



Year 11 Supporting Success
2024-2025

Programme for the evening



Mrs Jenkins - Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Progress)
Mr Flanagan - Head of Upper School



Mrs Jenkins, Deputy Headteacher
Mr Sidell – Lead Practitioner
Timeline, Subject assessment breakdown.



Ofqual, JCQ rules and regulations, exam results nationally, post results – remarks and retakes



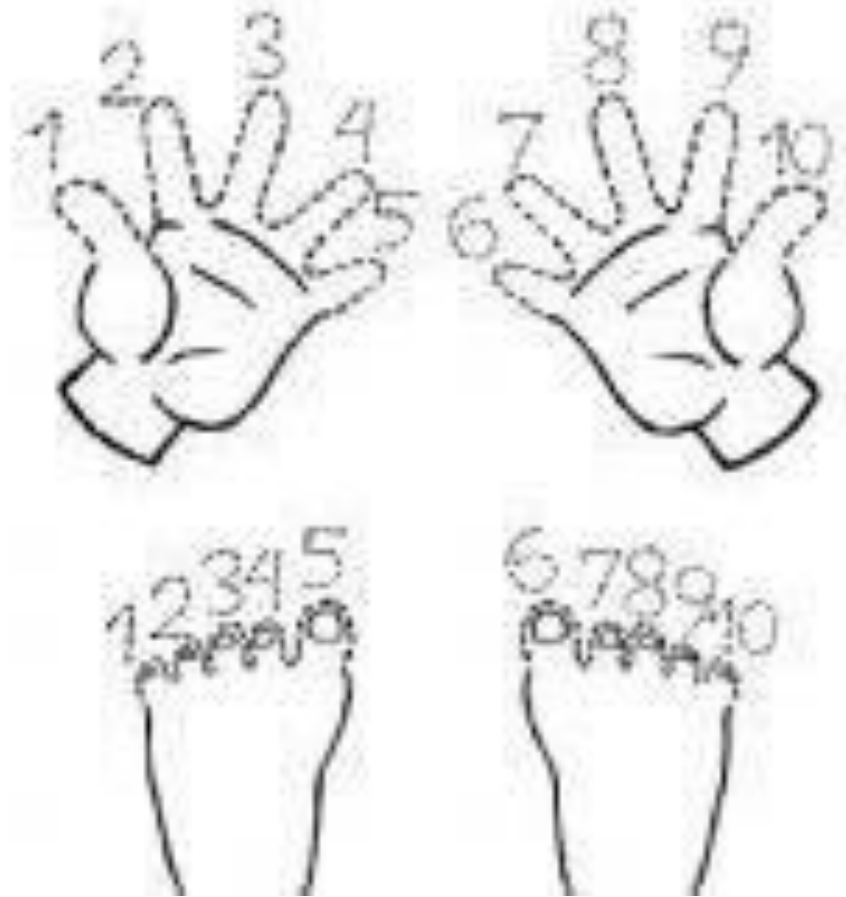
Careers and Post 16 pathways. Further Education Providers



Mr Flanagan - attendance and outcomes



Mr Flanagan - Exam anxiety and stress



If we take out the 3 Mondays lost to mocks, we have **20 more teaching Mondays** until your formal written exams



GCSE English Literature



Afterschool support:
Thursday
Please check with your teacher

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Literature Paper 1: 12th May AM

- 1 hr 45 mins (some students get extra time)
- Section A: One question on *Romeo and Juliet*
- Section B: One question on 19th century novel:
 - The Sign of Four
 - A Christmas Carol

CLOSED BOOK



GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Literature Paper 2: **20th May AM**

- 2 hr 15 mins
- Section A: One question on *An Inspector Calls*
- Section B: One question on *Power and Conflict Poetry*
- Section C: One question on Unseen Poetry
- One comparison of two unseen poems

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GCSE English Language



Afterschool Support :
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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Language Paper 1: 23rd May AM

- 1 hr 45 mins
- Section A: Reading
 - One fiction extract, answer four questions
- Section B: Writing
 - One creative/descriptive task



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Language Paper 2: 6th June AM

- 1 hr 45 mins
- Section A: Reading
 - Two non - fiction extracts, answer four questions
- Section B: Writing
 - One persuasive/argumentative task





GCSE

Mathematics



Afterschool support:
Higher: Monday and Wednesday
Foundation: Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday

GCSE Mathematics

Exam board: AQA Specification code: 8300

3 written exam papers each equally weighted

Foundation tier – covering grades 1 to 5

Higher tier – covering grades 4 to 9

Each exam paper consists of a mix of question styles, from short, single-mark questions (including multiple choice) to multi-step problems. The mathematical demand increases as a student progresses through the paper.

Tier of Entry is NOT shown on your result sheet



GCSE Maths

Formulae you'll need to know

Pythagoras' theorem

In any right-angled triangle where a , b and c are the length of the sides and c is the hypotenuse:



Trigonometry formulae

In any right-angled triangle ABC where a , b and c are the length of the sides and c is the hypotenuse:

$$\sin A = \frac{a}{c} \quad \cos A = \frac{b}{c} \quad \tan A = \frac{a}{b}$$

In any triangle ABC where a , b and c are the length of the sides:

$$\text{sine rule: } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\text{cosine rule: } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$



The quadratic formula

The solutions of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Circumference and area of a circle

Where r is the radius and d is the diameter.

$$\text{Circumference of a circle} = 2\pi r = \pi d$$

$$\text{Area of a circle} = \pi r^2$$

Perimeter, area, surface area and volume formulae



Where a and b are the lengths of the parallel sides and h is their perpendicular separator:

$$\text{Area of a trapezium} = \frac{1}{2} (a + b) h$$

$$\text{Volume of a prism} = \text{area of cross section} \times \text{length}$$

Compound interest

Where P is the principal amount, r is the interest rate over a given period and n is the number of times that the interest is compounded:

$$\text{Total accrued} = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n$$

Probability

Where $P(A)$ is the probability of outcome A and $P(B)$ is the probability of outcome B :

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \text{ given } B) P(B)$$

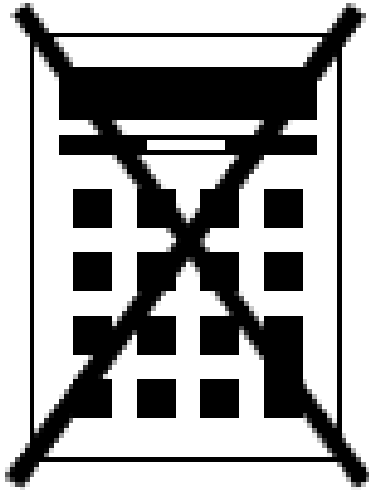
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GCSE Mathematics

- In addition to the subject content, students should be able to **recall, select and apply mathematical formulae.**

- This is particularly important for the Higher tier as **many of these formulae are no longer given.**





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GCSE MATHEMATICS **F**
Foundation Tier Paper 1 Non-Calculator

Thursday 24 May 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
• mathematical instruments
You must not use a calculator.

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Draw diagrams in pencil.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
• Answer all questions.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
• Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
• You may ask for graph paper, tracing paper and more answer paper. These must be tagged securely to this answer book.

Advice
• In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

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TOTAL	

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Paper 1

15th May AM

1 hour 30 minutes

80 marks



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GCSE MATHEMATICS **H**
Higher Tier Paper 1 Non-Calculator

Thursday 24 May 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
• mathematical instruments
You must not use a calculator.

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Advice
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GCSE MATHEMATICS

Higher Tier Paper 2 Calculator

H

Thursday 7 June 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- mathematical instruments.



Instructions

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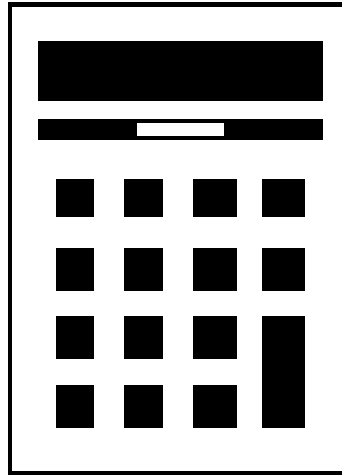
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Paper 2

4th June AM

1 hour 30 minutes

80 marks



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GCSE MATHEMATICS

Foundation Tier Paper 2 Calculator

F

Thursday 7 June 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- mathematical instruments.



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Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You may ask for more answer paper, graph paper and tracing paper. These must be tagged securely to this answer book.

Advice

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GCSE MATHEMATICS

Higher Tier Paper 3 Calculator

H

Tuesday 12 June 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- mathematical instruments.



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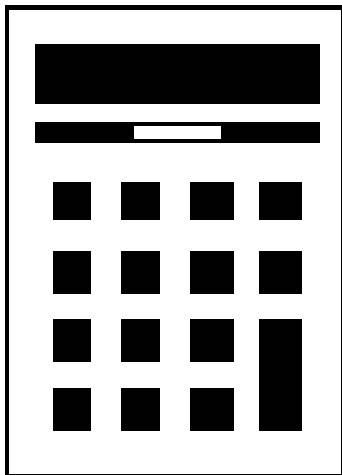
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Paper 3

11th June AM

1 hour 30 minutes

80 marks



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Foundation Tier Paper 3 Calculator

F

Tuesday 12 June 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- mathematical instruments.



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MEAT sheets

Name:			Class	Form:	Target:	Grade:
					4-	5-
AQA 8300 June 2017 Paper 1F (non-calculator)						
1	Time - converting hours/mins (KS3 clip N7b)	1	1			
2	Adding fractions and decimals (clip 84, 17, 71)	1	1			
3	Properties of polygons (clip 10)	1	1			
4	Solving 1 step equations (clip 135)	1	1			
5	Multiplying 2 digit numbers (clip 19)	3	3			
6a	Frequency trees, fractions and % of an amount (clip 57, 72, 87)	4	4			
6b	Writing a fraction, simplest form	2	2			
7	Estimation (clip 91)	2	2			
8	Money calculations (clip 22b)	6	3			
9	Dividing decimals by 2 digits (clip 20, 67)	2	2			
10	Multiplying fractions, mixed numbers (clip 73, KS3 clip N35)	2	0			
11	Perimeter (clip 52)	4	4			
12	Substitution (clip 95)	5	5			
13	BIDMAS (clip 75)	3	0			
14	Sample spaces, probability, primes (KS3 clip P2b, clip 59, 28)	5	5			
15	Sharing in a ratio (clip 38, 106)	3	3			
16a	Substituting into an equation	2	2			
16b	Plotting straight line graphs ($y=mx+c$) (clip 96)	2	0			
17	Index notation (clip 34, 131)	1	0			
18	Place value, standard form (clip 1, 83)	2	0			
19a	Converting units of measure (no clip)	2	2			
19b	Writing a formula (clip 137)	2	0			
20	Area of a square & circle (in terms of pi) (clip 53, 117)	3	0			
21	% of an amount, money calculations (clip 87, 22b)	5	5			
22a	Compound measures - density (clip 142, KS3 clip R11b)	1	1			
22b	Compound measures - speed (clip 142, KS3 clip R11a)	1	1			
23	Exterior angles in polygons (clip 123)	2	1			
24	Understanding fractions and ratio (clip 107)	1	0			
25	Averages from a table (clip 130a, 130b)	4	1			
26	Product of prime factors (clip 78)	3	3			
27	Exact trig values (clip 173)	1	0			
28	Simultaneous equations (clip 162)	3	0			
Total:		80	53			
			66%			
			5-			
AQA 8300 June 2017 Paper 2F (calculator)						
1	Units (clip N7a)	1	1			
2	Multiples (clip 28)	1	1			
3	Converting fractions to decimals (clip 84)	1	1			
4	Inequality sign (A20a)	1	1			
5	use of a calculator (clip 77) rounding (clip 32)	2	2			
6	pictograms (clip 16)	3	3			
7	median (clip 62)	2	2			
8a	directions and bearings (clip 124)	1	0			
8b	directions and bearings (clip 124)	1	0			
8cd	scales/distances from maps (no clip)	4	4			
9	Bank statements (no clip)	2	2			
10	Fractions of an amount (clip 72)	2	2			
11	two step equations (clip 135a)	2	2			
12a	scatter graphs (clip 129)	2	1			
12bc	range, % amount	6	4			
13	angles around a point (clip 45)	2	2			
14	converting units (no clip)	3	0			
15	sequences (clip 104)	2	2			
16	writing ratio (clip 38)	1	1			
17	converting percentages to fractions. (Place value) (clip 85)	1	1			
18	Money problems including percentages (clip 22b, 86)	6	6			
19	Understanding ratio (clip 38)	2	1			
20	Simple probability (clip 59)	2	1			
21	Volume and rates of changes (clip 115)	6	6			
22	Pythagoras (clip 150b)	3	0			
23	distance time graphs (clip 143)	4	1			
24	pie charts (clip 128a)	3	1			
25	Problem solving, (fractions, probability and expressions) (no clip)	4	0			
26	Plotting a quadratic curve (clip 98)	4	2			
27	ordering numbers/standard form (clip 83)	2	2			
28	rearranging formula (clip 136, 190)	2	0			
29	trig in right angled triangles (clip 168)	2	0			
Total:		80	52			
			65%			
			4+			
AQA 8300 June 2017 Paper 3F (calculator)						
1	ordering negative numbers (clip 23)	1	0			
2	writing expressions (clip A3, A2, A4)	1	1			
3	ordering fractions (clip 70)	1	1			
4	Indices (clip 29)	1	1			
5a	simplifying/collecting like terms (Clip A6, A7a)	2	1			
5b	expanding a single brackets and collecting like terms (clip A6, 93)	3	3			
6	Methodical organisation (no clip)	4	4			
7	Function machines (clip 36)	2	2			
8a	Interpreting a dual bar chart (clip 15)	1	1			
8b	calculating mean	2	2			
8cd	reading dual bar chart	3	2			
9	factors and simple probability (clip 28, 59)	3	3			
10	area of rectangles and triangles (clip 53, 54)	3	3			
11	Time (clip N7b)	3	3			
12	ordering, fractions, percentages and decimals (clip 85)	2	2			
13a	Tangents (clip 116)	1	1			
13b	area counting squares (clip 116)	1	1			
14	Plan views and elevations and naming solids (clip 51, 43)	2	2			
15	cube numbers (clip 81)	3	3			
16	similar triangles (clip 144)	3	2			
17	ratio and number lines (scales) (clip 38, 4)	2	0			
18	Best buys (clip 41)	5	1			
19	substitution (clip 95)	4	2			
20	fractions and percentages (clip 72, 86)	3	3			
21	Ratio (clip 106)	3	0			
22a	congruent shapes (clip 12b)	1	0			
22b	congruent shapes (clip 12b)	1	0			
23	bounds (clip 132, 206)	4	3			
24	angles in parallel lines (clip 120)	7	0			
25	fractions of an amount and probability (clip 72, 59)	5	5			
26	factorising a quadratic (clip 157)	1	1			
27	inequalities (clip 139)	2	0			
Total:		80	53			
			66%			
			5-			



Useful Mathematics Websites



Clip 25 Equivalent Fractions

One Minute Maths Interactive Questions Worksheet

Find a Clip

Qualification: GCSE

Tier: All

Grade: All

Topic: All

Search: fraction

Choose Clip (16)

Clip	Title
24	Introduction to Fractions
25	Equivalent Fractions
26	Simplifying Fractions
70	Comparing Fractions
71a	Adding and Subtracting Fractions - A Standard
71b	Adding and Subtracting Fractions - An Alternative
72	Finding a Fraction of an Amount
73	Multiplying Fractions
74	Dividing Fractions



Pupil view	%	Grade	All Pupils	Total
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Mathematics Revision



- We encourage all students to use the ICT facilities in the maths department to support their independent study. The department is open during lunch and before/after school.

Maths support runs afterschool on:
Higher Monday and Wednesday
Foundation – Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday



GCSE Science

Combined and Separate



Afterschool Support: Monday: Biology and Physics
Tuesday: Chemistry and Biology
Friday : Chemistry and Physics



Combined Science

- The assessment is 1 hr and 15 mins.
- The assessment is out of 70 marks.
- Students must answer all questions.
- The paper will include multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions.
- Calculators may be used in the examination.
- Available at foundation tier and higher tier.
- The foundation tier paper target grades 1-1 to 5-5.
- The higher tier paper target grades 4-4 to 9-9.

Key Dates

Date	Paper	Topics
13 th May PM	Combined Biology Paper 1	Cell biology Organisation Infection and response Bioenergetics
19 th May AM	Combined Chemistry Paper 1	Atomic structure and the periodic table Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter Quantitative chemistry Chemical changes Energy changes
22 nd May AM	Combined Physics Paper 1	Energy Electricity Particle model of matter Atomic structure
9 th June AM	Combined Biology Paper 2	Homeostasis and response Inheritance, variation and evolution Ecology
13 th June AM	Combined Chemistry Paper 2	The rate and extent of chemical change Organic chemistry Chemical analysis Chemistry of the atmosphere Using resources
16 th June AM	Combined Physics Paper 2	Forces Waves Magnetism and electromagnetism



Separate Sciences

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16 th June AM	Physics Paper 2	Forces Waves Magnetism and electromagnetism Space physics.

- The assessment is 1 hr and 45 mins.
- The assessment is out of 100 marks.
- Students must answer all questions.
- The paper will include multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions.
- Calculators may be used in the examination.
- Available at foundation tier and higher tier.
- The foundation tier paper with target grades 1–5.
- The higher tier paper with target grades 4–9.

Resources

- **BBC Bitesize** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>
- Remember to select subject and exam board: **AQA**
Separates: **AQA** Biology/Chemistry/Physics
Combined: **AQA** Combined Science **Trilogy**
- **You tube**: My GCSE Science – Look for AQA and FreeScience lessons.
Cognito – GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- **For Specification and exam papers**:
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science>
- **Afterschool Revision**:
Monday: **Biology** and **Physics**
Tuesday: **Chemistry** and **Biology**
Friday: **Chemistry** and **Physics**





GCSE Citizenship



CITIZENSHIP GCSE



Exam board: EDEXCEL.

Two final examinations at the end of year 11 (June). Both papers are 1 hr 45 mins.

Paper 1: 8th May PM

Paper 2: 15th May PM

Citizenship Action coursework: this is done in groups, where students identify an issue they care about and try to do something about it. This is done in their own time, with structured deadlines in December, February, and a final deadline of Easter.

Students are assessed on their coursework in the second exam.



**Other Ebacc
Subjects**



OCR
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

GCSE Geography

Afterschool support
Catch up missed work - Wednesday
Revision - Thursday

Geography GCSE- OCR B

Paper 1: Wed 14th May AM 1 hour 15 mins

Our Natural World (35%)

Global hazards

Changing climate

Distinctive landscapes including fieldwork

Sustaining ecosystems

Paper 2: Fri 6th June PM 1 hour 15 mins

People and Society (35%)

Urban futures including fieldwork

Dynamic development

UK in the 21st century

Resource reliance.

Paper 3: Thurs 12th June AM 1 hour 30 mins

Geographical exploration (30%)

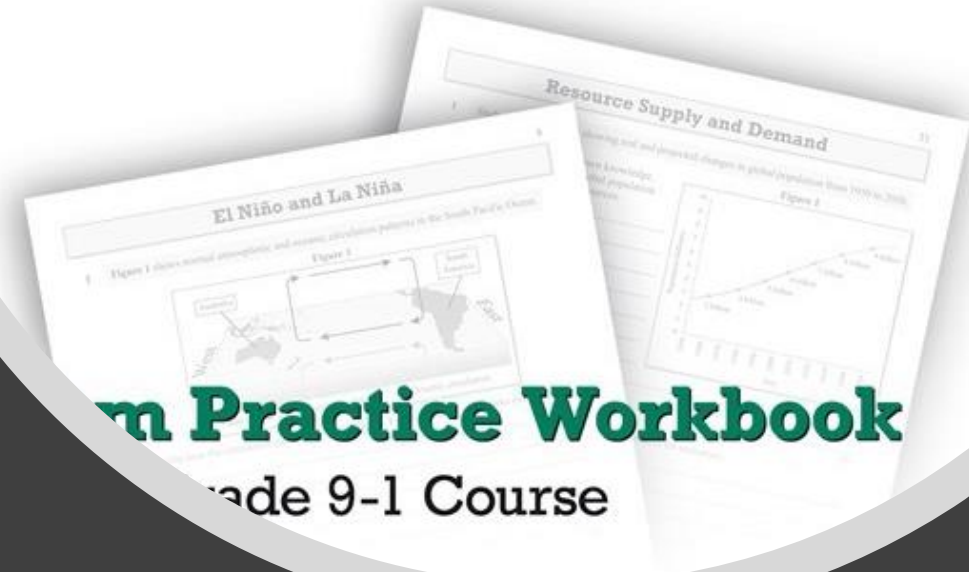
This component draws on geographical knowledge, understanding and skills that have been developed in components 01 and 02.

This synoptic assessment enables students to demonstrate their understanding of the connections between the different elements of the subject.



GCSE Geography

OCR B: Geography for Enquiring Minds





GCSE History



Afterschool support
Thursday

GCSE History

- **Students will sit 2 exams.**
- **Each exam is 2 hours long.**
- **Each exam is broken up into 2 units that the students have studied (each an hour long)**
- **GCSE history has no tiered entry – all students sit the same paper.**

Revision:

- Year 11's will be given revision guides
- Year 11's will be given workbooks to plan/answer questions and practice exam technique
- Videos about exam technique and about each unit are on Google Class
- Homework, which is due every week, is focused on revision.



Exam board:



GCSE History



Paper 1: Friday 16th May 2024 AM (2 hours)

This paper will contain the following two units:

Exam board:



- *Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945-1972 (1 hour)*



- **America: opportunity and inequality, 1920-1973 (1 hour)**



GCSE History

Paper 2: Thursday 5th June 2024 AM (2 hours)

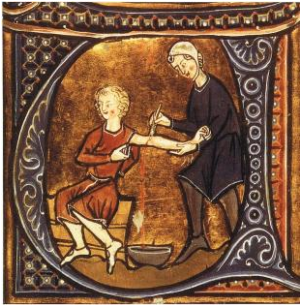


Exam board:



This paper will contain the following two units:

- *Britain: health and the people, c1000 – present day (1 hour)*



- *Elizabethan England, 1568-1603 (1 hour)*





GCSE



French and Spanish

Providing support in catching up on missed work, preparing for speaking exams, revision and extension work.

French Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm Languages 3
Spanish Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm Languages 1

Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
French (2016)

Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
Spanish (2016)

Final Assessment

- Tiered exams
- Foundation Grade 1-5
- Higher Grade 4-9
- Final tier decisions will be made after the upcoming December mocks

Skill	Percentage	Duration	French	Spanish
Speaking	25%	12mins prep F 7-9 mins exam H 10-12 mins exam	Individual timeslots Wed 7 th May	Individual timeslots Tues 6 th May
Listening	25%	F 40 mins H 50 mins	Tues 21 st May AM	Tues 10 th June AM
Reading	25%	F 45 mins H 1 hr	Tues 21 st May AM	Tues 10 th June AM
Writing	25%	F 1hr 15mins H 1hr 20mins	Thurs 5 th June PM	Tues 17 th June AM

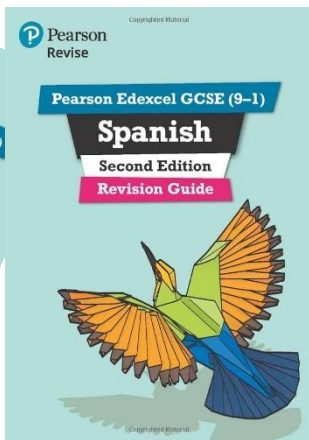
Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
French (2016)

Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
Spanish (2016)

Resources

Revision guide and
workbook available
from your class
teacher

£6 for the pair
£3.50 individually



Memrise vocabulary
learning website/app
(Little and often)

**MEM
RiSE**

*Active
Learn*

ActiveLearn - in addition to
homework tasks, students have
access to revision activities from all
5 years of language learning.

Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
French (2016)

Pearson Edexcel GCSEs
Spanish (2016)

After-school sessions

Providing support in catching up on missed work, preparing for speaking exams, revision and extension work.

French **Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm** Languages 3

Spanish **Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm** Languages 1

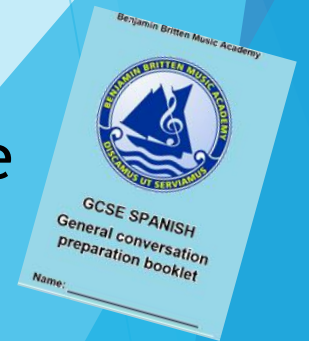
Working at home

Focus 1: Learning vocabulary. Little and often is the 

Using class vocabulary books and online sites such as Memrise, pupils should be **independently learning vocabulary.**

Focus 2: Preparing for speaking exam.

Drafting and learning answers for all 5 conversation themes in blue conversation booklet which will be distributed this half-term.





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GCSE Computer Science

Afterschool sessions
Wednesday

OCR GCSE Computer Science 9-1

Three units of work; one is an NEA and two are exams.

The exams are worth 50% each and the NEA is a programming project which is 0% weighted.

NEA: Programming Project in Python. 20 hour assessment. Completed in year 10.



Unit J277-01: Computer Systems (exam).

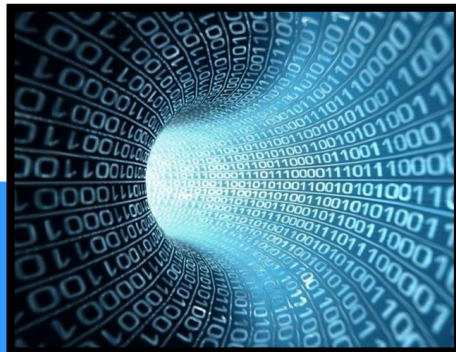
Taught in year 10. Revisited after Easter (April 2025).

Unit J277-02: Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming (exam). Taught in year 11.

Paper 1: Mon 12th May (PM)
1 hr 30 mins

Paper 2: Tues 20nd May (PM)
1 hr 30 mins

After school intervention sessions are available with Mr Cook in the Gates suite **every Wednesday after school**.



If you are interested in revision websites and purchasing a revision guide, please see Mr Cook.





Other Option
subjects



GCSE



Art
Photography

Support available everyday
during lunch and afterschool

GCSE Art and Photography

EDEXCEL Exam Board

Coursework mark is worth 60% of GCSE

All work completed in lessons, holidays and after school form this part of the grade.

75% of the coursework mark is their sketchbook work.

25% is the final piece they create during mock exams

Dates for mocks

Art: 4th/5th Nov

Photography: 6th/7th Nov

GCSE COURSEWORK DEADLINE 1st December 2024



GCSE Art and Photography

Exam mark worth 40% of GCSE

All work completed in lessons, afterschool and in the holidays form this part of the grade

75% Folder work

25% Exam final piece

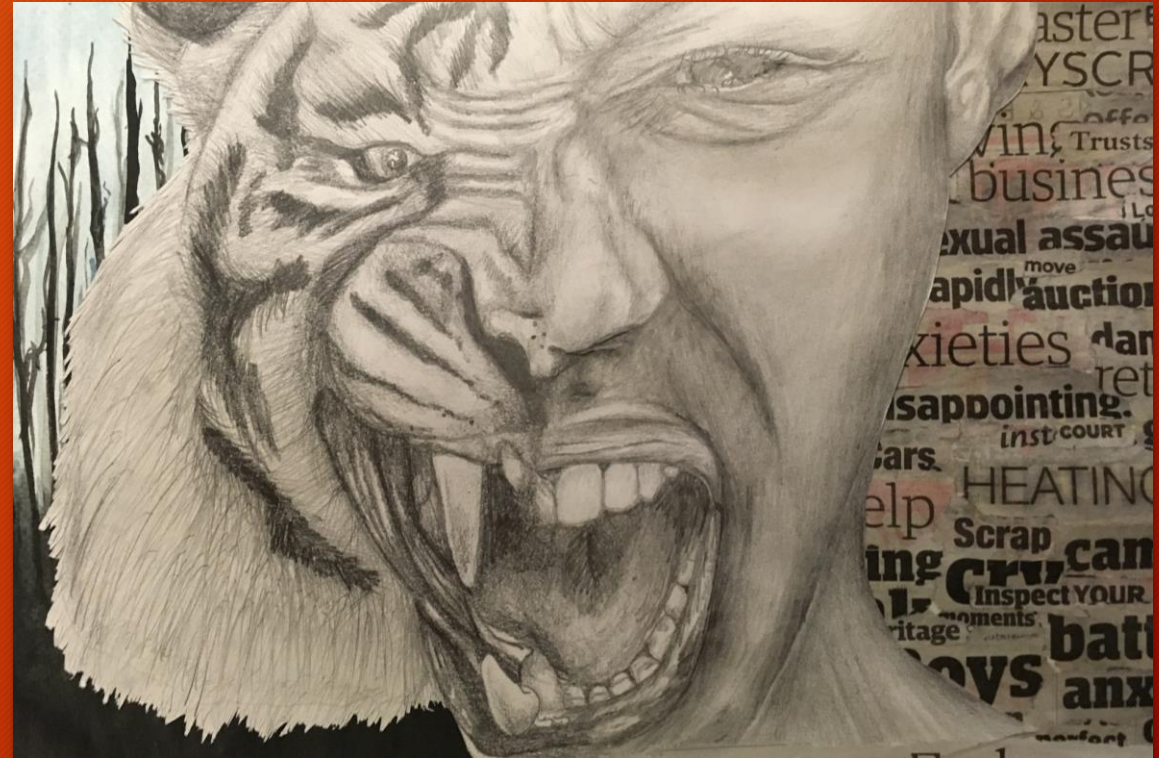
Exam dates

Art: 23rd - 24th April

Photography: 28th - 29th April

EASTER HOLIDAY Day EXTRA WORK BEFORE THE EXAM:

tbc





GCSE Business



Afterschool support
Tuesday

Edexcel GCSE Business Studies 9-1

Unit 1 – Investigating a small Business (90 marks) worth 50%.

- ❖ Enterprise and entrepreneurship.
- ❖ Spotting a business opportunity.
- ❖ Putting a business idea into practice.
- ❖ Making the business effective.
- ❖ Understanding external influences on business.

Unit 1 written exam - Friday 9th May (PM)
1 hr 45 minutes

- *Section A* is worth 35 marks.
- *Section B* is worth 30 marks.
- *Section C* is worth 25 marks.

The paper consists of calculations, multiple choice, short-answer and extended writing questions. Applying Mathematical skills is crucial to answer the numeracy questions.

Revision materials, past paper link and lesson resources available on [Google Classroom](#).
Homework booklets given and due in every three weeks, covering the relevant topic areas.



Edexcel GCSE Business Studies 9-1

Unit 2 – Building a Business (90 marks) worth 50%.

- ❖ Growing the business.
- ❖ Making marketing decisions.
- ❖ Making operational decisions.
- ❖ Making financial decisions.
- ❖ Making human resource decisions.

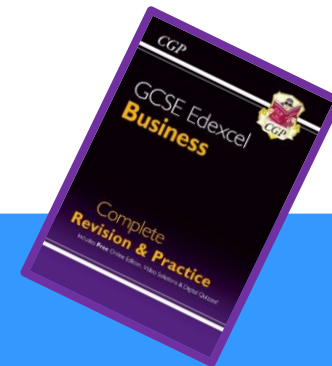
Unit 2 written exam - Friday 16th May (PM)
1 hr 45 minutes

- *Section A* is worth 35 marks.
- *Section B* is worth 30 marks.
- *Section C* is worth 25 marks.

The paper consists of calculations, multiple choice, short-answer and extended writing questions.

GCSE revision guides available from Amazon or directly through the school.

Revision and support available every Tuesday
3.30 – 4:30pm Lovelace Suite with Mrs Miles.





OCR Cambridge National Level 1/2

Child Development

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Afterschool support:
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 3:30 – 4:30pm
in the Science Computer Suite.

Child Development – OCR Cambridge Nationals

<p>R057 – Health and Well-being for Child Development</p> <p>Year 11 Exam: Tuesday 20st May PM 1 hour 15 mins (40% of overall grade).</p> <p>Content being covered from January 2025 onwards.</p>	<p>R058 – Create a Safe Environment & Understand the Nutritional Needs of Children from 0-5 Years</p> <p>Year 10 Coursework (30% of overall grade)</p> <p>Completed.</p>	<p>R059 – Understand the Development of a Child from 0-5 Years</p> <p>Year 11 Coursework (30% of overall grade)</p> <p>Due Friday 6th December 2024.</p>
<p>All resources are available on Google Classroom</p>	<p>Coursework support available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Science Computer Suite.</p>	<p>Coursework support available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Science Computer Suite.</p>



OCR Cambridge National Level 1/2 Creative iMedia



Afterschool support
Wednesday (Gates)



OCR Level 2 Creative iMedia



Three units of work; two are coursework based with one exam.
The exam is worth 50%.

The coursework units are worth 50%.

Unit R093 - Creative iMedia in the media industry (exam). Homework in year 10. Revisited after Christmas (January 2024).

Unit R094– Visual identity and digital graphics. Taught in year 10.

Unit R095 - Characters and comics. Taught in Year 11.

Exam – Friday 9th May (PM)

1 hr 30mins

R095 - coursework which is completed in school. Final deadline: Monday 13th January

After school intervention sessions are available with Mr Cook in the Gates suite every Wednesday.

If you are interested in revision websites and purchasing a revision guide please see Mr Cook





GCSE Dance



Dance studio is open after school every day apart from Fridays for students to book to rehearse their NEA pieces

GCSE DANCE

- 60% Practical (NEA)
- 40% Written Exam lasting 1 ½ hours
- 1st NEA 21st October 2024 (set phrases x2)
- 2nd NEA 27th January 2025 (duo)
- 3rd NEA 27th March 2024 (students own choreography)
- **Written exam: Monday 2th June 2025 PM**



Revision and Rehearsals

- **Revision guides created by Mrs Halse will be distributed**
- **Dance studio is open after school every day apart from Fridays for students to book to rehearse their NEA pieces**
- **6 professional works to revise can be viewed, in part, on YouTube.**





GCSE Design and Technology

Support:
Tuesdays and Thursday afterschool

GCSE Design and Technology (9-1)

Timber Specialism

Year 10

- Three projects (using timber based materials)
- Theory lessons
- Potential involvement in competitions and events
- Potential involvement from working professionals

Year 11

During Year 11 students will be planning for and completing their controlled assessment (NEA) project. They will also be taught through theory lessons to prepare for the exam component that is sat in the summer.

How is this course assessed?

Component 1: A 1 hour 45 minute written exam. Worth 50% of your final grade.

Component 2: A controlled assessment project (NEA) that will be delivered across several months. Worth 50% of your final grade.

Where could this lead me?

- Further study at college or sixth form where you could do A levels in Art, Design and Engineering based courses.
- Apprenticeships or Vocational Qualifications in a variety of careers in the trade.





GCSE Design and Technology (9-1)

Timber Specialism

Controlled Assessment (NEA)

50% of the qualification

100 marks

Investigate (16 marks)

This includes investigation of needs and research, and a product specification

Design (42 marks)

This includes producing different design ideas, review of initial ideas, development of design ideas into a chosen design, communication of design ideas and review of the chosen design

Make (36 marks)

This includes manufacture, and quality and accuracy

Evaluate (6 marks)

This includes testing and evaluation.

Written Exam : Wed 18th June 25 (AM)

1 hour and 45 minutes

50% of the qualification

100 marks

Section A: Core Content (40 marks)

This section contains a mixture of different question styles, including open-response, graphical, calculation and extended-open-response questions. There will be 10 marks of calculation questions in Section A.

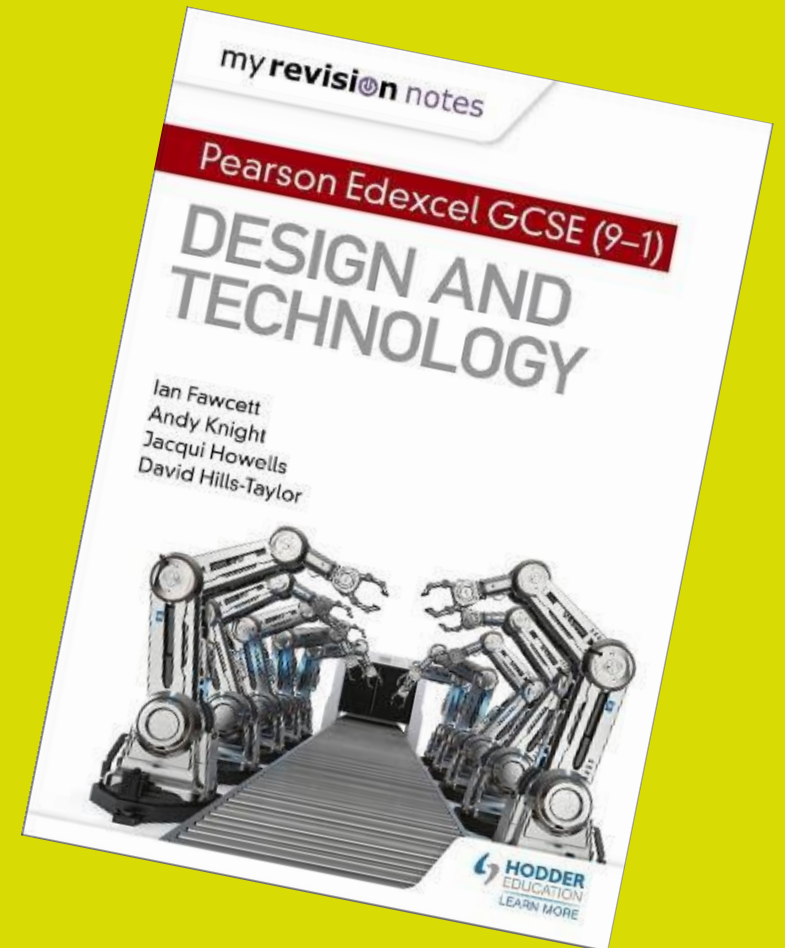
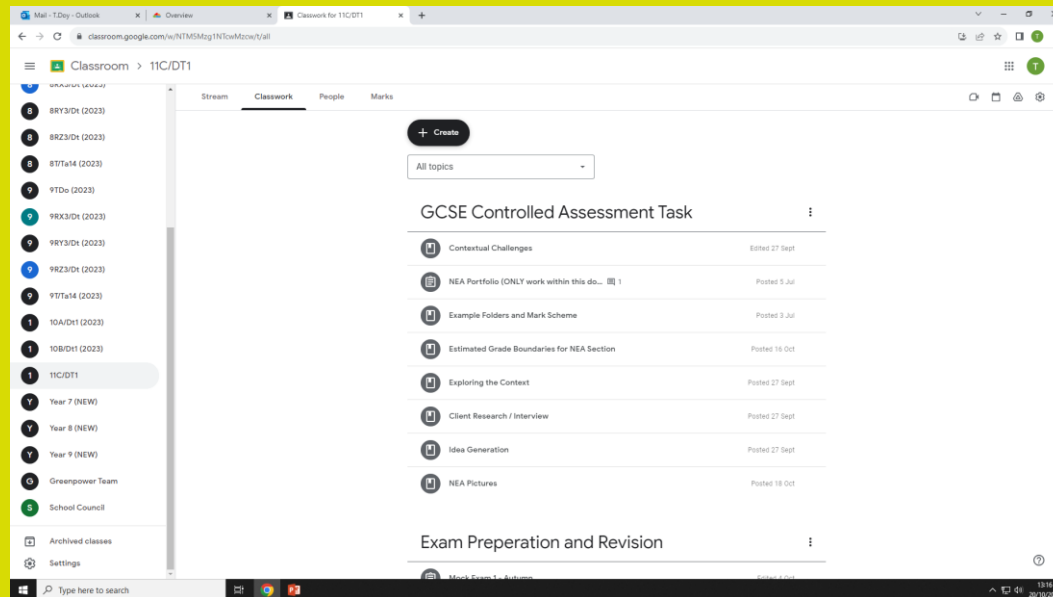
Section B: Specialist Knowledge (60 marks)

This section also contains a mixture of different question styles, including open-response, graphical, calculation and extended-open-response questions. There will be 5 marks of calculation questions in Section B.

GCSE Design and Technology (9-1) Timber Specialism

All NEA work can only be completed in supervised sessions the huge amount of resources available on Google Classroom!

I recommend this revision guide which is £10.99 on Amazon.





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GCSE Drama

Afterschool support:
Tuesday

GCSE DRAMA

Component 1: Devising

30% of the qualification – 60 marks

Practical (20 Marks)

Create and develop a devised piece from a stimulus

Devised Performance: 14th November 2024

Portfolio (40 Marks)

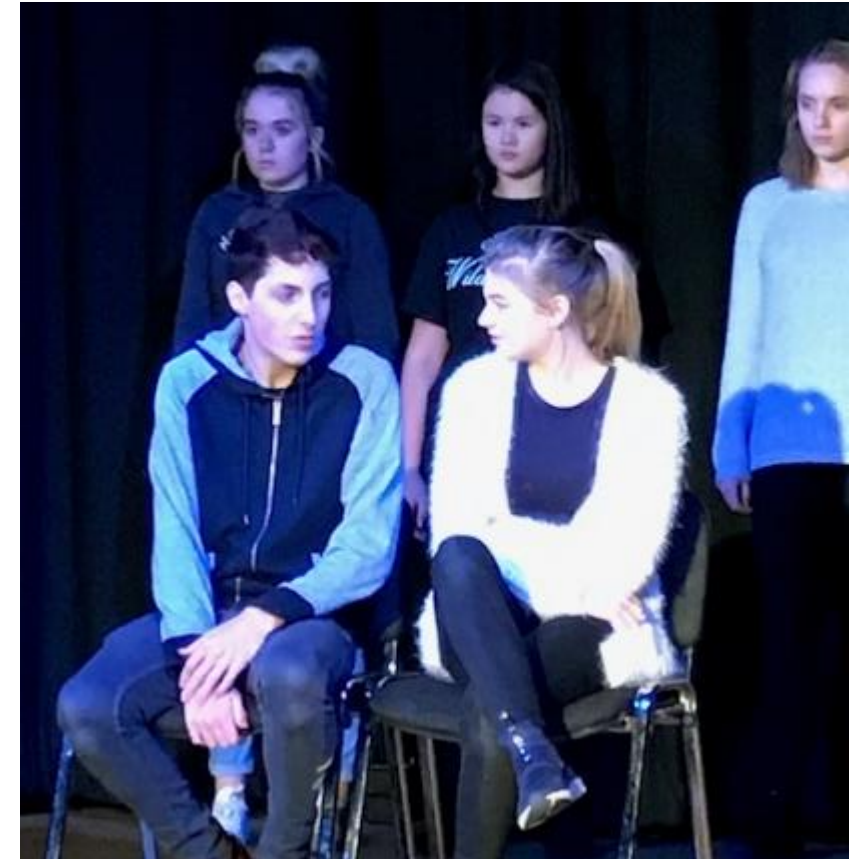
Written narrative of devising journey

This is in three sections:

Section 1 and 2: Research and Rehearsal Logs: Friday 13th December

Section 3: Evaluation.

Deadline: Friday 24th January



Students must complete their portfolio at home

GCSE DRAMA

Component 2: Presenting and Performing Texts

30% of the qualification – 60 marks

Practical (40 Marks)

Students will perform two extracts from a chosen text

Pro Forma (20 Marks)

Create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance

Students will answer four questions on their chosen text. (1000 words total).

Exam dates are set by the Visiting Examiner. The provisional time is March 2024

All students will need to plan and attend rehearsals after school.

They can complete their questions at home.



Written Exam: 40% of qualification May 2024

Section A: Bringing Texts to Life

Questions on **Blood Brothers**

50 marks

Section B: **Woman in Black**

Analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance

30 Marks

Exam: Thursday 8th May AM

1 hr 30 mins





WJEC
Level 1/2



Hospitality and Catering

Afterschool support:
Tuesday

WJEC Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering Technical Award



ASSESSMENTS



Unit 1

Written exam

19th June AM

**The Hospitality and Catering
Industry**

40%

1Hr 20 minutes

80 marks

Questions

**Range of question types from
multiple choice,
identification, short and long
answers**



Unit 2 NEA

Completed in school

By February half term

**Hospitality and Catering
in Action**

60%

12 hours includes

3 Hrs practical

Cooking Exam

**Two dishes plus
accompaniments to meet the
needs of specific customers**

Grades

Final grades are accumulated from both unit 1 and unit 2 scores :

Level 1 Pass

Level 1 Merit

Level 1 Distinction

Level 1 Distinction *

Level 2 Pass

Level 2 Merit

Level 2 Distinction

Level 2 Distinction *

Subject content – what is covered?

Unit 1 - The Industry

1. **The Structure of the Industry and Employment**
2. **Operation of the Kitchen and Front of House**
3. **Food Safety**
4. **Work Place Safety**
5. **Factors affecting success**



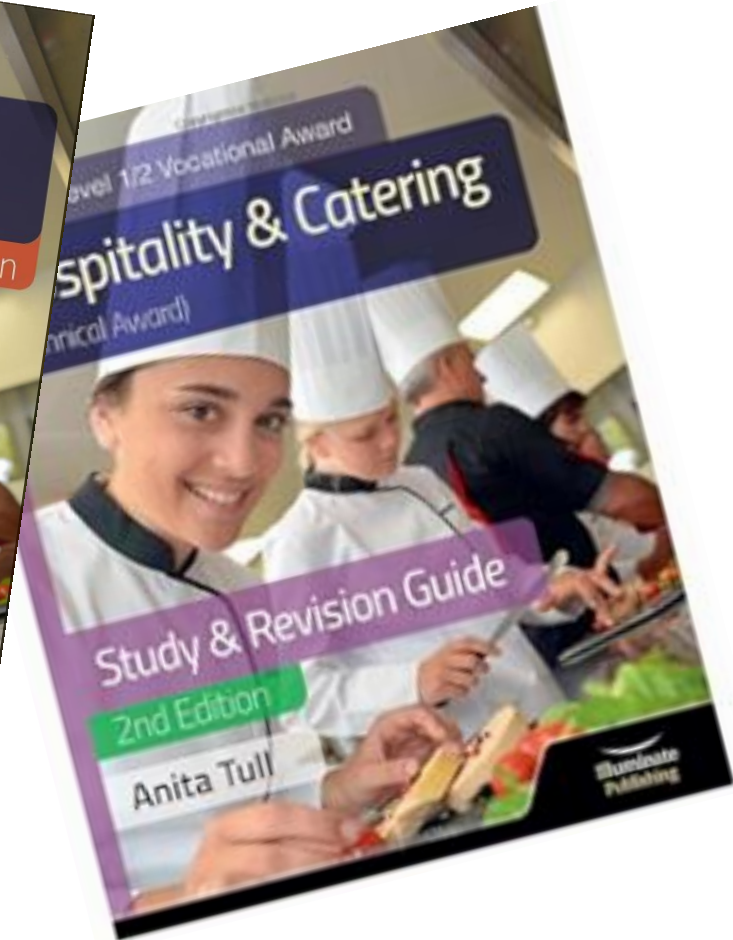
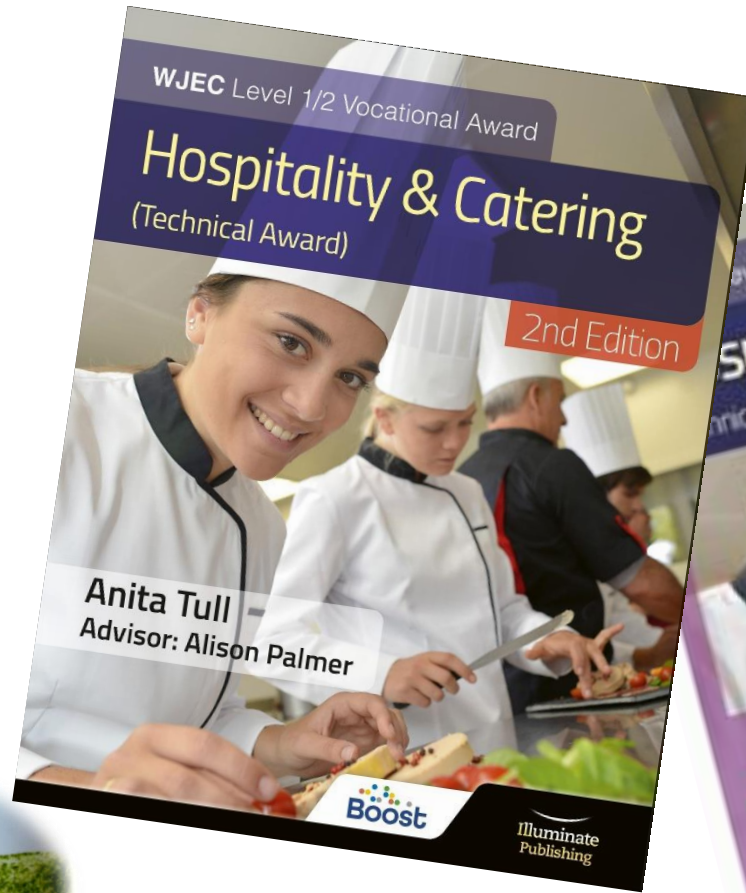
Subject content – what is covered?

Unit 2 – Hospitality in Action

1. Nutrition of Food and Special Diets
2. Commodities and the Impact of Cooking
3. Environmental issues and Menu Planning
4. Preparation and Cooking Techniques
5. Presentation of Dishes



WJEC Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering





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OCR Cambridge National Level 1/2 Health and Social

Afterschool support

Tuesday

3.30 – 4:30pm Lovelace Suite with Mrs Miles.

OCR Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Health & Social Care

Three units of work; two are coursework based with one exam.

The exam is worth 40%.

The coursework units are worth 60%.



RO32 - Principles of care in health & social care settings (40% exam).

Covered in year 11 – January onwards

RO33 – Supporting individuals through life events (30%).

Completed in year 10

RO35 - Health promotion campaigns (30%).

Coursework tasks completed in December to be submitted in year 11.

Exam Date / Components

**RO32 written exam - Wednesday 4th June (PM)
1 hr 15 minutes**

Principles of care in health & social care settings:

- ❖ Topic Area 1 - Rights of service users.
- ❖ Topic Area 2 - Person centred values.
- ❖ Topic Area 3 - Effective communication.
- ❖ Topic Area 4 - Protecting service providers & users.

Revision materials, past paper link and lesson resources available on [Google Classroom](#).
Homework booklets given and due in every three weeks, covering all topic areas.



OCR Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Health & Social Care

Important dates for your diary

Coursework submission deadline dates

Principles of care in health & social care settings:

- ❖ Task 1A - Current public health issues and the impact on society - **Due Wednesday 2nd October.**
- ❖ Task 1B - Factors influencing health and well-being - **Due Wednesday 2nd October.**
- ❖ Task 2 - Plan and create a health promotion campaign - **Due Monday 21st October.**
- ❖ Task 3 – Deliver your health promotion campaign - **Due Wednesday 20th November.**
- ❖ Task 4 - Evaluate your own performance - **Due Wednesday 4th December.**

Support sessions available every Tuesday
3.30 – 4:30pm Lovelace Suite with Mrs Miles.





GCSE Music



Afterschool support:
Monday

GCSE Music

Composition: Develop your musicianship through the production of original music with complete creative control - your choice of composition brief.

2 Compositions = 30%



Performance: Develop your musicianship through free instrumental lessons, regular practical workshops and performance opportunities.

2 Performances = 30%

Appraising: Listening exam – 1hr 15
Develop your listening skills and your ability to aurally analyse music ready for your exam.

Listening Exam = 40%

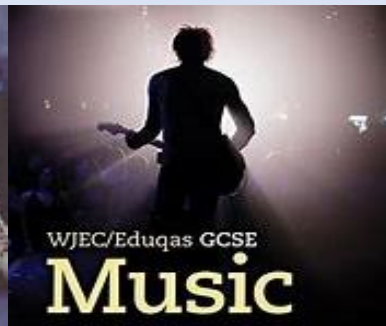


Coursework Deadlines

Free Composition: Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Performances: Friday 14th February 2024

Brief Composition: Friday 4th April 2025





GCSE Music



Listening/Written Examination: Mon 16th June 2025 (PM)

96 marks = 40% (overall)

approx. 1hr 15

8 Questions - 2 on each area of study

AOS 1: Musical Forms and Devices
(including set work – Badinerie by Bach)

AOS 2: Music for Ensemble

AOS 3: Film Music

AOS: Popular Music
(including set work – Africa by Toto)

Exam questions assess understanding of the elements of music, use of musical language and it's context, and are based on what the learner can hear in the music, rather than what they have memorised.

The two set works will always feature in the exam, giving candidates reassurance:

1 - Badinerie by J.S. Bach

2 - Africa by Toto



OCR Cambridge National Level 1/2 Sports Studies

Afterschool support:
Monday

OCR Cambridge Nationals Level 2 in Sports Studies.



Unit R185 – Performance and Leadership in Sport.

This unit will conclude at the end of the Autumn term, with all coursework due before Christmas.

Practical assessments have taken place for all students and the final NEA assessments (evaluation and training diaries are currently being undertaken in lessons.

How can we support our child?

Attendance to lessons is key – NEA assessments can only be completed in school with a teacher present.

Research tasks can and should be completed at home. These will be set via Google Classroom.

If a student misses a lesson, it is imperative they catch up ASAP.

Final unit – R184 Contemporary issues in Sport (Written examination)

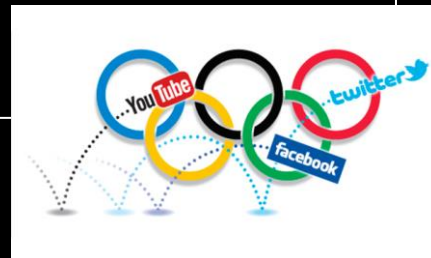
What does this unit entail?

Externally assessed unit

Written exam: Wed 14th May 2024 PM
75 minutes

There is no tier of entry – all students will sit the same exam paper.

- Issues that affect participation
- The role of sport in promoting values
- Understand the importance of hosting major sporting events
- Know about the role of national governing bodies in sport.
- Technology in sport



How can we support students to success?

- Attendance to lessons is essential
- Use revision materials provided by the department to complete the tasks set as homework.
- Practice papers will be provided and set as homework tasks.
- Make use of revision and catch up sessions after school



How will the grades be calculated overall in summer 2024?

The combined amount of marks for the course is 190 across the three units studied.

R186 – Sport and the media

(NEA Coursework)

This unit comprises of **40 marks** and was the optional unit completed in Year 10.

R185 – Performance and Leadership in Sport.

(NEA Coursework and practical assessments)

This unit comprises of **80 marks** and will be completed at the end of this term, once all 5 NEA assessments have been completed.

R184 Contemporary issues in sport

External examination – May 2024

This unit comprises of **70 marks** and the content will be taught from January 2024.



Exam Rules and Regulations



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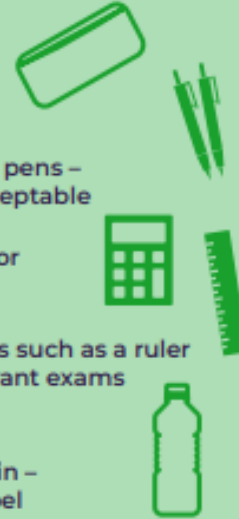
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Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of your exams – you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam

What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
- at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
- an approved calculator for relevant exams
- appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
- a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label



Contingency sessions:

- There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June 2024 and the morning and afternoon of 26 June 2024. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have an exam.

What you cannot take into exams:

- any type of phone
- revision notes
- any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)



Other important information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
- Make sure you stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

If you have any questions
about your exams, please ask
your teacher or exams officer.



What happens if my child is ill at the time of Assessment?

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance states that if your child is ill at the time of Assessment, your child may be eligible for special consideration. All applications must be supported by the school.

The current guidance states that at least 25% of the total assessment must have been completed. An award cannot be made where none of the components/units within a specification have been completed. The calculation, if awarded, is made by the exam board and not by the school and must be applied for at the time of assessment.

Special Consideration

2 Which candidates will be eligible for special consideration?

Special consideration **must** be applied for **at the time of the assessment**.

- 2.1** Candidates will be eligible for special consideration if they have been fully prepared and have covered the whole course but performance in the examination, or in the production of coursework or non-examination assessment, is materially affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control. These include:
- 2.1.1** temporary illness or accident/injury **at the time of the assessment**;
 - 2.1.2** bereavement **at the time of the assessment** (where whole groups are affected, normally only those most closely involved will be eligible);
 - 2.1.3** domestic crisis arising **at the time of the assessment**;
 - 2.1.4** serious disturbance **during an examination**, particularly where recorded material is being used;
 - 2.1.5** accidental events **at the time of the assessment** such as being given the wrong examination paper, being given a defective examination paper or CD, failure of practical equipment, failure of materials to arrive on time;
 - 2.1.6** participation in sporting events, training camps or other events **at an international level at the time of the assessment**, e.g. representing their country at an international level in chess or football;
 - 2.1.7** failure by the centre to implement **previously approved** access arrangements **for that specific examination series**.

5% This is the maximum allowance and will be reserved for the most exceptional cases, such as:

- terminal illness of the candidate;
- terminal illness of a parent/carer;
- death of a member of the immediate family **within two months** of the examination;
- very serious and disruptive crisis/incident **at or near the time of the examination.**

4% Very serious problems such as:

- life-threatening illness of candidate or member of immediate family;
- major surgery **at or near the time of the examination;**
- severe disease;
- very recent death of member of extended family;
- severe or permanent bodily injury occurring **at the time of the examination;**
- serious crisis/incident **at the time of the examination.**

NB 'Very recent' is defined as within one month of the examination(s) taking place. The centre **must** be satisfied that there has been a material detrimental effect on candidate examination performance or in the production of coursework or non-examination assessment.

3% A more common category (more cases will fall into this category), including:

- **recent** traumatic experience such as death of a close friend or distant relative;
- **recent** illness of a more serious nature;
- flare-up of a severe congenital/medical condition or a psychological condition;
- broken limbs;
- organ disease;
- physical assault trauma before an examination;
- recent crisis/incident;
- witnessing a distressing event **on the day** of the examination involved.

NB 'Recent' is defined as up to four months prior to the examination(s) taking place.

The centre **must** be satisfied that there has been a material detrimental effect on candidate examination performance or in the production of coursework or non-examination assessment.

2% The most common category of allowance (most cases will fall within this category):

- illness **at the time of the examination**;
- broken limb on the mend;
- concussion;
- effects of pregnancy (**not** pregnancy *per se*);
- extreme distress **on the day of an examination** (**not** simply exam related stress);
- allowance on the last paper taken in a day when a candidate has been entered for three or more examinations **timetabled for the same day** and the total duration of those papers is more than 5 hours 30 minutes (GCSE examinations) or more than 6 hours (GCE examinations).

(Where extra time has been used following formal approval, this should be included in the calculation.)

(Supervised rest breaks **must not** be included in the total duration of the papers when applying for special consideration.)

1% Reserved for more minor problems:

- noise during examination which is more than momentary;
- illness of another candidate which leads to disruption in the examination room;
- stress or anxiety for which medication has been prescribed;
- hay fever **on the day** of an examination;
- minor upset arising from administrative problems.

Where the request for special consideration fails to meet the criteria, it will be rejected.

Can the school submit a grade for my child, who is currently not attending school?

There is no facility for the school to award grades. If your child does not attend school or their exams the school is not able to submit a Teacher Assessed Grade on their behalf.

When will my child receive their exam timetable?

Your child's exam timetable will be published at the end of March. Exam boards have set aside 'contingency days' in the exam timetables, these are for national emergencies only. They are not for students who have missed an exam due to illness, holidays etc. **Please ensure no holidays are booked during the exam season, after Easter to the end of June.**



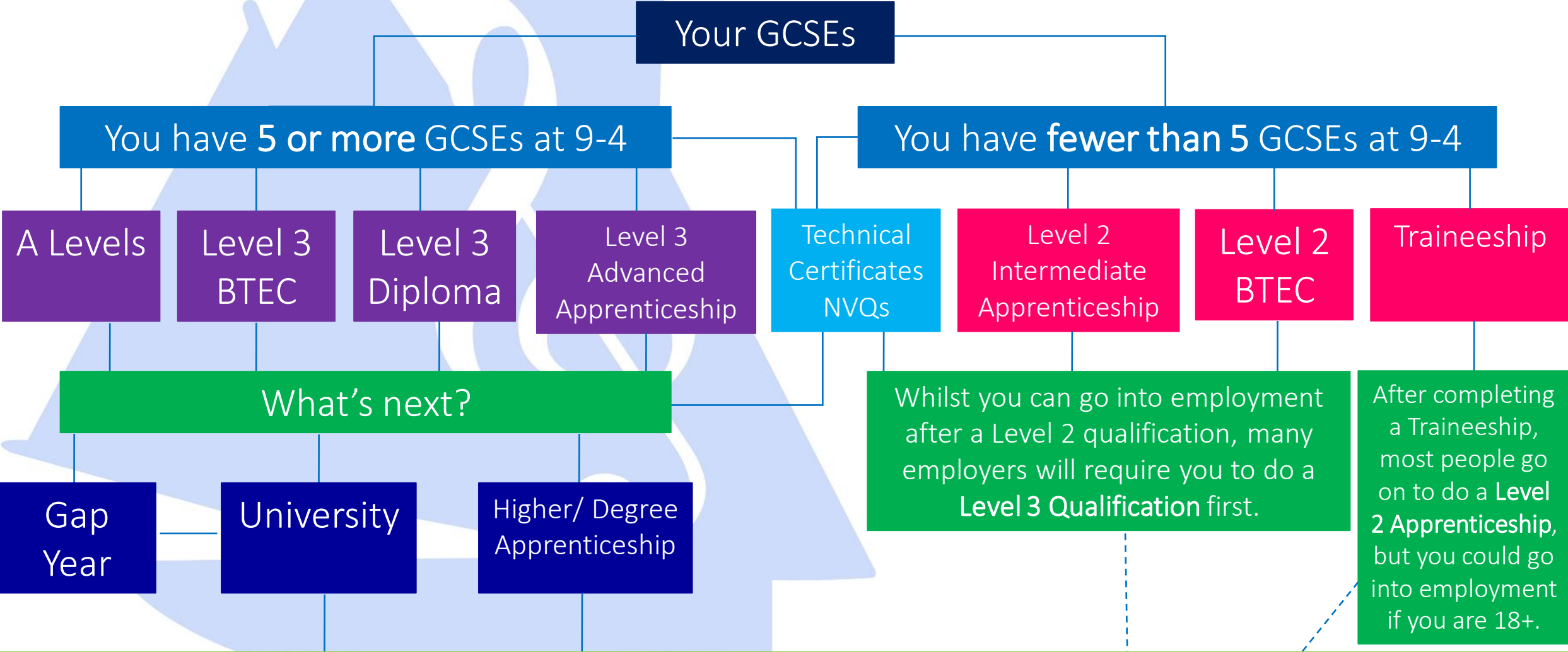
Post 16

All students are required to be in full time education until the age of 18.

As a general guide:

- 5 GCSE or equivalent passes at a Grade 5 or above to progress to A level courses
- At least one grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths for some post 16 courses
- To study a subject at A level, students usually require at least a Grade 5 in that subject at GCSE.
- A level Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and French require a Grade 6 at GCSE.
- Most apprenticeships require a minimum grade 4 in English and Maths

What's your next move?



Employment / more education if you wish!

Careers provision for students in Year 11

- Every student will have a one-to-one meeting with the Careers team.
- Additional 'drop-in' guidance and support will be available in the Library every Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:00pm. This is particularly useful for help with completing post-16 applications and creating CVs.



Careers provision for students in Year 11

- Local colleges and education providers will be delivering assemblies.
- Subject specific extra-curricular workshops and workshops aimed at enhancing general skills, such as effective revision techniques, will be delivered throughout the year.
- The school website will be regularly updated with useful careers information and notifications of upcoming open days, information evenings and trips.



After Mocks starting in the new year we will be running a series of afterschool classes trying to get a best fit to avoid clashes.

You will receive a letter, with your child assigned to two or more sessions. Whilst not compulsory, students are encouraged to attend.

What extra support is available to my child?

Our teachers are also putting on additional afterschool sessions and Sam would benefit from attending the sessions below. These strategies have previously proven successful and will be invaluable in raising levels of progress by focussing on intervention in a limited number of subjects either during the school day, after school or both.

This should not be seen as an indication that certain subjects are more important, instead it is based on where Sam needs more support. Every subject taken is significant.

We strongly recommend that Sam attends the following sessions up to the exam season to maximise his chances of achieving the higher grades.

<u>Monday</u> <u>(3:15 – 4:00)</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>(3:15 – 4:00)</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>(3:15 – 4:00)</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>(3:15 – 4:00)</u>	<u>Friday</u> <u>(3:15 – 4:00)</u>
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Maths

English

Art

I am sure that you will appreciate the efforts being taken to support Sam, as we, in turn, appreciate the support offered at home.

Please be aware that the Maths Computing Breakout areas and main school library are open Monday to Thursday until 4.15 pm for independent study, with a wealth of resources and internet access available.



Exam Results day

Children will receive their examination results on **Thursday 21st August from 9.30am-12 pm.**

Results will be handed to scholars in the Sports Hall.



Pass Rates in England English Language

GCSE English language grades



Source: Ofqual and Joint Council for Qualifications



Pass Rates in England



GCSE English literature grades



Source: Ofqual and Joint Council for Qualifications

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Pass Rates in England



GCSE maths grades



Source: Ofqual and Joint Council for Qualifications

**Reviews requested for
GCSE, AS and A level**

510,000

administrative error reviews, reviews of marking and reviews of moderation

**Grades changed for
GCSE, AS and A level**

1.1% of all 6.2 million grades awarded

up from 0.9% in previous June series

Review of marking and retakes

- **What is the GCSE Review of marking?**
- A GCSE review is a process of requesting a review of a [GCSE grade](#) assigned by an exam board. The process is usually initiated by the school, student or their parents, who believe that their grade is an unfair representation of what they demonstrated in the exam.
- The process involves several steps, including contacting the secondary school, which then contacts the exam board to request a review of the student's paper.

How Much Does a GCSE Review Cost? (June 24 costings)

Clerical re-check which makes sure that all the pages were marked and summed.

Review of marking checks whether the mark scheme was applied correctly.

AQA - clerical check £9.05, review £42 per paper

OCR - clerical check £10.75, review £61.50 per paper

Edexcel - a clerical re-check £12.50, review £44.50 per paper

Please note that if you want to remark multiple papers, such as an entire GCSE maths examination, the cost could add up.

If your grade is raised as a result of a GCSE remark, the examination board will refund the cost of the remark.

However, if your grade remains the same or is lowered, you will not be reimbursed for the cost of the remark.

To remark all six science papers £252

To remark all three Maths papers £126

To remark both English Language papers £84

To remark all three papers Geography £184.50

Access to Scripts – near misses

Teachers are now allowed to access your child's script – we can use this to do a clerical check and assess whether your child's grade is likely to go up.

In written subjects if the original grade is deemed "reasonable" the marks typically do not change (1 in 100 grades change)

This does not cost but has a time restriction. Access to scripts must be given post results. We will ask your child to give consent on results day, so we can get the ball rolling. If we agree with a review of marking we will request additional consent.

How long a GCSE review take?

Typically up to three weeks, depending on various factors such as the workload of the examination board and the number of papers that were appealed at the same time.

Due to cost I tend to enter slowly, paper at a time to avoid one paper going up then cancelled out by a paper going down. We will use Access to Scripts to ensure cost effectiveness.

Resits



The **government's resits policy** forces students who have **not achieved a pass** in **English and/or maths GCSE** by age 16 to continue to work towards achieving these qualifications as a **condition of their places being funded**.

Students who achieve a **grade 3 have to retake their GCSE**, while students with a **grade 2 or below** can either take a **functional skills level 2** or **resit their GCSE**.

Typically students can resit in November or the following Summer.

FEWEEK



GCSE RESULTS DAY

Just 16.4 per cent of students resitting GCSE maths in England passed with at least a grade 4 this year – down 4.8 percentage points on pre-pandemic levels.

Pass rates for English resits meanwhile hit 25.9 per cent, down by a similar level of 4.4 percentage points on the year before Covid-19 hit.

More from this theme

More research needed into GCSE resit teaching methods, charity says

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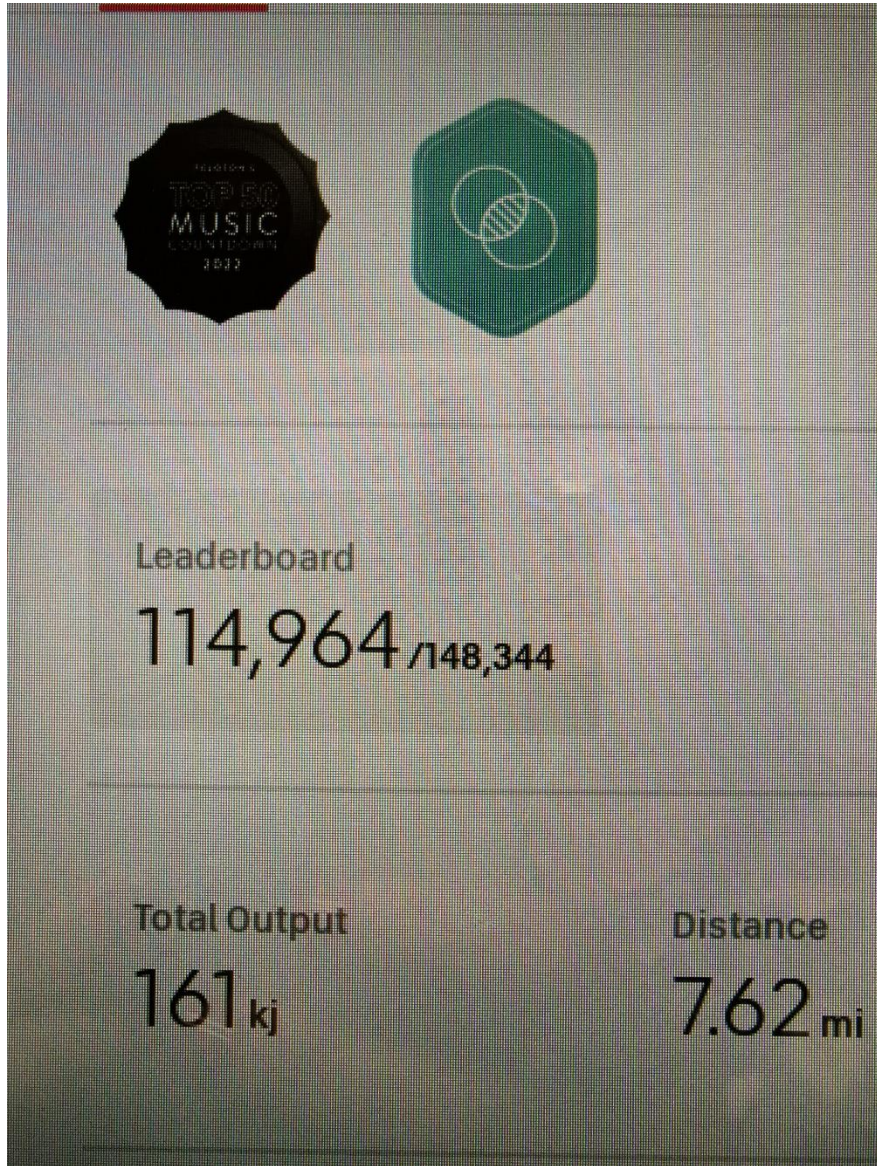
These grades do not define you as a person.
1/3 of all students nationally will have to resit
either English or Maths or both, but we want to
avoid that for as many of you that we can.

As a student what can you do?

You have to work for it ...

To change your life you need to change
your priorities.

Some final words from me
before I hand over to Mr
Flanagan...



DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF
TO OTHERS

YOU BE YOU

YOU BE THE BEST
VERSION OF YOU
THAT YOU CAN BE !!

UNTIL SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE
WHERE YOU'RE FORCED TO KILL YOUR
SLIGHTLY BETTER CLONE

@twisteddoodles

Mr Flanagan
Head of Upper School

I'm beginning to panic Mr Flanagan – this is perfectly normal!

Don't worry too much about how you are going to get it **all** done. Get started, learn as you go, and it will all come to you.

Action creates momentum, and momentum energises you to keep going.

Attendance

Behaviour

Coursework, classwork and of course
homework



How much education is your child missing*?

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	85
	91%	173 days	17	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

*Figures based on 190 (whole year) expected attendance

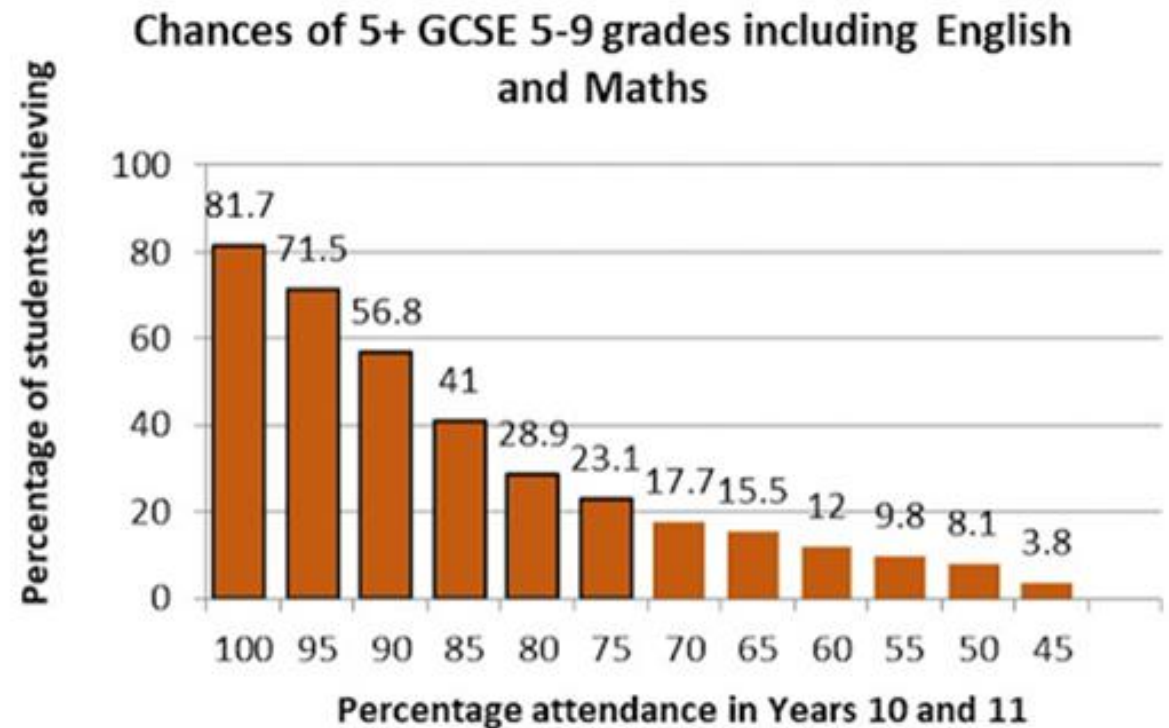
Percentage attendance

- 90% attendance **4 weeks per year**

Attendance = Attainment

- On average 71.5% of students who have 95% attendance and above achieve 5 GCSEs at a grade 5+.
- Missed lessons = less understanding and lower confidence.

Evidence from a Department for Education study shows a strong correlation between school attendance and GCSE success. The chart below illustrates this:



Check you are up-to-date with your Non-Examined Assessments (NEA) / coursework.

Drawing up a basic revision timetable where time is set aside to focus on studies can help to keep you on track and save a last-minute panic.

REVISION TIMETABLE

Week Commencing:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00am							
10:00am							
11:00am							
12:00am							
1:00pm							
2:00pm							
3:00pm							
4:00pm							
5:00pm							
6:00pm							
7:00pm							
8:00pm							
9:00pm							

 distancelearningcentre





Make sure they've got everything they need.

As simple as it sounds, new pens and notebooks can be a real motivator in encouraging teenagers to revise. Ensuring that they've got the equipment they need is a good starting point.

Teenage brains can be fairly easily distracted.

Ensure they've got somewhere quiet to focus, without distractions

A desk in their bedroom or a clear dining room table is perfect.



After-School Prep is available from 3.30-5pm where children can work independently or with the support of staff.

Children have access to computers and a printer. A drink and biscuit is also provided.



Sleep

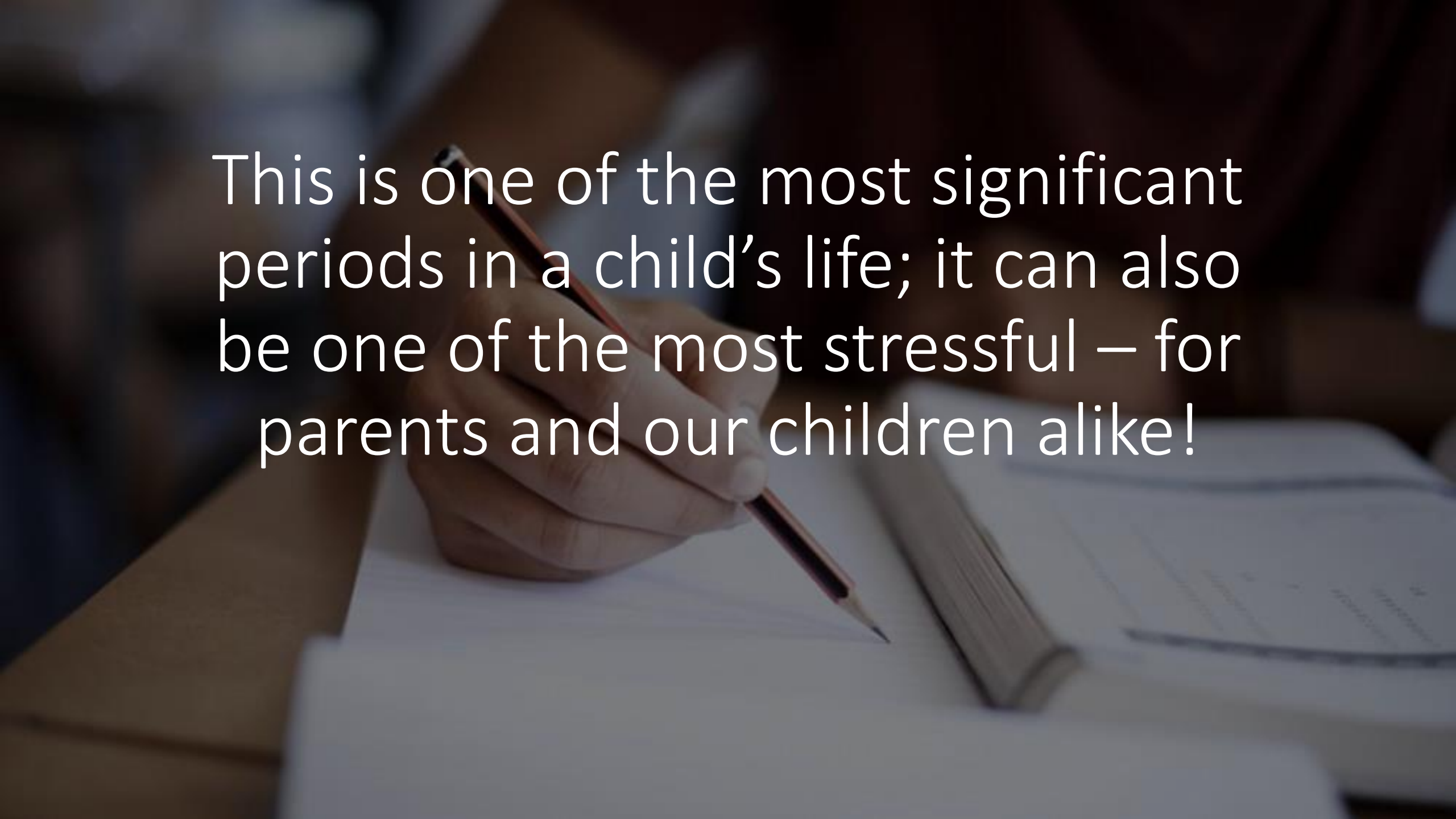
In order to revise successfully, teenagers need to be well rested. Encourage them to get at least eight hours of sleep a night. They'll benefit from some wind-down time before bed with time away from screens and revision.



Breaks

You might think you've struck gold with a teenager who just can't get enough of revision but in actual fact working constantly can cause them to be less productive overall.



A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hand holding a pencil, poised to write on a white sheet of paper. The hand is positioned in the center-left of the frame. In the background, there is a stack of papers and a book, all rendered in soft focus. The overall lighting is dim, creating a contemplative and focused atmosphere. The text is overlaid in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically over the image.

This is one of the most significant periods in a child's life; it can also be one of the most stressful – for parents and our children alike!

EXAM STRESS



Mental Health

Stress and anxiety seem to go hand in hand with exams.

“It’s not the end of the world if you don’t get what you want or expected.”



Mental Health

Lots of support is available to our children in school:

- Form tutors
- Teachers
- Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year
- School Counsellor
- Carers and Further Education Advisor

The role of parents in ensuring academic success is invaluable.

Thank you for attending this evening.

Parents not schools boost exam success, study suggests

By Judith Burns
Education reporter, BBC News

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Supportive parents do more than good schools to boost children's exam results, a study suggests.

Parents who help with homework and attend school events can outweigh the effect of weak schools, according to researchers in America.

The team analysed data on more than 10,000 teenagers across the US.

Co-author Dr Toby Parcel, of North Carolina State University, said: "Our study shows that parents need to be aware of how important they are."

Dr Parcel, a professor of sociology, said parents "should invest time in their children, checking homework, attending school events and letting kids know school is important. That's where the payoff is."



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Key to exam success is not wealth or social class but parents who help with homework

By Sarah Cassidy, Education Correspondent |
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Having a parent who takes an active interest in a child's education is eight times more important in securing good exam results than wealth or social class, research claims.

Children whose parents are involved in their schooling do up to 25 per cent better than pupils with families who are not involved, according to the study for the educational charity the Campaign for Learning.

Dr Leon Feinstein from the London School of Economics estimated the statistical importance of active parenting from the findings. He said: "The interest that parents take in education is much more important than the parents' own education, social class or income in explaining how well the children are likely to do."

"This does not mean that these other factors do not matter, because they may, in turn, explain parental interest. However, the results do imply that it is through parental interest that social class impacts upon education. Interested parents make a huge difference, regardless of class or income."

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