

A photograph of Thomas Telford School, a large brick building with a modern glass extension. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent red circle. The text is centered within this circle.

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**Year 10 GCSE Information
Evening
February 2024**

Overview of the Evening

- Year 10 Mock Examinations
- Year 10 Student Led Conferences
- Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations
- GCSE Revision and Support Strategies
- Attendance
- Sixth Form Pathways
- Role of Careers Department



Year 10 Mock Examinations

- **8 – 12 April 2024**
- **Mock examinations in each subject area**
- **Examinations sat in the Sports Hall**
- **Experience GCSE style examination**
- **Test GCSE content**
- **Indication of progress made**
- **Support and intervention moving into Year 11**
- **Student-Led Conferences in Summer Term**

Year 10 Student-Led Conferences

- **Replace Personal Tutor meeting**
- **Student-Led**
- **The Personal Tutor and parents are present**
- **Opportunity for reflection**
- **What are you proud of?**
- **Where can you improve?**

Year 10 Student Led Conference

Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations

- **November-December 2024**
- **Mock examinations in the Sports Hall**
- **Mindset, experience and confidence**
- **Inform and help structure revision**
- **Indication of progress**
- **Support and intervention**
- **Indication of post-16 pathways**
- **Year 11 SLCs in January 2025**

GCSE Revision Strategies for Students

- **External providers**
- **Wide programme of revision that runs through Year 11**
- **PSHE and assembly programme**
- **Session 3 and Saturday School (optional/compulsory)**
- **GCSE Wall Planner**
- **Student-Led Conferences**
- **Personal Tutor**




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Strategies for Parents/Guardians

- Provide an environment that allows concentration to flourish
- Encourage times where they are visible in the house
- Restrict access to phones
- Join in!
- Understand this is the start of a process
- It is stressful
- There are a wide variety of techniques:
 - Podcasts
 - YouTube
 - Notes
 - Practice papers

Importance of Attendance

- National average is 92.7%.
- Year 10 is below the school average.
- Some reasons for higher levels of absence are due to:
 1. Parents working from home
 2. Ease of accessing work
- Individual attendance is vital
- Below 90% = Persistently absent = 1 day per fortnight = 20 days a year = 120 hours of learning per year
- Punctuality – 10 minutes late once a week = 1 day over the year




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Sixth Form Pathways

- **Year 11 Information Evening**
- **Do not need to apply**
- **Entry requirements for courses**
- **Range of A Level and BTEC options**
- **Support from Careers**
- **Mock examination results are important**
- **GCSEs Grade 5-9 are important**
- **Grade 5 and 6 in English and Mathematics is important**

Year 10 Careers Programme



01. CV and Interview skills workshop

Students will take part in a CV and interview skills workshop w/c 5th March

02. Careers Fair

All year 10 students and parents are encouraged to attend our Careers Fair on **Wednesday 6th March**. Tickets (free) are available for collection from the Careers Team.

03. Virtual interview

All students will have a virtual interview with an employer on **18th or 22nd March**.

04. Work experience

Make sure you have returned paperwork to confirm work experience placements for w/c 8th July.

05. MedSoc/'Friday 15s' and other careers talks

We encourage year 10s to attend some of the careers talks and events which run in school every week.

Year 11 Careers Programme



01. Careers Planner

Students receive the TTS Careers planner document early in the Autumn term to help them think through their post 16 options.

02. Year 11 Careers Assemblies

During the Autumn term, students have assemblies about making post 16 choices, including information about apprenticeships.

03. Sixth Form Information evening and Taster Day

Students choose three subjects to 'try' at Sixth Form as part of the Taster afternoon in November/Dec.

04. Careers interview

All students will have a 1-1 careers advice and guidance interview to help refine subject choices and explore future careers. Support to apply for colleges and apprenticeships is also available.

05. MedSoc/'Friday 15s' and other careers talks

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What Next?

Year 10 Exams

8-12 April 2024

Year 10 SLCs

Summer 2024

Year 11 Mock Exams

November/December 2024

Year 11 SLCs

January 2025

Sixth Form Subject Choices

February 2025

Revision Wall Planner

February 2025

Year 11 Mock Exams

February/March 2025

Thank You

