## Year 11 Information

# EVENINS Guilsborough Academy



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### Important Dates

- 25<sup>th</sup> February February/March PPE begins
- Week ending 21<sup>st</sup> March Final report out to parents
- 6<sup>th</sup> May GCSE exams begin
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May Last day that students must attend school
- 21<sup>st</sup> August GCSE Results and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Admission day



### Contingency Dates

- All students must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 11<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon only)
- 25<sup>th</sup> June (all day)



### Examinations

- Examinations start on 6<sup>th</sup> May
- All exams will take place in the sports hall, drama studio or smaller nearby rooms
- Students need to ensure they have all necessary equipment for each exam
- Attendance at all exams and punctuality is essential
- School uniform must be worn for all exams
- Each student will be given a personalised timetable with their room and seat number
- Students will receive all the JCQ guidance that must be read before they start their exams
- Access arrangements will be whatever arrangements they had in previous PPE unless students have been informed otherwise



### Equipment

- It is the student's responsibility to bring all equipment (including overlays) to the exams
- Do not rely on invigilators to provide them with equipment
- All equipment must be in a clear pencil case
- Several black pens
- Pencil, ruler, sharpener and rubber
- Calculators for any exam that will allow it.
- Protractor and a pair of compasses for maths



### Rules

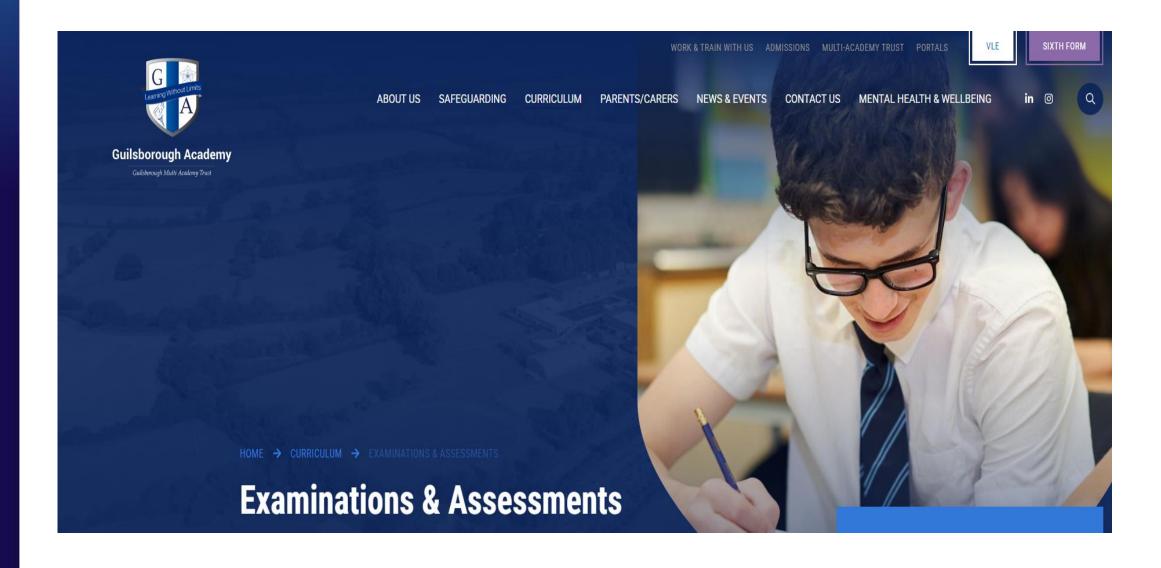
- Mobile phones must be switched off and left in their bag
- All headphones, ear pods etc must also be left in their bag
- They are not allowed to wear a watch of any kind in the exam hall
- All water bottles must be clear with the label removed
- They must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb any other candidate once they enter the exam hall.
- They must not have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which includes any writing on their person





# Examination Area on our Website

Link here





### Examination Area

- Exam Preparation, Revision strategies and Intervention Timetable
- Useful information for candidates JCQ Guidance
- Access arrangements
- February/March PPE timetable
- GCSE summer timetable
- Contingency days
- Results day
- Post results services
- Certificates



### Last Day

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day that students must attend school all day which is the last day before the May half-term
- There is an examination in the morning for all students but not in the afternoon
- In the afternoon students will have their leaving assembly, food and fun!
- After half-term, students only need to attend school if they have an exam
- Permission will be needed for students to be able to leave school after an exam
- Students can remain in school after the holiday and will be supervised in dedicated study areas



### Results and Enrolment Day

- GCSE Results and 6<sup>th</sup> Form admission day is on 21<sup>st</sup> August
- Results will be available to collect between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm
- Permission in writing and photo ID will be needed if someone other than the student is collecting their results
- Admission to 6<sup>th</sup> Form will happen at the same time.
- Our careers advisor will be present to assist any students that need help

### Global Faculty Year 11 Support

### History

#### How to revise?

- 10 minutes every day= pick one mini section to read from revision booklet= America, War, Medicine, Eliz
- 10 minutes every day =Looking over the video revision list- focus on the topics you cannot remember much
- Full exam paper timed closed book once a month
- One exam Q timed each week
- Exam paper and/or Yoda/Gandalf booklet Qs each week to help structure
- 5 minutes a day memory help using seneca or Quizlet

What websites/resources?

**BBC** Bitesize

GA revision booklet & Quick revision guide

Source and Exam Q help sheets – 2 minutes each

Revision video list via staff

Mini Quiz PP on all aspects of the course via staff

### Geography

#### How to revise

- Revision calendar
- PLC's (personal learning checklists) RAG
- Revision Clocks
- Knowledge Organisers
- Use your teachers to help address misconceptions
- Create flashcards with key words and answers on the back ask family to test.
- Handing in extra exam practice questions
- Finding past papers, markschemes and examiner reports online
- Revision posters
- Listen to podcasts/watch youtube clips
- Making independent notes from your exercise book or revision guides
- Work with a friend/study group
- Create mindmaps and concept diagrams
- Watch relevant documentaries, especially about case studies.
- Dual coding information (diagrams, words and images of your learning)
- Take regular breaks
- Switch between topics and papers Human to Physical
- Timed practice writing 9 marking answers

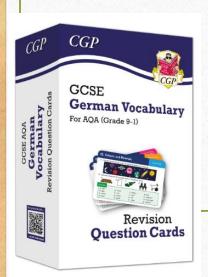
- Websites
- https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Seneca
- https://www.gcsepod.com/ GCSE Pod
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- Revision Guides
- https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-9-1-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/0198423462?ref =ast sto dp
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#### Beliefs and Ethics

How to revise?

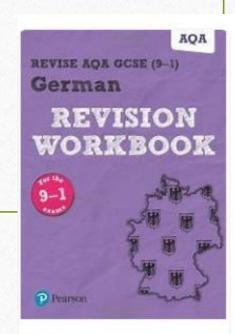
The methods below are steps that increase in detail:

- Ensure you have a revision folder containing at least Revision Schedules and A3 summaries
- Use the Revision Schedules for Paper 1 and Paper 2 to plan what to revise, when.
- Use PowerPoint Revision Summary Diagrams for Paper 1 and Paper to remind you of the specification content for each paper
- Use the A3 Topic Overviews to gain a basic understanding of each of the 8 topics.
  - The knowledge contained here is sufficient to achieve Grade 3 if learned well.
- Use Seneca to develop knowledge of key terms and concepts
- Use the Oxford Revision Guide to revise each topic.
  - Write bullet points summaries of keywords on a page of A4. Add detail from your exercise
  - Have a pen in hand. Write bullet point answers
- Use OneNote Past Papers and mark schemes to apply knowledge
  - Plan bullet point answers to questions (closed book)
  - Use mark schemes to identify improvement points/missing knowledge
- Use OneNote WAGOLLs to learn how to produce improved answers to different papers
- Aiming Higher? Consider using the Big Revision Guide in OneNote for Paper 1 knowledge and questions



#### MFL

- 1. 60 minutes vocab learning per week on quizlet 30 min (new vocab) and 30 minutes revision( old)
- 2. Past papers from AQA website and on MFL TEAMS
- 3. 20 min BBC bite size (grammar exercise)
- 4. purple AQA revision work book (focus on listening)
- 5. Reading booklet on TEAMS (start with older topics: family, technology)
- 6. Do revision writing mats (90 words/150 word tasks) on TEAMS 1 per week (redraft old one)



£5.99 Revise AQA GCSE



### Maths Revision



### Exam information for both the Higher and Foundation papers

Paper 1 – Non calculator Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Paper 2 – Calculator Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Paper 3 – Calculator Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

#### Summer 2025 exams:

1) For all exams students will have access to formulae sheets – these have been used in mocks and references to these have been made during lessons and through revision session.

2) This can also be found in all student handbooks

We do not know what will be on each paper – anything could be tested.

#### Potential Non-calculator topics:

The topics below could be tested without the need for a calculator.

This is not exhaustive and topics could appear on the calculator papers also

<u>Higher</u>	<b>Foundation</b>	
Exact trig values	Exact trig values	
Fractions, decimals and percentages	Fractions, decimals and percentages	
Estimation	Estimation	
Use of graphs	Use of graphs	
Recurring decimals to fractions	Index laws	
Surds	Constructions and Loci	
Bounds	Circles –answers in terms of pi	
Index laws	Transformations	
Constructions and Loci	Statistical diagrams	
Circles –answers in terms of pi	Probability	
Transformations	Collecting like terms (expanding and factorising)	
Statistical diagrams	LCM/HCF	



#### **Revision resources**

#### Practise, practise, practise

- Teams area for year 11 this is updated with any additional resources that we find for students.
- Weekly Mathswatch questions
- Pinpoint info for strengths and weaknesses
- revision sessions after school email sent to parents
- Onmaths online interactive papers that are automatically marked.
- CorbettMaths LOTS of revision questions
- Mathsgenie LOTs of questions by topic
- Use formula sheet during revision



### English Revision

Tips and techniques

Reading section = 1 extract

### English Language GCSE AQA

Reading section = 2 extracts

Paper 1 = fiction

Paper 2 = nonfiction

Writing
section =
story
opening/
description

Writing
section =
transactional
writing

### English Language GCSE AQA

What do students need to revise/ practise?

- ✓ The format for Q1-4 (reading section) different structures needed
- ✓ Complex sentence structures and punctuation
- ✓ Timings in the exam
- ✓ Structuring a description (Q5) motif/ extended metaphor
- ✓ Structuring a short story (Q5) split narrative/ circular structure/ time shift

Macbeth

### **English Literature GCSE AQA**

An Inspector Calls

Paper 1 = pre-1900 texts

Paper 2 = poetry & modern texts

Poetry
Anthology
(15 poems
– Power &
Conflict)

A Christmas Carol

Unseen Poetry

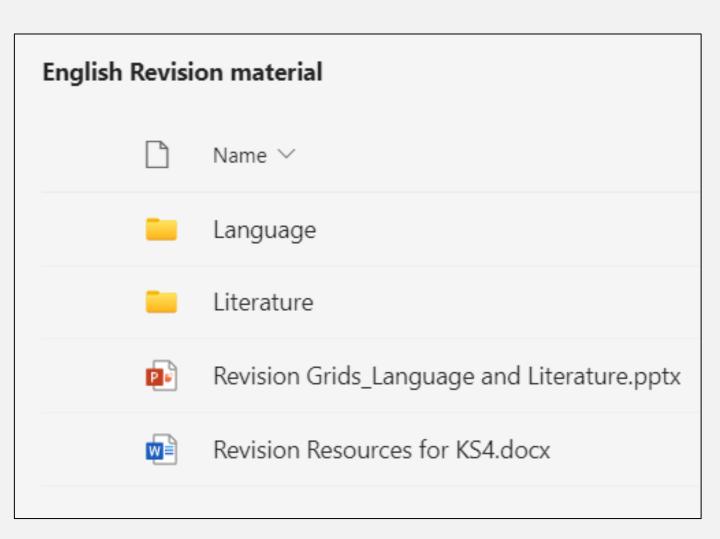
### **English Literature GCSE AQA**

What do students need to revise/ practise?

- ✓ Macbeth/ AIC/ ACC = c. 15 key quotations memorised
- ✓ Poems = 2 quotations per poem + structural features memorise for 5 key poems: 'London', 'Ozymandias', 'Bayonet Charge', 'Storm on the Island', 'Checking Out Me History'.
- ✓ Context & "big ideas" for all texts memorised
- ✓ Planning arguments to essay questions in timed conditions
- ✓ Writing analytical paragraphs: WHAT? HOW? WHY?

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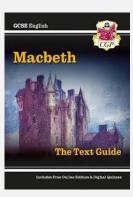


- 1. Past papers & mini-mocks = Y11 Revision folder on Teams
- Online subscriptions: Educake, Massolit, LitCharts, Sora App



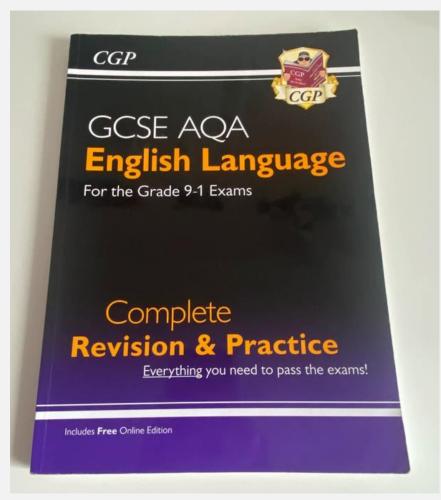
- 4. CGP revision guides & flashcards (Literature)
- 5. Annotations in texts (Literature)
- 6. Classwork and feedback in exercise books from lessons
- 7. Weekly interventions
- 8. Revision Educake revision homework set on Go4Schools



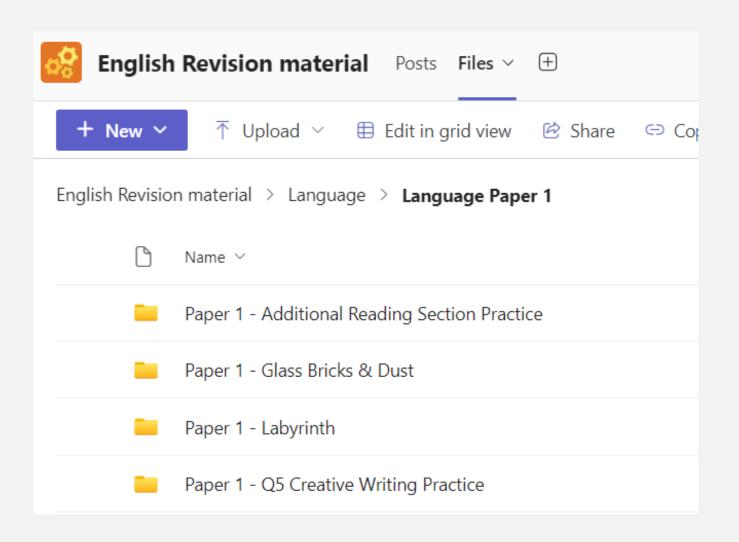


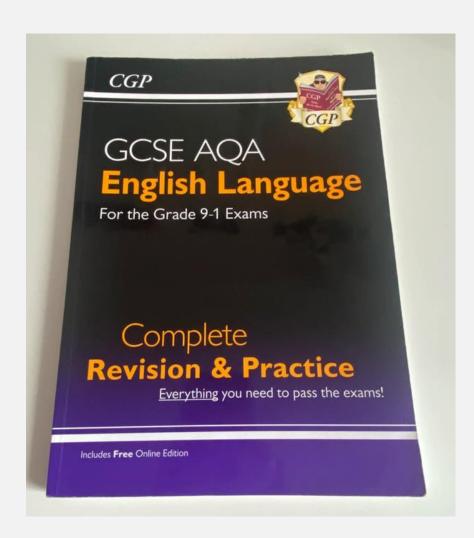
#### Grade 4+ = CGP Guides & Mr Bruff videos





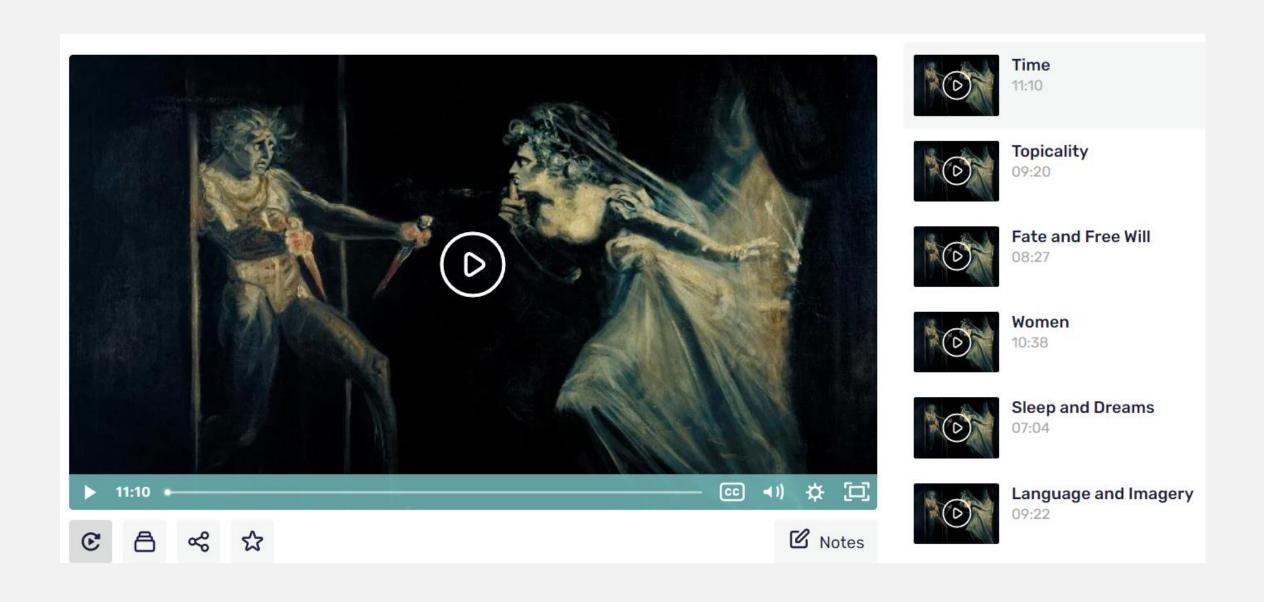
### Grade 6+ = CGP Guides, practice papers on Teams & Revision Grids





Literature		
Quotations about Macbeth's character: 2 minutes	Quotations about Mrs Briling's character: 2 minutes	How does Tennyson present conflict? 6-minute miniplan
Masculinity in Macbeth: 3 minutes	Conflict in Macbeth: 3 minutes	'When you durst do it, then you were a man' Write a paragraph about this quotation – remember to: analyse language, link to elsewhere in the play and use context 10 minutes
Words to describe violence: 2 minutes	Words to describe poverty: 2 minutes	
Angry	Unfair	
Pain	Struggle	
Unnecessary	Poor	
Inappropriate	Homeless	

### Grade 8+ = All previous & Massolit



### Top tips!

- Ask them to summarise the story of set texts to you
- Use audiobooks to help reread the whole of set texts.
- Make it into a game a quick quiz with a little reward.
- Use a timer 15-20 minutes of genuine effort is better that 1 hour of unfocussed sitting.
- Use the "in between" times e.g. a short car journey, waiting for the kettle to boil.

#### **SCIENCE**

**EXAM INFORMATION 2025** 

#### SCIENCE IS A DOUBLE OR TRIPLE AWARD SUBJECT

Combined Science (TRILOGY) have a series of 6 exams in total – 2 for each subject (each 1hr 15mins)

All the marks are COMBINED to give two GCSE grades.

These grades are always identical or consecutive

Eg 76; 66; 65; 55; etc

**Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)** is treated as 3 separate exams – each consists of two Ihr 4 min papers.

The two papers are added together to give one grade for each subject.

Because they are awarded separately students could get very different grades

Eg Biology 6; Chemistry 8; Physics 9

#### **EXAM DATES 2025**

Subject	Paper I	Paper 2
Biology Combined Science (Biology)	13 May 2025 pm	9 June 2025 am
Chemistry Combined Science (Chemistry)	19 May 2025 am	13 June 2024 am
Physics Combined Science (Physics)	22 May 2025 am	16 June 2025 am

All Combined Science papers are I hr I5 minutes

All Separate Science (Triple) papers are I hr 45 mins

All Physics formulae will be provided on a formula sheet as in previous years.

#### THERE ARE TWO TIERS OF ENTRY

**Higher paper** – grades 99 – 44 (43 is allowed but anything below is classified as U) **Foundation paper** – grades 55 – 11 (failure to reach the marks needed for 11 results in a U)

The papers are structured very differently:-

- Higher lots of unstructured, multi-mark answers with some additional material to learn.
- Foundation guided answers (tick the boxes, fill in the missing words etc) and many single mark answers.

Nationally 60-65% of students take the foundation paper. Students should sit this unless they are likely to achieve a 6.

#### THE SKILLS THAT ARE ASSESSED IN THE EXAMS

The exams assess performance of students in the following areas:

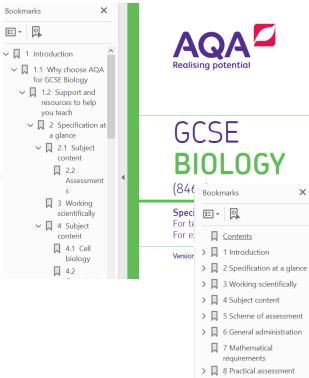
- Subject knowledge what do they know and understand about science
- Application of this knowledge Can they apply this knowledge to situations in the questions
- Analysis of information can they analyse the information in the questions in a scientific context.

These questions can cover both the detailed content from the specification and the **Required practical experiments** (21 in combined science) that students have done through the years.

About 15% of the marks come from knowledge, understanding and analysis of these experiments.

#### HOW DO STUDENTS KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO REVISE?





9 Appendix A: periodic



GCSE CHEMISTRY

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Specification

For teaching from September 2016 onwards For exams in 2018 onwards

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GCSE **PHYSICS** 

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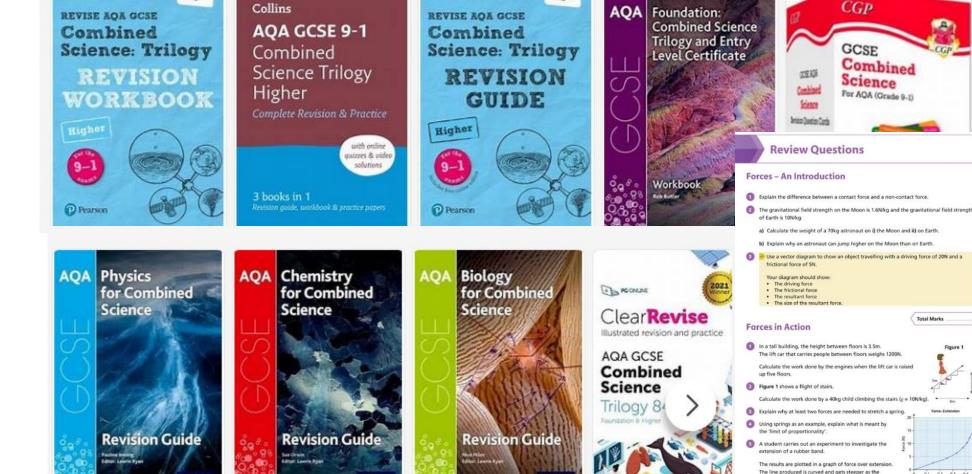
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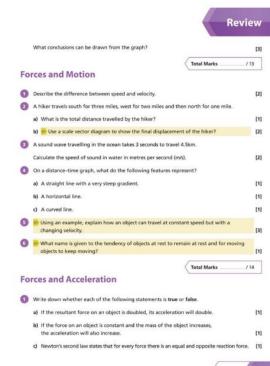
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#### REVISION GUIDES WRITTEN FOR THE COURSE

AQA

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Total Marks

force increases.

#### REVISION RESOURCES

Revision available of all GCSE topics on bbc bitesize- (https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h)

Online textbook and interactive resources on **Kerboodle** (<a href="http://www.kerboodle.com/">http://www.kerboodle.com/</a>)

Online revision platform: Seneca (<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>)

Online platform with practice retrieval questions: Educake (www.educake.co.uk)

Practice Past Exam Questions on physicsandmathstutor and on Teams

- Biology (<u>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-aqa/</u>)
- Chemistry (<u>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/gcse-aqa/</u>)
- Physics (<u>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-aqa/</u>)

Online free youtube lessons on GCSE topics/lessons

- > Freesciencelessons -https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons
- Fuseschool <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@fuseschool">https://www.youtube.com/@fuseschool</a>

#### WHERE SHOULD YOU START?

Do lots of practise answering questions.

Step I – use the **Educake** system for quick retrieval practice – What you should know

Step 2 – Do some end of topic questions from **TEAMS** 

Step 3 – PAST PAPERS!! All on TEAMS.

If there is no time for anything else this last is the NUMBER ONE priority.





### Interventions



### Intervention

- Easter revision
- May half Term revision
- Some lectures will take place
- Intervention timetable shared with all students



## Intervention Timetable – School day

Year 11 Intervention Term 3 2024-25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time	Tuesday	weunesuay	Titursuay	riiuay
Tutor Time			6 <sup>th</sup> form led revision for targeted year 11 students – <b>Maths</b> , <b>Science</b> , <b>History</b> , <b>PE</b> , <b>German</b> and <b>Geography</b> (B Block Canteen)	
Lunchtime				
Art Intervention Week 1 only (D9)	<b>History</b> Revision club (B20)	Art GCSE open access (D14)	GCSE PE Targeted revision (S6)	Art GCSE open access (D14)
English Intervention Aspiring Grade 8+ (B10)		Spanish Speaking practice H & F Week 2 (E2)	Product Design Coursework support (D5/6)	Product Design Coursework support (D5/6)
<b>Biology Triple</b> Revision Club (A12)			Maths Club Maths support for all students Week 1 (A25) Week 2 (A19)	Food Coursework support Week 2 (C6)
			Spanish Speaking practice H & F Week 1 (E2)	Chemistry Triple Revision Club Week 2 only (B23)
			<u>History Revision</u> seminar (B16)	





## Intervention Timetable – After school

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	After School				
		Textiles	English Intervention	Computer Science/IT	
		Intervention/support	Securing Grade 6+	Tech Award	
		3.15 - 4.30pm (D13)	3.30-4.15 (B6)	Intervention 3.15-4.15	
				(A4 & A5)	
		Electronics	GCSE PE NEA	Product Design	
		intervention 3.15-	coursework catchup	Intervention/Support	
		4.30pm (D5)	3.30-4.40pm (C6)	3.15-4.30pm (D5/6)	
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		Maths Revision	Drama Component 3	Drama Component 3	
		sessions 3.30-4.30pm	Text in Practice	Text in Practice	
		(A Block)	rehearsals 3.15-5.30pm	rehearsals 3.15-5.30pm	
		, ,	(Drama Studio)	(Drama Studio)	
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		German Grammar		Music Coursework	
		revision 4.15-5.15pm		Intervention	
		(TEAMS)		Securing Grade 6+	
				3.15-4.30 (E11)	
Г		History Revision		Geography Revision	
		session 3.15-4.15 (B15)		session (B13)	
				BTEC Sport	
				Intervention for invited	
				students only 3.20-	
				4.20pm (C6)	



### Interventions

- Intervention Timetable <u>link here</u>
- Revision Strategies Booklet –
   Preparing for GCSEs <u>link here</u>
- Revision Strategies and Information Booklet – Subject specific guidance -<u>link here</u>



### Not long to go

- There are 56 school days until the first exam
- Less than 2 months of school
- 18 days of holiday (excl weekends) to revise