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# Balcarra

From strength to strength

**Balcarra Sixth Form Induction Day 2024**

# Welcome!



**Mr Darren Leatherbarrow**

**Mr Mark Constance**

**Mr Will Rothwell**

**Head of Sixth Form**

**Head of Year 12**

**Head of Year 13**

# Welcome!



**Mrs Cheryl Crowley**

**Mr Alex Boughton**

**Ms Clare Shields**

**Mrs Gill Dean**

**Sixth Form Administrator**

**Y12 Study Supervisor**

**Y13 Study Supervisor**

**Y13 Study Supervisor**

**Well  
done!!!**



**A new journey begins ...**

# Today

09:00 – 09:30

Assembly - Main Hall

09:30 – 10:00

Block A

10:00 – 10:30

Block B

10:30 – 11:00

Block C

**11:00 – 11:20**

**Break - Refreshments - Common Room  
- 'Fresher's Fair' – Main Hall**

11:20 – 11:50

Block D

11:50 – 12:20

Block E

12:20 – 12:45

Final Assembly - Main Hall

12:45 – 13:20

Q and A in the Common Room



# “Freshers Fair” @ break time

## Additional Qualifications & post-18 progression

**Mrs Bull & Mrs Lewis:**  
Careers & post-18 destinations



**Mr Leatherbarrow & Mr Rothwell**  
Early Entry & Oxbridge

**Mrs Porter & Mrs Collinson:**  
EPQ



**Mr Niblett:**  
BOOST

**Mr Critchley / Mrs Baker**  
Maths Opportunities



**Mrs Taylor / Mrs Renton**  
STEM Ambassadors



**Mrs Corinaldi / Mrs Williams:**  
SEND & Exam Access



## In-school Extra-Curricular

**Mr Goddard:**  
Young Enterprise

**Mr Constance**  
Bar Mock Trial

**Mr Harvey / Mr Weller / Mrs Clemow-Thompson:**  
Sixth Form Games

**Mr Bennett & Miss Wranosky**  
School Production

**Mr Armstrong & Mrs Watts:**  
Soul Band, Balcajazz, Choirs & House Music

**Mrs Corinaldi / Mrs Williams / Mrs Dewdney:**  
Paired Reading / Maths  
Mentoring

## Out of school Extra-Curricular

**Mr Pearce, Mr Butler:**  
Duke of Edinburgh Gold

**Mr Dean**  
Skiing

**Mr Weller, Mr Willgoss**  
Expedition

**Mr Constance**  
Sixth Form Enrichment Visit

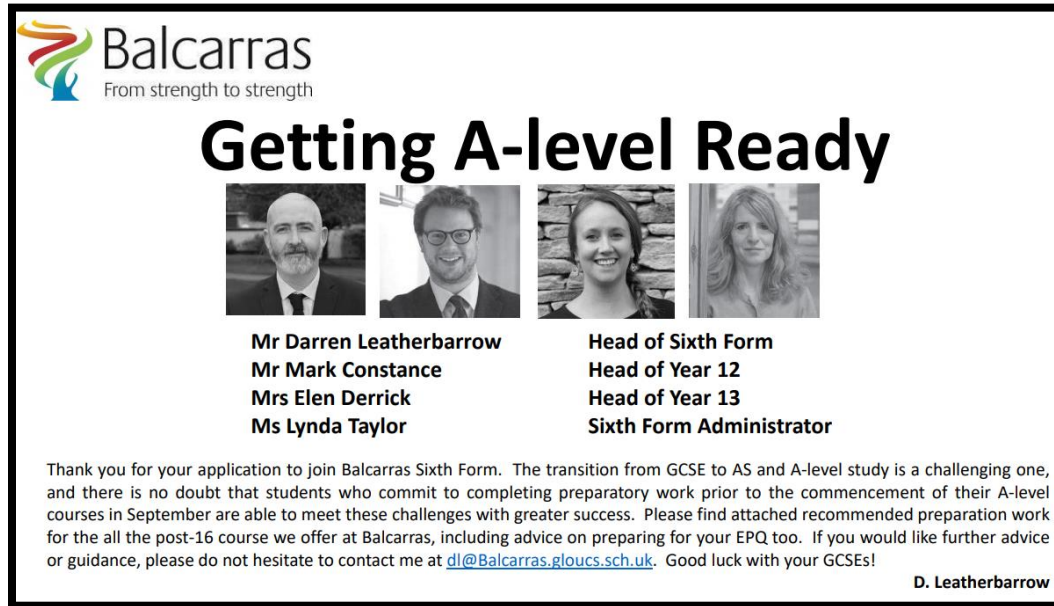
## Your checklist...

- Really give your **ALL** in the subjects
- Get to know at least 3 new people - network!
- Look around the Sixth Form and the school community
- Come and chat with one of us!
- Get a feel for the place and...

We cannot wait to see you in  
September!





## How should I best prepare for my A level courses?



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### Getting A-level Ready

  
**Mr Darren Leatherbarrow**  
**Mr Mark Constance**  
**Mrs Elen Derrick**  
**Ms Lynda Taylor**

  
**Head of Sixth Form**  
**Head of Year 12**  
**Head of Year 13**  
**Sixth Form Administrator**

Thank you for your application to join Balcarras Sixth Form. The transition from GCSE to AS and A-level study is a challenging one, and there is no doubt that students who commit to completing preparatory work prior to the commencement of their A-level courses in September are able to meet these challenges with greater success. Please find attached recommended preparation work for the all the post-16 course we offer at Balcarras, including advice on preparing for your EPQ too. If you would like further advice or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dl@Balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:dl@Balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk). Good luck with your GCSEs!




**D. Leatherbarrow**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb7OSiqJAel>

interactive worksheets/videos:  
<https://time2resources.co.uk/blog/preparing-year-11-students-for-year-12-business-qualifications-with-inside-aid/>

Company Accounts  
The classic book on stock market investment, as recommended by Warren Buffet.

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### Studies

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[Entrepreneur](#)

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[Rules Updated for](#)

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You should have found our 'Getting A-level Ready' preparatory work on the website, and we have emailed this to all applicants also. We hope this is of use to you, and helps to provide a real flavour of the content and character of the subjects you have opted to study. If you have any subject-specific questions, please do email Mr Leatherbarrow: [dl@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:dl@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

## What should I do on GCSE results day?

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. You will need to check your school's website for what your specific arrangements.

If you have met the entry criteria for conditional offer to join Balcarras, and are happy with your courses, we will aim to confirm your place – **BUT YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR INTENT WITH US ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance, Mr Rothwell, and Ms Crowley will be able to advise you on admissions and options from 9:30am – 4:00pm at Balcarras.

We will also be available on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am – 12:30pm should there be a need to discuss your options for the academic year ahead.

If you no longer wish to take up your conditional offer at Balcarras, and pursuing other post-16 options, please do notify us as soon as possible by emailing Mrs Crowley: CC [@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

# GCSE Results Day

## What to do next:

### Balcarras Students

If you have met the entry criteria for your conditional offer, brilliant! If you don't wish to change your subjects you can go home, **but only after you have confirmed with us in person or by email that you intend to accept your place.** We will see you in September!

### However ...

If you do wish to change a subject, or your results means you have not met the admission criteria for all of your chosen courses and you have been asked to meet with us, then please speak to Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Rothwell or Mr Constance.

### Don't go home until you have sorted it out!

We will be in school until 3:30pm.

# Results Day

## What to do next:

### Non-Balcarras Students

If you have met the entry criteria for your conditional offer, brilliant! If you don't wish to change your subjects, please confirm by email that you intend to accept your place. Please attach a photograph of your GCSE Results statement to your e-mail.

We will confirm your place as soon as we can – the over-subscription criteria will be in action!

Most importantly, please confirm that are definitely intending to accept your place (or have decided not to), before 3:30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August! If we have not heard from you by then, your application will be declined by default.

### However ...

If you do wish to change a subject, or your results means you have not met the admission criteria for your chosen courses, then please email or telephone to speak to Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Rothwell or Mr Constance.

# Results Day

## What to do next:

If you need to contact us during the summer, or are away from Cheltenham in August as dealing with results and enrolment by email, the email addresses to use are:

[DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

[CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

# Changing Subjects

**If I want to change one of the subjects I have opted for, what should I do?**



**If you have any subject-specific questions, please do email either:**

**Mr Leatherbarrow: [DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**

**Or**

**Mrs Crowley: [CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**

**We will look at every enquiry. Any changes to subject options will be dependent on availability (in terms of timetable availability and subject capacity) and you meeting the relevant GCSE entry criteria.**

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**We will also be available on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am – 12:30pm should there be a need to discuss your options for the academic year ahead.**



# Changing Subjects

**If I do not meet the GCSE entry criteria for one of the subjects I have opted for, what should I do?**



**Once you have received your GCSE exam results, if you have missed the entry criteria in one or more subjects, do contact us:**

**Mr Leatherbarrow: [DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:DL@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**

**Or**

**Mrs Crowley: [CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**

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# Getting A-level Ready

## When will I know who my tutor is, and where I will be registering?

We will not be forming the 2024-25 tutor groups until our cohort is confirmed. This will not be possible to confirm until after the GCSE results are published on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and the cohort is confirmed in the days that follow.

On the first day of school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September all Year 12 students will find their tutor group lists on the Events noticeboard at the Sixth Form entrance, and on the noticeboard in the Sixth Form Common Room.

All the tutor groups will be fully integrated and comprise a mixture of students from all the Houses at Balcarras, along with students who are joining Balcarras from other schools.

Led by Head of Year 12, Mr Constance, our Year 12 tutor team will be:

12A	Mr Seguin	-	MFL
12B	Mrs Collinson	-	Psychology
12C	Mr Cooper	-	Computer Science
12D	Miss Waters	-	Psychology
12E	Mr Perry	-	Business Studies & Economics
12J	Miss Shields	-	Sixth Form Study
12K	Mr Daniels	-	MFL
12L	Miss Clements	-	Textiles
12M	Mrs Timpson	-	Psychology

# **First Day of Year 12**

## **What is the plan for the first day of term?**

**On the first day of school on Tuesday 3rd September all Year 12 students will find their tutor group lists on the Events noticeboard at the Sixth Form entrance, and on the noticeboard in the Sixth Form Common Room.**

**Tutor groups will receive their timetables. In addition to the 36 subject lessons over the two-week timetable, you will also find other on your timetable:**

- EPQ
- Sixth Form Games
- Sixth Form Speaker
- Study

**If you are studying French, Russian or Spanish, you will also have an MFL speaker session which will need to be arranged in one of your allocated Study lessons.**

**Students who are new to the school will also receive their log-ins for the school network, email and virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in the first week, and newly enrolled students will receive their cashless catering cards and log-in details for Scopay.**

**Over the course of the first few weeks of term, all the students who are new to the school will be invited to join Mr Leatherbarrow, Mr Constance and tutors for break time breakfast where any other FAQs can be addressed.**

# Getting A-level Ready

**I will be travelling some distance to attend Balcarras, and I am concerned about travel arrangements and costs. What should I do?**



**Each and every year we welcome a number of students from different parts of the county, and many of our Sixth Form students who travel from Winchcombe, Cirencester and Tewkesbury rely on public transport.**

**For those who do rely on public transport, please be aware that you may be eligible to apply for bursary support each term to help you cover your transport costs (please check our website). Any students facing any other financial difficulties can also apply for bursary support.**

**If you do wish to explore the bursary support, then please contact:**

**Mr Constance: [MBC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:MBC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**

**Or**

**Mrs Crowley: [CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:CC@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)**



**Enjoy your summer!**  
**See you in September!**