

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

# GCSE INFORMATION EVENING



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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



**WELCOME**



# GCSE OVERVIEW



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## 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 2027.

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

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above



## 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



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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		1
Mathematics: KS4 Maths	8		2
Music: KS4 Music	8		1
P.E.: KS4 PE (core)			3
Physics: KS4 Physics	8		2
PREP: KS4 PREP (core)			1
Spanish: KS4 Spanish		5	2

**Attitude** is a judgement about whether or not your child shows the right attitude to their learning in order to achieve their MEA (1-5 scale as in KS3).

**Predicted Grade** is a prediction of the 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)

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

# PHGS Study Support



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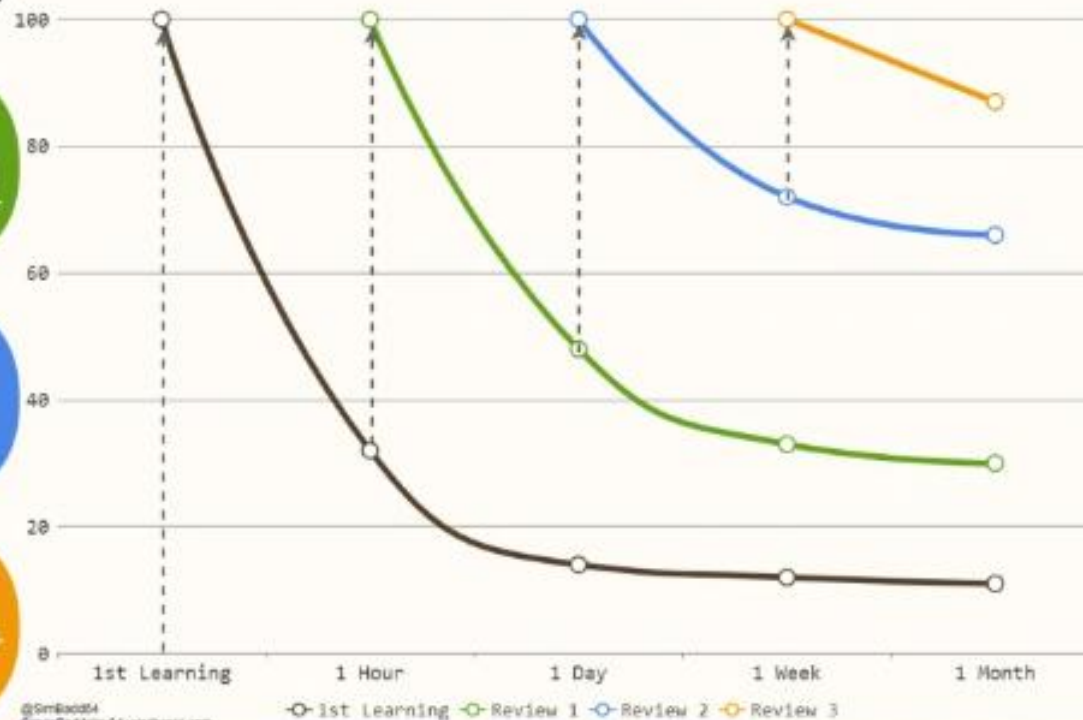
# How does your child learn?

- 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



## The Curve of Forgetting

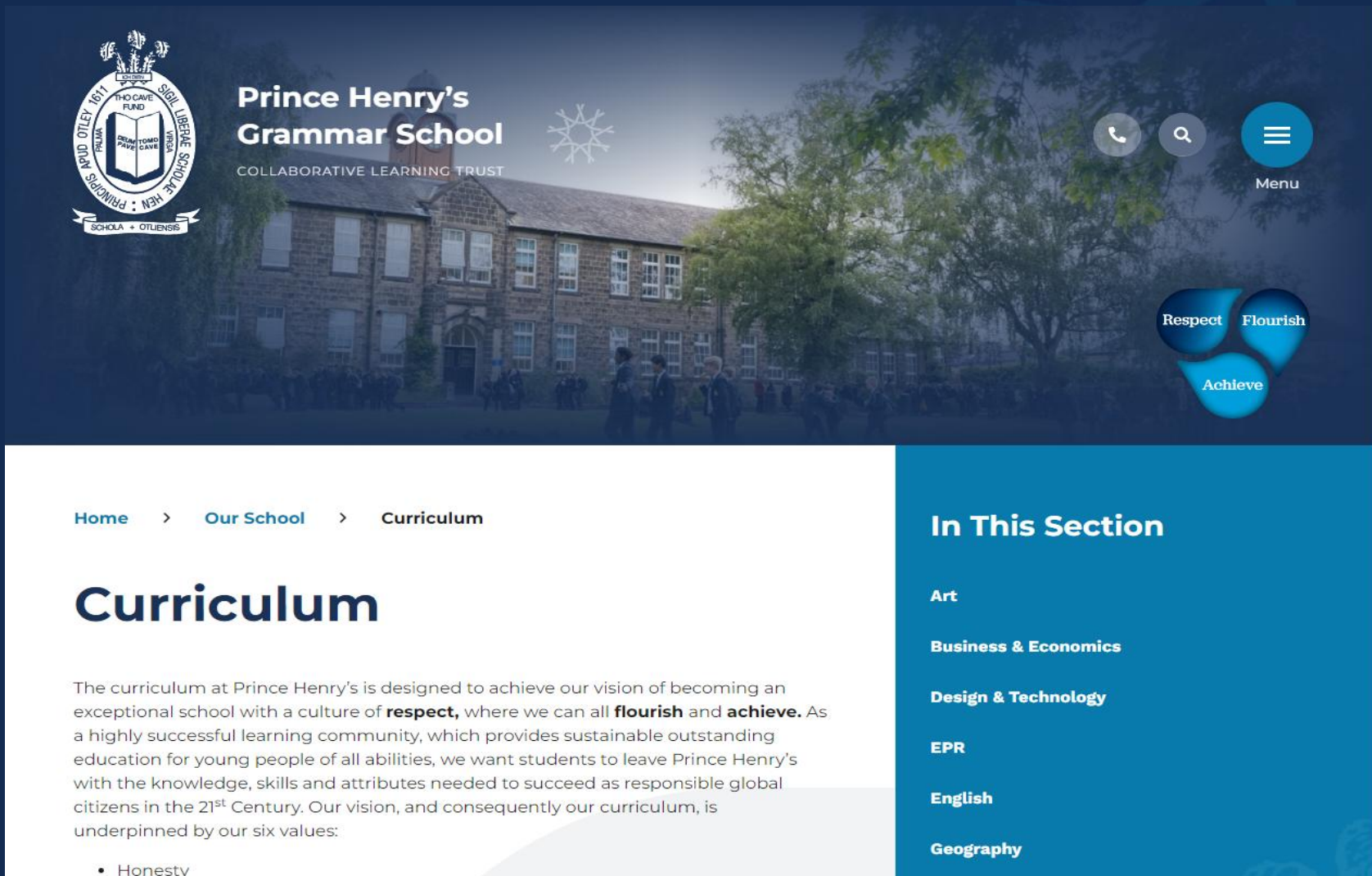
Hermann Ebbinghaus



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# 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



The screenshot shows the website for Prince Henry's Grammar School, a Collaborative Learning Trust. The header features the school's crest on the left, which includes the motto 'SCHOLA + OTLIENSIS' and the Latin phrase 'SIGILLUM LIBERAE SCHOLAE HENRICI PRINCEPS ANGLIÆ OTLEY 1611'. The school's name and logo are prominently displayed. Navigation icons for phone, search, and menu are in the top right. A values graphic with 'Respect', 'Flourish', and 'Achieve' is also visible.

[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 21<sup>st</sup> 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



**Academic Support**



**KS4 Options**



**Pastoral Support**



**Safeguarding**



**SEN Support**



**Who to Contact in KS4**



**Year 11 Parents Revision Evening 2024** PDF

**Work Smarter Not Harder** PDF

**Year 10 GCSE Information Evening 2024** PDF

**Exam Boards 2024-5** PDF

**Year 11 GCSE Revision Sessions 2024-5** PDF

**Thinking Maps** PDF

**Parent Engagement With Revision** PDF





# ARBOR



The Sunnyville School of Magic

Harley Adams [Sign out](#)



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Help

My Items ▾

Quick Actions ▾

Sammy Adams ▾



Sammy Adams ♀

Form

9GU

View Student Profile

You have no unread messages

## Notices

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## Current lesson ▶

08:45 - 09:00  
Mon, 17 Jun 2019  
**Registration: Year 9: Form 9GU**  
Room: 615  
Keith Lewis

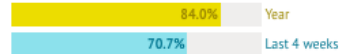
## Next event ▶

09:00 - 10:00  
Mon, 17 Jun 2019

## Statistics

### Attendance (2018/2019)

84.0%



### Behaviour Points - this term

0

This year: -2 points  
Last term: -2 points

### House Points - this term

0

This year: 0 points  
Last term: 0 points

### Spring Term - Grade Average

3

### Spring Term - 'On Track' Progress

...

### Positive Behavioural Incidents - this term

31

This year: 167 incidents  
Last term: 76 incidents

### Negative Behavioural Incidents - this term

6

This year: 41 incidents  
Last term: 17 incidents

## Guardian Consultations

Parents Evening (24 Jun 2019, 16:00 - 26 Jun 2019, 19:00)

*Self scheduling is open, please [click here to book time slots.](#)*

## Overdue Assignments

**Oxbow Lakes** (Due 11 Mar 2019)

Late ▶

## Assignments that are due

**Addition work** (Due 30 Jun 2019)

*Waiting for student to submit* ▶

# TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH EXAMS



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“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.

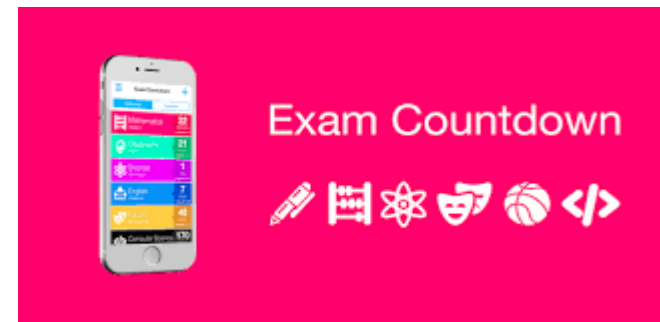
# Revision Timetable



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:00							
08:00							
09:00							
10:00							
11:00							
12:00							
13:00							
14:00							
15:00							
16:00							
17:00							
18:00							
19:00							
20:00							
21:00							
22:00							
23:00							

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





# MANAGING EXAM STRESS



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# Why is exam stress a problem?



## Cognitive Symptoms

Memory problems  
Poor Concentration  
Poor Judgement  
Negative thoughts  
Anxiety  
Worry  
Nervousness



## Emotional Symptoms

Moodiness  
Irritable/Temper  
Agitation  
Feeling overwhelmed  
Loneliness  
Isolation  
Unhappiness



## Physical Symptoms

Muscle Tension  
Aches  
Stomach problems  
Nausea  
Dizziness  
Chest pain  
Racing heart  
Colds and allergies



## Behavioural Symptoms

Appetite changes  
Sleep changes  
Social withdrawal  
Procrastination  
Avoiding responsibility  
Nervous habits



## EXERCISE



# MATHS GCSE



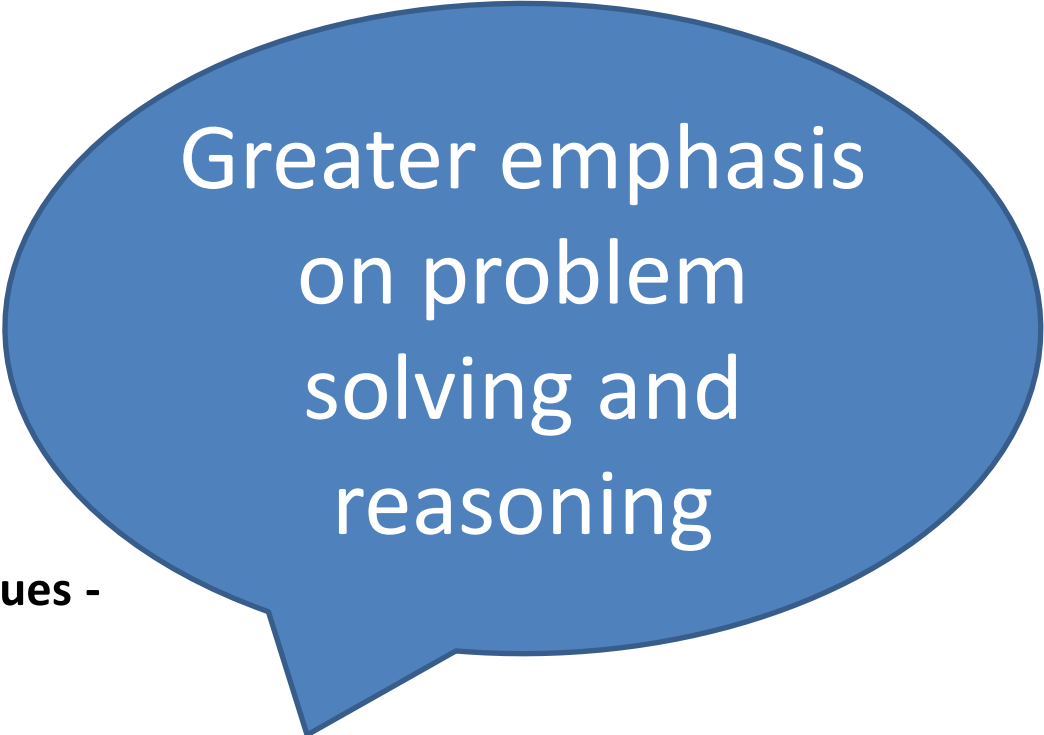
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# Background: Maths GCSE (first awarded 2017)

- 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.

Response tasks following our exit tickets are linked to A02, A03 objectives

New this year – Oak Academy Problem solving lessons integrated into sow.

# 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.
- 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.
- Revision books are available to purchase through school.

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




## Optional Homework in Sparx Maths

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The screenshot shows the Sparx Maths 'Independent Learning' interface. At the top, there's a blue header with 'Sparx Maths' and 'Independent Learning'. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Find topics' (selected) and 'My activity'. The main area has three input fields: 'Search for topics:' with a text box containing 'Enter topic name or code', 'Your curriculum:' with a dropdown menu set to 'GCSE', and 'Default level:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Level 3'. Below these fields, there's a 'Select a topic:' section with six blue buttons: 'Number' (with a calculator icon), 'Algebra' (with an  $x^2$  icon), 'Ratio and Proportion' (with a '3:2' icon), 'Geometry' (with a right-angled triangle icon), 'Probability' (with a die icon), and 'Statistics' (with a bar chart icon). At the bottom, there's a 'Times tables practice' section with a grid of buttons for 2x through 9x.

# 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
  -  Deepen: problem solving
- Do this after Compulsory homework, XP Boost and Target

# Using SharePoint to revise in maths

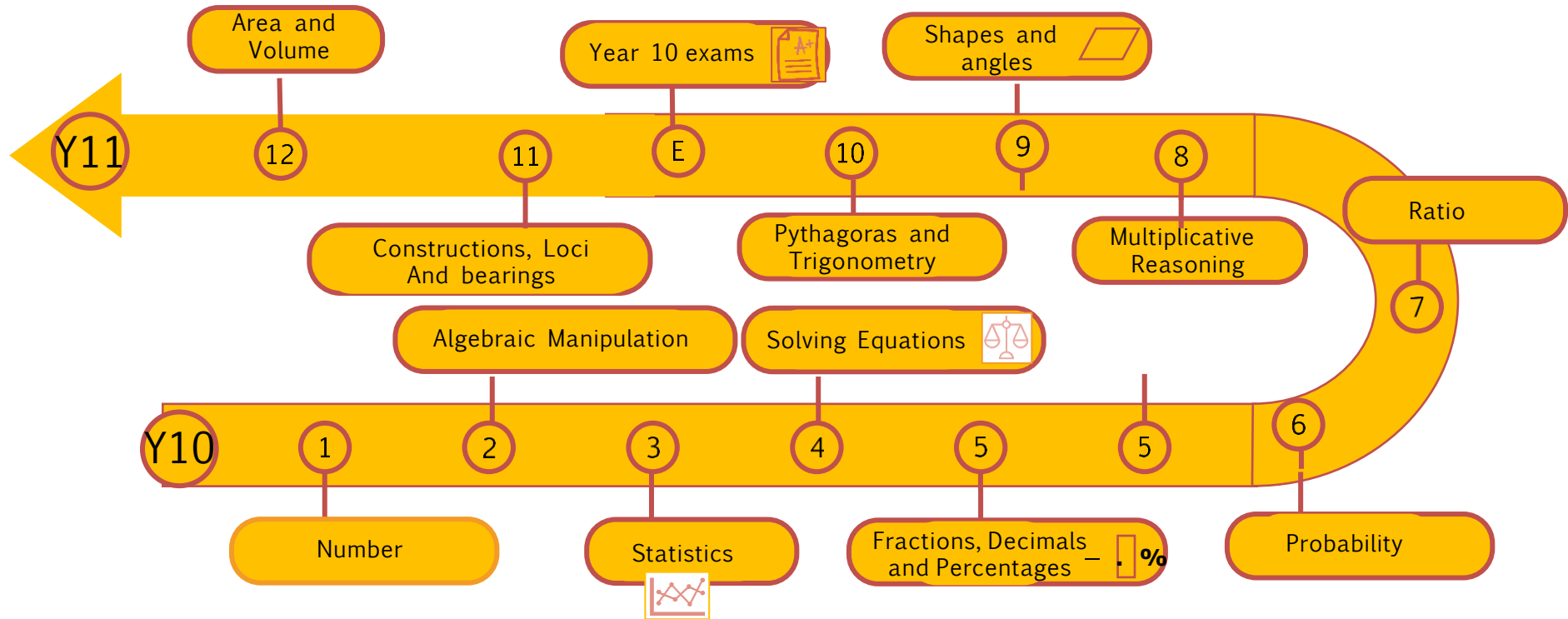
<https://princehenryscs.sharepoint.com/sites/Mathdev/SitePages/Year-10-GCSE.aspx>

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

The screenshot shows a SharePoint page for 'Maths'. At the top left, there is a 'HOMEPAGE' button and the word 'Maths'. Below this is a navigation area titled 'Your Maths Learning Journey...' with the subtitle 'Here is the place to find out what you will be studying during your time at Prince Henry's.' A 'Your Learning Journey' button is located below the subtitle. At the bottom of the page, there are six buttons arranged in two rows of three: 'Year 7', 'Year 8', 'Year 9' in the top row, and 'Year 10', 'Year 11', 'Year 12/13' in the bottom row.

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

# PHGS Maths - Learning Journey – Year 10 Foundation



## Objectives

Autumn Term



Spring Term



Summer Term



## Using feedback from summative assessments:

Questions	Topic	Score	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	Multiplying fractions, Converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions	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	Use standard form with positive indices, Use standard form with negative indices	1 / 1	U330, U534
12b	Use standard form with positive indices, Use standard form with negative indices	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	Surface area of cylinders, Surface area of spheres, Writing and simplifying ratios	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	Multiply with speed, Add & subtract algebraic fractions, Divide algebraic fractions	0 / 3	U151, U685, U824
	Total	31 / 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>

The screenshot shows the Mathsgenie website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'GCSE Revision', 'GCSE Papers', 'A Level Revision', 'A Level Papers', 'KS2 Revision', and 'Resources'. The 'GCSE Papers' dropdown menu is open, listing 'Edexcel Exam Papers', 'OCR Exam Papers', 'AQA Exam Papers', and 'Eduqas Exam Papers'. The main content area is titled 'GCSE Revision' and 'Grade 1'. Below this, there is a table with columns for 'Videos', 'Exam Questions', 'Exam Questions Booklet', and 'Solutions'. The table lists topics: 'Addition and Subtraction', 'Multiplication and Division', and 'Time', with links to 'Exam Questions' and 'Solutions' for each.

- <https://www.1stclassmaths.com/aqarevision>

The screenshot shows the 1stclassmaths.com website. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'HOME', 'REVISION', 'EXAM PAPERS', and 'SPICY QUESTIONS'. Below this, there is a table with columns for 'Topic', 'Video Explanation', 'Exam Questions', 'Solutions', 'Grade', and 'Past Series Appearance\*'. The table lists three topics: 'Algebraic Fractions (Equations)', 'Algebraic Fractions (Simplifying)', and 'Algebraic Proof'. Each topic has a video icon, a PDF icon for 'Exam Questions', a PDF icon for 'Solutions', a grade of '8+', and a percentage for 'Past Series Appearance\*'. The percentages are 36%, 91%, and 55% respectively.

Topic	Video Explanation	Exam Questions	Solutions	Grade	Past Series Appearance*
Algebraic Fractions (Equations)				8+	36%
Algebraic Fractions (Simplifying)				8+	91%
Algebraic Proof				8+	55%

- [Corbettmaths.com](https://www.corbettmaths.com)



# Corbettmaths

# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES GCSE



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# **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!



Pearson  
ActiveHub

MEM  
RISE

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RISE

Quizlet



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Quiz?lize



duolingo



# Online websites to support

GCSE

## Modern Foreign Languages

Part of [Learn & revise](#)



**Merci!**

French

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**Danke!**

German

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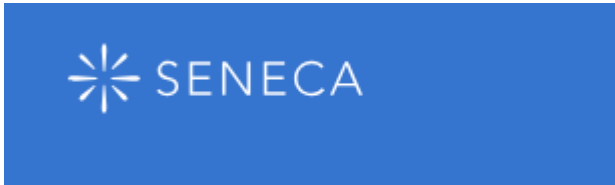
**Xièxiè!**

Mandarin

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**¡Gracias!**

Spanish

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# SCIENCE GCSE



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# 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)

# Similarities

- 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.

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# 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.

- Increased independence, lots of resources on the internet;

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/4c2bb850-1d46-11e8-840a-ed991cd3461d/section/c946e430-1d47-11e8-840a-ed991cd3461d/session>

The screenshot displays the Seneca Learning app interface. On the left is a blue sidebar menu with the Seneca logo and navigation icons. The main content area shows a lesson titled "Covalent Bonding" with a "New" badge. Below the title is a text block explaining that covalent bonds are formed by sharing electron pairs between non-metal atoms. A diagram illustrates a water molecule (H<sub>2</sub>O) with a central oxygen atom (O) and two hydrogen atoms (H) bonded to it. A "Small molecules" box lists "E.g. water." as an example. The bottom of the screen shows a "Typing" indicator.

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GCSE AQA Trilogy

# Cell biology

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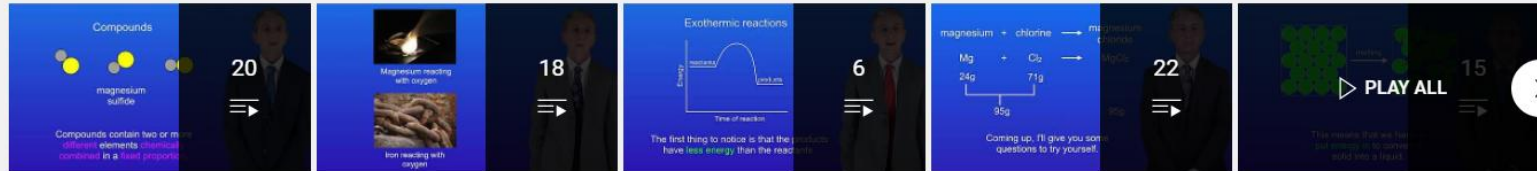
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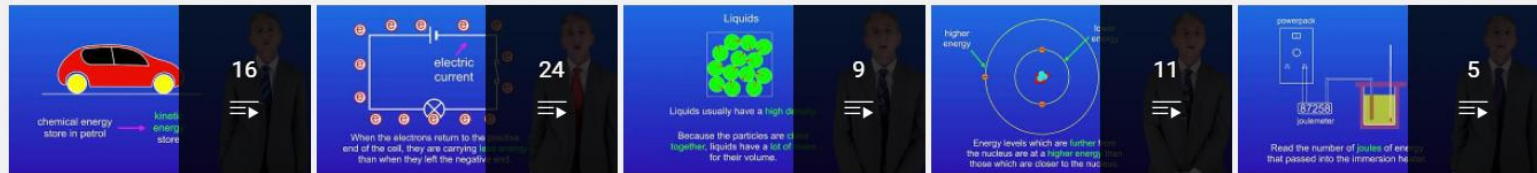
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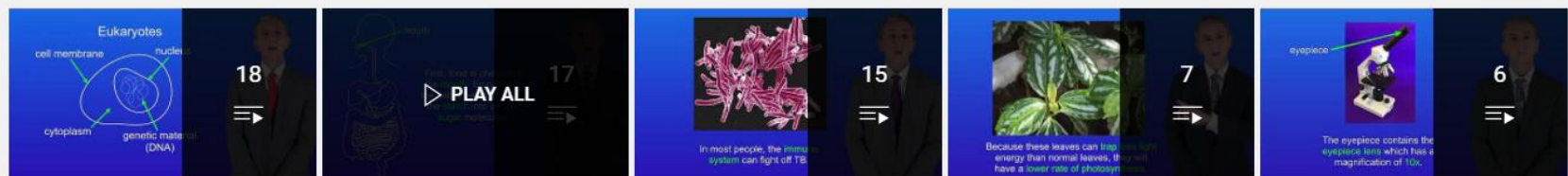
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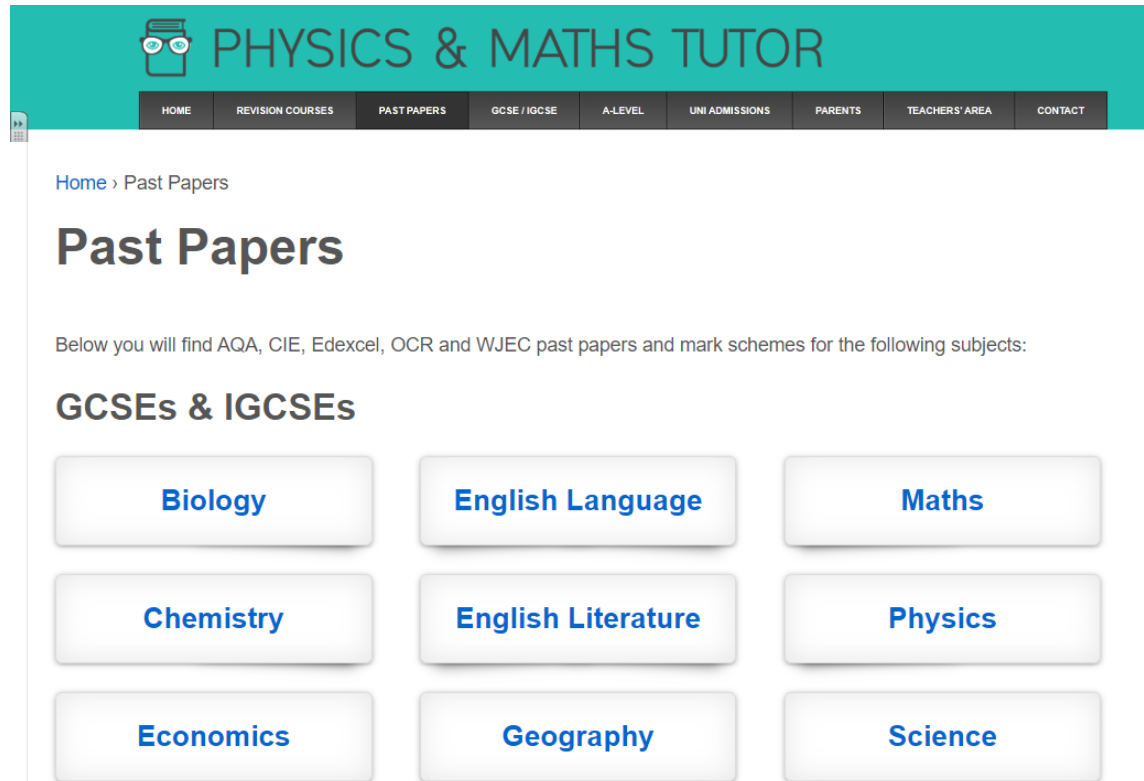
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Biology Paper 1 Required  
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**Separate science past paper questions.** Physics and maths tutor website has lots of past papers, topics and mark schemes to use in revision. Probably the most helpful revision a students can do.

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



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## **Combined science past paper questions**

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

# ENGLISH GCSE



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# 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 21<sup>st</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 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 **non-fiction** extracts - one modern (eg newspaper article), one 19<sup>th</sup> century

### Section B

One writing task – explain/ argue a point of view

*1 hour 45 minutes*

# AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Two papers – 50% each

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

## Paper 1 “Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel”

### Section A

One question on the Shakespeare text studied in class

### Section B

One question on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel studied in class

*1 hour 45 minutes*

## 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 <sup>th</sup> Century Novel	Modern Text
Macbeth	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	An Inspector Calls
Romeo and Juliet	A Christmas Carol	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 £12 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 will sell the ones we recommend at school and there will be communication about this via Arbor later in the year.)

## Web Support

[BBC Bitesize GCSE Eng Lit](#)

[sparknotes.com](#)

[Youtube: "Mr Bruff"](#)

[Physicsandmathstutor.com](#)

# USEFUL WEBSITES



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## General Support for Students

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

[www.mindmate.org.uk](http://www.mindmate.org.uk)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsvcghv>

[www.headspace.com](http://www.headspace.com)

## Exam Board Websites

[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

[www.edexcel.org.uk](http://www.edexcel.org.uk)

[www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)

[www.eduqas.co.uk](http://www.eduqas.co.uk)

## Revision Resources

[www.getrevising.co.uk](http://www.getrevising.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education)

[www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/](http://www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/)

[www.quizlet.com/en-gb](http://www.quizlet.com/en-gb)

[www.mystudylife.com/](http://www.mystudylife.com/)

Thank you!

If you have any questions please email [info@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk) marking your message 'For the attention of..' the person most appropriate to your enquiry (eg: class teacher, faculty leader, progress leader, etc...)



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