

# GCSE Raising Standards Evening

*“Everyone gets on well in this harmonious school”*



**Connect**

## Welcome



**Achieve**



*“The school is a hive of industrious learning”*

**Nurture**

# Meet the Senior Leadership Team!



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Raising Standards

# What does the two-year GCSE journey look like?



Year 10			Year 11		
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
New learning and assessment				*	Exams



November forecast grade	January mid-year 10 exams	End-of-year 10 exams	December year 11 mock exams	March year 11 mock exams	Final GCSE exams
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*\*Revision and final exam preparation.*

## How will I be assessed over the GCSE journey?



### Summative assessment

- End-of-topic tests.
- Calendared mock examinations.
- Designed to mimic the real thing.

### Formative assessment

- Targeted questioning.
- DNA marking feedback.
- Quizzes.
- Little but often exam-style questions.

## What are we doing in the classroom to support students?



- **Recall** starters or what we call 'do now'. These are MCQs, quizzes often linked to homework.
- **Scaffolding** learning – structures that support outcomes.
- **Chunked** learning – small bite size chunks of learning.
- **Modelling** – demonstrations and examples of exemplary work.
- **Questioning** – targeted to check for understanding.
- **Exam-style questions** – frequent exposure.

## How is P6 supporting students?



- Thank you – attendance has been extremely positive!
- P6 is compulsory, it is part of the GCSE school day.
- P6 is NOT ‘another lesson’ in the school day.
- P6 is focused on retrieval – revisiting prior learning – triggering short-, medium- and long-term memory recall.

## How much homework should students be doing?



- 60-minutes per week for Core (English, Maths and Science).
- 60-minutes per fortnight for all other subjects.
- Most homework will be recall learning.
- Revision guides and exercise books are integral.
- Tassomai is platform some subjects use for quizzing.

How can I (the student) realise my potential?



- **High expectations** of myself – be the best version of yourself.
- **Positive attitude to learning** – be prepared to work hard.
- **Punctuality and attendance** – be present!  
26-hours of learning a week.
- **Homework** – it is there to help retention.

### Target grades

- Target grades are a minimum of what you are expected to achieve.
- They are there to be beaten!
- Competition for college places and apprenticeships is fierce.
- The more successful you are the better your chances for your next steps!



## How can parents support at home?



- Supporting materials such as revision guides.
- Essential stationery.
- Calm and purposeful environment to study.
- Keeping learning materials safe.
- Regular (relaxed) conversations.
- Class Charts to monitor behaviour and support with homework.
- Timed revision sessions – maximum 40-minutes bursts work well.

## What is the best way to revise and prepare for exams?

- 40-minute chunks.
- Revision schedule.
- Identify which strategy works best for what you are doing.

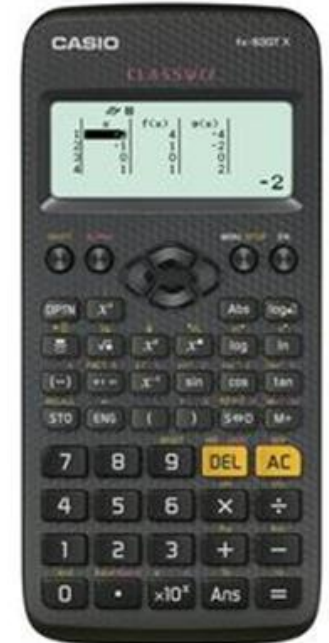
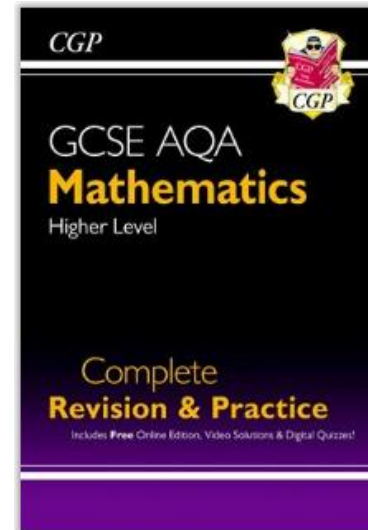


# Maths (AQA)

Subject Leader: Miss K Walls

- Three exam papers (1 hour 30-minutes each).
- Paper 1 is a non-calculator paper.
- Papers 2 and 3 are calculator papers.
- Two tiers of entry: foundation paper grades 1-5, higher paper grades 4-9.
- Strands of maths assessed: **number, algebra, ratio, geometry, probability and statistics.**

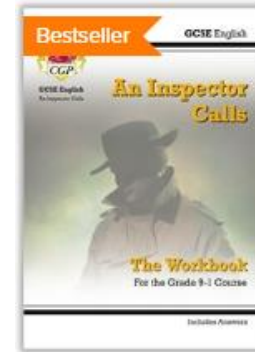
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revision  
guide and  
calculator.



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English

Subject Leader: Mrs E Fitzgerald

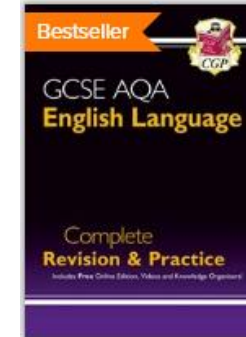
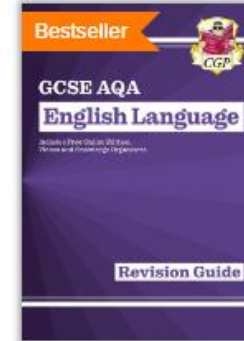
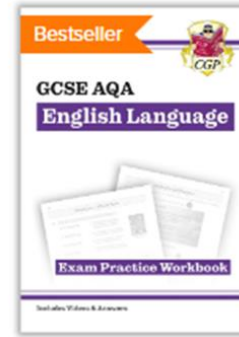


## English Literature:

- Two exam papers – Paper 1 is 1 hour 45-minutes and Paper 2 is 2 hours 15-minutes – no tiers.
- Paper 1 is worth 40% and Paper 2 is worth 60%.
- Paper 1 content is Section A Shakespeare (**Macbeth**) and Section B is 19th Century Text (**Jekyll and Hyde** or **A Christmas Carol**)
- Paper 2 is Section A Modern Text (**An Inspector Calls**), Section B Poetry (Conflict Cluster) and Section C Unseen Poetry.

# English

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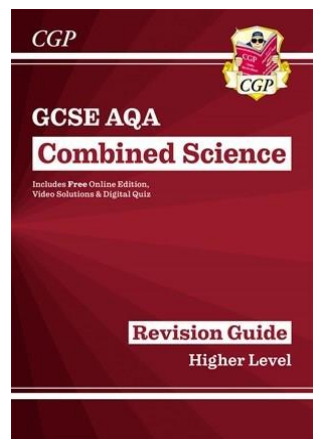


## English Language:

- Two exam papers both 1 hour 45 minutes each and both worth 50% of the overall grade.
- No tiers – questions progressively get more difficult with higher mark questions towards the back of the paper.
- On both papers Section A is reading tasks (4 questions) and Section B is a writing task.
- Paper 1 is Fiction (1 extract) and Paper 2 is Non-Fiction (2 extracts).
- Speaking and Listening component of the course is completed in the Autumn Term in class.

# Science

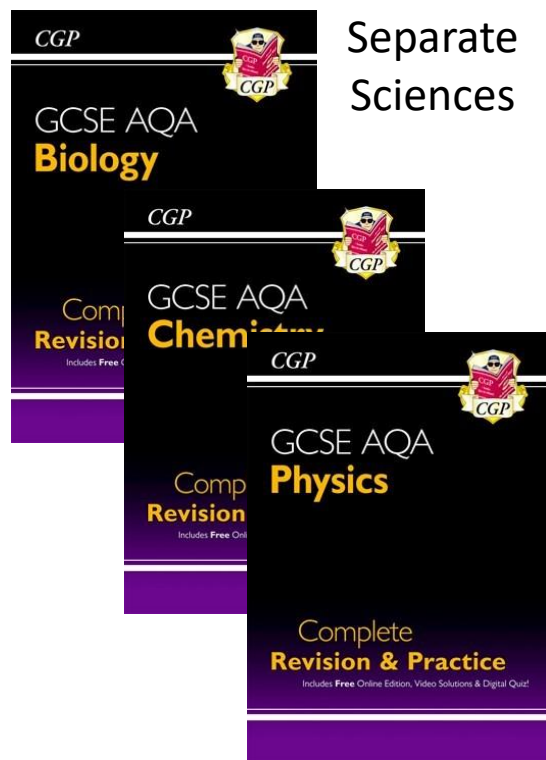
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Combined Science



Students must have a calculator in all 6 papers. Casio Fx-83GTX (same as maths).



Separate  
Sciences

## AQA Separate Sciences

X1

Foundation – Grades 1-5

Higher – Grades 5-9

### **Biology**

Paper 1 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

Paper 2 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

### **Chemistry**

Paper 1 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

Paper 2 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

### **Physics**

Paper 1 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

Paper 2 - 1h45m (50% of GCSE)

## AQA Combined Science

### Trilogy

X2, X3

Y1, Y2, Y3

Foundation – Grades 1/1-5/5

Higher – Grades 5/5-9/9

### **Biology**

Paper 1 - 1h15m

Paper 2 - 1h15m

### **Chemistry**

Paper 1 - 1h15m

Paper 2 - 1h15m

### **Physics**

Paper 1 - 1h15m

Paper 2 - 1h15m

Each paper is 16.67% of final GCSE grade.

Subject	Exam board/Specification	Teacher
Art	OCR	Mrs W Hunt
Computer Science	OCR	Mr D Woolard Kingston
Design Technology	Edexcel Pearson	Miss S Teasdale
English	AQA	Mrs E Fitzgerald
Food and Nutrition	OCR	Miss D Marshall
Geography	AQA (Y11) Pearson B (Y10)	Mr B Thompson
History	AQA (Y11) Pearson B (Y10)	Miss E Saunders
Maths	AQA	Miss K Walls
Media	BTEC	Miss S Mchugh
MFL – French	Edexcel Pearson	Ms P Grice
Music	BTEC	Mr G Wilson
PE	BTEC	Mr J Herbert
Performing Arts	BTEC	Miss L Simons
Religious Studies	AQA	Mr P Cloves
Science	AQA	Mrs A Bedford
Sports Studies	OCR	Mr J Herbert



Any revision guides issued to pupils are to be returned after your final exams.

Any revision workbooks issued are yours to keep.





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