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YATELEY SCHOOL

Starting Year 11 (in September 2026)

From **September 2026**, students beginning in **Year 11** will follow the new timetable structure as they continue their GCSE courses.

There are **very few changes** to the structure of the curriculum for this year group.

Students will continue to study their **four GCSE option subjects** alongside the core curriculum.

The main change is that these GCSE option subjects will now be taught in **five** 60-minute lessons per fortnight, rather than **four 75-minute lessons**. This ensures students still receive the correct amount of learning hours in each subject which is necessary as they approach the end of their GCSE courses.

Other minor changes:

There will also be a small increase in time for **PE**. Students will receive **an additional 30 minutes of PE**.

To fit all of the other curriculum requirements, Year 9 will have PSHE once per fortnight, but for 60 minutes (as opposed to 75 currently).

Overall, the move to weekly lessons across all subjects will help maintain strong momentum in learning during these important GCSE years, ensuring students are well supported as they begin their GCSE courses.

What happens after GCSE?

As part of our commitment to the '7-year journey' at Yateley School, we actively encourage students to continue their education into our Sixth Form, where they can build on the strong foundations developed in Key Stage 4.

In Year 11, all students are invited to attend our **Sixth Form Open Evening** in October, providing an opportunity to explore the wide range of courses and enrichment opportunities available. Applications are submitted in December, followed by individual interviews in January for all applicants.

Students will also have the opportunity to take part in a **Sixth Form Taster Day**, where they can experience life as a sixth former. This includes attending lessons, meeting a Sixth Form tutor, and spending time in the Sixth Form Centre.

In addition, all Year 11 students will receive impartial careers guidance from our careers advisor, ensuring they are fully supported in making informed decisions about their next steps whether that be continuing at Yateley School, moving to another institution, or pursuing an apprenticeship.