

The School System in England

Age on 1 st September	Year	Level	Exams	School		
17	Year 13	Key Stage 5	A Levels/NVQ	Sixth Form	College	Upper School + Sixth Form
16	Year 12		AS Levels			
15	Year 11	Key Stage 4	GCSEs	Secondary school		
14	Year 10					
13	Year 9	Key Stage 3	SATs (English Maths Science)			
12	Year 8					
11	Year 7					
10	Year 6	Key Stage 2	SATs (English Maths Science)	Primary school	Junior school	Middle school
9	Year 5					
8	Year 4					
7	Year 3					First /Lower school
6	Year 2	Key Stage 1	SATs (English Maths)	Infant school		
5	Year 1					
4	Reception					
3				Play school/group		

Compulsory Education = 5 to 16 years

SATs = Standard Assessment Tests

GCSEs = General Certificate of Secondary Education

A Levels = Advanced Examination of the General Certificate of Education

AS Level = Advanced Subsidiary Examination of the General Certificate of Education

NVQ = National Vocational Qualifications

The School Day in England

08.55 Warning bell

09.00 Registration/Assembly

09.15 Period 1

10.15 Period 2

11.15 Break

11.30 Period 3

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Warning Bell

13.35 Period 4 [with Registration]

14.35 Period 5

15.35 End of School