

Year 11
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Towards Successful GCSEs



Towards Success at GCSE

Welcome and Introduction: Mr Skelton

Expectation of KS4 pupils: Mr Devlin

Assessment for GCSE: Mr Mills

Strategies for success at GCSE: Mr Devlin

Entry to sixth form at Dalriada: Mr Devlin

Questions



GCSE Results 2022-23



- 97% of pupils gained 7 or more A*-C grades (Inc. Maths and English)
- 79% of pupils gained 7 or more A*-B grades
- 63.5% of all grades at Dalriada were A*-A grades
- 33 pupils gained at least 8A*/A grades each.
- 64% of all Dalriada grades were A*/A grades
- 98% of pupils gained A*-B in Maths in Year 11
- 10 pupils left us and 11 new pupils joined us in Year 13

KS4 Expectations



Academically able pupils.

Top performers at age 11.

Our expectation is that all our pupils should be aiming to achieve grades A*-B in most of their subjects.

All our pupils should be able and equipped to enter Dalriada sixth form.

Be able to choose the subjects they would like to study for 'A' level.

KS4 Expectations

- ▶ Over the course of Key Stage 4, pupils develop a better idea of and focus towards a particular career area.
- ▶ Be aware of the subjects and grades required for entry into the course of their choice.
- ▶ Be totally prepared for and committed to study at this level.





GCSE Assessment From September 2023



Controlled Assessment and Practical Assessment at GCSE





The role of the pupil.



The role of the teacher.



The role of the parent or guardian.



Unitised Assessment

CCEA → Unitised Assessment

CCEA → No requirement to sit all units at the same time

Some units will be assessed at the end of Year 11 in Dalriada School

GCSE Assessments in Year 11

- ▶ The following subjects will have units assessed at the end of Year 11
 - ▶ Mathematics – M4 (45%)/ M4 + M8 (100%)
 - ▶ English Language – Unit 1 (30%)
 - ▶ English Literature – Unit 1 (30%)
 - ▶ Geography - Unit 3 (20%)
 - ▶ Biology – Unit 1 (35%)
 - ▶ Agriculture – Unit 2 (25%)
 - ▶ Health and Social Care – Unit 1 (50%)



GCSE MATHEMATICS (Purple Sheet)



The arrangement for Mathematics is different to other subjects.



There is no controlled assessment & details of the exams/modules are on the separate handout.



All pupils will sit at least 45% of their GCSE in Year 11 and for some this is 100%.



If there are further queries, please contact our Head of Maths Mrs Convery directly.

GCSE English Language



- English Language has four Units:
- Unit 1 – Paper 1 - 30% **Year 11 will sit this in the summer term.**
- Unit 2 – Speaking and Listening – 20% - ongoing assessment
- Unit 3 - Controlled Assessment – 20% (two pieces 10% each)
One CA will be completed in Spring term of Year 11 and the other in Autumn term of Year 12.
- Unit 4 – Paper 2 – 30% Not completed till Year 12



Changes to GCSE Grading



Rewarding Learning





Current CCEA Structure

Phased out by 2019

New CCEA Structure

First award from summer 2019

9-1 Structure

Awarded from 2017

A*	A*	9
A	A	8
		7
B	B	6
	C*	5
C	C	4
		3
D	D	
		E
E	E	2
F	F	
G	G	1

Monitoring progress

- ▶ Continuous monitoring of progress throughout the two year course
- ▶ Review of Assessment in Year 11
 - ▶ any changes to the calendar will be communicated to pupils and parents



Key Strategies for Success at GCSE:

Organisation

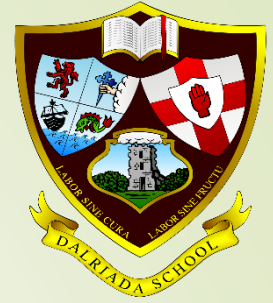
Motivation

Independent Learning

Responsibility



Organisation: 1



**Your Materials
inside school**



**Your Materials
at home**



**The
Environment
at home, to
promote
effective study**



**Working on their
time management**



**Knowledge and
understanding of the
Course requirements for
each subject**



**Knowledge of how
each subject will be
assessed**



Organisation: 2.

- Notes and handouts.
- Homework: Better use of the diary.
- Diary is also a learning log.
- Have homework diary signed on a weekly basis.
- Establish a good routine.
- Get into good habits.
- Take responsibility for any missed work.
- Planning

Motivation



Self motivation

Competition

Support

Target setting

Progress

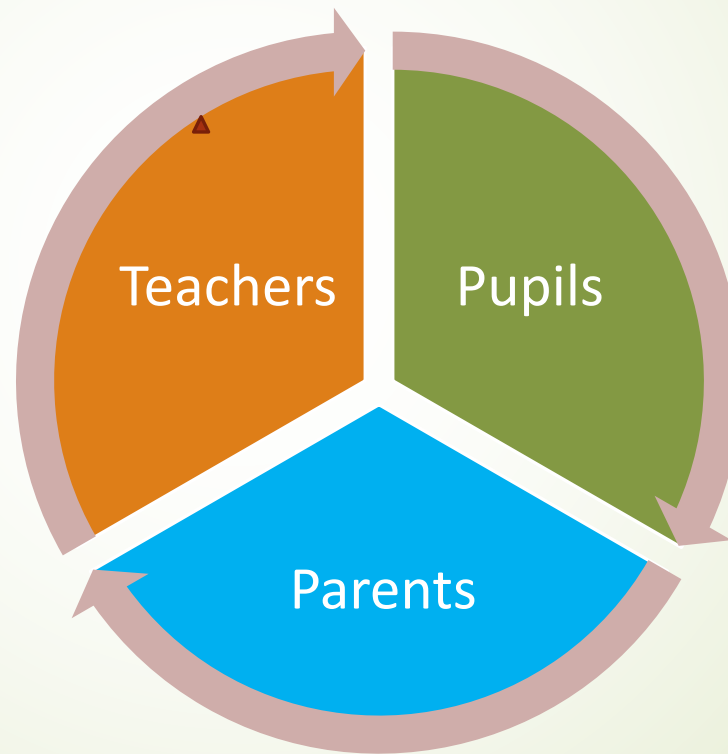
Encouragement



Independent Learning

- ✓ Pupils have an understanding about their learning and develop skills to help them learn effectively
- ✓ Pupils take responsibility for their own learning
- ✓ Pupils work with teachers to structure their learning environment – development of a good working relationship between teachers and pupils

Co-Responsibility



Entry to 6th Form

- ▶ Entrance criteria is agreed for 2024
- ▶ Dalriada is currently over-subscribed
- ▶ Increased demand from external candidates

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Current Entrance Criteria for Sixth Form:

- Pupils must demonstrate that they have the potential to succeed in their chosen courses (subject teachers will be asked to assess suitability for studying chosen courses at AS level)
- Their academic potential is assessed by their GCSE results
- We also consider school reports and their record of behaviour/attendance(min 90%)





Minimum of 3B and 2C grades at GCSE



Minimum grade C in Maths and English



Grades A*, A or B in the minimum 3 subjects to be studied at AS level



If AS courses are over-subscribed, applicants with the highest grades will be admitted first

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Current Entrance Criteria for Sixth Form





School Policies

- ▶ We encourage all parents to take time to read school policies, in particular parents are encouraged to be aware of the following key policies:
 - ▶ Positive Behaviour
 - ▶ Safeguarding and Child Protection
- ▶ Thank you to the parents who took time in June to review policies to ensure that there is input from all stakeholders – your input was carefully considered and policies updated
- ▶ Policies are available on website or a hard copy can be requested via the school office



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