

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

Sixth Form

Welcome and induction briefing

September 2023



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Key Staff

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KS5 Student Support and Supervision

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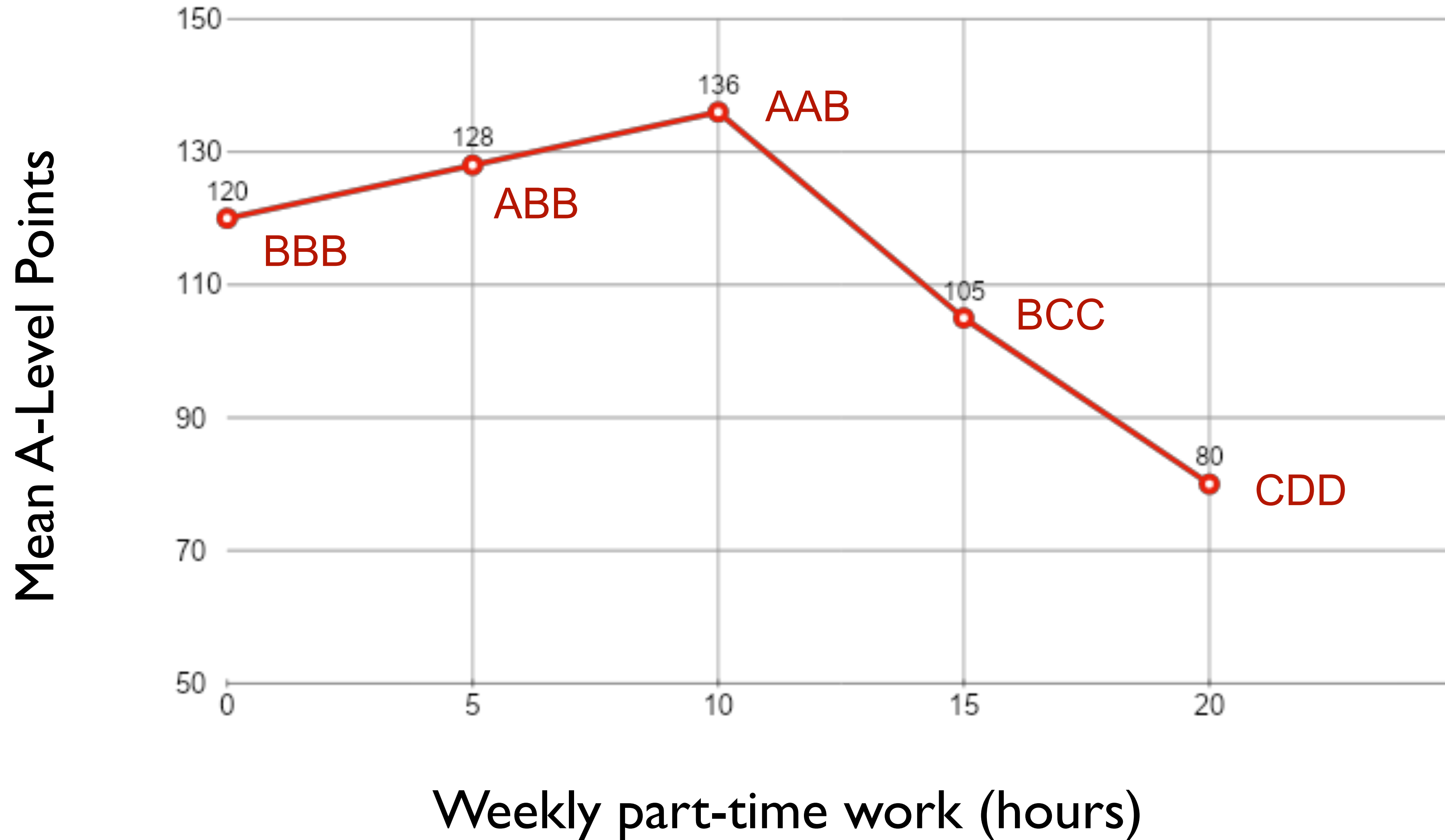


The challenge of Post-16 Study



- Significant step up from GCSE
- Developing the right attitude
- Study Skills – developing independence
- Start positively...don't fall behind
- Get involved, take the initiative, work hard!

Part-time work and A-level success



Form Tutors



I2A Dr Dedman

I2B Dr Perkins

I2C Mr Buckland

I2D Miss Humpage/Miss Jankowska

I2E Mrs Martin

I2F Mrs Longhurst/Miss Klein

The journey through the Sixth Form

Year 12



- The 'golden' early weeks
- The 'long winter'
- The build-up to year 12 exams
- The summer of 'future possibilities'

The journey through the Sixth Form

Year 13



- Finalising post 18 options
- The build-up to Year 13 internal exams
- The 'long spring'
- The 'final furlong'

Wednesday enrichment activities

- Debating
- QUEST - Science Research Groups
- Sports
- Student directors
- Board games club
- Film Club
- Music
- Volunteering/Work Experience



Sixth Form Agreement



- Absence procedures and lateness
- STUDY periods
- Predicted grades
- Post-16 financial support

16-19 Bursary Fund

Finance Team

Miss Evie Cork - Finance Officer

Miss Megan Hughes - Finance Officer

Mr Stuart Davison - Finance Manager



16-19 Bursary 2023/24



- Education and Skills Funding Agency
- Available for 6th Form Students meeting the eligibility criteria
- Discretionary Bursaries Criteria
 - Gross Household income below £35,000
 - Student or family in receipt of benefits

Bursaries for students in defined groups

Students with a financial need, who meet 1 of the following 4 criteria

- In care
- Care leavers
- Receiving Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC)
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) in their own right, Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in their own right



16 – 19 Bursary 2023 – 2024

Examples of how a bursary may be spent

- Transport
- Books
- Equipment
- Curriculum related trips and other course costs
- Travel to attend university open days and interviews



Timeline

- Applications due by 01/10/23
- Applications will be reviewed by 06/10/23
- Any follow up information requested by 10/10/23
- Decision and award letters sent out to parents by 13/10/23



Looking ahead



- Students need to engage with the career planning provision
- All students will have an initial 15 minute careers meeting this term with Miss Slane
- Very specific preparation for some routes including an competitive courses preparation programme

Assessment



- Students are assessed formally at regular intervals (Interim Assessments) 19th October
- 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 14th September

Mentoring



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

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 - calculations from GCSE



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	$54/8 = 6.75$

ALPS targets are only based on GCSE results

Other Level 2 qualifications are not included

Using GCSE APS to find ALPS bands



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

61% of all grades were A*-B last year but not all students had A*- B targets.

This student would have a B grade ALPS target for all subjects. Target setting conversations with this student could adjust these upwards to a more aspirational grade if appropriate.

Keys to Success...

- Attendance
- Ask for help when you need it
- Have a study plan for each day and stick to it
- Positive mindset makes a huge difference
- Research possible careers and courses now
- Get involved in other activities



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