



SMITHILLS SCHOOL

Year 11 Countdown to Success Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce a new Year 11 bulletin, which will be sent out twice each half term to keep you informed as your child prepares for their GCSEs. This bulletin will include key dates, important milestones for post-16 applications, success stories from pupils, and general updates to support your child's journey through Year 11.

Please look out for these updates to stay informed and support your child during this crucial time.

Best regards,

The Year 11 Team

Session Six (after-school revision) will begin to be offered to pupils. The Session Six timetable will be shared on the 'Year 11' page of the Smithills School website, on our next bulletin, and on social media so that parents can support with Session Six attendance.



The image above is our visual roadmap that has been introduced to our Year 11 pupils, charting their journey towards Summer 2025, when they will finish school.

This roadmap will be updated regularly, showing pupils how far they've come and how long remains until their final exams.

Along the way, they will encounter successes, face challenges, experience revision milestones, and ultimately reach the end of school, knowing they have given 100%.

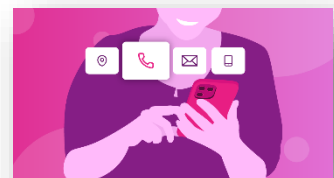
Our staff will be there to provide support and guidance at every step!

Key Contacts:

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Key dates for the upcoming year:

WB 25th November: PPE MFL Speaking Tests

Friday 13th December: BTEC coursework upload deadline

WB 13th January: PPE Examinations

Thursday 13th February: Year 11 Results and Parents Evening

WB: 12th May: GCSE Examinations begin



Attendance and Punctuality

As your child progresses through Year 11 and prepares for their GCSEs, we cannot stress enough the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Every single lesson is crucial.

1 day of absence = 5 hours lost learning

5 minutes late per day = three full days of lost learning over a year

We want to ensure every pupil has the best chance to succeed, so if you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

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We have invested in the award winning resources, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals!

"My daughter used GCSEPod for her GCSEs and was very successful with her results. She absolutely loved the pods and this style of revising" Parent

www.gcsepod.com

Top Podders:

Deborah – 109 pods

Tegan – 108 pods

Amblessed – 89 pods



Pupils have also been given homework booklets which have been designed to support with reviewing learning done in the classroom. A guide to homework and a homework timetable is available on the school website.

OUR VALUES



Local College Open Evenings:

College / 6 th Form / Training Provider	Dates	Times
Bolton College Bolton	Tuesday 15 th October 2024	5-8pm
Bolton 6 th Form Bolton	Saturday 5 th October 2024	10am - 2pm
Bury College Bury	Tuesday 1 st October 2024 Thursday 10 th October 2024	5-7pm 5-7.30pm
Cannon Slade 6 th Form Bolton	Thursday 2 th October 2024	5.30-8pm
Holy Cross 6 th Form Bury	Saturday 5 th October 2024 Monday 14 th October 2024	10am-1pm 5-8pm
Thornleigh 6 th form Bolton	Wednesday 16 th October 2024	5-8pm
Myerscough College – Preston	Saturday 5 th October 2024	10-1pm
Runshaw College Leyland	Saturday 21 st September 2024	10-2pm
Rivington & Blackrod 6 th Form Bolton	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	5.30-7.30pm
City Skills – Salford College Manchester VOCATIONAL / APPRENTICESHIPS	City Skills Event – Monday 23 rd September 2024	5-7pm
Salford City College – Worlsey Campus Manchester	Tuesday 24 th September 2024	5-7pm
Salford City College – Pendleton Campus Manchester A Levels Future Skills -Media City	Saturday 21 st September 2024 Wednesday 25 th September 2024	10-12 noon 5-7pm
Salford City -Eccles -6 th form Manchester	Thursday 26 th September 2024	5-7pm
The Manchester College Manchester	Tuesday 8 th October 2024	5-7pm
Wigan & Leigh College Wigan	Monday 7 th October 2024	4.30-7pm
Winstanley College Wigan	Thursday 3 rd October 2024 Wednesday 16 th October 2024	5-8pm 5-8pm
St John Rigby Wigan	Saturday 5 th October 2024 Thursday 17 th October 2024	4.30-7pm 4.30-7pm

Please double check details using specific college websites, as dates and times are subject to change.