

Year 11 Exam Information Evening



Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Year 11

Preparing for life beyond Willingdon and being expert leaders and ultimate role models in personal excellence values

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Personal Excellence



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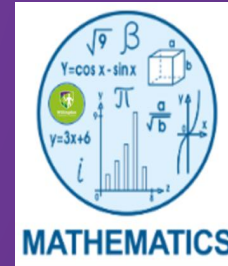
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RESPECT
COMPASSION
COURTESY
HONESTY

Order of the Evening



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- ▶ Miss Powell, Head of Maths



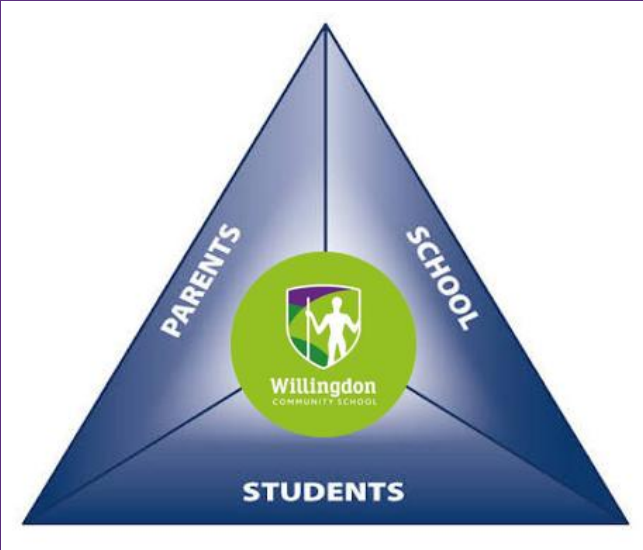
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- ▶ Ms Brown Head of English

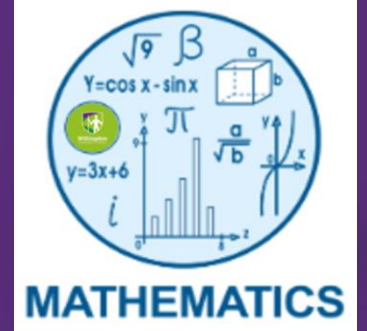


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Miss Powell

Head of Maths



How Is Maths Assessed?

3 x 1.5 hour papers

1 x Non-Calculator

2 x Calculator

Foundation and Higher tier

Anything, Anywhere!

Fluency

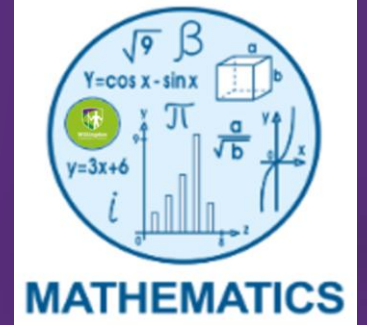
Use a number line to work out these additions.

a) $645 + 99$

c) $194 + 458$

b) $317 + 298$

d) $3,516 + 2,995$



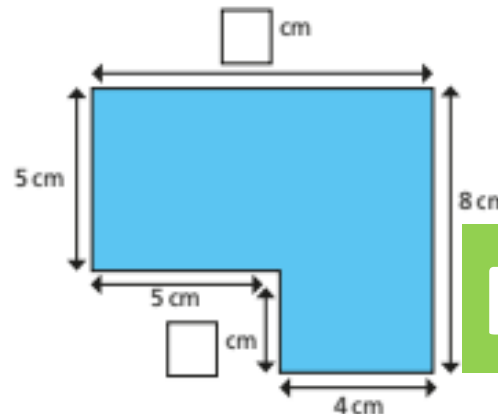
Reasoning



I can work out
 $803 - 99$ by doing
 $803 - 100 - 1$

Draw a diagram to show the mistake that Dexter has made.

Talk about your answers with a partner.



Work out the perimeter of the hexagon.

Problem Solving

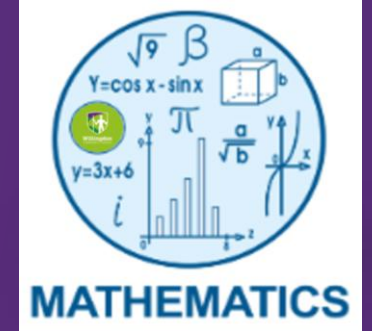
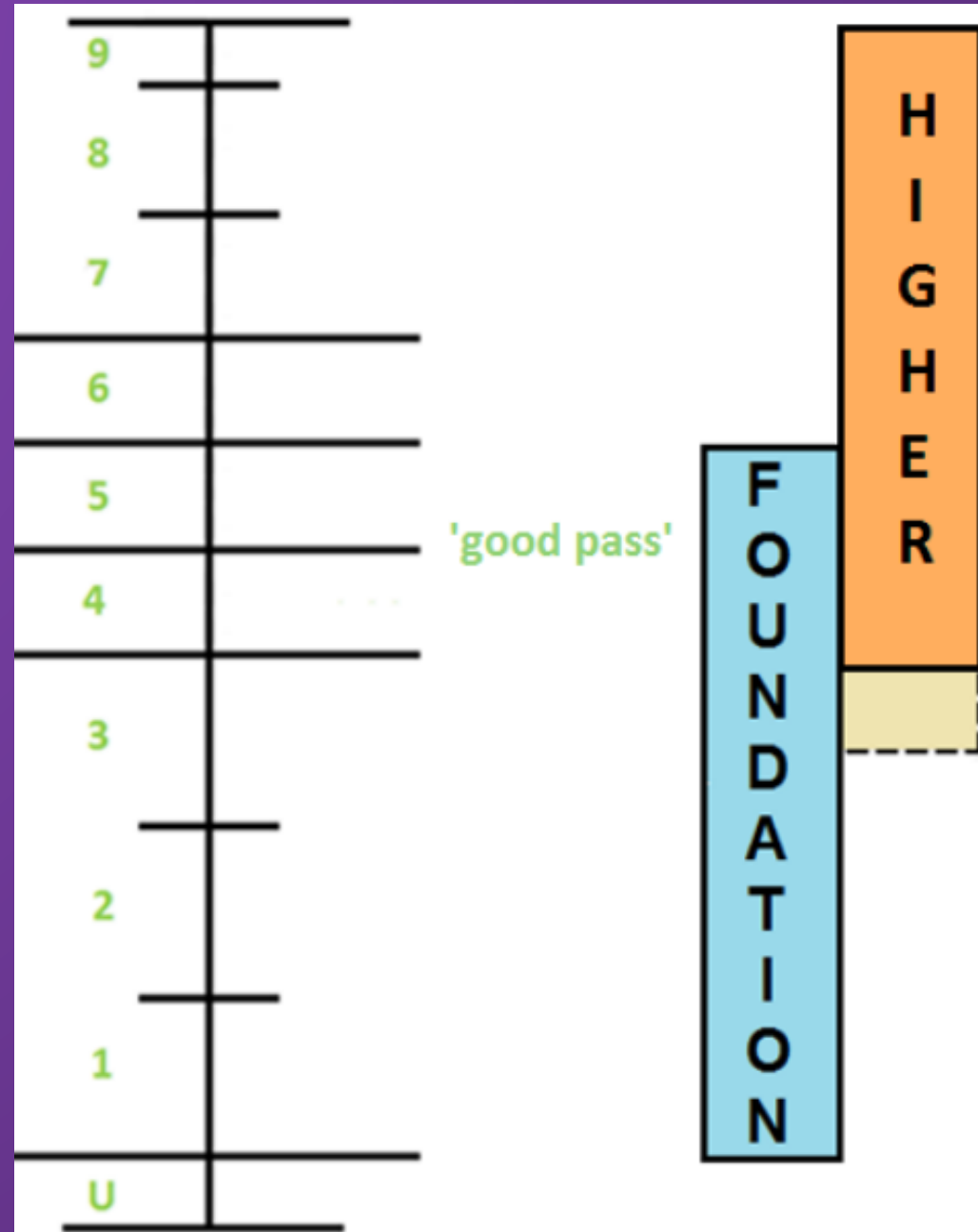
Maths Tiers

Higher Tier

Grades 4-9

Foundation Tier

Grades 1-5



Crossover

KNOW YOUR CALCULATOR

FOR THE MATHS GCSE!



**SAVE TIME
IN THE EXAM!**



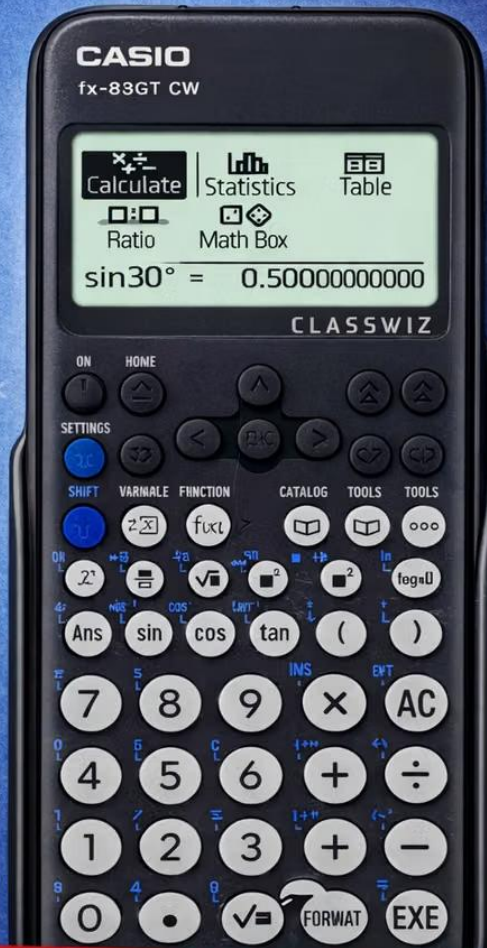
**BOOST YOUR
ACCURACY!**



**SOLVE
COMPLEX
PROBLEMS!**

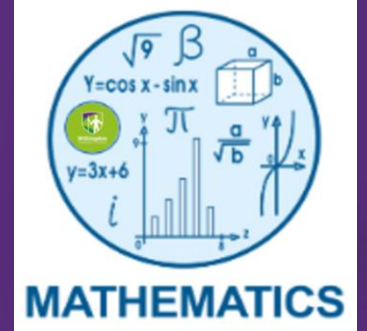


**CONFIDENCE
ON TEST DAY!**



LEARN TO USE YOUR CALCULATOR EFFECTIVELY!

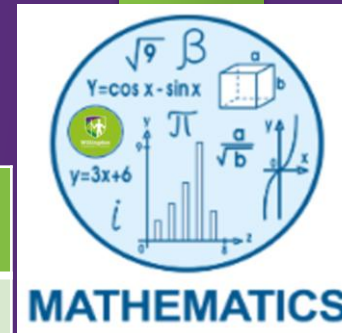
FORMULAS! – GRAPHS – STATISTICS!



160/240 marks come
from questions that you
can use a calculator with.

Maths Tiers

Side 1	Side 2
11AM1 – Higher	11AM2 Higher
11AB1 – Higher	11AB2 Higher
11AO1 – Foundation	11AO2 – Foundation
11AT1 – Foundation	11AT2 - Foundation
11AN1 – Foundation	11AN2 - Foundation



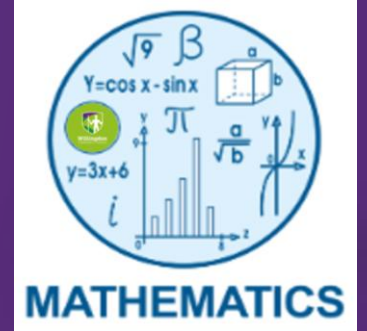
Final tiering decisions will be made after the Mock Exams, in communication with students and parents/carers

How to achieve Maths success

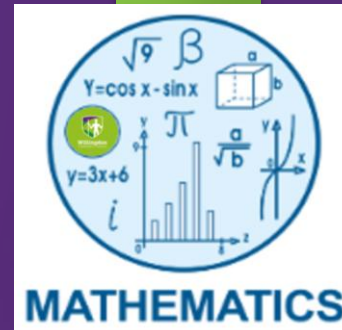
Make every lesson count.

Complete homework to a 100%

Ask questions when you don't understand



How to revise Maths



Sparx Maths

Crossover Skills List

Number

Topic	Topic code	R	A	G
Fractions	U224, U538, U793			
Factors, multiples and primes	U739, U250			
Percentage change	U671, U332, U988			
Standard form	U330, U534, U264, U290			
Error intervals	U657			

Algebra

Topic	Topic code	R	A	G
Linear equations	U325, U870, U599			
Linear inequalities	U759, U738, U145, U337			
Index laws	U662			
Linear simultaneous equations	U760, U757, U836, U137			
Linear graphs and coordinates	U315, U669, U477, U848, U377			
Quadratic graphs and equations	U989, U667, U228, U601			

Ratio and proportion

Topic	Topic code	R	A	G
Ratio	U687, U752, U176, U577, U931, U865			

Homework

Sparx Maths



Compulsory



XP Boost



Target

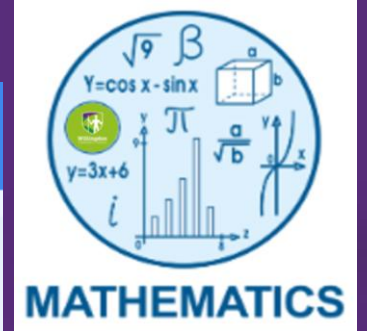


Independent Learning

Sparx Maths

Answer every question correctly to complete the course

▼ Homework due Wednesday 30th November



How to Revise Maths

Sparx Maths Independent Learning


Compulsory


XP Boost


Target


Independent Learning

Independent Learning

Find topicsMy activity

Search for topics:

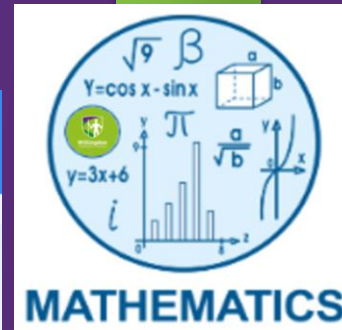
Your curriculum:

8 topics found in GCSE | 10 in other curricula

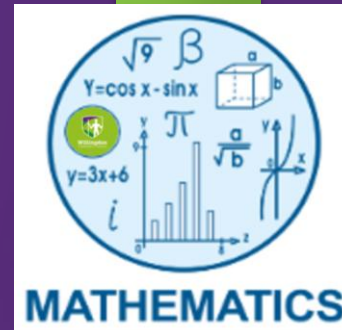
GCSE

Algebra > Substituting into expressions and formulae
Substituting into algebraic formulae – U585

Algebra > Rearranging formulae
Changing the subjects of formulae with one step – U675



How to Revise Maths



Changing the subjects of formulae with two or more steps – U181

Level

✓ Show building blocks

Changing the subjects of formulae with two steps


Introduce

Question 1

Answer

Question 2

Answer

Question 3

Answer

Question 4

Answer

Question 5

Answer


Strengthen

Question 1

Answer

Question 2

Answer

Question 3

Answer

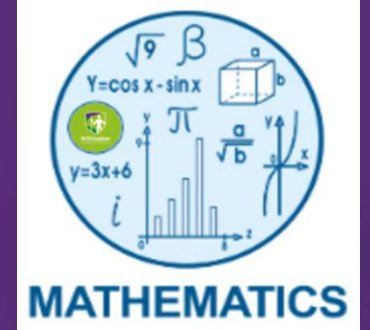
Question 4

Answer

Question 5

Answer

Revise: Using Method Maths



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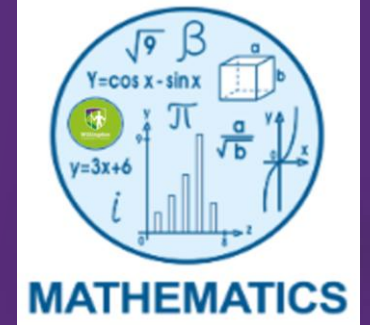
- Coverage of
- Experience of question
- Exposure to specific voca

- Coverage of lots of topics
- Experience of lots of styles of question
- Exposure to lots of Maths specific vocabulary.

Find it and Fix it!

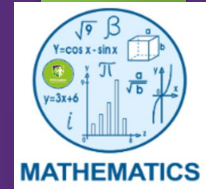
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Find areas
have not go
and practic



Find areas where you have not got full marks and practice them.

Maths Revision Padlet



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Maths Revision Zone

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Grade Up Sessions



Tuesday

- Higher (11AB1 and 11AB2) MA1
- Foundation MA6

Wednesday

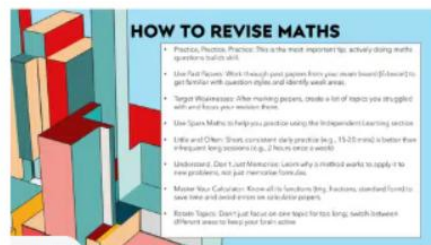
- All MA1

How to Revise Maths



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Make sure you know your

Topic Lists and Grade-Up Advice



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Examiner Advice

Grade 3 - 4

Top Tips:

What are the examiners looking for?

- **Problem solving and ratio in real context**
- More success on standard form with grade 4 students
- Grade 4 are more successful with harder equations like unknowns on both sides/ fractions/brackets
- Greater understanding of angle geometry and are able to work better with volume

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Grade Up Advice

Advice on how to move up to the next grade from the examiners.



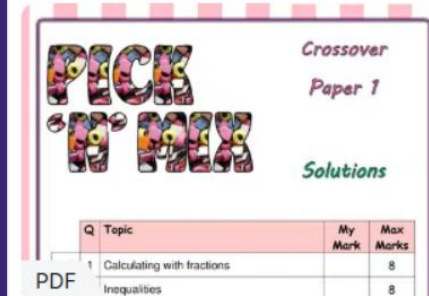
Topics to Revise	
Use the spark codes on indepe	
Key topics for grade 4	Spark
Angles- geometrical-reasoning	U655,
Expand, factorise and solve quadratics	U179,
Ratio and proportion	U178,
	U687,
	U176,
	U357,
Statistical diagrams- pie charts	U508,
Sets and venn diagrams	U748,
Solve linear equations	U325,
Standard form	U330,
	U290,

Crossover Revision Papers



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Pick and Mix Paper 1 Answers



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Pick 'n' Mix paper - Crossover Paper 1 - Solutions

Model answers and markscheme



Useful Revision Websites



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corbettmaths.com

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A 5 question quiz for everyday of the year!



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Grade 3 - 4

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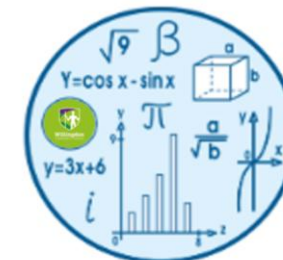
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Topics to Revise

Use the sparx codes on independent study

Key topics for grade 4	Sparx code
Angles- geometrical reasoning	U655, U826, U329, U427
Expand, factorise and solve quadratics	U179, U768, U365, U178, U228
Ratio and proportion	U687, U753, U577, U176, U721, U640, U357, U364, U238
Statistical diagrams- pie charts	U508, U172
Sets and venn diagrams	U748, U296
Solve linear equations	U325, U870, U599
Standard form	U330, U534, U264, U290, U161



MATHEMATICS

After School Revision

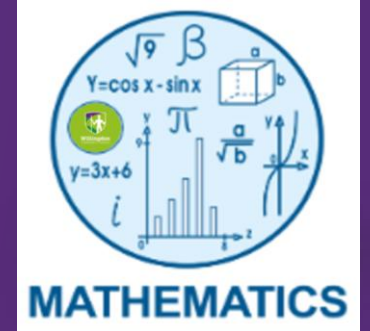
We understand that all of you will have different gaps to fix.

After school on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be offering:

Sparx and
Method Maths
Support

Past Paper
Practice

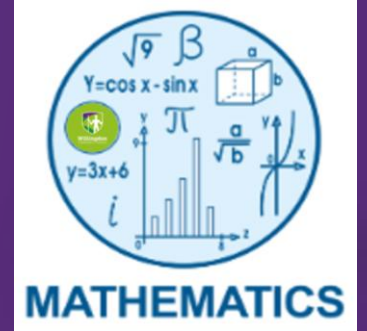
Please bring us your tricky questions, there will be Maths teachers on hand to help you with your problem areas.



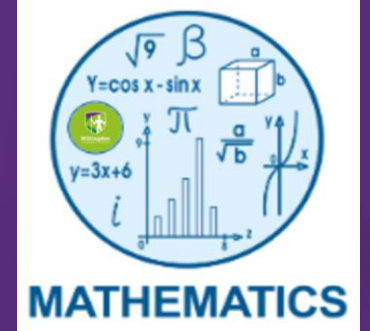
**You must be making every lesson count and be completing all homework tasks to attend
This is not a catch-up session**

How can parents help?

- ▶ Keep check of Sparx Maths – Have they started it before Monday night?
- ▶ Recommend using some of the other Maths revision sites to help complete it.
- ▶ Encourage your child to practice their Maths little and often.
- ▶ Encourage your child to seek help when they are unsure.



Contact Details



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Year 11 Exam Information Evening

TRIPLE AND DOUBLE SCIENCE

‘CURIOUS MIND DISCOVER’



Science GCSEs – everyone studies science

- ▶ Trilogy (Double) Science
- ▶ 2 Combined GCSEs
 - ▶ Biology
 - ▶ Chemistry
 - ▶ Physics
- ▶ But less content



Science GCSEs – everyone studies science

- ▶ Triple Science
- ▶ 3 separate GCSEs
 - ▶ Biology
 - ▶ Chemistry
 - ▶ Physics



Biology

▶ Paper 1 content

- ▶ Cell Biology
- ▶ Organisation
- ▶ Infection and Response
- ▶ Bioenergetics

▶ Paper 2 content

- ▶ Homeostasis and response
- ▶ Inheritance, variation & evolution
- ▶ Ecology



Chemistry

▶ Paper 1 content

- ▶ Atomic structure and the periodic table
- ▶ Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
- ▶ Quantitative chemistry
- ▶ Chemical changes
- ▶ Energy changes

▶ Paper 2 content

- ▶ The rate and extent of chemical change
- ▶ Organic chemistry
- ▶ Chemical analysis
- ▶ Chemistry of the atmosphere
- ▶ Using resources



Physics

- ▶ Paper 1 content

- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Electricity
- ▶ Particle model of matter
- ▶ Atomic structure

- ▶ Paper 2 content

- ▶ Forces
- ▶ Waves
- ▶ Magnetism and electromagnetism



Physics

▶ Paper 1 content

- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Electricity
- ▶ Particle model of matter
- ▶ Atomic structure

▶ Paper 2 content

- ▶ Forces
- ▶ Waves
- ▶ Magnetism and electromagnetism
- ▶ Space physics



Tiers of entry



- ▶ All students in the AB groups will do Higher tier initially Trilogy (Double) – grades 4 to 9 (4 – 4 to 9 – 9)
- ▶ All students in AT and AN will do Foundation tier initially Trilogy (Double) – grades 1 to 5 (1 – 1 to 5 – 5)

Science mock grades results will determine the tier of entry

Tiers of entry

- ▶ All triple science students will do Higher tier initially – grades 4 to 9
- ▶ There is an option for foundation tier (grades 1 to 5)



Triple Science mock grades results will determine the tier of entry

Autumn Mock Exams

- ▶ Biology : 1 2 3 4
 - ▶ Chemistry : 1 2 3 4 5
 - ▶ Physics : 1 2 3 4
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- ▶ All science homework is designed to help students recall skills



How can parents help?

- ▶ Remind them to do the weekly SPARX tasks
- ▶ Help them write a revision program
- ▶ Ask them the questions at the end of each chapter



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Revision Questions for Topic 4

Well, it's all over for [Topic 4](#) folks. So here are some questions on it...

- Try these questions and [tick off each one](#) when you [get it right](#).
- When you're [completely happy](#) with a sub-topic, tick it off.

For even more practice, try the [Retrieval Quiz](#) for Topic 4 — just scan this QR code!



Photosynthesis (p.57-60) ☐

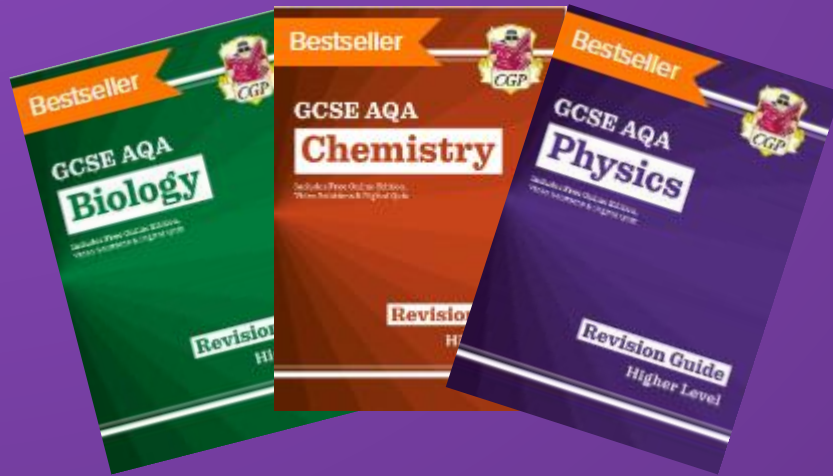
- 1) Where in a plant cell does photosynthesis take place?
- 2) How is energy transferred to a plant from its environment for photosynthesis?
- 3) What is an endothermic reaction?
- 4) What is the word equation for photosynthesis?
- 5) What type of molecule is formed from combining glucose molecules with nitrate ions?
- 6) Why do plants store glucose as starch?
- 7) What is meant by a 'limiting factor' of photosynthesis?
- 8) What effect would a low carbon dioxide concentration have on the rate of photosynthesis?
- 9) What effect would a temperature above 45 °C have on the rate of photosynthesis?
- 10) Describe a method that could be used to measure the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.
- 11) In the inverse square law, how are light intensity and distance linked?
- 12) Give one way that the temperature can be decreased in a greenhouse.
- 13) Give one way that the level of carbon dioxide can be increased in a greenhouse.

Respiration and Metabolism (p.61-63) ☐

- 14) What is respiration?
- 15) What is an exothermic reaction?
- 16) What process transfers energy to make new molecules in cells?
- 17) Give three examples of metabolic reactions.
- 18) Name the products of aerobic respiration.
- 19) What is produced by anaerobic respiration in muscle cells?
- 20) What is the word equation for anaerobic respiration in yeast cells?
- 21) Name two products of the food and drink industry that fermentation is needed for.
- 22) Give three things that increase to supply the muscles with more oxygenated blood during exercise.
- 23) What happens to muscles when they become fatigued?
- 24) In what organ is lactic acid converted back to glucose?

Revision

Triple Science



Trilogy (Double) Science



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Lesson Powerpoints and Bitesize

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Exam Qs

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Please remember

Paper 1: B1-4, C1-5, P1-4

Paper 2: B5-7, C6-10, P5-7 (8 Triple)

If you wish to revise topics from year 9, please visit the year 9 resources file in the student drive





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Year 11 Information Evening

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND ENGLISH
LANGUAGE

'EXPLORING THE POWER OF LANGUAGE'



Everybody does two English GCSEs.

GCSE English Language

100% exam.

All at the end of Year 11.

2 exams for
English Language.



GCSE English Literature

100% exam.

All at the end of Year 11.

2 exams for
English Literature.



English Literature

Literature Paper 1:

Shakespeare - *Romeo and Juliet*

Dickens - *A Christmas Carol*

Literature Paper 2:

Modern Text - *An Inspector Calls*

Poetry (cluster) - *Love and Relationships Poetry*

Poetry (unseen)



- ▶ Successful students know the texts.
- ▶ Literature texts focus on big themes, ideas and attitudes.
- ▶ We structure lessons, homework and revision so that students revisit learning throughout both academic years.
- ▶ Learning in lessons must be supported by following the homework schedule.
- ▶ Both exams are closed book and students do not have a copy of the text in the exam. Therefore, they must learn the stories and quotes.

English Language



- ▶ Language Paper 1:
 - ▶ 4 reading comprehension questions on a fiction extract.
 - ▶ 1 creative writing task: students choose from a picture-based or word-based prompt.
- ▶ Language Paper 2:
 - ▶ 4 reading comprehension questions comparing two non-fiction extracts.
 - ▶ 1 persuasive writing question in which pupils promote a viewpoint.
- ▶ Both papers have unseen texts. Your child will not see these in advance.
- ▶ We learn the wordings of the questions and exam timings to prepare your child before both exam papers.
- ▶ Your child can prepare themselves by reading, practising questions or watching Mr Bruff's guidance videos on YouTube.
- ▶ In lessons, we use model answers to demonstrate to your child where to start, how to answer a question or how to achieve a certain grade.

Autumn Mock Exams



- ▶ We will complete English Language Paper 1 and English Literature Paper 2 during the mock exam season.
- ▶ All homework between now and the mock exam will support your child in revising for these papers.
- ▶ Homework from January 2027 will be a full revision programme. This will be tailored to students' need based on the mock exams. We will share the programme with students and parents in January.

Homework and Recapping Knowledge



- ▶ English homework is paper-based.
- ▶ Homework book.
- ▶ Central homework tasks: at least 60 minutes per week.
- ▶ Students must bring their pink book in every Monday to be checked.

Homework and Recapping Knowledge



- ▶ At least 60 minutes per week. Your child should complete the work in chunks across the week, not all on the same day.
- ▶ Year 11 English homework schedule covers all the main topics in the English Literature and Language exams. Your child can follow the schedule and be confident that they are well-prepared for the exams.
- ▶ Homework is based on lagged learning principles. This means that your child will recap what they are currently learning at the same time as going back over previous topics. This will help your child to retain knowledge.
- ▶ Our high-achieving students complete additional revision beyond the homework tasks. This can all be completed in their pink books.

Revision

Literature

- ▶ Use the knowledge organiser to test on key knowledge for all literary texts.
- ▶ Make mind maps for each character or theme in a text.
- ▶ Make mind maps for pairs of poems: look for similarities in the themes and then look at language, form and structure for differences.
- ▶ Use a blank page to recreate your notes from memory on a theme, character or poem.
- ▶ Create an essay plan/flashcard summary for each character, theme or poem and include points, quotes and key analysis.
- ▶ Test, test again, test again.

Language

- ▶ Use the Language knowledge organisers to learn the skills and timings for the exam.
- ▶ Complete practice exam questions.
- ▶ Watch Mr Bruff's summary videos on how to answer each question.
- ▶ Learn your timings for each paper and question.
- ▶ Read through our model answers and use them to understand how to move up the grades.



Revision and Intervention Sessions



English Teachers

- ▶ Revision sessions will be by invitation only.
- ▶ Students with excellent behaviour and complete homework will be invited to revision sessions to supplement their learning in lessons and at home.

Coaching Time

- ▶ Guided and independent study during coaching time.
- ▶ Opportunity to practice exam papers or work collaboratively with peers in learning their quotes.

How can parents help?

- ▶ Look at your child's pink homework book every week. Talk to them about their homework. Check Edulink. Ensure that they are completing all their homework tasks every week.
- ▶ Test them on what they have learned from their pink homework book.
- ▶ Test them using their flashcards / quote cards.
- ▶ Talk to your child about what they have learned in English this week. Ask them the most important learning points.
- ▶ Have a movie night! Rewatch *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Christmas Carol* and *An Inspector Calls* with them.
- ▶ Encourage them to talk to their English teacher if they have any problems, or email me or their class teacher to discuss any issues.





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Top Tips for Success

Clear, tidy learning environment



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Ask for...



My Weekly Revision Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 am							
9:00 am							
10:00 am							
11:00 am							
12:00 am							
1:00 pm							
2:00 pm							
3:00 pm							
4:00 pm							
5:00 pm							
6:00 pm							
7:00 pm							
8:00 pm							



Well-structured
revision timetable

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Attendance **Matters**

Better Attendance → Better GCSE Results

Comparison of Year 11 Attendance and GCSE Outcomes

 Attendance for Year 11	 Average Grade	 Progress8
99%+	5.75	+0.98
96-99%	5.21	+0.77
93-96%	4.33	+0.13
90-93%	3.89	-0.11
Below 90%	3.24	-0.34
Below 80%	2.38	-0.72



Key Takeaway:

Higher attendance is strongly linked to higher GCSE average grades and better Progress8 scores.



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In school support for Year 11 Students

- ▶ We have set up a Year 11 break and lunchtime area in HU4. Students can Study using laptops or undertake independent work, socialise with friends playing games.
- ▶ A broad range of enrichment activities and interventions across all subjects.
- ▶ October half term revision sessions to prepare for mock exams.
- ▶ Saturday School – Students will have the opportunity to come into school on a Saturday morning to use the IT rooms and revise.
- ▶ Coaching time support with college applications.
- ▶ Introduced study skills lessons during coaching time every Thursday and an independent revision session every Friday.



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Intervention Timetable



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coaching Time	Assembly	English (selected students) Maths (selected students) Science (selected students)	English (selected students)	English (selected students) Maths (selected students) Science (selected students)	Maths (selected students)
Lunch Time	Art	Travel & Tourism English – Poetry Workshop	Travel & Tourism Sociology	Art	Art Travel & Tourism
After School 3-4pm	DT (invite only)	Spanish Business	Maths History IT Science	French Drama Music GCSE PE Art Psychology	Geography (selected students)

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Homework Matters

Better Homework → Better GCSE Results

Homework Behaviour Points and GCSE Outcomes



Homework
Behaviour
Points



Average
Grade



Progress8

0 Points

6.23

+1.4

Upto 10 Points

4.97

+0.56

10-20 Points

4.34

+0.14

20-30 Points

3.7

-0.04

30+ Points

3.33

-0.27



Key Takeaway:

More positive homework behaviour points are strongly linked to higher GCSE average grades and better Progress8 scores.



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Key Dates for Your Calendar



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- ▶ Thursday 17th September → Meet the Coach Evening
- ▶ Friday 25th September → Sponsored Walk (optional fancy dress)
- ▶ Monday 2nd – Friday 13th November → Year 11 Mock Exams
- ▶ Thursday 10th December → Year 11 Parents Evening
- ▶ Monday 1st – Friday 12th March → Year 11 Mock Exams



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Thank You Year 11 Exam Information Evening



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