

Maths

Where everybody counts!

Foundation

Edexcel/Pearsons

Grades 1 to 5

Paper 1 – non calculator

Paper 2 and 3 – calculator

All papers 80 marks & 90 minutes

Higher

Edexcel/Pearsons

Grades 3 to 9

Paper 1 – non calculator

Paper 2 and 3 – calculator

All papers 80 marks & 90 minutes

Revision guides and workbooks can be bought from Mr Hunter any time in EV15 for £2.50 each

We recommend all students buy one of these Casio calculators and bring them to all their lessons.



English Language

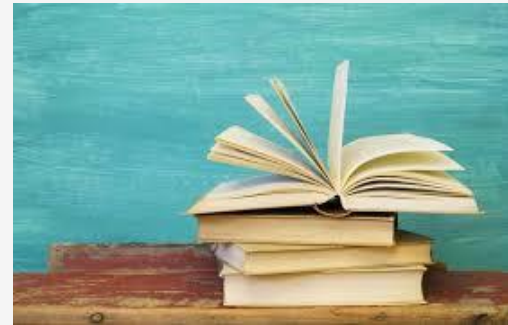
AQA

No tiered entry: all students sit the same exams.

Two papers: each 1 hour 45 mins; each worth 80 marks

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing: analysing an unseen piece of fiction and producing a piece of narrative or descriptive writing

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives: analysing and comparing two unseen non-fiction texts and producing a piece of extended writing to express an opinion



Students are faced with unseen texts in both exams. Reading a range of fiction and non-fiction outside of school is invaluable in building the confidence, vocabulary and understanding needed to tackle unseen texts in the exams successfully.



English Literature

AQA

No tiered entry: all students sit the same exams

Closed book exams: students do not have copies of the texts

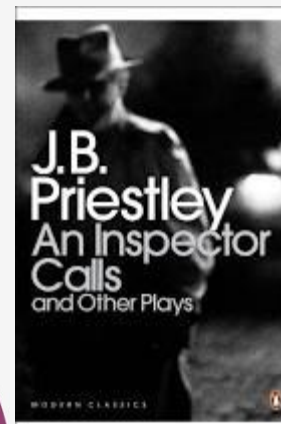
Two papers: P1 is 1hr 45mins
P2 is 2hrs 15mins

Paper 1: *Macbeth* and
A Christmas Carol

Paper 2: *An Inspector Calls*,
Power and Conflict poetry and
unseen poetry



All students have been given their own copy of the 'Power and Conflict' poetry anthology. Copies of the other texts and revision guides for all texts are available to purchase from the English department.



Science

AQA Trilogy Combined Science and AQA Separate Science

Biology Paper 1

- Cell biology
- Organisation
- Infection and response
- Bioenergetics

Chemistry Paper 1

- Atomic structure and the periodic table
- Bonding
- Quantitative chemistry
- Chemical changes
- Energy changes

Physics Paper 1

- Energy
- Electricity
- The particle model of matter
- Atomic structure

Biology Paper 2

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

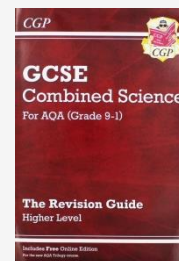
Chemistry Paper 2

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

Physics Paper 2

- Forces
- Waves
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Space physics (Triple science only)

Students should ensure that they are using [Senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com) for revision.



Revision guides are available through school. Combined science £6, Triple Science £3 each.

We recommend all students buy a scientific calculator.



History

3 exams – EDEXCEL exam board

Paper 1 -1 hour 15 Minutes

Crime and Punishment, C1000-present day (includes case study of Whitechapel)

Paper 2 -1 hour 45 minutes

The Reigns of Richard and John, 1189-1216

Spain and the New World, 1492-1555

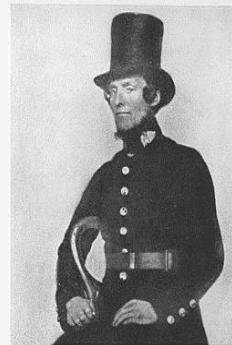
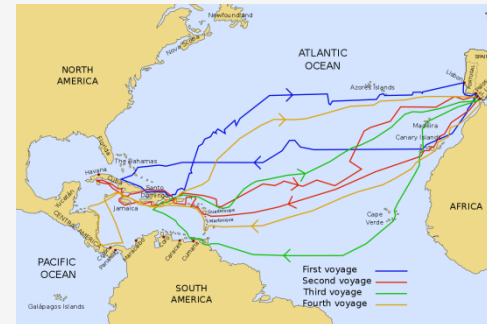
Paper 3 -1 hour 20 minutes

Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39.

Revision guides are available for all 4 units at £2.50 each from Mrs Skinner.

They include exam questions for students to try

Revision sessions are held every Wednesday at lunchtime in the department.



Geography

3 exams

Paper 1 Living with the physical environment. 1HR 30 (35% of GCSE)

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards

Section B: The living world

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK



Paper 2 Challenges in the human environment 1HR 30 (35% of GCSE)

Section A: Urban issues and challenges

Section B: The changing economic world

Section C: The challenge of resource management



Paper 3 - Geographical applications 1HR 15 (30% of GCSE)

Section A: Issue evaluation (based on pre-release information)

Section B: Fieldwork



Revision guides and workbooks are available to purchase from the Geography department.

Students should use Google classroom and Seneca podcasts to aid their revision

Revision sessions are held every Wednesday lunchtime in the department.

MFL

French and Spanish

Foundation exams

AQA

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| Listening | 35 minutes |
| Reading | 45 minutes |
| Writing | 1 hour |
| Speaking | 7-9 minutes |

Higher exams

AQA

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| Listening | 45 minutes |
| Reading | 1 hour |
| Writing | 1 hour 15 minutes |
| Speaking | 10-12 minutes |

Spanish revision – Monday after school CM12

French revision – Friday lunchtime CM11



Revision guides and workbooks can be ordered from your MFL teacher for £2.50 each



GCSE PE

'A course for life'

OCR GCSE PE
Grades 1 to 9

Physical factors affecting performance
(Paper 1) 60 marks
1 hour written paper on 13/5/20
30% of final grade

Socio-cultural issues and
sports psychology (Paper 2) 60 marks
1 hour written paper on 15/5/20
30% of final grade

Performance in physical education (03)
80 marks non-exam assessment (NEA)
3 sports and written coursework
40% of final grade

Revision guides can be bought
from Mrs Flynn in the school
office for £5.60 each

We recommend all students
attend the intervention
sessions that take place after
school on a Wednesday from
3.15pm-4.15pm

Easter holiday revision
sessions will run again this
year

Art & Design and Photography



Coursework 60% of grade

Includes ALL project work from Year 10 through to the trial exam in December.

***Art:* Ensure sketchbooks and other larger pieces are all completed to a high standard by Christmas.**

***Photography:* Ensure shoots and powerpoints are all completed to a high standard by Christmas.**



Exam 40% of grade

Students will choose one project from a range of starting points set by the exam board.

These will be given on the first lesson after Christmas, and they will then have approx. 3 months to complete preparatory work including;

- Research on relevant artists/photographers
- Experimentation of ideas and media
- Recording ideas (drawing/photography/annotation)

Final outcomes will be produced in a 10 hour controlled test after the Easter break.

AQA Drama GCSE

Component 1: Written Exam

1hr 45mins : 80 Marks

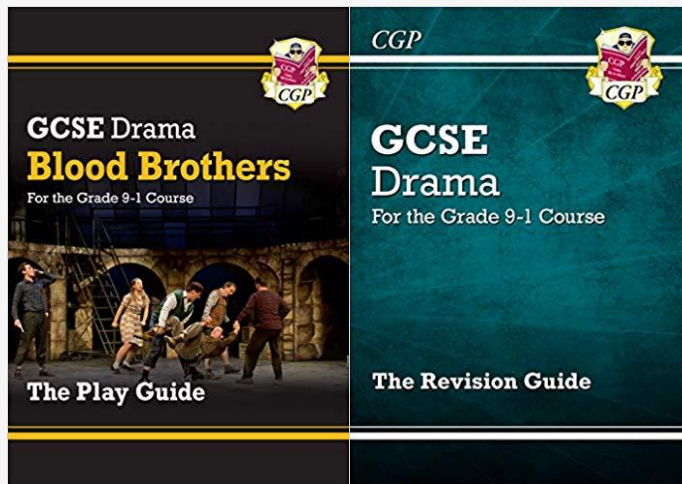
Friday 15 May

Section A: Terminology

Section B: Blood Brothers

Section C: War Horse Theatre Review

You can buy GCSE Drama Revision guides, which cover all exam boards, from most book shops. These are not compulsory.



Component 2: Devising Drama 80 Marks

The Devised Performance Exam
Monday 14 October

The Devising Log Deadline
Friday 14 February

Component 3: Scripted Performance 40 Marks

Students perform 2 extracts from a published play in front of a visiting examiner.

Exam Date: March
(to be confirmed with examiner)

Music

Edexcel (Pearson) GCSE Music Specification code: 1MU0

Component 1: Performing (30%)
Component 2: Composing (30%)
Component 3: Appraising (40%)

Component 1: Performing

1. One solo performance recording
2. One ensemble performance recording

Component 2: Composing

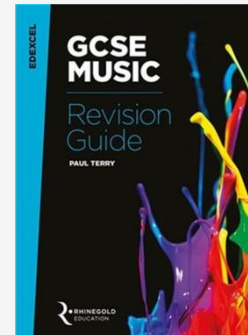
1. Free composition (completed in Y10)
2. Composition to a brief (to be completed in Y11)

Final deadline: Friday 3rd April

Component 3: Appraising
Listening exam, 1hr45
Tuesday 9th June

How do I prepare for the listening exam?

- Listen to the 8 set works repeatedly so that you are very familiar with the structures and musical features within each piece
- Also listen to examples of music of the same styles as the set works in preparation for the unfamiliar listening questions
- Use Seneca, Focus on Sound, your class books and annotated scores for revision.
- There is an optional revision guide available to buy independently if students are particularly keen on working with revision guides:



Design & Technology

Solving problems by Designing & Making

Paper 1

What's assessed

- Core technical principles
- Specialist technical principles
- Designing and making principles



How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks)

A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks)

Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.

Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks)

A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

Non-exam assessment (NEA)

What's assessed

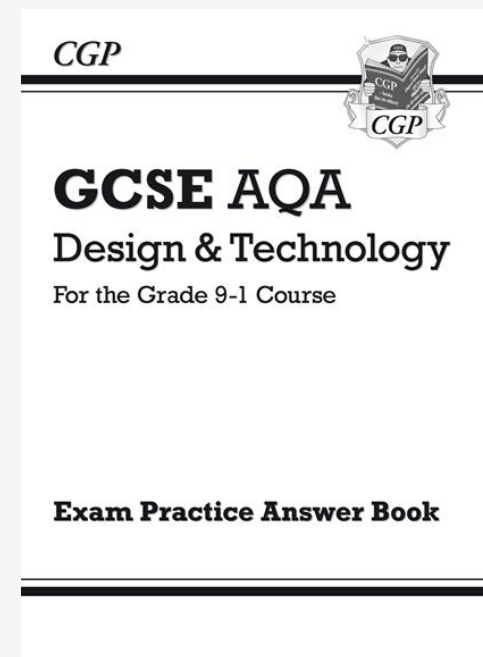
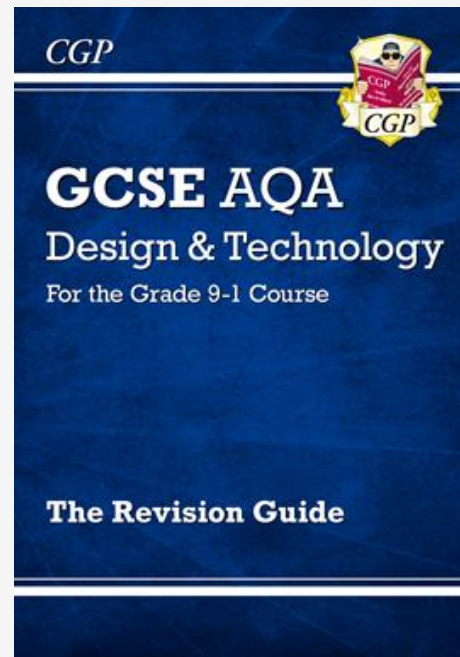
Practical application of:

- Core technical principles
- Specialist technical principles
- Designing and making principles

How it's assessed

- Non-exam assessment (NEA): 30–35 hours approx
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Revision guides and workbooks can be bought from Miss Newton-Scott any time in CR07 for £3.00 each



Catch up sessions run every lunchtime and after school on Thursday evenings in CR08

GCSE Religious Studies

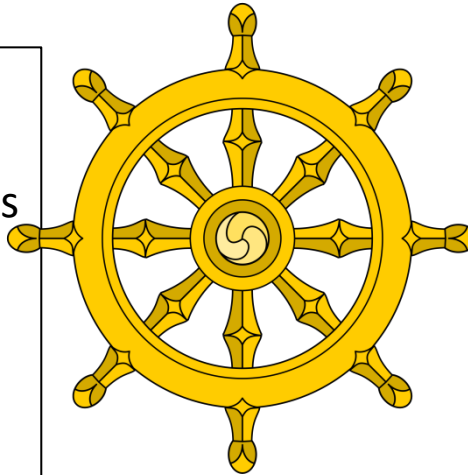
2 Exam Papers – 1h45m each

Paper 1: Religious Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (Christianity and Buddhism)

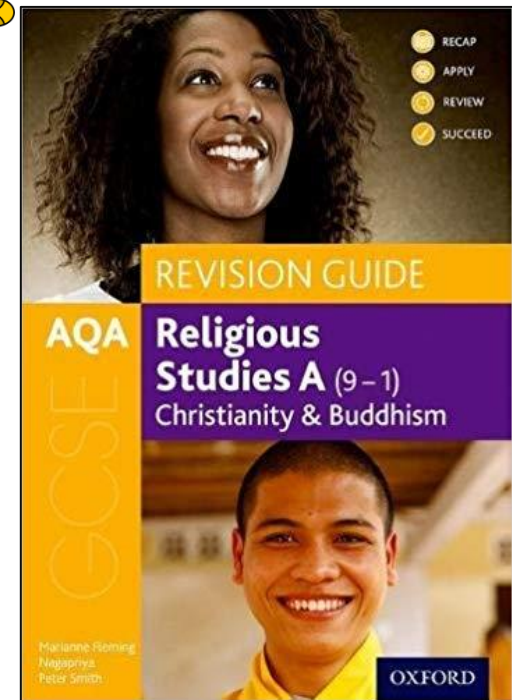
Paper 2: Thematic Studies (Relationships and Families; Religion and Life; Peace and Conflict; Crime and Punishment)



AQA Specification A



Revision sessions
Wednesdays after
school, room EX00



Revision guides £9.99

GCSE Business

Revision materials:

- CGP Revision guides can be bought from Ms Teale in EV14 for £5.50
- All students have revision cards, and keyword booklets
- Each unit has an A3 revision pack which students are encouraged to complete at home
- www.senecalearning.com has all course content on with mini-quizzes – it is excellent!

AQA GCSE Business Grades 1 to 9

Paper 1 – units 1, 2, 3 & 4

Paper 1 – units 1, 2, 5 & 6

Both papers 90 marks, 1hr 45 mins

Cambridge National Enterprise & Marketing

Cambridge Nationals in Enterprise & Marketing

R064 Enterprise & Marketing Concepts: Examination 9th January 2020
and Resit in 22nd May 2020, 1hr 30 mins

R065 (Enterprise): Complete by December, sent away end of April 2020

R066 (Marketing): Complete by Easter, sent away end of April 2020

Revision materials & Guidance:

- Each of the 6 Learning Objectives of the examined unit (R064) has an A3 revision pack which students are encouraged to complete at home using their class notes & other sources
- bit.ly/GBLHSBUS1 has excellent notes for this examined unit
- bit.ly/GBLHSBUS2 has a collection of past papers and mark schemes available
- R065 and R066 are both big coursework units and students are advised to follow their checklists, section guidance and feedback to be successful
- Extra Support – Most Thursdays straight after school in EV11

GCSE Computer Science

Revision Materials:

- Students purchased revision guides and revision work books in Year 10 – these will be available again to buy from Mrs Wouldhave
- Students have resources for all the content we have covered so far and will soon be getting extra revision packs
- [Seneca Learning](#) has recently introduced a new course for Computer Science which all our students are enrolled for

Edexcel GCSE Computer Science Grades 1 to 9

Paper 1 – Principles of Computer Science – 1hr 40 mins

Paper 2 – Application of Computational Thinking – 2hrs

Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia

Revision materials:

- No revision materials necessary – all assessment from this point is coursework based

Coursework Support:

- After school Monday and Thursday nights each week in EV12

Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia

R082: Digital Graphics – Sent away November 2019

R085: Creating a Multipage Website - Sent away January 2020

R091: Designing a Game Concept – Sent away May 2020

Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering

Unit 1- External Exam unit

40% Final Grade

90 Minutes

Unit 2- Internal Unit

60% Final Grade

Students produce 2 dishes within 2
hrs based on a design brief.

Many students have already sat the exam in year 10 and do not need to resit.

We recommend all students practice dishes at home before their final practical exam with focus on presentation.

Thursday lunch time and Afterschool a catch up group is running

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care

Unit 1: Internal unit

GLH 30

12.5% towards final grade

Students completed their first exam on
1/10/2019

Unit 2: Internal unit

GLH 90

37.5% towards final grade

Results for this exam are on the
3/12/2019

Unit 3: External unit

Synoptic

50% towards final grade

Students are able to resit the exam
14/05/2020

Thursday lunch time and Afterschool a
catch up group is running.