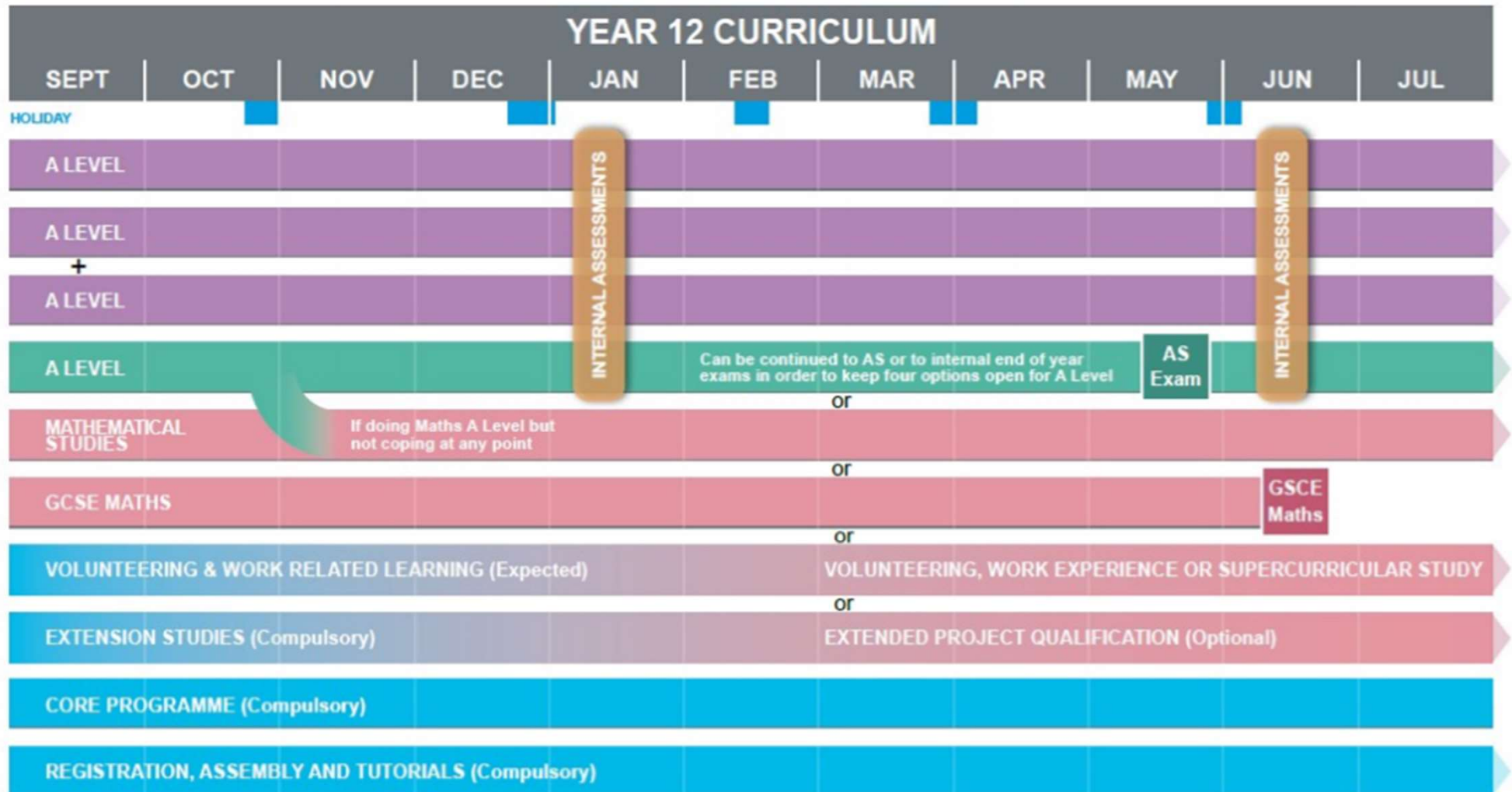


Year 12 Parents' and Carers' Information Evening



**KEY EVENTS OVER THE
COMING MONTHS
AND THE INFORMATION**

The Y12 Curriculum



Extension Studies / Extended Project



- All students not doing Maths Studies have followed our Extension Studies course so far building thinking and research skills and wider social/political awareness
- This provides a foundation for completing an **Extended Project**
- The EPQ is an independent research project (typically a 5000 word essay) on a topic of a student's choosing which gains a qualification worth half an A Level and builds important skills
- It is not compulsory and students not wanting to continue are able to drop these lessons after Easter and replace them with an equivalent (2 hours per fortnight) time commitment of in-class support for younger students, volunteering or work-experience through the rest of Y12 and Y13

Y12 Exams



- There is no expectation for any student to sit an external exam (AS) in the summer of 2022. Some have decided to do this.
- Please note students need to declare this grade on a UCAS form therefore they would need to be confident that it would be something they would want universities to see.
- There will be mocks in May & June for all Y12 students. The results in these exams will help students decide which 3 subjects to carry on with onto the full A Level in Y13 (if they are still doing 4) and will help teachers decide on predicted grades for university applications.

Key academic reminders



- Students should be **planning their time** at the beginning of each week.
- Students should be **spending an hour for an hour** on their studies.
- Remember the biggest difference between GCSE and A Level is the amount of time students are expected to work outside of lessons.
- Some of this time will be spent completing homeworks, but the rest of the time will be spent revisiting and growing in confidence with previous topics.
- We have spent lots of time in Core lessons talking through the expectations and building the study skills needed. We will continue to do this and remember there is **lots of advice on our study skills website** (accessible via the school website).

Next Term (Beginning Monday 17th April)




- Students return after Easter with only four weeks of lessons left before external AS exams, five weeks after Easter before mock exams.
- Making best use of the Easter holidays therefore is essential.
- The summer mocks are just over 7 weeks away from now.

During the Summer Mock Exam Period



- Mocks are the week before the May half term and the first one and a half weeks after (**22nd - 26th May and Monday 5th June- Wednesday 14th June 2023**)
- For most of this period students are only expected in school for their mock exams to give them time to properly prepare. However some students will need more structure than this so we can put a plan of timetabled library lessons to support them. Art and Photography lessons will continue through the period except for students who have an exam that day.
- Throughout the exam period we are around to help.
- Teachers will normally be available when normal lessons take place but not necessarily in the classroom. Students should email to check if they want to have support during a lesson.
- Keep us informed if a student is going to be late, absent, or extenuating circumstances, so we can take this into consideration.

After Exams- Students return on Thursday 15th June



Y12 lessons re-start on Thursday 15th June.

- Students must attend these lessons in order to continue on to Year 13 (We are not allowed to authorise holiday for festivals!).
- You will receive a grade-sheet with summer mock results, updated predicted and effort grades on **Wednesday 28th June.**
- **A Level Results day is Thursday 17th August** (GCSE results are on the 24th). This is just for students who sat AS exams. Results will be released at 9.00am both onsite and online via Edulink

Year 13



- Students study 3 subjects plus an additional option. We recommend students do not do 4 subjects but possible in some circumstances.
- Possibilities for the additional option include:
 - **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**
 - **Mathematical Studies**
 - **Work Experience/Volunteering** (including in-class support)
 - **Library lessons** (where approved by pastoral team)
 - Specific **super-curricular study** programmes (such as online courses) approved by the Head of Year.

September- Y13



Results from the summer assessments will inform subject choices moving forward. **Our guidelines are that for A Levels to be the right path for them, students should demonstrate the following:**

- **At least DEE in their predicted grades across their three subjects**
- **A good attendance record (At least 90%)**
- **Shown a positive commitment towards their studies and built good relationships with subject staff**
- If A Levels aren't the right fit, then we are in contact with a variety of people who can support students in finding an alternative course/apprenticeship that would suit them. We will have these discussions in the summer term.

Key pastoral reminders



Let us know if students need support – lots available

Registration every Monday or Tuesday

Assembly fortnightly on Wednesday or Thursday

Students must attend both registration and assembly, and arrive on time.

Any student who needs more support with this will go onto our **8.30am list**.

Ongoing issues will lead to the lowering of a student's behaviour level.

8 hours max per week of paid employment

Students must tell reception if they are leaving in the middle of the day

Progression



- **HE Morning – Today**
- **UWE UCAS Convention – Thursday 26th April**
- Always lots of other talks and opportunities in the newsletter so keep checking this.
- Ongoing support for students considering all options
 - Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy list:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
 - An excellent website for apprenticeships:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Progression



- Core soon shifts to progression (earlier in the year the focus was study skills, then it shifted to life skills with lessons on such topics as managing finances, healthy relationships and online safety)
- Students should attend several university open days in the summer term.
- We are organising two trips to **Birmingham Uni** on Friday 23rd June and **Oxford Uni** on Thursday 29th June.
- Work-experience/volunteering- For most during activities week (Wk beginning 17th July).
- Remember we also have a career's adviser who meets one-to-one with students - Students should see reception if they would like to book an appointment.
- Please note the last day of normal lessons before activities week is Friday 14th July.



Applying to university

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