

LITTLE HEATH SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE ○ TOGETHER ○ ONE COMMUNITY

Year 11 Information Evening



26th September 2023

THE PLAN FOR THIS EVENING

- Introduction to GCSEs and target grades
- Year 11 Timeline
- The Year 11 & KS4 support team
- Importance of strong attendance
- Parental support
- The Tutor Programme
- Communication with us



WHY ARE GCSEs IMPORTANT?

- Provide **choice** for the future – many young people are unsure of their career path at this stage so a good range of high quality GCSE results will keep all options open to them
- They create opportunities for your child to achieve their aspirations

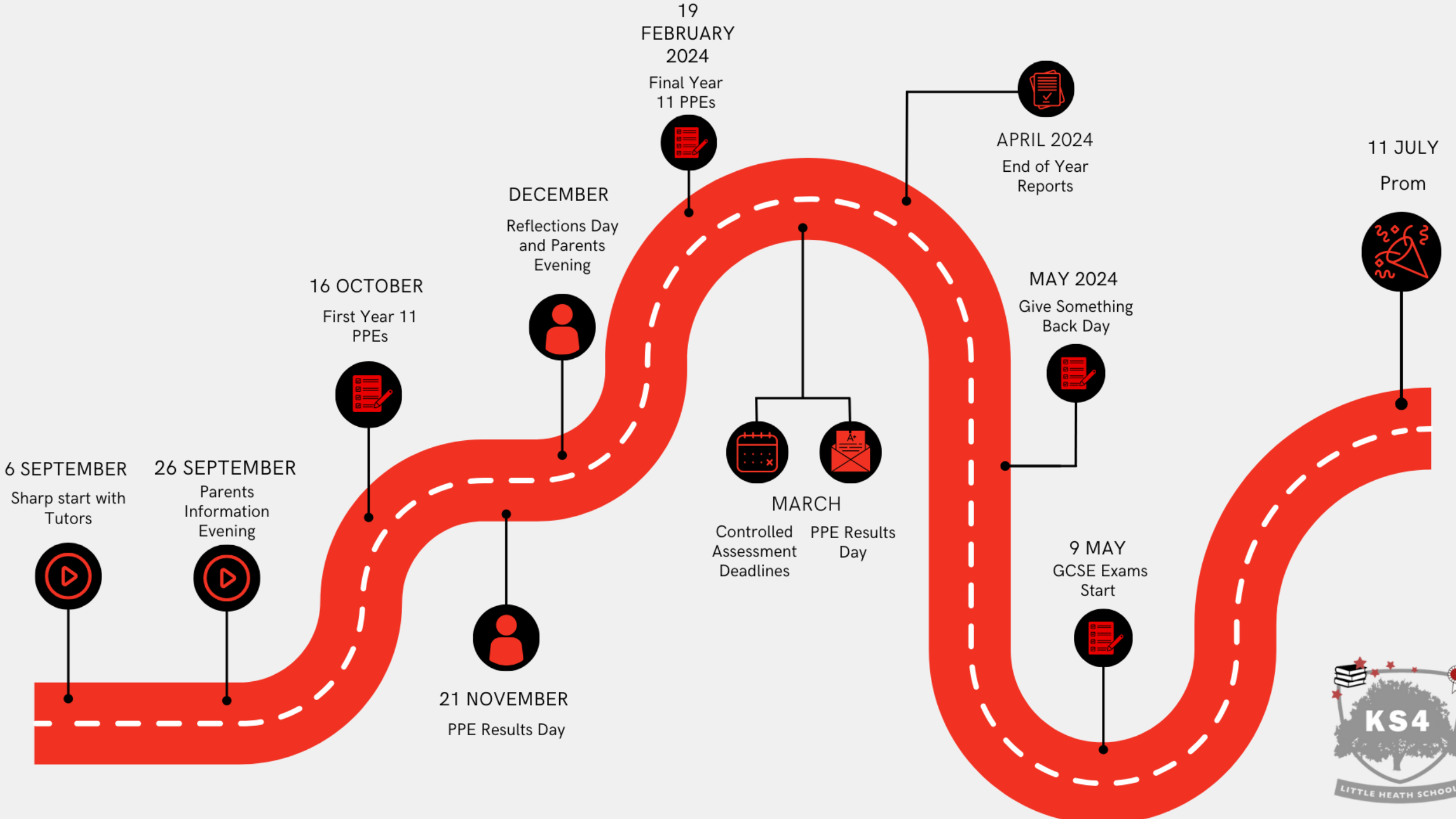
**WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION +
QUALIFICATIONS = CHOICE**



TARGET GRADES

- Bronze, Silver and Gold GCSE Targets based on CAT scores
 - ***Beat bronze; strive for silver and beyond!***





PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS (PPES) – 15 SCHOOL DAYS AWAY!

- Our first set of Year 11 mock exams (PPEs) will run from 16th Oct – 3rd Nov, with half-term in the middle
- Pupils should start revising now!
- No study leave

- These exams are really important – they can give pupils a taste of success, and will inform teacher predictions for the summer
- Pupils will also be having a ‘mock results day’ following the PPEs



REVISION SESSIONS – 3.30-4.30PM

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Maths	Child Development
Tuesday	Science	Geography Tech – Textiles; Food; Resistant Materials
Wednesday	History English Art	Drama English
Thursday	RE Business	Music Business

JOHN HATTIE EFFECT SIZES



“the effect of parental engagement over a student’s school career is equivalent to adding two or three years to that student’s education”.



“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can change where you are, and change the ending.”

- **C.S. Lewis**



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?

- **Unplug** – sensible boundaries for technology
- **Promote health** – Sleep, Move, Eat
- **Encourage** out of school interests /time out
- **Provide** a quiet space for study (not on a bed)
- **Know the GCSEs** – check the exam boards, texts being used etc.
- **Test your child** –take interest in their revision; use the PLCs they receive
- **Communicate** – home/pupil/school
- **Support** our Behaviour for Learning policy
- **Monitoring homework – quality** rather than if it has just been completed (SMHW – Satchel One checking)
- **Regular communication at home** about their studies – ‘What book are you reading for English Literature?’ ‘What topic are you currently studying in History?’
- **Ongoing revision support**
- **Aspiration** – grade quality
- **Attendance** – ensure your child comes to school every day they possibly can



KEY MESSAGES TO PARENTS

- Your children will **never** have “no homework” or “nothing to do for school”
- This year will be challenging and they may feel stressed/anxious at times about their GCSEs
- Grade quality matters
- More than ever, consistent hard work matters!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Last year's Year 11s:

Attendance	Average Grade	% of students achieving 4+ in Maths and English
98%+	6.3	100%
96%+	5.3	95%
94-96%	5.2	86%
92-94%	4.5	61%
88-92%	4.3	56%
80-88%	3.5	45%
Below 80%	2.5	20%

Every lesson counts; punctuality is crucial.



WHAT WE AIM TO DO

- We continue to work hard to ensure each student has the best possible chance of achieving their best results, whatever their ability, interest or ambition.
- Even more than ever, we are committed to delivering high quality teaching and learning in the classroom.
- We continue to offer a broad and balanced education to all students to enable greater choice in the future.
- We continue to be a caring and kind school where every person matters.
- The pastoral team of tutors, Heads of Year, Progress Leaders and Inclusion are all here supporting your children.
- We run a comprehensive tutor programme to ensure pupils can thrive in Year 11 and are ready for the next stage of their education post-16.



THE PUPIL PREMIUM FUND

What is this?

It is additional school funding for certain children. It is paid directly to the school to improve the quality of their education. Free School Meals is a part of Pupil Premium and it benefits the individual student as well as the school if they are in receipt of the funding

How do I know if my child can receive it?

If you receive any of the following:

Income-related benefits; Free School Meals; Universal Credit with a child in care; or a child in receipt of a free school meal

What can the funding be used for?

£75 annual contribution towards school uniform; provision of stationery, revision guides and resources; contribution towards school trips; in-class support and interventions for core subjects, including tutoring; help with funding of enrichment activities; pastoral support to promote mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.

How do I apply?

www.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or [School meals - Brighter Futures For Children](#)

All you need is your name, address, DOB and NI number!

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PUPIL PREMIUM FUND

Speak to Mrs Wraight as soon as we finish in here

CONTACT MRS WRAIGHT:
MWRAIGHT@LITTLEHEATH.ORG.UK

HOW WILL THE FUNDING HELP?

£75 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SCHOOL UNIFORM AT THE START OF THE YEAR

PROVISION OF SOME STATIONERY, AS WELL AS PROVISION OF REVISION GUIDES, TECH RESOURCES, CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS SCHOOL TRIPS

IN CLASS SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS FOR CERTAIN SUBJECTS, INCLUDING TUTORING

HELP TO FUND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

OTHER DISCRETIONARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LIAISON WITH PASTORAL SUPPORT TO ENSURE AND PROMOTE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING

WHAT NEXT?

- Attend your choice of the workshops aimed at helping you to support your child this year.
- You can purchase an exam resource and second hand uniform in the Canteen
- Speak to Mrs Wraight about Pupil Premium opportunities.
- Get some refreshments from the Canteen!



THANK YOU

- Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you in advance for all the support you will give your son/daughter as they move through Year 11, and for supporting us all, here at school
- Finally – thank you for attending and listening to us

