



Year 9 2026/27



GCSE Years





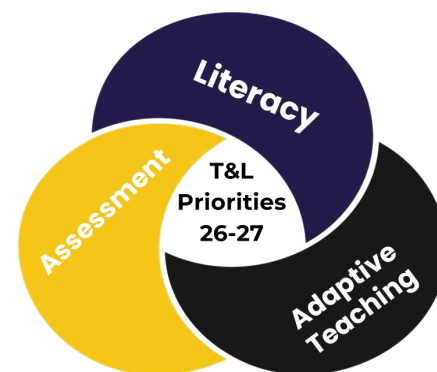
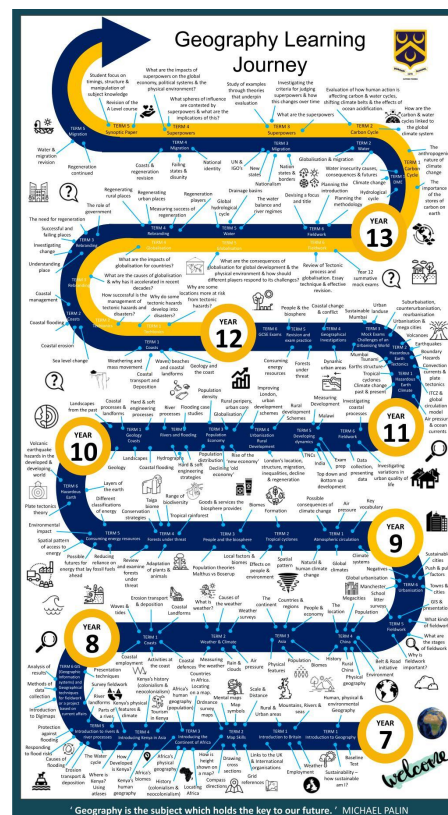
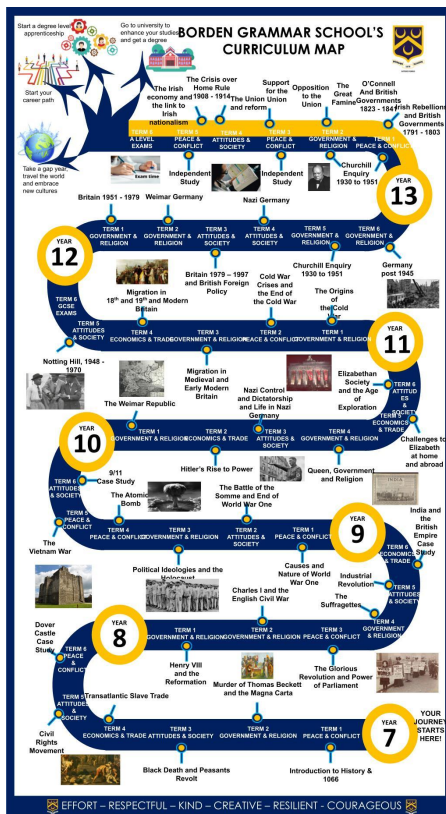
Excellent Outcomes

KS4 attainment	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
5+ 9-4 (%)	98	97	99	94	96
5+ 9-5 (%)	89	90	87	85	86
9-7 (%)	43	37	39	41	37
En/Ma grade 5+	89	92	85	83	83
Ebacc 4+	44	62	58	53	58
Attainment 8	64.2	62.7	63.1	63.2	62.6
P8 (PP)	-0.36	-0.35	-0.01	0.48	0.22
P8 Overall	0.09	0.19	0.26	0.77*	1.02

KS5 Outcomes	2026
%A*/A	31
% A*-B	65
% A*-E	99
APS/Entry	38
Progress	0.18

- 13 of our students gaining 3 A*/A grades or more
- Another 6 gaining 2 A*/A grades & 2 B grades
- Many going on to LSE, UCL, Imperial, Bath, Exeter, Loughborough, Warwick, York etc.

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
1				
T score - Single year score	5.33	4.67	4.33	3.00
T score - Single year grade	5	5	4	3
2				
RED teaching & learning %	18.9%	22.6%	20.3%	51.8%
RED teaching & learning grade	5	5	5	3
3				
BLUE teaching & learning %	31.4%	26.2%	13.2%	2.7%
BLUE teaching & learning grade	5	5	4	3
4				
Provider A level Quality Indicator score	0.92	0.96	0.97	1.00
Provider A level Quality Indicator grade	6	4	4	3
5				
T score - Three year score			4.00	
T score - Three year grade			1	
6				
A levels on target %	56.3%	57.3%	64.6%	71.6%
A levels on target grade	6	5	5	3





Important dates

Y9 Options Exams: Monday 19th January

Y9 Options Choice Deadline: Friday 27th February

Expectations Evening *Thursday 24th September*

Options Evening *Wednesday 3th February*

Parents' Evening *Thursday 25th February*

Audit 1 *Friday 20th November*

Audit 2 *Thursday 11th February*

Audit 3 *Tuesday 20th July*





Thinking ahead

GCSE Exams...

Monday 7th May 2029

Y9 - 38

Y10 - 38 (35)

Y11 - 30 (26)

99 weeks remaining





GCSE Grading

How numerical grades compare with old ones

Old grades	Numerical grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 Strong Pass
	4 Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U





Organisation and Planning

What to do...

Clean tidy working space

- Organised by subject
- Colour coded
- Free from distractions

Correct equipment

- Pen, pencil, ruler, highlighters, calculator, headphones, anything subject specific

Sensible plan

- Cue cards, weekly revision or homework plan / timetable, folders, dividers, revision books

Technology as an aid

- Set reminders
- Revision apps
- Find a way to avoid use as distraction (Screen time passcode time limits)

An example of an effective revision space:



A quiet environment, such as a classroom or library

The resources you will need to revise using your chosen method

Put your phone on silent if you will need to use it or put it in another room.



A drink, such as a glass of water



The pens and pencils you will need to revise

A chair which is similar to the chair you use at school (not a sofa or bed)



Revision Techniques

- Do something with the information - flash cards, mind maps, explaining key ideas
- Switch it up – don't do the same thing all the time
- Test yourself – use Quizlet, Seneca or create your own
- Spread it out – don't leave it all until the end of the year
- Students have been guided towards revision materials - revision guides and flashcards in particular.



Attendance Matters

- Attend school on time, every day
- Parental reason given for all absence
- 95% attendance
- Please let us know if you have concerns at the earliest opportunity



Attendance Matters

Lateness = Lost Learning

***(Figures below are calculated over a school year)**

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Morning tutor time is being used to provide revision time, but also key resources and tips for revision. Being late will have a negative impact on your child, even if they are not missing a lesson.

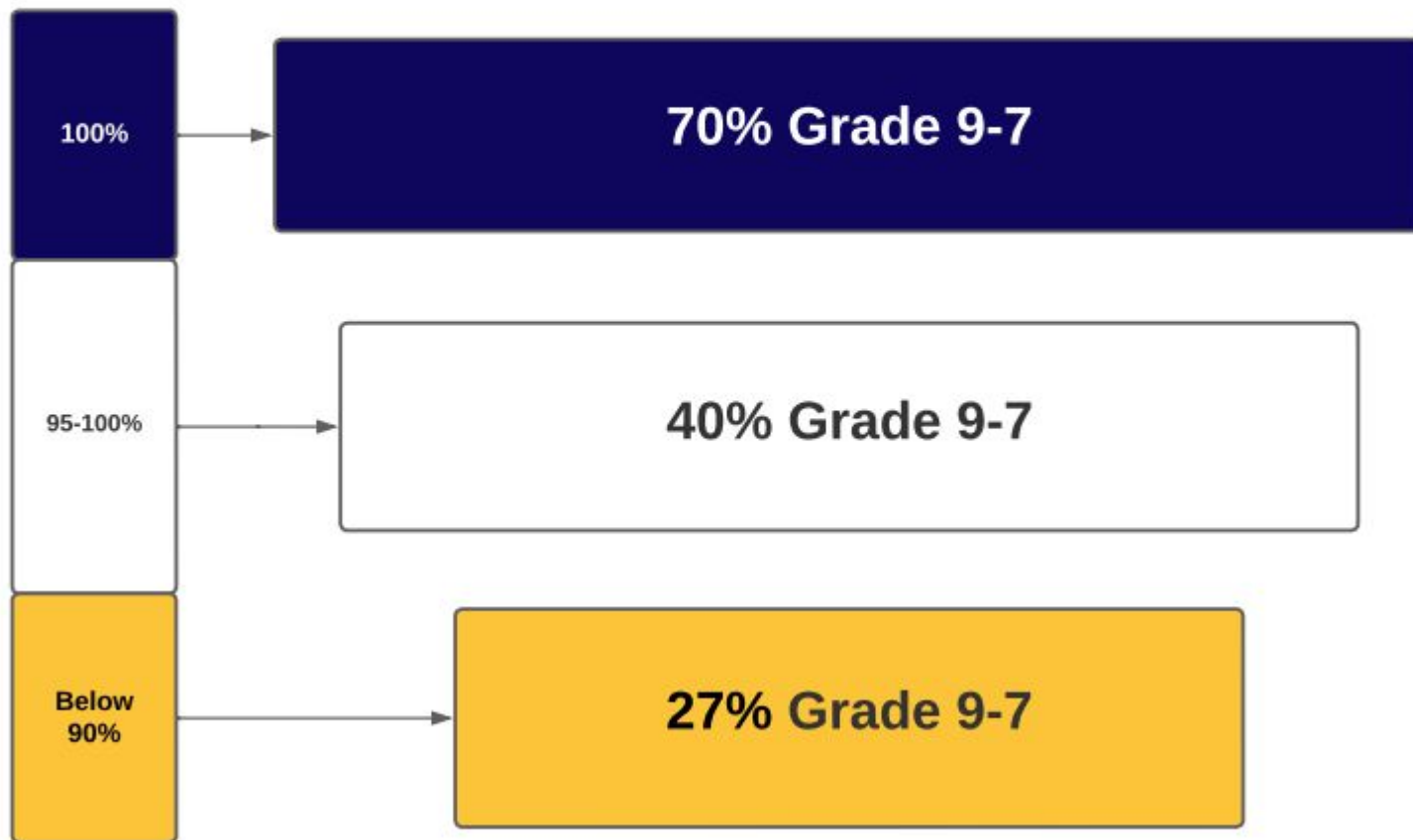


Attendance Matters

Borden 2023 GCSE Outcomes Based on Attendance

Attendance

Percentage Grade 9-7



Sleep





Sleep

1. Stick to a sleep schedule
2. Pay attention to what you eat and drink
3. Create a restful environment
4. Limit daytime naps
5. Include physical activity in your daily routine
6. Manage worries



Wellbeing



The other stuff...



BGS Charity Week





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You



They have to do one section for an extra 3 months

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Level	Training	Duration		Minimum hours of planned activity each day
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Bronze	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,		2 days and 1 night	At least 6 hours during the daytime (at least 3 of which must be spent journeying)

DofE Expedition Kit

Get prepared for expedition season. The DofE builds great partnerships with expert kit suppliers and manufacturers so we can recommend kit suitable for DofE expeditions.

[DOWNLOAD THE DOFE EXPEDITION KIT LIST](#)

KCC DELIVERY

The Education People Delivery are our expedition partners

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There will be a cost of approximately £180 for the combined practice and assessed expedition, plus £31 sign up cost. If this is likely to be a financial barrier to participation, please contact:

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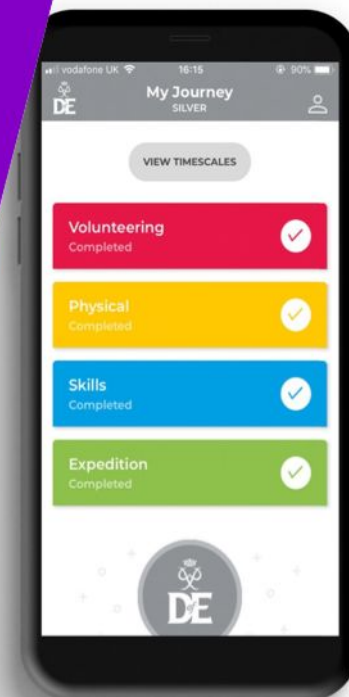
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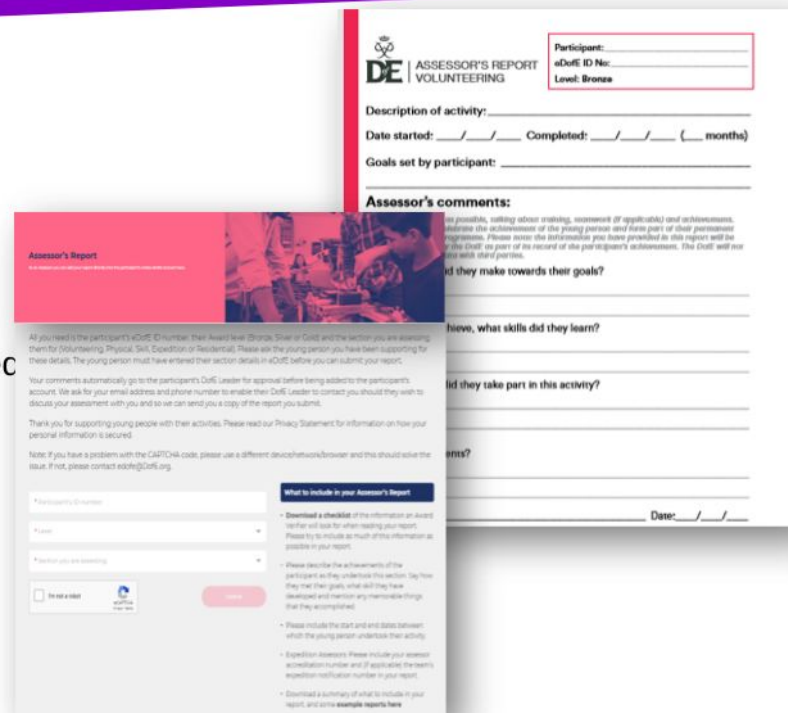
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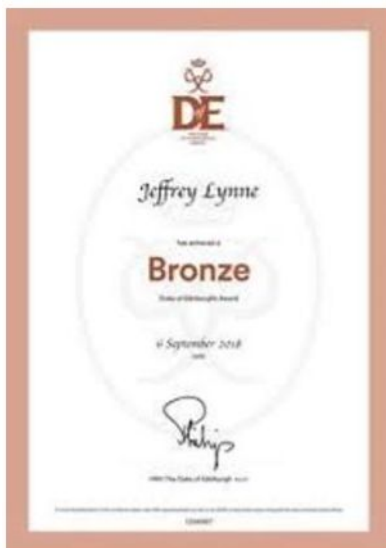
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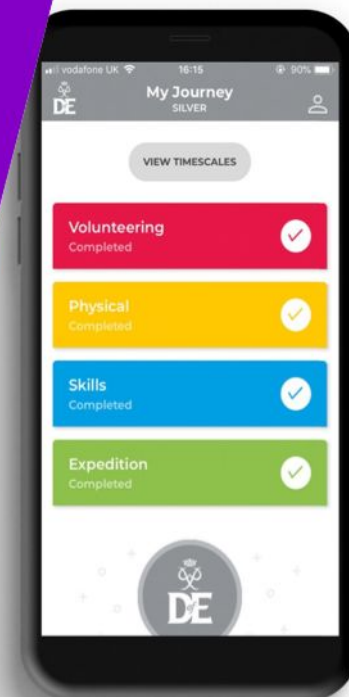
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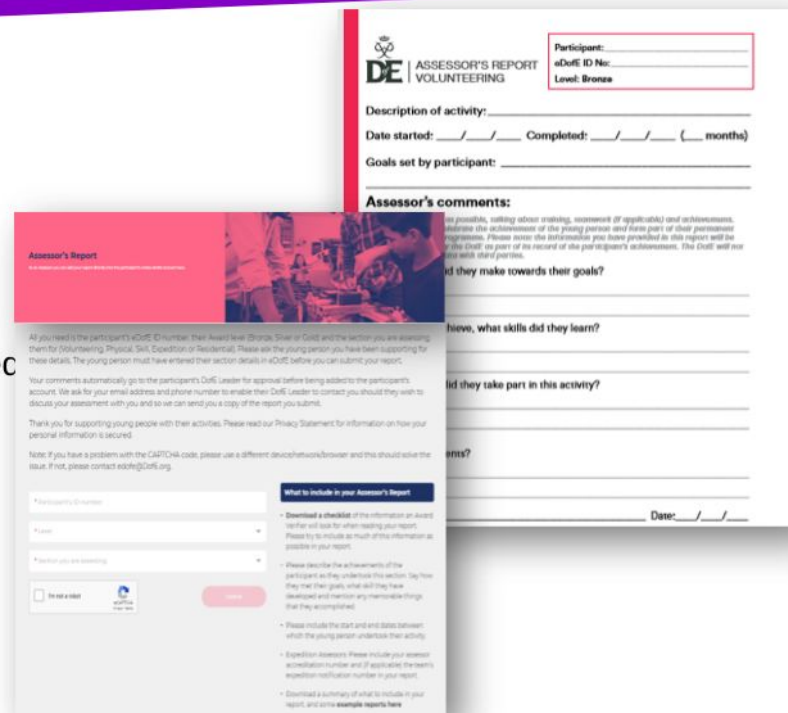
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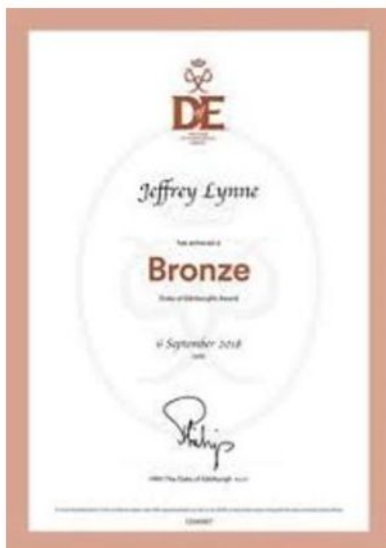
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