



**Jesmond Park
Academy**

Year 11 Parents Information evening



Mr Merrifield

Head of School

Welcome, format and purpose of the evening

- **5:15pm – Welcome Presentation**
- **5:45pm – workshop 1 – parents/carers to attend one session**
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- Refreshments are available in main reception

Examination results

GCSE Results

- This year's results have been some of the best in Jesmond Park Academy's history, with 28% passes at Grade 8 and Grade 9.
- We are particularly pleased to see impressive results in key subject areas with some of our best results ever:
 - 86% of students obtained a pass in English (highest in the city)
 - 79.4% of students obtained a pass in Maths (3rd highest in the city)
 - 77.5% of students obtained a pass in both English and Maths (2nd highest in the city)
 - 80.4% of students achieved a pass in 2 Sciences (2nd highest in the city)

Yr11 Headlines (2026)

KS4 GCSE Attainment						
	9	9-7	9-5	9-4	9-1	Entries
2024 Actual	6.6%	26.2%	59.0%	75.6%	99.1%	2546
2025 Actual	7.6%	29.3%	61.7%	76.1%	98%	2565
2026 Unvalidated	7.5%	32%	65%	80%	98%	2660
2026 Provisional National	5.2%	23.1%	55.5%	70.7%	98%	
2026 Provisional North East		17.7%		65.2%	98%	

Vocational	Entries	D*	D* – D	D*-M	D*-P	D*-L1P
		%	%	%	%	%
2024 Actual	201	0%	2.5%	10.4%	40.8%	100%
2025 Actual	299	0.3%	3.3%	16.4%	48.2%	98%
2026 Unvalidated	180	0%	5.6%	17%	41.7%	96%
2026 Target		0.0%	1.0%	42.9%	79.1%	100%

Student Progress Against Target

KS4 Total P8	
2017 Actual	-0.45
2018 Actual	-0.18
2019 Actual	-0.15
2020 CAG	0.08
2021 TAG	0.35
2022 Actual	0.22
2023 Actual	0.03
2024 Actual	0.29
2025 Actual	0.76
2026 @ 19/08	0.71

“Phone Free” School

Post half term you will have two choices

1. Don't allow your child to bring a phone to school

Or

2. Have your child's phone locked in a pouch for the duration of the school day



“Phone Free” School



Mrs Hooker

HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4

Overview of support

		Year Group	HOY	Key Stage 4 Year Manager	Year Manager
Extended SLT members	HoKS4	Y10 English	Andrew Cleland	Graham Henderson	Lyndsey Henderson
	Hayley Hooker	Y11 Maths	Louise Sayers		Brooke Cochrane

TaLLs

Teachers and Leaders of Learning

Subject teachers, including Form Teachers

(Y10 English Faculty)

(Y11 Maths Faculty)

Y11 Progress and UPD Assessment (GRADECARD)

Underpinning Performance grades on grade cards

Your child will be assigned a numbered grade in each of the following key performance areas.

We expect every student to be aiming to achieve a grade 4 or 5 in each area. Grades lower than 4 in any of the areas could lead to underachievement unless it addressed by the student promptly.

Y11 Progress and UPD Assessment (GRADECARD)

In addition to the Underpinning Performance Grade given by subject teachers, there will also be key data relating to your child's target grade and their attendance.

AN EXAMPLE GRADECARD

Authorised absences	Un-authorised absences	Percentage of attendance
4	0	98.6

If no grade is recorded for a subject or a subject is missing, please contact Owen's teacher directly.

Subject	End of Key Stage 4 TARGET (EOKS4)	End of Key Stage 4 Teacher Predicted Progress	Underpinning performance data		
			Effort	Homework	Behaviour
English Language	6	7	5	5	5
English Literature	7	7			
Mathematics	8	8	5	5	4
Science (Trilogy)	77	77	4	5	4
History	7	7	5	5	5
Business Studies	7	6	4	4	4
Mandarin	7	7	5	5	5
PE GCSE	7	8	5	5	5
Core PE			5		5
Personal Development			5		5

What teachers think you will achieve at the end of Year 11 based upon your current performance.

Your target based upon information such as your KS2 SATS

Attendance should be 96% or higher. Attendance lower than this can affect performance.

The performance grades. Grade 5 is the best. Any grade at 3 or below could risk affecting your progress.

Year 10 and Year 11

BTEC Subjects – Enterprise, Travel, DIT and Media

The assessment of BTEC is different to the GCSE subjects.

Students are assessed **continually** throughout the course so the work that they complete in lessons in Year 10 and Year 11 will count towards their final grade.

This means that work that the classes are completing in lessons now **will count towards their final grade**.

Students will study 3 units:

- **2 units will be an internally assessed assignment (PSA).**

The submission of these assignments are in December or May of Year 10 and Year 11.

These assignments (PSA's) are worth 60% of the final BTEC grade

- **1 Unit will be an externally assessed exam taken in Year 11**

This exam is worth 40% of the final BTEC grade.

This means that it is important that students attend all BTEC lessons, complete all work in class to the highest level and use feedback from teachers on how to improve their work.

Remember **ALL** work that students are completing in lessons in both Year 10 and Year 11 will count towards their final

Overview of Pastoral care and the year ahead

Miss Sayers

HEAD OF YEAR 11

Wellbeing



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PHYSICAL



MENTAL



EMOTIONAL

Common parental worries....

My child has a diagnosed medical condition.

My child is worried.

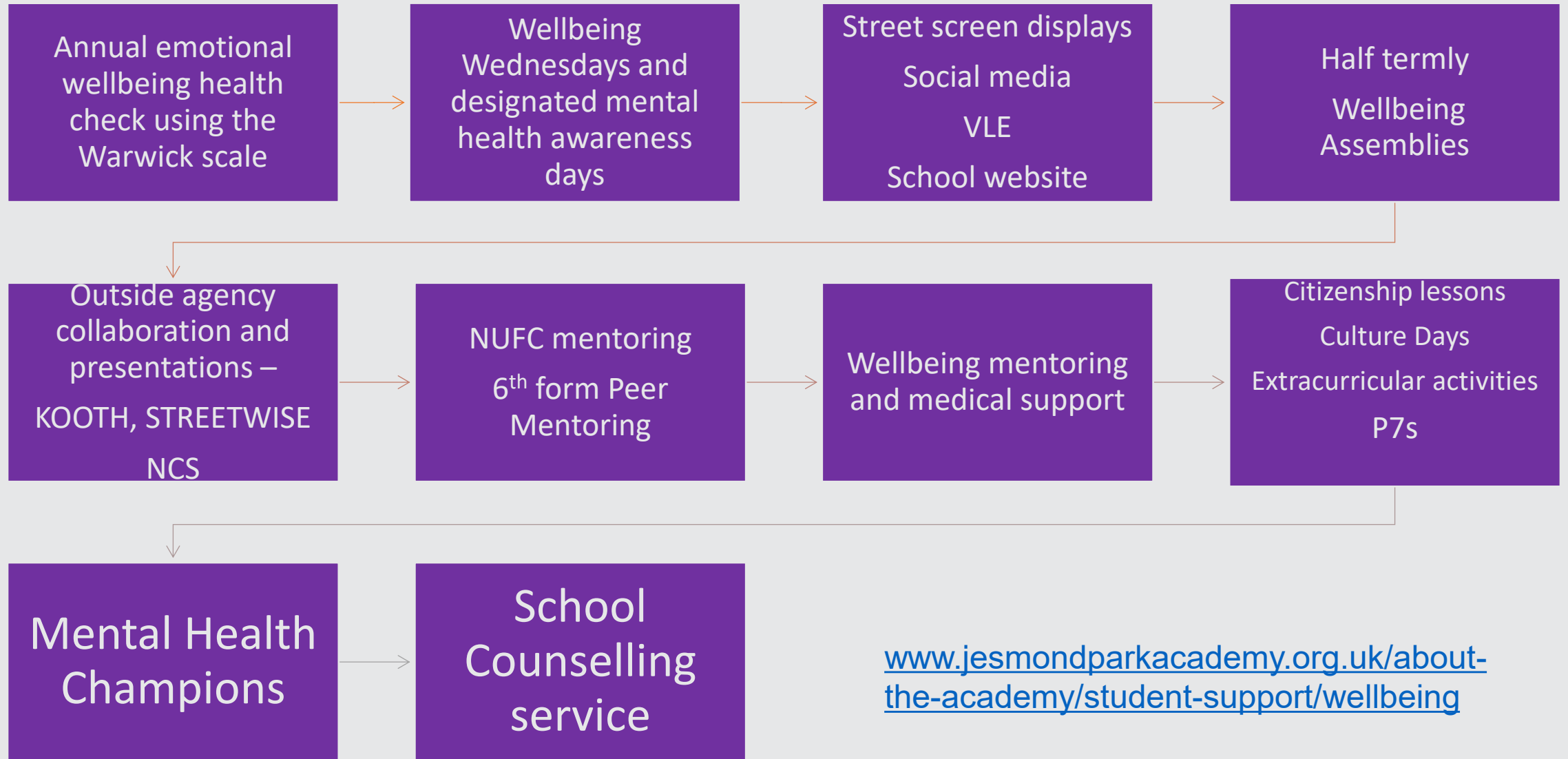
My child has poor mental health.

How will JPA promote my child's wellbeing?

I'm worried my child will burn out?

How can I support my child?

How does JPA promote and support wellbeing ?



What support is available in school:

Form Tutors

Pastoral Teams

Wellbeing team:
First Aid
Counsellors

Streetwise

GP & School
Health

Student support
base

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?

Come and talk to the Wellbeing Team.

DROP-IN SESSIONS

12.40-1.00pm , 2.45 - 3.15pm
Mon—Thursday in Wellbeing
Counselling Rooms 1 and 2

1:1 COUNSELLING APPOINTMENTS

By appointment - SEE YOUR YEAR
TEAM TO ARRANGE

SCHOOL HEALTH

Drop-In sessions
Wednesday Lunchtimes
in Wellbeing Office



WELLBEING STAFF:

COUNSELLORS
WELLBEING MANAGER
SCHOOL HEALTH
FIRST AID

HEATHER HEARONS / PETE HARDAKER / GUEST COUNSELLORS
RACHAEL EARLE
GILLIAN BEGBIE
KATHRYN CHUN

Where do you go if you're worried?



Year 11 Timeline



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Year 11 Careers Information



- Mrs Sarah Beeley is our Level 6 Guidance Trained Careers Leader.
- Careers lessons take place in PD lessons.
- All Year 11 students will receive a 1:1 Careers Guidance interview with a Level 6 Guidance trained Careers Officer.
- All Year 11 students attend JPA Careers Fair
- Parent/Carers can make appointments to see Mrs Beeley at the Year 11 Parent/carer evening and can speak to her at the Year 11 JPA Sixth Form Open Evening.

Year 11 Careers Information



- Year 11 students have ongoing access to advice, guidance and support from JPA staff throughout the year to ensure that they have chosen the best destination for them after Year 11.
- Most of our students choose to stay at JPA Sixth Form. For those that don't we work extremely hard to ensure that they have secured a destination before the end of Year 11 (GCSE results pending).
- 6th Form team will promote post 16 options to students during form time.

Hint/Tips for Year 11

- Start revision early (small and often)
- Create a realistic revision timetable
- Do proactive revision – create flashcards, past papers, mind maps etc
- Get used to working to time limits. E.g. 10 minutes for 10-mark question.

Hint/Tips for Year 11

- Sleep and rest is equally/more important.
- Make sure to stay hydrated and eat nutritious breakfast, especially on exam days.
- Stay calm, continue with fun activities.
- Focus on progress, not perfection. Set realistic targets.

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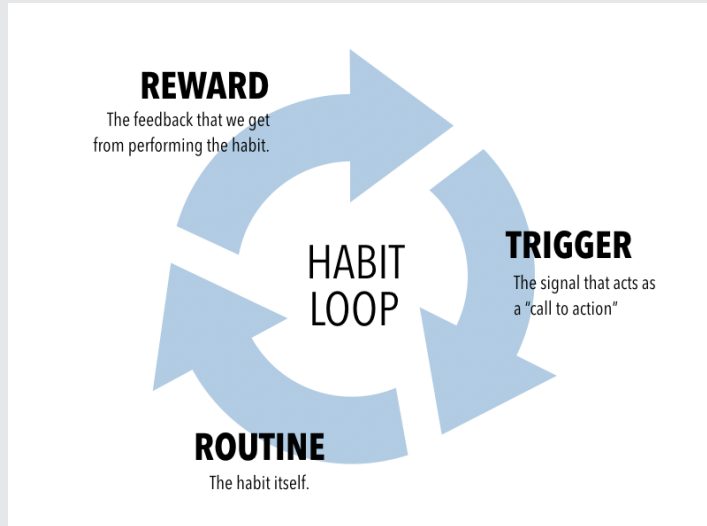
Ask for help ... we have done
this for many years!

Mr Faraday

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:
TEACHING AND LEARNING

Teaching and Learning and parent portal

Supporting Learning at home



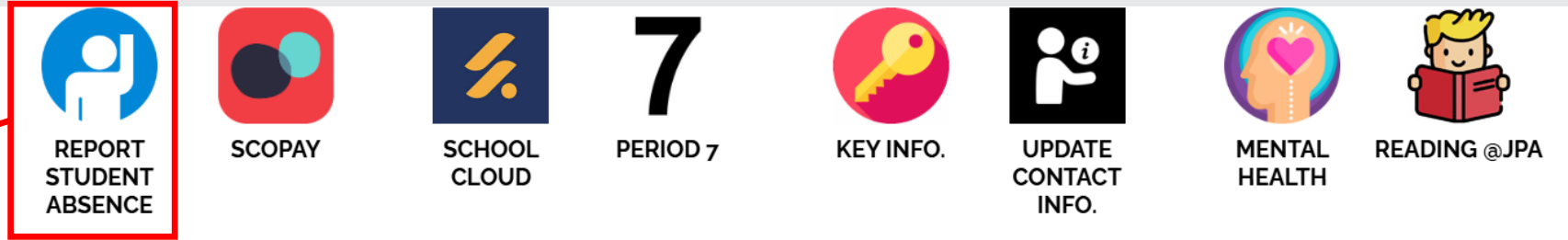
-Help to build good habits. Be aware willpower is finite so change one habit at a time e.g. independent routines of self study

Mind wandering is inevitable, so we need to lower the risk

- Create a **quiet, distraction free place to work.**
- No phones** anywhere near a study area
- Beware the use of AI.** Homework scores will go up but test scores will go down!!-

Use the Parent Portal for Ideas and support

Report
absence



Check
homework

Mr R Faraday's Assignment Calendar

All Subjects

All Recipients

16/09/2026

Monday 14

Cells, Bacterial and Viral Disease
Homework
Biology
Handed In: 14/28
Assignment Closed

Design and carry out your own science experiment
Homework
Science
Handed In: 22/29
Due 2 days ago

Wednesday 16

Defining Species
Homework
Biology
Handed In: 29/35
Due Today

Request login
reminders via
the school
Admin email

Events and Notices

Thursday 17th September - Year 12 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 17th September - Year 7 Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 8/9 Support Your Child Evening

Thursday 24th September - Year 10/11 Support Your Child Evening

Thursday 24th September - Year 7 and 10 Photos

Monday 28th September - Staff Training Day

Curriculum Sites

Art Department

Economics
Welcome to our department site

English

Explore the classrooms

Timetable

16/09/2026

Search for a User

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14	15	16	17	18
Free				
Biology 12A/Bi1 09:35 - 10:35 S17				
Biology 12B/Bi1 10:35 - 11:25 S17				
Science 9A3B/Sc 11:25 - 12:15 S17				
Free				

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timetables

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