

Welcome to Seahaven Academy Key Stage 4 Parent Information Evening



NEW GCSE SYSTEM

Changing Face of GCSE Examinations

The traditional method of assessing GCSE subjects is changing from A*-G to 9-1.

All subjects with the exception of DT and ICT will be assessed through the new system in 2018.

The new qualifications place greater demand upon students and are based upon terminal examinations.

The new system (9-1) does not match the traditional (A^*-G) system.



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



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Changing Face of GCSE ExaminationsWhat is the impact upon the student?

- Greater focus on terminal examinations greater number of examinations to sit.
- Fewer subjects offering NEA (coursework) increased importance in examination performance.
- Content in new qualifications taken from AS level increased challenge / complexity in learning.



Examinations for Core Subjects 2018

English Language – 2 examination papers each 1.45 hours

English Literature – 2 examination papers 1.45 hours and 2.15 hours

Maths – 3 examination papers each 1.3 hours

Science – 6 examination papers each 1.15 hours





ATTENDANCE

Role of Attendance

90% is pretty good right? WRONG!

- Some pupils have an attendance rate of around 90%. Most parents and pupils think that this is pretty good.
- What does an attendance rate of 90% look like?
- If you have a 90% attendance record, it means that you are absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half-day every week.
- Below 90% falls into the category of 'persistently absent'.
- We have a duty to report persistent absence to the authorities.
 Attending school is a legal requirement



It all adds up... Creating gaps

- A 90% attendance rate means that you have missed the equivalent of four whole weeks of lessons in the school year.
- If your attendance rate is at 90% throughout KS3 and KS4 (5 years) you have missed the equivalent of about one half of a school year.
- It's not just the missed lessons... Education builds on existing knowledge, gaps in knowledge and understanding impact pupils accessing new learning going forward.
- Students with 96% attendance or above achieved 1.32 grades higher in GCSE last year.





PATHWAYS INTO POST 16

Year Group Overview

<u>Y11</u>

College Applications and Personal statements completed

Priority with Independent Careers Advisor

YES to support

Mock interview day

All College and FE Providers to attend Y11 PCE's

<u>Y10</u>

SDC taster day

Work experience in T6

Careers adviser in T5 and T6

Subject specific work shops to University of Sussex and Brighton



Year Group Overview

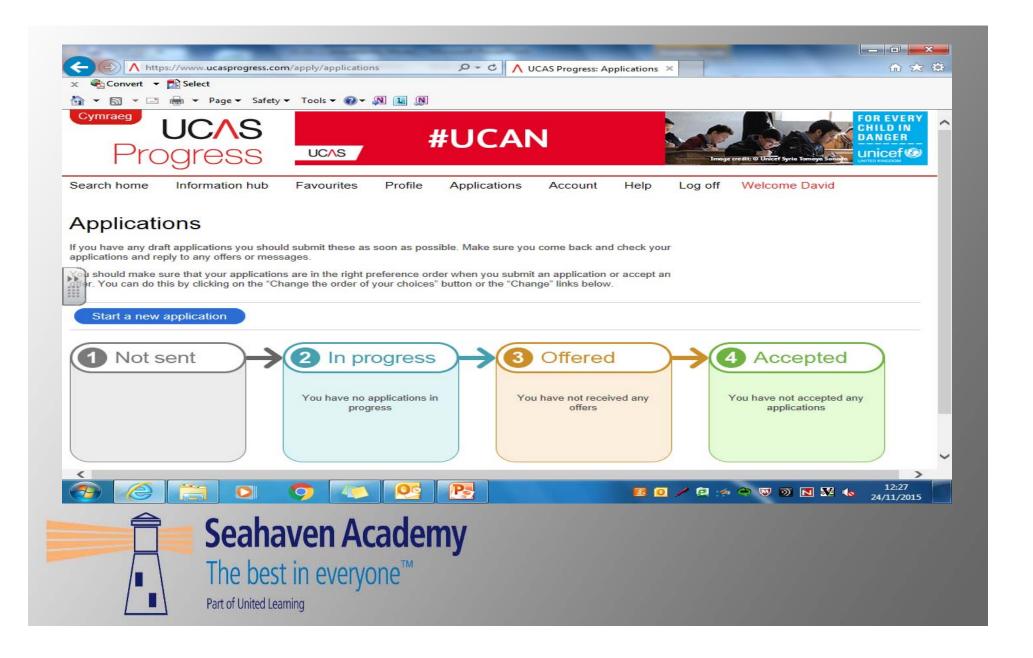
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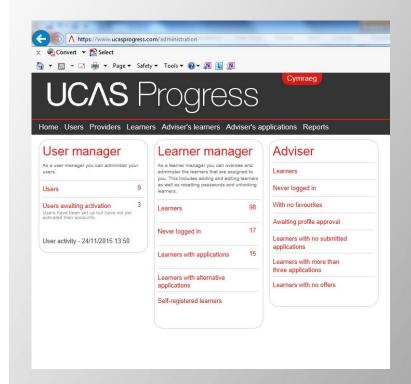
STEM activities

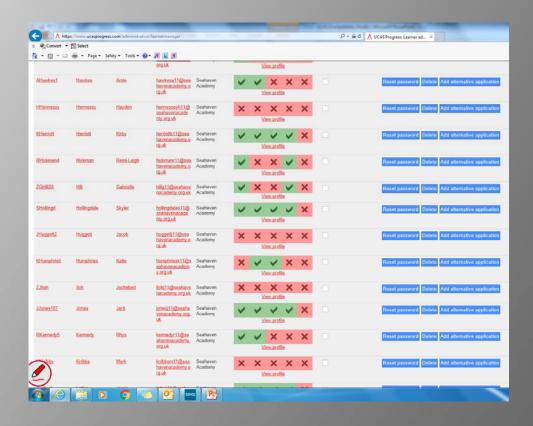
Follow up and monitoring of Options

FGS Cohort











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For all of the Brighton Colleges – Available on Website

They are still using the old paper system for Brighton and Hove Colleges, you will need to download this from the College website.

http://www.ccb.ac.uk/public/resources/marketing_files/pdfs/fulltime-application-form17-18-web-editable.pdf - City College Brighton

https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/download/3992b - All Brighton and Hove application forms.





CORE SUBJECT INFORMATION

English

Students are doing TWO GSCEs in English

English Language

- ➤ Paper 1 Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
 - Exam of 1hr 45 mins

Paper 2 – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Exam of 1hr 45 mins

English Literature

Paper 1 (1 hr 45 mins)

- >A Christmas Carol
- ➤ Romeo and Juliet

Paper 2 (2hrs 15 mins)

- ➤ An Inspector Calls
- ➤ Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry



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English

Study Guide

Preparation for Language exams:

(Newspaper and online articles)

Read non-fiction texts

- Practice writing persuasive articles, letters and speeches
- Practice writing descriptively
- Read over and edit mock exam questions

Preparation for Literature exams:

- Read each play, novel and poems again
- Mind-map posters: character, themes, events
- Learn quotations
- Read over and edit practice and mock exam questions
- Discuss the texts with friends and family



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Outside of Maths Lessons

- Hegarty Maths
- Normally 1 task to complete per week
- Listed on Show My Homework
- Maths Catch Up runs twice per week on Tuesday and Thursday staffed by Maths Department
- Revision guides needed can be found on SMHW



Communication Regarding Maths

- We encourage parents to contact us to discuss progress, we will work together to support your son / daughter to ensure they achieve as highly as possible.
- Please contact your son / daughters maths teacher via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns.



Learning in 'Science'

- All students in Year 11 are following the AQA Combined Science:
 Trilogy course. This is the equivalent of two GCSEs and, as such, is awarded two grades 9-9 to 1-1. Students will have 6 exams, each 1 and a quarter hours long. There is no controlled assessment element.
- Combined science is a balanced science course and covers Biology,
 Chemistry and Physics topics.
- Some students in set 1 in Year 10 may follow the separate science GCSE courses, GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry, and GCSE Physics.



How do I support learning in 'Science'

- Buy revision guides—We can sell them at a discounted price, please collect a letter.
- We are also able to sell workbooks linked to the revision guides and practice GCSE papers.
- Encourage reading 'around' topics studied in school on websites such as the BBC or in newspapers and magazines.
- Use the iPlayer to find relevant documentaries, for example 'The Wonder of Animals'.
- Use the support available online at BBC Bitesize, search for AQA Science.
- Use the exam board website, www.aqa.org.uk, past papers are a very useful revision tool.
- Discuss homework and progress regularly.





PERIOD 6 LEARNING

Period 6 Learning

- After school sessions that run daily from 2.15pm to 3.30pm initially for Year 11 only.
- Sessions are structured to focus upon key topics within each subject.
- In the majority of subjects, students are highlighted who must attend.
- Students names are distributed via email and through roll call.
- Attendance at Period 6 is monitored by MAN and concerns will be raised with students, tutors and parents.
- The programme evolves throughout the year depending upon need.
- Period 6 should be seen as an additional learning opportunity and not as a replacement to revision.
- Sessions will also take place during half terms and at weekends in the build up to final examinations



Period 6 Schedule Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Drama Music DT ICT	English Maths Catch Up	Geography JLF History Religious Studies	French Maths Catch Up Geography MPC Science	BTEC Sport

