



Ridgeway Academy

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

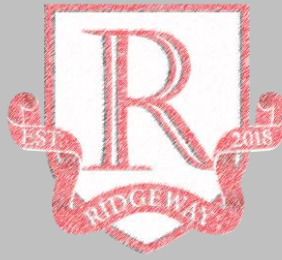
28th September 2023

“Everybody can achieve”

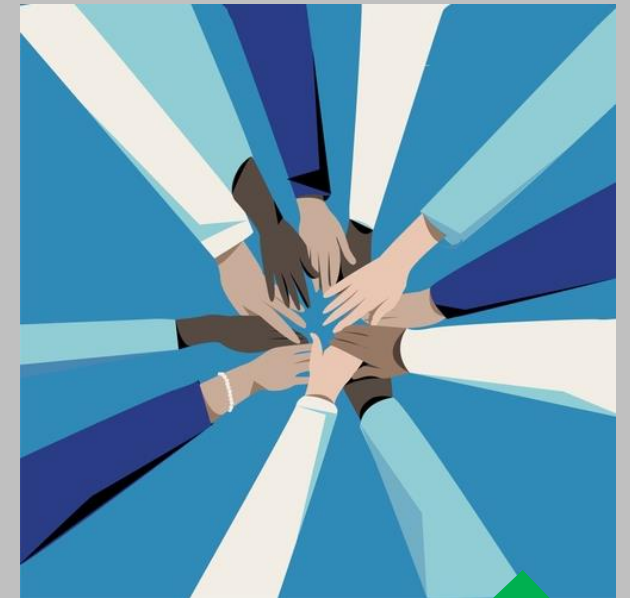
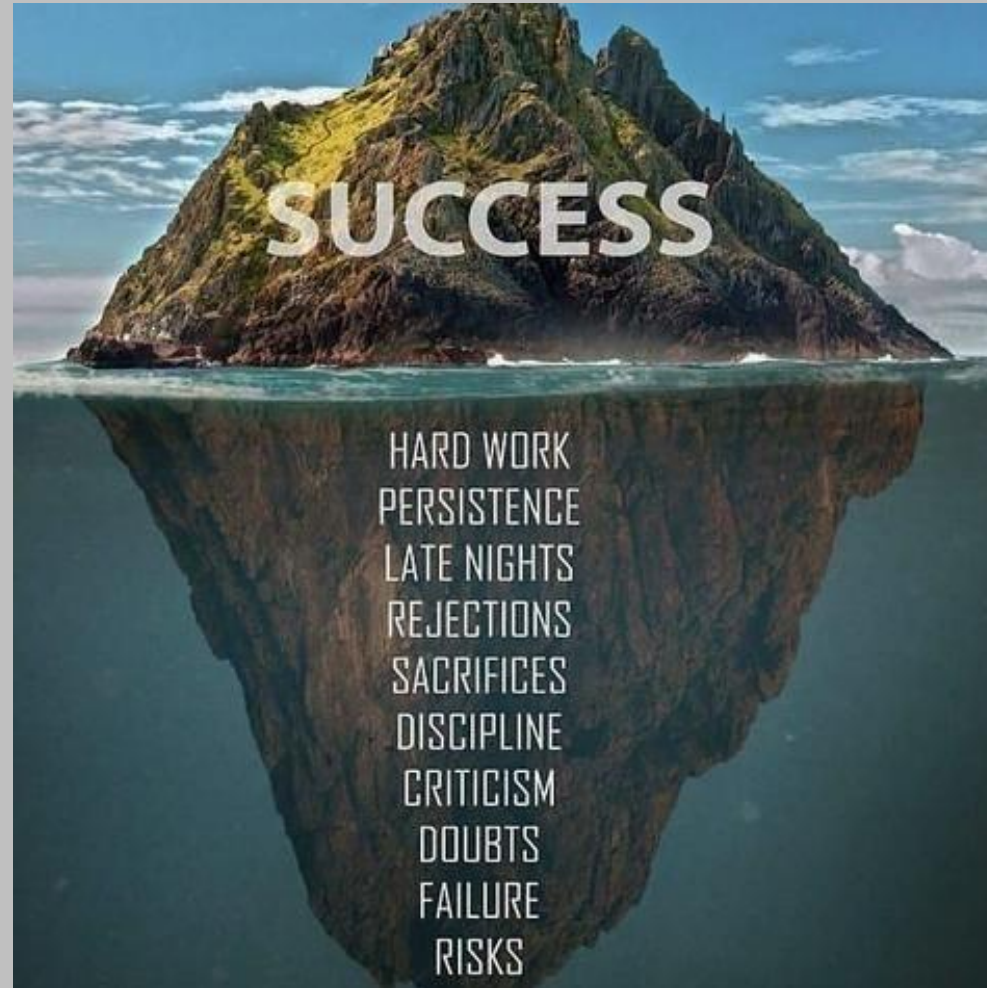
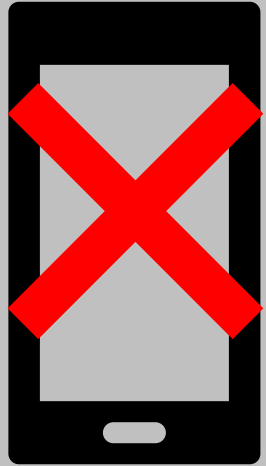


Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Journey so far
3. Culture of Year 11
4. Intervention
5. Attendance / Achievement / Behaviour
6. Core Subjects
7. Destination 6th form and beyond
8. Important dates
9. SEND / EAA
10. Open Discussion



Welcome





Journey so far...

Head of Year: Mr. Pring – pringm@ridgeway.aat.school

11A: Mrs. R Singh

11H: Mrs. E Ravenscroft

11L: Ms. S Vaughan

11M: Mr. M Broad

11P: Miss. F Whitbread

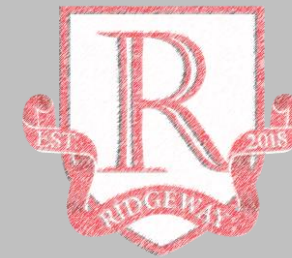
11T: Mrs. T Yelland & Mrs. K Tranter



The Culture of Year 11

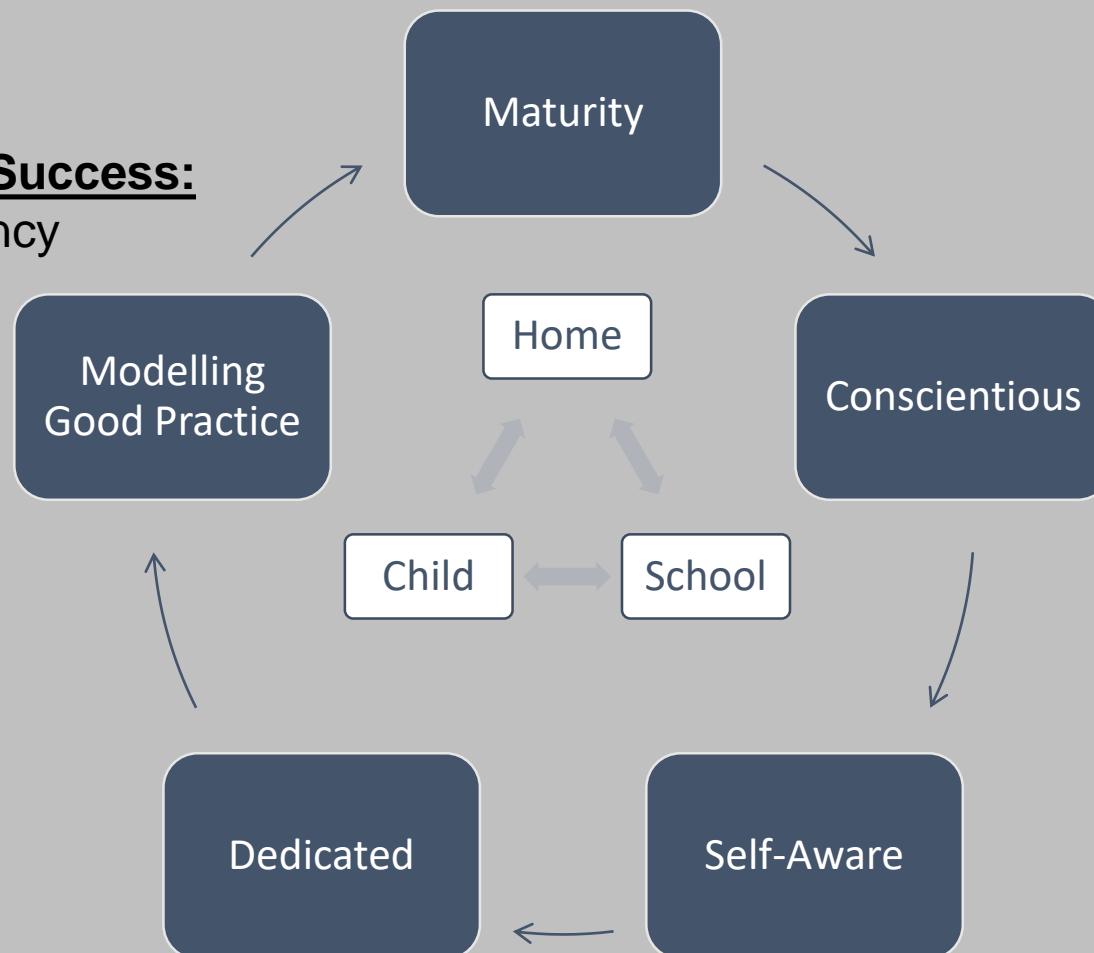
My Target:

Best results in school history



Keys to Success:

Consistency
Care
Goals

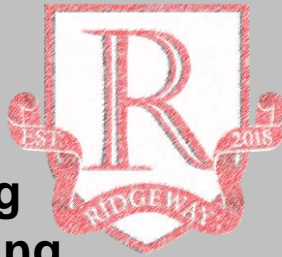
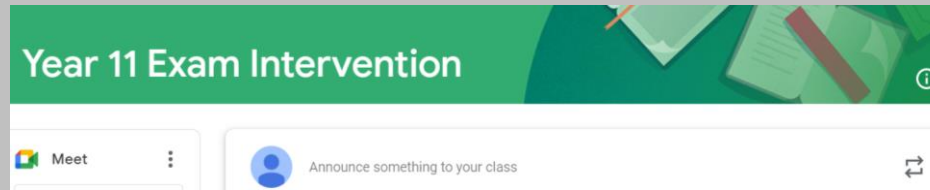


Project 100:

100% Effort
100 @ Intervention
100 in the 6th Form



Intervention



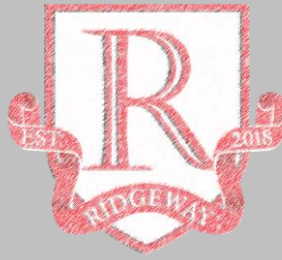
**Tutoring
Mentoring**

Pre-Xmas: Coursework Focus

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
Lunch			Music	Drama	
PM (p6)			Social Sciences / Business	Art, Product Design, Hospitality and Catering	Whole Cohort with Mr. Pring (3-5pm)

Post-Xmas: Exam Focus

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
Lunch					
PM (p6)	Science		Maths	English	Whole Cohort with Mr. Pring (3-5pm)



Attendance

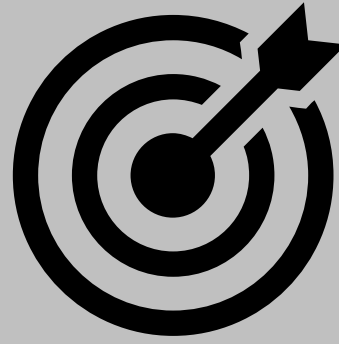
As of 24/9/23 – **65/170** Students @ 100% Attendance
AM and PM Registration cover the day...

Advice – *Anonymous Source*

1. Will you survive? – Get in!
2. Are you tired? – Get in!
3. Is there a problem? – Solve it and Get in!

Be
punctual,
because
you can't
recycle
wasted
time!

Achievement

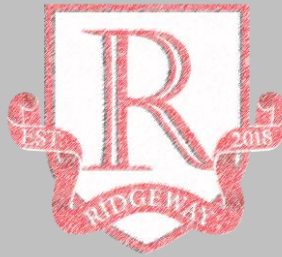


Smash your Target Grade!



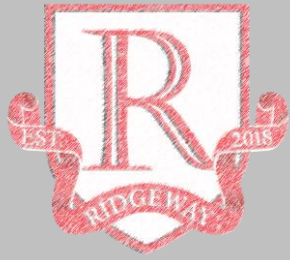
Choices

Giving your all

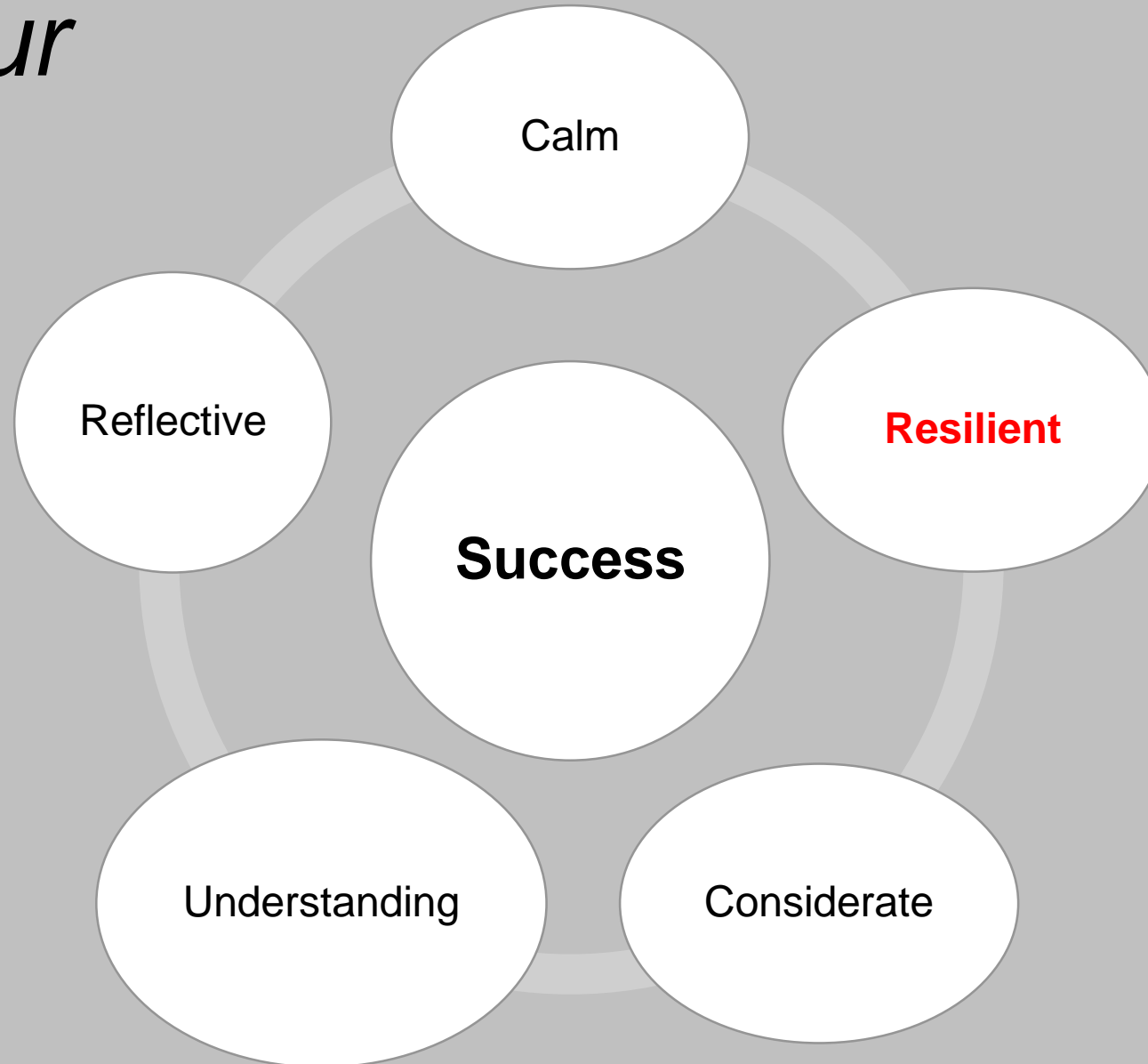


Proud of Yourself!

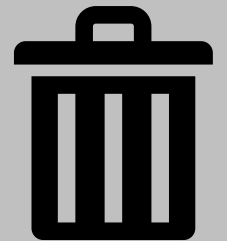
What does Success look like?



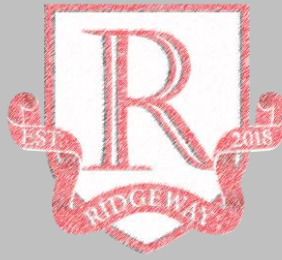
Behaviour



1. Rewards
2. Confidence
3. Positivity



1. Phones
2. Uniform
3. Lateness



Core Subjects

National Picture: English or Maths... Not both...



English



Maths

Maths – Mr. D. Ahmed.

Subject intent - To become fluent and confident in mathematics and to help them succeed academically and professionally.

Y11 –

- At KS4 students follow the Edexcel specification. Students will be following the topic list based around the national curriculum. The aim this year will be to reduce gaps in knowledge by taking into consideration the results from last year's End of Year's exams and to prepare them for the coming GCSEs. Students will practice problem solving and exam style questions, exam time management, revision tips and tricks, how to revise, when to revise and resources to use.

Homework –

- Homework is essential in creating independency and is key to success. Personalised homework will be set either on Google Classroom or via SparX weekly by the class teacher. Homework is based on topics covered to help consolidate everything that is being taught and has been taught.

Assessments –

- Students will be sitting 2 sets of PPEs, which will help keep track of their progress and highlight any further gaps that need to be addressed.
- They will be sitting 3 written papers in the summer of 2024. One Non-Calculator paper and two Calculator papers. Students are expected to have their own scientific calculators, which can be purchased from any stationary shop or from school via wisepay

English Language and English Literature – Miss E Gray

Intent - To foster a love of reading and literature, inspire students to reach their full potential and develop confidence in expressing their ideas.

What will my child study in Year 11?

- At Key Stage Four students follow the AQA specification in both Language and Literature.
- For literature, the texts we study are: A Christmas Carol, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry.

How will my child be assessed?

- Students will complete exam-style essays and writing tasks at home.
- Students will complete regular “Big Write” assessments in class - AQA Exam mark schemes are used.

What resources can I use to support my child?

- Suggested revision guides include CPG guides and workbooks for all texts. These can be ordered through wise pay.
- Monitor revision and work that is set on Google Classroom
- Ensure your child is reading

GCSE Science

Contact – Mrs Emma Kemp/Mr Tem Mortimer

Two Options:

GCSE Single Science
GCSE Combined Science

Six exams in both routes

Both options can allow students to continue to study science post – 16.

For the majority of students science will be the first and last exam of the exam season.

Top Tips:

Little and often revision
Use the specification
Use online resources such as Tik Tok and You tube.
Practice exam questions

Equipment and Support:

Scientific Calculator in every lesson – same as the calculator required for Maths.

Revision Guide

Physics Formula Sheet

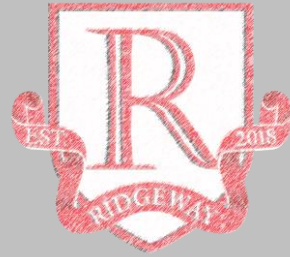
Homework

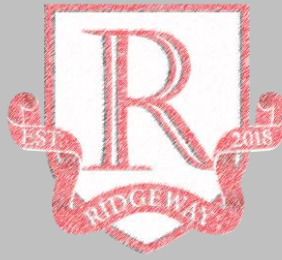
Assessment:

Regular assessment in lesson
First round of PPE's will cover paper one content
Second round of PPE's will cover paper two content

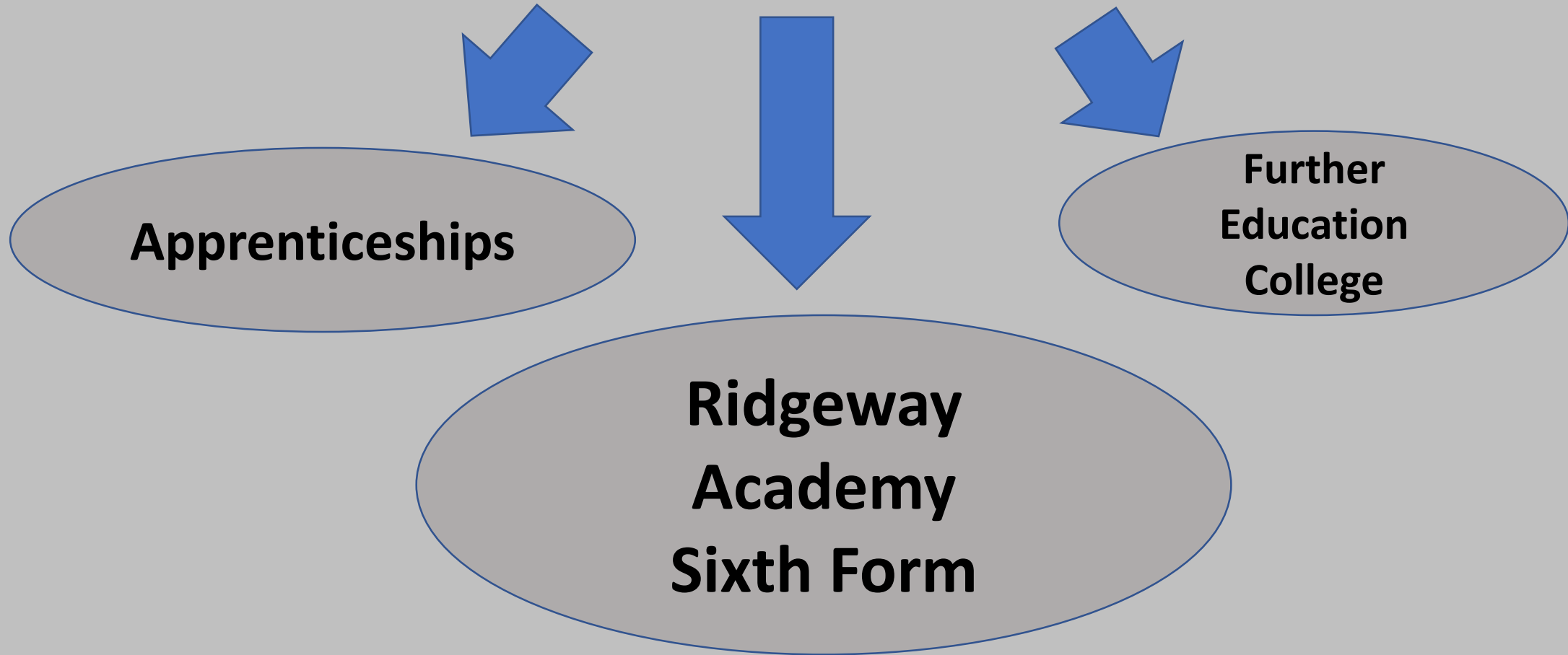
Sixth Form

Director of Sixth Form: Mrs. N Picariello





Your Options

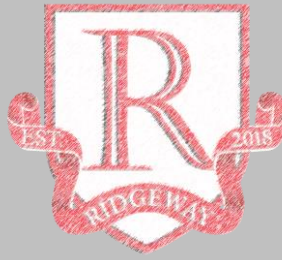




Aims of the Sixth Form

Sixth Form is a part of a student's 7-year journey to provide them with opportunities and experiences. We aim to help students to successfully complete their formal education before moving on to university, apprenticeships or employment.





Why stay on at Sixth Form?

We **KNOW** you and the journey you have taken thus far.

Your teachers have a detailed understanding about you.

We **WANT** to keep working with you to help you achieve the highest possible outcomes and you realise your aspirations.

Regular contact with your tutor and pastoral support.

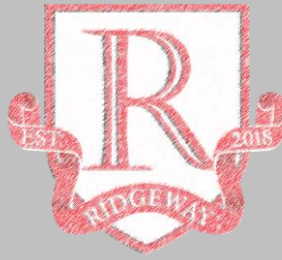
An unrelenting focus on you doing as well as you can in terms of progress within your chosen subjects.

Huge enrichment programme.

Fantastic facilities.

Access to the WH Consortium.





Consortium

www.welwynhatfieldconsortium.org.uk

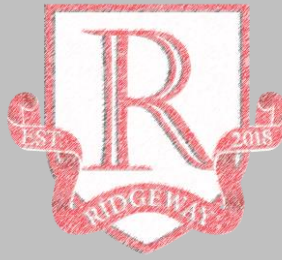
Partnership of 5 schools:

1. Ridgeway Academy
2. Monk's Walk School
3. Stanborough School
4. Onslow St Audrey's School
5. Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

A wide range of choice

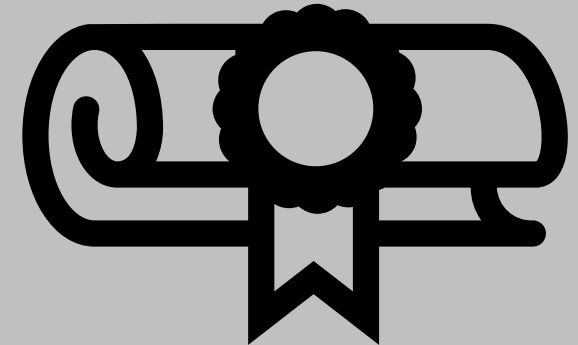
Opportunity to study subjects not currently offered at Ridgeway

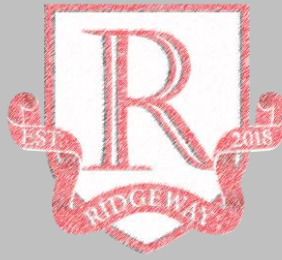
Destinations - 100% First Choice Destinations in 2023!!



Including:

- Balliol College, University of Oxford - History and Politics
- University of York - History
- Escape Studios, London - Game Design
- Manchester Metropolitan University - Graphics and Digital Media
- Edge Hill University - Politics and Sociology
- Degree Level Apprenticeship in Marketing
- University of Hertfordshire - Business Studies
- Manchester Metropolitan University - Sociology
- University of Swansea - Marine Biology
- University of Manchester - Psychology
- University of Hertfordshire - Geography





Careers and Enrichment

- Sports leaders
- Volunteering
- Role models
- Head Students & Deputies/Prefect Team
- Charity Work/Organise Events/Sport Activities/Bullying Mentors
- Peer Reading
- EPQ
- Work Experience
- House Mentors
- Community youth champion
- University Challenge



Entry Criteria:

To ensure that you are selecting subjects at the appropriate level, please complete this table with the subjects you are currently taking and your predicted grades. Entry requirements for courses in the Consortium will include the Average Point Score (APS) for Key Stage 4 and subject specific criteria.

To calculate your APS **add** together the value of each of your predicted grades and **divide** by the number of subjects you are taking (see below). If you are taking fewer than 8 subjects, then you must still divide the total by 8

Points Scores for GCSE 9 -1 subjects

GCSE Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KS4 Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points Scores for BTEC Firsts

BTEC Grade	Distinction *	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Level 1 Pass
KS4 Points	8.5	7	5.5	4	1.75

Example how to calculate your APS

Subject	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Art	History	BTEC IT	BTEC Sport	Total	APS
Grade	5	6	5	7	4	5	3	5	Dist.	Pass	10 subjects	51 ÷ 10
KS4 Points	5	6	5	7	4	5	3	5	7	4	51 points	= 5.1

Section 3: Course Choice

This section allows you to state clearly which courses you would like to choose. Your average points score will indicate the level of programme you should apply for.

Use the grid on the next page to select the subjects you wish to study.

- Only select one subject from each block.
- Some vocational subjects where highlighted are offered over more than one block, so any of these must be selected in all the appropriate blocks.
- Read section three very carefully to check the range of courses available to you, as this will differ depending on your average points score

Pastoral System



Headteacher
Mrs Mitcherson

**Exams Officer/
Sixth Form Data
Manager**
Mrs E Welsh

**Director of KS5
(Head of Sixth
Form)**
Mrs N Picariello

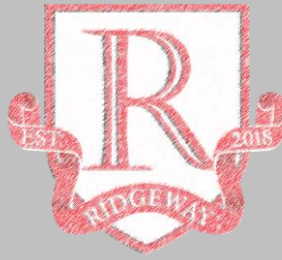
**Sixth Form
Student Support/
Administrator**
Mrs J Felton

Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

Abbie Casserley
Alex Sarkozi
Zara Chimalilo
Francisco Morales
Shannon De Lacy
Rhianna Russell

Sixth Form Tutors

Ms Hennah
Ms Malik
Mrs Parsons



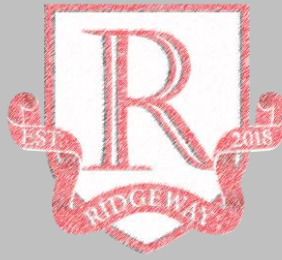
Bursary

- If your circumstances have changed recently you may qualify for a bursary when you attend Sixth Form
- If you have any questions about the Sixth Form bursary, please email picariellon@ridgeway.aat.school



Next steps

- Speak to tutors:
 - Mr Pring - Head of Year 11
 - Mrs Picariello - Head of Sixth Form and Careers
 - Mrs Merrigan - Assistant Head KS5
- Watch the subject videos which are on our website an the consortium website.
- One-to-one career guidance discussion sessions with Miss Fuller and use of UNIFROG
- Apprenticeship opportunities are open throughout the year
- Oaklands college applications can be completed online throughout the year



Important Dates

- Friday 20/10 – Revision Guides and Packs to be given to all students
- Year 11 Mocks – Monday 30th October (2 Weeks)
- Careers Day – 25th January 2024
- 6th Form Information Evening: 9th November 2023
- 6th Form Application Date: 18th January 2024
- Spring Mocks – 5-9th February 2024
- GCSE's – 9th May – 26th June 2024
- Leavers Assembly, Shirt Signing, Clap out of school – Friday 28th June
- Prom – Friday 28th June @ Knebworth Barns



Prom Passport

- Qualification lasts from September – Easter
- Contributing Factors
 - Attendance % (% below 100 deducted)
 - Behaviour Record – Positive Vs. Negative Events (S1 = -1, C3 = -3, C4 = -5, C5 = -10)
 - Intervention Attendance (+10 per intervention)

Required Points: Minimum Score of **+100** to attend Prom





Contacting the SEND team

Ridgeway now have two SENDCOs;

Mrs Mills for years 7, 8, & 9

Mrs Kitchenner for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

1. I will be sending out a **SEND newsletter** shortly. This will contain an email link to our SEND Administrator. Parents will need to call or email the SEND Admin who will ensure the correct SENDCO will contact you ASAP.

2. **Coffee & cake evening**, 3rd Friday in the Month in H block 3.30 -4.30

Drop in surgery, plus meet parents and the SENDCOs

3. SENDCOs will meet/call parents when updating Individual Learning Plans
SENDCOs will meet parents for reviews, Open evenings, Academic review days.



Exam Access Arrangement - EAA

- If your child has been given EAA by the exam board following school assessments, you will have received a letter outlining their EAA.
- This could be 25% extra time, a scribe, a reader, a prompt, movement breaks, rest breaks, use of a Laptop, exams in a smaller room
- They will be given their EAA in assessments/exams and some lessons
- It is important to note that if your child has been awarded the use of a laptop in exams, they must collect this from Student Services every morning between 8.15 – 8.30am. They must be returned back to student services at the end of the day.
- Failure to collect the Laptop each day will result in this EAA being removed and the Laptop awarded to the next person on the list.

Thank you for Listening

