



"Be The Best You Can Be"

Weekly Newsletter

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SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS!

Across Monday and Tuesday this week, all Year 11 students were invited to take part in our Sixth Form Taster Days. This valuable experience gave students the opportunity to explore what studying at Sixth Form level is really like at The Abbey School.

Prior to the event, students selected subjects that interested them, allowing them to attend a series of taster lessons across the two days. These sessions were designed to give a realistic insight into how A Level and Level 3 qualifications are delivered, including the style of teaching, the level of discussion, and the independent thinking expected at post-16 study.

The taster lessons allowed students to experience a wide range of subjects, meet Sixth Form teachers, and gain a clearer understanding of the academic pathways available to them. It also provided an opportunity for students to ask questions and begin thinking more seriously about their future study options.

We hope the experience has helped students feel more confident and excited about the possibilities that Sixth Form study at The Abbey School can offer.

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ROYAL NAVY WORKSHOP!

This week our Year 10 students took part in an exciting workshop delivered by the Royal Navy. Students were challenged with a series of hands-on STEM activities, including building a communications tower and designing transportation devices.

The workshop encouraged teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, and it was fantastic to see students fully engaged in tackling these practical challenges. Many students also asked thoughtful questions about apprenticeships and the wide range of career pathways available within the Royal Navy and the wider armed forces.

For families who would like to explore these pathways further, you can find more information about careers and apprenticeships through the following links:

- Royal Navy Careers: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>
- Royal Navy Apprenticeships: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/apprenticeships>
- National Careers Service – Armed Forces Careers: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/armed-forces>

Well done to all of our wonderful year 10 students, you made the Abbey school really proud with your participation and maturity throughout the two days.

Poppy H - I loved it so much, It was so fun and I am really wanting to go into the Royal Navy, it was so inspiring

Makayla O - I thought the workshop was amazing. I loved the activities we did, the team work was amazing, especially with Panda and Chris they made it really fun, now I think I want to join.

Evie. W - I loved it and I thought it was inspiring, fun and I learnt so much. It definitely made me think about a career in the Navy. One of the best workshops I have done!

EASTER EGG DONATIONS!



The Abbey School

With the Easter holidays just around the corner, many of us are looking forward to some rest and relaxation. However, for some members of our community, Easter can be a lonely time.

The Canterbury Care Home (next to Aldi) has asked if our school could help bring some joy to their residents this Easter. Many of the residents have no friends or family able to visit them over the holiday period, and some are living with Dementia. Donating an Easter egg would help make their Easter a little brighter.

We ran this initiative last year and were overwhelmed by the generosity of our students and families. Thanks to your support, we were able to donate Easter eggs to three care homes in the town.

If you would like to help again this year, students are welcome to donate an Easter egg by bringing it to the main reception.

All students who donate will receive a Charity Golden Ticket and 30 house points in recognition of their kindness and support for the community.

Closing date for donations: Wednesday 1st April

Delivery to care homes: Thursday 2nd April (depending on the number of donations received)

Please bring any donated eggs to main reception.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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Massive thanks to the following students for donating this week!

Michael P - Y10
Dylan C - Y9
Liam M - Y10
Kiera J - Y11
Ellana J - Y11
Tilly M - Y7

Everlyn B - Y7
Jake B - Y9
Janet Z - Y7
Lottie B - Y8
Riley M - Y8
Delyan N - Y9

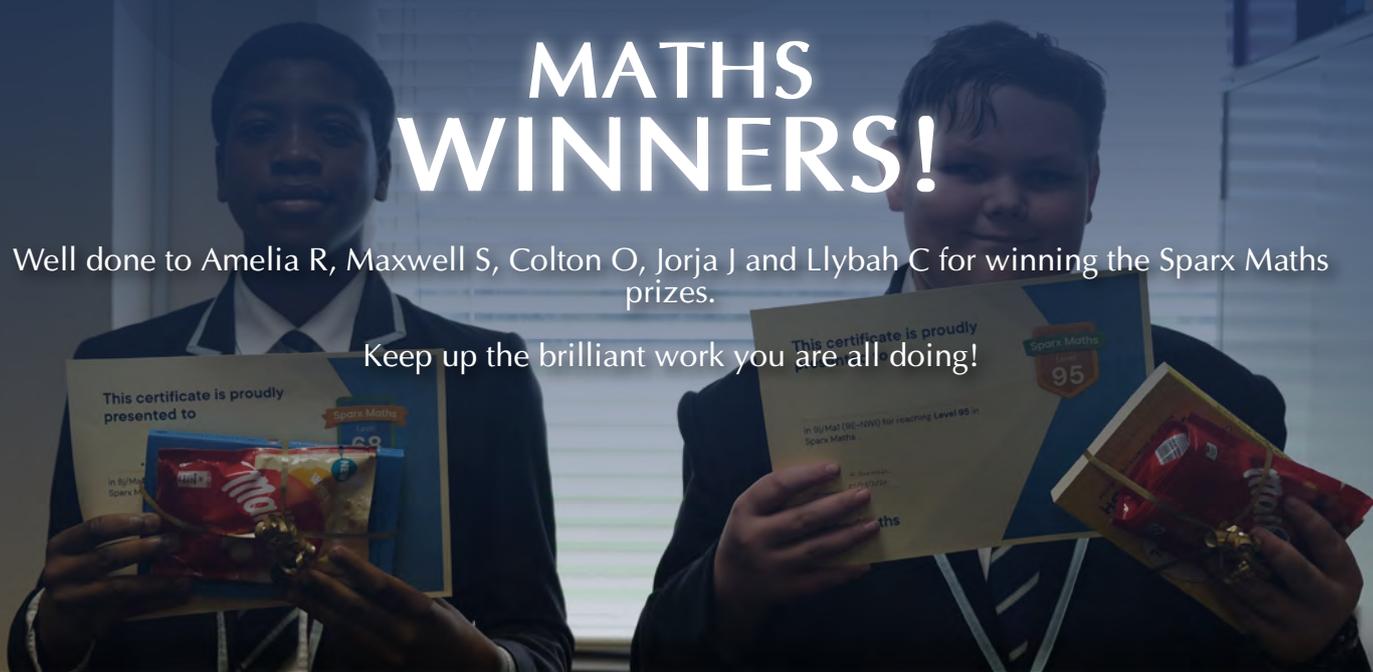
Ellie-May S - Y8
Gvidas A - Y8
Daisy T - Y11
Zack B - Y7
Joe T - Y8
Kacie F - Y9

Henry B - Y7
Sinead B - Y8
Enya B - Y12
Harry B - Y8
Katherine P - Y11

MATHS WINNERS!

Well done to Amelia R, Maxwell S, Colton O, Jorja J and Llybah C for winning the Sparx Maths prizes.

Keep up the brilliant work you are all doing!





GEOGRAPHY NEWS

The Abbey School, Faversham



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Year 13 NEA Investigation

Congratulations to our Year 13 students for completing their Non-Examined Assessment Fieldwork Projects!

- ✓ Design their own investigation
- ✓ Collect and analyse data
- ✓ Apply geographical theory
- ✓ Write a detailed report



Well Done Year 13!

- Paper 1 Physical Geography – 13 May (AM)
- Paper 2 Human Geography – 3 June (PM)
- Paper 3 Skills & Fieldwork – 11 June (AM)
- = All exams 1 hour 30 minutes

- Paper 1 Physical Geography – 12 May (AM)
- Paper 2 Human Geography – 21 May (PM)
- = All exams 2 hours 30 minutes)

PREPARING FOR GEOGRAPHY EXAMS

Revision Flashcards

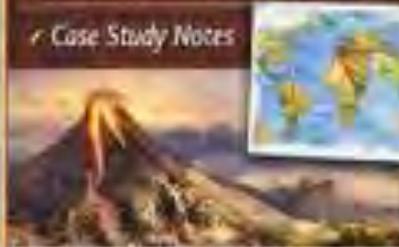
- ✓ Key Terms & Definitions



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Fact File: Chile Earthquake

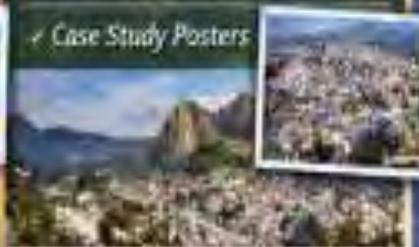
- ✓ Case Study Notes



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Mind Maps: Rio Urbanisation

- ✓ Case Study Posters



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Geography Revision Sessions 📞 GCSE: Thurs Afterschool **510** | A-Level: Thurs Afterschool **511**

WHY STUDY A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY?

Understand Global Issues & Develop Skills for Careers

- Environmental Consultant
- Urban Planner
- Climate Scientist
- GIS Analyst





WHY CHOOSE GCSE GEOGRAPHY?

Explore Earthquakes, Cities & the Environment



- Disaster Management
- Marine Biologist
- Sustainability Advisor
- Travel & Tourism



SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Preparing for Your A Level Business Exams

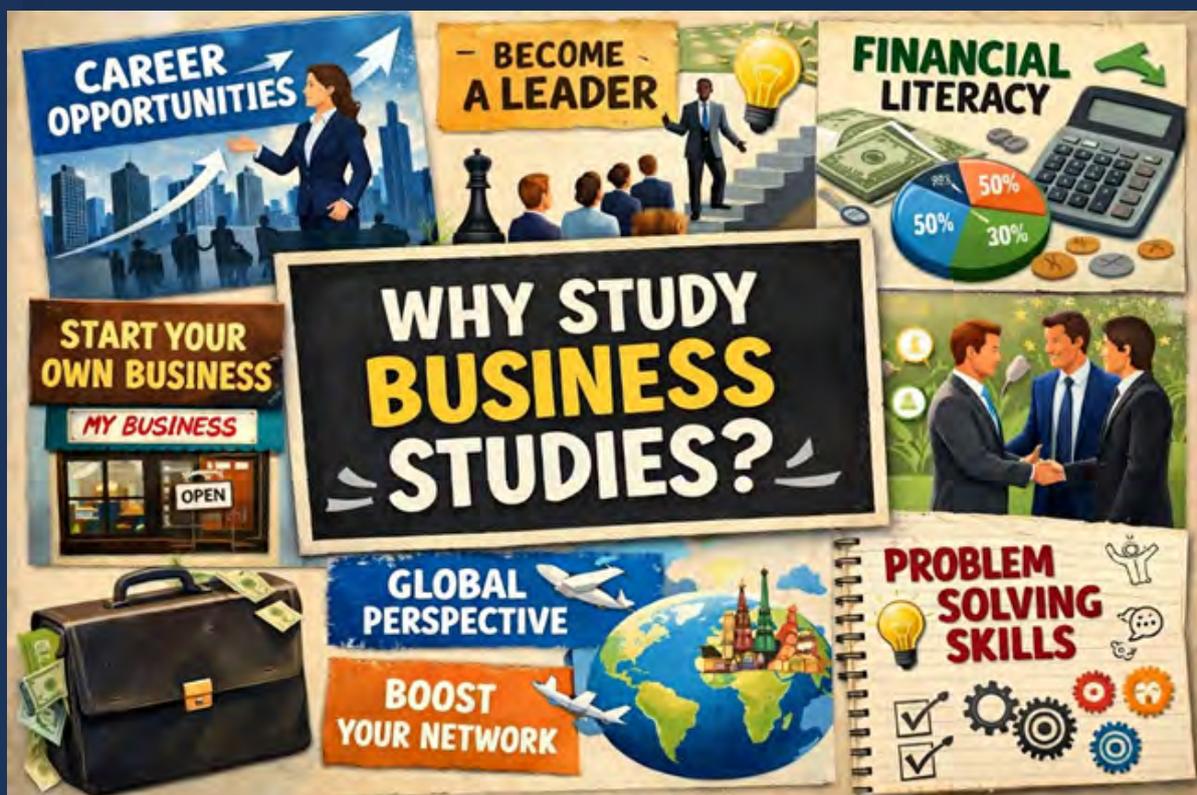
A Level Business is more than memorising definitions — it's about understanding how real businesses make decisions in a constantly changing world. Over the course of your studies, you've explored key concepts such as supply and demand, profit and revenue, market structures, business objectives, marketing strategy, finance, operations, and human resource management. You've also learned to analyse businesses using tools like SWOT analysis, decision trees, break-even analysis, and investment appraisal, helping you think like a real business leader.

As exams approach, remember that success comes from application, analysis, and evaluation. Examiners want to see that you can apply theory to real business contexts, explain the impact of decisions, and weigh up different options before reaching a justified judgement.

Top tips for success:

- Know your key terminology and use it confidently in your answers.
 - Practice applying concepts to real or case-study businesses.
- Structure longer answers clearly, especially 9-, 16-, and 20-mark questions.
 - Use data from the case study to support your arguments.

Always include evaluation — consider limitations, risks, or alternative strategies. Most importantly, believe in the skills you've developed. A Level Business has equipped you with the ability to think critically, solve problems, and evaluate complex decisions — exactly the skills successful managers and entrepreneurs use every day. Stay focused, keep practising exam questions, and approach the exam with confidence. Your hard work can pay off — now is the time to show what you know.



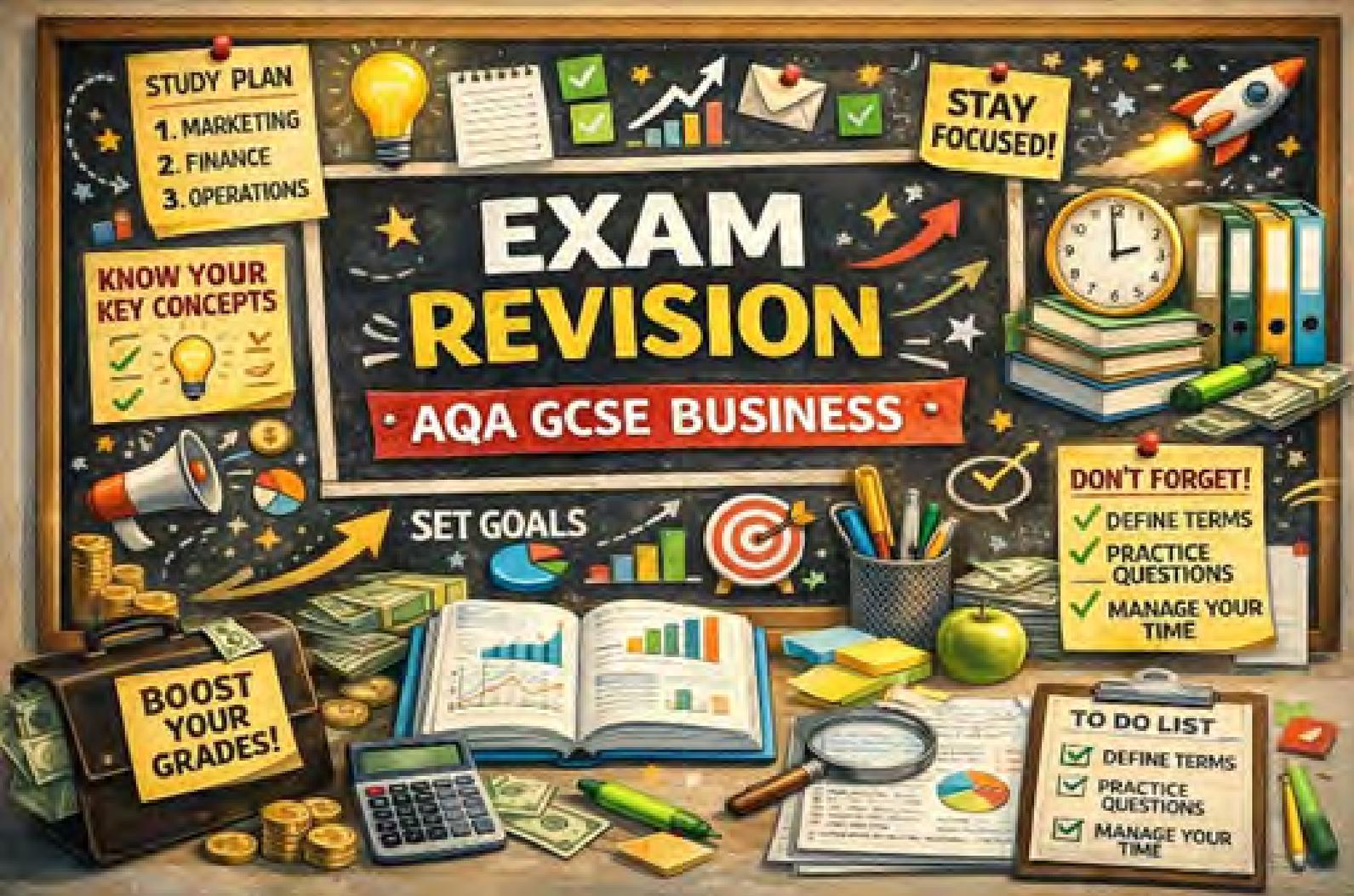
Getting Ready for Your GCSE Business Exams

As you prepare for your GCSE Business exams, remember how much you've already learned about how businesses start, grow, and succeed. Throughout the course you've explored important ideas such as enterprise and entrepreneurship, business aims and objectives, marketing, finance, operations, and human resources. You've also developed the ability to understand how businesses respond to customers, competitors, and changes in the economy. GCSE Business is not just about remembering facts — it's about explaining how and why businesses make decisions. In the exam, you will often be asked to apply your knowledge to real business situations, analyse the effects of decisions, and sometimes make a judgement about what a business should do.

Top tips for success:

- Learn key terms and definitions so you can use correct business vocabulary in your answers.
 - Read the question carefully and make sure you answer exactly what it asks.
 - Use the information in the case study to support your points.
 - Explain your ideas clearly, not just what happens but why it happens.
- For longer questions, try to give balanced answers by considering more than one point.

You've built valuable skills during this course — understanding customers, analysing business decisions, and thinking logically about problems. Stay positive, keep practising exam questions, and go into the exam ready to show what you know. Your effort and preparation can make a real difference. Good luck!



EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

TERM 4

This term, our extracurricular programme is full of exciting opportunities, with something to suit everyone's interests. There are sports, creative clubs and new activities to try out. Joining in is not just about fun, it's also a chance to discover new talents, meet different people, and grow in confidence.

Trying new things is especially valuable because it helps you step outside your comfort zone. You may uncover hidden skills you didn't know you had, or find a passion that could shape your future. It also teaches resilience, problem-solving, and teamwork skills that are useful both in and out of school.

Most importantly, extracurricular activities bring balance to your life. They give you a break from classroom learning while still helping you develop in meaningful ways. Whether you continue with something familiar or try something completely new, you'll gain experiences and memories that will last well beyond this term.

Click the image below to see what is happening this term!



STUDENT SHOUTOUT!

We love celebrating our amazing students and their achievements! Parents and carers, we'd love to hear from you! If your child has achieved something they're proud of (big or small!), send it in and we will share this with our school community.

Achievements could include:

- Academic successes
- Sporting achievements
- Creative talents
- Personal milestones
- Acts of kindness or resilience

To take part, simply email us with:

Your child's achievement
Their name
A photo (optional)

info@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk

Let's work together to celebrate our students and recognise their hard work!

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**ALINA AND FREDDIE
WISHES YOU ALL A GREAT WEEKEND!**

Ramadan and Lent

Supporting Our Students and Staff

**A Quiet Room is Available
in the Centre at Lunchtimes.**

 Some may not be eating or drinking

 Energy levels might be lower

 Quiet reflection & prayer may be happening

Ramadan 2026

18 Feb – 19 Mar

Lent 2026

18 Feb – 29 Mar

Thank you for being mindful & respectful

We have worked with you
listened to your ideas and made lots of changes
over the last few years.



You asked.....

"Do detentions have to be so long? I don't like walking home on my own."

We did.....

"We have reduced detentions to 30 mins if you attend on the day it is set, unless it is a homework detention for KS4 – this is an hour."



THE WORRY BOX

Checked daily during school hours

www.theabbey-that.org.uk/worrybox

Not checked at the weekends or evenings. For urgent help, contact NSPCC, Action for Children or Childline



Faversham Golf
Academy



The Abbey
School



GOLF *Day*

Fundraising for Faversham Golf Academy

@Faversham Golf Club

Wednesday 6th May - 2pm Shotgun Start

Cost: £30 Members / £70 Non Members

- Prizes for: Top 4, Nearest to the Pins & Longest Drive
- Sponsorship opportunities (£50 per hole)
- Meal provided (burger and chips)

Register today!



Further information, please contact:
golfacademy@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk



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NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE



At The Abbey School, we strive to create a **safe and secure** environment for the school community. Our school is a **welcoming and inclusive place** where we all show one another respect and look out for each other.

We will not tolerate any **threatening, abusive or violent** behaviour and action will be taken when necessary.



Secondary School of the Year

Recognising the exemplary use of STEER to proactively safeguard children and young people, and your role in supporting proactive safeguarding across your sector.

2025

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Simon Walker
STEER Founder

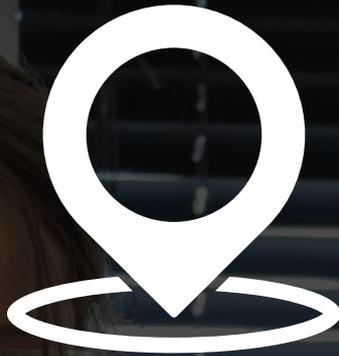


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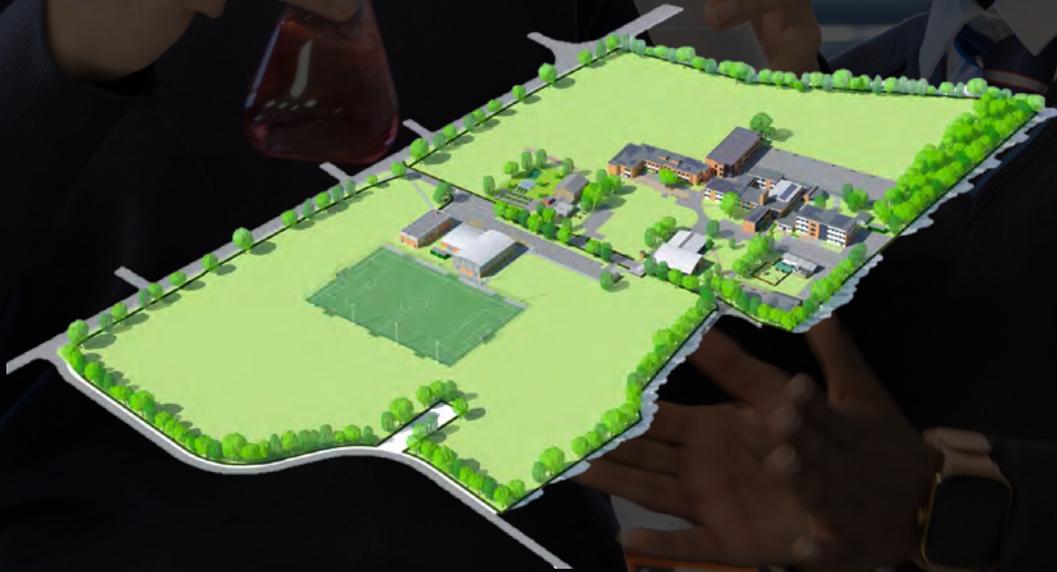
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