



Year 9 Preparing for Success Evening

Thursday 15th September 2016



Celebrating The Leigh's Best Ever GCSE Results

65% A* - C in English and maths

64% 5A* - C including English and maths

82% in English

71% in maths

225 A*A grades

Preparing for Success in Year 9



Progress 8 and Attainment 8 - every subject counts

New GCSE Grading System

Aspirational Target Grades (Expected Grade +1)

Current Grades

New GCSE Grading System

- A - G Letters replaced by Grades 9 - 1
- C2 and 3 will become Grade 4
- C1 to B2 will become Grade 5
- Grade 5 is likely to be the new expected standard for GCSE
- Top 20% of students who achieve grade 7 or above in each exam will be awarded a grade 9

New GCSE Grading Structure

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Diagram illustrating the mapping between the New GCSE Grading Structure (left) and the Current GCSE Grading Structure (right). A central circle highlights the equivalence: **4 = C**, with "and above" written below the 4 and C. Arrows point from this central point to the corresponding grades in both structures. A dashed horizontal line is drawn across the table at the level of grade 4 (C).

English Language & Literature



English Language - 100% examination

Unit 1: READING 19th Century Fiction & WRITING creatively

Unit 2: READING 20th and 21st Century Non-fiction & WRITING transactionally

English Literature - 100% examination

Unit 1: Romeo and Juliet & Animal Farm

Unit 2: A Christmas Carol & relationship poetry

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Year 9	Eng Lit unit 2a - 19 th Century Novel: A Christmas Carol (Dickens)		Eng Lit unit 1b - Post-1914 British Text: Animal Farm (Orwell)		Eng Lit unit 2b - Poetry since 1789: Relationships	REVISION for Year 9 exam Eng Lit unit 2b - Poetry since 1789: Relationships
Assessment	Eng Lit unit 2a	Eng Lit unit 2a	Eng Lit unit 1b	Eng Lit unit 1b	Eng Lit unit 2b	Year 9 exams – units 1b, 2a & 2b
	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Year 10	Eng Lit unit 1a – Shakespeare Play: Romeo and Juliet		REVISION for Year 10 Eng Lit examination (GCSE Eng Lit PPE effectively) – units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	REVISION for GCSE English Literature examination – units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	REVISION for GCSE English Literature examination – units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	Eng Lang units 1a (reading response to unseen 19 th century fiction), 1b (creative writing), 2a (reading response to unseen 20 th and 21 st century non-fiction) and 2b (transactional writing)
Assessment	Eng Lit unit 1a	Eng Lit unit 1a	Eng Lit units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	Year 10 Pre-Public Exam - Eng Lit units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	GCSE Eng Lit examination	Eng Lang units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Year 11	Eng Lang units 1a (reading response to unseen 19 th century fiction), 1b (creative writing), 2a (reading response to unseen 20 th and 21 st century non-fiction) and 2b (transactional writing)	Eng Lang units 1a (reading response to unseen 19 th century fiction), 1b (creative writing), 2a (reading response to unseen 20 th and 21 st century non-fiction) and 2b (transactional writing)	Eng Lang units 1a (reading response to unseen 19 th century fiction), 1b (creative writing), 2a (reading response to unseen 20 th and 21 st century non-fiction) and 2b (transactional writing)	Eng Lang units 1a (reading response to unseen 19 th century fiction), 1b (creative writing), 2a (reading response to unseen 20 th and 21 st century non-fiction) and 2b (transactional writing)	REVISION for GCSE English Language examination – units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	
Assessment	Eng Lang units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams – Eng Lang units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	Eng Lang units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	Eng Lang units 1a, 1b, 2a & 2b	GCSE Eng Lang examination	

Maths

- Linear exam (all in one) – one GCSE, no coursework

Grades changing to numbers

- **Foundation - G – C (1 – 5)**
- **Higher - D - A* (4 – 9)**

So - 100% based on the 3 exams

(1 non-calculator and 2 calculator – each 33.33% worth – 80 marks each)

Revision – available every week in the Colleges (check with your Maths teachers).



Groupings in Maths:

- ***Escalate*** - (level 3s) to achieve at least a C grade (grade 4 or 5) at the end of year 11
- ***Excel*** - (level 4s) – to achieve at least a B grade (grade 6 or 7)
- ***Elevate*** – (level 5) – to achieve A/A* (grade 8 or 9)

Maths - How parents can help?



EQUIPMENT:

To make sure that in every Maths lesson students have:

- Scientific calculator
- Pen and pencils
- Ruler
- Compasses and protractor

Talk about Functional mathematics in every day situations

- Discussing speed and time when travelling in a car
- Looking at price comparisons and percentages in newspaper adverts
- Figuring out what a telephone or utility bill actually means and where the numbers come from
- Comparing prices and looking at best buys when doing their weekly shop
- Budgeting and saving money

Science Combined



Edexcel Combined Science (9-1) (1SCO)

Biology

B1-B5	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins	16.7%	
B1 + B6-B9	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins		16.7%

Chemistry

C1-C5	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins	16.7%	
C1 + C6-C8	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins		16.7%

Physics

P1-P7	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins	16.7%	
P1 + P8-P15	90 MARKS	1 hr 10 mins		16.7%



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Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)



Edexcel Separate Science (9-1)

Biology (1BI0)

B1-B5	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins	50%	
B1 + B6-B9	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins		50%

Chemistry (1CH0)

C1-C5	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins	50%	
C1 + C6-C9	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins		50%

Physics (1PH0)

P1-P7	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins	50%	
P1 + P8-P15	90 MARKS	1 hr 45 mins		50%



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History

- Linear exam – three exam papers at the end of Year 11, no coursework.

So - 100% based on the 3 exams:

- **Paper One** - Medicine through time c1250-present and a study of a historic environment (The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches).
- **Paper Two** - Early Elizabethan England and The American West
- **Paper Three** - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

Support to achieve

- Regular knowledge tests.
- After school interventions and drop in sessions.
- Resources on Google classroom.
- Field trip to the Western Front.

Geography



• Linear exam – three exam papers at the end of Year 11, no coursework. No tiered entry.

So - 100% based on the 3 exams:

- **Paper One** - Living with the physical environment
- **Paper Two** - Challenges in the human environment
- **Paper Three** - Geographical applications (issue evaluation and fieldwork) and Geographical skills.

Maths skills of drawing and interpreting graphs, numerical and statistics will all be required and assessed.

Support to achieve

- Regular knowledge tests.
- After school interventions and drop in sessions.
- Resources on Google classroom.
- Field trips.

MFL



All 4 skills have equal weighting:

Listening = 25%

Speaking = 25%

Reading = 25%

Writing = 25%

NO controlled assessment.

• **Foundation - G – C (1 – 5)**

• **Higher - D - A* (4 – 9)**

Students will need to be able to translate to and from the target language.

Oral exam to be conducted by class teacher and marked externally at the end of Y11

Skills based rather than topic based.

A good understanding of grammar will be essential

SUPPORT:

Use websites and apps at home

After school sessions

Trips to Spain and France



Teaching and Learning



- Committed to supporting your child to be successful
- Personalisation of resources through Google classroom
- Access to online resources and able to email staff for help and guidance.
- Use of iPads and College iPads to help improve and sustain engagement and allow students to explore Apps that can support their learning.
- Focus on retaining information over time in order to prepare for the terminal exams.
- Wednesday afternoons to develop independent study.
- Support from College teams who have an overview of progress and letters and notification to inform you of your child's attitude to learning.

Show My Homework



The new Academy wide method of setting, recording and monitoring homework

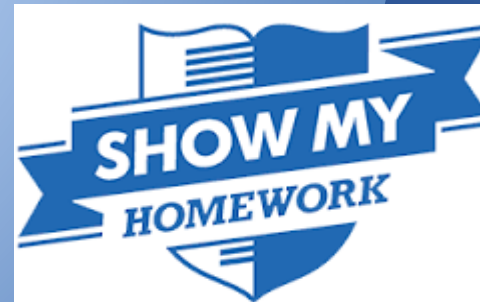
It will enable you as parents / carers to see exactly what homework has been set and see the hand-in date for any assignment given

Download the Show My Homework App and you will receive notifications when homework is set and 24 hours before a hand-in deadline

Letters with your unique login code are in the envelopes you picked up before entering the Lecture Theatre

You can contact the Show My Homework admin team at any time if you have any questions

A generic calendar exists on the Academy website so even if a student loses / forgets their login code they can still see the Academy homework calendar



Supporting your child at home



Help plan a homework timetable - agree how much time will be spent studying, the length of the breaks, start and finish times - tick things off when they are completed

Find the right place to work at home with the necessary equipment

Keep calm and supportive

Get involved - learn with them/test them/let them test you

Encourage your child to read and discuss what they have read

Supporting your child at home



Make sure they are eating properly and not relying on sugar/caffeine rich food and drinks - healthy breakfast

Encourage physical activity, fresh air and time to relax with friends

Regulate bedtime and the amount of sleep they are getting

The night before exams/assessments - make sure they are not up until the early hours of the morning revising

Make sure they are not using phones/games/devices in the middle of the night

Attendance & Punctuality



What is good attendance?

Is 90% good enough?

½ a day a week missed or

1 day every 2 weeks or

3 days in a module

So 1 school year at 90% attendance is 4 whole weeks of lessons missed! = 1 grade drop

10 mins late a day = 1 ½ weeks a year

1hr a day = 8 weeks a year = 2 grade drop!!



The Journey to Post 16

GCSEs start the journey

In only 2 years time will be considering
Post 16 options

GCSEs will unlock the door to our
different pathways



- The Leigh's Unique Pathways

Academic Pathway - A Levels and IB Diplomas

Academic and Vocational Pathway - BTECs, A Levels and IB Diplomas

Vocational Pathway - BTECs

International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme - BTECs, IB Diplomas, Core Programme from 2017

Dartford Football Academy

International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)



The IBCP is one of four integrated programmes offered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) delivered by over 4,500 schools worldwide.

The IBCP is a flexible Post 16 programme which recognises the need to combine academic, vocational and practical learning skills.

As part of the IBCP students must follow a career related course (BTEC or Vocational Programme) between 2 and 4 IB Diploma Courses and the Core Programme.

Coming to The Leigh from September 2017



The IBCP Core Programme

The Core Programme is fundamental to the development of students academically, personally and socially enhancing the skills they will need in the future and comprises of the following components:

Reflective Project - this focuses on an ethical issue linked to the careers-related element of the programme. This is the only element of the core that is assessed.

Personal and Professional Skills Development - for example, conducting research, referencing, presentation skills

Service Learning - a community project

Language development involving the acquisition of language and cultural awareness.

How The Leigh Academy Engages with Parent/Carers

During the academic year in addition to Module Reports, The Leigh Academy hosts a number of opportunities when Parent/Carers are invited in to the Academy to discuss their children's progress and be provided with valuable information about how they can support their child's learning. In 2016-17 the following events appear in the Calendar:

KS4	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Year 9	Y9 KS4 Information Evening (Thurs 15 th Sept)		Parent/Teacher Afternoon (Wed 22 nd Mar 2pm)			Parent/Tutor Day (Wed 14 th June)
	Parent/Tutor Day (Wed 19 th Oct)					
	M1 Progress Report (Tues 18 th Oct)	M2 Progress Report (Tues 20 th Dec)	M3 Written Report (Wed 8 th Feb)	M4 Progress Report (Tues 28 th Mar)	M5 Written Report (Tues 23 rd May)	M6 Progress Report (Tues 18 th July)
Year 10	Parent/Tutor Day (Wed 19 th Oct)		Parent/Teacher Afternoon (Wed 8 th Feb)			Parent/Tutor Day (Wed 14 th June)
	M1 Progress Report (Tues 18 th Oct)	M2 Progress Report (Tues 20 th Dec)	M3 Written Report (Wed 8 th Feb)	M4 Progress Report (Tues 28 th Mar)	M5 Progress Report (Tues 23 rd May)	M6 Progress Report (Tues 18 th July)
Year 11	Y11 Information Evening (Thurs 29 th Sept)	P16 Information Evening (Wed 9 th Nov)	Parent/Teacher Day (Wed 11 th Jan)	Y11 Final Countdown Information Evening (Thurs 16 th Mar)		
	Parent/Tutor Day (Wed 19 th Oct)					
	M1 Progress Report (Tues 18 th Oct)	M2 Written Report (Tues 20 th Dec)	M3 Progress Report (Wed 8 th Feb)	M4 Written Report (Tues 28 th Mar)	Final Progress Report (Tues 23 rd May)	



The next steps.....

Key Dates:

Parent Tutor Day - 19th October

Y9 Exams - 27th Feb - 10th March

Y9 Parent Teacher Afternoon - 22nd March

Parent Tutor Day - 14th June