

Welcome!!

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Getting A-level Ready

How should I best prepare for my A level courses?




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From strength to strength


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Thank you for your application to join Balcarras Sixth Form. The transition from GCSE to AS and A-level study is a challenging one, and there is no doubt that students who commit to completing preparatory work prior to the commencement of their A-level courses in September are able to meet these challenges with greater success. Please find attached recommended preparation work for the all the post-16 course we offer at Balcarras, including advice on preparing for your EPQ too. If you would like further advice or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me at dl@Balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk. Good luck with your GCSEs!

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Interactive worksheets/videos:

<https://time2resources.co.uk/blog/preparing-year-11-students-for-year-12-business-qualifications-with-inside-aid/>

Benjamin Graham

The classic book on stock market investment, as recommended by Warren Buffet.

You should have found our 'Getting A-level Ready' preparatory work on the website, and we have emailed this to all applicants also. We hope this is of use to you, and helps to provide a real flavour of the content and character of the subjects you have opted to study. If you have any subject-specific questions, please do email Mr Leatherbarrow: dl@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

GCSE Result Day

What should I do on GCSE results day?

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 25th August. You will need to check your school's website for what your specific arrangements.

If you have met the entry criteria for conditional offer to join Balcarras, and are happy with your courses, your place will be confirmed.



Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance, Mrs Derrick, and Ms Crowley will be able to advise you on admissions and options from 9:30am – 4:00pm at Balcarras.

We will also be available on Friday 26th, 9:30am – 12:30pm should there be a need to discuss your options for the academic year ahead.

If you no longer wish to take up your conditional offer at Balcarras, and pursuing other post-16 options, please do notify us as soon as possible by emailing Mrs Crowley: CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

GCSE Results Day

What to do next:

Balcarras Students

If you have met the entry criteria for your conditional offer, brilliant! If you don't wish to change your subjects you can go home, but please confirm with us in person or by email that you intend to accept your place. We will see you in September!

However ...

If you do wish to change a subject, or your results means you have not met the admission criteria for your chosen courses and you have been asked to meet with us, then please speak to Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance or Mrs Derrick.

Don't go home until you have sorted it out!

We will be in school until 3:30pm.

Results Day

What to do next:

Non Balcarras Students

If you have met the entry criteria for your conditional offer, brilliant! If you don't wish to change your subjects, please confirm with us in person or by email that you intend to accept your place. You will need to **complete the "Results Summary Sheet"** and bring it to us in person, or attach it to your e-mail.

However ...

If you do wish to change a subject, or your results means you have not met the admission criteria for your chosen courses and you have been asked to meet with us, then please speak to Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance or Mrs Derrick.

Most importantly, please confirm that you are definitely intending to accept your place (or have decided not to), in person or by email midday on Friday 26th August!

Results Day

What to do next:

If you need to contact us during the summer, or are away from Cheltenham in August as dealing with results and enrolment by email, the email addresses to use are:

DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Changing Subjects

If I want to change one of the subjects I have opted for, what should I do?



If you have any subject-specific questions, please do email either:

Mr Leatherbarrow: DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Or

Mrs Crowley: CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

We will look at every enquiry. Any changes to subject options will be dependent on availability (in terms of timetable availability and subject capacity) and you meeting the relevant GCSE entry criteria.

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Changing Subjects

If I do not meet the GCSE entry criteria for one of the subjects I have opted for, what should I do?



Once you have received your GCSE exam results, if you have missed the entry criteria in one or more subjects, do contact us:

Mr Leatherbarrow: DL@Balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Or

Mrs Crowley: CC@Balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

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Tutor Groups

When will I know who my tutor is, and where I will be registering?

We will not be forming the 2020-22 tutor groups until our cohort is confirmed. This will not be possible to confirm until after the GCSE results are published on 25th August.

On the first day of school on Friday 2nd September all Year 12 students will find their tutor group lists on the Events noticeboard at the Sixth Form entrance, and on the noticeboard in the Sixth Form Common Room.

All the tutor groups will be fully integrated and comprise a mixture of students from all the Houses at Balcarras, along with students who are joining Balcarras from other schools.

Our Year 12 tutors will be:

12A	Mr Seguin	-	MFL
12B	Mrs Collinson	-	Psychology
12C	Mr Cooper	-	Computer Science
12D	Mr Sexton	-	History & Politics
12E	Mr Perry	-	Business Studies & Economics
12J	Miss Wranosky	-	English & Drama
12K	Mr Daniels	-	MFL
12L	Mrs O'Mahoney & Mrs Sweeney	-	Mathematics
12M	Mrs Timpson	-	Psychology

First Day of Year 12

What is the plan for the first day of term?

On the first day of school on Friday 2nd September all Year 12 students will find their tutor group lists on the Events noticeboard at the Sixth Form entrance, and on the noticeboard in the Sixth Form Common Room.

Tutor groups will receive their timetables. In addition to the 36 subject lessons over the two-week timetable, you will also find other on your timetable:

- EPQ
- Futures
- Sixth Form Games
- Sixth Form Speaker
- Study

If you are studying French, Russian or Spanish, you will also have an MFL speaker session which will need to be arranged in one of your allocated Study lessons.

Students who are new to the school will also receive their log-ins for the school network, email and virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in the first week, and newly enrolled students will receive their cashless catering cards and log-in details for Scopay.

Over the course of the first two weeks of term, all the students who are new to the school will be invited to join Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance and tutors for break time breakfast where any other f.a.q.'s can be addressed.

Getting A-level Ready

I will be travelling some distance to attend Balcarras, and I am concerned about travel arrangements and costs. What should I do?



Each and every year we welcome a number of students from different parts of the county, and many of our Sixth Form students who travel from Winchcombe, Cirencester and Tewkesbury rely on public transport.

For those who do rely on public transport, please be aware that you can apply for bursary support each term to help you cover your transport costs. Any students facing any other financial difficulties can also apply for bursary support.

If you do wish to explore the bursary support, then please contact:

Mr Constance: MBC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Or

Mrs Crowley: CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk



Enjoy your summer!
See you in September!