

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

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### Correspondence Letter to schools and colleges September 2023

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**Grading for GCSEs** 

The <u>2-year transition to pre-pandemic grading</u> is now complete. Normal grading arrangements will continue for GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2024.

Ofqual expects national results in 2024 to be broadly similar to this year.

#### 20% 17.4% 16.6% 16% 15.6% 14.9% 14.7% 15% 14% 13% Percentage of entries 10.9% 9.6% 10% 9.3% 8.5% 8.5% 7.1% 6.6% 4.9% 4.9% 5% 4% 1.6% 2% 0% 9 8 7 6 5 4 З 2 U 1

### Percentage of GCSE entries in England in 2022 and 2023, by grade level

2022 🔵 2023

#### Source Joint Council for Qualifications © Statista 2023

Additional Information:

United Kingdom (England); Joint Council for Qualifications; 2022-2023



### Exams are marked

### Grade boundaries are decided



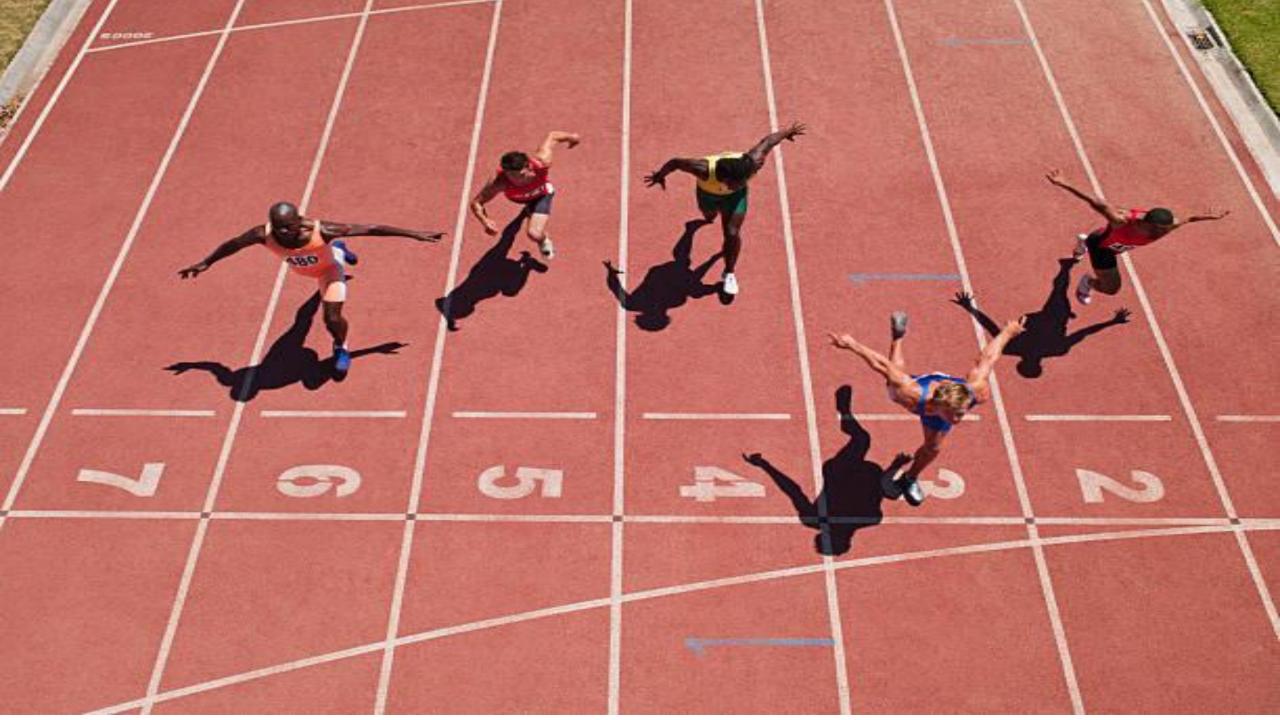














### 2022 Progress 8 -0.23













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### 2022 Progress 8 -0.23

### 2023 Progress 8 0.09















### 2022 Progress 8 -0.23

2023 Progress 8 0.09

2024 Progress 8 ......













## Ensuring a successful Year 11

### The Year Ahead

Week	Event
1	INSET DAY
	exams made easy training
2	
3	
4	Challenge day
5	GCSE revision and exam prep
	evening
6	First report to parents
7	WORK EXPERIENCE
8	Manchester Uni trip
9	HALF TERM
10	INSET DAY
11	Challenge Day
12	Music Practicals
13	Mock exams
14	Mock exams
15	Mock exams
16	INSET DAY
17	CHRISTMAS HOLS
18	CHRISTMAS HOLS

Mock results day Parents evening	32	Speaking exam window opens
	33	
	34	
Challenge Day	35	
HALF TERM	36	Bank Holiday Written exams begin
	37	Written exams
Challenge Day	38	Written exams
Music Practical	39	HALF TERM
	40	Written exams
EASTER HOLIDAY	41	Written exams
EASTER HOLIDAY	42	Written exams

### There are 30 weeks until the FINAL EXAMS start.

6 Weeks of Holiday 1 Week of Work Experience

3 Weeks of Mock Exams

So 20 weeks in Normal lessons

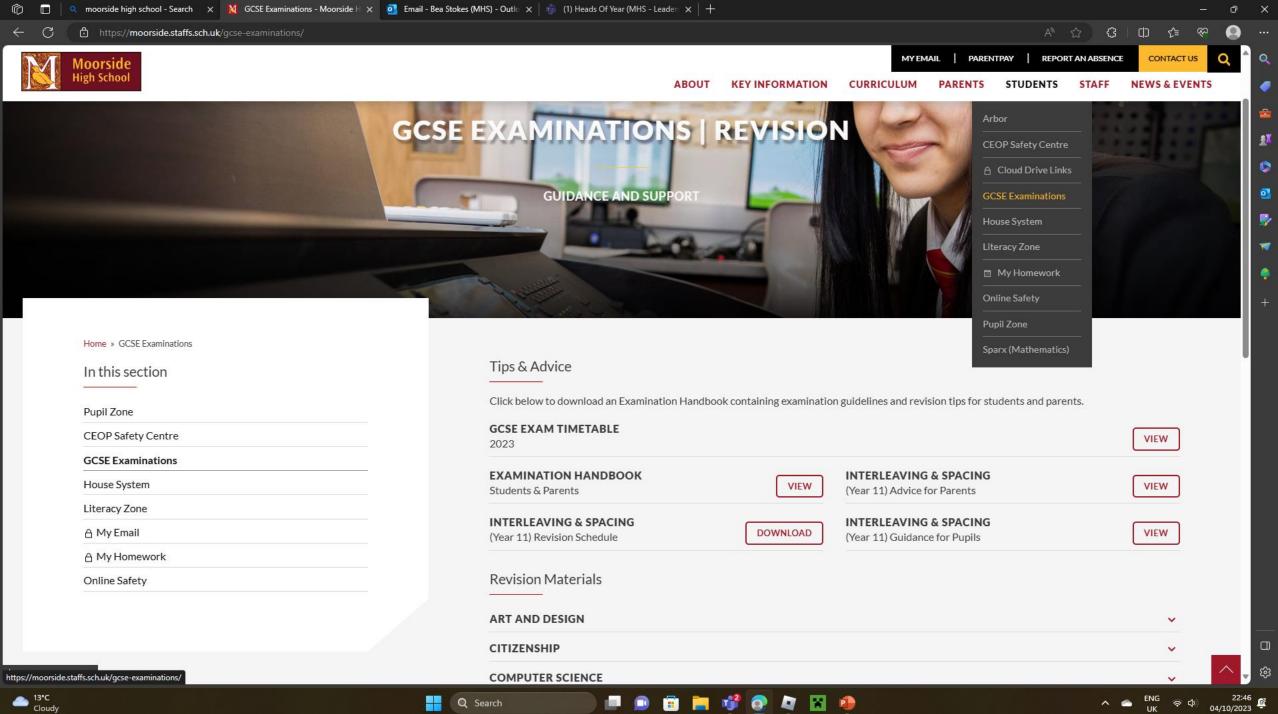
Except....

5 Days of Inset or Pupil Personal Development days

### So we have 19 weeks of curriculum time 96 DAYS

### Pupil voice

- IT4 is open for personal study every lunchtime
- Science 6 is open for personal study from 12:45 and is resourced with revision materials and will be staffed by different departments on given days.
- We are organising revision masterclasses led by Stoke Sixth Form and AIM HIGHER.
- All lessons will contain at least 1 exam question to ensure pupils are familiar with the language used and skills needed
- All departments are now setting at least one homework a week on older topics to support revision
- We will also be using some class time to write revision cards at the end of our current units of work.
- Every student in year 11 always gets at least 1 careers appointment with our in house Level 5 careers advisor
- The school website has a dedicated revision area which contains the crucial subject checklists
- Students that are in need of a mentor or have requested one are being allocated for extra support and advice
- Mental Health support is now available 3 days a week in school as well as specific Year 11 drop in sessions during a lunch break



### Study skills session (Year 11 Day)

- MADE education
- Memory techniques
- Revision planning
- Mind Maps
- Visualising success
- Revision cards 2 styles
- Compressed notes
- Question and Answer

### Study skills session - GCSE MINDSET SESSIONS



### **Motivation**

What do they want to achieve

What is thier reward

What is likely to distract them / how to avoid distractions



### Organisation

Organising their time

Deciding what they need to revise

Prioritising their weaker areas



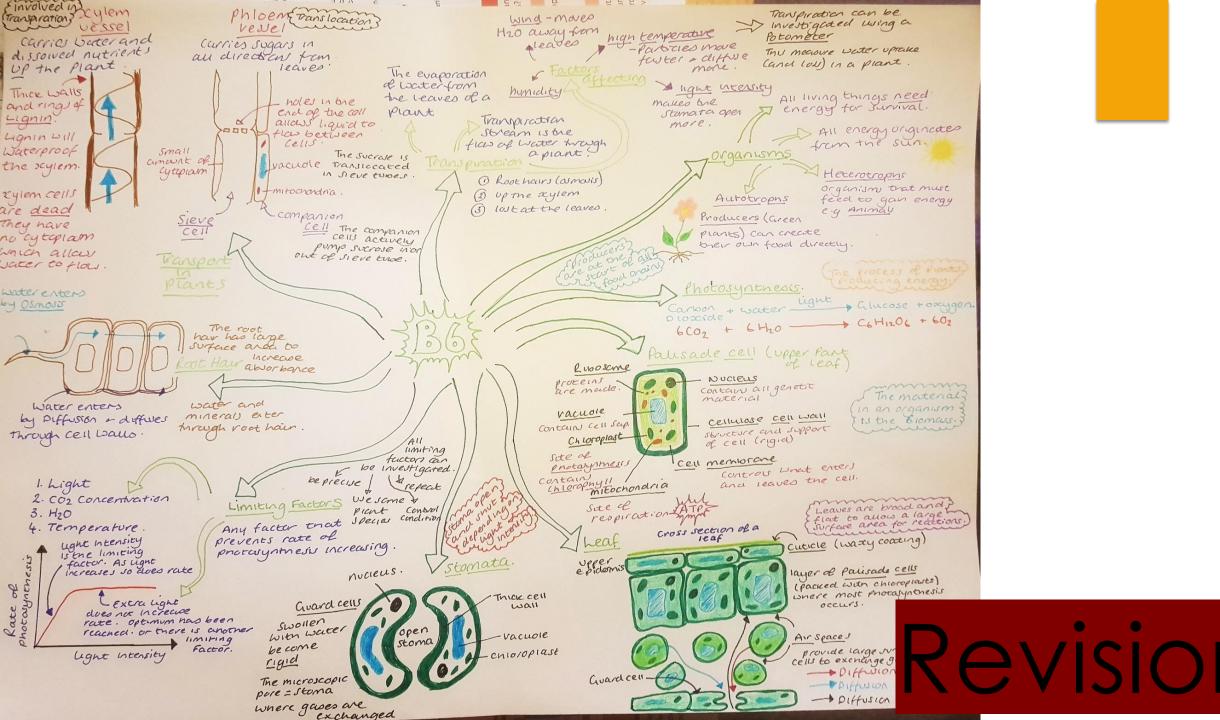
Revision

Strategies

Coping with a disappointing assessment result

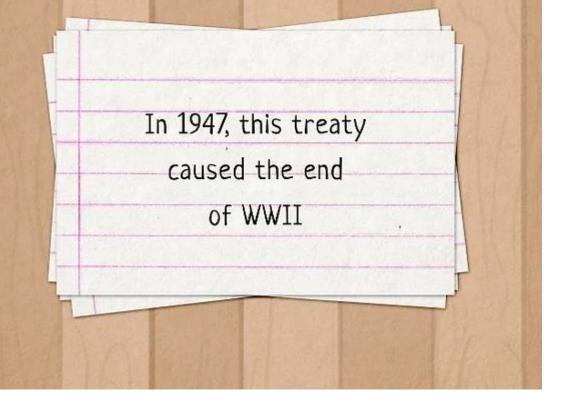
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YEAR 11- 1ST TERM



### 2 types of revision cards

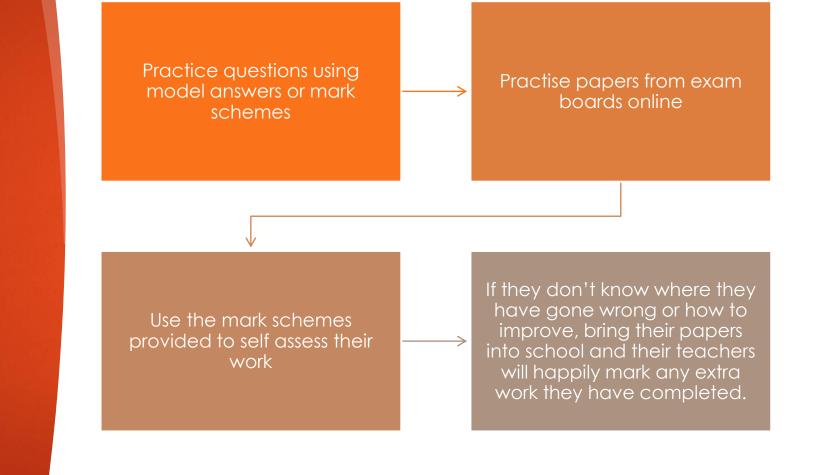




## Phase 2- making connections/ using information

YEAR 11- 2<sup>ND</sup> TERM OR EARLIER IF READY

### How to use the information you have gathered





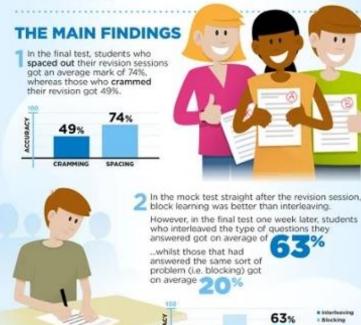
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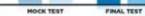
### THE ONE ABOUT SPACING AND INTERLEAVING

### THE STUDY

How much impact does the order or type of questions that students answer have on how well they learn the material, and then on their ability to remember the answers later? Is spacing, which is doing little and often, better than cramming? Does interleaving, which is mixing up the type of problems, help more than blocking?

In the first study, researchers explored the difference between spacing out maths revision sessions over the course of a week compared to doing them all in one sitting. In their second study they also measured the impact of working on the same sort of maths problems for the whole session against mixing up the type of questions the students had to answer.





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<u>Interleaving</u> <u>and spacing</u>

The MOST EFFECTIVE way to revise!!

### Spacing and Interleaving create a desirable difficulty

Interleaving is when you mix up the subjects/units rather than blocking a single subject/unit. **Long-term retention** and the ability to apply your knowledge improves.

Interleaving forces your brain to continually retrieve because each subject/unit is different from the last. Challenging your brain with different subjects/units will

strengthen your memory.

The **spacing** effect boosts memory as the revision of material is more effective if spread out and revisited regularly over time.

To **revise successfully** you should interleave and space different subject content throughout each study session, within the same week and across subsequent weeks.

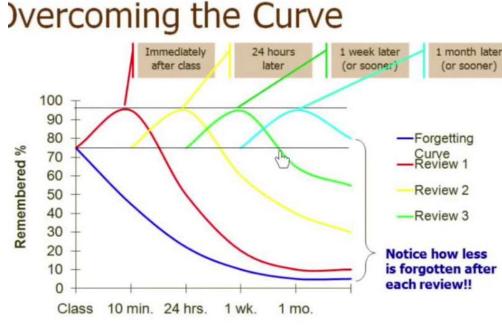








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- 1. By regularly revisiting the same content (spacing)
- 2. By mixing up (interleaving) your revision topics
- 3. By testing yourself





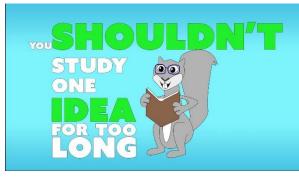


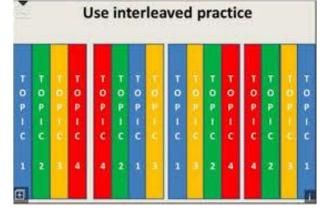




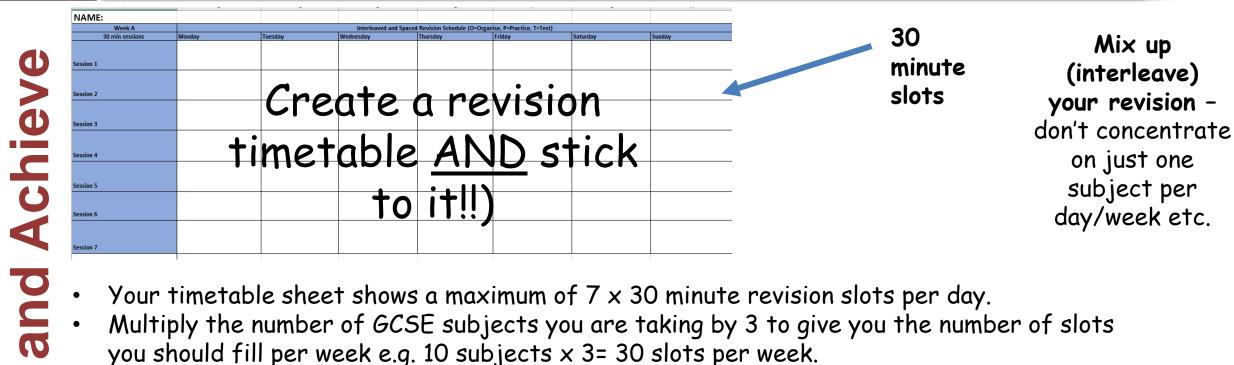


How can I improve my memory?









- Your timetable sheet shows a maximum of  $7 \times 30$  minute revision slots per day.
- Multiply the number of GCSE subjects you are taking by 3 to give you the number of slots you should fill per week e.g. 10 subjects x 3= 30 slots per week.
- On a typical school day you should fill 4 x 30 min slots and at the weekend 7 x 30 min slots Engage per day (up to 34 slots per week available)
  - Each subject should appear on your timetable 3 times per week.
    - To maximise your time use travel time, form time, lunch etc. for revision as well.

Use your time wisely!















### SPACING

### Each of your 3 subject sessions per week should have a different focus... <u>OPT: ORGANISE - PRACTISE - TEST</u>

### 1<sup>st</sup> session on a subject

• **ORGANISE** = 30 minutes for you to get your resources together -the revision guide, exercise books, resources from the teacher, paper, post-its, flash cards, pens, a folder and past papers/questions for the testing session. Give everything a read through, highlight key things/use post-its/ flash cards and re-familiarise yourself with the unit.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> weekly session on a subject

 PRACTISE = 30 minutes for you to revise the subject/unit. Make the process active by creating flash cards, mind maps, Cornell Notes or any other memory techniques.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> weekly session on a subject

**TESTING** = 30 minutes for you to test what you are now able to successfully retrieve. Use a recognised testing method like answering questions verbally to a parents, answering practise questions and doing past papers. Finish by self-marking by using the revision, model answers and mark schemes. Make sure you brief your teacher on your progress.















### Always doing a mixture of subjects on any one day (interleaving) MOORSIDE High School

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NAME:							
Week A		Interlevend and Speced Reviring Schedule (0-Organize, P-Practice, T-Tert)					
38 min sessions	Handay	Tuerday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Serrine 1	Chemistry (O)	ICT (O)	RE (O)	ICT (P)	German (T)	Chemistry (T)	RE(T)
Serries 2	Maths (O)	Eng Lang (O)	Biology (O)	Maths (P)	Eng Lang (P)	History (T)	Physics (T)
Service 3	History (O)	Music (O)	History (P)	German (P)	Music (P)	Eng Lang (P)	Biology (T)
Servine 4	German (O)	Physics (O)	Eng Lit (J)	Epr. Lit (P)	Chemistry (P)		Music(T)
Serrine 5						Biology (P)	Maths (T)
Sazzina 6	Differer		for eac	h of th	e 3	Physics (T)	ICT (T)
Servine 7	sessions	(OPT)				Eng Lit (T)	Chemistry (T
WEEK B		lata	riagrad and Spaced Ba	vicius Schedule (0-0	rganiro, P-Practico, T-	Tart)	
30 sessions	Handay	Tuerday	Wadnarday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Service 1	Maths (O)	Eng Lit(O)	Chemistry (P)	Physics (P)	Biology (P)	ICT(T)	Maths (T)
Service 2	Chemistry (O)	Physics (O)	Biology (O)	Eng Lit(P)	Music (P)	German (T)	RE(T)
Serrine 3	Eng Lang(O)	Music (O)	Eng Lang(P)	History (P)	Er_ Lang (T)	Chemistry (T)	Physics (T)
Sezzina 4	History (O)	German (O)	ICT(P)	RE(O)	German (P)	Eng Lit (T)	Biology (T)
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Sarrinn 6						RE (P)	
Sezzina 7	<b>Space</b>	d throu	ghout 1	the we	ek		

Done more sessions in the week so less to do at the weekend















Personalise your timetable to suit yourself. You could Add times to your timetable (see below)

NAME:							
Week A	Interleaved and Spaced Revision Schedule (O=Organise, P=Practice, T=Test)						
WEEKDAY 30 min sessions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 - 8.30	Chemistry (O)	ICT (O)			German (T)	Chemistry (T)	RE(T)
12.15 - 12.30	Maths (O)	Eng Lang (O)		Maths (P)	Eng Lang (P)	History (T)	Physics (T)
4- 4.30			History (P)		Music (P)	Eng Lang (P)	Biology (T)
4.45 - 5.15	History (O)		Eng Lit (O)	Eng Lit (P)	Chemistry (P)	RE (P)	Music(T)
6.30 - 7		Music (O)	RE (O)	German (P)		Biology (P)	Maths (T)
7.15 - 7.45	German (O)	Physics (O)	Biology (O)			Physics (T)	ІСТ (Т)
8 - 8.30				ICT (P)		Eng Lit (T)	Chemistry ( <sup>-</sup>

Do more revision on weekdays to avoid filling your weekends Give yourself some nights off (but transfer the sessions to other days)

As long as you fill the slots your need (no. of GCSEs  $\times 3$  = slots needed per week) then your can make the timetable fit your preferences.







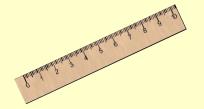






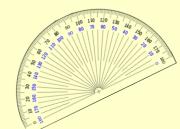






## GCSE Maths

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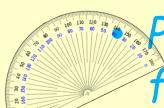
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## Mock Examinations

- Pupils will be taking 3 papers
  - Paper 1 is non-calculator
  - Papers 2 & 3 are calculator tests
  - There are 2 tiers of entry



• Pupils will not be provided with a formula sheet this year



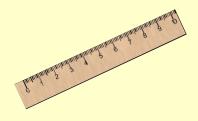
















## **Revision Techniques**

- Make revision cards that contain key facts
  - Make revision cards that contain a question on one side with a worked solution on the reverse













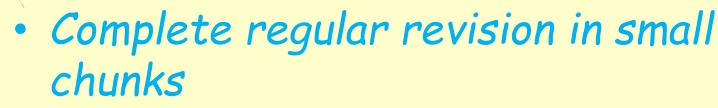


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- Ask the class teacher
- Use the revision list that students
- have been provided with

Refer to old green sheets to identify areas of weakness











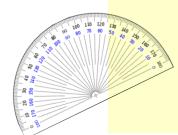








- Use revision guides and workbooks to support revision
- Use online resources to support revision as well



















## Corbettmaths.com

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Worksbeets



Corbettmaths Revision Cards Designed for the new 9-1 GCSE GCSE Higher or GCSE Foundation



Practice Papers















Algebra: changing the subject <u>Video 7</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook Exercise</u>

Algebra: changing the subject advanced <u>Video 8</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook</u> <u>Exercise</u>

Algebra: collecting like terms <u>Video 9</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook Exercise</u>

Algebra: completing the square <u>Video 10</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook</u> <u>Exercise</u>

Algebra: dividing terms <u>Video 11</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook Exercise</u>

Algebra: equation of a circle <u>Video 12</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook Exercise</u>

Algebra: expanding brackets <u>Video 13</u> <u>Practice Questions</u> <u>Textbook Exercise</u>

 Algebra: expanding two brackets
 <u>Video 14</u>
 <u>Practice Questions</u>
 <u>Textbook</u>

 <u>Exercise</u>













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### Grade 5

Videos	Exam Questions	Exam Questions Booklet	Solutions
Writing a Ratio as a Fraction or Linear Function	Exam Questions Exam Questions	Ratio Fraction Problems Ratio Problems 2	<u>Solutions</u> Solutions
Direct and Inverse Proportion	Exam Questions	Direct and Inverse Proportion	Solutions
Reverse Percentages	Exam Questions	Reverse Percentages	<u>Solutions</u>
Standard Form	Exam Questions	Standard Form	Solutions
Speed and Density	Exam Questions	Compound Measures	Solutions
Changing the Subject of a Formula	Exam Questions	Changing the Subject of a Formula	Solutions
Expanding and Factorising Quadratics	Exam Questions	Expanding and Factorising Quadratics	Solutions
Solving Quadratics	Exam Questions	Solving Quadratics	<u>Solutions</u>
Drawing Quadratic Graphs		Quadratic Graphs	Solutions
Drawing Other Graphs: Cubic/Reciprocal		Cubic/Reciprocal Graphs	<u>Solutions</u>
Simultaneous Equations	Exam Questions	Simultaneous Equations	Solutions
Solving Simultaneous Equations Graphically	Exam Questions	Solving Simultaneous Equations Graphically	<u>Solutions</u>















### Edexcel GCSE Exam Papers

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For GCSE Maths I am using the Casio Scientific Calculator: Casio Scientific Calculator

### Foundation GCSE Exam Papers

Paper	Answers
<u>2020 Paper 1</u>	MS Ans
<u>2020 Paper 2</u>	MS Ans
<u>2020 Paper 3</u>	MS Ans
November 2019 Paper 1	MS Ans
November 2019 Paper 2	MS Ans
November 2019 Paper 3	MS Ans
June 2019 Paper 1	MS Ans
June 2019 Paper 2	MS Ans
June 2019 Paper 3	MS Ans
November 2018 Paper 1	MS Ans











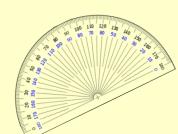








- Each student was given an analysis of their performance on this assessment.
  - Use this analysis to guide revision



















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	Questions	Торіс	5	Scor	re	Sparx Code
	1a	Interpreting scatter graphs	1	1	1	U277
	1b	Interpreting scatter graphs	1	1	1	U277
	1c	Interpreting scatter graph, Presenting data and making conclusions	1	1	1	U277,U571
	2	Expanding single brackets	1	1	2	U179
	3	Finding the area of trapeziums, Finding the area of triangles	1	1	2	U265,U945
	4	Tree diagrams for independent events	0	1	2	U558
	5a	Finding unknown angles in right-angled triangles	2	1	2	U545
	5b	Finding unknown angles in right-angled triangles	1	1	1	U545
	6a	Probabilities of mutually exclusive events	4	1	4	U683
	6b	Writing probabilities as fractions, decimals and percentages	0	1	1	U510
	7	Solving equations with the variable on both sides	0	1	3	U870
	8	Angles in polygons	3	1	5	U427
	9a	Standard form with a calculator	0	1	2	U161
	9b	Percentage change with a calculator	0	1	2	U671
	10	Finding the lowest common multiple	1	1	3	U751
	11	Finding original values in percentage calculations	1	1	3	U286
	12a	Finding equations of linear real-life graphs	1	1	2	U862
	12b	Finding equations of linear real-life graphs	1	1	1	U862
	12c	Finding equations of linear real-life graphs	1	1	1	U862
	13	Finding the surface area and volume of similar shapes	1	1	3	U110
	14	Using the product rule for counting	1	1	2	U369
	15a	Estimating areas under non-linear graphs	0	1	3	U882
	15b	Estimating areas under non-linear graphs	0	1	1	U882
	16a	Quadratic sequences, Simultaneous equations involving quadratics	2	1	4	U206,U547
	16b	Position-to-term rules for quadratic sequences	1	1	2	U206
	17	The sine rule, The cosine rule	0	1	5	U952,U591
	18a	Substituting, Finding approximate solutions to equations using iteration	0	1	2	U585,U168
	18b	Finding approximate solutions to equations using iteration	0	1	1	U168
	18c	Finding approximate solutions to equations using iteration	0	1	3	U168
17	19	Understanding sin, cos and tan, Solving quadratic equations	1	1	5	U605,U960,U665
	20	Venn diagrams	1	1	5	U476
	21a	Geometric proofs with congruence and similarity	1	1	3	U887
- 1	21b	Geometric proofs with congruence and similarity	0	1	2	U887
- 1		Total	28	1	80	









### Sparx

- This has currently been reduced down to a 30 minute homework to allow students time to also complete revision based tasks
  - Independent learning

















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Sparx Maths			10170 XP 📃 🗘 🚍
Compulsory	Hey This is your personalised Compulsory homework. You need to answer every question correctly to complete it	1/2	
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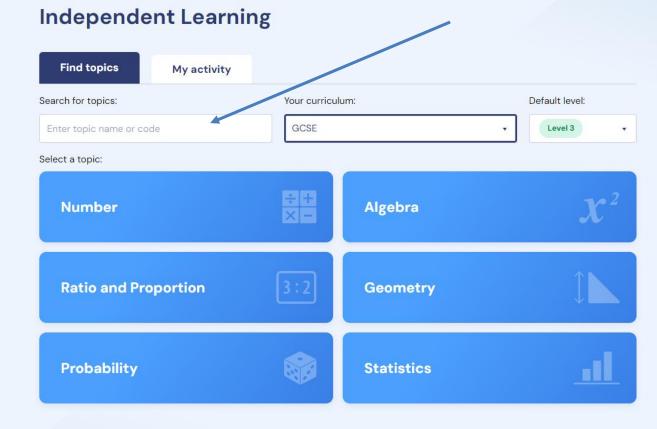
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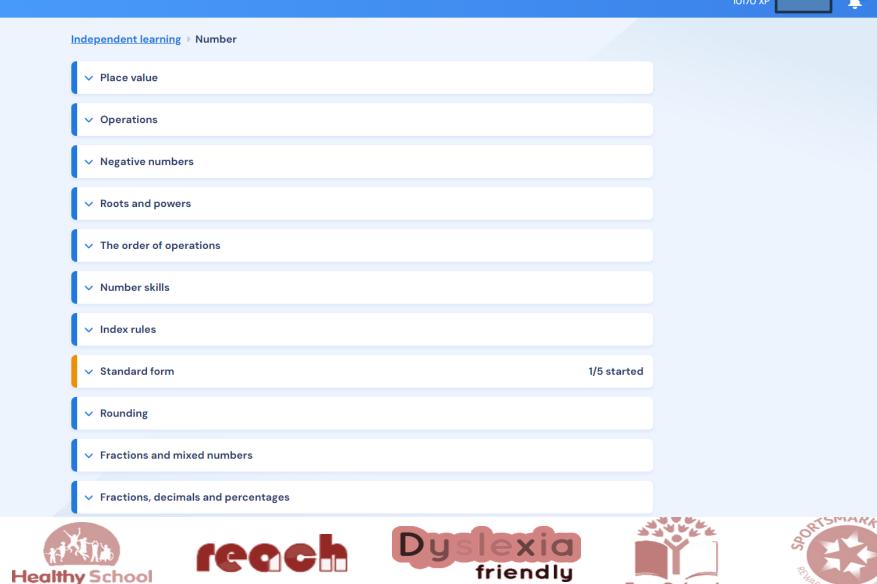


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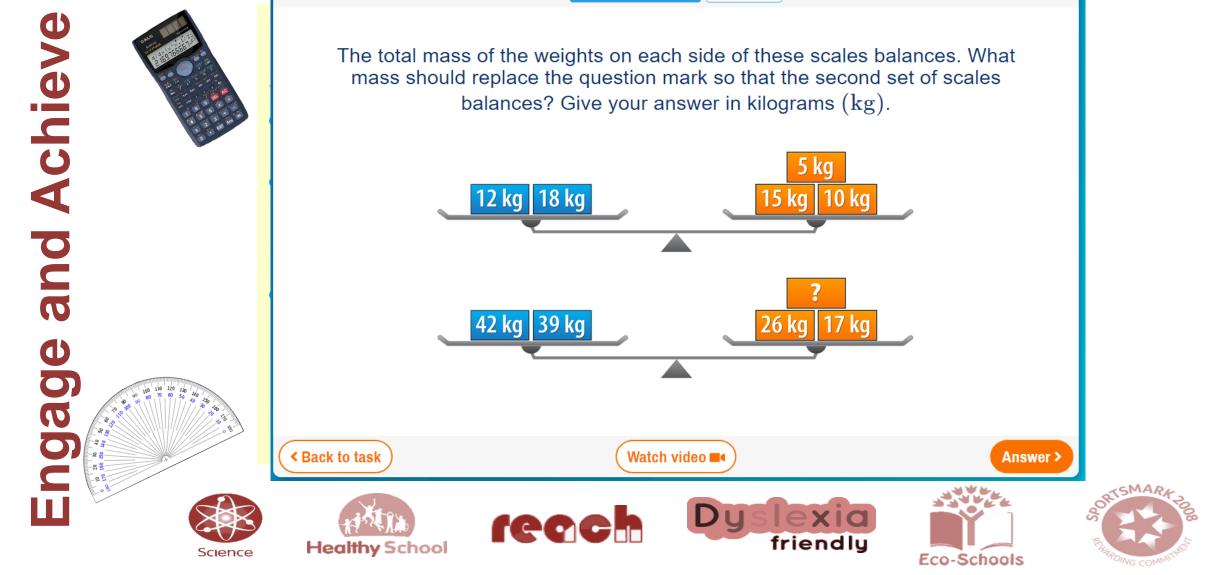


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#### Independent Learning

















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# English exams

**English Literature** 

Monday 13th May 2 hours

- Shakespeare Macbeth
- Poetry Anthology

Monday 20th May 2 hours & 30 mins

- An Inspector Calls
- A Christmas Carol
- Un-seen poetry













English Language

- Thursday 23rd May 1 hour & 45 mins
- Fiction Reading
- Fiction Writing

Thursday 6th June 2 hours

- Non-fiction Reading
- Transactional Writing



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## Mock exams

#### English Literature

#### **Component 2** 2 hours and 30 minutes

- An Inspector Calls
- A Christmas Carol
- Unseen poetry

#### English Language

**Component 1** 1 hour and 45 minutes

Fiction ReadingFiction Writing















How do I pass literature?

#### Know your stuff:

- 1. Re-read the texts know the plot, what happens when, how it links to the next part. English is tricky, if you haven't revised enough about the character, theme or poem that is on the paper you can't just turn to the next question!
- 2. An examiner wants to know that you know the text inside out, that you've spent time remembering what happens.
- 3. Then from that they want to know that you know WHY the text has been written in that way, why a character has been presented in that light, how that theme links to the plot.















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How do I pass language?

#### Know your stuff:

- 1. Have you got an idea for a story does it make sense, who are your characters?
- 2. Do you know how to write a letter, an article, etc?
- 3. Stick to timings don't spend longer, or shorter, on homework tasks, spend the time the teacher has said, then you're training yourself for the exam.
- 4. Write, write and write some more you need to earn your grade.
- 5. Work through practice papers and work-books















#### How to revise - advice to students and parents

- Choose your topic use the checklist to guide you
- Read through your notes
- Highlight key points
- Using the prompt questions, create a mind map or a flashcard
- Learn it look, cover, recall
- Use revision websites the links are on our main website
- Ask someone to test you what can you remember? Tell them the story.
- Use the checklist to record what you have done
- Know what the papers are asking















## GCSE Science AQA

#### How can parents support their child in Science?















#### AQA combined Science Trilogy AQA triple Science (Set 1 and 2)

- Biology
- Paper 1 B1-4
- Paper 2 B5-7

- Chemistry
- Paper 1 C1-5
- Paper 2 C6-10

- Physics
- Paper 1 P1-4
- Paper 2 P5-7 (triple science P8)

• Tier of entry















#### Revision techniques.

#### Knowledge and application

- Produce mind maps
- Revision postcards
- Unit placemats
- SPARX set weekly

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- Use revision guides and workbooks (You may have already bought these in Year 10).
- Green Feedback sheets to assessments indicate areas of weakness that need to be addressed.

What is a eukaryotic cell?	What is a prokaryotic cell?	Label the bacterial cell	State what happens in the different stages of the cell cycle State 1 -	Topic 1 Cell Biology
pel tranim cel	Describe the function of each of these organelles	- Green	Stage 2 -	
	Nucleus		Stage 3 -	
	Cytoplasm			
	Cell membrane	Give one way in which each of the following cells is adapted to its job:	Why is mitosis important?	
	Mitochondria	Nerve cell - Muscle cell -	Define the following terms:	How many micrometres
Label the plant cell	Ribosomes	Sperm cell -	Chromosome -	are in 1mm?
	Cell wall	Root hair cell -	DNA -	What is the symbol for
	Chioroplasts	Xylem cell -		micrometres?
	Vacuole	Phioem cell -	What is the equation for magnification?	
	Highlight the organelles only found in plants green	What 3 factors affect the rate of diffusion:		
What is the equation for respiration?	Define diffusion:		Calculate the magnification of the cheek cell.	<ul> <li>✓A∗M+</li> </ul>
What is the equation for photosynthesis?		Define osmosis:	The actual size of a cheek cell is 400µm (0.4mm)	
	Give one example of diffusion in plants and		(Training)	
What is meant by the terms: Resolution –	one in animals	Define active transport:		
Magnification -				

#### Trilogy Chemistry Paper 1 Revision checklist

Key Point

Atomic Structure & the Periodic Table

Describe the structure of an atom and calculate numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons given a periodic table

Describe the development of the nuclear model of the atom from earlier models – e.g the plum pudding

Describe how mixtures can be separated using filtration, evaporation, distillation and chromatography

Compare the size of atoms to other items

Explain what is meant by an isotope and calculate the Atomic mass of an element given the percentage abundance of its isotopes









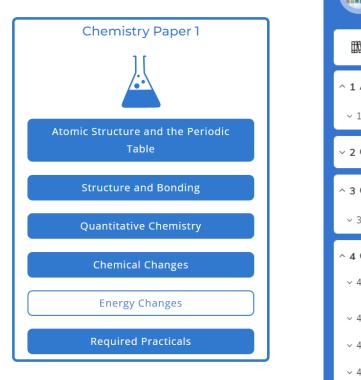


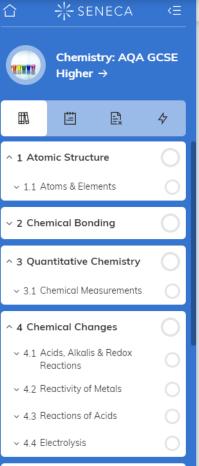


Online:

- Free science lessons. This is specific to AQA.
- Seneca learning

Your child can select topics they want to focus on from year 9 and 10.



















#### Past paper questions - Application

- As your child works through their revision, they will then need to apply it.
- AQA website has past paper questions that go back to 2018.
- Make sure that you pick the correct qualification and the correct tier of entry



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#### Find past papers and mark schemes

Here you can find past papers and mark schemes to help you prepare for exams.

Select a subject to start your search.

Subject	
Science	~
Qualification	
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Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)	~
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Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)	













#### Tips for home revision

- A quiet place to study
- No more than 45 at a time (ideally 25 minute sprints)
- No phones unless using a revision app
- Music with lyrics is NOT helpful
- Lots of encouragement without nagging

#### Buckle up! This could be a rocky ride

- This can be a very stressful time for you and your children
- Eating habits may change
- May become obsessive
- May work at odd times
- May get angry with themselves
- All of this is fixable