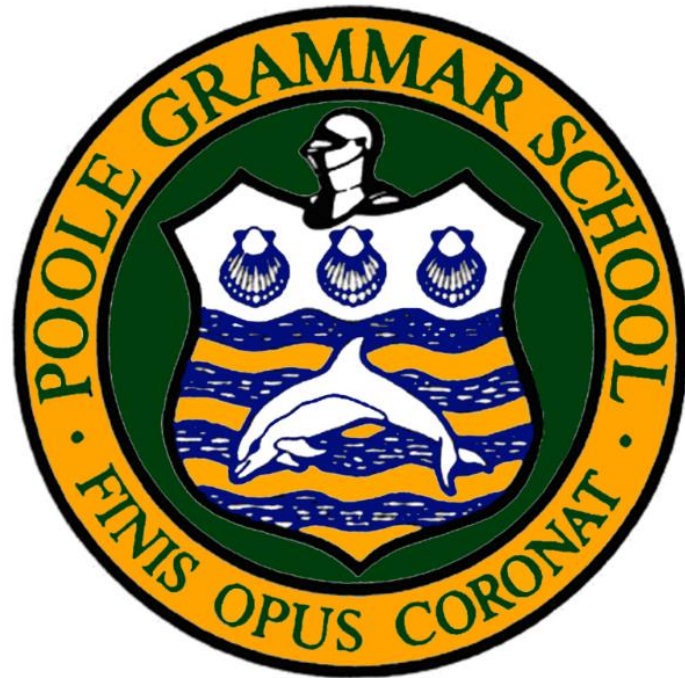


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Overview



1. Introduction & the range of post-16 qualifications

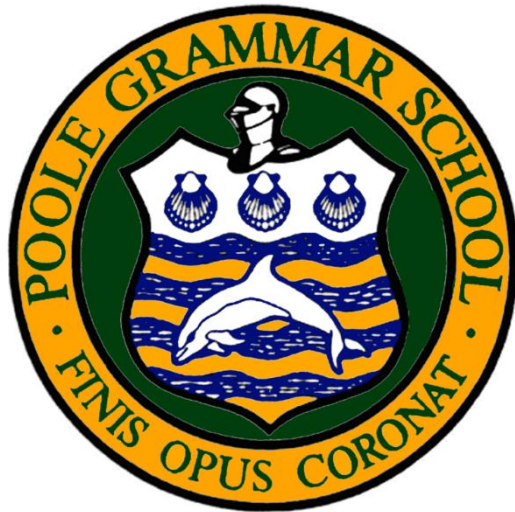
2. Studying at PGS Sixth Form

You can find this presentation on:

- Moodle – In Student Support – Joining the Sixth Form September 2020**
- PGS website under Sixth Form, Joining the 6th Form**

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1. Introduction & the range of post-16 qualifications

Introduction and changes to post-16 qualifications



- In 2020, 96% of Year 11 stayed on to our Sixth Form with a further 25 external students who joined us;
- The others moved to another school/college, sometimes to study A-levels and sometimes other courses, and historically, some to apprenticeships;
- The school offers full support for students, whatever their destination – impartial careers advice;
- For many, staying on at PGS has advantages – but make it a **POSITIVE CHOICE**.

Introduction and changes to post-16 qualifications



- You will be aware of changes to exams – at KS4 and KS5;
- At KS4, students are the fifth year to take the new GCSEs in English and mathematics, and the fourth year to take all other GCSE subjects (except DT);
- Since September 2017, there has been significant changes to the syllabus of **all A-level subjects** and change to the structure of exams;

Introduction and changes to post-16 qualifications



- The MAIN implication for reformed subjects is that students taking these subjects will take **all their external exams at the end of Year 13**. Any taken before this will not count towards the A-level. Instead, at the end of Year 12 students will be given a rigorous school mock examination that will determine UCAS predictions and progression to Year 13 in individual courses;
- We will offer students **three subjects in both Year 12 and Year 13**, although it is possible to study four subjects. Students can also add **Core Mathematics**, or an **Extended Project Qualification** to their programme;
- AS-levels will be available in a few subjects – as their syllabus will mirror the first year of A-level, allowing co-teaching.

What are the range of options post-16?



Changes to the law

Everyone has to be in some form of recognised education and training until at least their 18th birthday.

No-one will be forced to stay at school, there are a range of choices:

- **Full-time education:** such as school or college
- **Apprenticeships:** Job with learning
- **Training:** Part-time education/training for at least one day a week, if you are employed; self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

What are the range of options post-16?



Different post year 11 pathways

Academic
route

Vocational
route

Apprenticeship
route

Employment
route

What are the range of options post-16?



Different post year 11 pathways

Academic route

- Lots of young people choose to do A-levels post 16 and these are excellent general qualifications that are valued by employers and also universities. A-levels offer a great route to degree level study.
- Even if you decide to do A-levels at 16 you could still do a Higher Apprenticeship later. Many employers offering Higher Apprenticeships are asking for A-level grades and UCAS points - just like universities.

What are the range of options post-16?

Different post year 11 pathways

Vocational route

Many schools and colleges offer a range of vocational qualifications. By applying learning to real-life situations, these qualifications offer a more practical approach than more traditional A-level academic courses.

- **Vocational subjects** - related to a broad employment areas such as business, engineering, ICT, health and social care. These are called **Applied Vocational Qualifications** and are offered in schools and further education colleges.
- **Vocational courses** - that lead to specific jobs such as hairdressing, accounting, professional cookery or plumbing. These are called **Tech-levels** if they are level 3 courses. Mostly offered at further education colleges.

What are the range of options post-16?



Different post year 11 pathways

Apprenticeship route

If you have a job sector or career in mind then an **Advanced Apprenticeship** can be a great choice, as you will learn about a job area and get paid, and you could have a good chance of getting a job at the end of your training.

Some Advanced Apprenticeships now offer progression to a **Higher Apprenticeship or a Degree Apprenticeship**, which is a qualification equivalent to Higher Education. Competition for these courses is fierce.

What are the range of options post-16?



Different post year 11 pathways

Employment route

- Will involve working towards a nationally-recognised qualification (e.g. **NVQs** and **EDIs**) as well as being employed; self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.
- Often called 'day release' as the time spent on the training should be at least 1 day per week.

What are the range of options post-16?



All routes lead to higher education?

- If you have a particular degree or subject in mind, check out the entry requirements on the UCAS site (www.ucas.com), so that your post 16 choices are the right ones to ensure you get where you want to go post 18;
- If you don't know what you want to do at 18, but are considering higher education, choose a **broad range** of subjects in Year 12 so you have maximum choice of university subjects later;
- There are some A-level subjects regarded by virtually all universities as being acceptable. These are sometimes known as '**facilitating subjects**' such as maths, English literature, physics, biology, chemistry, history or geography or a language.

What are the range of options post-16?



Where to get help or advice

Mr Hannington
Careers & HE advisor

Your tutor and subject
teachers

The Sixth Form Team

www.ucas.com or individual
university websites

www.unistats.direct.gov.uk

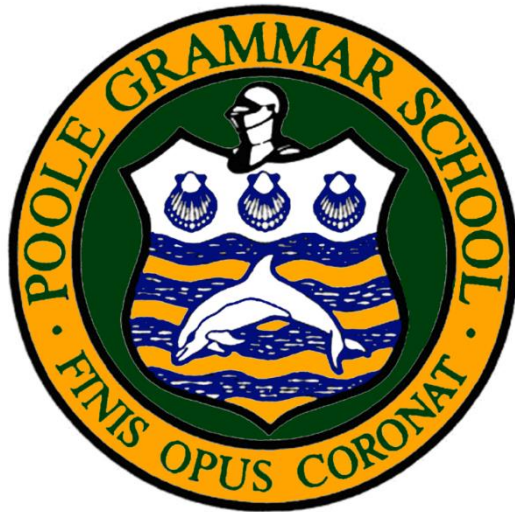
Websites of professional
bodies (e.g. Institute of Chartered
Accountants)

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

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2. Studying at PGS Sixth Form

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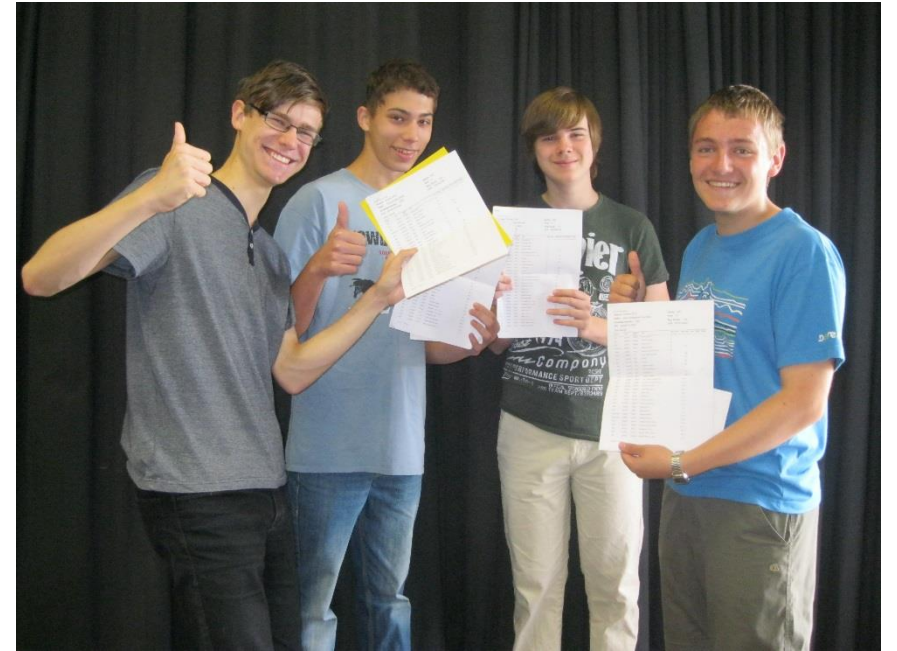
Why PGS Sixth Form?

2020 - Good results & progress

100% A-level pass rate A* - E

79.8% A-level pass rate A* - B

52 Student achieved at least
3 A grades



Progress of students was in the **top 25%** of all schools & colleges in England & Wales.

Studying at PGS Sixth Form



Why PGS Sixth Form? Excellent progression

86% of students applied to Higher Education in 2020

Of those who did not start University in 2020, many decided to take a GAP year and have reapplied for University for 2021

University subject	2020%	2019%
Business Management	8	7
Engineering	12	18
Healthcare Sciences	4	10
Humanities	19	19
Law	5	1
Maths & Computing	22	16
Medicine and Dentistry	6	6
Physical Sciences	16	14
Social Sciences	8	9

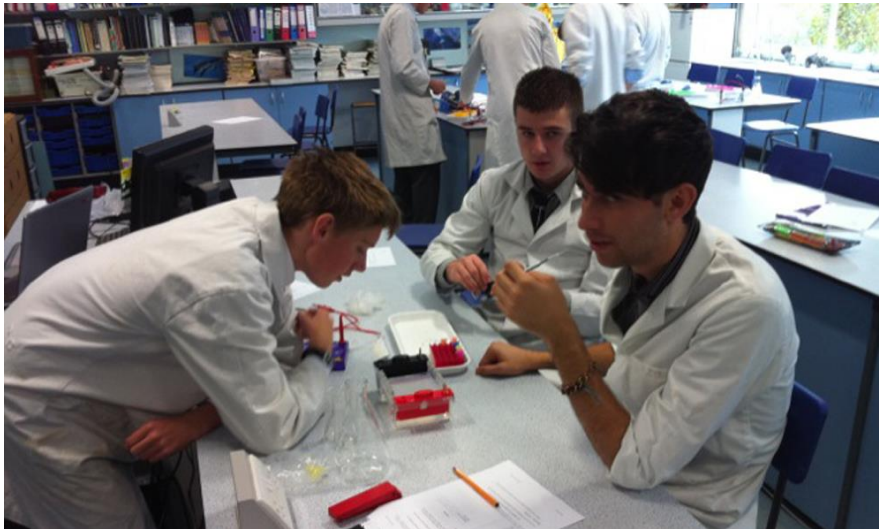
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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Curricular

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Enrichment / Sport



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Curricular

A student picks **three core subjects**.

Additionally students can study the following

non-core subjects:

Level 3 Mathematics (Core)

Further Mathematics (Applied)

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Curricular

27 core A-level subjects available:

Ancient History; Art; Biology; Business; Chemistry; Computer Science; DT Electronics; DT 3D Design (Graphics); DT Product Design; Drama & Theatre Studies; Economics; English Language; English Literature; French; Geography; Geology; German; Government & Politics; History; Mathematics; Media Studies; Music; Philosophy; Physics; Psychology; Sociology & Spanish.

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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Curricular

Mathematics subjects in the Sixth Form

Qualification	Entry requirement	Core or non-core
Level 3 Core Mathematics ⁺	GCSE maths 5	Non-core
A-level mathematics	GCSE maths 7	Core
A-level further mathematics*	GCSE maths 8 GCSE & further maths 7	Non-core

⁺Level 3 core mathematics can't be taken with A-level maths or A-level further maths and must be taken with 3 other core A-level subjects.

^{*}Further mathematics must be taken with A-level maths and 2 other core A-level subjects.

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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Curricular

Year 12 & Year 13: 9 lessons per cycle per subject

27 one hour lessons per fortnight

Non-timetabled lessons (10 per week) should be used for **private study**.

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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Enrichment / Sport

Year 12 & Year 13:

2 ½ hours per
week of tutorial +
1 lesson per
fortnight of PHSE

At least **1 lesson**
per week of
enrichment

At least **1 lesson**
per week of
sport

At least 10 hours per fortnight

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PGS Sixth Form study programmes

Enrichment / Sport

Enrichment



Running a club / society
e.g. PGS Law Society

Participating in an activity
e.g. Food Hygiene /
Critical thinking

Giving something back to
the school e.g. Year 7 / 8
mentoring

Giving something back to
the local community e.g.
helper at Montacute

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Enrichment / Sport

Sport

Athletics; Badminton;
Climbing; Cricket; Football;
Hockey; Rugby; Sailing;
Weights / Gym;
Windsurfing.



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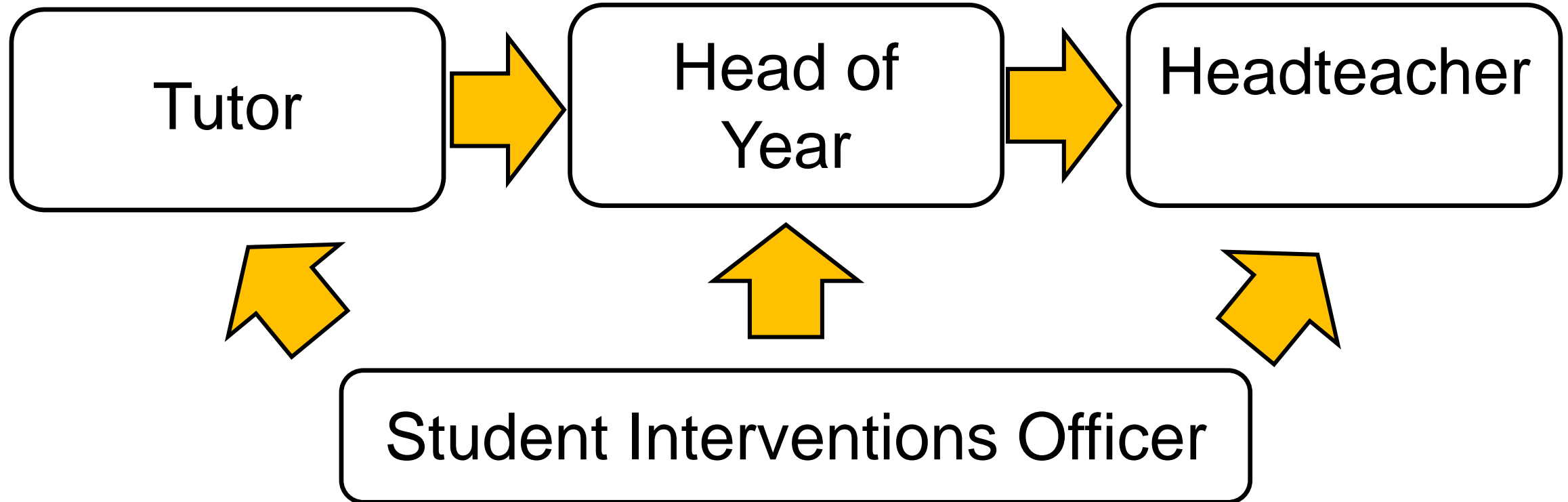
Student leadership opportunities

Prefect; Subject Ambassador; Club / Society Co-ordinator;
Lower Main School Mentor



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PGS Sixth Form pastoral care



**More independence, balanced with
monitoring and interventions**

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PGS Sixth Form entry requirements

5.5 mean score from the best 7 GCSEs

**Grade 5 or above in GCSE English
and GCSE mathematics**

Subject specific requirements:

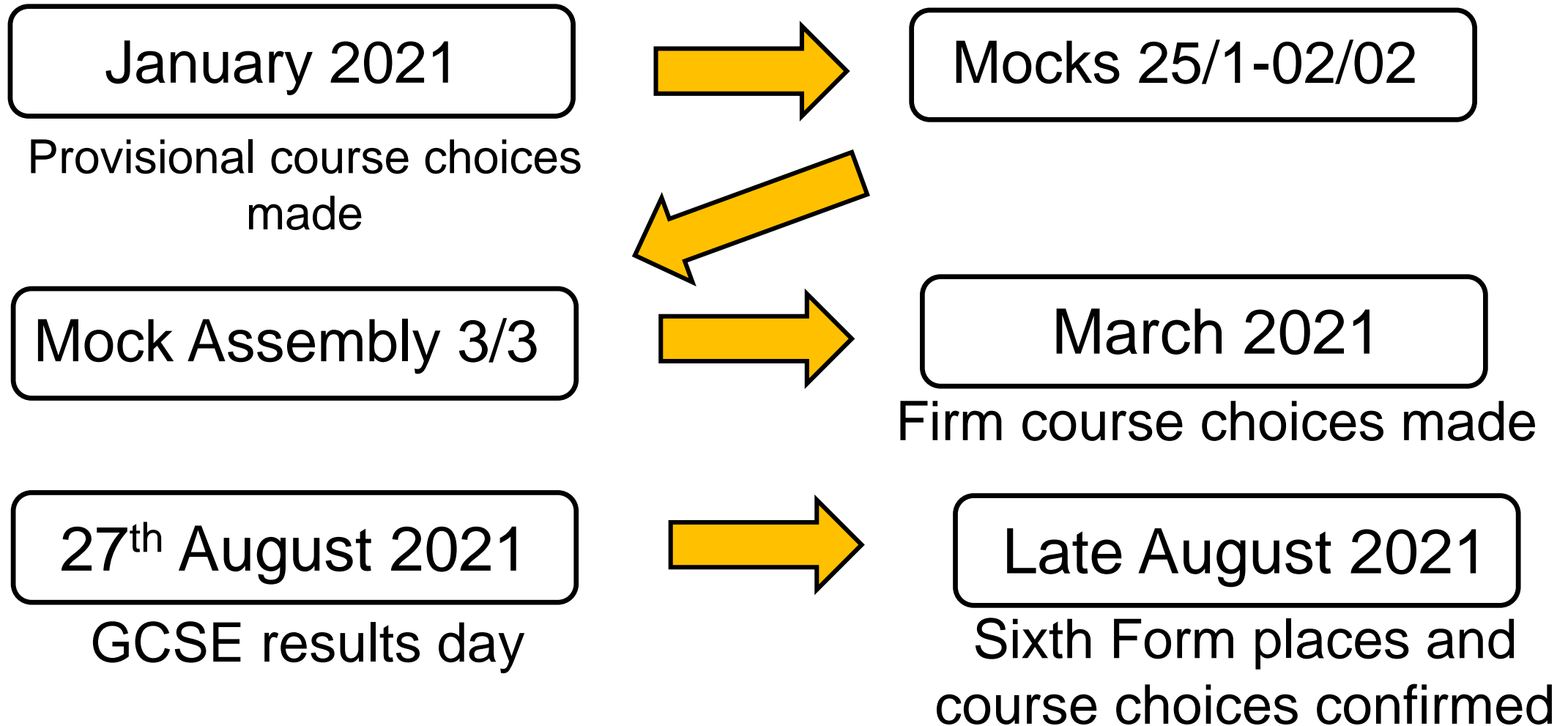
Mostly grade 6 in the relevant GCSE(s)*

***See Sixth Form Course Directory for subject by subject entry requirements**

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PGS Sixth Form application process



Tuesday 6th Sept 2021 – Induction day for Year 12 students