

26th September 2024

Welcome to our Y11 Information Evening

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- This will go to Mr Vallance, Mrs Jephson and Mr Bingham

Contact Us



Exams start on 9th May 2025



Final day of exams (contingency day) is 26
June 2024

Exam Dates

Half term	Milestones
Autumn 1	26th September - Careers and Revision day & Core subject information evening 30th Sept Mock exams begin (2 weeks) 8th October - Barcelona trip 16th October - 6th form Open Evening
Autumn 2	12th November - Mock results assembly and Y11 Progress evening Revision Ready tutor programme begins 15th - 17th November - Year 11 weekend Residential 5th December - Project Flavour Day 16th December - Y11 PSHE Day
Christmas break	
Spring 1	13th January - Full set of Mock exams (3 weeks)
Spring 2	25th February - Mock results and Y11 Progress evening Exam Ready tutor programme begins 24th March - In class assessments and gaps analysis 27th March - Y11 PSHE Day
Easter	
Summer 1	Coursework deadlines 28th April MFL Speaking Exams begin 8th May - Official start date for GCSE exams
Summer 2	Further GCSE exams, Leavers' celebrations and Year 11 Prom - dates tbc
Summer - Results day 21st August!	

- The shared vision for Results Day
- The individual vision for what your results will lead to

The Vision

- 182 students
- 33 weeks
 - *including holidays*
- 26 weeks
 - *without holidays*

The journey we are on

- The key element to the equation
- You have been on a journey for almost 11 years
- It's time to achieve your potential

Belief

Students participated in sessions including:

- Revision organisation and timetables
- Revision tools and techniques
- English and Maths revision
- Careers and further education
- Managing exam stress

Revision Day Today

When you say you can't do something

..... What you mean is you can't do something yet

- Quality first teaching
- Intervention tailored to the individual (RAG and year team meetings)
- Before and After school subject support sessions
- Small group core subject intervention
- Half term classes
- Mock exams/mock results days
- Progress evenings/reports
- Non-academic support – Learning manager, counselling, sport
- Careers and next steps guidance
- Revision skills/timetabling

Support

Buying revision guides and calculators

myChildatSchool.com | Samworth Church Academy

Dashboard *Homepage and Launchpad*

YOU ARE HERE: Dashboard

Attendance *Is [child] at school?* [More](#)

Period	Subject	Mark
AM	Tutor Group	
PM	Tutor Group	

Announcements [More](#)

No Announcements data found

Behaviour *recent behaviour* [More](#)

Date	Description	Status
06/06/24	Inappropriate Use Of Toilets	✗
23/05/24	Out of bounds	✗
17/05/24	Matrix Removal From Lesson	✗
15/05/24	Out of bounds	✗
13/05/24	Late Gate	✗

Homework *Does [child] have homework?* [More](#)

No Homework data found

Clubs & Trips *Dario's upcoming club & trips*

No Clubs data found

Reports *How is [child] performing?* [More](#)

Published	Report
23/05/2024	Year 11 Termly Report (2023 - 2024 Summer 1 23/24)
01/03/2024	Year 11 Termly Report (2023 - 2024 Spring 2 23/24)
21/12/2023	Year 11 Termly Report (2023 - 2024 Autumn 2 23/24)
17/11/2023	Year 11 Autumn Mock Results (2023 - 2024 Autumn 2 23/24)
15/11/2023	Year 11 Autumn Mock Results (2023 - 2024 Autumn 2 23/24)

Classes *[child]'s Classes*

Class Name	Class Details	Attendance
11A-Fr1	French Mrs C Geary	87%
11B-Bs1	Business Studies Mrs R Jephson	93%
11C-En2	English Language Mr J Rogers	88%
11C-MA2	Mathematics Mr S McDade	91%
11C-PE2	Physical Education Mr M Jensch	87%

Lunch Money *Lunch Money Balance Summary*

Credit Balance Summary : £ 0.30

Deposit Amount : £

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Assessment *How is [child] performing?* [More](#)

	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Autumn 2
	ATL	Current	End of	End of	KS4	KS5	Leamer
	Grade	Grade	Key	Key	Mock	Mock	Stage
			Stage 4	Stage 5			

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Library Study Time

- Tuesday 3pm Homework Club
- Wednesday 3pm
- Friday 3pm



- Attendance
- Effort
- Wanting it for 'yourself'
- Revision – Today – Revision skills
 - Little but often - increasing
 - Timetabled
 - Focussed
 - What works for you?
- Rest & recuperate
- Be resilient

What can you do to support yourself?

- Two nights away in Derbyshire
- Outdoor adventure activities and team building
- Revision and skills workshops
- Places will be limited
- Cost will be subsidised as much as possible
- 15th to 17th November 2024



Year 11 Residential

Science Success

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AQA Exam Board

- 6 x exams - 1 hour and 15 minutes long
 - Separate Science (11C1/11S1): 1 hour 45 minutes
- Two papers each: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Each paper is 70 marks
 - Separate Science: 100 marks
- Each exam is 16.7% of the total grade (combined science)
 - Separate science is 50% each of Paper 1 and Paper 2 per subject.

At the end, students come out with TWO GCSEs for combined science, and THREE for separate science

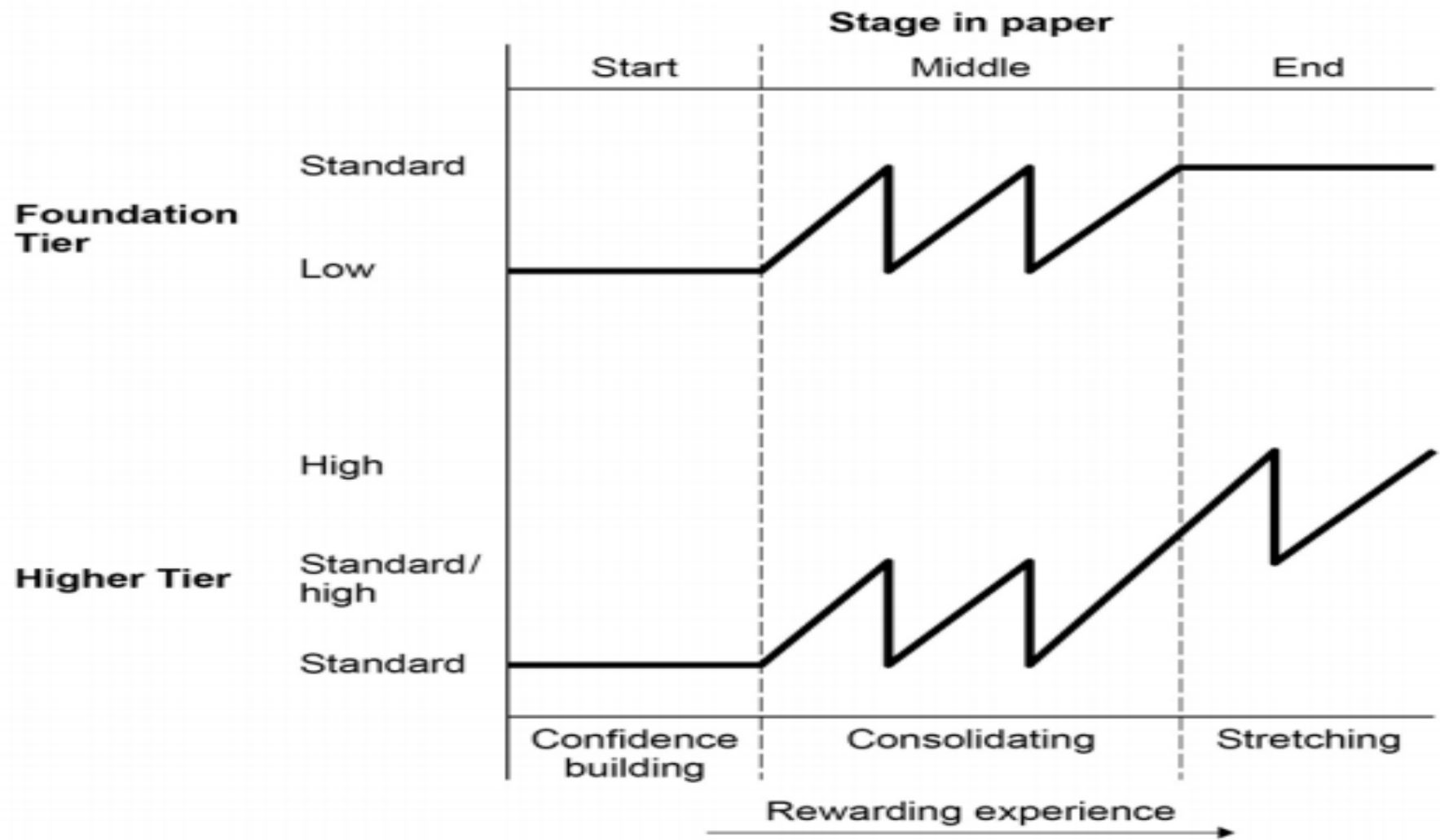
Structure of the Exams

- Paper 1: Biology 13 May 2025 pm
- Paper 2: Biology 09 June 2025 am

- Paper 1: Chemistry 19 May 2025 am
- Paper 2: Chemistry 13 June 2025 am

- Paper 1: Physics 22 May 2025 am
- Paper 2: Physics 16 June 2025 am

Exam Dates



- Required practicals make up 15% of exam
- Maths component: 10% biology, 20% chemistry, 30% physics
- 40% of exam is recall knowledge
- 40% of exam is application of knowledge
- 20% analysing information

Exam Breakdown



Tiers for Science

Higher	Foundation	
99		
98		
88		
87		
77		
76		
66		
65		
55	55	PASS
54	54	
44	44	
43	43	
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Practice Exams/Exam Questions

- Mock exam period in October 2024 (Paper 1)/January 2025 (Paper 2)
- Students' performance will be monitored and given the appropriate intervention, if needed
- Use materials given: Equation sheet, Periodic Table, Calculator

Assessment

What you can do... 'control the controllables'

- Encourage your child to complete assigned homework and practice exam questions – 20 minutes of recall a day
- Check BromCom for assignments and revision materials
- Encourage your child to attend intervention sessions
- Make revision posters/note sheets and key word cards at home (key vocabulary)

What we will do...

- Small group intervention
- Before school drop-in intervention on Friday mornings 8 – 8:30 am
- E-mails of revision materials
- Practice exams/Exam questions
- Notify parents of upcoming assessments/revision opportunities in science

Exam Success



- Complete assigned homework
- Practice exam questions/past exams
- Practice key vocabulary
- Attend intervention sessions
- Take pride and ownership in their work
- Revise topics they struggle with
- Ask teachers for specific materials

For the students

- AQA 9-1 Science Revision Guides (CGP)
- AQA – past papers (aqa.org.uk)
- Read e-mails for upcoming exams/intervention sessions
- Seneca learning
- GCSEBitesize
- <https://sites.google.com/view/scienceteacher>

Revision Resources



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Language

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Paper 1 - 23 May 2025 am

Overview

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50% of GCSE

Section A: Reading

One literature **fiction** text (40 marks) (25%)

1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)

List 4 things...

2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)

How does the writer use language...

How does the writer structure...

1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

To what extent do you agree...

Section B: Writing

Descriptive **or** narrative writing (40 marks) (25%)

1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Descriptive writing: Writing that paints a **picture**
Narrative writing : Writing that tells a **story**



Structure of the Exams

Language

Paper 2: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Paper 2 - 06 June 2025 am

Overview

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50% of GCSE

Section A: Reading

One **non-fiction** text and one **literary non-fiction** text (40 marks) (25%)

1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)

True/False statements.

2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)

Write a summary ...

How does the writer's use of language ...

1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

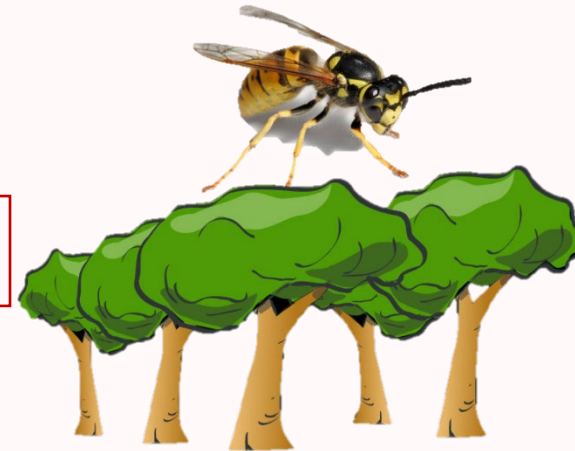
How the writers present...

Writing to **argue** for or against a point of view

Section B: Writing

Writing to present a viewpoint (40 marks) (25%)

1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)



Structure of the Exams



Language

What does that all mean?

Reading

Non-fiction texts:

A genre of writing based on **facts** and **real life**

reviews
letters
diaries
newspaper articles
information leaflets
magazine articles

Literary non-fiction texts:

A type of writing which uses similar **techniques** as fiction to create an **interesting** piece of writing about **real events**.

feature articles
essays
travel writing
accounts of famous events
sketches (a fact file profile)
autobiographies

One literature fiction text:

A genre of writing that has a **creative** element to it and tends to use literary devices for effect.

Structure of the Exams

Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Paper 1 - 12 May 2025 am

Overview

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Section A: Shakespeare

- *Romeo & Juliet*

Section B: The 19th-Century Novel

- *A Christmas Carol*

They are closed-book exams.



Structure of the Exams

Overview

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

Section A: Modern Texts

- *An Inspector Calls*



Section B: Poetry

- One comparative question on one named and one other poem from the 'Power and Conflict' cluster in their Anthology

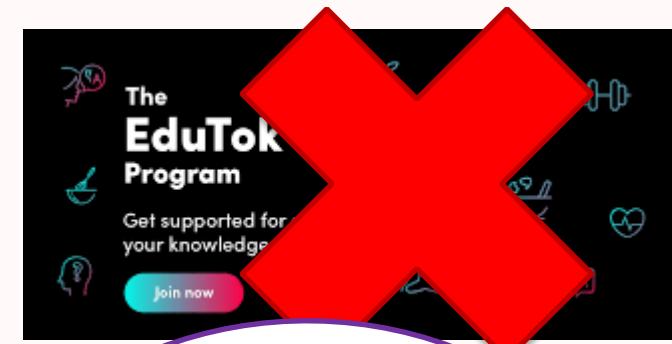
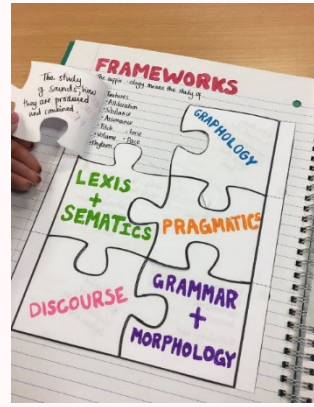
Section C:

- One question on one unseen poem
- One question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem

Structure of the Exams

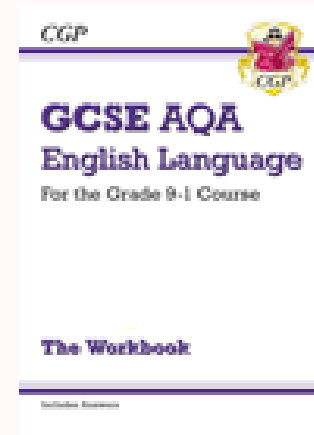
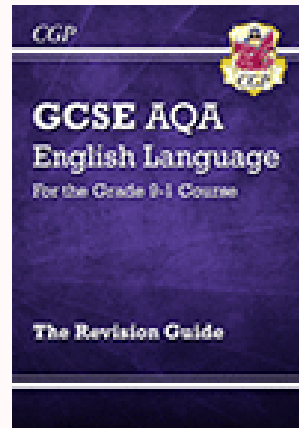
What you and your child can do...

- Ensure your child does all **homework** set
- Encourage them to **read** for 15 minutes a night (either non-fiction, literary non-fiction or fiction)
- Create **posters/flash cards/spider diagrams** with key quotations/definitions/themes to display around the home
- Encourage your child to complete **past papers** on the **AQA** website
- Visit **GCSE Bitesize**



What we will do...

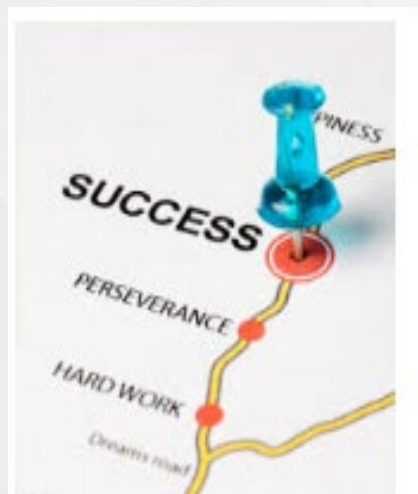
- Small group intervention
- Period 6 revision sessions
- Tuesday lunchtime Masterclasses (by invite only)



'It was interesting to note how many thousands of responses included 'I don't play golf'. Clearly this moment in the play has been an area of significant focus of the **social media influencers** in 2024 given the amount of students that used this moment in their responses.'



GCSE Mathematics Success



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Structure of the Exams

All Papers 1hr 30min long

- Maths (Edexcel)
- 100% Exam
- 3 Equally Weighted Papers
 - Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) 15 May 2025 am
 - Paper 2 (Calculator) 04 June 2025 am
 - Paper 3 (Calculator) 11 June 2025 am

Essential Knowledge
Fluency
Problem Solving

**Being prepared for
the exam**

Supporting your areas to develop

Let's go together!

Q.	Topic	Max	Mark	Q.	Topic	Max	Mark
1	Decimal to fraction	1	1	14	Forming + solving equations	5	0
2	Add fractions	2	0	15	Expand and factorise brackets	2	0
3	Add and divide fractions	4	0	16	Simplify algebra and solve equations	3	2
4	Coordinates, horizontal/vertical graphs	4	3	17	Problem Solving (money)	4	0
5	Reflection and enlargement	6	2	18	Decimal long multiplication	3	1
6	Fraction/money	3	1	19	Writing expressions	3	0
7	Percentage change	2	0	20	Speed/distance/time problem	3	0
8	Linear graph (table + plot)	4	2	21	Quadratic expansion/factorise	4	0
9	Angles in parallel lines/triangles	5	0	22	Ratio, fractions and percentages	5	0
10	Range and median	3	0	23	Quadratic table/graph	6	1
11	Number machines	4	2				
12	Equivalent Fractions	3	0				
13	Probability table/expected number	4	2				



Maths Revision Period 6



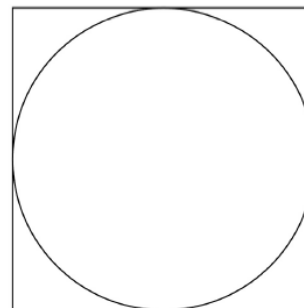
Fluency Confidence



5 Work out 58×73

9 Work out $25.68 \div 12$

20 Here is a circle touching a square.



The area of the square is 64 cm^2

Work out the area of the circle.

Give your answer in terms of π .

Foundation

27 Circle the value of $\cos 90^\circ$

0

$\frac{1}{2}$

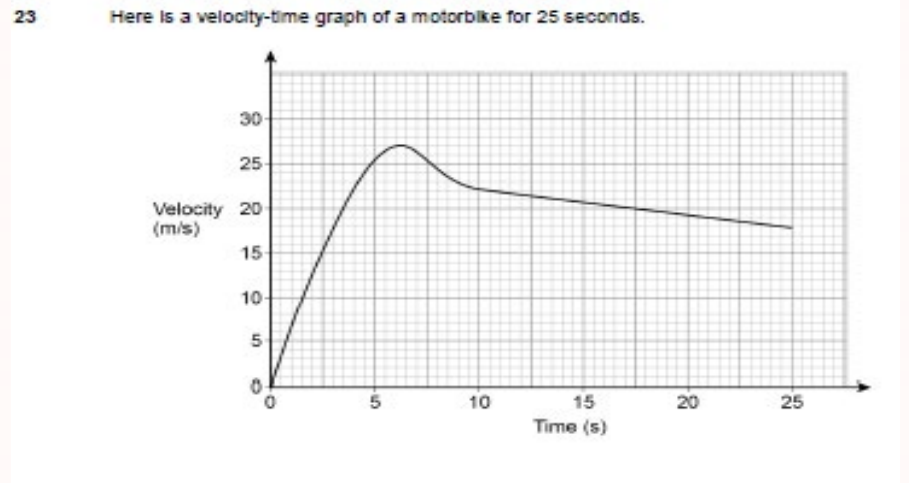
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Fluency Confidence



7 $\frac{1}{7}$ of a number is 162
Work out the number. [2 marks]

Answer _____

Higher



19 There are n sweets in a bag.

6 of the sweets are orange.

The rest of the sweets are yellow.

Hannah takes at random a sweet from the bag.

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Hannah then takes at random another sweet from the bag.

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Problem Solving



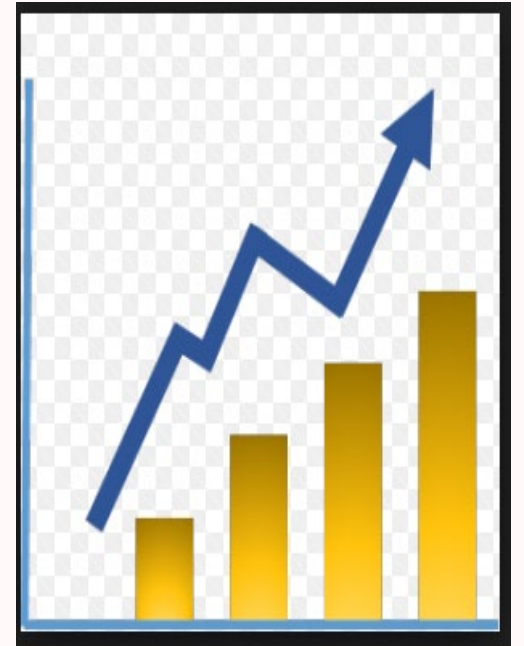
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(a) Show that $n^2 - n - 90 = 0$



Problem Solving



Half a GCSE practice paper

13 At the beginning of 2009, Mr Veale bought a company.

The value of the company was £50 000

Each year the value of the company increased by 2%.

(a) Calculate the value of the company at the beginning of 2017

Give your answer correct to the nearest £100

At the beginning of 2009 the value of a different company was £250 000

In 6 years the value of this company increased to £325 000

This is equivalent to an increase of $x\%$ each year.

(b) Find the value of x .

Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.

Problem Solving

- Practice Exams
- Mock exam period in October
- All students' performance will be monitored and given the appropriate intervention if needed.

Assessment

- Mathswatch Revision Timetable
- 1:1 Tutor
- Bespoke After School sessions

Intervention

- Exam papers starting this term
- If stuck on a question, watch the relevant video on mathswatch, then try the question again

Homework



- Complete each piece of homework
- Attend each intervention session offered
- Take ownership
- Revise topics they know they struggle with

The students should ...

- Vle.mathswatch.co.uk
- www.mathsbot.com
- Corbett Maths 5 a day

Revision

What else can you do?

- Calculator –
- Casio fx85 GT Plus or Casio fx991 ex classwis
 - Casio fx991 es (A Level)



Maths success

What students have covered today: Revising for Exams



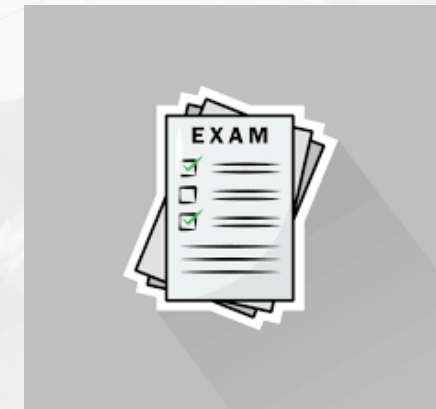
How to efficiently revise using flash cards and how to organise these to revisit key topics



How to use mind maps to review and organise information



An introduction to the Adapt App which organises revision and topic check lists



How to use past exam papers to check understanding and improve knowledge



Students have been taught how to RAG rate their revision topics and plot out a week of revision sessions as below:

Times	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Session 1 3.30-4.15	Geography Waterfalls	Science B1 - Genes	Maths Trigonometry - SOH	History American West Consequences	French Sport/ Vocab
Session 2 4.30-5.15	Maths Trigonometry	Geography Case Study 1	History American West Causes	French Travel/Vocab	Science B1 - Genes
Session 3 6.30 – 7.15	Geography Drainage Basins	Science C1 - Alkalines	Maths Trigonometry - SOH	History American West Causes	French Shopping Vocab
Session 4 7.30 – 8.15	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Science P1 - Forces

Times	Sat	Sun
Session 1 9 - 9.45	Maths	History
Session 2 10 – 10.45	Maths	History
Session 3 11 – 11.45	Science	English
Session 4 12 – 12.45	Science	English
Session 5 6 – 6.45	Maths	History
Session 6 7 – 7.45	Science	English
Session 7		
Session 8		

Weekly Revision Timetable

Each session should only be 45 minutes long with 15 minutes break

- Weekly review of revision timetable
- Monthly review of revision materials produced – revision cards, mind maps, and revision journeys. Information PP available on our website
- Review of type of revision – are students only trying to memorise material or are they using exam questions
- Front of fridge/In-tray idea – to avoid conflict between students and parents – revision materials timetables could be left in an agreed place (at an agreed time) for parents to check. This then takes the conversation element out of this process.
- Use of staff email – please contact us if you have any issues with individual subjects or any overall issues
- Use of Parent Guides (these PowerPoints) to be involved in student's work
- Little and often rewards – nightly treat, half-termly reward (day out)

Parent Tips

- Familiar pen/calculator
- In-tray (for students to leave their revision timetables/materials to review).
- Revision cards – allows students to have a different coloured revision card per subject.
- Revision card holder – students learnt how to produce flashcards today This is useful to collate their work.
- A3 paper – for mind maps (again techniques learnt by students today).

**Items that may be useful
during revision period**

- A dividing 'current' folder – keeps revision resources together
- Buy a pack of BIC black pens and 2/3 packs of cheap highlighters
- Get your parents to buy you a 'case' of cheap bottled water
- Decide if you like bananas
- If you don't eat breakfast, possibly start from about March/April. If not, try Belvita!
- Walking/running the night before exams (cold showers)
- Talk to your employers now...if you can't...we will!
- Pin your exam timetable up...and cross them off
- May half term – 2/3 days blocked out



Marginal Gains – Exam Technique



- Go to bed 30 mins earlier – that is 2.5 hours per week
- Minimise arguments with parents...buy a letter tray
- Stop drinking energy drinks
- Talk to your parents about your ‘incentives’
- Ask for a mentor...
- Exams only What’s App group
- Plan a day out the week you finish exams
- Check Bromcom first thing on Monday and last thing on Friday
- Carry your revision guides/revision cards with you as much as possible...revision opportunities!



Marginal Gains – Every Day



- Time with staff present
- Opportunity to ask questions
- Decisions around items to purchase – Revision Guides, Equipment, Rewards.
- Decisions around any family system
- Parent meetings* (Planned and Unplanned)
- Careers interviews
- Post-16 applications
- Sixth Form here - interview and final offer process
- Mock Exams (*start next week*)

What Next ?

Thank you so much for coming

