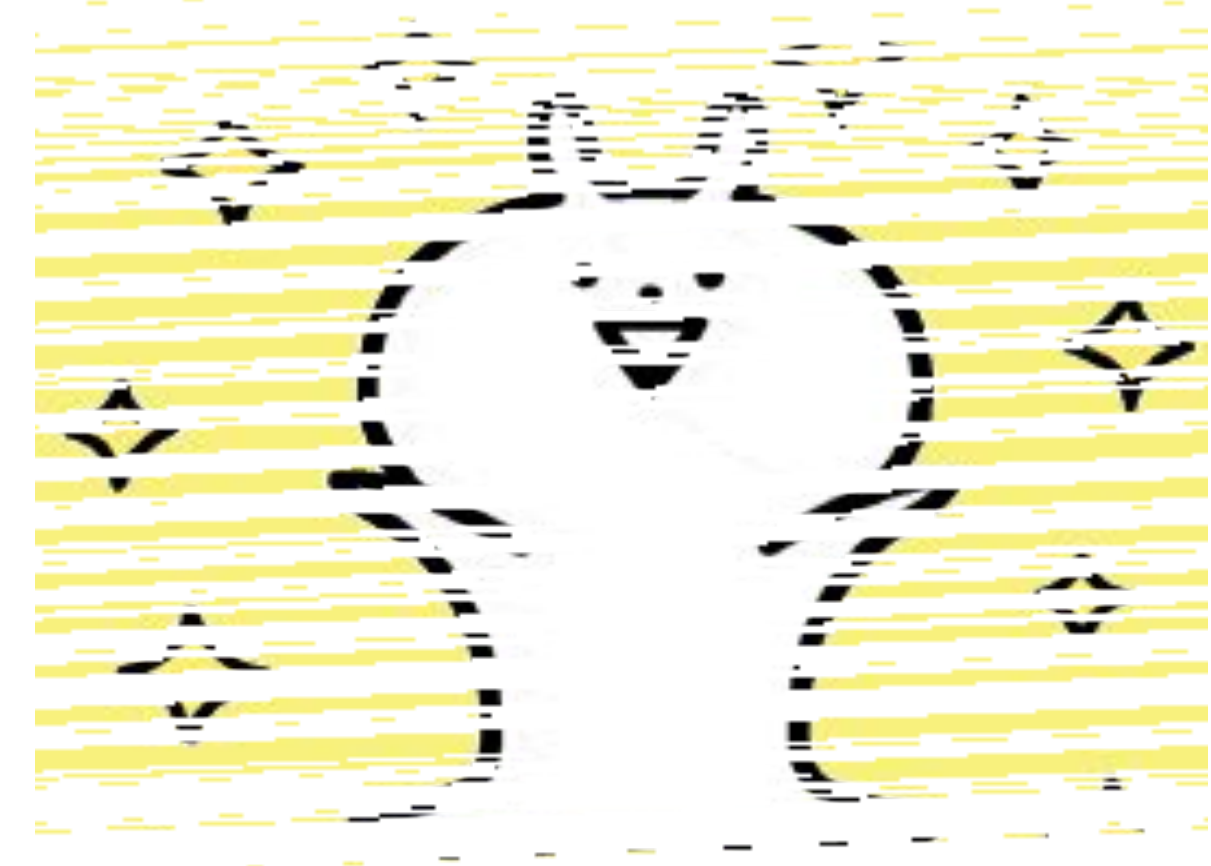


- GCSE points – 6.26
- Attendance over two years = 99.3%
- ALPS Target = B
- Computing/Maths/Physics

Student profiles



Achieved



A^*A B

Choosing the right subjects was vital

Keys to Success...



- Attendance
- Ask for help when needed
- Have a plan for studying each day and stick to it
- A Positive mindset makes a huge difference
- Research careers now
- Get involved in other activities

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Any questions?



Thank you for coming

If you have any questions please come and see us now or send an email and we will get back you as soon as we can.

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