Thursday 19th September 2024

GCSE INFORMATION EVENING



Welcome to our annual Year 10 GCSE Information Evening.

Tonight's presentation will be uploaded to the Key Stage
4 section of the School website. It includes:

- An overview of the GCSEs
- Assessment and reporting guide
- Helpful tips for parents
- Subject specialist advice for:
 - Maths
 - English
 - Science
 - Modern Foreign Languages
- Useful websites





Our vision for all students



Prince Henry's will become internationally recognised as an exceptional school with a culture of respect, where we can all flourish and achieve

Respect • Flourish • Achieve

GCSE OVERVIEW







New timetable

Start of 2 year courses.

More flexibility to study subjects you are interested in.

More time devoted to those subjects.

End with exams completed in summer of 2025.

Changes came in from 2016 (to content, to exams, to grades, all of the supportive measures following covid have now been removed).



Grades awarded

What is a GCSE worth?

GCSEs can be full qualifications (one GCSE) or double qualifications (equal to two qualifications, for example Trilogy Science).

Grades and pass marks

Grades awarded for GCSEs range from 9 to 1, with the highest grade being 9.

In the past a 'C' grade was usually seen as the reference point for a 'pass' grade. Now the government looks at Grade 4 (standard pass) or Grade 5 (strong pass).

Grade 9 represents exceptional performance (roughly speaking top 2%)

New gradin	g structure	Current gradi	ng structure
9			Α*
8			A*
7			А
6	GOOD PA		В
5	5 and above = to		
4	The second secon	om of C and above	С
3			D
2			Е
			F
1			G
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Other points

- All subjects are now linear (meaning their exams take place at the end of year 11).
- Some subjects (BTECs) are awarded different grades (Distinction, Merit, Pass).
- Some subjects have an element of NEA Non-Examined Assessment (similar to coursework BUT different due to restrictions on assistance allowed). Often completed in year 11 under exam conditions (details will follow later in KS4).
- Currently any student not achieving a **4 or above** in English and/ or Maths is required to attend lessons and re-sit these exams during post 16 study or apprenticeships.

ASSESSING AND REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

New gradin	g structure	Current grad	ing structure
9			Δ*
8			A*
7			А
6		ASS (DfE)	В
5		p of C and above	6
4		om of C and above	С
3			D
2			Е
			F
1			G
U			U

In Ks4 all students are given a single personalised target grade unlike the banding used at Ks3.

Course	MEA	Predicted grade	Attitude to Learning
Biology: KS4 Biology	8	8	1
Chemistry: KS4 Chemistry	8	8	2
English: KS4 English Language	8	8	1
English: KS4 English Literature	7	8	1
Food Technology: KS4 Tech - Food	7	8	1
History: KS4 History	⁷ Att	itude is a judgement	1
Mathematics: KS4 Maths	6	out whether or not	2
Music: KS4 Music	8 you	ir child shows the right	1
P.E.: KS4 PE (core)		tude to their learning	3
Physics: KS4 Physics	8 in c	order to achieve their	2
PREP: KS4 PREP (core)	ME	A (1-5 scale as in KS3).	1
Spanish: KS4 Spanish	Predicteu G		2
	prediction c	of the	

Minimum Estimated
Attainment: Represents the minimum level that we would expect your child to reach by the end of Year 11.

grade that he/ she is likely to achieve in June of year 11 P1 – December P2 - March P3 + Form tutor report – June (exams in May)

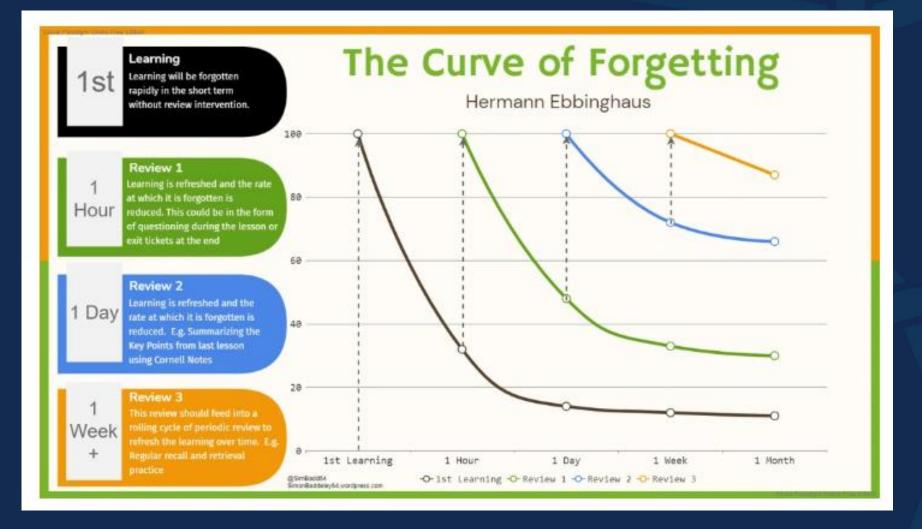
OP,GP,XP,BP represent measures of progress in non-examined Core PE and PREP lessons: Outstanding Progress, Good Progress, Expected Progress, Below Expected Progress.

PHGS Study Support

How does your child learn?

- We teach using methods from the latest research in education and cognitive science.
- This includes regular retrieval of prior knowledge through low stakes quizzing, and a focus on managing processing load.
- Assessments are carefully linked to important knowledge and skills





What will your child be learning?

- Details can be found on our curriculum pages
- Each summary table contains links to more detailed information
- Students also have this information on Teams



Home > Our School > Curriculum

Curriculum

The curriculum at Prince Henry's is designed to achieve our vision of becoming an exceptional school with a culture of **respect**, where we can all **flourish** and **achieve**. As a highly successful learning community, which provides sustainable outstanding education for young people of all abilities, we want students to leave Prince Henry's with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to succeed as responsible global citizens in the 21st Century. Our vision, and consequently our curriculum, is underpinned by our six values:

Honesty

In This Section

Art

Business & Economics

Design & Technology

EPR

English

Geography

KS4 Support

















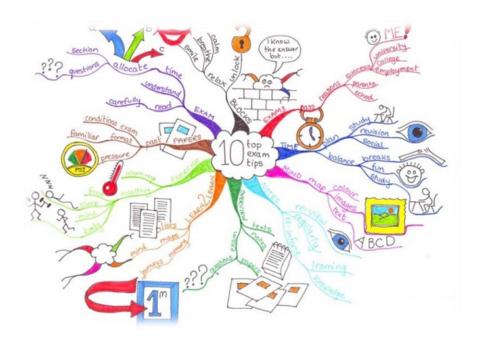




Exam Boards 2023-24	PDF &
Year 11 GCSE Revision Sessions 2023-24	PDF &
Yr11 Revision Club	PDF 🛓
Thinking Maps	PDF 🛓
Parent Engagement With Revision	PDF &
Making Your Revision Stick	PDF &
Skills For Revision	PDF &
Exam Stress Guide2	PDF &
Cobweb Learning	PDF &
Parent Revision Strategy Material	PDF &
Post 16 Options - Questions To Ask	PDF 🛓

Revision Techniques

MIND MAPPING...

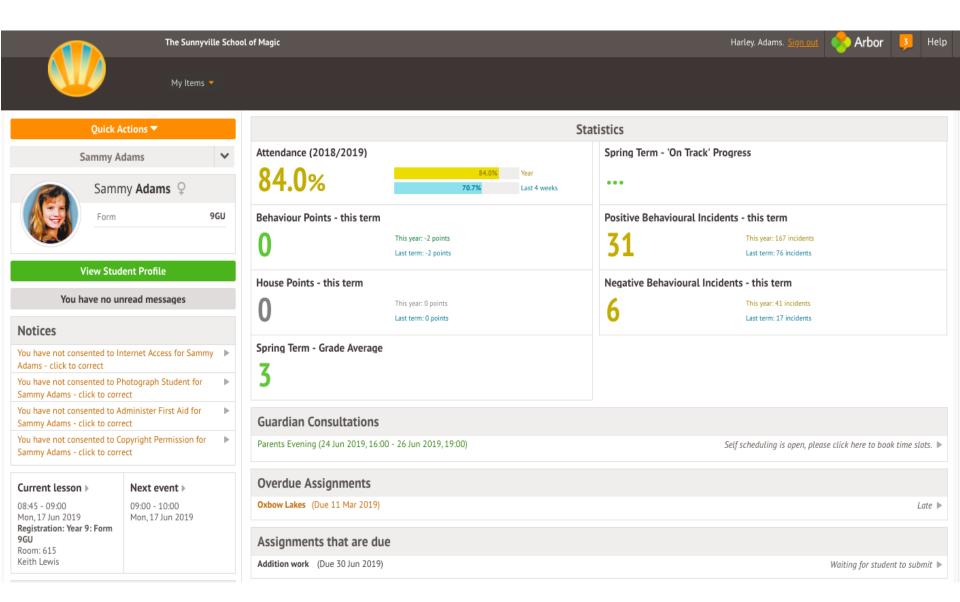


To make mind maps more memorable:

- Use doodle, pictures and diagrams
- Use different colours
- Use different type fonts
- Use humour (cartoons), etc.
- Design your own (don't just copy other peoples)
- Condense

Parent's Revision Strategy Evening Year 11

ARBOR



TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH EXAMS







"Parental involvement is **EIGHT TIMES** more important in determining a child's academic success than social class. It can be the difference between a Grade 9 and an 'also ran' at GCSE."

(Campaign for Learning)

So what can parents/carers do?

- Attendance Students with an attendance of 90-94% only have a 60% chance of five 9-5 grades compared to 75% of students with an attendance of 95%+.
- Providing a quiet place to study and the resources they require.
- 'Study Buddy' Showing an interest in Home Learning, 'testing' them on revision etc.
- Project Manager helping them devise a 'realistic' revision timetable and making sure they stick to it.
- Liaising with school when necessary.

Revision Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:00							
08:00							
09:00							
10:00							
11:00							
12:00							

14:00 15:00 16:00 17:00 18:00 19:00

13:00

Break revision down into small chunks. 30 minutes FOCUSED revision. Build in some 'down time'.

22:00 23:00



















MANAGING EXAM STRESS

Why is exam stress a problem?



Memory problems
Poor Concentration
Poor Judgement
Negative thoughts
Anxiety
Worry
Nervousness



Moodiness
Irritable/Temper
Agitation
Feeling
overwhelmed
Loneliness
Isolation

Unhanniness



Physical Symptoms

Muscle Tension
Aches
Stomach problems
Nausea
Dizziness
Chest pain
Racing heart

Colds and allergies



Behavioural Symptoms

Appetite changes
Sleep changes
Social withdrawal

Avoiding responsibility

Procrastination

Nervous habits









Suggestions for managing exam stress.



EXERCISE





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The Mind Set

Part of Support

+ Add to My Bitesize

We know exams and revision can be challenging in all kinds of ways, so to help support you through your GCSEs or Nationals, we bring you... The Mind Set! In this video series, our experts and amazing Mind Set coaches bring you tips, hacks and advice on how to smash your revision and boss your exams.

Top revision tips



Revision: Top revision tips

Smart revision advice from those who've been there.



Revision: Memory hacks and tips

Memory hacks and tips from our coaches to help you with revision.



Revision: Expert memory hacks and tips

Memory hacks and tips from our experts to

MATHS GCSE



Background: Maths GCSE (first awarded 2017)

- The GCSE exam boards that we will use for higher is AQA and for Foundation is OCR.
- There are 3 exams, 1 non calculator and 2 calculator.
- Each exam will be 1hr 30mins
- There is no coursework.
- 2 tiers of exams Foundation Tier (1-5) and Higher tier (4-9)

Assessment objectives:

Greater emphasis on problem solving and reasoning

AO1 Use and apply standard techniques - fluency

40% Higher, 50% Foundation

AO2 Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically

30% H, 25% F

AO3 Problem solving

30% H, 25% F

Students need to develop these skills

Teaching through a more problem-solving approach.

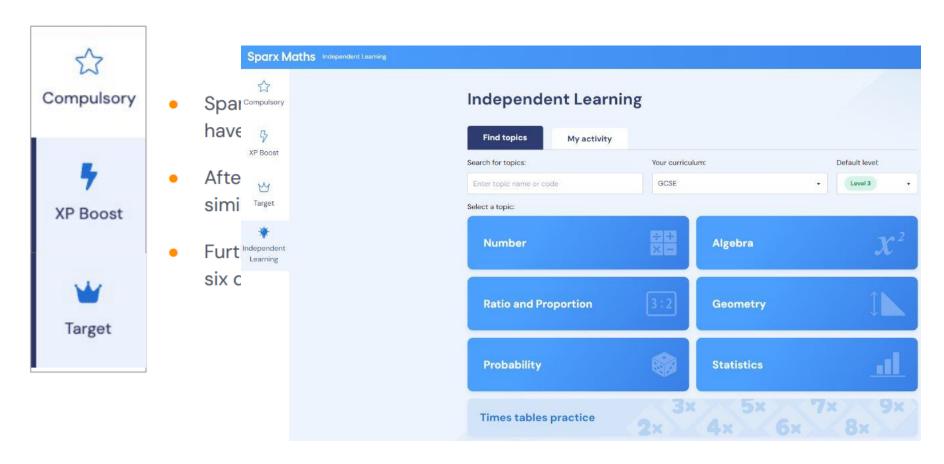
Assessments – increased AO2&3 questions at all key stages.
CT's following our exit tickets are linked to AO2, AO3 objectives

What we are doing to support your child ... Sparx Maths

- School subscription to Sparx Maths allows personalised work to be set that gives instant feedback to students.
- Students can access online support videos on Sparx -these are linked to the PHGS maths curriculum/RAG analysis sheets.
- Maths revision sessions after school on a Thursday and drop-in sessions during lunchtimes on a Wednesday
- More open-ended questions to encourage linking different topics together
- Use "Exit Tickets" so that teachers can adapt their lessons to the different needs of the class
- Form time maths on Sparx
- Revision books are available to purchase through school

What can you do to help support your child?...

Optional Homework in Sparx Maths



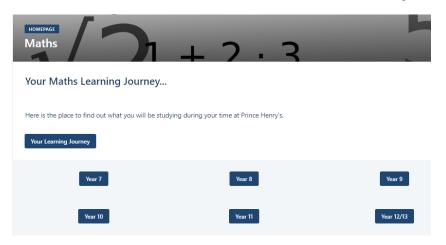
Independent learning - take control of your own learning

- Access every single question on Sparx
- Choose one of three levels of question
 - Introduce: basic skills
 - Strengthen: improve understanding
 - .II Deepen: problem solving
- Do this after Compulsory homework, XP Boost and Target

Using SharePoint to revise in maths

https://princehenrysco.sharepoint.com/sites/Mathdev/ SitePages/Year-10-GCSE.aspx

All information for both tiers, revision lists, useful websites and collated resources can be found on the maths-year 10 area.

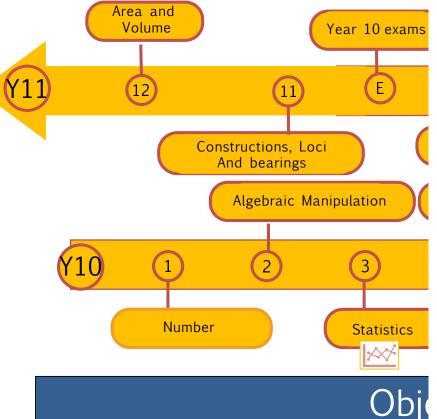


What can you do to help support your child?...

PHGS Maths - Learning







Autumn Term





REVISION Basic Number:

Objective	Sparx Task
Add and subtract positive and negative numbers	U947
(understand bank statements)	U742
Multiply and divide positive and negative numbers	U548
Use the hierarchy of operations	U976
Perform all 4 operations with decimals	U478
	U293
Round numbers to decimal places and significant	U298 U480
figures	U965 U731
Estimate answers to calculations by rounding	U225
Use the laws of indices to multiply and divide numbers in index form	U235
Write a number as a product of primes and use in context	U739
*Check answers by using inverse operations	
*Use one calculation to find an answer to another	
*Perform the 4 operations with numbers in index form	
*Use brackets and hierarchy of operations with	U976
indices	
*Use calculators for operations with indices	
*Find LCM and HCF by listing or using Venn diagrams	U250
*Solve problems using LCM, HCF and prime numbers	

^{*}Additional objectives

REVISION Basic Algebra:

Select an expression/equation/formula/identify from U613	Objective	Sparx Task	
a list. Write all expression	Select an expression/equation/formula/identify from a list. Write an expression	U613	

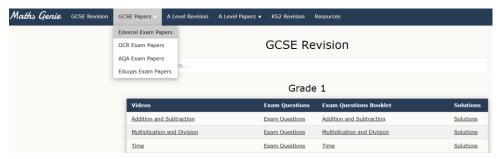
Using feedback from summative assessments:

Questions	Topic	S	co	re	Sparx Code
1a	Using a written method to multiply decimals	1	/	1	U293
1b	Dividing fractions	1	/	1	U544
1c	Using a written method to divide with decimals	0	/	1	U868
2	Solving single inequalities	0	/	1	U759
3	ultiplying fractions, Converting between mixed numbers and improper fraction	0	/	1	U475, U692
4	Angles on a line and about a point, Constructing and solving equations	3	/	3	U390, U599
5	Finding prime numbers	3	/	3	U236
6	Share amounts in a given ratio, Find fractions of amounts without a calculator	4	/	4	U577, U881
7	Prime factor decomposition	3	/	3	U739
8	Expanding single brackets	2	/	2	U179
9	Graphs of reciprocal functions	1	/	2	U593
10	Calculating the mean, Constructing and solving equations	5	/	5	U291, U599
11a	Venn diagrams with set notation	0	/	1	U748
11b	Venn diagrams with set notation	0	/	1	U748
11c	Venn diagrams with set notation	0	/	1	U748
12a	se standard form with positive indices, Use standard form with negative indice	1	/	1	U330, U534
12b	se standard form with positive indices, Use standard form with negative indice	2	/	2	U330, U534
13a	Function machines with letters, Expanding single brackets	0	/	2	M428, U179
`13b	Substituting into functions	0	/	2	U637
14	Calculating Range, Calculating Median	0	/	2	U526, U456
15	Congruent triangles, Angles on parallel lines, Understanding similarity	1	/	4	U866, U826, U551
16	Solving simultaneous equations using elimination	0	/	4	U760
17	urface area of cylinders, Surface area of spheres, Writing and simplifying ratio	0	/	3	U464, U893, U687
18	Estimating roots and powers	0	/	1	U299
19	Using the product rule for counting	0	/	2	U369
20	Solving simultaneous equations using substitution	1	/	3	U757
21	Completing the square	0	/	2	U397
22	Multiplying and dividing surds, Adding and subtracting surds	0	/	3	U633, U872
23	Converting recurring decimals to fractions	3	/	3	U689
24	Equations of parallel and perpendicular lines	0	/	5	U898
25	Using the exact values of trigonometric ratios (Higher)	0	/	4	U319
26	find the circumference of circles, Use Pythagoras' theorem in 2D, Simplify surds	0	/	4	U604, U385, U338
27	Iculate with speed, Add & subtract algebraic fractions, Divide algebraic fractio	0	/	3	U151, U685, U824
	Total	31	1	80	

Search the code in sparx Watch the video and do the activity with it

Using exam questions to revise

https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.php



https://www.1stclassmaths.com/agarevision

номе	REVISION		EXAM PAPERS	SPICY	QUESTIONS
Topic	Video Explanation	Exam Questions	Solutions	Grade	Past Series Appearance*
Algebraic Fractions (Equations)		PDF	= PDF	8+	36%
Algebraic Fractions (Simplifying)		= PDF	= PDF	8+	91%
Algebraic Proof		PDF	= PDF	8+	55%

• Corbettmaths.com



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES GCSE

NEW GCSEs in MFL

Tiered Entry Across all 4 Skills

Foundation Grades 1 – 5 Higher Grades (4) 5 - 9

Foundation 1200

Higher 1700

GCSE French / Spanish / German

Four papers 25% each

Paper 2 Speaking

End of April (Yr11).

- Role Play
- Read aloud + conversation
- Discussion based on 2 cards.

F = 7-9 minutes *H* = 10-12 minutes

Paper 1 Listening

Section A

Q + A in English

Section B

Dictation

F = 35 minutes H = 45 minutes

Paper 3 Reading

Q + A in English

F = 45 minutes H = 60 minutes

Paper 4 Writing

- * Tasks (dependant on tier)
- + Translation into TL

F = 70 minutes H = 85 minutes

Take place during May / June (Yr11)

How Parents Can Help



- Support
- Encouragement
- Textbook BRAND NEW
- Refer back to classwork

What are students asked to do at home?

Vocab learning – with or without digital support

Online exercises – 'Activehub'

Reading Exercises based on material from the book

Writing Tasks based on work in class

Learning Speaking Answers

Text Books



- Vocab support double page spreads
- Grammar Support green boxes
- Exemplar answers to questions in blue boxes

- Designed with exam task pages
- Lots of exam style questions included

Important investment – use it and look after it!















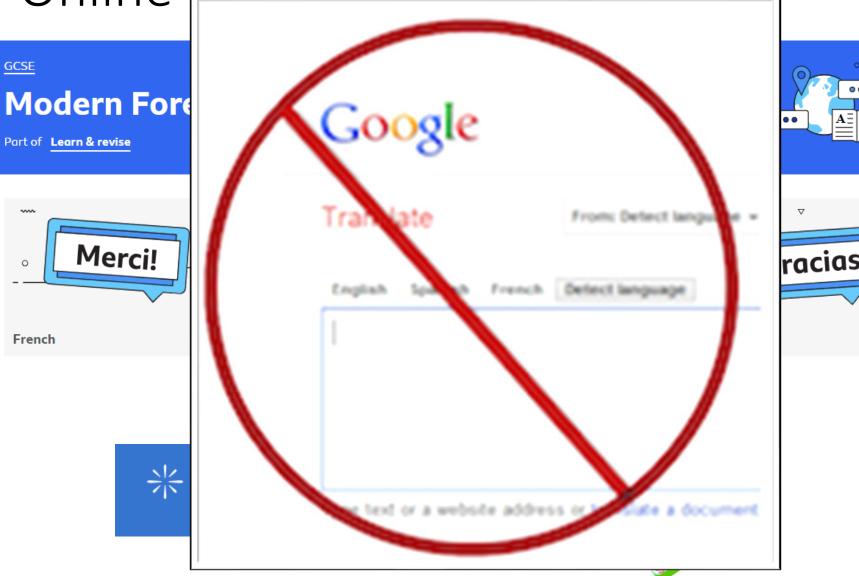








Online wahsitas to support







SCIENCE GCSE



GCSEs in Science

GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics
OR

GCSE Combined Science-Double Award

Three Separate Sciences

GCSE Biology 2 Exams

B1- 1 hour 45mins

Examines topics 1-4 50% of total mark

B2- 1 hour 45mins Examines topics 5-7

50% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

GCSE Chemistry 2 Exams

C1 - 1 hour 45mins

Examines topics 1-5 50% of total mark

C2- 1 hour 45mins Examines topics 6-10

50% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

GCSE Physics 2 Exams

P1- 1 hour 45mins

Examines topics 1-4 50% of total mark

P2- 1 hour 45mins Examines topics 5-8

50% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

In total: 10 hours 30 minutes of exams

(up from 9 hours previously)

Combined Science-Trilogy

Biology

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 1-4 16.7% of total mark

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 5-7 16.7% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

Chemistry

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 1-5 16.7% of total mark

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 6-10 16.7% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

Physics

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 1-4 16.7% of total mark

B1-1 hour 15mins

Examines topics 5-7 16.7% of total mark

No Controlled Assessment

In total: 7 hours 30minutes of exams.

(up from 6 hours previously)

<u>Similarities</u>

- Everyone will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- The vast majority of the syllabus is exactly the same.
- Both give results as grades 1-9.
- (Biology, Chemistry and Physics will each have a separate 1-9 grade whilst Combined Science will have a double grade 8-8,8-7,7-7 e.t.c).
- Teaching time per fortnight will be the same.
 No controlled assessments i.e. 100% exam.

Differences

Triple Science gives you 3 GCSEs;
 Combined Science gives you 2 GCSEs.

Triple Science-6 x 1hour 45 minute exams (3 hours more); Combined Science 6 x 1hour 15 minute exams.

 Triple Science has extra content equivalent to another GCSE for the students to cover in order to complete the whole program of study for each subject.

Science groups 2024-25

All students in year 10 are currently being taught the combined science content at either higher or foundation level, the start of year 10 has exactly the same content, this will change from Christmas.

Students have been allocated to a set that is deemed the most appropriate based on what we know about the demands of the course and the evidence we have available at this time.

Classes 10Y1 and 10X1 Triple GCSE route. We have identifying the students for who Triple GCSE is most appropriate as they move into year 10 and 11. This has come from assessments in all three sciences, home learning, attitude to learning and teachers professional judgement in Yr9.

Classes 10Y 2,3,4 and 10X 2,3,4 Trilogy GCSE and aiming for Higher level grades (5-9). However, we will constantly review the groups further and some students *may* move to Triple Science, others *may* move to Foundation Level Trilogy in this first term if they stand out from the rest of the class, we expect this to be a very small number of students. We may also change tier of entry in Yr11 after trial exams.

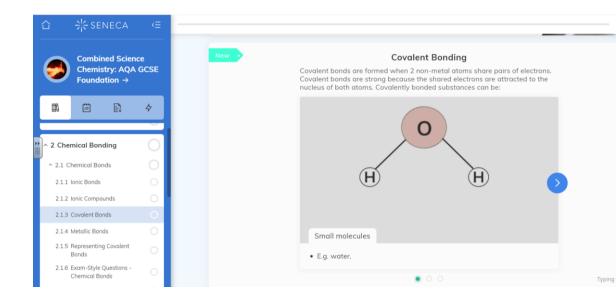
Classes 10Y 5 and 10X 5A/5B will be equal sized class of students targeting Foundation Level Trilogy aiming towards GCSE grades 55.

Our sole focus, using the wealth of experience in our team, is ensuring that students get the highest grade possible in the Science pathway that is most appropriate to them.

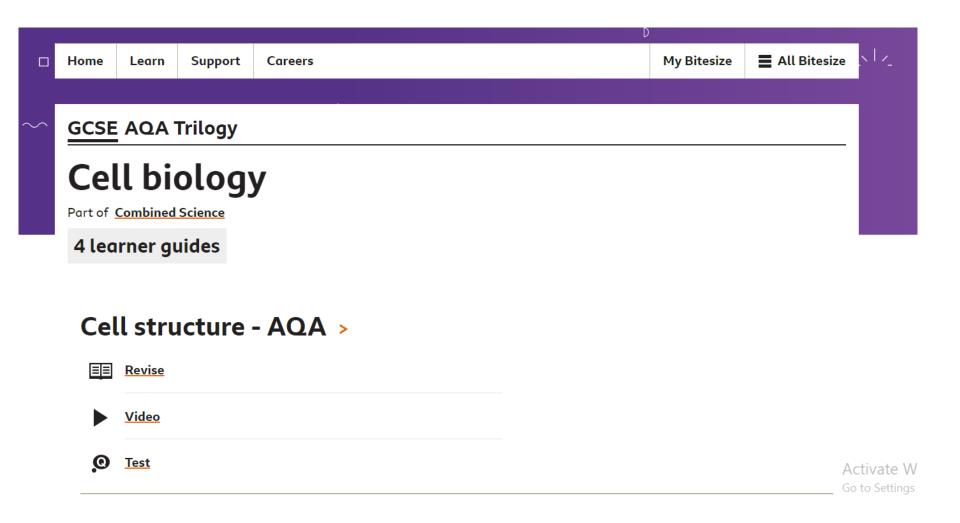
How Can You Help

Taking an interest in their home learning and classwork. Lots of work is now on the class notebook so please do ask to have a look at what they have been doing.

independence, lots of resources on the internet; https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/4c2bb850-1d46-11e8-840a-ed991cd3461d/session

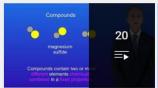


https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h



Quick easy to watch videos, make notes as they go along to help revise topics they may have struggled with.

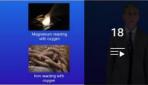
9-1 Chemistry Paper 1



9-1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1
Atomic Structure and the...

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VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



9-1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 Chemical Reactions

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9-1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 Energy Changes

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9-1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 Quantitative Chemistry

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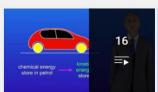
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9-1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 Structure and Bonding

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9-1 Physics Paper 1



9-1 GCSE Physics Paper 1 Energy

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9-1 GCSE Physics Paper 1 Electricity

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VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



9-1 GCSE Physics Paper 1 Particle model of matter

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VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



9-1 GCSE Physics Paper 1 Atomic Structure and...

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VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



Physics Paper 1 Required
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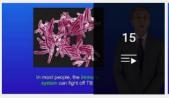
9-1 Biology Paper 1



9-1 GCSE Biology Paper 1 Cell Biology



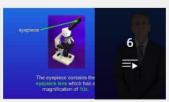
9-1 GCSE Biology Paper 1 Organisation



9-1 GCSE Biology Paper 1 Infectious Diseases



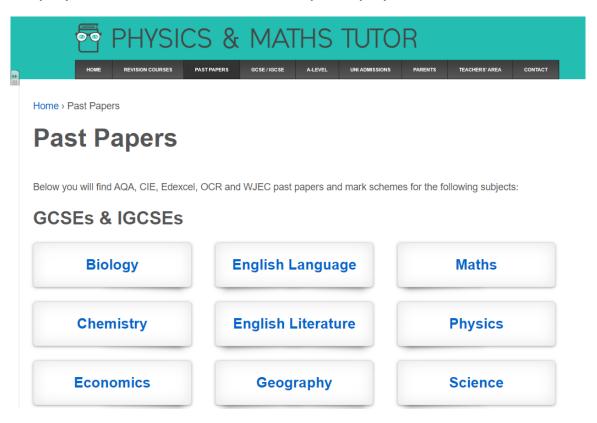
9-1 GCSE Biology Paper 1 Bioenergetics



Biology Paper 1 Required Practicals tivate Windows

Separate science past paper questions. Physics and maths tutor website has lots of past papers, topics and mark schemes to use in revision. Probably the most helpful revision a students can do.

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/#



Combined science past paper questions

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464/assessment-resources

ENGLISH GCSE



English in Years 10 and 11

Two GCSEs:

GCSE English Language

+

GCSE English Literature

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Two papers – each worth 50%

There are no tiers in the English exams – all students sit the same papers

Paper 1

"Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing"

Section A

Four questions on an unseen extract from a 21st/20th century literary novel

Section B

One creative writing task – describe/narrate

1 hour 45 minutes

Paper 2

"Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives"

Section A

Four questions on two **nonfiction** extracts - one modern (eg newspaper article), one 19th century

Section B

One writing task – explain/ argue a point of view

1 hour 45 minutes

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Two papers – 50% each

Paper 1

"Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel"

Section A

One question on the Shakespeare text studied in class

Section B

One question on the 19th Century Novel studied in class

1 hour 45 minutes

There are no tiers in the English exams – all students sit the same papers

Paper 2

"Modern Texts and Poetry"

Section A

One question on the Modern Text studied in class

Section B

One question on poems studied in class

Section C

Two questions on two unseen poems

2 hours 15 minutes

Which Literature texts will my child be studying?

Paper 1 (one from each column)

Paper 2 (one text only)

Shakespeare	19 th Century Novel	Modern Text
Macbeth	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	An Inspector Ca
Romeo and Juliet	A Christmas Carol	Blood Brothers

An Inspector Calls
Blood Brothers
Lord of the Flies

Their English teacher will tell your child the three texts they will be studying (which you can buy through us at a heavily discounted price of £10 for all three!)

The English Curriculum

We teach GCSE English
Language and GCSE English
Literature as an integrated
course across the two years
developing students'
Reading and Writing skills.

In addition to the formal exams in the summer of Year 11, students also do a compulsory **Spoken English** assessment in Year 10. The assessment is prepared and performed in class. Students are awarded either Distinction, Merit or Pass.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Take an interest in the Literature texts your child is studying. Perhaps read them too.
- Encourage your child to watch a film version of their set text. Take them to the theatre - we run one theatre trip a year on average, but you may be able to take them further afield.
- If you can encourage your child to read widely – fiction or non-fiction – it will help to improve their performance.
- Any independent reading your child does will help them to improve. If they have a particular interest, encourage them to read non-fiction texts about it – articles, relevant websites, etc.

- Share random bits and pieces from the internet which you think they would find interesting, then discuss.
- Notice and comment on your child's accuracy occasionally in their school work or everyday life. Insist on correct spelling and punctuation in Whatsapp messages!
- Consider buying Revision Guides for the Literature texts. We sell the ones we recommend at school for £3.15 each. (There will be communication about this via Arbor in the next few weeks.)

Web Support

BBC Bitesize GCSE Eng Lit

sparknotes.com

Youtube: "Mr Bruff"

USEFUL WEBSITES





General Support for Students

www.childline.org.uk www.mindmate.org.uk https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsvcqhv www.headspace.com

Exam Board Websites

www.aqa.org.uk www.edexcel.org.uk www.ocr.org.uk www.eduqas.co.uk

Revision Resources

www.getrevising.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/education www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/ www.quizlet.com/en-gb www.mystudylife.com/



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