



QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL

Assessment & Learning Guide

What your child will learn and be assessed on throughout the year, organised by half term

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KEY STAGE 4 - GCSE

SUBJECT	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
 English	Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet, Macbeth	Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet, Macbeth	19th Century Novel: A Christmas Carol, War of the Worlds	19th Century Novel: A Christmas Carol, War of the Worlds	Revision for Literature GCSE	Language – Speaking & Listening
 Maths	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work
 Science	- Cells and control - Motion and Forces	- Genetics - Atoms and the periodic Table - Conservation of Energy	- Natural selection and genetic modification - Types of Bonding	- Health and disease - Acids and Alkalis	- Plant structure - Electrolytic Process - Radioactivity	PPE – Combined Science Paper 1 (Bio, Chem, Physics)
 History	Elizabethan England: Religious Settlement & Challenges	Elizabethan Challenges: Spanish Armada & Plots	Cold War Origins: 1941–58 Alliances/Tension	Cold War Crises: Berlin and Cuba	Cold War End: Gorbachev & Soviet Collapse	Weimar & Nazi Germany: Rise of the Nazi Party
 Geography	Tectonic Hazards in Iceland (Exam Question)	The Challenge of Natural Hazards	Challenges in the Human Environment	Weathering & Mass Movement	Rivers Skills: Photos & OS Maps	Coastal & River Landscapes / Mock Exam
 RE	GCSE: Christian Beliefs	GCSE: Marriage & the Family	GCSE: Living the Christian Life	GCSE: Matters of Life & Death	GCSE: Christianity (Mixed)	Summer Mocks

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

Build a revision timetable

Help them plan short, focused revision sessions around each half term's assessments, rather than cramming.

Use past papers & mark schemes

Exam-board practice questions are the single most effective GCSE revision tool — little and often.

Protect sleep and downtime

Revision works best in short bursts with real breaks — screens off, sleep protected before assessments.

Check in on wellbeing too

GCSEs are a marathon. Ask how they're feeling, not just what they've revised.