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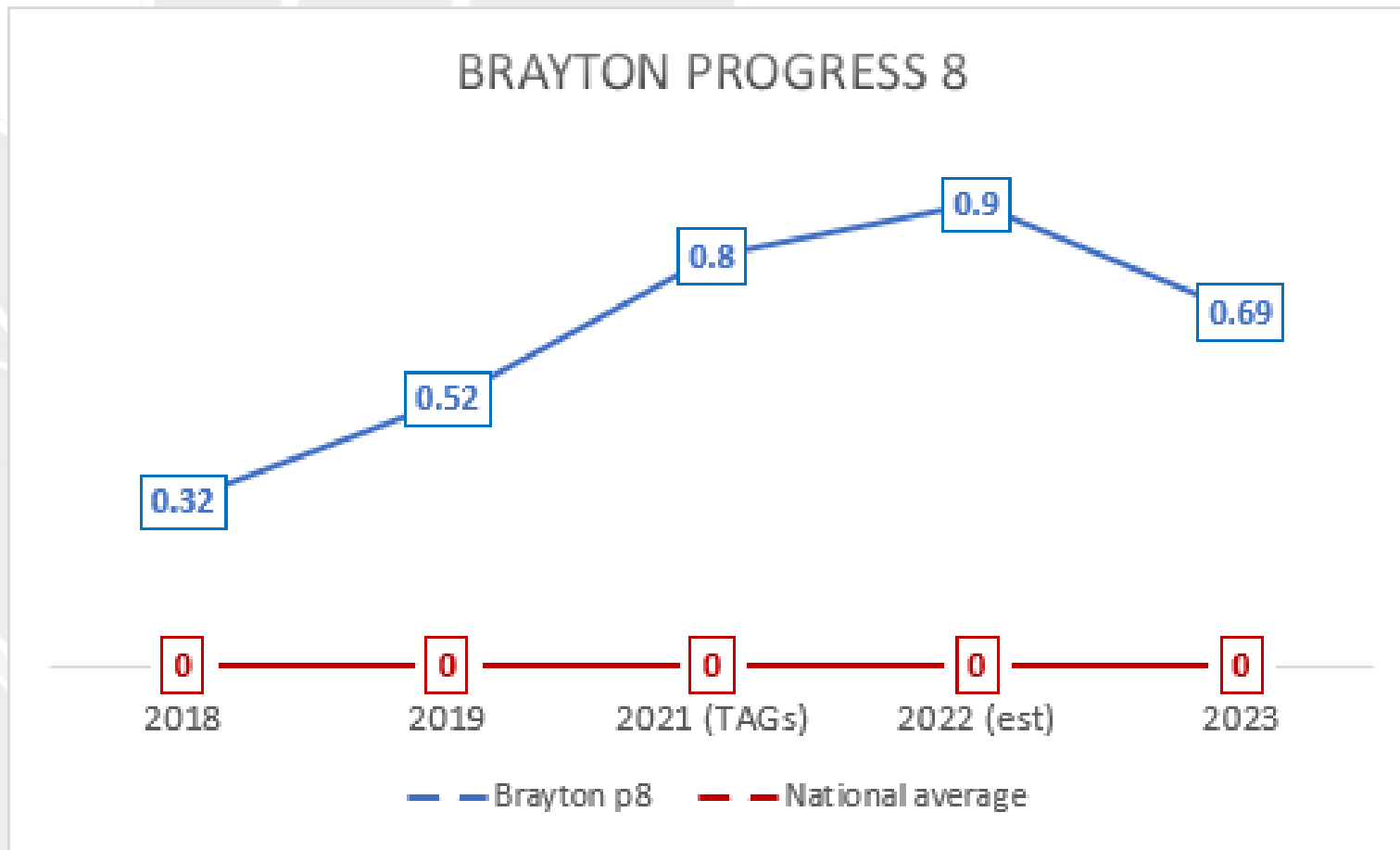
Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

April 18th 2024

Aims of the evening

- GCSE external exams
- Information on how to revise and prepare for the exams

Our Progress



Our 2023 progress 8 figure is equivalent to almost 7 in 10 pupils at Brayton doing a whole grade better on every single one of their GCSEs than they would have at an “average” school.

How do we achieve this?



Our staff

- Excellent teachers – research informed pedagogy
- Expert subject knowledge
- Trained examiners
- Consistent use of Positive Discipline
- Supportive
 - Subject teacher
 - Form tutor
 - Head of Year – Miss Eden
 - SENDCO – Mrs Turnbull
 - SLT

Our students

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Excellent behaviour and positive attitude to learning
- Work hard and give 100% effort
- Attend p7 and other intervention sessions such as prep room, holiday sessions etc.
- Support from parents/ carers and extended family.

The EXAMS

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

English Language

English Literature

Science (Combined or Triple)

French or Travel and Tourism

Geography or History

OPTION SUBJECTS

In Year 11 students study ONE of the following:

Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, DT materials, DT Food, PE, Sociology.

**Most Year 11
students will sit 20+
exams..**

It's a lot !

The EXAMS – Support

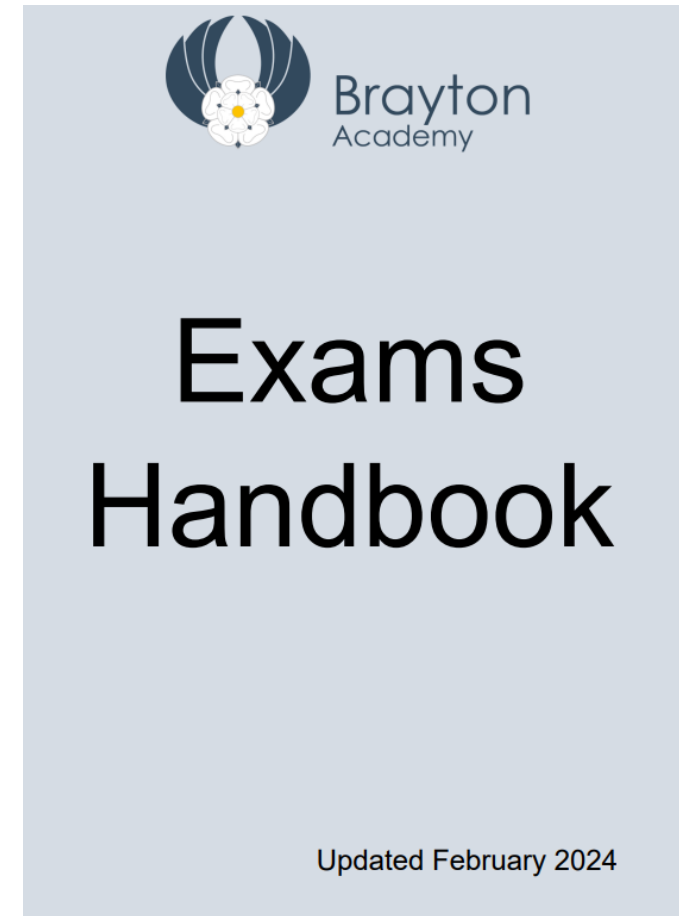
- Mock exams throughout year 10 and 11 have prepared students – they know what to expect.
- We will support students by ensuring the exams run as smoothly as possible.
- Our booster sessions and exam preparation lessons (EPL) before each exam will prepare students with reminders regarding content and technique.
- Research tells us that **SUCCESSFUL** students are those who are able to succeed in **NON COGNITIVE** areas such as **EFFORT**, **ATTITUDE** and **ORGANISATION** – we are working with students on this.

The EXAMS - Support

[Exam handbook](#) - Information regarding:

- Equipment
- Calculators
- Malpractice
- Emergencies
- Exam conduct
- Absence – due to illness
- Results Days
- Permissions
- Certificates

Please use it!

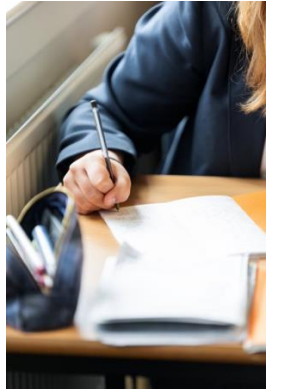


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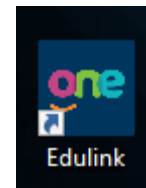
Any questions or queries:

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The EXAMS - Dates



- **ALL - Thursday 9th May to Wednesday 19 June 2024**
- **Travel and Tourism exam – Friday 3 May**
- **Contingency days** – set by the exam boards. You must be available to sit exams up to and including this date
 - **Wednesday 26 June 2024**
 - **Thursday 6 & 14 June** – afternoons are also part of the contingency plan
- **An Exam and Revision Timetable** will be given out at the end of the session.
- Information will also be available on **EduLink**



Summer 2024 Exam Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>29 April</u>	<u>30 April</u>	<u>1 May</u>	<u>2 May</u>	<u>3 May</u> 1:00 Travel & Tourism
<u>6 May</u>	<u>7 May</u>	<u>8 May</u>	<u>9 May</u> 9:30 Religious Studies Paper 1 1:00 Drama	<u>10 May</u> 9:30 Biology Paper 1 1:00 Sociology Paper 1
<u>13 May</u> 9:30 English Literature Paper 1	<u>14 May</u> 9:30 French Listening/Reading 1:00 Business Paper 1	<u>15 May</u> 9:30 History Paper 1 1:00 Computer Science Paper 1	<u>16 May</u> 9:30 Maths Paper 1 (non calculator) 1:00 Religious Studies Paper 2	<u>17 May</u> 9:30 Chemistry Paper 1 1:00 Geography Paper 1
<u>20 May</u> 9:30 English Literature Paper 2	<u>21 May</u> 1:00 Sociology Paper 2 & Computer Science Paper 2	<u>22 May</u> 9:30 Physics Paper 1 1:00 PE Paper 1	<u>23 May</u> 9:30 English Language Paper 1	<u>24 May</u> 9:30 French Writing Paper 1
<u>27 May</u>	<u>28 May</u>	<u>29 May</u>	<u>30 May</u>	<u>31 May</u>
<u>3 June</u> 9:30 Maths Paper 2 1:00 PE Paper 2	<u>4 June</u> 1:00 History Paper 2	<u>5 June</u> 9:30 Geography paper 2 1:00 Business Paper 2	<u>6 June</u> 9:30 English Language Paper 2 Contingency Afternoon	<u>7 June</u> 9:30 Biology Paper 2
<u>10 June</u> 9:30 Maths Paper 3	<u>11 June</u> 9:30 Chemistry Paper 2 1:00 Further Maths Paper 1	<u>12 June</u>	<u>13 June</u> Contingency Afternoon	<u>14 June</u> 9:30 Geography Paper 3
<u>17 June</u>	<u>18 June</u> 9:30 Design Technology	<u>19 June</u> 9:30 Further Maths & Food Prep and Nutrition	<u>20 June</u>	

IMPORTANT
w/c 27th May
Normal lessons and
revision sessions

13th June 24
Leavers Assembly

The EXAMS - Times

Morning exams 9.30am

Afternoon exams 1.00pm

Unless it is stated otherwise on your timetable.

Please Note:

- Exam durations vary and you may finish after the normal end of school day.
- School buses can not be held and will always leave at the normal time.
- Please ensure you know what time you will be finishing and you are able to get home from school.

Week 3 - 13 May 2024 to 17 May 2024

	Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May		Wednesday 15 May		Thursday 16 May		Friday 17 May		
Reg	English Literature Booster	Normal Lessons	French Booster	Normal Lessons	History Booster	Maths Booster		Chemistry Booster		Reg
Period 1		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons						Period 1
Period 2	English Literature Exam	Normal Lessons	French Listening /Reading Exam	Normal Lessons	History Paper 1 Exam	Maths Paper 1 Exam		Chemistry/Trilogy Chemistry Paper 1 Exam		Period 2
Period 3		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons						Period 3
Period 4	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Business Booster	Normal Lessons	Computer Science Booster	Normal Lessons	Religious Studies Booster	Normal Lessons	Geography Booster	Period 4
Period 5	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Business Paper 1 Exam	Normal Lessons	Computer Science Paper 1 Exam	Normal Lessons	Religious Studies Paper 2 Exam	Normal Lessons	Geography Paper 1 Exam	Period 5
Period 6	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Period 6
Period 7				Maths EPL		Chemistry EPL		English Literature EPL		Period 7

NEAs

- Non-Examination Assessments
- A percentage of the final GCSE in the following subjects:
 - DT Food – 50%
 - DT Materials-50%
 - Art – 100%
- Take place in lessons often under exam conditions.
- All subjects have started these elements of the course already and students have been working on these over a period of time.
- 100% effort every lesson.
- P7s often used to support these elements

NEA DEADLINES

DT Food: 19th April 24

DT Materials: 30th April 24

Art and Design: 17th May 24

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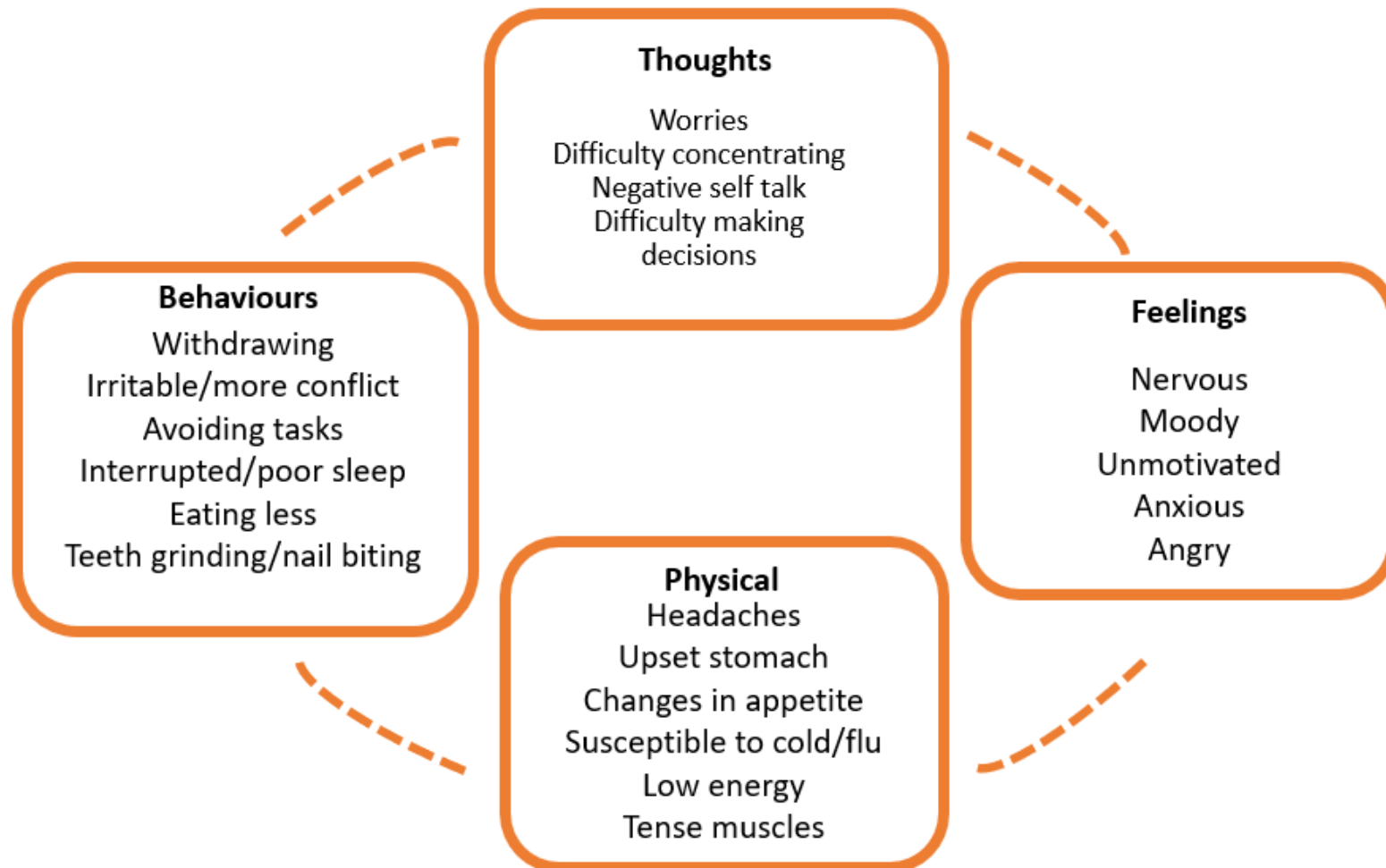
Exam Stress

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- Stress is a normal response to situational pressures or demands, especially if they are perceived as threatening or dangerous.
- Stress is the result of brain chemicals, called hormones, surging through the body.
- A certain amount of stress is a normal part of daily life.
- Small doses of stress can be helpful and helps you to be prepared to meet deadlines, be prepared for presentations or exams, be productive.



Signs of stress



Have a healthy balance



STRESS MANAGEMENT IN YOUR LIFE



YOUNGMiNDS

Worry
tree



**Websites and
apps**



Avoiding revision won't help



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Revision

Content Techniques

- Reading class notes
- Using resources/websites recommended by school
- Using course textbooks/revision guides
- Mind maps/Diagrams
- Flashcards
- Highlighting/colour coding



Skills Techniques

- Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- Reading model answers
- Using past exam questions and planning answers



Feedback Techniques

- Marking your own work to a mark scheme
- Studying mark schemes or examiner reports
- Working with other students
- Comparing model answers against your own work
- Creating your own exam questions
- Handing in extra exam work for marking
- One to one discussions with teachers



How to Revise – Planning and Timetabling

Spacing

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	30	30	30	30	Relax!	30
30	30	30	30	30		30

Interleaving

M	T	W	T	F
ENGLISH	GEOGRAPHY	MATHS	SCIENCE	FRENCH
MATHS	FRENCH	SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY	ENGLISH
SCIENCE	ENGLISH	FRENCH	MATHS	GEOGRAPHY

- Have a really clear idea of what revision you are completing and what topic you are concentrating on.
- Think carefully about what exams are first and then work backwards.
- Build in breaks and when you are at school – but it is now the time to get started.

How can those at home support?

- Ensure revisers have the tools they will need – colour helps to remember, highlighters help to pick out keywords/themes/points, post-it notes are moveable and revision cards are great for keeping topics together
- Revision space
- En up discussions about revision, e.g. 'what are you learning?'
- If you have some paper handy ask your child to write down 3 facts about a particular topic.
- Go over some flashcards and remove a card that has been correctly answered 3 times.
- Remind students of the importance of purposeful practice and feedback.

How to Revise: Online revision websites



Exam Boards

AQA

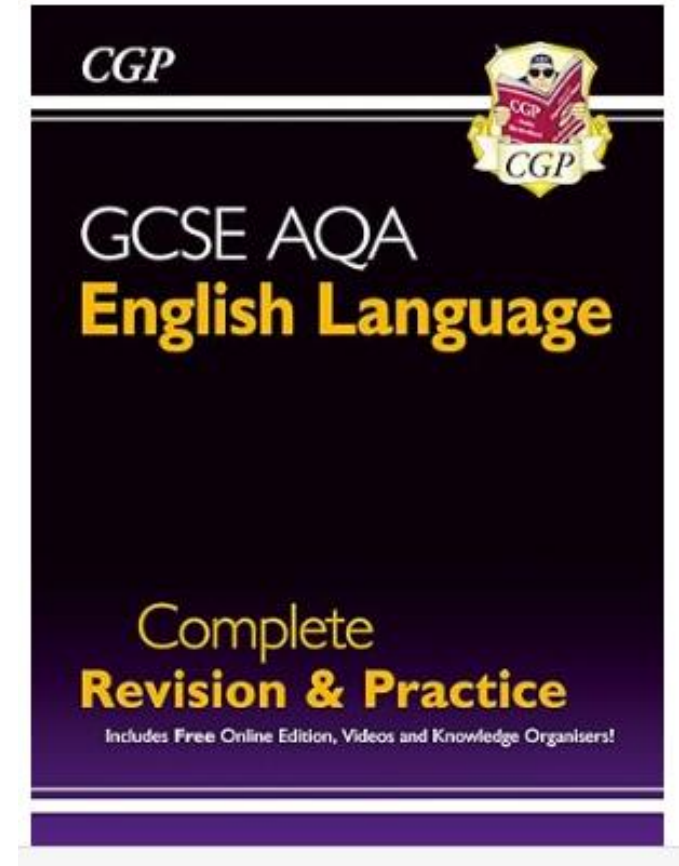
- English
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Art
- D&T
- Drama
- RE
- Food
- French

Edexcel

- Maths
- Business Studies

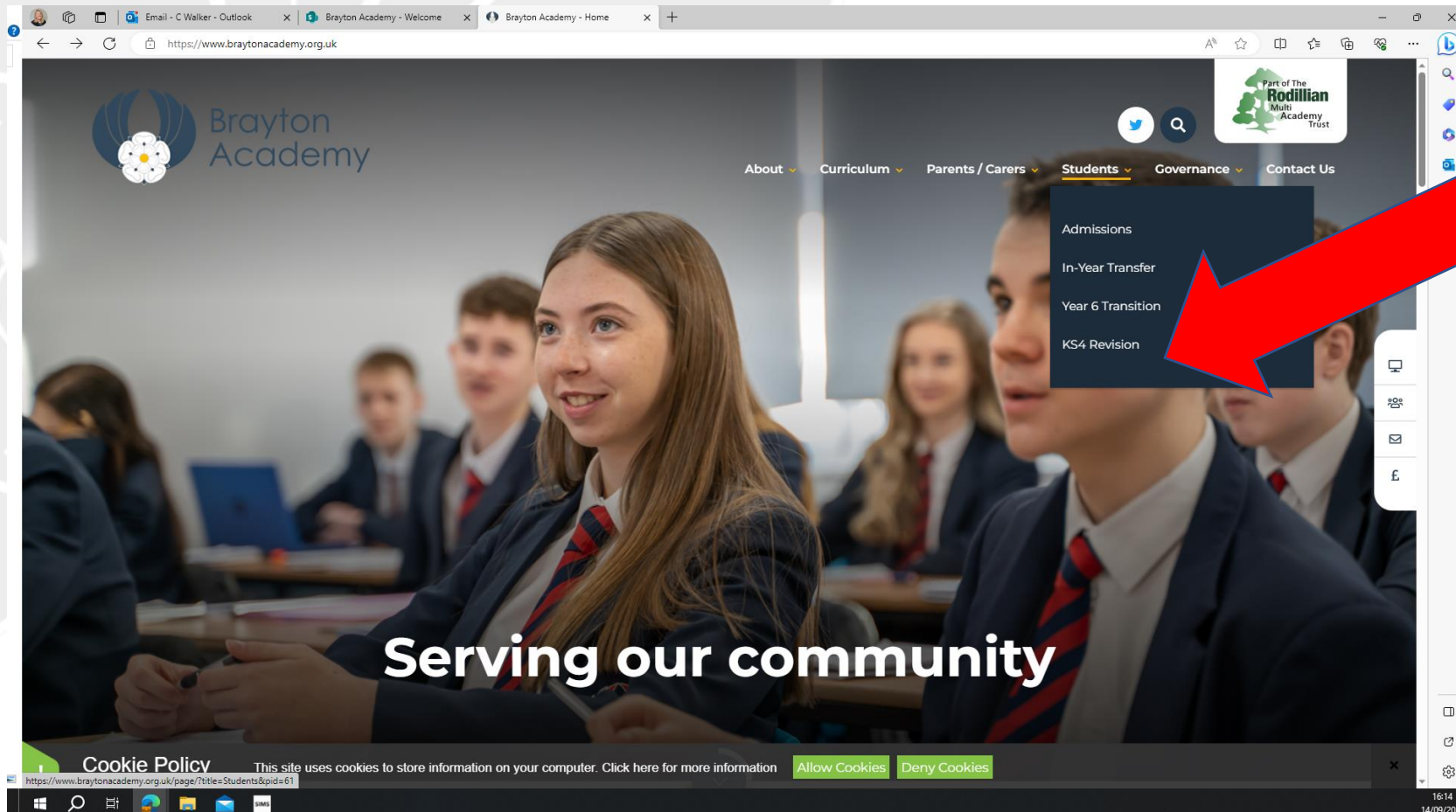
OCR

- Computer Science
- PE



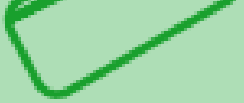

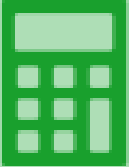


Revision Materials

Materials from tonight's meeting plus ongoing revision materials can be found on our [website](https://www.braytonacademy.org.uk).





Exam Day Tips

What you will need:

- ☐ a clear pencil case 
- ☐ at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable 
- ☐ an approved calculator for relevant exams 
- ☐ appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams 
- ☐ a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label 

What you cannot take into exams:

- ☐ any type of phone 
- ☐ revision notes 
- ☐ any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)

Key Dates

Thursday 9th May 2024 – GCSE Examinations start (T&T – 3rd May).

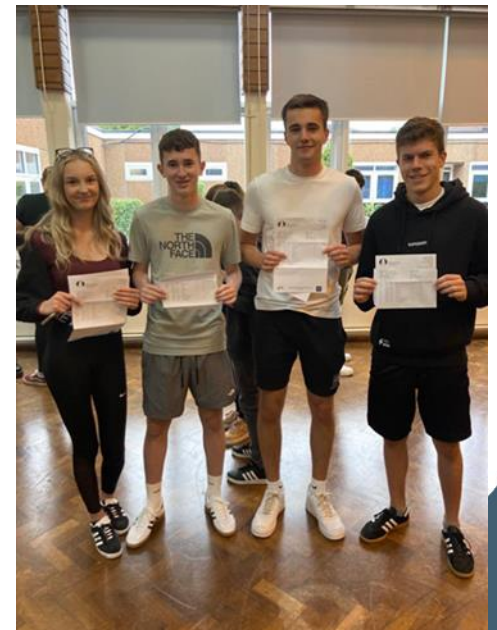
Monday 27th May 2024 – No examinations this week – students still in school.

Wednesday 19th June 2024 – Final Examination – during half term.

Thursday 13th June 2024 – Leavers Assembly

Thursday 4th July 2024 – The Prom

Thursday 22nd August 2024 – Results Day



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Thank you