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Year 11 – The Final Year!

Class of 2026

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This evening...

- Key dates for Year 11
- Detail on the Post-16 application process
- How parents/carers can support





But it's not a year!

8 months

28 weeks



Key dates and milestones

What's happening?	When?
Tuesday 9 th September 2025	This information evening
Tuesday 7 th October 2025	Post-16 Evening
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	Study Skills Workshop
Friday 17 th October 2025	First Progress Check goes home
Monday 24 th November 2025	Mock exams begin
Tuesday 13 th January 2026	Progress Check 2 goes home/Mock results afternoon
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Y11 Parents' Evening
W/B Monday 2 nd February 2026	SLT 1-2-1 interviews
Monday 16 th March 2026	Progress Check 3 goes home
Middle of March 2026	Non-examined assessments begin
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Written examinations begin



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Year 11 Careers Education

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Careers Education at Soar Valley College

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The law states that all students have to stay in full time education or training until at least their 18th birthday. Students can choose options from:

- A full-time course at a college studying for A levels or a vocational course.
- Learning while you earn on an apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme.





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Preparing Young Professionals



**BEAUCHAMP CITY
SIXTH FORM**



Loughborough
COLLEGE est. 1909



Positive Steps @16

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

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What is it?

Positive Steps @16 is an online platform for students to search for and make college applications.

All Year 11 students **MUST** complete this form to ensure they have options available to them when you leave Soar Valley College.

PS@16 can be used to apply for all post 16 learning opportunities in Leicester and Leicestershire. This includes:

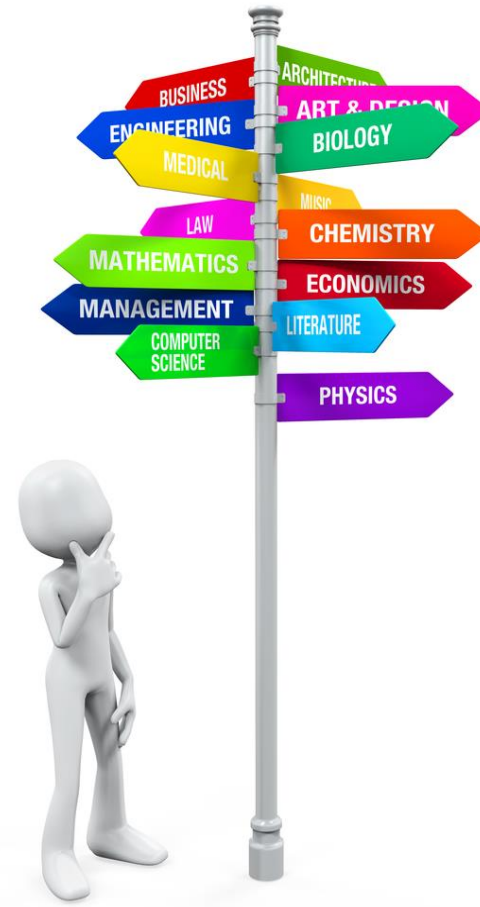
- 6th form colleges
- Schools with 6th forms
- Further Education (FE) colleges
- Foundation Learning



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Post 16 Options Evening
Tuesday 7th October 2025
5.30pm – 8pm
Soar Valley College





Year 11 Key Dates for Careers

Education

Tuesday 26 th August	Tutor Period PS@16 Log Ons
W/C Monday 8 th September	Post 16 Evening – Letters Home
Thursday 18 th September	Reply slips returned for Post 16 Evening letters
Wednesday 1 st October	PS@16 is now live – Application Process begins. Please complete your research and make your college applications. Letters home re PS@16 applications process
Wednesday 1 st October	Tutor Period – Post 16 Evening / PS@16 / Unifrog
Tuesday 7 th October	Post 16 Evening 5.30pm-8.00pm
W/C Monday 13 th October	PC1 grades will be added to your applications. This will be done for you.
Tuesday 18 th November	Tutor Period DEADLINE – PS@16
January / February 2026	College Interviews



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Develop helpful habits

- Attendance
- Punctuality



Attendance and punctuality

- Attendance is **crucial** in supporting your child to achieve their potential
- **17 missed school days** a year = **1** GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement.
- Equally important is PUNCTUALITY – to registrations and to **all** lessons
- Key messages are given in registration
- The start of lessons are hugely important
- Ensure school bags are organised the night before.





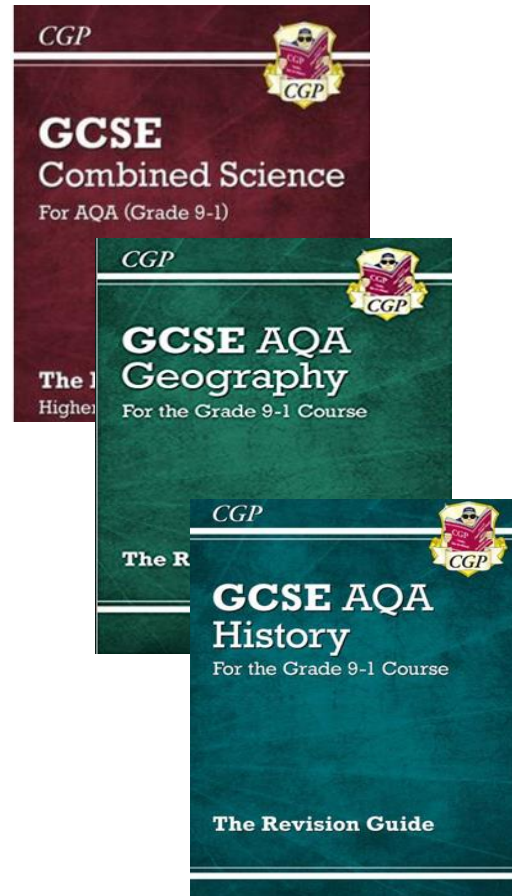
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- Check the **correct** content is being covered.
- Lots of subjects have knowledge checklists
- Required texts
- Revision guides for each subject
- The correct exam boards



Biology Checklist Y10

Chapter B1 – Cells and organisation	
Topic	Revision completed
Microscopes	
Animal and plant cells	
Eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells	
Specialised animal cells	
Specialised plant cells	
Diffusion	
Osmosis	
Osmosis in plants	
Active transport	
Exchange materials	

Chapter B2 – Cell division	
Topic	Revision completed
Cell division	
Growth and differentiation	
Stem cells	
Stem cells dilemmas	

Chapter B3 – Organisation and the Digestive System	
Topic	Revision completed
Tissues and organs	
Human digestive system	



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- Attendance
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- Know key information (exam boards, deadlines)
- Homework
- Independent learning (GCSE Pod, BBC Bitesize, Sparx, revision guides, etc, etc)
- REVISION (timetable needed - flashcards, mind maps, etc)



Useful revision sites for all subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSEpod https://www.gcsepod.com/ • BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize • https://www.soarvalley.aspirelp.uk/parents/how-to-support-your-child/
Extra subject specific websites	
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.studentartguide.com • GCSE Art and Design - BBC Bitesize
Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/login • https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/myrevisionnotesdownloads
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://isaacomputerscience.org/ • https://www.w3schools.com/
Design Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://technologystudent.com/ • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs • National theatre https://www.ntathome.com/
English Language English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.educas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language-gcse/?sub_nav_level=digital-resources#tab_resources • https://www.educas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature-gcse/?sub_nav_level=digital-resources#tab_resources
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.linguascope.com • https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658
Food preparation and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhy • https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.internetgeography.net/topics/ • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpsx2p3

Lots more such as Quizlet, Anki/Noji helps with creating flashcards and testing. Youtube



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- Regular exercise boosts concentration and performance in exams
- Time to relax and switch off is important
- Encourage 8 hours sleep; better sleep means better concentration
- Breakfast and a healthy balanced diet are beneficial
- As is avoiding energy drinks and too much caffeine!
- Encourage a positive mind set. Class





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SUCCESS ISN'T ALWAYS
ABOUT GREATNESS.
IT'S ABOUT
CONSISTENCY.
CONSISTENT
HARD WORK
LEADS TO SUCCESS.
GREATNESS WILL COME.
-DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON

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