

Year 11 Support and Succeed Parents Evening Presentations this evening

Introduction

Mrs Howard - Director of Learning Key Stages 3 & 4

Mrs Belton-Owen - Director of Studies Year 11

Matilda (Head Girl) and Jesse - Year 13 students

Mrs Moore

Science

Head of Science

Mr Male

Maths

Head of Key Stage 4

Mr Bulgarelli

MFL

Head of Key Stage 4

Mr Griffin

English

Head of English

Additional / Supplementary support for other subjects

[Link here](#)



Some background info:

Higher Tier, grades 9 to 4		
<p>Content is split into six teaching topics B1-B6 and a practical activity skills topic B7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic B1: Cell level systems• Topic B2: Scaling up• Topic B3: Organism level systems• Topic B4: Community level systems• Topic B5: Genes, inheritance and selection• Topic B6: Global challenges• Topic B7: Practical skills <p>Paper 3 assesses content from Topics B1–B3 and B7</p> <p>Paper 4 assesses content from Topics B4–B6 and B7, with assumed knowledge of Topics B1–B3.</p>	<p>Paper 3 J247/03</p> <p>90 marks</p> <p>1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>Written paper</p>	<p>50% of total GCSE</p>
	<p>Paper 4 J247/04</p> <p>90 marks</p> <p>1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>Written paper</p>	<p>50% of total GCSE</p>

OCR Gateway: Biology:

**15% =
Practical
Skills**

**10% =
Maths
Skills**

Higher Tier, grades 9 to 4

<p>Content is split into six teaching topics C1-C6 and a practical activity skills topic C7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic C1: Particles• Topic C2: Elements, compounds and mixtures• Topic C3: Chemical reactions• Topic C4: Predicting and identifying reactions and products• Topic C5: Monitoring and controlling chemical reactions• Topic C6: Global challenges <p>Paper 3 assesses content from Topics C1–C3 and C7.</p> <p>Paper 4 assesses content from Topics C4–C6 and C7, with assumed knowledge of Topics C1–C3.</p>	<p>Paper 3 J248/03</p> <p>90 marks</p> <p>1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>Written paper</p>	<p>50% of total GCSE</p>
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Chemistry:

15% =
Practical
Skills

20% =
Maths
Skills

Higher Tier, grades 9 to 4

Content is split into eight teaching topics P1-P8 and a practical activity skills topic P9:

- Topic P1: Matter
- Topic P2: Forces
- Topic P3: Electricity
- Topic P4: Magnetism and magnetic fields
- Topic P5: Waves in matter
- Topic P6: Radioactivity
- Topic P7: Energy
- Topic P8: Global challenges
- Topic P9: Practical skills

Paper 3 assesses content from Topics P1–P4 and P9

Paper 4 assesses content from Topics P5–P8, with assumed knowledge of Topics P1– P4 and P9

Paper 3

J249/03

90 marks

1 hour 45 minutes

Written paper

50%
of total
GCSE

Paper 4

J249/04

90 marks

1 hour 45 minutes

Written paper

50%
of total
GCSE

Physics:

15% =
Practical
Skills

30% =
Maths
Skills

Combined:

15% =
Practical
Skills

20% =
Maths
Skills

. This course may
be advised for a
few students

. Reduced content

- 2 GCSEs
- 69% of students entered
for this examination
route Nationally

Higher Tier, grades 9–9 to 4–4		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic B1: Cell level systems• Topic B2: Scaling up• Topic B3: Organism level systems• Topic CS7: Practical skills (PAGs B1-B5)	Paper 7 (Biology) J250/07 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic B4: Community level systems• Topic B5: Interaction between systems• Topic B6: Global challenges• Topic CS7: Practical skills (PAGs B1-B5) With assumed knowledge of B1–B3	Paper 8 (Biology) J250/08 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic C1: Particles• Topic C2: Elements, compounds and mixtures• Topic C3: Chemical reactions• Topic CS7: Practical skills (PAGs C1-C5)	Paper 9 (Chemistry) J250/09 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic C4: Predicting and identifying reactions and products• Topic C5: Monitoring and controlling chemical reactions• Topic C6: Global challenges• Topic CS7: Practical skills (PAGs C1-C5) With assumed knowledge of C1–C3	Paper 10 (Chemistry) J250/10 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic P1: Matter• Topic P2: Forces• Topic P3: Electricity and magnetism• Topic CS7: Practical skill (PAGs P1-P6)	Paper 11 (Physics) J250/11 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic P4: Waves and radioactivity• Topic P5: Energy• Topic P6: Global challenges• Topic CS7: Practical skills (PAGs P1-P6) With assumed knowledge of P1–P3	Paper 12 (Physics) J250/12 1 hour 10 minutes 60 mark written paper	16.7% of total GCSE

Some key dates:

- Jan 25: Biology, Chemistry & Physics mock exams.
[Paper 3 and Paper 4 questions] - 90 marks
- 12/5/26 (pm): Biology Paper 3
- 18/5/26 (am): Chemistry Paper 3
- 2/6/26 (am): Physics Paper 3
- 8/6/26 (am): Biology Paper 4
- 12/6/26 (am): Chemistry Paper 4
- 15/6/26 (am): Physics Paper 4



Some advice for them:

- Start now.
- Prioritise.
- Draw up a schedule and stick to it.
- 'Little & often'.
- 'Active' is best.
- Ask for help.
- Prepare as well as possible for mock exam.



Some revision resources:

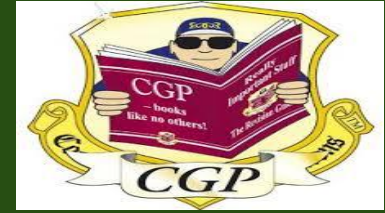
- CGP revision guides.

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent/books_gcse_science.books_gcse_biology_revision#OCR

- CGP 'Test & Learn' app for phone.

- Specimen exam papers & mark schemes on OCR website.

- Seneca
- Cognito
- Grade gorillas
- BBC Bitesize website.



Additional support:



- Science Clinic:
- Every Thursday (3.15 - 4.00)(Autumn term onwards 02/10/25).
- Personalised support from Science prefects
- Supervised by Science staff.
- Invitation only (letters were sent out today):
 - Clinic - Level 5 across all three sciences
 - Booster - Borderline Level 6/7

What you can do to help:

- Ensure they have revision resources.
- Ensure they attend clinic/booster sessions.
- Gentle reminders! (& encouragement!)
- Be a 'Quiz master'.
- Speak to teacher(s) about any concerns you have.



Sep 2025




















**KEEP
CALM
AND DO SOME
MATHS
REVISION**

Edexcel GCSE Higher 9-1

1. Google Classroom
2. Scheme of Work
3. Useful websites
4. Useful purchases
5. GCSE grades
6. Past Papers
7. Additional Support
8. Equipment
9. Exam Dates

1. Make sure you have been invited to the Google Classroom

Students 30 students 

<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions 	Email all guardians 
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Abigail Fosh	Invite guardians 
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2. The Scheme of Work

Key Stage 4 Mathematics Scheme of Work - 2024-25

Page numbers alongside each topic refer to the CGP Complete Revision and Practice book

Year 9 Autumn Term		Year 9 Spring Term		Year 9 Summer Term	
Unit 1: Solving Equations Page 32-33	5 Lessons	Unit 6: Standard Form Pages 19-20	5 Lessons	Unit 13: Sets and Probability 1 Pages 161-162 and 169-170	9 Lessons
Unit 2: Decimals Pages 9-10	4 Lessons	Unit 8 Representing and Analysing Data 1	10 lessons	Unit 14: Transformations Pages 123-124	6 Lessons
Unit 3: Trigonometry in 2D Pages 145-149 and 153-154 (excluding sine and cosine)	8 Lessons	Unit 9: Area and Volume 2	5 lessons	Unit 15: Expanding, Factorising and Solving Quadratic Equations Pages 38-41	10 Lessons
Unit 4: Linear Graphs Page 64-70	9 Lessons	Unit 10: Congruence and Similarity Pages 121-123	6 Lessons	Unit 16: Constructions and Loci Page 136-138	5 Lessons
Unit 5: Area and Volume 1 Page 127-131	8 Lessons	Unit 11: Formulae Page 34-35	4 Lessons	Unit 17: Compound Measures Page 104-106	4 Lessons
Unit 7: Indices Page 25-26	8 Lessons	Unit 12 Trigonometry in 3D	5 Lessons		

Year 10 Autumn Term		Year 10 Spring Term		Year 10 Summer Term	
Unit 18: Surds Page 30-31	8 Lessons	Unit 24: Trigonometry 2 Pages 148-152	10 Lessons	Unit 28: Inequalities Pages 50-52	8 Lessons
Unit 19: Graphs Pages 72-78	10 Lessons	Unit 25: Representing, Interpreting and Analysing Data 2 Pages 183-186	4 Lessons	Unit 29: Rates of Change Pages 82-86	6 Lessons
Unit 20: Quadratic formula and completing the square	6 lessons			Unit 30: Functions Page 80	6 Lessons
Unit 21: Approximations Pages 14-16	6 Lessons	Unit 26: Probability 2 Pages 166-168	7 Lessons	Unit 31: Circle Theorems Page 116-118	6 Lessons
Unit 22: Fraction Percentages and Proportional Change Pages 6-9 and 98-100	6 Lessons	Unit 27: Sequences Pages 46 and 53	8 Lessons	Unit 32: Ratio, Direct and Inverse Proportion Page 89-95	8 lessons
Unit 23: Simultaneous Equations Pages 56-57	8 Lessons				
		Revision for Mocks			

Year 11 Autumn Term		Year 11 Spring Term		Year 11 Summer Term	
Unit 33 Histograms	4 Lessons	Finish any remaining topics		Exams	
Unit 34: Transformations of Functions Page 78	8 Lessons	Further Maths only:			
Unit 35: Algebraic Fractions and Algebraic Proof Page 45 and 58	8 Lessons	Unit F01: Calculus	10 lessons		
Unit 36: Vectors Pages 155-156	8 Lessons	Unit F02: Matrices	6 lessons		
		Revision			

3. Useful websites for revision:



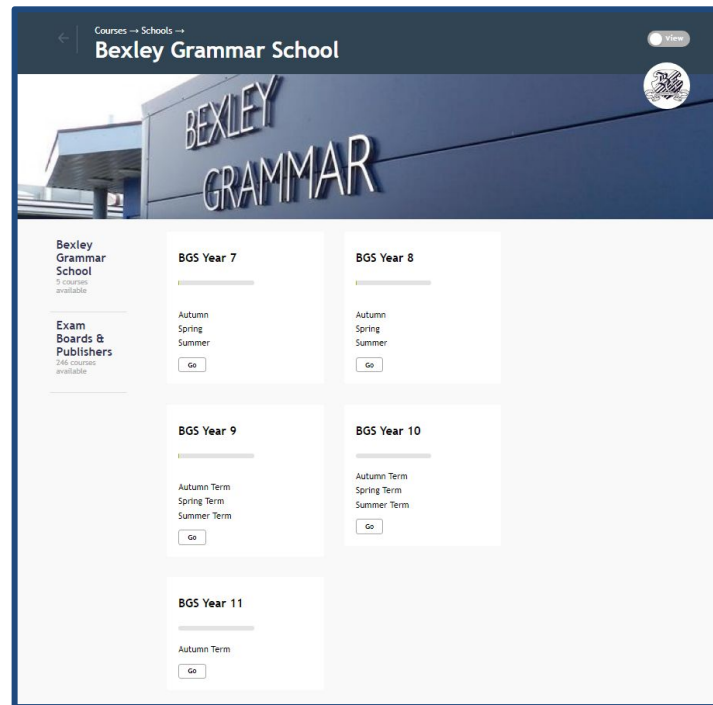
The school have bought a subscription to this website.

Dr Frost Maths contains exam questions sorted by topic that students can use to check their knowledge.

3. Useful websites for revision:



BGS has built the scheme of work into the Dr Frost website.



3. Useful websites for revision:

The logo for Maths Genie, featuring the words "Maths Genie" in a black, elegant cursive script. The text is centered within a solid grey rectangular background.

Maths Genie is another free website with exam questions and solutions by grade and topic, with links to videos to help with revision.

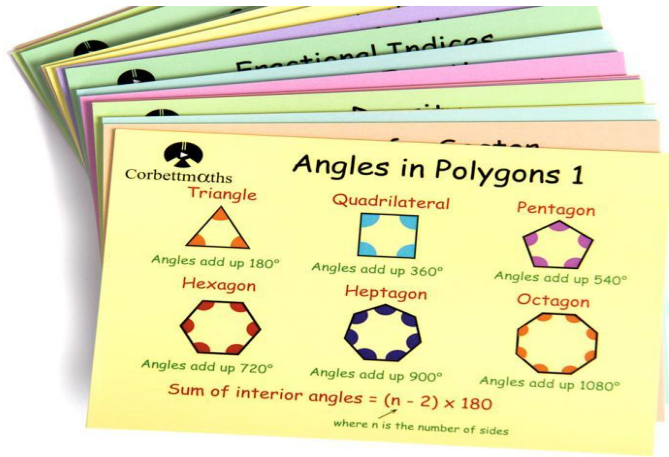
3. Useful websites for revision:



Corbett Maths is a free website that has some great revision videos and worksheets.

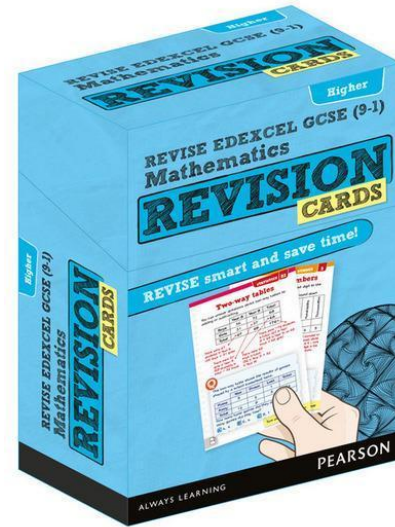
The 5-a-day section is a good way to do some maths every single day. There is a choice of difficulty and the answers are available.

4. Useful purchases for revision:



Corbett Maths Revision Cards £10.99

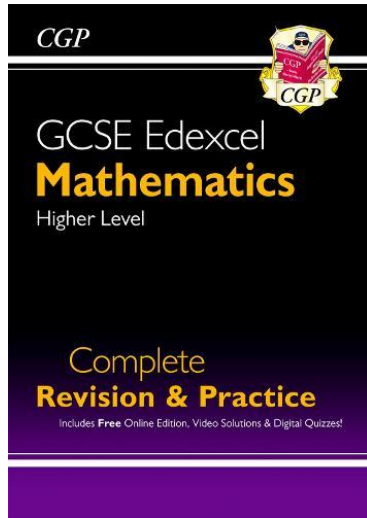
Contain QR codes on the back which take you to revision videos, exam questions and answers



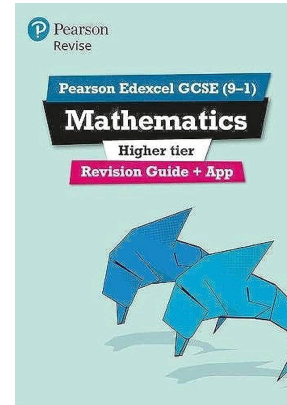
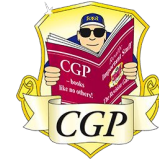
Edexcel GCSE Maths Revision Cards £8.99

Detailed cards made specifically for Edexcel

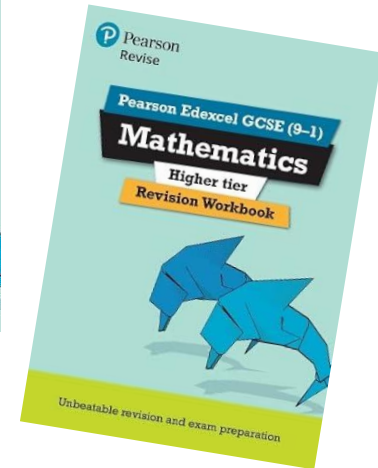
4. Useful purchases for revision:



Complete Revision and Practice £11.99



Look for the dolphins!



Revision Guide £5.99

Revision Workbook £5.99

Practice Papers Plus £6.90

5. GCSE grades

What are the grades?

What do they mean?

Quick history lesson...

5. England/Wales Grade system

O Level	1951 to 1963	Pass / Fail
	1963	1 (high) to 9 (low)
	1975	A (high) to E (low) plus F and U (fail)
GCSE Higher \approx O Level Foundation \approx CSE	1988	A (high) to G (low) plus U (fail)
	1994	A* introduced
	2017	9 (high) to 1 (low) plus U (fail) 4 is “considered a pass”

Coursework came in, in 1988..

...and went out in 2008 (Labour: Alan Johnson)

2017 exams designed to be harder (Conservative: Michael Gove)

2016 to 2017 transition

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Source: Ofqual

GCSE Maths Results

Grade	BGS 2025	National 2025
9	18%	3%
8 and 9	63%	10%
7, 8 and 9	86%	18%

6. Past Papers:

There are three, 90 minute papers:

- Paper 1 is non-calculator
- Paper 2 and 3 are calculator

Each paper is worth 80 marks.

The questions get harder as they go along!

6. Past Papers:

Students will be completing past exam papers in lessons and at home.

To get the most from these students should be:

- Completing the papers in full to the best of their ability
- Identifying topics they have struggled with and writing them on the front
- Using the official mark scheme to assess how well they have done in each paper

Total Marks = 3 x 80 = 240

Sitting	Grade Boundaries						
	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
June 2017	190	157	124	96	68	41	27
Nov 2017	189	150	112	85	58	32	19
June 2018	202	170	139	109	79	50	35
Nov 2018	194	159	125	95	66	37	22
June 2019	198	167	137	108	80	52	38
<i>Nov 2020</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Nov 2021</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>23</i>
June 2022	194	165	137	104	71	38	21
Nov 2022	194	165	137	104	71	38	21
June 2023	203	174	145	112	79	47	31
June 2024	197	167	137	105	73	42	26
June 2025	217	186	156	121	87	53	36

Paper

Grade Boundaries

Each Paper = 80 Marks

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3		
June 2017 Paper 1	63	52	41	32	23	14	9	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2017 Paper 2	63	52	41	31	22	13	8	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2017 Paper 3	64	53	42	32	23	14	9	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2017 Paper 1	64	51	38	29	20	11	6	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2017 Paper 2	62	49	37	28	19	11	7	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2017 Paper 3	62	49	37	28	19	10	5	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2018 Paper 1	70	59	48	38	28	18	13	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2018 Paper 2	68	57	47	37	27	18	13	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2018 Paper 3	64	54	44	34	24	14	9	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2018 Paper 1	59	48	38	28	19	10	5	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2018 Paper 2	67	55	43	33	23	13	8	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2018 Paper 3	68	56	44	34	24	14	9	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2019 Paper 1	66	56	46	36	27	18	13	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2019 Paper 2	71	60	49	39	29	19	14	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
June 2019 Paper 3	61	51	42	33	24	15	10	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2019 Paper 1	64	53	43	33	23	13	8	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2019 Paper 2	67	56	45	35	25	15	10	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2019 Paper 3	67	56	45	35	25	15	10	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2020 Paper 1	63	52	42	32	22	13	8	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2020 Paper 2	63	52	42	32	22	12	7	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
Nov 2020 Paper 3	63	52	42	32	22	12	7	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions
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June 2023 Paper 3	68	58	49	38	27	17	12	Mark Scheme	Model Solutions

7. Additional Support:

Maths Clinic is on every **Monday after school in G13 from 3:15-4pm.**

Students bring their own work or topics they need help with and sixth form prefects will support them.

There is a process where teachers can nominate specific topics for their students.

8. Equipment:

All students are required to bring the following pieces of equipment to every maths lesson and will require these for their exams:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses

9. Exam Dates:

Maths Paper 1 (Non-calculator)

Thursday 14th May 2026 – 8.30am

Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – 8.30am

Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)

Wednesday 10th June 2025 – 8.30am

9. Exam Dates:

AQA Further Maths Paper 1

Monday 8th June 2026 – 1pm

AQA Further Maths Paper 2

Monday 15th June 2026 – 1pm

Mr Oyedeji's Class

Mr Lafis/Ms Rowan's Class



Preparing for MFL GCSE

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Lead Teacher Key Stage 4
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MFL GCSE

Aims:

- Key Course Information
- Key skills needed
- How best to prepare for the exams

MFL GCSE

NEW SPECIFICATION

- French
- German
- Spanish

LEGACY SPECIFICATION

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Russian
- Italian

Both specifications are extremely similar in both the format of their examinations and what is required/expected from the candidate.

The 4 Exam Components

COMPREHENSION	PRODUCTION
<p>Listening (Paper 1)</p> <p>Comprehension, answers in English Comprehension, answers in Target Language (TL) Dictation</p> <p>25%</p>	<p>Speaking (Paper 2)</p> <p>Read-Aloud Role Play Photo Presentation General Conversation</p> <p>25%</p>
<p>Reading (Paper 3)</p> <p>Comprehension, answers in English Comprehension, answers in Target Language (TL) Short translation (into English)</p> <p>25%</p>	<p>Writing (Paper 4)</p> <p>80-90 word task 130-150 word task Short translation (into TL)</p> <p>25%</p>

New specification only

Legacy specification only

What do you need to be able to do?

Key Production Skills

(spoken & written)

Language

- * Have accurate sentence construction
- * Use a variety of tenses accurately
- * Use nice vocabulary

Content

- * Develop ideas relating to the topics
- * Sequence ideas logically & clearly

Key Comprehension Skills

(listening & reading)

- * Recognise key words/expressions
- * Recognise time frames
- * Recognise meaning, despite inclusion of unfamiliar language



Key Skills for the GCSE & Tips

Accurate use of a variety of tenses and sentences constructions in the TL - spoken and written.

Confident employment of listening and reading strategies acquired in class.

Effective comprehension of a wide range of topic specific vocabulary and structures – written and recorded.

Detailed and constructive development of opinions and ideas relating to a range of topics.

A/D - Learn Masterdocs

- Flashcards
- Relevant vocabulary
- Complex structures
- Transferable knowledge

C/E - Practise Past Papers

- Little/often
- Final questions
- Engage with spoken/written TL
- Tunes ear/mind to language

Methods for Revising!

Key Skills

- Construct **accurate** sentences
- Use a variety of **tenses accurately**
- Use a range of **vocabulary**
- Develop **ideas** relating to the topics
- Sequence **ideas** logically & clearly
- Recognise key **words/expressions**
- Recognise and use different **time frames**
- Recognise meaning, despite inclusion of **unfamiliar language**

Core Language
Grids

GCSE VOCAB BANKS

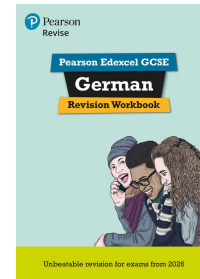
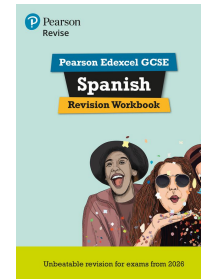
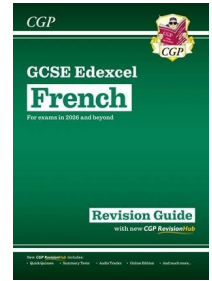
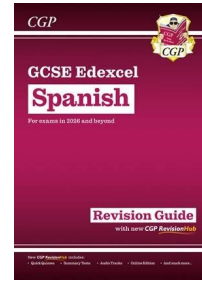
Masterdocs

Flashcards

Google
Classrooms

past
papers

Revision Guides



*** Please look out for letter from me soon concerning purchasing revision guides/workbooks at a cheaper rate.**

Key dates for year 11

Mock exams

- MFL1 & 2 **mock** Speaking exams: w/c 01st December 2025
- MFL1 & 2 Listening, Reading & Writing **mock** exams: w/c 05th January 2026

End of course exams

- MFL1 & 2 Speaking **exams**: w/c 16th April 2026
- MFL1 & 2 Listening, Reading and Writing **exams**: May tbc

STUDENTS HAVE ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE SPEAKING EXAM



**Danke
Schön!**

iGracias!

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Lead Teacher Key Stage 4
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谢谢

СПАСИБО!

Merci!

Grazie!

**いつも
ありがとう
ございます**





GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature

- Exam Board
- Course Overview
- Key Dates
- Revision Strategies
- Resources to use at home

**All the following
information will be
on a handout that
I will give you as
you leave**

Mr Griffin
Head of English
&
Key Stage 4 Leader

EXAM BOARD



- **AQA English Language (8700)**

- **AQA English Language (8702)**

- Any resources you use must be for **AQA** English and English Literature
- The **AQA** website has some useful past paper questions

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE OVERVIEW



Unit 1: Explorations in Creative Writing and Reading

1 hour 45 minutes

21st May 2026

External Exam: Worth 50% of the final GCSE English Language grade

Section A: Reading

- Four questions on one unseen fiction text
- There will be 1 multiple choice and 3 extended writing answers.

Section B: Writing

- One extended *creative* writing question. This will be marked out of 24 for content and out of 16 for technical accuracy.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE OVERVIEW



Unit 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes

5th June 2026

External Exam: Worth 50% of the final GCSE English Language grade

Section A: Reading

- Four questions on one unseen non-fiction text
- Questions will be 1 multiple choice and 3 extended writing answers.

Section B: Writing

- One extended *non-fiction* writing question. This will be marked out of 24 for content and out of 16 for technical accuracy.

ENGLISH LITERATURE COURSE OVERVIEW

Unit 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

1 hour 30 minutes

11th May 2026

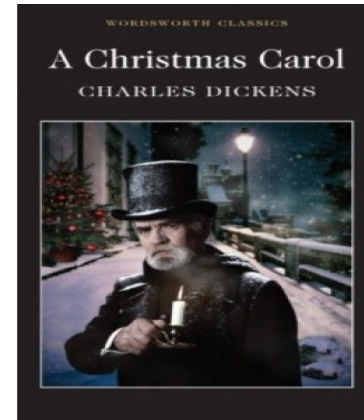
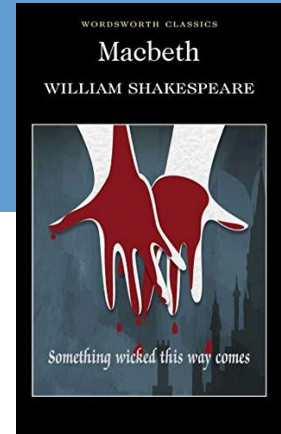
External Exam: Worth 40% of the final GCSE English
Language grade

Section A: Shakespeare

- One question the play studied (*Macbeth*). Students will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and the play as a whole.

Section B: 19th Century Novel

- One question on *A Christmas Carol*. Students will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then the novel as a whole.



ENGLISH LITERATURE COURSE OVERVIEW

Unit 2: Modern texts and poetry

2 hours 15 minutes

19th May 2026

External Exam: Worth 60% of the final GCSE English Language grade

Section A: Modern Texts

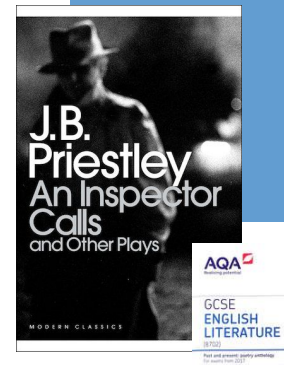
- Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on *An Inspector Calls*

Section B: Comparative Poetry

- Students will answer one question which asks them to compare two poems. One poem will be printed: the other will not.

Section C: Unseen Poetry

- Students answer one question on an unseen poem followed by another question asking them to compare this to a second unseen poem.



ENGLISH LITERATURE TEXTS



- All English Literature exams are closed text: this means that pupils will not have their copy of their text with them.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE



**Any questions at this stage
regarding content of the
English and English Literature
courses?**

Mock Exams


- Student will sit each of the English Literature and English Language mock exams

English Literature Mock Exams

- **English Literature** - *Macbeth* & *An Inspector Calls**
(excluding Anthology Poetry): January Mocks

English Language Mock Exam

- English Language Paper One: February
- English Language Paper Two: March (in class)
- It is imperative that students treat their mock exams as if they were their actual exams



* students will have the chance to see both these on stage - 'Globe Players' K10 March 31st £7

Revision

■ English Language



English Language **Reading**: Easily Addressed Targets



- **The exam requires pupils to read and respond to short texts very quickly**
- Reading a range of texts – not necessarily novels – will help pupils to grow more confident with reading short texts
- **The exam requires pupils to answer a range of questions with a very limited amount of time**
- Knowing the **specific** requirements of each question and how long they have to complete their response is crucial to their success. These are given to them in Year 10 - 'GCSE Success Booklets' in tidy folders... (see next slide)
- **The difficulty many pupils face with the English Language exam is the time restraints**
- Practicing reading short texts and planning responses to these texts will help pupils grow more confident when approaching the exam.

Know the exams

English Language

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Focus	Question	Requirement	Marks	Timing	Sources
Reading time 5 minutes – HIGHLIGHT interesting language features as you read...					
Reading	1	Four things you learn	4	5	Source A (opening)
	2	Language analysis	8	10	Source A (extract)
	3	Structure	8	10	Source A (whole text)
	4	Language analysis Evaluates	20	30	Source A (second ½ of extract)
Writing	5	Describe: picture	24: content 16: SPaG	45 min	N/A
	OR 5	Describe: written prompt	24: content 16: SPaG	45 min	N/A

Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives (non-fiction extract)

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Source A: 20th or 21st Century

Source B: 19th Century

Focus	Question	Requirement	Marks	Timing	Sources
Reading	1	Four facts	4	5	Source A (opening)
	2	Summarise differences with quotes	8	15 (reading time inc)	Source A and Source B
	3	Language analysis	12	15	Source B
	4	Compare language	16	25	Source A and Source B
Writing	5	Argue or persuade	24: content 16: SPaG	45 min	N/A

English Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Focus	Question	Requirement	Marks	Timing	Sources
Section A: Shakespeare <i>Macbeth</i>	1	- Explore the focus of the extract analysing the language - Explore the focus of the extract elsewhere in the play	30 marks + 4 SPaG	52 min	Extract Remembered quotes from elsewhere in the play
Section B: 19 th Century novel <i>A Christmas Carol</i>	7	- Explore the focus of the extract analysing the language - Explore the focus of the extract elsewhere in the play	30 marks	52 min	Extract Remembered quotes from elsewhere in the novel

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

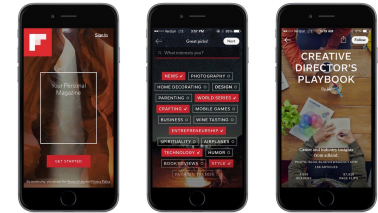
Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

Focus	Question	Requirement	Marks	Timing	Sources
Section A: <i>An Inspector Calls</i>	1 or 2	Essay style answer exploring theme, character or dramatic devices	30 marks + 4 SPaG	45 min	CLOSED TEXT
Section B: Poetry (Power and Conflict)	26	Compare language used in two poems from the anthology	30 marks	45 min	CLOSED TEXT One poem will be reprinted in exam, one will not
Section C: Unseen	27.1	Language analysis of unseen poem	24	30 min	Poem printed in exam
	27.2	Compare similarities and differences in unseen poems	8	15 min	Poem printed in the exam

English Language Reading Revision

- The internet is a great resource but you need to know what you are looking for:
 - Knowledge Organisers
 - BGS Google Classroom contains revision resources
 - Flipboard, BBC news and The Guardian for free reading material
 - BBC Bitesize for AQA English Language
 - Mr Bruff AQA English Language videos

Start of Exam - 5mins	Q1-10mins	Q4-30mins	Q5-45mins
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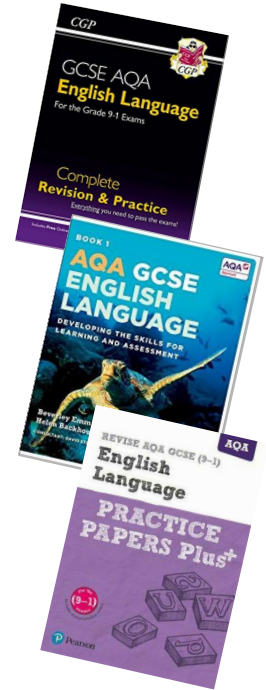
English Language **Writing**



- Whereas the reading part of the GCSE English Language exam has its challenges, the writing part of the exam is worth 50% and offers pupils the opportunity gain valuable marks
- Students can use resources such as Knowledge Organisers to practice writing in form (newspaper/ letter/ blog) and purpose (argue, persuade/ explain)
- **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SpaG)**
 - Students can revise punctuation: particularly colons and semi colons. YouTube is a great resource for this.
 - Students can revise frequently [misspelled words](#)
- Write responses based on past paper questions (see AQA website) or in response to articles they have read
- Students should look to imitate things they read: they are demonstrating skill and not necessarily originality

Revision Guides

- There are a range of revision guides and even flash cards you can purchase if you wish however ensure you buy them for **AQA** English Language. Some recommendations are:
 - CGP English Language for Grade 9-1 Exams
 - AQA GCSE English Language: Student Book: Developing the skills for Learning and Assessment (Oxford)
 - Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) English Language Practice Papers (Pearson)



English Literature Revision



- **The exam requires students to complete the exam WITHOUT copies of the text requiring them to learn quotations**
- Pupils should re-read the exam texts to re-familiarize themselves with the texts: **re-reading the texts is not revision**
- **Return to texts** sooner rather than later and then return to them again rather than 'cram'
- Pupils should look to **learn quotations** rather than try to remember whole sections of texts or even whole poems
- Pupils should begin revision by identifying the ten most important quotations for **key characters** and **themes**: before long it will become apparent that valuable quotations reappear over and over
- Create **flash cards or mind-maps** of key quotations linked to themes: these can be used for making links across texts/ between poems
- **Plan responses** to a range of questions rather than write whole answers: this helps you to revise whole texts rather than practice limited responses

English Literature Revision Guides

- There are a wide range of revision guides for the texts studied.
- You most likely already have a set of the CGP revision guides - offered at a discount in Y10.
- If not - easily available on Amazon
- The department would also recommend York Notes for the texts studied.



English Literature **FREE** Resources

- There are a wide range of English Literature resources available online
 - Spark Notes
 - Spark Notes: No Fear Shakespeare
 - GCSE Bitesize
 - LitCharts
 - Schmoop
 - Universal Teacher
 - Mr Bruff (YouTube)
 - ChatGPT (for questions when revising, NOT to produce written answers, of course)



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Upcoming dates



11 November	BGS Sixth Form Open Evening
14 November	Y11 Autumn Report
18 November	Y11 Progress Review Eve
10 December	Sixth Form Applications
5 January	Year 11 Mock Exams
6 February	Year 11 Spring Report
1 May	Year 11 Study Leave *

