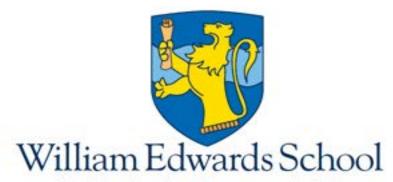
Ways That Parent's Can HELP A Parent's Survival Guide to Revision by @inney drive yww.innerdrive.co.uk

- Have high expectations and provide plenty of support
 Both are needed to help your child improve,
 perform and develop resilience
- Help them work smarter Not all revision techniques are equal. Spacing out their revision and quizzes are better than cramming and highlighters
- Cope well with their setbacks
 There will be highs and lows. How you react to their lows will impact how many highs they have
- Provide a revision area with minimum distractions (this include mobile phones!)
- Fise and dine
 Make sure they eat breakfast. It plays a big role in concentration and memory
- 6 Regular bedtimes and lots of sleep
 If they sleep right, they will think right the next day
- Avoid cabin fever Encourage them to get fresh air each and every day



'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'



Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 22nd February 2023











Format of this evening

- Brief Introduction to :
- 1) The work that is happening in school to support Year 11
- 2) Ways in which Parents can support

 Time with specific department leaders to go through subject specific preparations









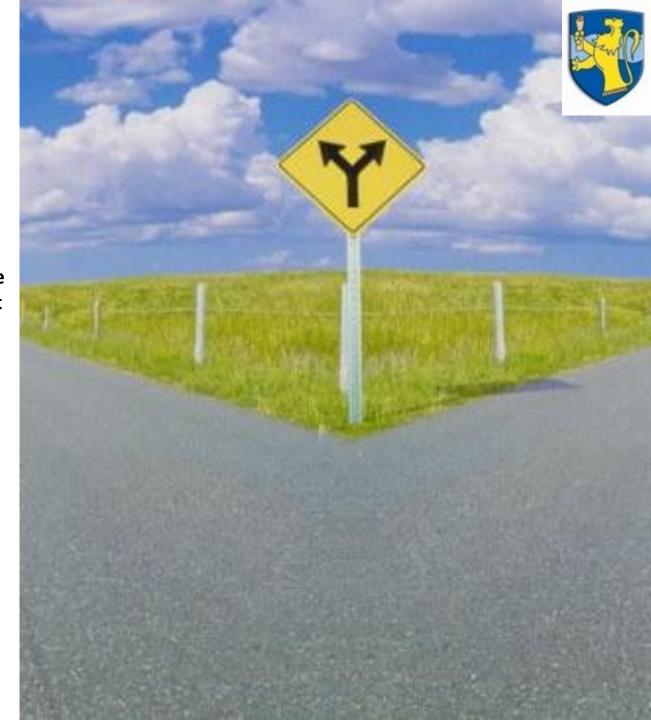
We are at the fork in the road

11 years of education and you are nearly at the point where you set yourself up for future success.

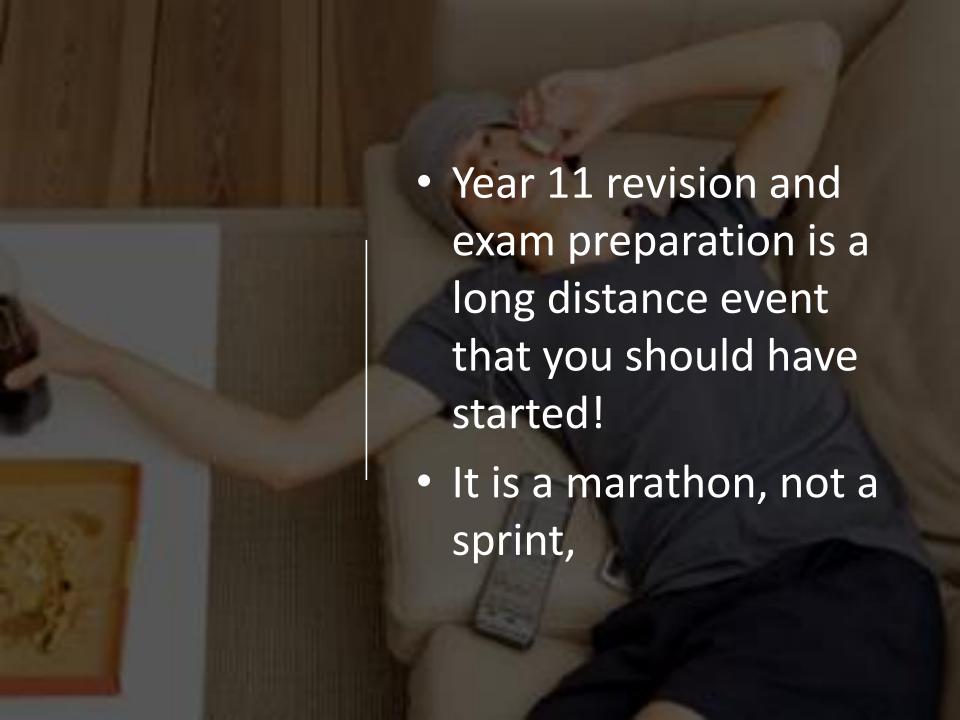
Which path will you choose?

Will you roll up your sleeves and work harder than you have ever worked before?

Or, will you find excuses why you can't work that hard and regret the decisions you have made when you get your results in August?



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We do this every year!

You are going through this for the first time ... we do it every year!

Consequently, we have fine-tuned our support over the years to ensure that Year 11 peak at exactly the right time











The build-up so far



- Autumn Term find their feet in Year 11
- Revision timetable and holiday support sessions
- Mocks before Christmas
- Mock results before Christmas –used primarily to outline the starting points for the next 3 months for individuals
- Parents' Evening to reassure and outline areas for improvement.
- Focus Day revision, GCSE Pod and revision planners
- Parent support evening –to outline the coming 3 months and to receive the revision summary
- Second set of mock exams w/b: 20th February











The remaining 3 months

- Assemblies on different themes
- Range of interventions for targeted students registration groups, additional E&M lessons for some during PE time, senior staff mentoring for some, holiday revision sessions, external support from companies such as Elevate and the National Tutoring Programme











Ways in which Parents can support

- Be involved!
- Remind and support your child to use the revision planning guide we issued a couple of weeks ago
- Ensure that the revision plan is realistic and stuck to
- Ensure that they are using GCSE Pod to create flash cards and notes (80% have used it since Christmas – has your child?)
- Ensure that they are attending revision sessions
- Be familiar with the exam timetable
- As we get closer to exams, ensure that 'down-time' is built in – it can't be all work and no play!



Ways in which Parents can support

- Contact subject teachers if you have concerns –
 Year 11 are our main priority.
- Ensure that they sleep well!

It boils down to knowing what they should be doing and when and removing any barriers at home which may be hindering them. This may be as simple as insisting that they alter where they work.











Last 3 years ...

Those who regularly attended revision sessions and worked consistently at home, outperformed those who didn't by 1.8 grades in every subject











In 2022...

Every 2 days missed = one grade lower in a subject!











Don't wait for us to tell you what to do!

It's now time for you to take responsibility for your revision and be proactive

We will guide and support you but ultimately it's down to you!!!!!!











Why use GCSEPod?



Load • Listen • Learn

It's convenient and effective

GCSEPod podcasts are designed for mobile devices so it's like carrying a huge pile of textbooks and revision guides around with you everywhere.

Have an expert read and explain everything for you clearly and precisely with all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams on screen.

You won't need to use it for long before you feel the impact.

Consistent use in just 10 minute chunks is proven to support achievement right up to A*.

Rest of this evening

Session	Subject	Room	Staff
Session 1	English	Hall	Mrs Davies
	Maths	Hall	Ms Casson
	Science	Hall	Mr O'Donohue
Session 2	 If you take MFL If you don't take MFL and do History If you don't take MFL and do Geography 	Hall Hist – O13 Geog – S1 Library	Mr Curtis Miss Bull Mrs Perry
Session 3	 If you take MFL and do Geography If you take MFL and do History If you don't take MFL 	Geog – S1 Library Hist – O13 You are free to leave	Mrs Perry Miss Bull Senior staff are available in the Hall
After	Department Leaders and Senior staff available in the		

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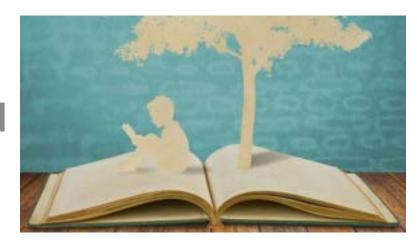


ENGLISH



GCSE English and English Literature

Revision, Preparation and Practice



English covers two separate GCSEs with two exams per GCSE:



English Language

Mock Exam – Monday 20th February:

Component 2: 2hours

(Reading analysis, evaluation and comparison and two 'real-life' transactional writing tasks)

English Literature

Mock Exam – Monday 27th February:

Component 1: 2hours

Macbeth (extract analysis and whole play response)
Poetry Anthology (poetry analysis and comparison)







English Language

Component 1 40% (Fiction analysis and evaluation and fiction writing)

1 hour 45 mins Monday 5th June 2023

Component 2 60% (Non Fiction analysis, evaluation and comparison and non-fiction writing)

2 hours Monday 12th June 2023

English Language



Reading Comprehension and Writing Tasks

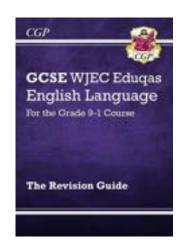
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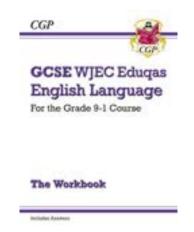
- Practise!
- Complete past papers in exam conditions (quiet room, exact timings). These papers are available from class teachers, google classroom and via the WJEC Eduqas website with mark schemes.



Revision Guides for Language







www.cgpbook.co.uk

£5.95 each





English Literature

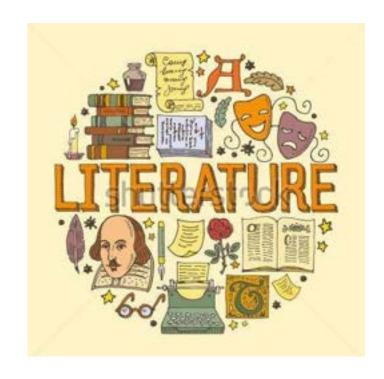
Component 1 40% (Macbeth and Poetry Anthology)

2 hours Wednesday 17th May 2023

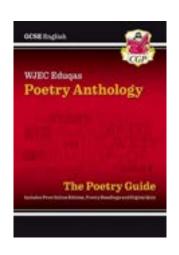
Component 2 60% (An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol, Unseen Poetry)

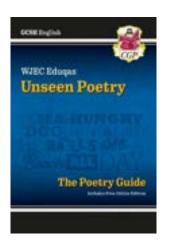
2 hours 30 minutes Wednesday 24th June 2023

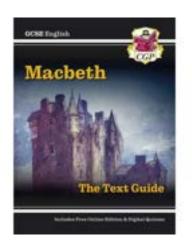
NO TEXTS ARE TAKEN INTO THE EXAM



Revision Guides and Flash cards are available for all Literature texts:









www.cgpbook.co.uk

£5.95 each



More English Literature Revision Resources



How to prepare:

- Practise! Papers/questions available from English teacher, Google Classroom and WJEC Eduqas Literature website
- Buy own copies of texts (Amazon/second hand). These will help with remembering quotations. We highly recommend that pupils read their texts twice in total.
- Buy a note book mind maps/timelines for characters, quotations and themes in all of the texts.
- Watch DVDs on all of the texts. Bring a flash pen to your class teacher, who can upload the film versions for you!

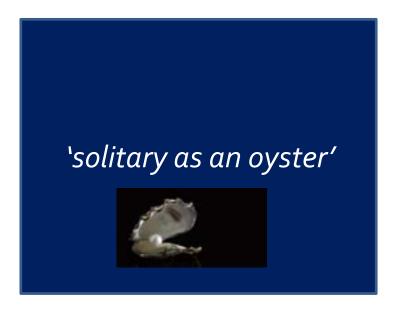
How to ACTIVELY revise

- Take or make a record card (A6 size)
- Write down the quote on one side with an image
- On the other side, add:
- Who says the quote (narrator or character)
- When it is said.
- What device has been used
- What can be inferred about the character
- How it links to other places on the text.





How to learn quotes



- > Who says it? the narrator about Scrooge
- isolates himself from society. He is shut up, tightly closed and will not be prised open except by force.
- ➤ Foreshadows his transformation because an oyster can sometimes produce a pearl so there might be good buried deep inside him, underneath the hard, brittle shell.
- ➤ Contrasts with the characters such as Fred, Belle and The Cratchits who value the importance of family and are happy as a result.

- Online revision sites e.g. BBC Bitesize, Sparknotes, Youtube (Mr. Bruff and Dystopia Junkie have many videos on the Literature texts to revise from).
- GCSEPod, Seneca Learning
- Study Guides (available from Amazon, Waterstones, WH Smiths)
- Attend revision classes every Tuesday has a different literature focus. Information can be found on the school website and on the school's Facebook page.

TRY TO USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO YOU!



MATHS



The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2
GCSE (9 to 1) in Mathematics is a tiered qualification. There are two tiers:
Foundation tier - grades 1 to 5 available
Higher tier - grades 4 to 9 available
(grade 3 allowed).





Maths revision is not a spectator sport

The only way to learn

mathematics

is to do

mathematics.



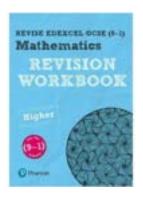
The Maths Department want you to REVISE, REVISE, REVISE!

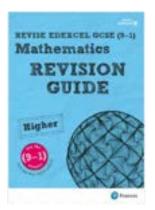
Revision Classes

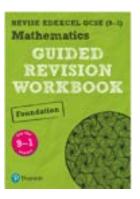


Revision Classes

Revision classes are offered by each student's teacher on Mondays after school from 3:20pm - 4:20pm and attendance is highly recommended.









Exam Content and Weighting

Since 2017 Maths exams have a greater emphasis on problem solving and mathematical reasoning.

Tier	Topic area	Weighting
Foundation	Number	22 - 28%
	Algebra	17 - 23%
	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	22 - 28%
	Geometry and Measures	12 - 18%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%
	Number	12 - 18%
	Algebra	27 - 33%
Higher	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	17 - 23%
	Geometry and Measures	17 - 23%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%

AO1 is about using and applying standard techniques

50% Foundation 40% Higher AO2 is about reasoning, interpreting and communicating mathematically

25% Foundation 30% Higher

AO3 is about solving problems in mathematics and in other contexts.

25% Foundation 30% Higher

Revision Strategies and Support





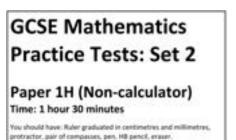
Sparx Maths – Homework set by teacher

Sparx **personalises each child's homework**, creating a weekly set of questions **tailored to their level of understanding and learning pace**. The questions are designed to be achievable whilst offering the stretch that learners need to make progress.

Each week, topics are set by your child's maths teacher and will make up the majority of the homework questions. Questions from previous topics will also be included in the homework so that students can keep practising the skills they have learned.

Maths Homework Club is available on Thursdays after school in S1.

Revision Strategies and Support





Practice Test Papers

These are Edexcel practice exam papers and are sat weekly in class under examination conditions. One paper is marked by the class teacher and returned to the student for RAG analysis another paper is marked by the pupil, to have greater understanding of the Mark Scheme.





RAG Analysis – Independent Learning

The RAG analysis provides evidence of gaps in a student knowledge. Students are encouraged to address these independently using Sparx Maths, Corbettmaths or Mathsgenie.

Question Title					
HCF					
Index Laws					
index Laws					
Exchange Rate					
Exchange Rate					
Translation					
Reflection					
Frequency Polygon					
Area and Percentage					
Ratio					
Circle Theorems					
Gradient					
Gradient Representation					
Cumulative Frequency Table					
Cumulative Frequency Graph					
Cumulative Frequency Estimate the Median					
Cumulative Frequency Estimate a Probability					
Compound Interest					
Expand Triple Brackets					

Revision Strategies and Support



RAG Analysis – PinPoint Learning

The RAG analysis for each Mock exam is uploaded to a system called PinPoint Learning. This then produces individually tailored worksheets for every student in every class based on the topics they need

Sparx Maths video clips for these topics.

to improve upon. It also provides students with links to

Your Exam Statistics

Strand	Overall	Number	Algebra	Data	Shape.	Ratio
AO1	30 from 31	11 from 11	8 from 9	4 from 4	7 from 7	0 from 0
A02 and 3	31 from 49	8 from 9	9 from 18	4 from 4	7 from 15	3 from 3
Total	61 from 80	19 from 20	17 from 27	8 from 8	14 from 22	3 from 3

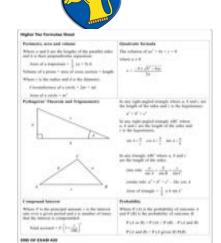
Your Pinpoint Topics

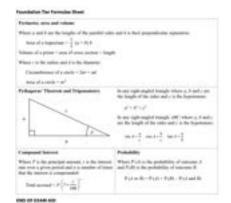
- (1) Proof of Circle Theorems, Sparx: U807
- (2) Estimating Gradient from Speed Time Graph. Sparx: U800
- (3) Harder Surds. Sparx: U281,U338,U633,U707
- (4) Perpendicular Lines and the equation of a tangent. Sparx: U567
- (5) Extension L. Sparx:

Formulae Sheet

Some formulae are also provided in the exam papers. Pupils have received a printed copy of this and it has also been added to their Maths Google Classroom.

During the exam, this can be found on the second page of each of the exam booklets.







Paper 1 Non-Calculator – 1 hour 30 minutes 9am, Friday, 19th May

Paper 2 Calculator – 1 hour 30 minutes 9am, Wednesday, 7th June

Paper 3 Calculator – 1 hour 30 minutes 9am, Wednesday, 14th June

Essential equipment required for each exam:

Black Pen x 2

Pencil

Ruler

Eraser

Protractor

Compass

Calculator

Revision Top Tips

- Revise Maths little and often (e.g. 30 mins every day).
- Make use of Maths Videos (Sparx Maths, Mathsgenie, CorbettMaths)



- Practise answering exam questions to build up your confidence.
- Practise you time management look at the marks as an indicator: the more marks available the longer the question will take. As a rule of thumb aim for 1 minute for each mark.
- Read the question carefully before you start.
- Show all of your working out.

Wishing you

Success in your Exams!

May Good Luck be in your
favor, and your preparation bring
fantastic outcomes!

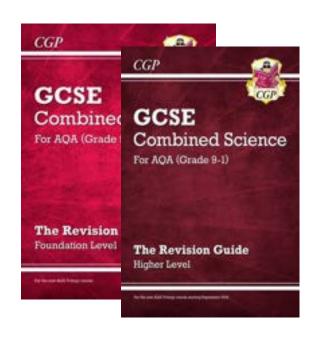


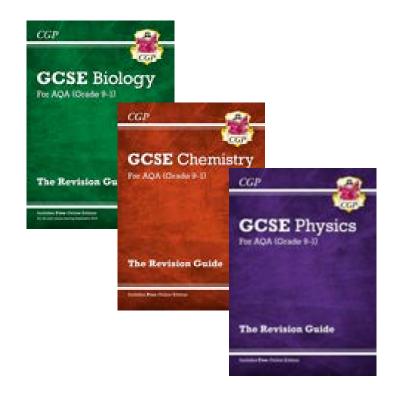
Science

Exam Information

Subject	Exam Date	Topics
Biology Paper 1	16 th May	B1-B4
Chemistry Paper 1	22 nd May	C1-C5
Physics Paper 1	25 th May	P1-P4
Biology Paper 2	9 th June	B5-B7
Chemistry Paper 2	13 th June	C6-C10
Physics Paper 2	16 rd June	P5-P7 (P8 Triple)

Revision Materials







Keyword Lists





Summarise

Past Papers

Learn

Flash Cards



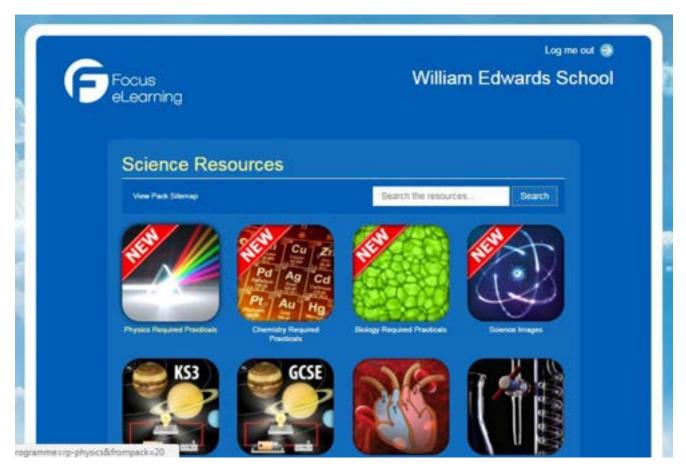
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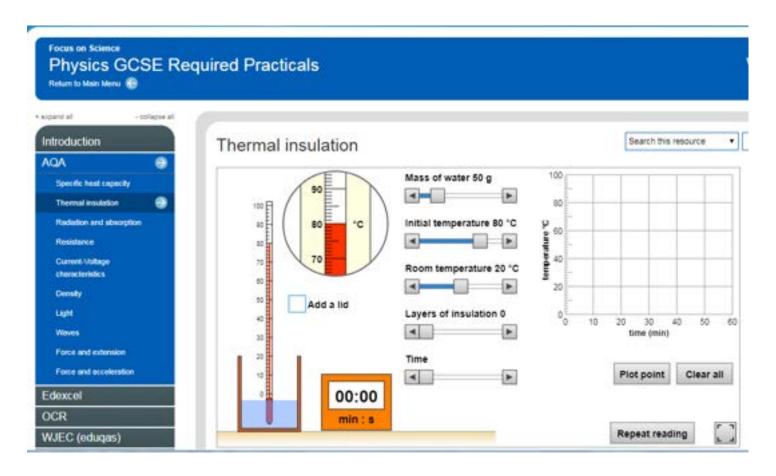
Revision

- New content for all science classes has been completed, everything now is revision
- Classroom and Whole School Mock Exams have already started and are taking place in Double lessons every 2 weeks
- Revision in Class
- After school revision Tuesday
- Revision at Home

Focus eLearning



Focus eLearning



Terminology

Hypothesis A proposal intended to explain certain facts or observations.

<u>Prediction</u> A prediction is a statement suggesting what will happen in the future, based on observation, experience or a hypothesis.

Data information, either qualitative or quantitative, that has been collected.

Evidence Data which has been shown to be valid.

Range The maximum and minimum values of the independent or dependent variables, important in ensuring that any pattern is detected. For <u>example</u> a range of distances may be quoted as either: "From 10 cm to 50 cm" or From 50 cm to 10 cm."

Interval The quantity between readings, eg a set of 11 readings equally spaced over a distance of 1 metre would give an interval of 10 centimetres.

Accuracy A measurement result is considered accurate if it is judged to be close to the true value.

True value This is the value that would be obtained in an ideal measurement.

Resolution This is the smallest change in the quantity being measured (input) of a measuring instrument that gives a perceptible change in the reading.

<u>Precision</u> Precise measurements are ones in which there is very little spread about the mean value. Precision depends only on the excent of random errors – it gives no indication of how close results are to the true value.

<u>Bandom error</u> These cause readings to be spread about the true value, due to results varying in an unpredictable way from one measurement to the next. Random errors are present when any measurement is made, and cannot be corrected. The effect of random errors can be reduced by making more measurements and calculating a new mean.

Repeatable A measurement is repeatable if the original experimenter repeats the investigation using

Zero error. Any indication that a measuring system gives a false reading when the true value of a measured quantity is zero, egithe needle on an ammeter failing to return to zero when no current flows. A zero error may result in a systematic uncertainty.

Aggradies These are values in a set of results which are judged not to be part of the variation caused by random uncertainty.

Uncertainty The interval within which the true value can be expected to lie, with a given level of confidence or probability, eg "the temperature is 20 °C s 2 °C, at a level of confidence of 95%.

Validity Suitability of the investigative procedure to answer the question being asked. For example, an investigation to find out if the rate of a chemical reaction depended upon the concentration of one of the reactants would not be a valid procedure if the temperature of the reactants was not controlled.

Valid conclusion A conclusion supported by valid data, obtained from an appropriate experimental design and based on sound reasoning.

Variables These are physical, chemical or biological quantities or characteristics.

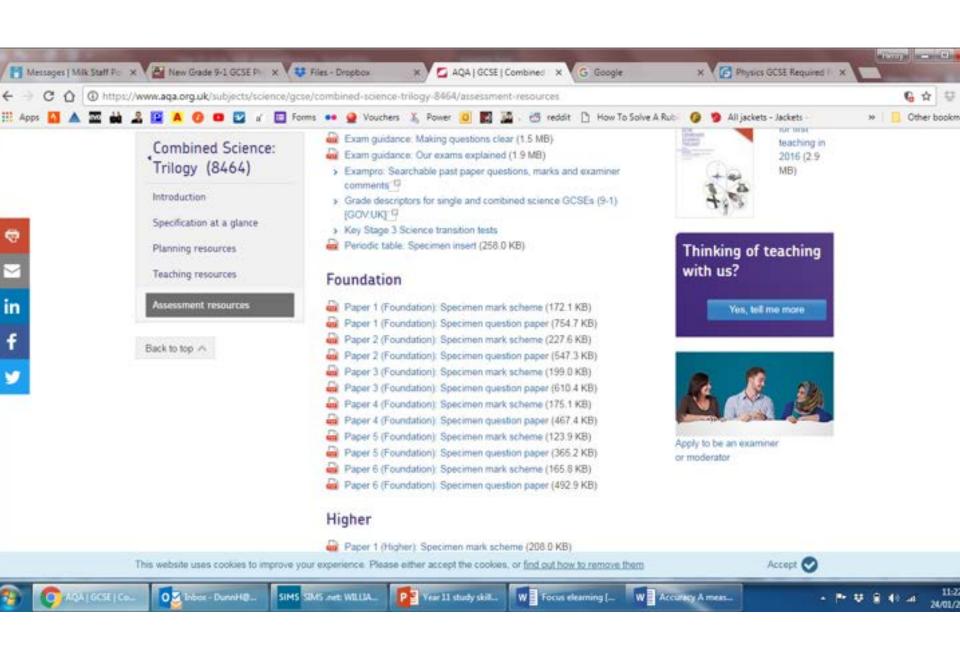
Eair test A fair test is one in which only the independent variable has been allowed to affect the dependent variable.

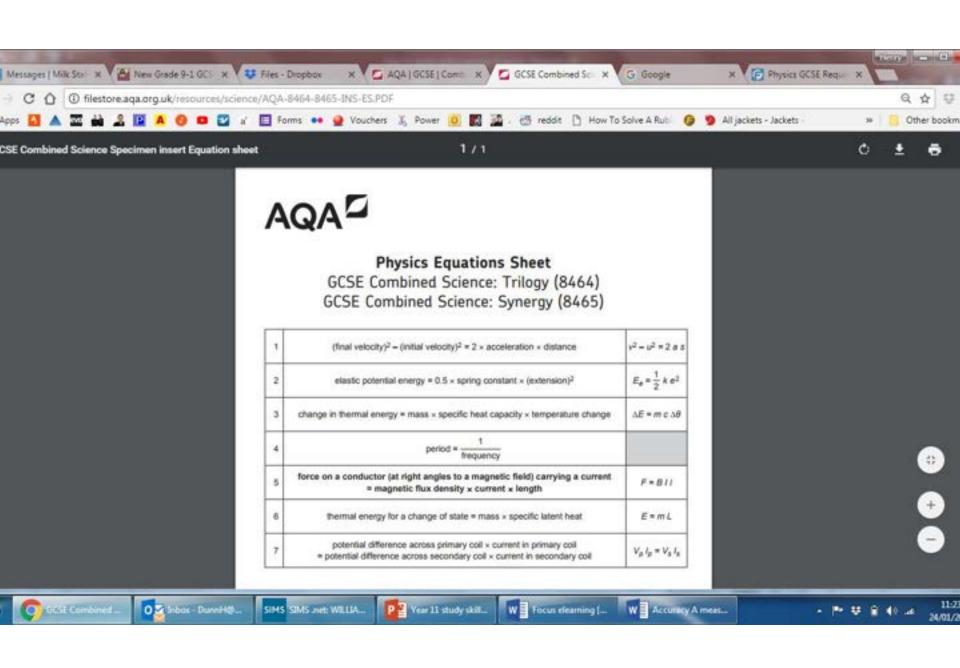
Categoric Categoric variables have values that are labels, eg names of plants or types of material.

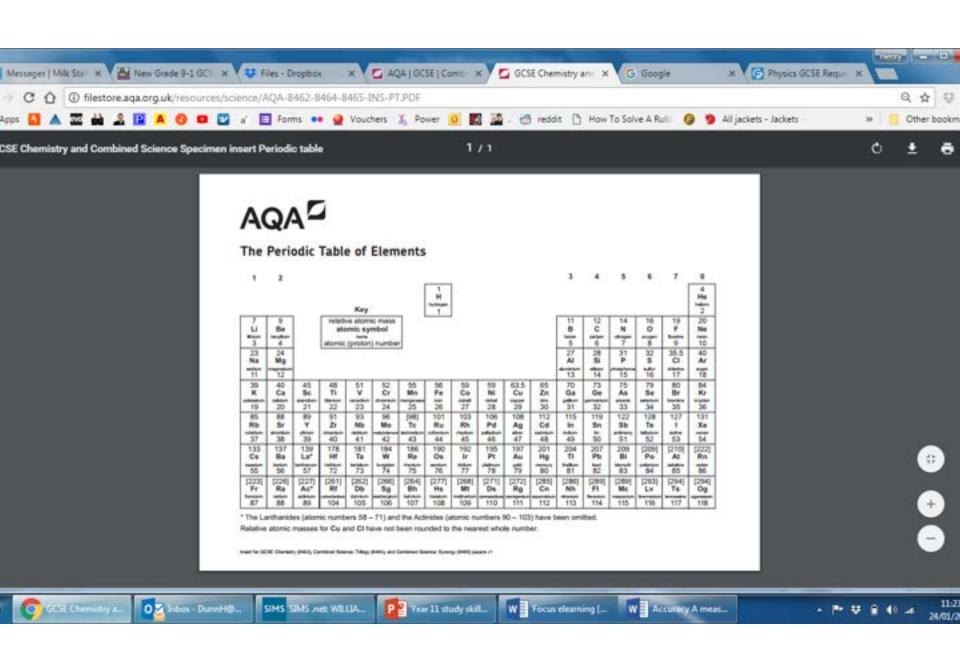
Continuous

Continuous variables can have values (called a quantity) that can be given a magnitude either by counting (as in the case of the number of shrimp) or by measurement (gg light intensity, flow rate egg). Previously known as discrete variable.

Control Control variable is one which may, in addition to the independent variable, affect the outcome of the investigation and therefore has to be kept constant or at least monitored.









FRENCH



The purpose of this evening is to make you aware, as parents, of the various resources and help available to your child to assist them in preparation for their GCSE French exam.

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

-Nelson Mandela

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

—Frank Smith



Your child will be assessed on 4 skills:

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Each skill will be worth 25% of the final GCSE grade

Even more emphasis on **spontaneity!**



EXAM DATE: 25th April – 6th May

This consists of 3 elements

• Role Play (2 minutes)

Learn role play phrases

Picture Card (3 minutes)

• Conversation (5 – 7 minutes)

Know the key vocabulary

Prepare answers. Learn them by heart!



EXAM DATE – 23rd May

Tests aural comprehension skills Foundation – 35 mins Higher – 45 mins

Encourage your child to revise vocabulary at home – the more they know the more they will recognise in the exam

- Use websites to practise listening exercises
 - there are lots on Activelearn
- Use audio exercise in the revision guides
- Watch French language programmes on streaming services such as I-Player and All-



EXAM DATE – 23rd MAY

Tests reading comprehension skills
Foundation – 45 mins
Higher – 1 hour

- Vocab Vocab !!
 - Little and often is the key
- All the core vocab for Years 7-11 is on Activelearn along with reading tasks
- Use Quizlet to help (https://quizlet.com)
- Work through the revision guides



EXAM DATE - 5th JUNE

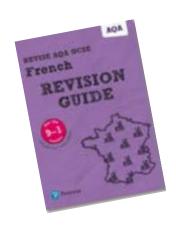
- 2 pieces of writing (articles/blogs)
- Translation

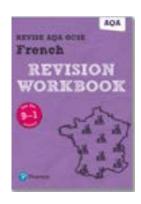
Foundation – 1hr

Higher – 1hr 15 mins

- Practise grammar in the revision workbooks
- Learn set phrases in different tenses
- Have model topic answers mapped out
 - Most of these can be similar to speaking themes!
- Include idioms like il pleut des cordes









Available on Wisepay – cheaper than Ebay and Amazon!.



Staff are available after school in their teaching room most evenings to deal with students' specific queries.

As we approach the exams, students may be asked to attend a specific session for their needs and next steps – parents will be informed as with previous sessions.

These are usually held on Thursday after school.

