

YEAR 11

MAKE IT COUNT

Every lesson. Every day. Every opportunity.

Your choices this year will shape what comes next.



THE MILTON KEYNES
ACADEMY
Creative Education Trust

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OUR VALUES



RESPONSIBILITY
Own your learning.
Attend every day.
Attend every lesson.
Be prepared.
Do your homework.
Ask for help.



RESPECT
Respect yourself.
Respect others.
Respect your learning
environment.
Your choices impact
everyone.



RESILIENCE
It won't always be easy.
Learn from mistakes.
Listen to feedback.
Keep going.
Get better.



ASPIRATION
Believe in more.
Set ambitious goals.
Work hard today
for a better
tomorrow.

WE WILL SUPPORT YOU TO SUCCEED



**PERIOD 6 &
HOLIDAY INTERVENTIONS**
Targeted extra teaching
to close gaps and build
confidence.

IF INVITED, ATTEND.
ENGAGE. MAKE IT COUNT.



**HOMEWORK &
SACHEL ONE**
Check Satchel One
regularly. Complete
homework. Keep
learning beyond the
classroom.

KEEP LEARNING.
KEEP IMPROVING.



**REVISION &
RETRIEVAL**
Retrieve knowledge
regularly. Identify gaps.
Relearn. Practise.
Don't leave it
until the last minute.

LITTLE AND OFTEN
MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.



**EXAM PRACTICE &
TECHNIQUE**
Practise applying your
knowledge. Build exam
technique and confidence
under timed conditions.

PRACTISE. REFLECT.
IMPROVE.



**ATTENDANCE
IS
ACHIEVEMENT**

EVERY LESSON MATTERS.
Our data shows a strong link between positive attendance
and excellent outcomes.
Lost learning through absence, internal truancy or missed lessons
is one of the biggest barriers to achievement.

LESS THAN 95% LESSON ATTENDANCE IN YEAR 11
MUCH LESS LIKELY TO ACHIEVE A GRADE 4 OR ABOVE
IN ENGLISH AND MATHS.

**95%
ATTENDANCE
= NO MORE THAN
8 DAYS OFF
ACROSS YEAR 11**



**ENGLISH & MATHS:
GET THE GRADE.**
A grade 4 or above in English and Maths
is essential. If you don't achieve a grade 4
in either, you must continue studying it in
Post-16 education until 18.
**EVERY MARK MATTERS.
DON'T LEAVE IT TO CHANCE.**

**YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL.
NOW SHOW IT.**



SET THE GOAL



PUT IN THE WORK



STAY RESILIENT



ACHIEVE YOUR BEST

MAKE IT COUNT. YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

WE WILL SUPPORT YOU TO SUCCEED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

What does 'Make It Count' mean?

It is not about pressure. It is about making the most of the opportunity in front of you.

EVERY LESSON

Be present.
Be prepared.
Ask questions.
Use feedback.
Practice until it sticks.

EVERY DAY

Small choices
become habits.
Attendance matters.
Effort matters.
Consistency beats
last-minute panic.

EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Interventions.
Revision.
Homework.
Support.
Your next step.

Our Year 11 values

The strategy starts with character — because achievement follows the choices we make.

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Attendance is achievement

Being in the room gives you the chance to learn, practice, ask, improve and succeed.

95%

ATTENDANCE TARGET

**No more than 8
days off
across Year 11**

WHY IT MATTERS

Every missed lesson is a missed opportunity to:

- learn new knowledge
- practice and retrieve
- receive feedback
- close gaps
- build confidence

YOUR CHALLENGE

Don't aim for 'good enough' attendance.

Aim to be here, on time, every lesson, ready to learn.

If something gets in the way — talk to us. We will help.

We will support you to succeed

High expectations and high support go together.

PERIOD 6 & HOLIDAY INTERVENTIONS

Targeted extra teaching to close gaps and build confidence.

HOMEWORK & SACHEL ONE

Check regularly.
Complete homework.
Keep learning beyond the classroom.

REVISION & RETRIEVAL

Retrieve knowledge regularly.
Identify gaps.
Relearn.
Practice.

EXAM PRACTICE & TECHNIQUE

Practice applying knowledge under timed conditions.
Reflect and improve.

ASK FOR HELP EARLY. THERE IS NO PRIZE FOR STRUGGLING ALONE.

Be academically ambitious

We believe you can achieve more than you might currently think.

SET THE GOAL

Know your
current grades.
Know your
target grades.
Know the gap.

PUT IN THE WORK

Attend.
Revise little and
often.
Complete every
piece of work.

STAY RESILIENT

Mocks are
feedback.
Mistakes show
you what to fix.
Keep going.

ACHIEVE YOUR BEST

GCSEs open
doors.
Make choices
you'll be proud
of.
Own your future.

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NOW SHOW IT.

YEAR 11 JOURNEY 2026–2027

Key Milestones, Assessments and Celebrations



AUTUMN TERM

- 3 Sept Information Evening
- 16 Nov – 4 Dec Mock Exams
- December Vocational Coursework
- P16 Applications
- 21 Dec – 4 Jan Christmas Holiday



SPRING TERM

- 11 – 15 Jan Feedback Week
- 14 Jan Parents Evening
- 15 – 19 Feb Half-Term
- 22 Feb – 5 Mar Mock Exams
- 26 Mar – 9 Apr Easter Holiday



SUMMER TERM

- May Portfolio Submission
- 10 May – 21 Jun GCSE Exams
- 25 Jun Leavers Assembly
- July Prom
- 19 Aug Results Day



What does success look like?

Success is not one number on results day. It is knowing you made the most of your opportunity.

I AM PRESENT

I attend consistently and arrive ready to learn.

I AM PREPARED

I have the equipment, knowledge and habits I need.

I USE FEEDBACK

I know what to improve — and I act on it.

I KEEP GOING

I don't let one poor result or set back define me.

I ASK FOR HELP

I speak up early when I need support.

I AIM HIGH

I set goals that stretch me and work towards them.

MAKE IT COUNT = CONSISTENCY + COURAGE + SUPPORT + AMBITION

Your first 30 days matter.

You do not need to wait for your first mock to start changing your trajectory.

- 1** **WEEK 1** **Get organised**
Know your timetable, deadlines and targets.
- 2** **WEEK 2** **Build routines**
Complete every task. Start regular retrieval.
- 3** **WEEK 3** **Use feedback**
Identify one weakness in each subject and act on it.
- 4** **WEEK 4** **Check progress**
Ask: what is working, what needs to change?

Monday Morning – A Strong Start

Every Monday morning we will focus on raising achievement

Assembly

Messages
Key Milestones
Motivation
Celebrations
Rewards
Post 16 Advice

Tutor Time

Getting set up for the week
Organisation
Revision Techniques
Revision Support
Revision Timetables
Mock Exam Timetables
Opportunities for questions
CV
Post 16 Applications

Tutor Time – Belonging, Matters, Relied On

A bespoke pastoral diet to balance your support.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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TOGETHER**

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<https://www.miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk/year-11>

Year 11

Welcome to our dedicated Year 11 page. Our message to every Year 11 student is simple:



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