



GCSE Preparation Evening





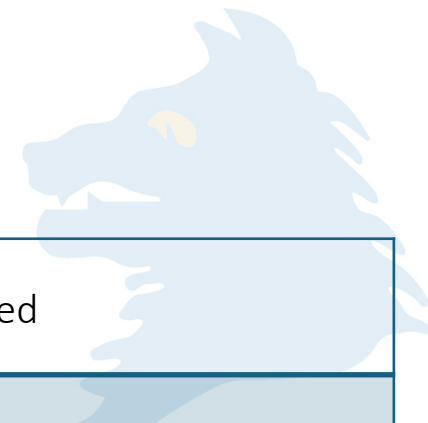
A Partnership



- Best results are always achieved when a partnership is formed between student, family and school.
- Your support is fundamental to your child's success.



Important Dates



Thur 13 th – Fri 14 th November	Year 11 Reports Published
Friday 17 th January	Closing date for UVHS 6 th Form Applications
14 th – 23 rd January	GCSE Mock Exams
Thursday 12 th March	Y11 Parents Evening
<i>TBC - towards the end of June</i>	<i>UVHS 6th Form Induction Day</i>
Wednesday 24 th June	Final Exam Contingency Day
Thursday 20 th August	GCSE Results Day



There will be no exam leave.



Pupils are expected to be in school every day before and during the actual GCSE exams.

The final GCSE exam at our centre is **16th June.**

(Contingency in case of national or significant local disruption to examinations - **24th June**)



Exam Results



Exam results and certificates belong to the **student** – it is **their** academic record.

Any requests for exam scripts or marking reviews after results day **must come directly from the student**. This is a JCQ regulation.

As a school, we request that these come from the school email account.



JCQ REGULATIONS



Please read and discuss the JCQ Candidate Regulations with your son/daughter. These can be found on the school website under “Exams”.

Main regulations:

- No communication in the exam room
- No phones and devices (smartwatches)
- No materials/notes about their person and/or in the toilet.
- No offensive material written in exam scripts
- Transparent water bottle with no label



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EQUIPMENT



- **Transparent pencil case**
- **Black pens**
- Pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Set square
- Compass
- **Calculator**

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL				
YEAR 11				
Mock Examination Timetable				
Wednesday 14 - Friday 23 January 2026				
Start Time:	9.00AM		1.30PM	
Wednesday 14 January			GCSE German - Paper 4 - Writing Higher or Foundation - 8658/WH or 8658/WF	1hr 15mins / 1hr
Thursday 15 January	GCSE Design and Technology - Written Paper - Unit 1 - 8552/W	1hr 30mins	GCSE Spanish - Paper 4 - Writing - Higher or Foundation - 8698/WH or 8698/WF	1hr 15mins / 1hr
Friday 16 January	GCSE Computer Science - Computer Systems & Computational Thinking - J277 GCSE Dance - Dance Appreciation 8236/W	1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - Paper 1 - 8585/W	1hr 30mins
Weekend				
Monday 19 January	GCSE History - Paper 1 - 8145/1A/B & 1B/C - Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship - Conflict and Tension between East and West: 1945-1972	2hr	WHOLE YEAR GCSE Maths: Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Higher - 1MA1/1H GCSE Maths: Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Foundation - 1MA1/1F	1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins
Tuesday 20 January	WHOLE YEAR GCSE Biology - Separate Science - 8461/H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Biology - Higher - 8464/B/H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Biology - Foundation - 8464/B/F	1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	Creative iMedia (Cambridge National) - Creative iMedia in the Media Industry - R093/D1 GCSE French - Paper 4 - Writing Higher or Foundation - 8658/WH or 8658/WF	1hr 30mins 1hr 15mins / 1hr
Wednesday 21 January	WHOLE YEAR GCSE English Language - Paper 2 - Writers Viewpoints and Perspectives - 8700/D2	1hr 45mins	GCSE Geography - Combined Mock Paper: 1GA0/D1/D2 - Changing Landscapes of UK, River Landscapes and Processes - Global Development, Resource Management (Incl. Energy)	1hr 30mins
Thursday 22 January	WHOLE YEAR GCSE Physics - Separate Science - Paper 2 Higher - 8463/2H GCSE Physics - Separate Science - Paper 2 Foundation - 8463/2F GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Physics - Paper 2 Higher - 8464/P/2H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Physics - Paper 2 Foundation - 8464/P/2F	1hr 45mins 1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	GCSE Business Studies - Papers 1 & 2 - J204	1hr 30mins
Friday 23 January	WHOLE YEAR GCSE Chemistry - Separate Science - Paper 2 Higher - 8462/2H GCSE Chemistry - Separate Science - Paper 2 Foundation - 8462/2F GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Chemistry - Paper 2 Higher - 8464/C/2H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Chemistry - Paper 2 Foundation - 8464/C/2F	1hr 45mins 1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	Health and Social Care (Cambridge National) - R032 GCSE Religious Studies A - 8062 - Christian Beliefs & Practices, Religion, Crime & Punishment	1hr 30mins

Subjects not requiring a timetabled exam at this time: English Literature, Drama, Sports Studies:

Art - mock exam to take place during art lessons

Music - mock exam to take place during music lessons

Every child is valued, supported and empowered to achieve their unique potential



Individual Candidate Timetable

Season :
Name :
Candidate Number :
UCI :

Centre Number : 42351
Year : 11
Reg Group : 11.4
ULN : 2612862330

Date	Start Time	Board	Level	Element Code	Element Title	Component Code	Component Title	Duration	Room	Seat
Mon 17 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Loc/B	1MA1H	GCSE Maths - Y11 Mock: Higher	1MA1/2H-	GCSE Maths - Mock Paper 2 - Higher (Calculator)	1h 30m	Sports Hall	D3
Mon 17 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Loc/B	1GAOA	GCSE Geography - Y11 Mock	1GA0/01+02	GCSE Geography Combined Paper Y11 Mock	1h 30m	Sports Hall	C3
Tue 18 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Loc/B	8702	GCSE English Literature - Y11 Mock	8702/2	GCSE English Literature - Paper 2 Sections B & C	1h 30m	Sports Hall	D3
Tue 18 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Loc/B	8668AH	GCSE German - Y11 Mock: Higher	8668/WH	GCSE German - Paper 4 - Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 15m	Sports Hall	C2
Wed 19 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Loc/B	8462H	GCSE Chemistry Separate Sci. Y11	8462/2H.	GCSE Chemistry Separate Sci. Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2
Wed 19 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Loc/B	8271A	GCSE Music - Y11 Mock	8271/W	GCSE Music Y11 Mock	1h 30m	6th Form Resource Centre	A1
Thu 20 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Loc/B	8463H	GCSE Physics Separate Sci. Y11	8463/2H.	GCSE Physics Separate Sci. Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2
Fri 21 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Loc/B	8461H	GCSE Biology Separate Sci. Y11	8461/2H	GCSE Biology Separate Sci Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2



How can you make a difference?



The good news is:

You don't need to be an expert in any of the subjects your child studies.

Nor do you need to give up your life and other responsibilities.

You just need to know how best to spend the time you do have available.



What can parents do?

- Be informed, ask questions.
- Assist with planning and organisation – use the school website for exam timetables etc.
- Get/keep them on track.
- Offer moral support and encouragement.
- Keep the motivation up.
- Be flexible – use the 80/20 rule.
- Test and check.
- Provide healthy snacks and encourage short breaks.
- Get them into school every day.



Coping with stress

Help your child to:

- Recognise their own symptoms and talk about them being normal
- Make time for fun
- Get organised for learning



105 Food & Drink

What?

Study habits are important for learning – but your wellbeing is the most important thing so it's vital to eat & drink healthily

How Use?

It's all about having a balanced diet, such as having '5 A Day'

And it's crucial to stay hydrated by drinking enough water.



107 Sleep Hygiene

What?

Research reveals that during sleep, the brain finds patterns in our memories from the day and makes them stronger and more permanent.

How Use?

So healthy 'sleep hygiene' habits are essential for your wellbeing

Have a regular bedtime & avoid using your phone before bedtime





Direct your child to support in school.



- Learning mentors, form tutors, pastoral leader, staff mentors, SLT mentors, subject teachers.
- Lessons, catch-up, achievement boosters, revision sessions, equipment (school office), revision and exam-ready sessions.



Revision tips



- Encourage your child to start early and start small.
- Help your child find the right place to revise
- Help them try different revision techniques
- Encourage them to take short breaks
- ***Help them eat healthily***
- ***Encourage them to take regular exercise***
- ***Help them get enough sleep***
- Help them use revision guides – read with them and support them to ‘do’ something with the information
- Help them find past papers.



Everyday Reviewing

1000+

**...ways to treat your
memory like a muscle
and make it stronger**

1 One Minute Start

What?

Starting work is hard. It's enough to put you off doing anything. So tell yourself you just need to do something for one minute. That's all.

How Use?

Just get your book out and read part of a page. That's it.

But do it twice a week as a 'tiny habit'. Then gradually build on it.





72 Walk & Talk

What?

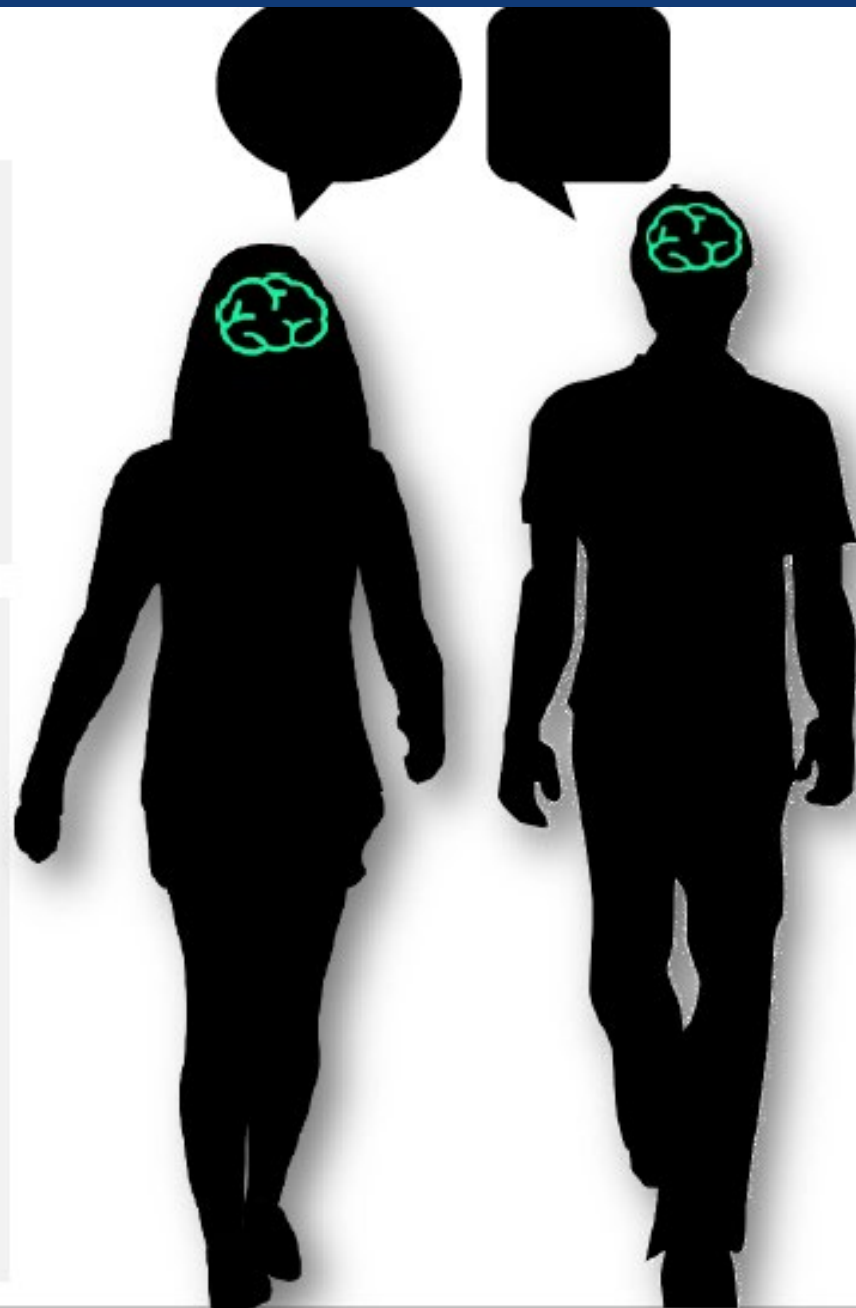
When stuck in a revision rut, a 'study walk' can break the boredom & stimulate your brain.

How Use?

Speaking, rather than writing, works better for some people.

So pick a topic & explain it to your walking buddy.

You could even do it when your the dog but maybe not too loud!



73 Talking Tea Break

What?

Share a brew with someone – but you're only allowed to talk about one learning topic!



How Use?

Take a break from 'boring' study but use time to check recall.

So you might explain a topic to the other person e.g. parent.

Or you & a mate can take turns to ask & answer questions on topic.



74 Change location

What?

If you're feeling 'bored' when reviewing in one place, then change rooms if possible to give your brain a boost with some fresh stimulation!

How Use?

You might usually work OK in your bedroom but need a change of scene

So you might be able to move to the kitchen or dining room just for a while





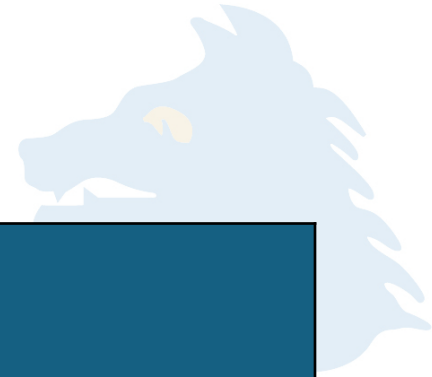
GCSE English Language & GCSE English Literature

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Mark Stubbert

KS4 Development Coordinator:

Jenny Rowland



English Literature – Exams

Paper	Literature Texts
Paper 1	Macbeth A Christmas Carol
Paper 2	An Inspector Calls Power and Conflict Poetry Unseen Poetry



How you can help your child revise Literature



For each 'set text' your child needs to know:

- The narrative (plot)
- Key characters
- Key themes
- Writers' methods (language, structure, symbols)
- Writers' intentions/message
- The social and historical context of the text
- A range of references and quotations

You can: quiz, discuss, and help them to identify gaps

They can: plan, write and improve



January Mock Exam

English Language Paper 2



- 1 hr 45 mins (80 marks)
- Section A: Reading nonfiction (40 marks)
 - Two extracts (e.g. travel writing, an article, a letter...)
 - Four questions
- Section B: Writing non-fiction (40 marks)
 - Writing to argue/persuade
 - One task: a speech, letter or article



Revision for English Language Paper 2

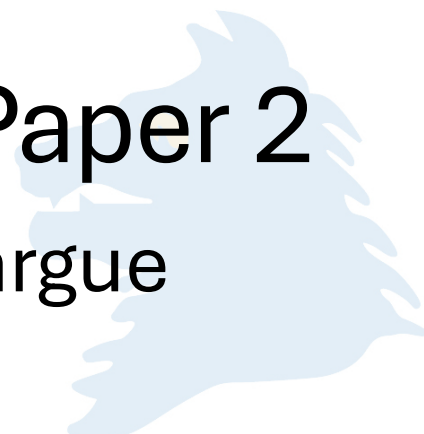
Section A: reading

- Learn the approximate timings and skills for questions 1-4
- Focus on close-reading skills
- Practise embedding quotations and making inferences
- Revise and apply subject terminology for analysing writers' methods (e.g. verb, adjectives, adverbs, figurative language, syntax...)
- Revise connectives/discourse markers for comparison (Q2 and Q4)



Revision for English Language Paper 2

Section B, Question 5: Writing to argue

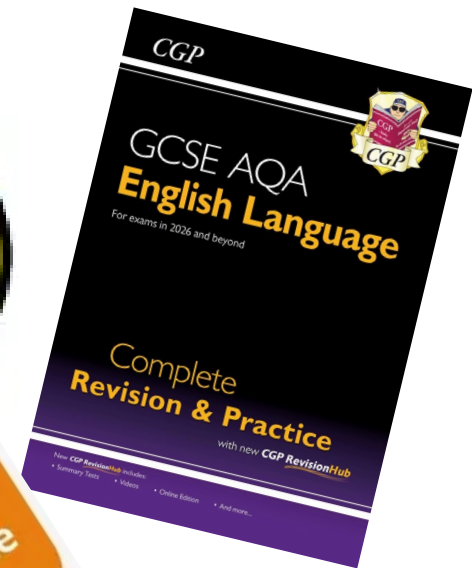


- Learn approximate timing
- Revise ‘writing to argue’ skills: structuring an argument, discourse markers/connectives, linguistic devices, a range of sentence structures, complex punctuation (colons, semi-colons, inverted commas etc.) and ambitious vocabulary
- Revise paragraphing rules and the conventions of speeches, letters and articles



Revision resources for Language and Literature

- Students' exercise books
- Lots of post-its/cards for quotations, themes, contextual ideas, links...
- CGP guides available to borrow from the school library
- Mr Bruff (select the AQA content) on YouTube
- BBC Bitesize
- Practising specific task responses
- Students' annotated texts
- Revision workshops every Monday
- Educake
- *Students' exercise books!!!*





GCSE Mathematics



Exam structure



Paper 1

Non-calculator
80 marks

Paper 2

Calculator
80 marks

Paper 3

Calculator
80 marks

Total mark out of 240

Grade is generated from this total
mark



Equipment and resources

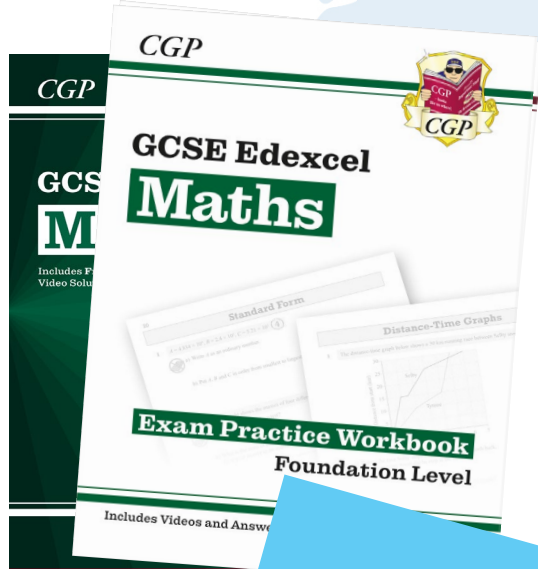
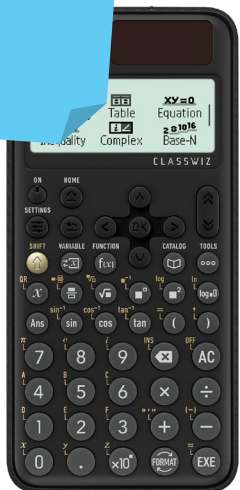
Available to buy on ParentPay



£2.50



£11



£7



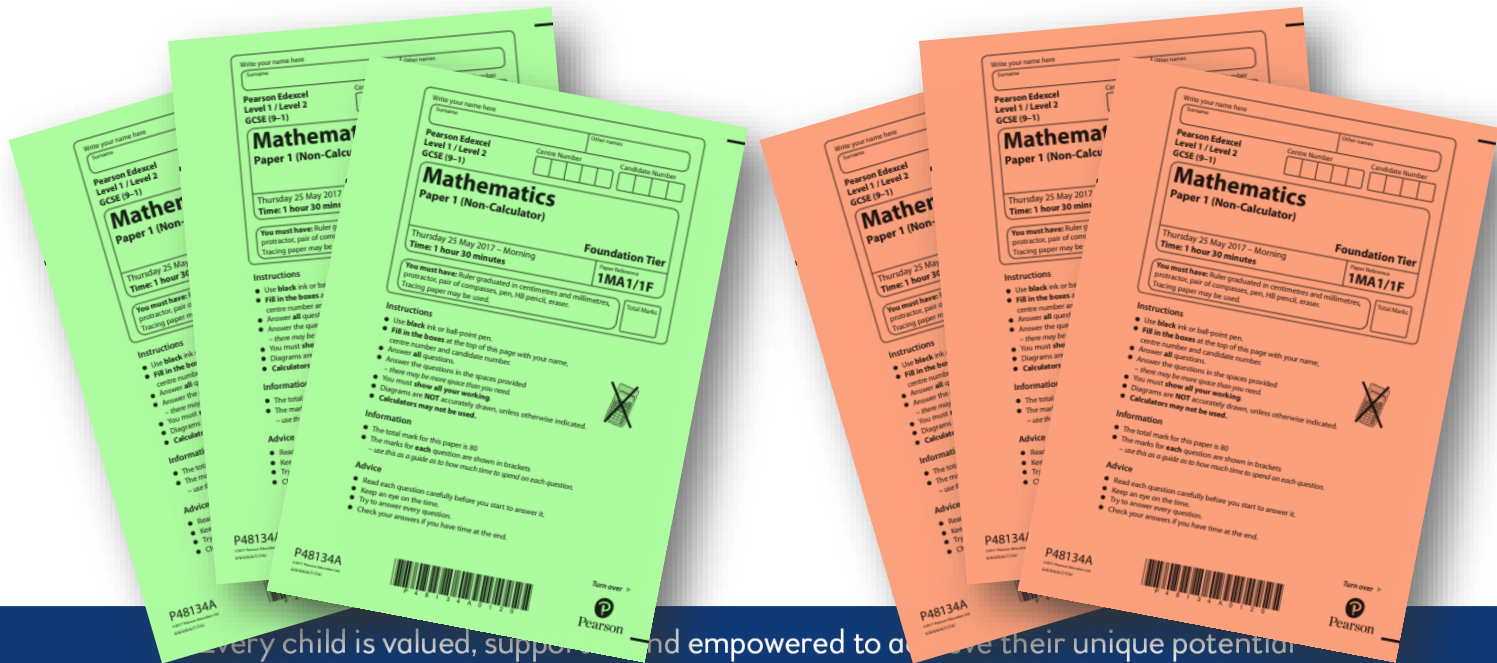
Home learning



www.sparxmaths.com

Sparx Maths

Login details are the same as school login details





Additional information



After school revision will be held on a Tuesday

For help the main class teacher should be the first port of call

Recommended revision websites:

- sparxmaths.com
- mathsgenie.co.uk
- 1stclassmaths.com



Additional information



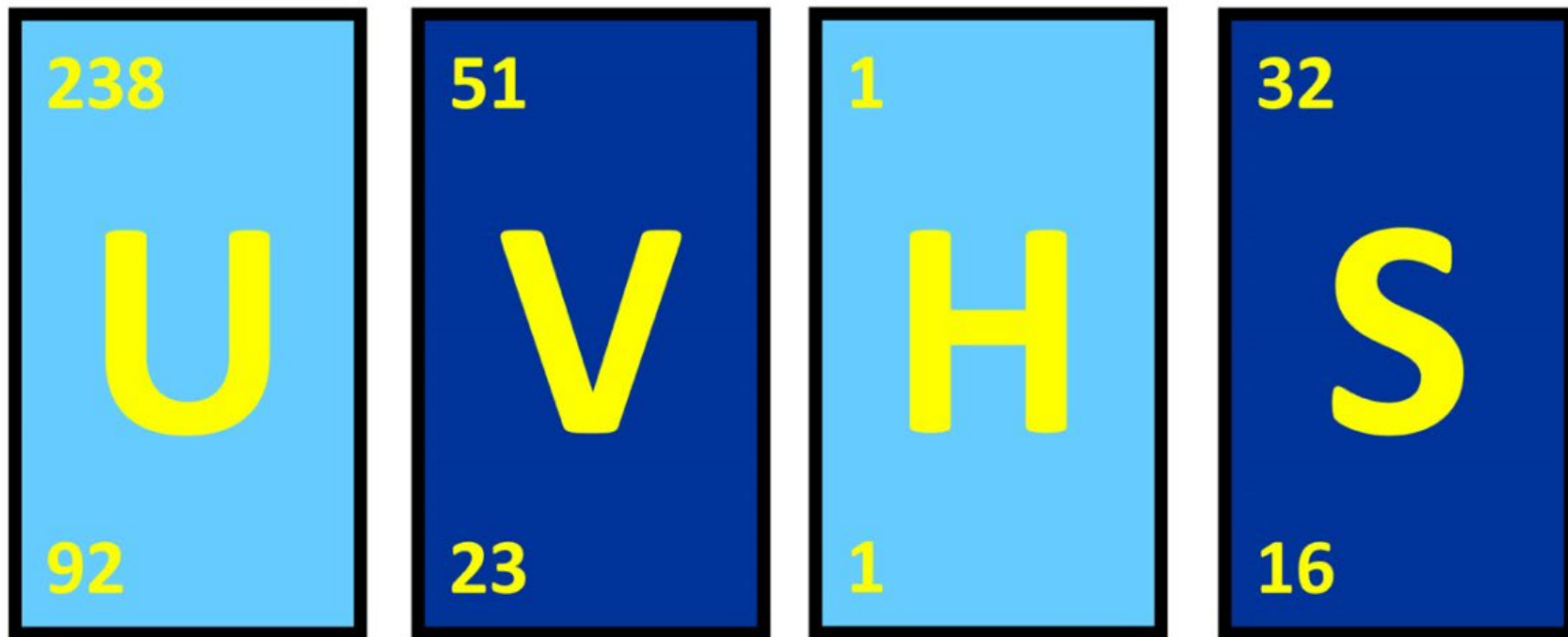
We will complete a full set of exam papers in January. Topics lists will be given to students to stick into their books, and also uploaded to teams.

Mock revision topics – foundation

- Ordering values
- Forming expressions
- Comparing scale of numbers
- Fractions of amounts
- Expressing fractions as ratios
- Averages from lists
- Money problems
- Time calculations
- Substitution and rearranging equations
- Volume
- Exchange rate problems
- Factorising
- Forming and solving equations
- Averages from frequency tables
- Calculating with fractions, ratios and percentages
- Angles in polygons
- Simplifying expressions
- Rounding
- Interpreting charts
- Arithmetic sequences

Mock revision topics – higher

- Venn diagrams and probability
- Averages from frequency tables
- Angles in polygons
- Scatter diagrams
- Right-angle trigonometry
- Area and circumference of circles
- Solving inequalities
- Repeated percentage change
- Product rule for counting
- Combining ratios
- Expected probabilities
- Forming quadratics
- Pythagoras
- Index laws
- Volumes of cones
- Plans and elevations
- Probability tree diagrams
- Quadratic sequences
- Calculating with fractions, ratio and percentages



Science Department

Mr Jacob Lowe



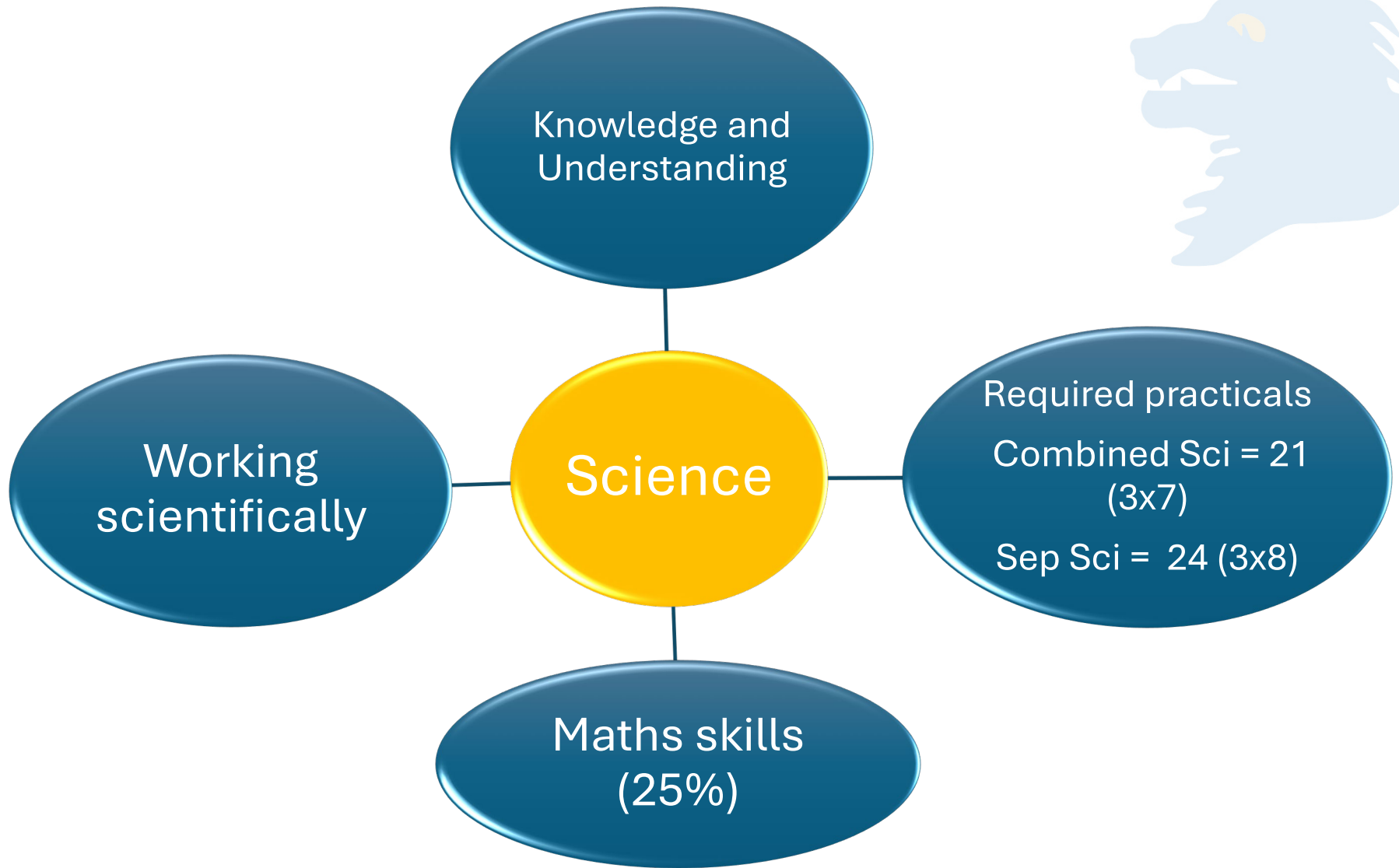
Science GCSEs AQA

2 GCSEs

- Combined Science GCSEs
- 6 x 1hr15m exams

3 GCSEs

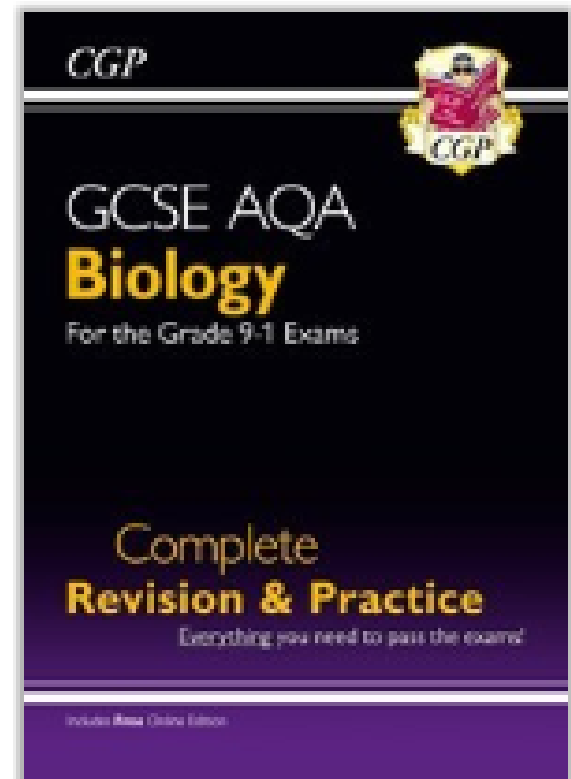
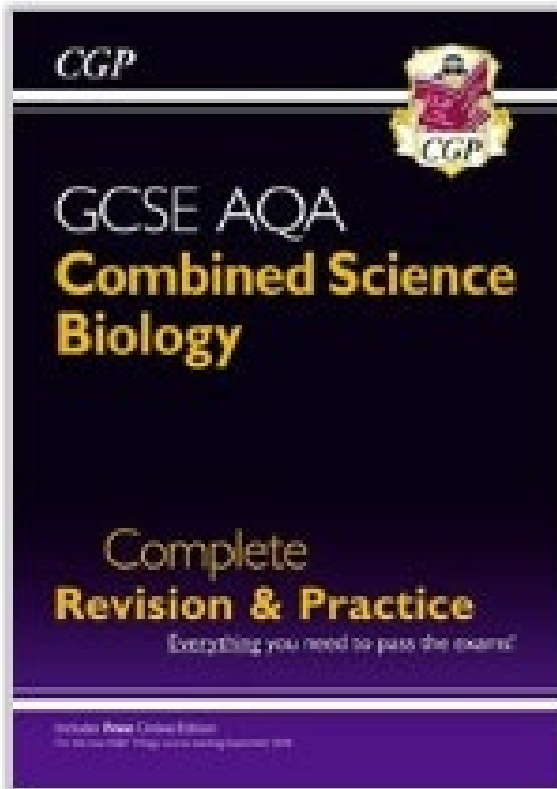
- Separate Science GCSEs: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- 6 x 1hr45m exams





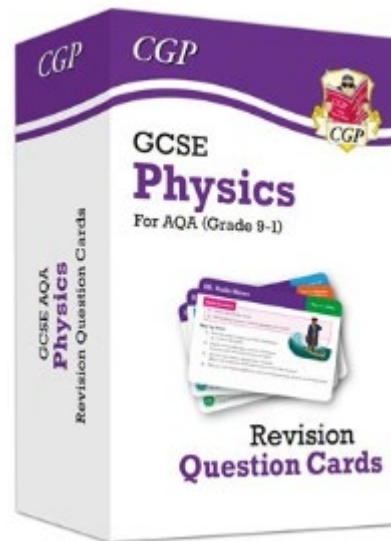
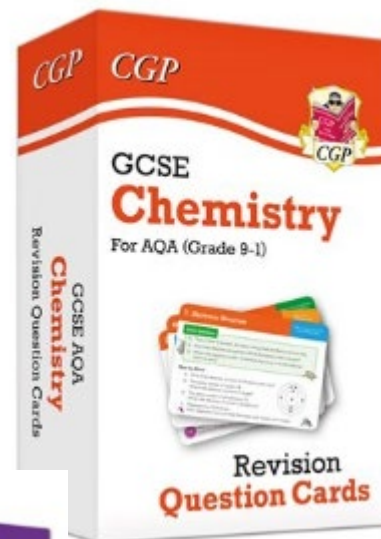
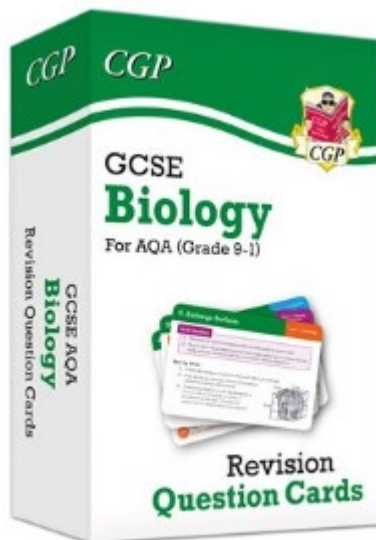
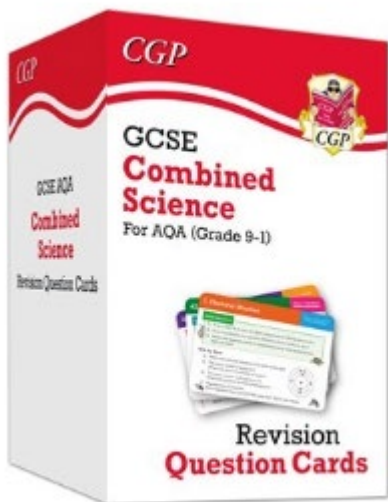
What science resources are available for revision?

Revision Guides





CGP revision cards





 Save My Exams

Free to access,
and easy to use
on mobile
devices, verified
by teachers
recall quizzes

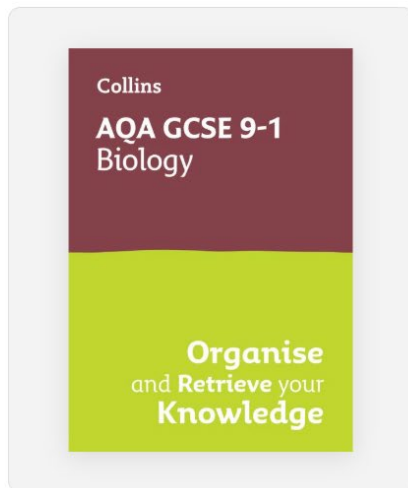
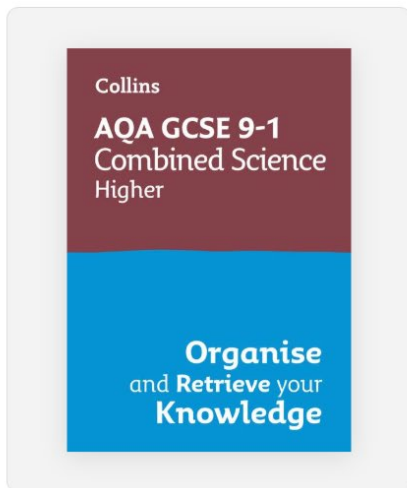
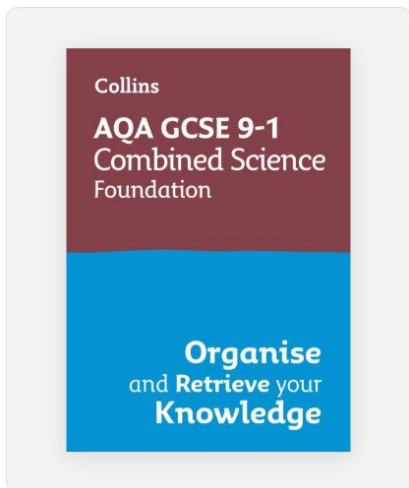
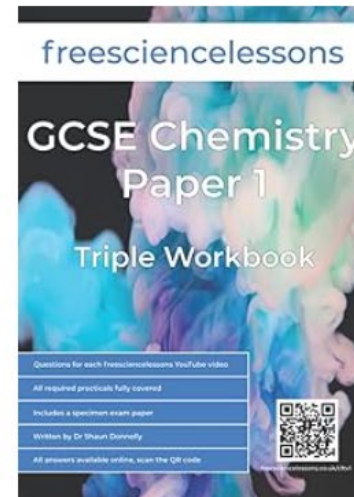
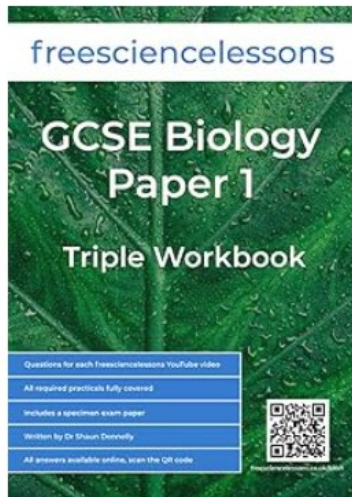
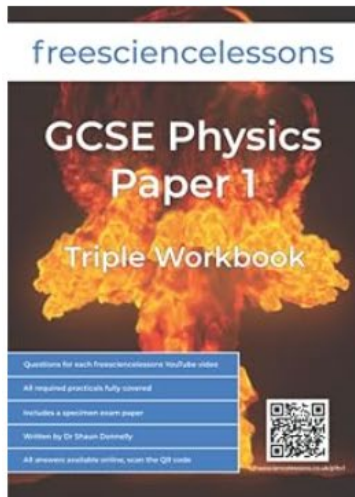
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Quizlet



Additional Resources – c.£10 each



Separate Science students will already be using these successfully, but the combined science versions seem useful



Specification links



Specification links for every science GCSE:

Combined Science GCSE Trilogy (8464): [AQA | Science | GCSE | Combined Science: Trilogy](#)

Separate science

Biology GCSE (8461): [AQA | Science | GCSE | Biology](#)

Chemistry GCSE (8462): [AQA | Science | GCSE | Chemistry](#)

Physics GCSE (8463): [AQA | Science | GCSE | Physics](#)



Websites and links

- Use paper versions of **exam papers** as issued by your teacher or download them from:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

- BBC GCSE Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv>

- Some popular YouTube channels:  YouTube^{GB}

Free science lessons

Cognito

Emmatheteachie

Malmesbury education (for required practicals)



Tier entry for January mock exams and final exams

Discussions take place this term

Higher tier: 9-9, 9-8, 8-8.....4-4.

Foundation tier: 5-5, 5-4, 4-4.....1-1.