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Year 10 Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 17th April 2024

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Mrs Adamson - Deputy Headteacher

Ms Siviter - Year 10 Achievement Coordinator

Mrs Verma - Assistant Headteacher

Mr Fox - Examinations Officer

Mrs Leadbetter - Director of Post 16

Year 10 curriculum



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Subject	N° of lessons
Mathematics	8
English (language & literature)	8
Science (trilogy)	8
French or Spanish	5
Geography or History	5
RE	4
PE	3
PSHCE	1
Option subjects	4

Two week timetable

50 lessons

Two option subjects

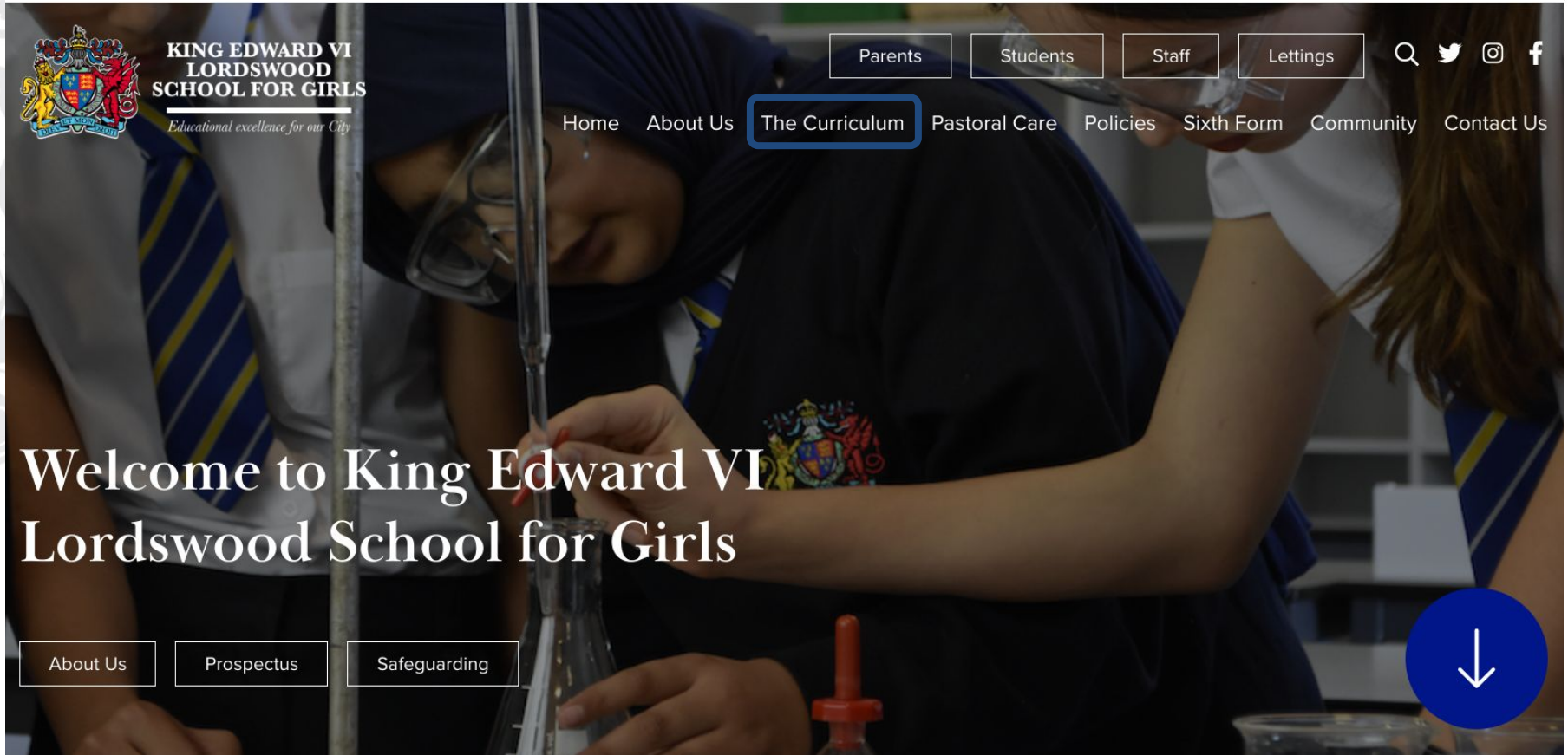
Additional PSHCE
delivered through
drop down days &
morning review
tutor programme

Further information about each course and assessment can be found on the school website, 'The Curriculum'



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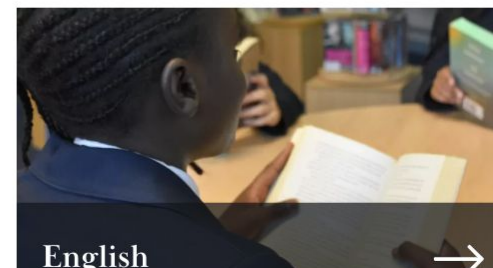


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English

Subjects



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English

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As a department, our vision is to instil in each of our students a love of reading and writing, and to promote a genuine sense of intellectual curiosity.

By exploring a range of texts from different eras, genres and backgrounds, we aim to broaden students' horizons and open minds: that is, to encourage an appreciation of different ideas, viewpoints and beliefs, as well as an understanding of the ways that language and structure can be used to create meaning and shape messages.

Our hope is that learners become confident readers, writers and speakers, with discussion and debate forming the heart of English lessons. Ultimately, we want students to discover the same passion for our subject – a love of reading, writing, and discussing ideas – that their teachers feel.



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Study skills

Ms Laura Siviter

**Achievement Coordinator for Years 10
and 11**

How to support your child

How you can help with revision planning:

- Revision timetable
 - At least 2 hours per night
 - Realistic
 - Time for family, friends, hobbies and time to relax
- Check they have any revision guides or resources
- Check their working environment

The key is for students to set themselves up in an environment where they can complete effective revision.

How to support your child

How you can help with revision sessions:

- Revision timetable:
 - Timings: 5 minutes of planning, 45 minutes actively revising then 10 minutes of testing.
- Pomodoro method - 25 minutes of studying followed by a five-minute break. If you do four of these in a row you can then have a longer break. It works because you learn better in short sessions.
- Use “Strategies for Success” as modelled by Learning Performance.

How to support your child

How you can help with revision sessions:

- Resources:
 - apps/websites/videos (GCSEPod, BBC Bitesize, SCool and Seneca Learning)
 - past papers - timed conditions
 - flashcards, series of Q+A
 - teach topics to you - the act of explaining concepts to someone else really do help!
- Some exams are two or more hours long - increase the length of revision sessions
This builds stamina and concentration skills.

How to support your child

How you can help with avoiding distractions:

- Phone in another room
- No TV or other visual input
- No music
- Having a good night's sleep is vital to maintaining good health

Stop working at least half an hour before bedtime - engage in some relaxing activity that allows their brain to wind down ready for sleep.

How to support your child

How you can help

- It is quite normal for students to feel nervous during exam periods.
- Make sure they stick to their revision timetable and are continuing to follow hobbies and have time for family and friends.
- Encourage healthy eating and resist their impulses to unhealthy snacks. Make sure they are drinking plenty of water and are continuing to exercise. Exercise is a major factor in reducing stress.

During the exam period

- Examination timetable - fridge
- Last minute revision (the night before) should be light reading of revision notes
- Know which exams they have on each day and be prepared
- Encourage them to eat breakfast and bring a snack and water.

Talk to us

First point of contact - review tutor

Subject specific - subject teacher

The email address for all queries is office@lsg.kevibham.org

If your enquiry is of a more serious nature then please address the email for the attention of Ms Siviter (Year 10 and Y11 Achievement coordinator)

Year 10 Key dates



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- **Friday 19th April** - Full report shared
- **Wednesday 1st May** - Parents' evening via School Cloud (4.00-6.30pm)
- **Monday 20th May** - Geography / History field trips
- **Monday 10th to 14th June** - Examination week
- **Monday 17th to 21st June** - Work Experience Week
- **Friday 12th July** - Interim reports shared



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GCSEPod

Mrs Verma
Assistant Headteacher

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GCSEPod



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What is GCSEPod?

- An online award-winning digital platform
- Over 6000 Pods
- Short videos
- Mapped to exam board
- Rigorous quality assurance



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GCSEPod



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Subjects covered



GCSEPod

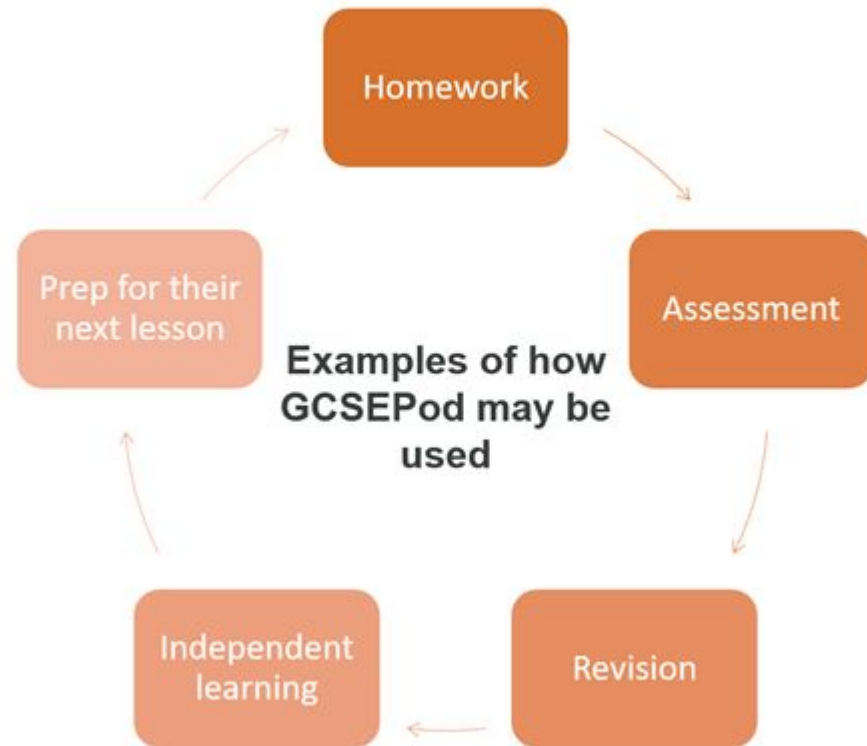
How can it help my child?

- Learning
- Revision
- Checking understanding
- Consolidating knowledge



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Positive impacts

- Encourages independent learning
- Targets areas for development
- Creates Boost playlists
- Free downloads to watch anywhere

Year 11 Impact Analysis

On average, regular users of GCSEPod achieved

0.7 more Progress 8 points than non-users

On average, the highest users achieved

20 Attainment 8 points more than non-users

Regular users of GCSEPod achieve, on average,

1 grade higher per subject than non-users

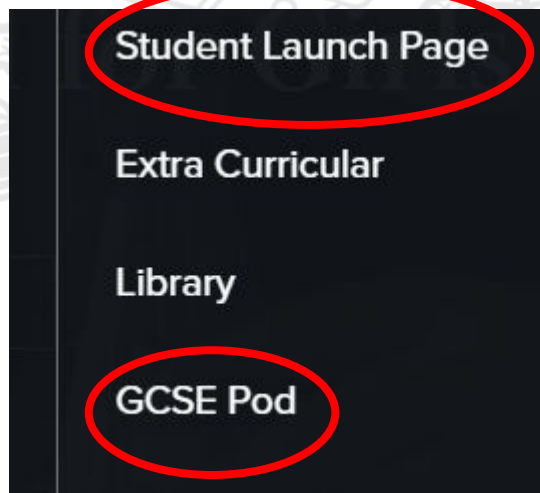
Data collected from 3,528 Y11 students, across 24 schools

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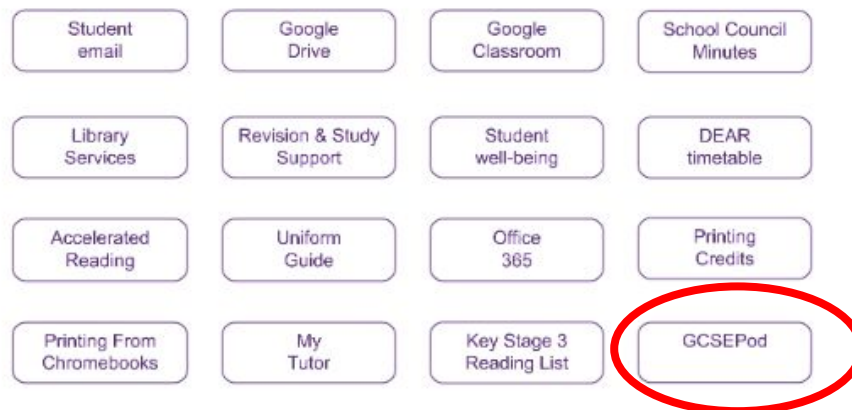
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Accessing the platform

- Through the school website or student launch page



Student Launch Page





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Useful links

- How to revise
- Revision timetable
- Top tips for ...

https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/resources/3/5236/parents?filters%5Btarget_audience%5D=parent

- Getting started

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/resources/3/1781/getting-started?open=3237>

- Parent Toolkit

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/resources/3/2407/parents/parent-toolkit>



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Year 10 examinations

Mr Fox

Examinations Officer

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Examination week is the **10th - 14th June 2024**

- Personalised timetable, including date, time, room, duration and title of the examination
- The students will receive both a hard copy of this timetable and it will also be available to KEVI App

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Equipment for examinations

- All relevant items for each examination in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag.
- Any unauthorised materials and are considered malpractice.
- Only Black Ink Pens should be used.
- Highlighter pens can be used on question papers only.
- Tissues/post its/paper are not allowed.

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Food and drink in examinations



- Students are allowed to bring only a **clear** bottle of water into the examination room
- Labels must be removed from the water bottles prior to the examination.
- Sweets, chewing gum or any other type of **food is not allowed.**

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Clothing for examinations

- Follow the school uniform policy
- Rubber soled shoes or trainers during exam week
- Bags and coats are to be placed in an allocated place
- There must not be any writing on students hands, this includes henna designs

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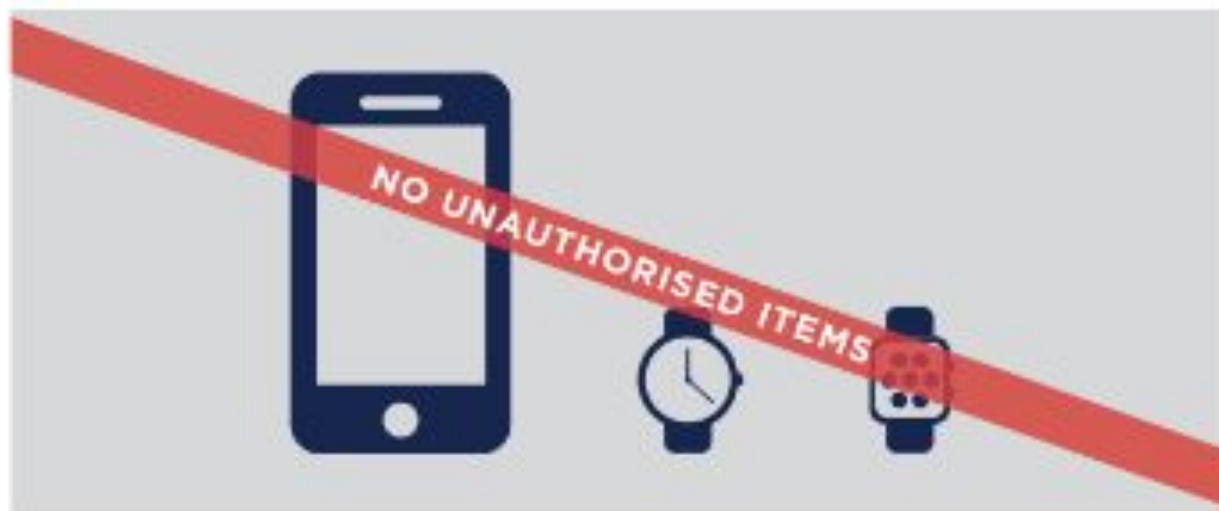


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**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



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Examination room expectations

- An opportunity to practise for external examinations
- Failure to adhere to regulations will result in removal from the examination room



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Progression pathways

Mrs Leadbetter

Director of Post 16 Studies

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Careers



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PSHCE Curriculum

Careers Fair as part of the Careers Values Day

Mock interviews

Trips

Careers Advisor

Careers Bulletin

Careers Google Classroom

Work experience

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Work Experience



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All year 10 students will be on work experience for one week from Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June.

The benefits of work experience

Provides a more realistic basis for career planning and decision-making

- Increases motivation and self-confidence
- Illustrates the personal qualities and key skills required in the workplace
- Provides an understanding of teamwork and what makes a good employee
- Gives an introduction to safe working practices and general behaviour

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Post 16 Progression



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Education, Apprenticeships or Training until 18

Pathways: FE - sixth form or College

A Level or Technical courses/AAQ

T Levels: T Levels are new 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels

Careers



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About our Sixth Form

Co-educational
300 student capacity
Mixture of internal and
external students



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A Level

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

English Literature

Film Studies

Fine Art

Geography

Government and Politics

History

Law*

Mathematics

Media Studies

Music

Philosophy of Religion & Ethics

Photography

Physics

PE

Psychology

Sociology

Our Subjects

Lots of
courses to
choose
from

Vocational

Applied Science Extended Diploma or Extended Certificate

Business Extended Certificate

Criminology Diploma

Health and Social Care Extended Certificate

IT Diploma

T Level Education and Childcare