



Our Overview newsletters contain the key information you'll need each term.

Briefing on curriculum content, extra-curricular opportunities, current school messages and more, parents and carers can use this outline to support students and help them succeed at school.

Learning

ENGLISH:

Revising Literature Paper 2

Students will learn to hone their knowledge of both Poetry and Lord of the Flies, and to refine their ideas, building on practices and feedback loops. This will be interwoven with English Language revision.

MATHS:

Individual class focus for this term:

- **Miss Twyford's class:** Measures, Constructions, and Revision & Exam practice
- **Mr Poolman's class:** Trigonometry, Revision & Exam practice
- **Mrs Price's class:** Dates and Measures
- **Mr Whitley's class:** Revision & Exam practice
- **Mrs Payne & Miss Morgan's class:** Revision & Exam practice

SCIENCE:

Triple Science

In **Biology**, students will study impacts of humans on biodiversity including, deforestation, global warming and pollution. They will look at methods to support biodiversity such as efficient and sustainable food production.

In **Chemistry**, students will study the topic of chemical analysis. This includes testing for pure and impure substances, analysing chromatograms, testing for gases and tests for positive and negative ions.

In **Physics**, students will study the topic of electromagnetism, looking at magnetic fields and electromagnetic devices. They will also study the motor effect and electromagnetic induction.

Combined Science

In Combined Science, students will complete a **Physics** topic focused on magnetic fields around magnets and current carrying wires. They will learn how electromagnets work and their uses. In **Biology**, students will complete a topic focused on human impacts on biodiversity.

Core PE:

Students studying GCSE PE will be preparing for their practical examinations with a close end date in mind. To support this, we encourage them to use Core PE classes as an opportunity to work on their specific areas of need.

Students who are not taking GCSE PE will use their Core PE time productively, following their 'healthy active lifestyle', by working on their own programmes in our Fitness suite or with semi-competitive activity in games situations.

PSHE:

In PSHE, we will explore crucial aspects of social and emotional development, including intimate romantic relationships, gender diversity and sexuality, the process and personal narratives of coming out as LGBT+, understanding power dynamics in relationships, recognising harmful and illegal cultural practices, and assessing the impact of relationship power dynamics on individual well-being. This program aims to foster empathy, inclusivity, and informed decision-making among participants.

Aspiration

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 will have a final set of mock exams during w/c Monday 18th March. This is an important opportunity to practice working in exam conditions and receive high-quality feedback from teachers to help guide revision. Exam timetables have been given to students and are available electronically on [My Child at School](#). Students will not have mock exams in all subjects.

Please note that there are also some coursework deadlines for practical subjects in Term 4. These will have been clearly conveyed to students. Please contact subject teachers directly if you have any queries.

Specific guidance from all subjects can be found here: <https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/students/revision/>

IMPACT PROGRESS CHECK

This term, Year 11 students will receive their final Impact Progress Check, due w/c Monday 25th March. Feedback for each subject includes specific targets set by teachers that, if completed, will have a positive impact on your child's progress at GCSE. We would be very grateful to have parents' support in encouraging students to complete these targets by:

- Reviewing the targets with your child and discussing how and when they will achieve them.
- Placing the report somewhere prominent and regularly checking to see if they have completed their targets before their GCSE exams.

SENECA

If you have not already done so, we encourage all parents to sign up to SENECA Learning to support your child's homework and revision; emails have been sent to those not yet signed up.

KS4 students have access to the premium package which includes some extra GCSE revision resources. KS3 students have access to a full suite of revision and homework activities for all subjects. Students in all year groups are regularly recognised for their SENECA Learning use. This [parent guide](#) has details on how to support your child with SENECA.

Opportunity

CAREERS FAIR

We are hosting a [Careers Fair](#) during the school day on Tuesday 5th March, open to all students. Parents are invited to visit from 3.30–4.30pm. A variety of employers will attend. Students will have the opportunity to speak to employers about their business and potential job roles, apprenticeships and routes into employment and training.

APPRENTICESHIPS

As students look towards post-16 options, they can stay on top of all the latest apprenticeship-related news and opportunities by registering with this national database: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

SHREK: THE MUSICAL

Our student performers and backstage crew have been working hard on rehearsals for [Shrek the Musical!](#) Evening performances will take place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March; doors 6.30pm, with curtain up at 7pm. Refreshments will be available on the night. Tickets cost £5.00 each and should be available via [ParentMail](#) from Thursday 23rd February.

KS4 BINGO & GAMES NIGHT

Our next Key Stage 4 wellbeing event is a Bingo & Games Night which will be held on Wednesday 27th March, expected start time 3.45pm (exact timings to be confirmed). Save the date! More details will follow later this term.

Integrity

EXAM PREPARATION: PENCIL CASES

As we move swiftly towards Year 11's final mock experiences and the first GCSE exams, it is essential that students are exam-ready with the correct items. Students must have a clear pencil case which includes the following equipment:

- At least 2 black pens
 - Pencil
 - Sharpener (unless pencil is mechanical)
 - Rubber
 - Ruler (15cm is sufficient)
 - Protractor
 - Compass
 - Scientific calculator
- Recommended model: [Casio FX-83GTCW](#)

If you need any support with this, please contact your child's tutor.

COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th March in aid of Comic Relief. Suggested donation is £1 (with the option to donate more) and will be collected online via [ParentMail](#) in the usual way in due course. Tutor groups will also be encouraged to plan fundraising events they can run themselves in school on the day, to further support fundraising efforts. Please do encourage your child to share any fundraising ideas they have with their tutor.

FSA JUMBLE SALE UPDATE

A big thank you to all who supported the FSA Giant Jumble Sale last month; a whopping £2158.55 was raised!

Key Dates

Tuesday 5 th March	Careers Fair – all years – open to parents 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 8 th March	Year 11 Individual and Whole Year Group School Photographs
Sunday 10 th March, 10am-3pm	Shrek: Sunday Dress Rehearsal – whole cast & crew
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Year 11 Mocks (some subjects only)
Tuesday 12 th March (school hours)	Shrek: All day rehearsal
Wednesday 13 th March, 2pm	Shrek: Matinee performance for primary school pupils
Thursday 14 th – Friday 15 th March, 7pm	Shrek: Evening performances
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day – Non School Uniform Day
Monday 18 th March	Year 8 – Year 11 HPV vaccination catchup (some students only)
Monday 25 th March, 3.45pm (times TBC)	KS4 Bingo & Games Night
Thursday 28 th March, 1.10pm finish	End of term
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 15 th April	Term 5 begins

Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**
KS4 Student Wellbeing Manager: **Miss R David**
Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr T Edwards**

Useful Links

School Website: [Careers pages](#) and [Exams Office](#)
Revision Resources [Padlet](#)
Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)
Adviza Careers [Portal](#)

News

School Website: [Home page](#)
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Queries

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) the school.

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