



Great Marlow School

Welcome to our GCSE Information Evening

Thursday 8th September 2016



Purpose of this evening



To give you an insight into changes at GCSE level and the expectations we have of students.

To point you in the right direction of help and support that is available to you as a parent.

To inform you of the support on offer within school and opportunities for communication



Headline News



Great Marlow Achievements 2015/16

Year 11 GCSE

66% achieved 5 or more A* - C including English & Maths

98% achieved 5 or more A* - G

Year 13 A Level

46% A*-B

75% A*-C

100% A*-E





How do we get these results?

Teachers who going the extra mile.

Students taking on board help and advice and their willingness to learn.

Sheer hard work and perseverance from teachers, students and, very importantly, ***you the Parents.***



Some common frustrations of parents

There's a million websites to help but how do you know which are any good?

She always leaves everything to the last minute – one minute she has nothing to do and the next it's all stress as it has to be in tomorrow and she hasn't got the stuff she needs

He's always panicked in exams – when I try to help it always ends in a slanging match – it seems to make him more stressed.

I only seem to find out at the last minute what she's supposed to be doing or when the deadline has been missed.

Surely he shouldn't be going out again when he's got exams coming up?

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- Options subjects are taught in mixed ability groups
- Core subjects have moved to bands Chiltern, Marlow, and Thames. This allows us greater flexibility across the core subjects that we have previously not been afforded.



Examination Results 2018

This September students in Year 10 will predominantly be working towards

Grades 9 – 1

But in unreformed subjects, they will continue with

A* - G grades



Subjects your child is studying

Grade 9-1		Grade A* - G	Pass/Merit/Distinction
English Lang	English Lit	Child Development	Business
Maths	Science	Graphics	
Art	Citizenship	Media	
Computer Science	Drama	Resistant Materials	
French	Geography	Statistics	
History	Music	Textiles	
PE	RS		
Spanish			



Attainment Currency



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NEW



Priorities

All students will sit their English Language examination in June 2016.

Exam dates:

Tuesday 6th June

Monday 12th June



**KEEP
CALM
AND
PASS YOUR
ENGLISH EXAM**



YEAR 10 STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT – SUMMER TERM (2)

Name: Joe Bloggs

Form: 10M



SUBJECT	TEACHER	EOFKS4 TARGET	2015				2015				2015				
			PG SPRING (1)	ATL SPRING (1)	AFD SPRING (1)	AFD SPRING (1)	PG SUMMER (1)	ATL SUMMER (1)	AFD SUMMER (1)	AFD SUMMER (1)	PG SUMMER (2)	ATL SUMMER (2)	AFD SUMMER (2)	AFD SUMMER (2)	
Form Period	Miss Porter			Good				Good					Excellent		
Citizenship	Mr Philpott	B	B3	Excellent			B3	Excellent			B3	Excellent			
English Language	Miss Oakes	7	6c	Good			6b	Excellent			6a	Excellent			
English Literature	Miss Oakes	7	6b	Good	N		6b	Excellent			6b	Excellent			
Geography	Mr Jacobs	B	C2	Good			C1	Good	E	I	B3	Good	L		
Mathematics	Mr James	7	5a	Good			6c	Good	X		6a	Excellent			
Media Studies	Mr <u>Sacre</u>	B	B3	Good	G	S	B2	Excellent	G	S	B1	Excellent	D	G	
Physical Ed. (Core)	Mr Goodright	L3	L3	Excellent			L3	Excellent			L3	Excellent			
Physical Ed. (GCSE)	Miss Towe	B	B2	Excellent			B2	Excellent			B1	Excellent			
Religious Studies	Mr Ross	B	B2	Excellent			B2	Excellent			C3	Excellent	R	X	
Science Core	Miss Porter	B	C1	Good			B3	Excellent	X		B3	Excellent	X		
Statistics	Mr Taylor	B	B2	Good	E	N	B2	Good	N	D	B2	Good	N	D	



- Revise for the next two years, not the last four weeks!
- Make revision notes along the way. Don't leave it until just before the exam
- A work / life balance is extremely important





Our expectations of GCSE students

To be self-motivated and take responsibility for their own learning.

To become independent learners & to develop their organisational & time management skills.

To develop the ability to overcome frustration and persevere when their learning becomes more challenging.

To ask for help and support when they don't understand.



What can you do to help?

Be aware of impending deadlines and exam dates.

Encourage your child to develop habits & help them to meet those deadlines.

Read through work & discuss it together.

Avoid doing their work for them.

Check that sources are referenced and acknowledged.

Remember your child may work and learn differently to you.



Attendance & Punctuality

80% may sound high, but this level of attendance, throughout your child's school life, is the equivalent of missing a whole years education!

Good attendance and punctuality underpin everything that we do.

90% attendance means up to 4 hours learning missed every week plus homework and preparation for controlled assessments.

Option subjects are taught in “double” periods so missing a day can equate to a week's learning.

Every school day matters.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Holidays



Holidays taken during term time, whatever the reason, will impact greatly on your child's ability to perform well in exams.

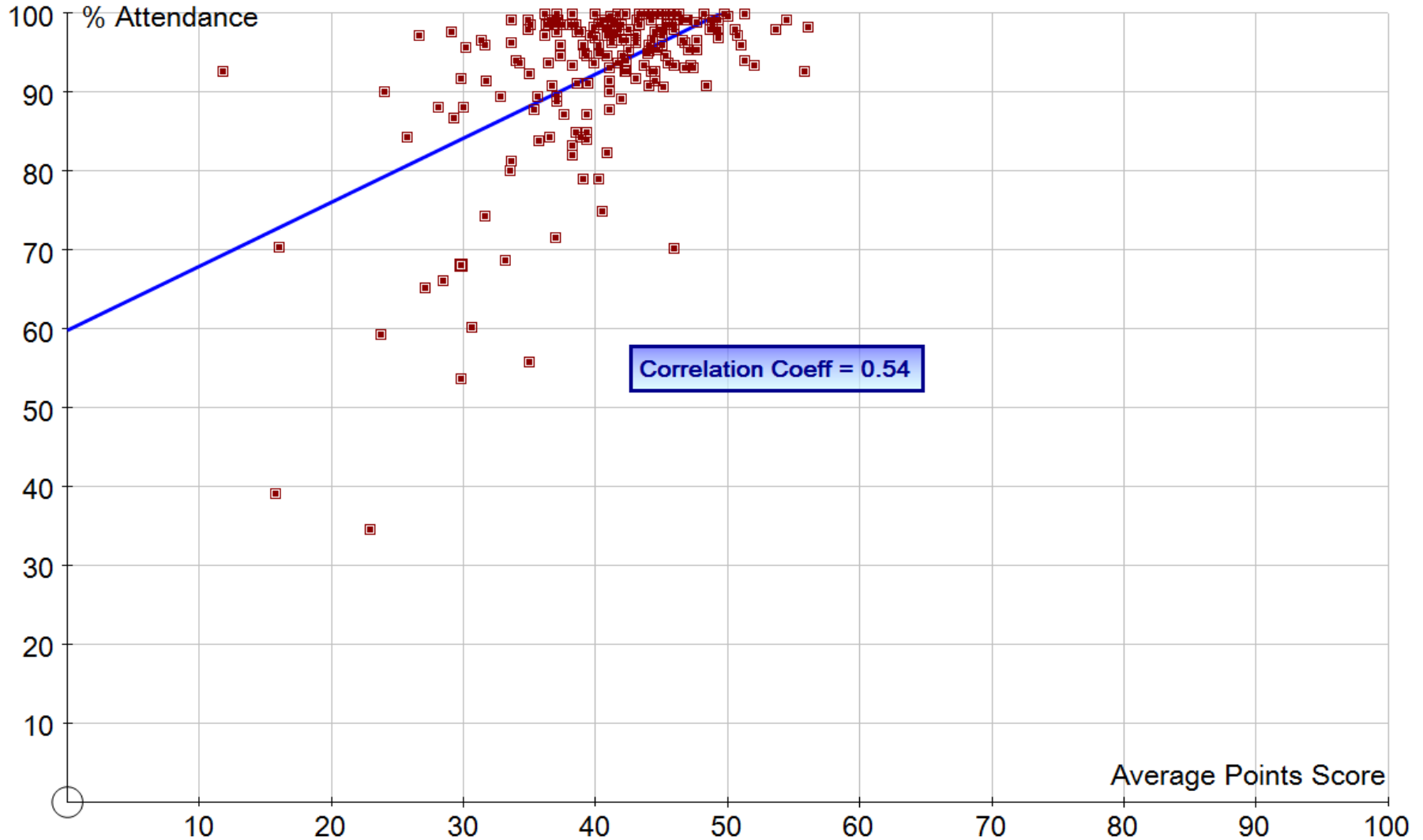
They need the preparation time and the opportunity to ask for help. Avoid putting them in a position where they miss valuable work and need to catch up.

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APS v Attendance





Extra screen time 'hits GCSE grades'

By Judith Burns
BBC News

🕒 4 September 2015 | Education & Family | 📰

Those spending an extra hour a day on screens saw a fall in GCSE results equivalent to two grades overall.



An extra hour a day of television, internet or computer game time in Year 10 is linked to poorer grades at GCSE, a Cambridge University study suggests.



Communication

- Telephone
- Parentmail
- SIMS Learning Gateway (login & password)
- Homework diaries
- Show My Homework (login & password)
- Email
- **Twitter (@GMS_Year10)**



Reporting Schedule

- Progress reports will be published each term on SIMS Learning Gateway. All subjects will have a *Predicted Grade*, an *Attitude to Learning* level & possibly an *Area For Development*
- Year 10 Parents Evening is Thursday 2nd February 2017 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm



What to do if you have concerns

- Concern about a subject specific issue – Subject Teacher.
- Concern about setting/classes – Head of Department.
- Concern across a couple of subjects or general learning – Director of Learning.
ftuddenham@bucksgfl.org.uk
- Personal or Social difficulties – Form Tutor or member of LGS team.



Year 10 Form Tutors

G Mrs N Kydd / Mrs K Kerr

T Mrs E Sillwood

M Mr M Smith

A Mr S Goodright

R Miss L Porter

L Mrs C Lee

O Miss K Russell

W Miss R Bennett

Director of Learning (Year 10) Miss F Tuddenham



Key people who are here to help

Director of Inclusion (Special Educational Needs):

Mrs V Todd

Learning, Guidance and Support Staff:

Miss K Ball, Ms M Blanco-Rand & Mrs J Bojarzin

Attendance Officer:

Mrs A Lee

Pupil Premium Coordinator:

Mrs A Gifford



GCSE Results Day



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES RELEASING POTENTIAL ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



GCSE Results Day 2016



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES RELEASING POTENTIAL ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



Your children will receive their results in August 2018.

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And finally

- Please complete the feedback form on your seat, including any updates to your contact details (phone numbers & email addresses)
- Please take an information booklet with you
- Please feel free to get in touch by email or phone

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit.”

Aristotle

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

Mark Twain

