

# Year 11 GCSE Information

*“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!



Mr Bagshaw

Head of  
School



Mr Gibbons

Deputy  
Headteacher



Mrs Nunn

Assistant  
Headteacher –  
Inclusion and  
Vulnerable  
Care



Mr Thompson

Assistant  
Headteacher –  
Curriculum



Mr Goude

Assistant  
Headteacher –  
Raising Standards



4s open doors...  
5s will open many more...

## Key dates

- Year 11 parents evening – 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- Mock examinations – 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- GCSE exams – 12<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June (including **contingency day**).



## 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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## How is P6 supporting students?



- You are the first year group that will benefit from a two-year-cycle.
- 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 (**knowledge**) – triggering short-, medium- and long-term memory **recall** – **practice** through exam-style questions.

## 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!  
26.5-hours of learning a week.
- **Homework** – it is there to help retention.

### Target grades

- Minimum and end-of-KS4 target grades.
- 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 **stationary**.
- Calm and **purposeful** environment to study.
- Keeping **learning materials** safe – exercise books.
- Regular (relaxed) **conversations**.
- **Class Charts** to monitor behaviour and support with homework.
- Timed revision sessions – maximum **3 x 20-minutes** bursts work well.

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



- 3 x 20-minute chunks.
- Revision schedule.
- Identify which **strategy** works best for what you are doing.

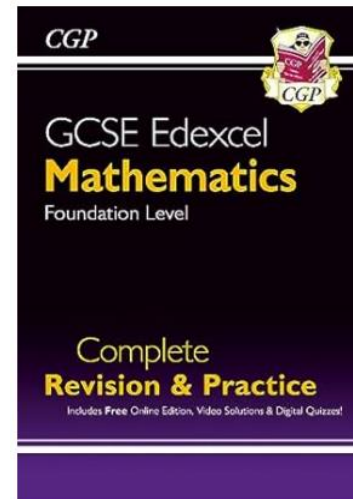
# Maths (Edexcel Pearson)

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.**



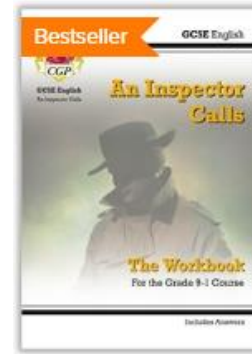
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revision  
guide and  
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English

Subject Leader: Mr L Groom

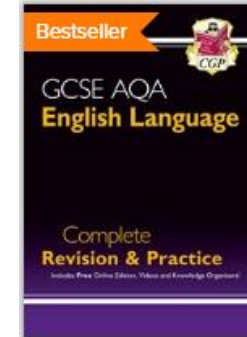
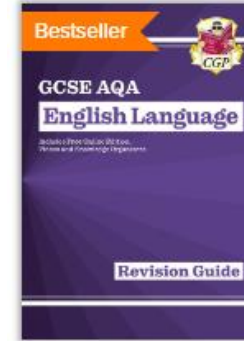
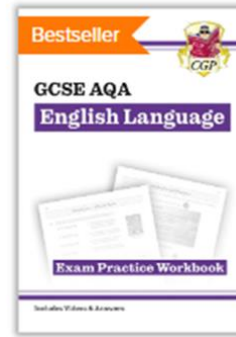


## English Literature:

- 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 (**A Christmas Carol**)
- Paper 2 is Section A Modern Text (**An Inspector Calls**), Section B Poetry (Conflict Cluster) and Section C Unseen Poetry.

# English

Subject Leader: Mr L Groom



## 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.

English

Subject Leader: Mr L Groom

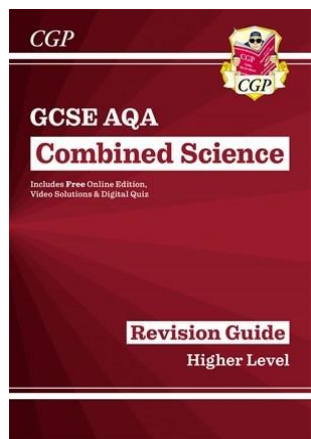


## How to improve your English grades:

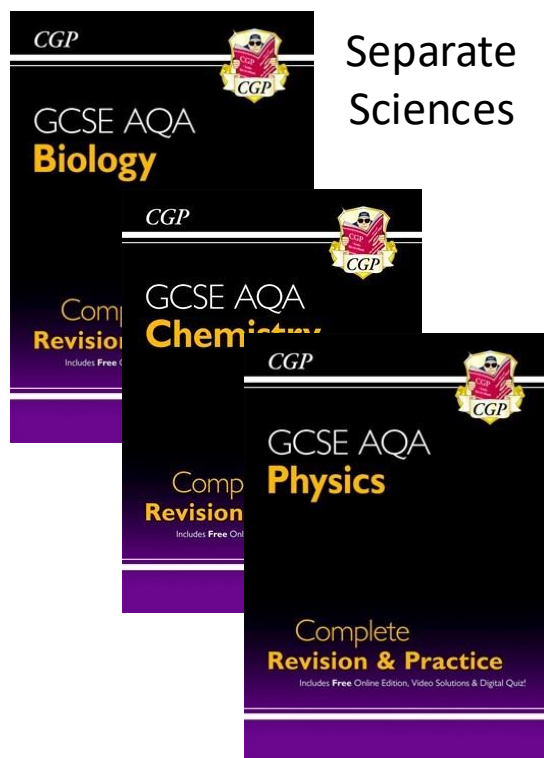
- Make sure you know what you will be marked on (Assessment Objectives).
- Use your study guides and other resources (CGP, GCSE Bitesize, Mr Bruff).
- Organise your notes/create flashcards (especially for Literature).
- Re-read the texts (key chapters, scenes) – engage with reading in class.
- Discuss your ideas with a parent or peer.
- Practice past papers (complete under exam conditions – timing is key!)
- Use your PLCs and assessment feedback to work on your 'next steps'.
- Don't leave it too late! Give every ounce of effort in lessons now, complete all tasks, homework etc.

# Science

Subject Leader: Mrs A Bedford



Combined Science



Separate  
Sciences



Students must have a calculator in all 6 papers.  
Available to purchase on wisepay

## 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

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 C Warren
Computer Science	OCR	Mr R Allington
Design Technology	Edexcel Pearson	Miss S Teasdale
English	AQA	Mr L Groom
Food and Nutrition	OCR	Miss D Marshall
Geography	Edexcel Pearson B	Miss E Saunders
History	Edexcel Pearson	Mr S Tate
Maths	Edexcel	Miss K Walls
Media	BTEC	Miss S Mchugh
MFL – French	Edexcel Pearson	Ms P Grice
Music	BTEC	Mr G Wilson
Performing Arts	BTEC	Miss L Simons
Religious Studies	AQA	Mr P Cloves
Science	AQA	Mrs A Bedford
Sports Studies	Cambridge Nationals	Mr J Herbert







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WE HAVE A BROAD AND RICH CURRICULUM THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY, CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT INCLUDING A FOCUS ON DEVELOPING STRONG SKILLS IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY

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