



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SPRING TERM 2024

15TH JANUARY 2024 - YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING 4:00PM - 6:30PM

25TH JANUARY 2024 - JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN SIXTH FORM INTERVIEWS

2ND FEBRUARY 2024 - YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

9TH FEBRUARY 2024 - END OF SPRING TERM 1

19TH FEBRUARY 2024 - START OF SPRING TERM 2

26TH FEBRUARY 2024 - YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 4:15PM - 6:00PM

22ND MARCH 2024 - END OF SPRING TERM 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SPRING TERM 2024

WE HOPE ALL PARENTS, PUPILS AND STAFF HAVE HAD A RESTFUL BREAK OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD. WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE BUSY SPRING TERM AHEAD!

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

A REMINDER TO PARENTS OF YEAR 11 PUPILS THAT MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024 FROM 4:00PM - 6:30PM IS YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING. JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH TEACHERS HOW YOUR CHILD IS PERFORMING AND THE ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO ENSURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR GCSE EXAMS.

POST-16 EDUCATION WITH ASTON VILLA: VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENING

ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, CURRENTLY IN YEAR 11 AND WANT TO COMBINE YOUR PASSION FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH YOUR FUTURE EDUCATION PATHWAY? THE ASTON VILLA FOUNDATION'S POST-16 FOOTBALL AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME COULD BE THE PLACE FOR YOU.

ASTON VILLA WILL BE HOLDING A VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2024 FROM 18:00-19:00 FOR YOU TO FIND OUT MORE.

COURSES ARE AIMED AT CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, DOING THEIR GCSES IN SUMMER 2024, READY FOR A SEPTEMBER 2024 START.

FIND MORE DETAILS HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.AVFC.CO.UK/FOUNDATION/OUR-AREAS/FOOTBALL-AND-EDUCATION/](https://www.avfc.co.uk/foundation/our-areas/football-and-education/)

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE: FOOTBALLANDEDUCATION@AVFC.CO.UK

DEODORANTS AND AEROSOL ITEMS

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE REMINDED THAT THE SCHOOL PROHIBITS PUPILS FROM USING DEODORANT, PERFUME, OR AEROSOL PRODUCTS TO PREVENT POTENTIAL ASTHMA TRIGGERS FOR OTHER PUPILS.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLANS

IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WILL RECEIVE A TEXT MESSAGE THROUGH THE SCHOOL GATEWAY, AND RELEVANT INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

UPDATED RECORD-KEEPING

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OF ANY CHANGES IN PERSONAL DETAILS, INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION, NAME, ADDRESS, ETC. THIS ENSURES THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

THE BIG DEBATE

Religious Studies Department @HHGS!

Benefits of DEBATING!

Develops critical thinking skills.
Supports presentation skills.
Builds research skills.

Allows quick-thinking.
Inspires articulation.
Allows for broader view of the world.

Shapes emotional control.
Nurtures resolution of conflict.
Builds greater empathy.
Helps find meaning in complex situations.

What can we do at home to support our young people to develop key 21st-century skills such as self-confidence, communication, and empathy. Take some time as a family to take part in the BIG debate statement that will be sent home weekly. Religious Studies debate-led practise puts our young people at the centre of their learning and equips them with the critical-thinking and leadership skills required to tackle big questions in the world.

RS Disposition: Being thankful.

Spring 1- Week 1

A good debate is more than just an argument: 'It's the ability to see one statement or idea from various perspectives, through critical thinking, critical listening and critical speaking.' *Leela Koenig*

What do you believe & why?

What would other religious traditions say?

What would non-religious traditions say?

JOB OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK'S JOB OF THE WEEK IS A LIGHTING ENGINEER

THE LIGHTING ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN SUPPORTS THE LIGHTING DESIGNER TO DESIGN AND SET UP THE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVE AND PRE-RECORDED EVENTS SUCH AS CONCERTS, TELEVISION SHOWS AND MOVIES. HE/SHE USES LIGHTING TO SET AMBIENCE, MOOD AND STYLE OF A STAGED EVENT.



FIND OUT MORE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=GSEV7QLRM34](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSEV7QLRM34)

EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

VICTORIAN RADICALS - FROM THE PRE-RAPHAELITES TO THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT

OPENS 10 FEB 2024. WED - SUN, 10AM - 5PM.

VICTORIAN RADICALS

From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts and Crafts Movement

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.

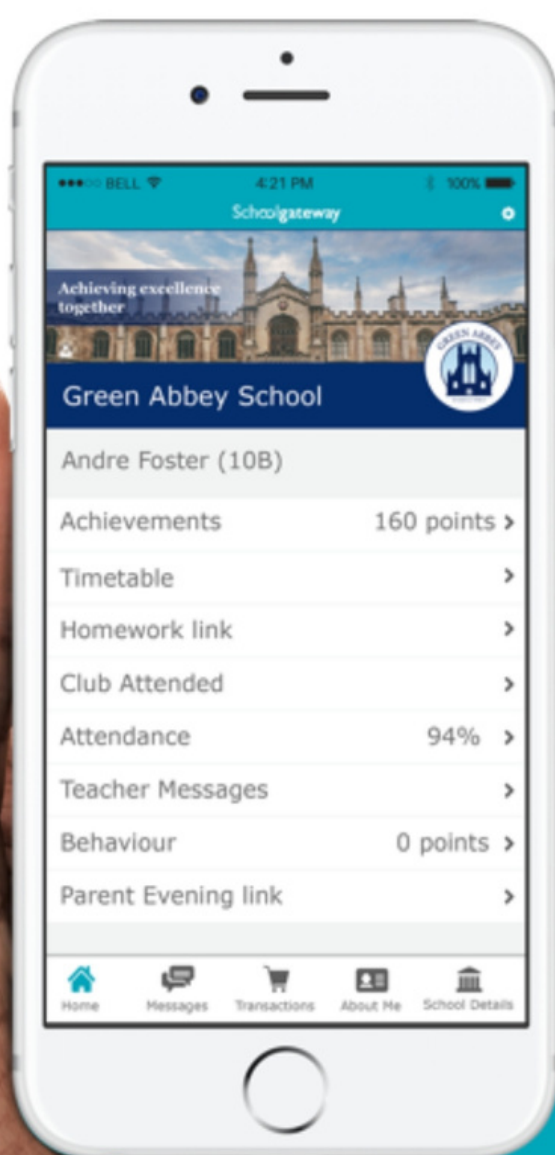


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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024

SPRING TERM 2024

TERM STARTS: MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024 TO FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

HALF TERM: MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024 TO FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2024

TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

TERM ENDS: FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

TERM STARTS: MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024 TO FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024

HALF TERM: MONDAY 27 MAY 2024 TO FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024 TO MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024

TERM ENDS: MONDAY 22 JULY 2024

TEACHING TRAINING DAYS

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024