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Year 11 – The Final Year!

Class of 2027

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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

Key dates	Event
September 8 th 2026	Parents' information evening
September 29 th 2026	Post 16 evening
October 14 th 2026	Study skills workshop
November 17 th 2026	PS16 application deadline
November 23 rd – 4 th December 2026	Mock Exams Week 1 and Week 2
January 12 th 2027	Mock Results Day
January 14 th 2027	Parents' Evening
March 22 nd – March 24 th 2027	Easter Revision begins
April 13 th -30 th April 2027	Photography and language orals begin
May 10 th 2027	Yr. 11 GCSE Exams Begin



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Year 11 Careers Education

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Careers Education at Soar Valley College

The Careers Team

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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



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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



Students all have a log in for their account

1. Students need to complete their profile on PS@16
2. Students will use the platform to search for courses
3. Students make their applications

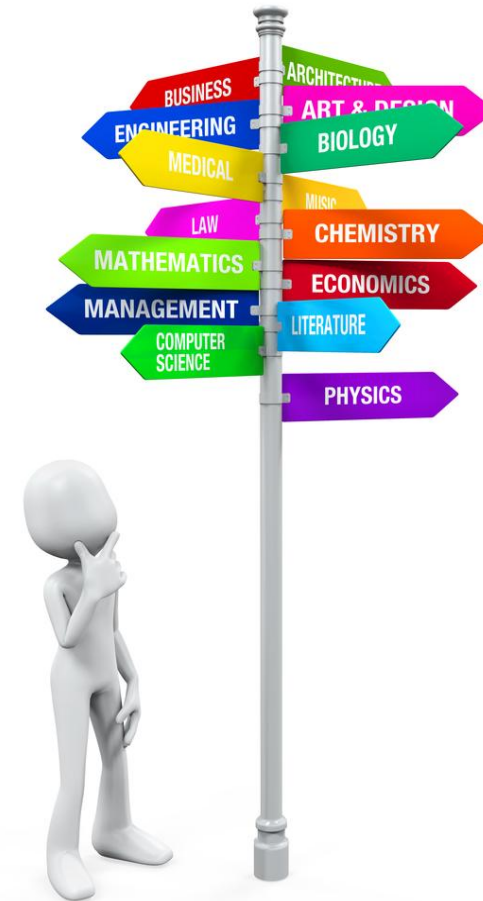
Attending college open days will massively support students in this process.



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Post 16 Options Evening
Tuesday 29th September
5.30pm – 8pm
Soar Valley College



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Year 11 Key Dates for Careers Education

Date	Event
Monday 24 th August	Tutor Period PS@16 Log Ons
W/C Monday 31 st August	Post 16 Evening – Letters Home
Monday 7 th September	Reply slips returned for Post 16 Evening letters
Tuesday 29 th September	Post 16 Evening 5:30-8:00pm
Thursday 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
W/C Monday 12 th October	PC1 grades will be added to your applications. This will be done for you.
Tuesday 17 th November	Tutor Period DEADLINE – PS@16
January / February 2026	College Interviews



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Parents can support students to...

Develop helpful habits for success

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Wellbeing
- Revision



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

2026 Results

- Our students that had **95%-100%** attendance in Year 11 achieved **a grade higher in each of their subjects**





Supporting attendance and punctuality

- Build habits and routines now
- Prepare the night before and pack bags
- Establish a consistent sleep schedule
- Avoid term time holidays
- Communicate with us
- Be positive about school and learning
- Make sure your child plans their journey and allows plenty of time to get to school





Revision

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



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	



YEAR 11 REVISION TECHNIQUES



Know It

Students must use active recall strategies to check that they can easily remember key knowledge.

Use flash cards, mini-quizzes & mind maps



Understand It

Students should practise using the knowledge to show they fully understand it. The practise must be spaced and chunked.

Use the Leitner system, graphic organisers & thinking notes.



Apply It

Students should test their knowledge and understanding by completing test questions.

Use past papers, practice questions & mark schemes

PLAN IT. PRACTISE IT. REMEMBER IT. SUCCEED.



Supporting revision

- Develop habits early
- REVISION (timetable needed - flashcards, mind maps, etc). Ask for a copy of their timetable to be on display
- Check key information (exam boards, deadlines)
- Homework will largely be exam focused, stick to deadlines
- Independent learning (GCSE Pod, BBC Bitesize, Spary revision guides etc etc)



For Parents

- Lots more such as Quizlet, Anki/Noji helps with creating flashcards and testing.
- Youtube lots of popular sites with lessons, and worked examples



Useful websites for all subjects	
	• Careers mailto:careers@soarvalley.aspirelp.uk • BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize • GCSE pod https://members.gcsepod.com/login/
Extra subject specific websites	
Art	• www.studentartguide.com • GCSE Art and Design - BBC Bitesize
Careers	• https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in • https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
Citizenship	• https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship-studies/gcse/citizenship-studies-8100/specification • https://www.hachettelearning.com/answers-and-extras/my-revision-notes-aqa-gcse-9-1-citizenship-studies-third-edition-answers
Computer Science	• https://isaacomputerscience.org/ • https://www.w3schools.com/



Parents can support students' wellbeing

- 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
- Avoid energy drinks and too much caffeine!
- Encourage a positive mind set. Class of '27 can and will succeed!





Parents can support students to...

Develop helpful habits

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- 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)
- Healthy lifestyle (sleep, diet, exercise, breaks)



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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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