



Alsop High School

Achieving Excellence Together

Year 11 Guide for Parents Kickstart 2026/2027



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* Throughout this guide, the term 'parent' is used to include all carers and guardians of our students.

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 11, your child's final and most important year at Alsop High School.

The journey through Year 11 is one filled with opportunity, challenge and growth. This guide is designed to support you and your child in making the very most of this crucial time. Within these pages, you will find key dates, revision strategies and guidance on how we can work together to ensure your child achieves the success they deserve.

At Alsop, we are deeply committed to our values of *Ambition, Respect and Community*. These values underpin everything we do, as we support students not only to succeed academically, but to grow as thoughtful, confident and resilient young people ready for life beyond school.

The Kickstart meeting is an important moment to reflect, plan and set clear, personal goals for the months ahead. We want every student to leave Year 11 with pride in what they've achieved and with the doors open to a future full of possibilities.

We recognise the significance of this year and the role we all play in shaping its outcome. With determination, consistency and a strong partnership between school and home, we are confident your child can meet and exceed their potential.

Together, we can help turn ambition into achievement.

Kind regards,
Mrs A Robinson



Vice Principal: Quality of Education
Associate Director of Standards

Our Values

AMBITION

We believe in 1% improvements in everything we do, every day.

RESPECT

In a world where we can be anything, we choose to be kind.

COMMUNITY

We believe alone we can do so little, but together we can achieve so much.

Our Learning Habits

Be Ready



Perfect Uniform

Full school uniform, including correct full black footwear is expected to be worn by all students every day.



Correct Equipment

Students are expected to arrive every day with the correct equipment to support their learning.

Be Respectful



Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour: we expect students to meet our school's relentless routines which are based on our school's values. This supports a safe and disciplined environment.



Manners & Respect

Our school expectation is that all students are kind and respectful to all members of our community.

Be Safe



Punctuality & Attendance

Our school expectation is that students attend and are punctual 100% of the time.



Calm Corridors

Students are expected to move calmly, safely and quickly between lessons.

Students not meeting our expectations will be given sanctions

Steps to Success

Here are some steps to success that we know through experience give your child the best chance of achieving the results they want:



1

ATTEND SCHOOL

We need your support in helping our Year 11 students commit to their success by ensuring they attend every day.

We know that those students with 95% attendance and above are more likely to gain five 9-5 grades at GCSE!

This will give your child more choices post-16.

DID YOU KNOW...

Missing just 1 day of school can be the difference between grades in Year 11 due to the sheer volume of work covered in a day.

There are also lots of revision opportunities for students if they attend school.



2

TAKE PART IN REVISION

On average, students who attend our revision sessions improve on their mock results by 2 whole grades!

We run revision sessions after school & during school holidays.



3

PLAN

Planning is essential for success!

Keep up to date with key dates such as mocks, exam periods and Parents' Evenings.

We will keep you updated so you're always in the loop.

Student Wellbeing

At Alsop High School, we recognise that Year 11 can be both an exciting and challenging time. Preparing for GCSE exams is a significant milestone and with it can come feelings of pressure, stress and fatigue.

We want to reassure you that your child's wellbeing is extremely important to us. While academic success matters, so does balance. Alongside revision and schoolwork, it's essential that students make time to relax and socialise. Maintaining a healthy routine helps improve focus, confidence and overall emotional health during this busy period. We are here to support your child every step of the way and if at any point you feel they need extra support, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our school is proud to offer a comprehensive wellbeing and pastoral care system.

Ms Bayly

Ms Bayly is our Associate Assistant Principal (Year 10 & 11) and your main point of contact for both parents and students. She offers day-to-day support with behaviour, wellbeing and personal development.

Ms Bayly works closely with students to help them make positive choices, follow school expectations and achieve.



Miss Lake

Miss Lake is our Year Manager for Year 11 and provides pastoral support. She helps ensure students feel safe, listened to and supported on a day-to-day basis, both emotionally and practically.



Ms O'Leary

Ms O'Leary is our Progress Leader for KS4 and is responsible for monitoring the academic progress of every student in the year group. She works alongside class teachers to identify support needs, celebrate achievements and ensure all students are challenged, motivated and given the tools they need to reach their full potential.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Team

In addition to our Pastoral Team, we also have an onsite Mental Health and Wellbeing Team, who offer support with emotional and mental health, including exam stress and anxiety. For tips and tools on how to manage revision stress, sleep better and stay mentally healthy during exam periods.



Year 11 Key Dates

This is a big year for Year 11 and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and daunted at the prospect of what lies ahead. Organisation is key! Please find below key dates to help you and your child plan to succeed:

Mock Exams: 9th November - 20th November 2026

Parents' Evening: 10th December 2026

Mock Exams: 22nd February - 5th March 2027

Parents Evening: 24th March 2027

GCSE Exams: May/June 2027

Exam Results: August 2027

Year 11 Key Dates

Kickstart Meeting -
Wednesday 2nd
September 2026

Mock Interview
Day – Friday
16th October 2026

Mock Exams –
W/C Monday 9th
& Monday 16th
November 2026

Spanish Speaking
Mock Exam –
Monday 23rd &
Tuesday 24th
November 2026

Practical Catering
Exam – Wednesday
25th & Thursday
26th November
2026

Year 11
Parents Evening –
Thursday
10th December
2026

Music
Performances –
Monday 22nd
& Tuesday 23rd
March 2027

Parents Evening –
Wednesday 24th
March 2027

Practical Drama
Exam – Wednesday
14th April 2027

Photography
Exam –
Thursday 15th,
& Friday 16th
April 2027

Practical Art
Exam – Thursday
22nd & Friday
23rd April 2027

Spanish Speaking
Exam – Monday
26th & Tuesday
27th April 2027

GCSE Exams
Begin – Monday
10th May 2027

GCSE Exams
End – June 2027

GCSE Results Day
Thursday 19th
August 2027

Dates are correct
at time of print and
could be subject
to change.

Revision Tips

1

REVISING EARLY

Starting early can help to avoid panic and stress. It can help students get into good habits and they will be able to remember more of the material. Check in with your child and their progress.



Helping your child with revision

2

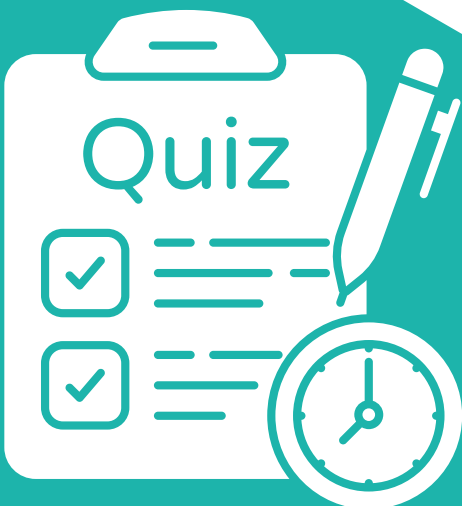
MORE THAN READ

Students will only remember around 10% of what they read. Help them by testing them and getting your child to write things down. When children summarise key points from their revision book in their own words, it can help them retain a lot more of the information.

3

ENVIRONMENT

A revision spot with good lighting, the right stationery and no distractions such as the television or their mobile phone can help a child focus a lot more. Children focus best when the environment is quiet and tidy.



Revision Resources



Reading and highlighting text from revision guides or other sources is NOT effective revision.



Research demonstrates that just reading/highlighting and even mind-mapping is unlikely to embed information into long-term memory.



Effective revision has to be active rather than passive. Students must engage with the information they want to remember. Please find below, two effective strategies that we encourage at Alsop High School.



FLASHCARDS

Students should make flashcards that have minimal information on them. For example, they might read a paragraph of text in a revision guide and then convert this into three or four bullet points on a flashcard. The most effective flashcards usually have a question on one side and an answer on the other.

Students should then test themselves on their flashcards.



QUIZZING

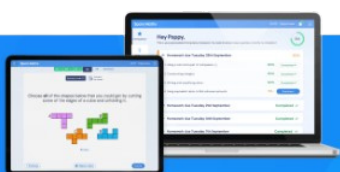
Students should use revision guides to write their own quiz questions based on the core knowledge. Quizzing improves transfer of knowledge, connection-building and making inferences between different pieces of information.

To write their quiz questions, students can use information from revision guides provided by their teachers.



Revision Resources

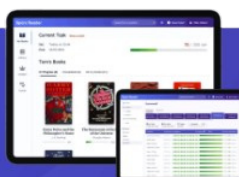
Sparx Learning



Sparx Maths

Building maths confidence through personalised homework.

sparxmaths.com



Sparx Reader

Building confident readers through regular reading practice.

sparxreader.com



Sparx Science

Improving scientific knowledge through thoughtful practice.

sparxscience.com

Sparx Maths

Sparx Maths provides online homework tailored to your child's ability. It reinforces classwork, tracks progress and builds skills through practice, support videos and weekly XP challenges for independent revision. Homework is set on Sparx Maths every week.

Sparx Reader

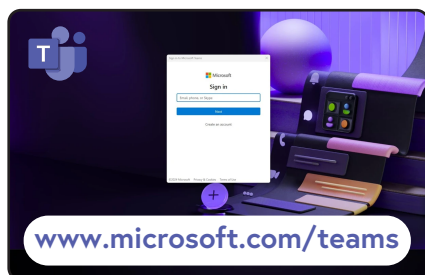
Sparx Reader is an engaging and supportive platform which can develop your child's reading and literacy skills. It supports revision through assigned reading, comprehension tasks and vocabulary challenges. Homework and independent activities help build reading stamina, language skills and confidence, essential for GCSE success. Homework is set on Sparx Reader every week.

Sparx Science

Sparx Science builds scientific knowledge and understanding through personalised homework. It sets adaptive weekly homework designed to match your child's learning level and supports memory retention, builds understanding and encourages independent learning in preparation for GCSE science exams. Homework is set on Sparx Science every week.



Revision Resources



Microsoft Teams

Teachers upload revision guides, class materials and key resources to Microsoft Teams. Students can access everything they need for independent study anytime using their individual login from an electronic device.

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize offers free, high-quality revision resources for all GCSE subjects. Students can access videos, quizzes and guides to help review key topics and reinforce learning at their own pace.

GCSE Pod

GCSE Pod provides expertly produced, short videos tailored to exam boards across all subjects. Students can revise key content, reinforce understanding and build confidence. Students can access the information using their individual login.

Kerboodle

Kerboodle is an online learning platform where students can access digital textbooks, interactive resources and exam-style questions. It supports classroom learning and allows students to revise key topics independently at home. Your child will be issued a login if this platform is used for their option subjects.



Sixth Form & College Timeline



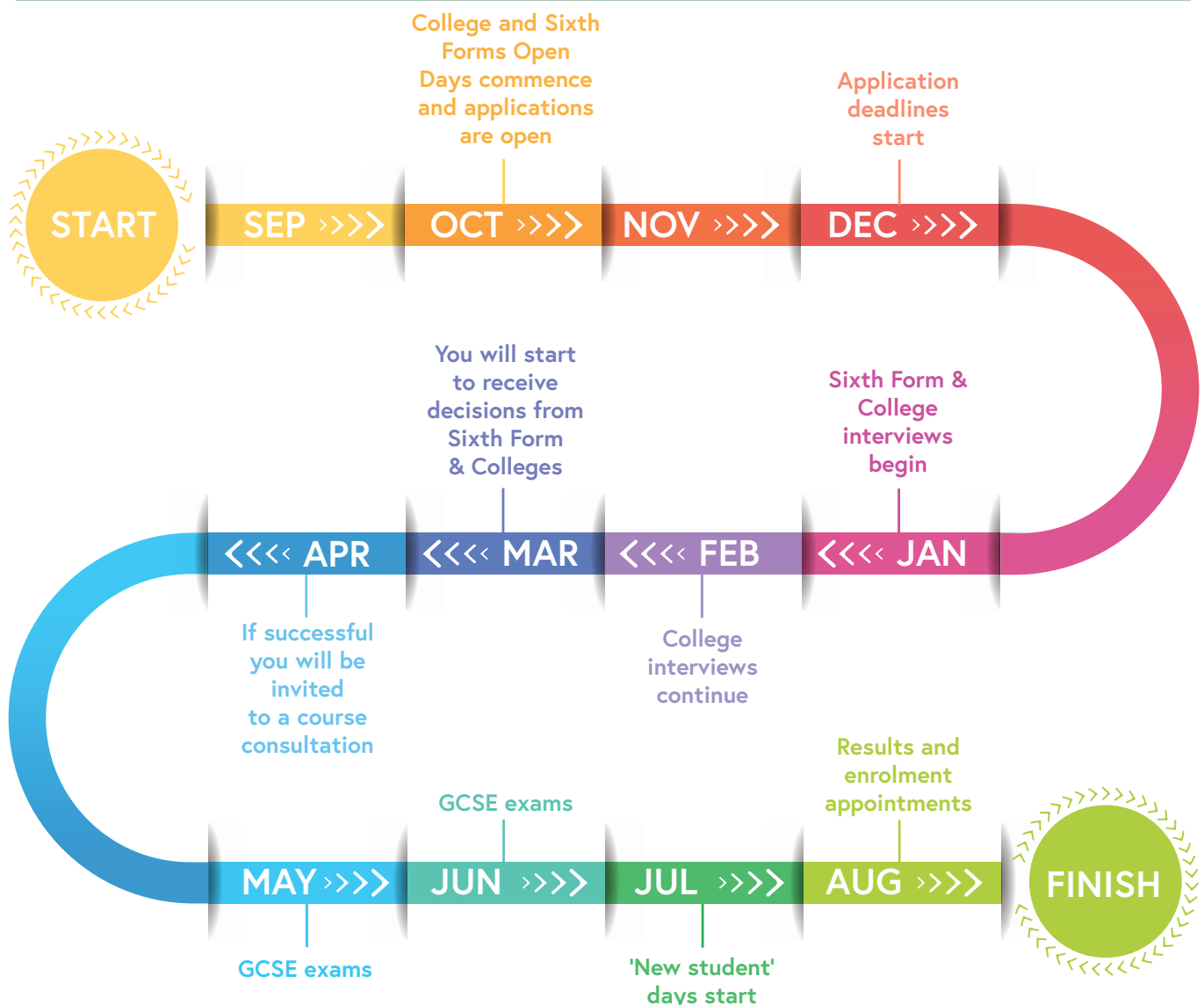
To access many A level courses students will need to achieve at least grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study.



To access a level 3 BTEC course students, require a grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in English.



Apprenticeship providers will expect a grade 5 in both English & Maths.



College Open Days



Sefton Sixth Form College
24th September 2026
26th November 2026



Hugh Baird College
1st October 2026
10th December 2026



Southport College
Open Evening
10th October 2026
23rd November 2026



King George V College
Open Evening
3rd October 2026
11th November 2026



Carmel College
Open Evening
30th September 2026
4th November 2026
19th January 2027



LIPA
Sixth Form College
Open Days
10th October 2026
28th November 2026



West Lancashire College
Open Evening
12th October 2026
19th November 2026



Knowsley Community College
Open Evening
4th November 2026



St Helens College
11th November 2026



The City of Liverpool College
Please contact the college for further details.



Please note: All details are correct at the time of printing, however, dates and times are subject to change. We strongly encourage families to check directly with individual colleges to confirm open day information before attending.

Period 6 Revision Sessions

PERIOD SIX

Period 6 Revision Sessions

At Alsop High School, we are committed to helping every Year 11 student achieve their full potential. One of the most valuable opportunities we offer is our Period 6 revision programme. These sessions are part of the Year 11 timetable and play a key role in preparing students for success. Period 6 provides an additional hour of high-quality, subject-specific, targeted revision. Sessions focus on essential knowledge, exam techniques and building confidence across all subjects. Whether it's practising past papers, reviewing challenging content or closing knowledge gaps these sessions help students make meaningful progress.

Those who attend regularly often see significant improvements in both mock and final exam results. To find out when sessions are timetabled, please visit the revision section on our school website for the full Period 6 timetable.

We encourage you to support your child in attending, every session makes a difference.



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Education

- Our Curriculum
- Curriculum by Year Group
- Curriculum Subjects
- Personal Development
- Developing British Values
- Year 9 Guided Choices
- Homework
- Careers (CEAG)
- Revision & Exam Timetables
- Our School Council

Revision & Exam Timetables

Revision for exams is a vital part of learning. It involves hard work but also knowing which techniques work. All our students from Year 7 onwards will be expected to revise for their mid-year and end-of-year assessments, and obviously this becomes vital when they reach Year 11 and 12. Students need to practice recalling and applying the knowledge they have and therefore they need to commit it to memory.

Subject specific revision guidance will be shared on Microsoft Teams/Blackboard where your child's individual class teacher or Head of Faculty will update revision materials.

In addition, to the revision provided by your child's teachers on Microsoft Teams/Blackboard, there are also very useful online platforms which can be found and students have access to the Alsop Knowledge Organisers for their year group which consist of: key knowledge your child will be assessed on during this academic year.

Year 10 - Timetable for Week Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June 2025	+
Year 12 - Timetable for PPE Exams: Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for Week Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for week: Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for week: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for week: Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for week: Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May 2025	+
Year 11 - Timetable for week: Monday 5th May to Friday 9th May 2025	+
Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 - Timetable for Revision Classes: Monday 7th April - Wednesday 16th April 2025	+



BBC Bitesize Years 7-9



BBC Bitesize Years 10 & 11



Sparx Maths



gcsepod
education on demand
GCSE Pod



Revision Resources



Sparx Science

www.alsophigh.org.uk/education/revision

Please scan below to access our website
Period 6 Revision Timetable page.

SCAN HERE



Homeschool Agreement

By sending your child to Alsop High School, you are agreeing to our expectations and values.

Alsop High School's Positive Behaviour Policy provides a framework to ensure our core values (Ambition, Respect, Community) are embedded within our daily practice. Every student is expected to uphold these values.

Be Ready		Perfect Uniform:	Full school uniform, including correct full black footwear is expected to be worn by all students every day.
		Correct Equipment:	Students are expected to arrive every day with the correct equipment to support their learning.
Be Respectful		Positive Behaviour:	Positive behaviour: we expect students to meet our school's relentless routines which are based on our school's values. This supports a safe and disciplined environment.
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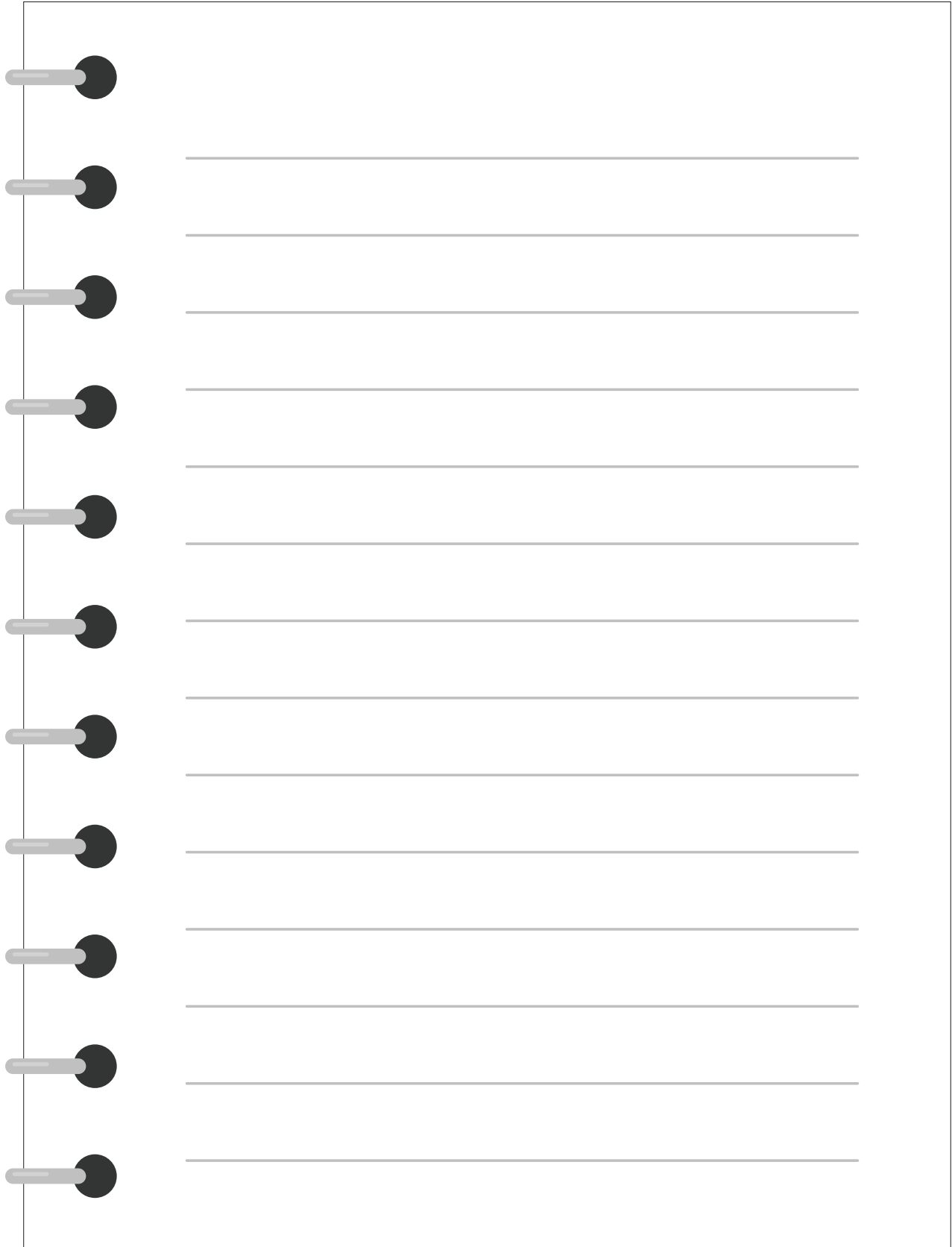
In addition to ensuring your child upholds our school's values you are also agreeing to:

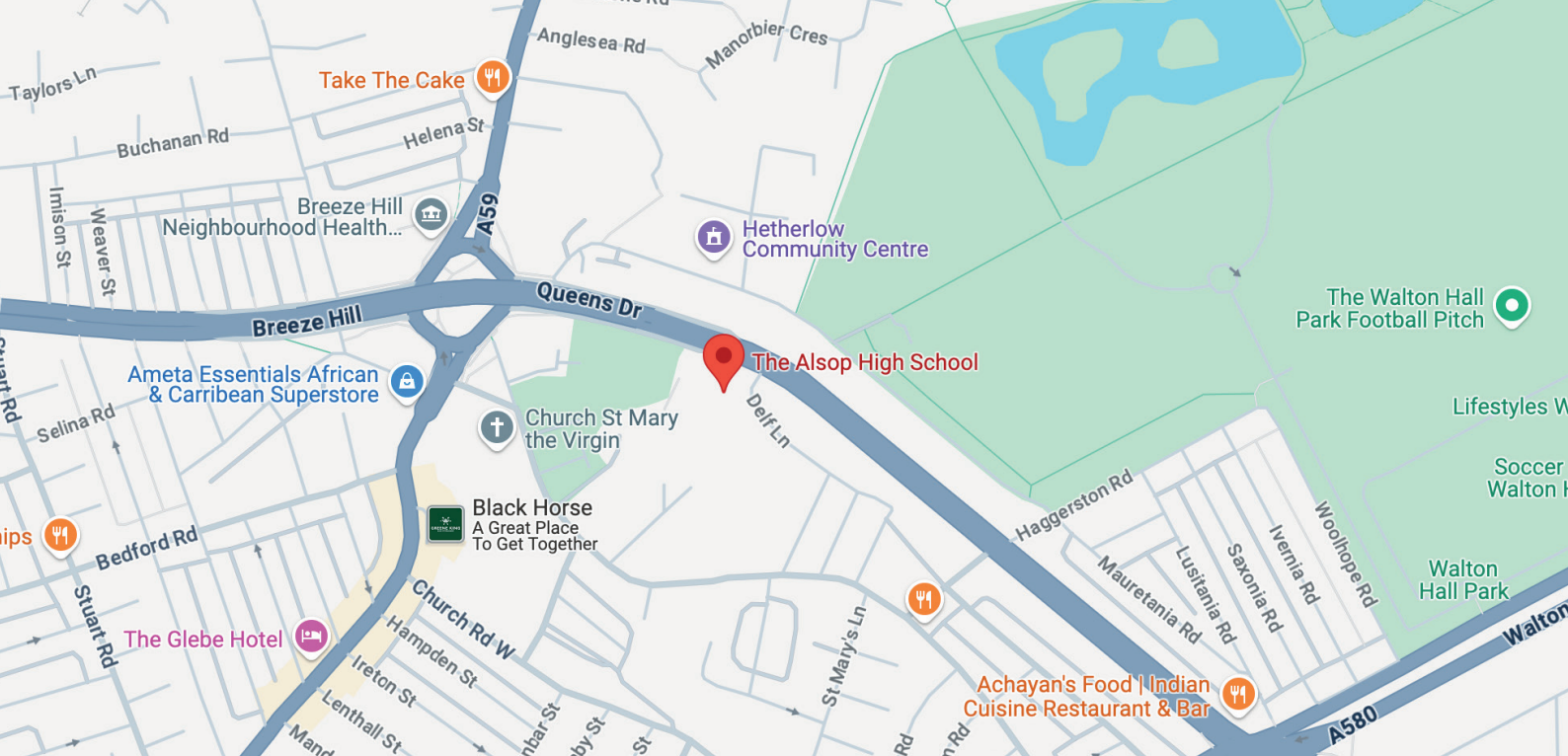
- Support your child with their academic studies and use the Bromcom My Child at School app.
- Attend Parents' Evenings and have discussions about your child's progress.
- Agree to the school's Behaviour Policy and support us to ensure success for your child.
- Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Promptly inform the school of any concerns or problems that may affect your child's learning or behaviour.

Notes

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Notes





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