



# Welcome to our Year 10 Information Evening

Croeso i'n Noson  
Wybodaeth Blwyddyn 10



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# Core subjects in Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- Cymraeg- Welsh
- GCSE Skills
- English Language
- GCSE Mathematics & Numeracy
- Science
- PE



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# Cymraeg



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# TGAU – Cymraeg Ail Iaith

## GCSE – Welsh Second Language

Mrs Helen Wareing  
Bilingualism and Welsh Coordinator



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# TGAU – Cymraeg ail iaith

- 2 Lessons per week in Year 10 and 11
- All students will be sitting the Welsh GCSE
- Full Course Qualification
- There are 4 units

Pam? *Why?*

- Government Target – 1 million Welsh Speakers by 2050
- Welsh is a skill being increasingly demanded by employers across Wales
- Being bilingual increases employment opportunities



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## Unit 1 – Year 10 Speaking Exam

- April 2023
- 25% of the overall GCSE.
- Students are required to work in a pair or a group of three discussing a video clip.
- Based on a topic from the GCSE course.
- Revision materials available on Google Classroom.

## Unit 2 – Year 11 Speaking Exam

- April 2024
- 25% of the overall GCSE.
- Students are required to work in a pair or a group of three discussing an information sheet.
- Based on a topic from the GCSE course.
- Revision materials available on Google Classroom.

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## Unit 3 & 4 – Year 11 Exams

- In summer 2024, Year 11 students will sit the unit 3 & 4 reading and writing examinations.
- Unit 3 is worth 25% and Unit 4 is worth 25% of the overall GCSE.
- Opportunities for students to practise the format of the exam questions in their Welsh lessons.
- There will also be revision materials including available on Google Classroom.



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# GCSE Skills



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# GCSE Skills Challenge Certificate

## *Tystysgrif Her Sgiliau TGAU*

Mr Osian Pugh Jones

KS4 Welsh Baccalaureate Coordinator

*Cydlynnydd Fagloriaeth Cymru CA4*



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# Structure - *Strwythur*

| Skills Challenge Certificate components | Weighting | Assessed Skills  | Internal Assessment | External Moderation |
|---|-----------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Individual Project                      | 50%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy</li> <li>Numeracy</li> <li>Digital Literacy</li> <li>Planning and Organisation</li> <li>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</li> </ul> | ✓                   | ✓                   |
| Enterprise and Employability Challenge  | 25%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numeracy</li> <li>Digital Literacy</li> <li>Creativity and Innovation</li> <li>Personal Effectiveness</li> </ul>                                  | ✓                   | ✓                   |
| Global Citizenship Challenge            | 25%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy</li> <li>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</li> <li>Creativity and Innovation</li> </ul>   | ✓                   | ✓                   |

Graded A\*-C for Level 2 or Pass/ Pass\* for Level 1.

All components are taught in Year 10

No examinations



## Enterprise and Employability Challenge (25%)

- Developing and creating a product/ business.
- Dragon's Den Presentation
- Castell Alun Christmas Fair
- £3,200 raised last Year for Hope House



## Global Citizenship Challenge (25%)

- Exploring a global issue e.g BLM, Abortion, Climate Change
- Writing a 800 word essay about a global issue
- Raise awareness of global issue

## Individual Project (50%)

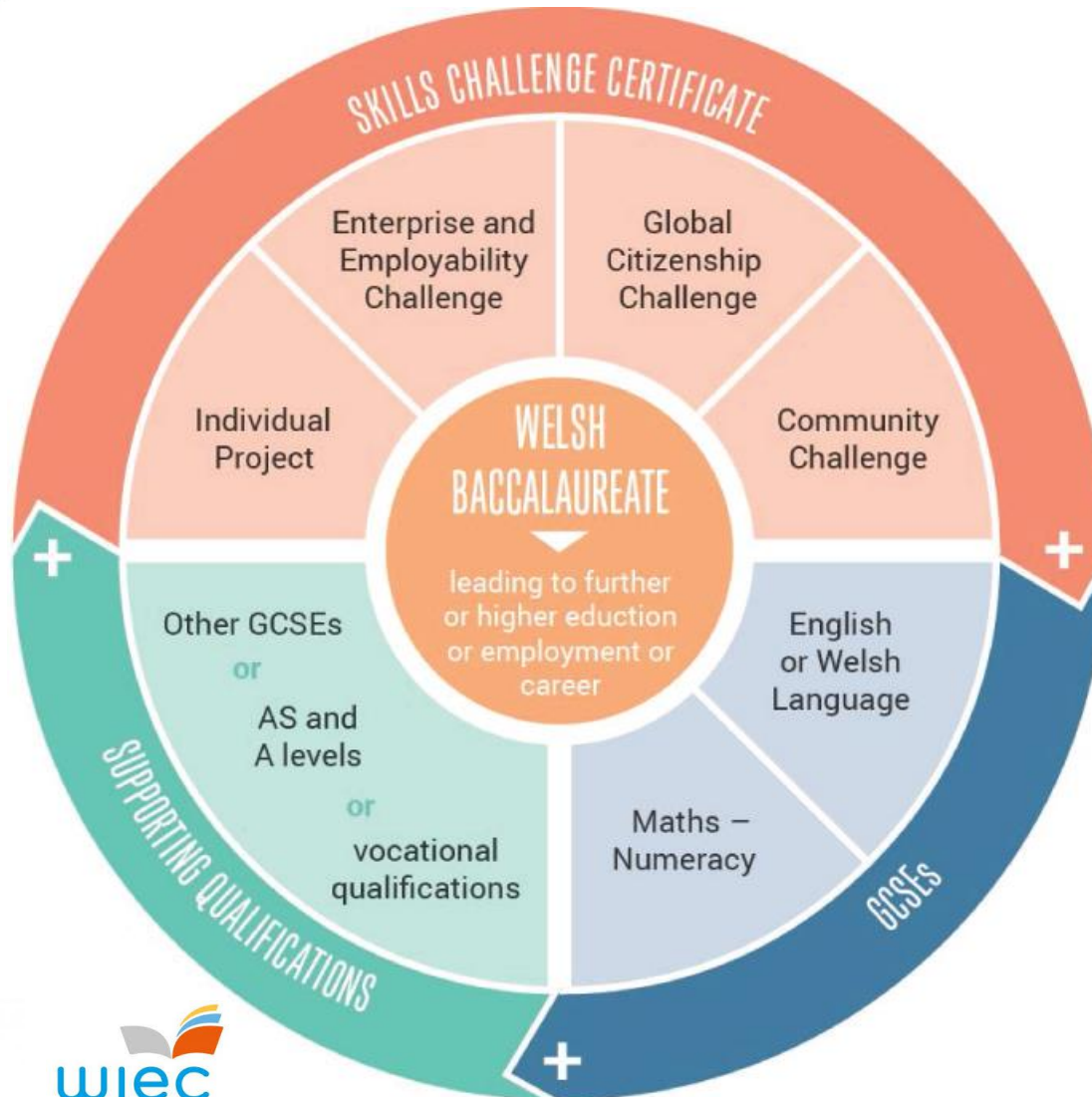
- Research Project – 2000 words maximum
- Topic of student's choice
- Preparation for independent study



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# Welsh Baccalaureate – *Bagloriaeth Cymru*



The Welsh Bacc Qualification is made through combining the Skills Challenge Certificate grade with English + Maths GCSEs and three other qualifications

National Welsh Baccalaureate = Level 2 Pass

Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate = Level 1 Pass



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# English



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# **Route 1- English Language and English Literature**

## **Groups 10X1, 10X2, 10X3, 10Y1, 10Y2, 10Y3, 10X4**

October: Individual Presentation (10% of Language grade)

March: Shakespeare Controlled Assessment (12.5% of Literature grade)

June 2023 GCSE Literature Exam Unit 2 (40% of Literature grade)



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# Route 2- Entry Level English and English Language Groups

10Y4, 10X5, 10Y5

October: Topic Tests

November: Practical/Oracy

February/ March Topic Tests

June: Entry Level Exam

Summer Term and Year 11- Students will prepare  
for GCSE English Language



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# Science



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# GCSE SCIENCE PATHWAYS

- DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE
- APPLIED SCIENCE (DOUBLE AWARD)
- SEPARATE SCIENCES



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All pathways have GCSE exams  
this year, which contribute to  
the OVERALL SCIENCE GRADE



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# EXAM DATES Summer 2024

10<sup>th</sup> June – Biology + Applied  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Chemistry  
17<sup>th</sup> June - Physics

Provisional WJEC exam timetable (Sept. 2023)



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# Double Award SCIENCE



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5 lessons (5hrs) per week  
Currently taught on a rota (classes S, C and N)

| lesson  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | New week | 1 | 2 | 3 | etc |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|-----|
| subject | B | C | P | B | C |          | P | B | C | etc |



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# ONE QUALIFICATION, worth TWO GCSEs

Assessment: 3 units in Year 10, 3 units in Year 11

Each unit = 15%

**45% of the qualification completed in year 10**

45 % in year 11.

Additional 10 % is a practical exam in January + February  
of Year 11.

**Exams are tiered: HIGHER and FOUNDATION.**

Students can take H tier in some units and  
F tier in others.



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# Double Award APPLIED SCIENCE



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|               |                                       |              |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>UNIT 1</b> | <b>Written exam YEAR 10</b>           | <b>22.5%</b> |
| UNIT 2        | Written Exam Year 10                  | 22.5%        |
| UNIT 3        | Written exam Year 11                  | 25%          |
| UNIT 4        | Task based      Nov- Dec Year 11      | 20%          |
| UNIT 5        | Practical exam      Jan – Feb Year 11 | 10%          |





| Grade  | MAX. | A*  | A   | B   | C   | D   | E  | F  | G  |
|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Unit 1 | 180  | 162 | 144 | 126 | 108 | 90  | 72 | 54 | 36 |
| Unit 2 | 180  | 162 | 144 | 126 | 108 | 90  | 72 | 54 | 36 |
| Unit 3 | 200  | 180 | 160 | 140 | 120 | 100 | 80 | 60 | 40 |
| Unit 4 | 160  | 144 | 128 | 112 | 96  | 80  | 64 | 48 | 32 |
| Unit 5 | 80   | 72  | 64  | 56  | 48  | 40  | 32 | 24 | 16 |

Assessment UMS marks for each unit



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|         |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| UMS     | 720  | 680 | 640 | 600 | 560 | 520 | 480 | 440 | 400 |
| Subject | A*A* | A*A | AA  | AB  | BB  | BC  | CC  | CD  | DD  |
| Grade   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| UMS     | 360  | 320 | 280 | 240 | 200 | 160 |     |     |     |
|         | DE   | EE  | EF  | FF  | FG  | GG  |     |     |     |

15 point Grading scale – for both Double Awards

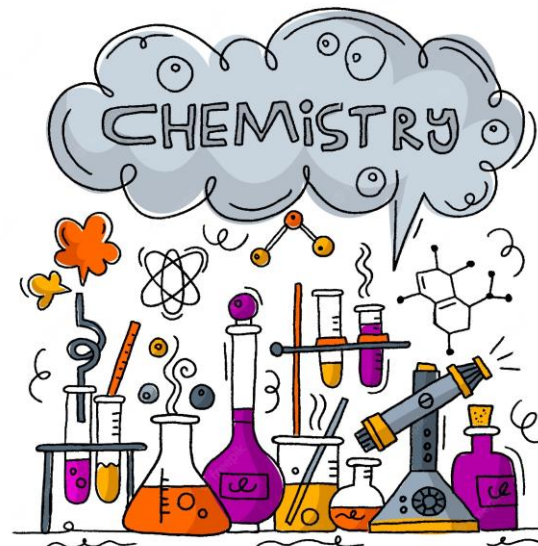
EVERY UMS MARK GAINED IN YEAR 10 and YEAR 11 COUNTS!



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# Separate Sciences



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| Subject grade | A*  | A   | B   | C   | D   | E   | F   | G  |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| UMS           | 360 | 320 | 280 | 240 | 200 | 160 | 120 | 80 |

**FOR EACH SUBJECT AREA:**

**Unit 1 (45%) in Year 10;**

Unit 2 (45%) and Practical Unit 3 (10%) in Year 11



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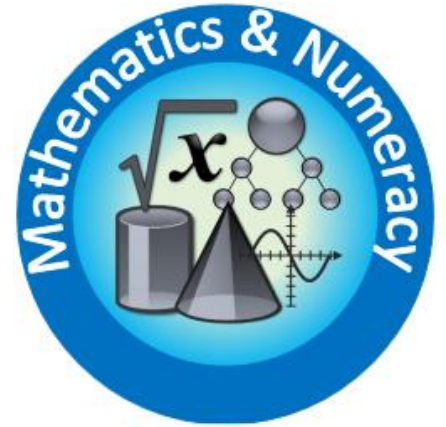
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# Mathematics and Numeracy



- Two separate GCSE qualifications
- 4 hours a week in Year 10 and 11
- 100% Exam based
- Each qualification comprises of a non-calculator and calculator paper
- Mock exams in February
- Possibility of being entered for an exam in Summer 2024 depending on progress during Year 10
- Some students may have the opportunity to study additional Mathematics in Year 11



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# EXAM DATES



## Mathematics - Numeracy GCSE

**9th May 2024**

**3rd June 2024**

## Mathematics GCSE

**16th May 2024**

**12th June 2024**



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# GCSE Physical Education

- The practical assessment = 50%
- It is important that students are observed at their best
- If performing/competing outside of school, they will need to be
- filmed for recorded evidence.
- Particularly important: skiing, horse-riding, mountain biking etc
- students need to be gathering this evidence now to support their
- practical assessment.
- The videos needs to be snippets of them competing, demonstrating
- specific skills and competitive elements.
- They should be clearly identified on the clips.



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# GCSE Physical Education

- All GCSE PE students have been given a Google Classroom Page to upload video evidence for all three sports. This should be ongoing until the moderation day in Year 11. I also have specific criteria for all the available sports on the WJEC syllabus, so if you require them, please contact me.
- If you would like further information regarding the practical aspect, please do not hesitate to contact me:  
[beccy.rowlands@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:beccy.rowlands@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk).



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## Year 10 Core PE

Year 10 students have one hour of compulsory PE a week. This is vital for their health and well-being and all students should be participating fully. Students will NOT be allowed to go to other subjects in this time, unless it has been arranged with the staff members. Students should also be bringing in full PE kit. The same sanctions will apply as we had in lower school for those not participating fully.



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# BTEC Business

## Exam Summer 2024: 25%



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# GCSE History

## Coursework Christmas term: 20%

## Exam Summer 2024: 25%



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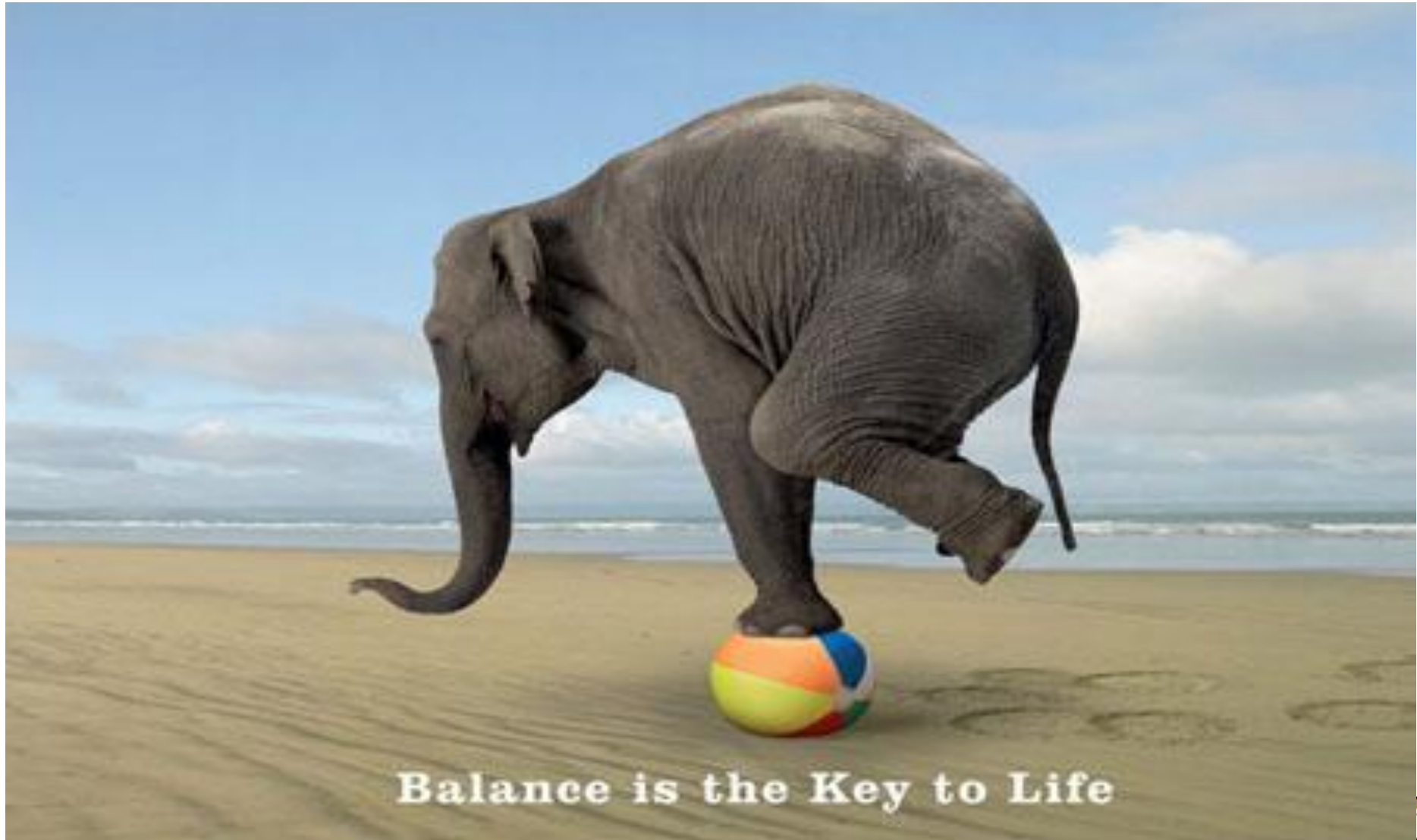
# GCSE Health and Social Care

Option line B: Exam May 2024: 50%

Option line A: Exam May 2025: 50%



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Balance is the Key to Life



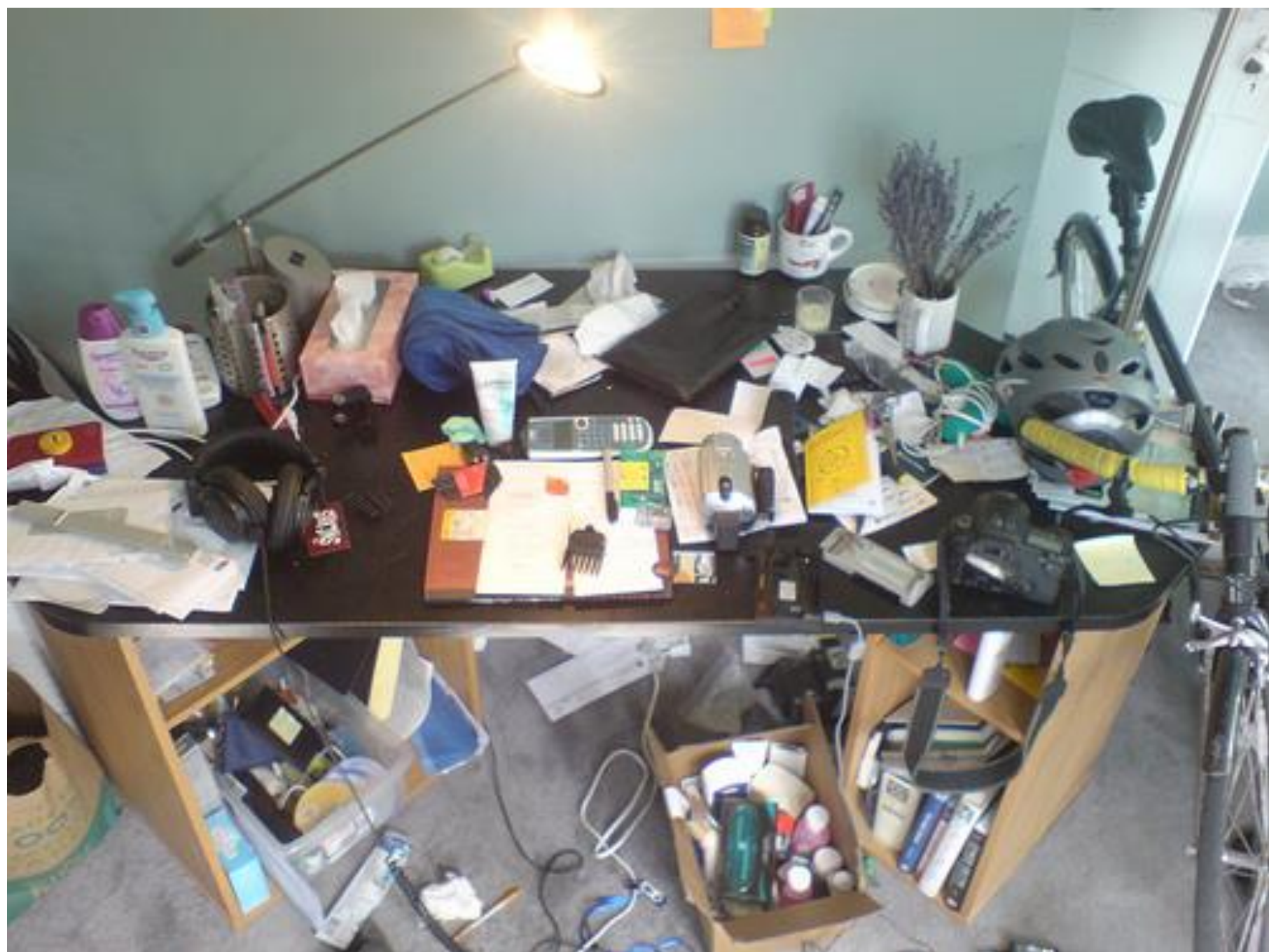
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Family  
and  
Friends





# Attendance

**90%** attendance means that a student misses the equivalent of **four weeks** of lessons in the school year.

