



YEAR 10

PARENT

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2025-2026



CEIAG AT ORMISTON CHADWICK ACADEMY

“Our intent is to give students the education, advice and guidance to empower them to have high aspirations and self-belief so that they can achieve personal happiness and future success”

At Ormiston Chadwick Academy, our comprehensive CEIAG programme is integral to laying the foundations to encourage a successful future for our students. We offer a bespoke programme, tailored to each year group and accessing all Gatsby Benchmarks, including National Careers Week in order to make the biggest difference to the lives of all students.

Originality

We encourage students to aspire to original and exciting post-16 opportunities and career paths that complement individual personalities and dreams. We provide students with unique & intriguing opportunities and experiences to help lay the foundations of a successful future.

Community

We work together to help one another fulfill our dreams and aspirations. We utilise the links within the wider community to help equip students with the tools needed to enjoy a successful future.

Aspiration

We place CEIAG at the heart of our curriculum from year 7 onward to inspire high pupil aspirations. Clear careers links are embedded throughout all subjects to provide the information that pupils need to achieve future goals.

Excellence

We investigate a wide range of job roles and demonstrate a robust understanding of a myriad of post-16 and career related options, not just those which we ourselves are interested in.

Respect

We promote respect by listening to the stories of others. From fellow pupils to alumni and guests who visit to share their careers related journey.

An opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers:

Thursday 25th May 2026

ADULT CAREER PROGRAMME

The National Careers Service offers an adult careers programme in which you can seek support and guidance in a variety of ways:

- Completing a job application
- Writing a CV
- Preparing for an Interview
- Seeking guidance into further and higher education to extend learning

If you would like any further information such as exploring different careers, there are plenty of resources available on their website –

www.nationalcareersservice.com

You may also find the resources below useful –

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/parents-and-teachers>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/parents>

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-finance-and-support/parents-and-carers/how-you-can-help>

<https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/preparing-to-go/advice-for-parents/>



CAREER CONNECT:

We also have a service level agreement with Career Connect in the academy. Our adviser is:

Kerry Hetherington

These are highly qualified, impartial advisers that help prepare our students for life after Year 11. We have a bespoke programme set up in which all students by the time they have reached the end of Year 11 will have met with our adviser at least once, however, the programme does target groups right from Year 7.

If you would like any further guidance or information from our adviser please email her on Kerry.Hetherington@careerconnect.org.uk

Get Connected Portal:

To assist with ideas of what specific careers involve, what skills and qualities they require or what jobs your personality may suit please visit the Career Connect Portal.

You will need to sign up and register for an account with your details, however, you can then access this at any time as there is a wealth of resources available on there.

You can find the link on www.careerconnect.org.uk or on the school website.



Students will also have the opportunity to access the advice and guidance from our Careers Adviser during the allocated programme for identified students or they are welcome to drop in.

***Every Mondays – Break and Lunchtime – Careers Office
Houghtpn Building***

- The Labour Market
- Apprenticeships
- Further and Higher Education prospectus'
- Career opportunities
- Top Tips i.e. writing CVs, completing job applications etc.
- Work Experience Placements

A parent's guide to apprenticeships



As a parent, you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school, and in this guide, we outline information and benefits about apprenticeships as a key route into a successful career.

What's an apprenticeship? It is a genuine job, with training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

What are the benefits?

Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond. Over 70 national universities are currently offering a range of degree apprenticeships with more to be confirmed throughout the year.

- Earning a salary and paid holiday;
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace;
- Increased future earning potential – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases on finishing their training and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.*

What levels are there?

There are various levels of apprenticeship to apply for depending on current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at Grades A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

How do you apply?

At any one time there are between 12,000 – 20,000 apprenticeship vacancies available online in a variety of careers and industries across England. Visit [GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship). You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location.

Once the right job comes up, your son or daughter can simply register on the website and follow the step-by-step instructions to apply for the role.

Our YouTube channel has useful hints and tips on applying plus other videos on apprenticeships, visit YouTube and search apprenticeships/NAS.

If they are not quite ready for an apprenticeship or job, they could try a traineeship with a local employer to gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to improve their English and maths, if needed. Visit [GOV.UK/find-traineeship](https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship) for more information or to apply for traineeship opportunities.

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*University education – is this the best route into employment?
AAU and CEBR Feb 2013

Salaries

The minimum wage for apprentices is £3.70 per hour, but many employers pay more than this. This is dependent on the sector, region and apprenticeship level. E.g. some higher apprenticeships pay up to £500 per week.

More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on 'Find an apprenticeship'.

Entry requirements

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

Recent legislation has come into effect which changes the minimum English and maths requirements needed to complete an apprenticeship for people with a learning difficulty or disability. The changes will lower the English and maths requirements for these apprentices to an Entry Level 3 qualification.

A Disability Confident Employer will generally offer an interview to any applicant that declares they have a disability and meets the minimum criteria as defined by the employer. For more details, search Disability Confident on GOV.UK.

School leaving age

The government has stated that all young people must stay in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday. This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post 16, which could be through an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Search apprenticeships
on GOV.UK

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

The Labour Market Information refers to:

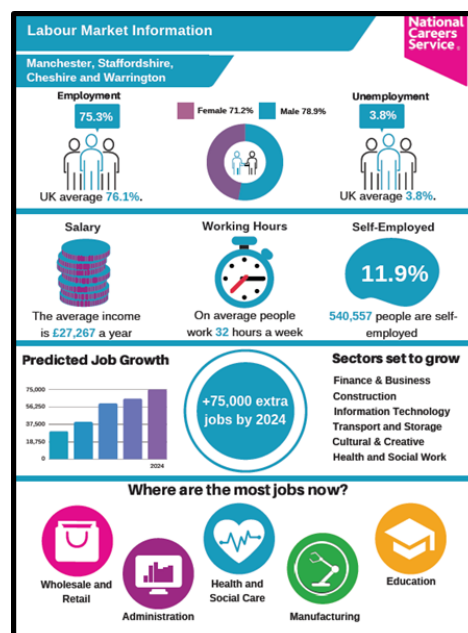
'Labour market information covers the principal elements of the labour market and its operations. The principal elements are the demand for labour and the supply of labour. Demand means the number of jobs available. Supply tells you the number of people who are able work.'

It is important that both yourselves as parents/carers and students understand the changes to the Labour Market as this will impact what jobs and careers are available and which sectors are growing.

For example:



Students are regularly updated with Labour Market Information related to the 'spotlight career of the week' in our weekly Morning Enrichment careers sessions. Find out more here <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/careerometer/>



CEIAG PROGRAMME 2023-2024 - YEAR 10

The programme below is an indication of the careers education, information, advice and guidance your child will experience throughout their time in Year 9.

Additional activities may be added on throughout the year as those opportunities arise.



Activity	Date	Details	Students involved	Benchmark
Spotlight Career of the Week	Weekly - Friday	Exploration of the 'spotlight career of the week' including information on salary, skills, routes into the role and case studies about those working in the specific careers.	Whole year	1, 2, 4, 8
Employer Talks	Throughout the year	Raising aspirations with a talks from employers led by Speakers for Schools. Providing insight into different career paths and the skills and qualities needed to be successful.	Whole year	5
Aspiration Assembly	January 2026	An assembly delivered by vice principal, Mrs Johnson aimed at raising aspirations and introducing students to higher education, the benefits and career opportunities that are presented from having a degree.	Whole year	7 & 8
National Careers Week	March 2026	A variety of activities throughout the week to linking to the 2023 National Careers Week theme including an assembly and various activities surrounding LMI, employers, apprenticeships and development of life skills through careers.	Whole year	Various (specifically 4)
Parents Progress Evening	7 th May 2026	An evening in which parents find out the progress of their children and what their next steps are. Parent survey to review the CEIAG programme.	Whole year	8
Work Experience Week	May 2026	All of the year group will take part in a work experience placement.	Whole Year	6
Cronton Taster Day		Taster day visit to Cronton college to look at post 16 courses.	Whole Year	7
Small group sessions with Careers Connect	June 2026	Small group sessions with the Career Connect Advisor for identified students that need some additional support and guidance in ensuring they are on track to achieve and succeed in school.	75 students	3 & 8
OCA-er Week	July 2026	Students will take part in activities linking to our whole school values as well as undertaking visits to places of employment.	Whole year	4 & 6
University Visits	July 2026	Year group visit to Universities.	Whole year	7

EMPLOYERS FAIR

Thursday 20th January 2026

Students in year 8 - 11 will attend our employer's fair during their allocated time slot in the school day. This event encourages pupils regardless of year group to begin considering their future aspirations and provides an opportunity to encounter further education settings and potential future employers who can help make these aspirations into reality! Parents and Carers are invited to attend along with their child/children between 3pm and 4pm.

Further information to follow.



OTHER KEY DATES

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 7th May 2026

An opportunity to discuss your child's current progress with their subject teachers.

POST 16 OPEN EVENINGS

General Guidance –

- Please check that you meet the minimum entry grades for the courses and sixth forms you are applying for
- Check subjects/ courses on offer – Do they meet **YOUR** needs?
- Check deadlines for entry/ applications – some sixth forms are oversubscribed and will limit their applications. If you are an external applicant i.e. you are not one of their existing Year 11 students – expect to be interviewed prior to being offered a place/ accepted (or even rejected)
- **Apply early** – aim to apply before the end of the Autumn term, i.e. before the schools break up for Christmas. In addition, check with the sixth forms if they have additional deadlines in receiving applications. **** If you are unsure about your course choices – it is better to apply and then change your course afterwards, rather than not apply at all and miss the deadline ****
- What support is there for **YOU**? What support is offered for – your academic learning, pastoral support and careers support e.g. career planning, applying to university or support in writing applications for apprenticeships
- Consider – Where do the **leavers** from this sixth form or college go when they have completed their qualifications? For example, do they go to – university, into apprenticeships or jobs with training, into employment (or unemployment).
- **Research** your career ideas and interests. The more you know, the more likely it is you will make well informed and realistic career choices/decisions.
- **Did you know? You can apply to as many colleges as you want! This gives you more options on results day.**

Riverside College Open Events

Tuesday 18th November 2025, 5pm – 7pm

Open Events are the perfect opportunity to discover the diverse range of courses and subject areas available at Riverside College. You'll have the chance to meet our experienced tutors and explore our cutting-edge learning facilities, which includes our new Hydrogen Training Centre.

Our friendly Advice and Guidance team will also be available to provide insights on the admissions process, course enrolment, and the extensive learning and financial support options offered at the College. We'll also share helpful information on transport options to make your journey easier.

We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you in achieving your personal goals and ambitions. See you there!

Address: Riverside College, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QQ

Carmel College Open Evening - Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:00PM - 7:30PM
Carmel College, Saint Helens, WA10 3AG
Wednesday 11th March 2026

Join us for an exciting opening evening on Tuesday, March 11, 2026, at our campus located on Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3AG.

From informative presentations to hands-on demonstrations, this event is designed to provide you with a first-hand experience of what we offer. Whether you're a prospective student, a curious parent, or simply interested in exploring new opportunities, our Open Evening is the perfect chance to meet our friendly staff, ask questions, and gain valuable insights.

Parents, guardians, or carers may book group tickets under their name. Please ensure you answer all questions regarding the potential applicant during the booking process.

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Cronton Sixth Form Open Events

Tuesday 11th November 2025, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

This is our last Open Event before the January 30th 2026 course application deadline!

Our Open Events are a fantastic way to get a feel for college life. There's no need to book in advance, simply turn up and find out more about the wide range of courses we offer, explore the campus, and meet our outstanding staff and students.

Make sure to check the timings of the Principal's Talk when you arrive at the event.

These events are always popular and can get busy, but our friendly staff and students will be on hand to help you make the most of your visit. Please note the college has limited parking and it is recommended that you car share where possible.

To help plan your evening, you can browse all our courses and programmes here on the website and make sure you don't miss anything that interests you. These include courses, subjects, and specialist programmes on offer at Cronton Sixth Form College including our Professional Studies Programmes, High Achievers Programme and Centres of Excellence.

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Some other colleges/ sixth forms you may consider:

Helsby High School: <https://helsbyhigh.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-welcome/>

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Runcorn:

<https://ormistonbolingbrokeacademy.co.uk/sixth-form>

Sir John Deane's College: <https://www.sjd.ac.uk/>

Knowsley Community College: <https://www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk/>

Hugh Baird College (Bootle): <https://www.hughbaird.ac.uk/>

City of Liverpool College: <https://www.liv-coll.ac.uk/>

Liverpool Maths School: <https://liverpoolmathsschool.org/>

The Studio Liverpool: <https://thestudioliverpool.uk/ks5-pathways/>

UTC Warrington [UTC Warrington - UTC Warrington](#)

Priestley College Warrington [Priestley College Warrington - Sixth Form College](#)

St Helens College [Home - St Helens College](#)

Warrington & Vale Royal College [Welcome - Study with us! | Warrington & Vale Royal College](#)

LIPA Sixth Form College [LIPA Sixth Form College - Home](#)

*****Check all college websites to see if you need to book online and for further updates*****



ASPIRATION

Revision:

If you would like to support your child this year in preparation for them completing their GCSEs, the following suggestions have been made alongside the lesson content which is uploaded onto Teams:



GCSE Biology

Revision Hints

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There are lots of different activities you can do to help you revise. However, before you start anything, you need to organise yourself (and your revision area). Scan the QR code for revision timetable templates and for advice.

To be organised, try these revision techniques:

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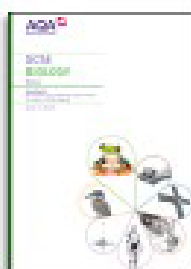


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Biology Course Details

Paper 1: 1 hr 45 min

1. Cell Biology
2. Organisation
3. Infection & Response
4. Bioenergetics

Paper 2: 1 hr 45 min

5. Homeostasis & Response
6. Inheritance, Evolution & Variation
7. Ecology

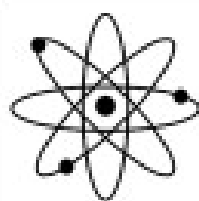
Required Practicals

Paper 1:

1. Using a light microscope
2. Effect of antibiotics on bacterial
3. Osmosis
4. Photosynthesis
5. Food tests
6. Enzymes

Paper 2:

- Reaction time
- Germination
- Field investigations
- Decay



GCSE Physics

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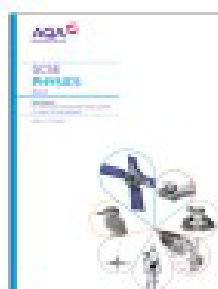


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Physics Course Details

Paper 1: 1 hr 45 min

1. Energy
2. Electricity
3. Particle Model
4. Atomic Structure



Paper 2: 1 hr 45 min

5. Forces & Motion
6. Waves
7. Magnetism
8. Space



Required Practicals

Paper 1

1. Specific heat capacity
2. Thermal insulation
3. Resistance (wire)
4. V-I characteristics (filament bulb, resistor, diode)
5. Density

Paper 2

6. Light (reflection and refraction)
7. Force and extension (spring)
8. Acceleration ($F=ma$)
9. Waves (ripple tank) - Physics specification only
10. Radiation and absorption (Leslie cube)



GCSE Chemistry

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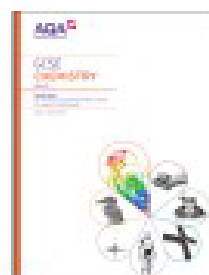


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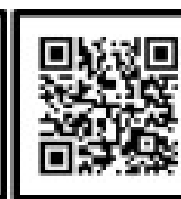
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Chemistry Course Details

Paper 1: 1 hr 45 min

1. Atomic Structure
2. Bonding
3. Quantitative
4. Chemical Changes
5. Energy Changes

Paper 2: 1 hr 45 min

5. Rate of Reaction
6. Organic Chemistry
7. Chemical Analysis
8. Chemistry of Atmosphere
9. Using Resources

Required Practicals

Paper 1:

1. Making Salts
2. Neutralisation
3. Electrolysis
4. Temperature Changes

Paper 2:

5. Rate of Reaction
6. Chromatography
7. Identifying Ions
8. Water Purification



Combined Science

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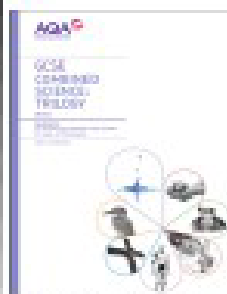


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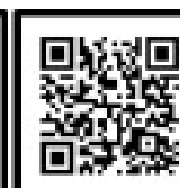
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4. Chemical Changes
5. Energy Changes

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7. Organic Chemistry
8. Chemical Analysis
9. Chemistry of Atmosphere
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6. Waves
7. Magnetism

English Literature:

Mr Bruff resources on Youtube: www.Youtube.com/user/MrBruff

BBC Bitesize for AIC/R&J/ACC: www.Bitesize.com/topics

Lit Charts: www.litcharts.com

Spark Notes: www.sparknotes.com

The Victorian Web: www.victorianweb.com

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Ask your teachers about accessing Revision guides!

Music:

The main aspect that the Year 11 students need to be working on at home is preparing for their performance exam (this does not apply to piano students if they do not have a piano at home). If they can practise for 30 minutes at least four times a week, this will have a huge impact for this component.

Other revision websites they can use are:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zfwv7nb>

<https://www.musictheory.net/>

<https://www.teoria.com/>

BTEC Sport:

For your child to achieve the highest grade possible in this subject, they need to ensure their 3 course work units are completed with depth and detail in their answers and each point related to a sporting activity.

Unit 2 – Practical Sport

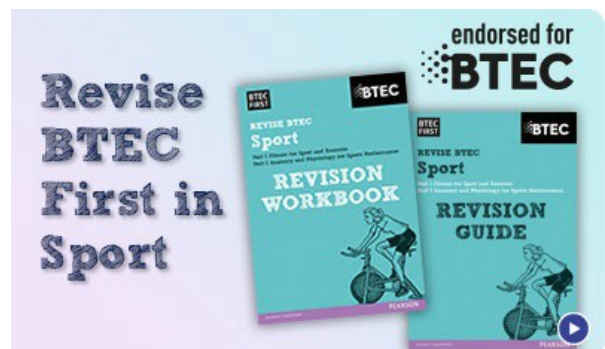
Unit 3 – Applying the Principles of Personal Training

Unit 5 – The Sports Performer in Action

The final unit is an on-line examination.

Unit 1 – Fitness for Sport and Exercise

This will require the students to revise the content thoroughly and do plenty of past papers. The following 2 books; revision guide and revision workbook are excellent for preparation.



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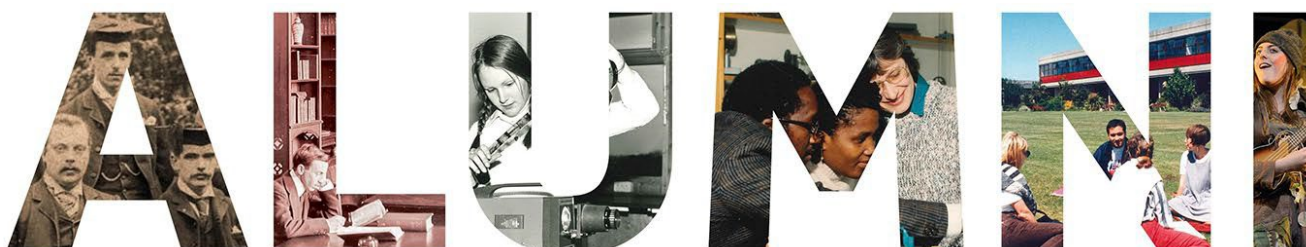
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