

The Plan Ahead...

September

- Start
- Identify those students who are a concern and at risk of underachieving: contact with home to be made
- Revision skills morning
- After school support programme finalised
- Parents Information evening
- Mentoring begins

October

- Reports completed by teachers
- Reports sent home
- Parents' Evening

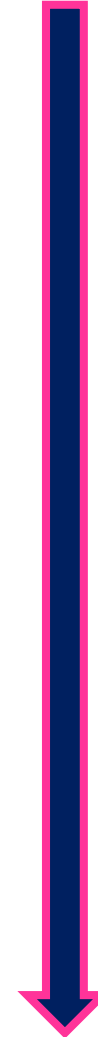
November

- Mock exam timetable for December sent home
- Subjects start focussing on Mock Exam Prep
- Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **Sixth Form Open Evening**
- **Sixth Form Applications**

December

- Dress up day!
- Mock Exams – All subjects
- Christmas time = half-way point!

BASE CAMP



SUMMIT



IMPACT ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



- **Increased Commitment:** Parental encouragement and involvement can make a substantial difference in a student's commitment to work hard and cope with the academic demands of exams.
- **Higher Achievement:** Research shows that parental support is a powerful factor in academic success, with studies indicating it's more influential than social class.
- **Skill Development:** The process of preparing for and taking GCSEs helps students develop essential life skills, including communication, time management, organizational skills, and problem-solving



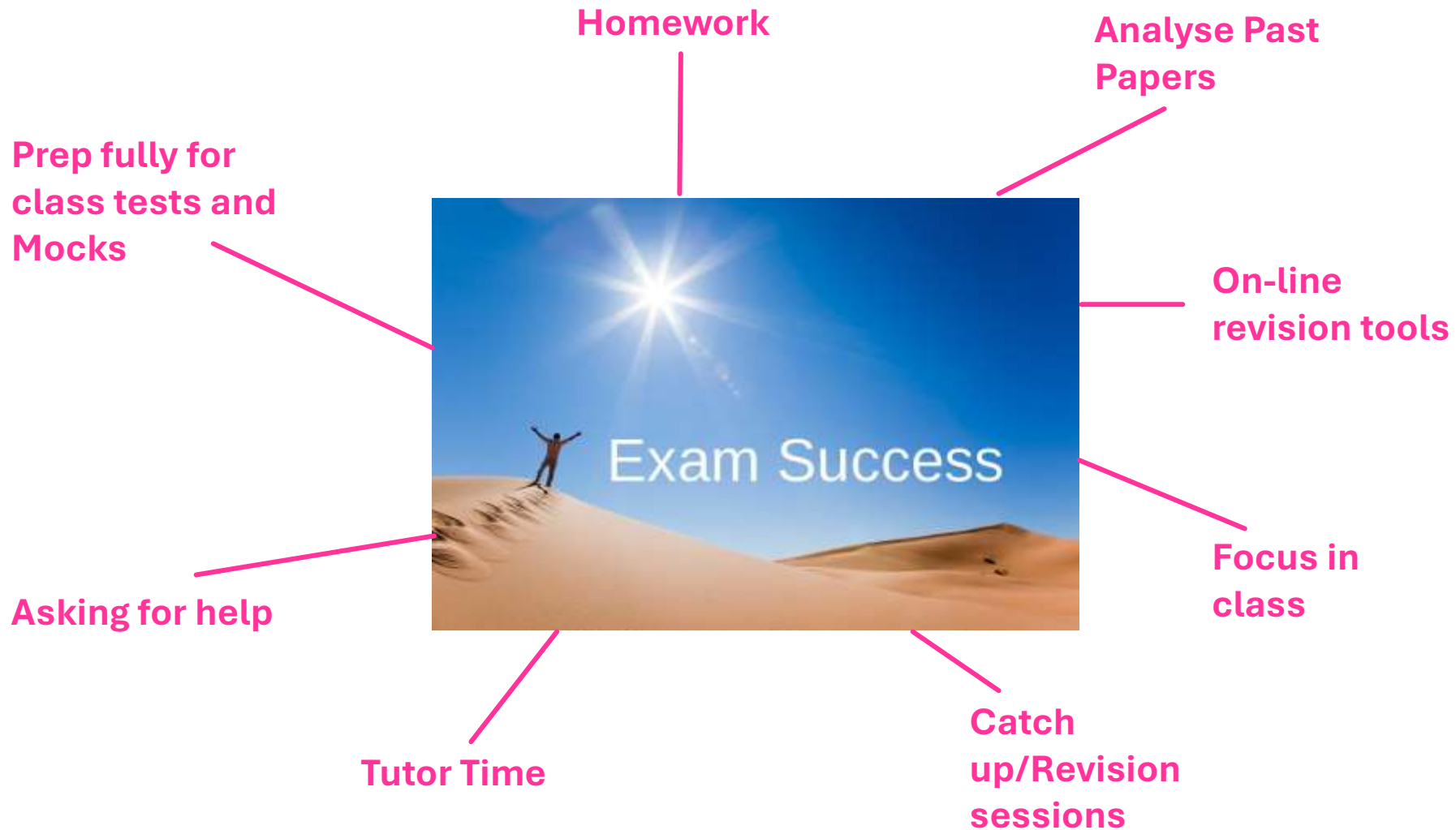
Qualifications

- GCSEs - All GCSE Exam grades have changed over to reporting in Numbers 9-1 with grade 8 being the equivalent of an old A* (roughly), Grade 4 being the equivalent of a low C (Pass) and Grade 5 being referred to as a 'good/strong pass'. (Grade 9s are only awarded to the top % of grade 8 students nationally (like an A**))
- BTECs - vocational subjects remain on Distinction*/ Distinction/ Merit/ Pass • A 'Pass' is the equivalent of a grade 4 in GCSE

Why are the Mocks important?

- Mock exams are **vital for practice**; just as actors need a stage rehearsal before the real performance, so they need practice under exam conditions before they take the real exams in the summer.
- Mock exams **test your knowledge** and let them, and their teachers know which topics are their strongest and weakest. You (and the students) can then plan revision based on giving more time to your weakest areas.
- It will help them **recall knowledge** in their real exams. Their GCSE exams might seem a long way away, but if they revise thoroughly now, they will be amazed at how quickly and easily they will remember things when they revise a second time.
- **For subjects that are tiered**, this will act as a 'test run' – they will not be able to enter for the Higher Tier in the summer unless they prove they can perform well in the mocks.
- **CONFIDENCE**

YEAR 11 STUDENT MARGINAL GAINS??



What makes effective revision ?

- Attendance to revision sessions
- Dedicated time, space and resources
- Focus on knowledge
- Focus on exam technique
- Completion of homework
- RECALL

What doesn't work?

Passive re-reading
of notes and
textbooks




What doesn't work?

Cramming for hours

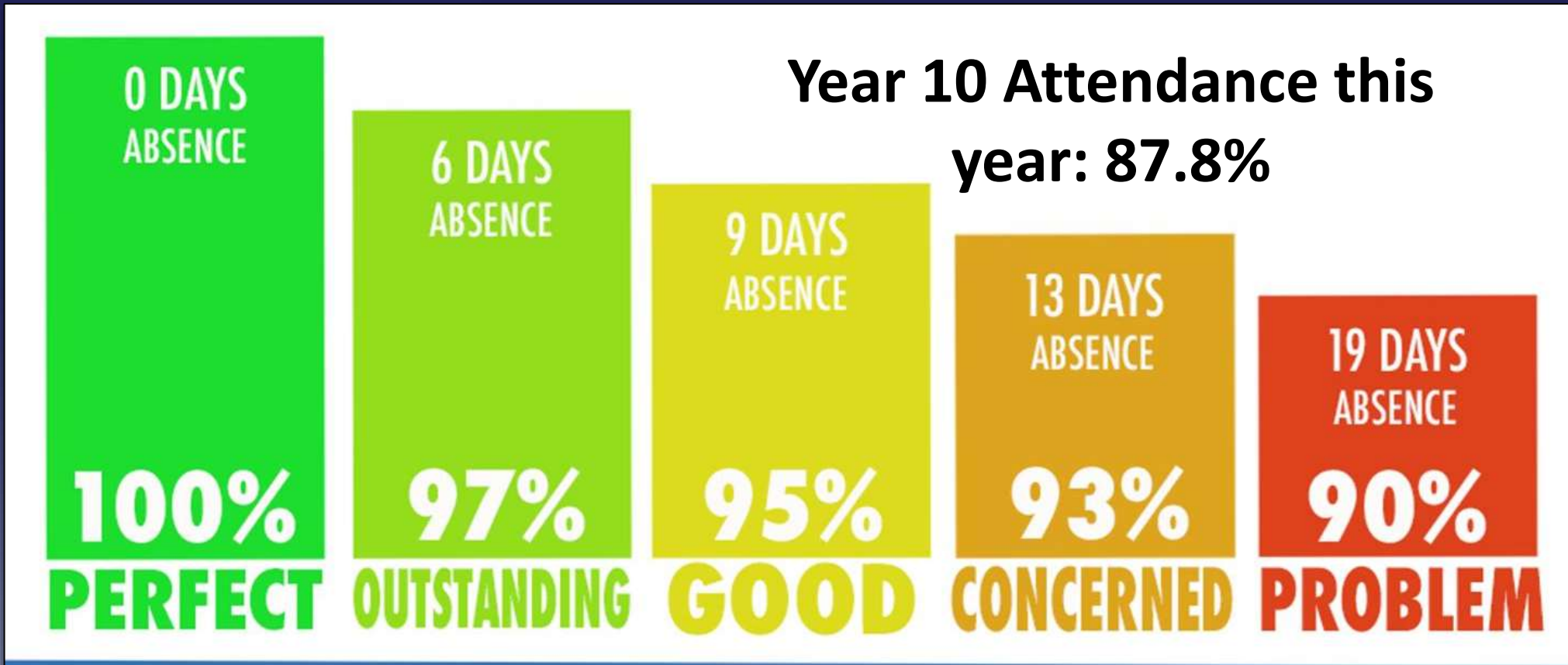


What does work?

- Start early: Begin revising well in advance to allow time for spaced repetition.
 - Space out sessions: Distribute your revision over time, rather than cramming, which improves long-term memory retention.
 - Switch topics: Vary your study sessions by switching between different subjects or topics, which keeps your learning fresh and helps you make connections.
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Attendance





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HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.





Attendance

Year 10 have missed on average 19 days each by the end of this year

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!



ACHIEVING 5 OR MORE GCSES AT GRADE 5+ HAS SHOWN TO INCREASE YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are **365** DAYS in a year

175 are not spent in school!

*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!



700,000

READY RESPECT SAFE



How grading works...

- The score you achieve on your papers will be added up, and you will have a total.
- That total will place you on a national leaderboard, where you will be ranked between 1st and approximately 700,000th
- Depending on where you rank, will depend on your grade.
- Your job, is to get as high up the rankings as possible.
- EVERY MARK COUNTS



Working out your grades

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

- Top 3% - Grade 9
- Next 6% (in the top 9%) – Grade 8
- Next 7% (in the top 16%) – Grade 7
- Next 9% (in the top 25%) – Grade 6
- Next 15% (in the top 40%) – Grade 5
- Next 20% (in the top 60%) – Grade 4
- Next 19% (in the bottom 39%) – Grade 3
- Next 13% (in the bottom 20%) – Grade 2
- Next 6% (in the bottom 7%) – Grade 1
- Next 2% (in the bottom 2%) – Grade U



In Class

- Be punctual
 - Be on time. No excuses.
- Be equipped
 - All basic equipment, including a Scientific calculator
- Be respectful to all others
 - If you persistently disrupt learning, you will be removed.

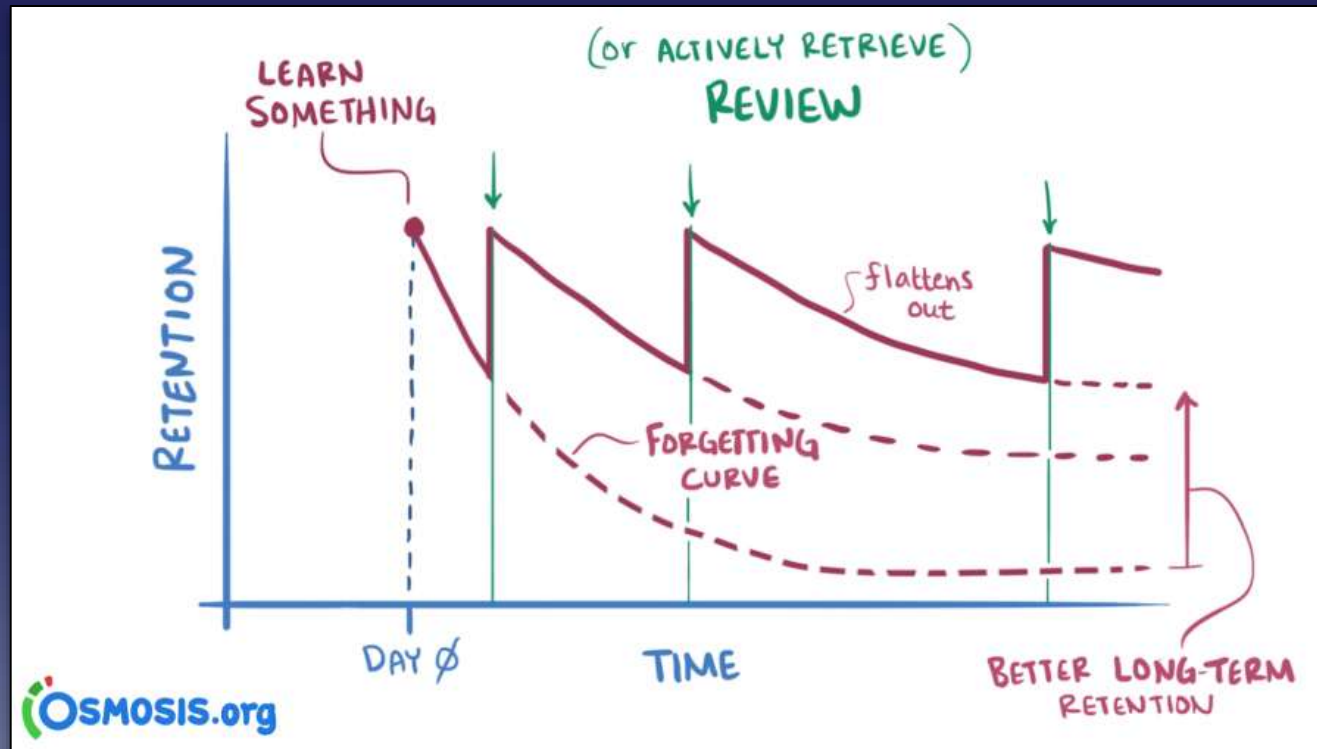


READY RESPECT SAFE



Out of class

- We are offering a comprehensive revision programme outside of lesson time
- Everyone is welcome to attend, we will be targeting certain students
- You may receive letters home, and see a Period 6, or lunchtime lessons put on timetables





Supporting at home

- $9 \times 1 = 9$
 - $9 \times 2 = 18$
 - $9 \times 3 = 27$
 - $9 \times 4 = 36$
 - $9 \times 5 = 45$
 - $9 \times 6 = 54$
 - $9 \times 7 = 63$
 - $9 \times 8 = 72$
 - $9 \times 9 = 81$
 - $9 \times 10 = 91$
- We feel losses, or criticisms twice as heavily as we feel gains¹
 - E.g. the sadness of losing £5 is felt as the same magnitude as winning £10
 - Heap on the praise!

¹Kahneman, D. & Tversky, A. (1979). *Prospect Theory: An Analysis of Decision under Risk*. Tversky, A. & Kahneman, D. (1992). *Advances in Prospect Theory*.



$\arccos(x)$
 $4(m_2 - m_1) = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2$
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 $E = \frac{m v^2}{2}$
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 $P = \frac{F}{S}$
 $A = \frac{q}{U}$
 $A = Q$
 $P \oplus$
 e^-
 $\vec{F} = m\vec{g}$
 $Q = UI t$
 $\phi = BS \cos \alpha$
 $\vec{x} = x_0 + \vec{v}t$
 $R = \frac{I}{C}$
 CH_4
 $a = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$
 $h_1 p_1 = h_2 p_2$
 $\sum \vec{M} = 0; \vec{M} = \vec{F} \cdot L$
 $Q = \lambda m$
 $\phi = ES \cos \alpha$
 $n = \frac{N}{V}$
 $M = m + 5 - 5 \lg D$
 $P = pgh$
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 $y = e^x$
 $\vec{v}_q = v_c \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}}$
 $\vec{v}_a = v_c \sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}}$
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Maths

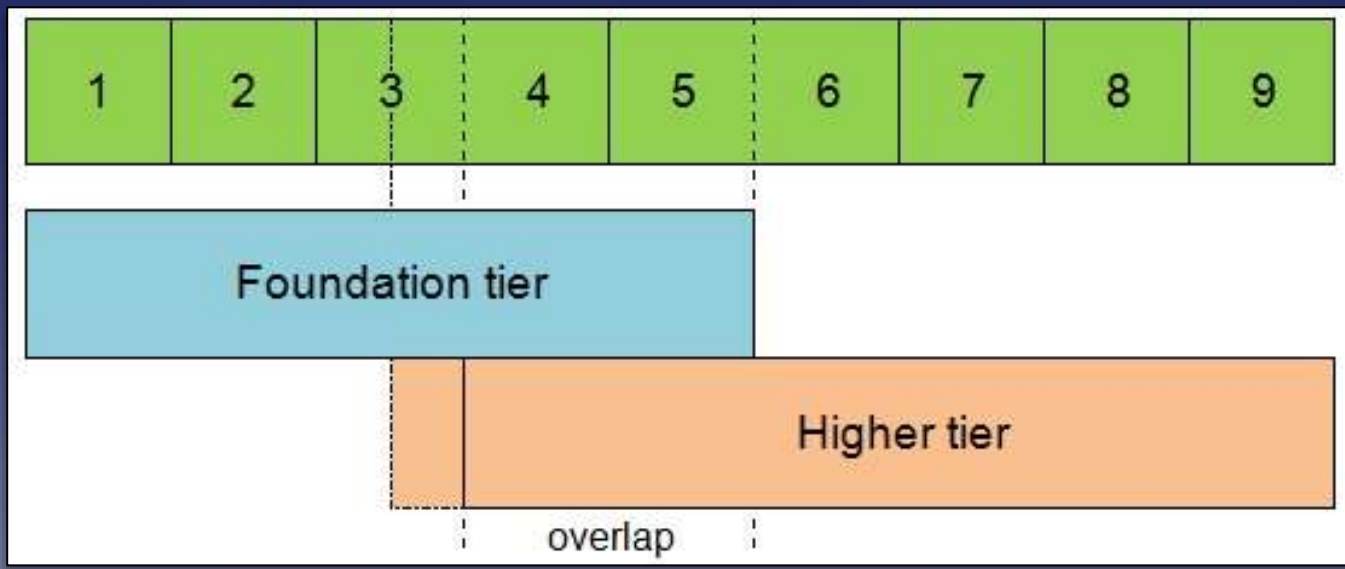


- Exam Board: Edexcel (also known as Pearson)
- Tier: You will be doing either the Foundation paper or the Higher paper – if you're not sure, check with your teacher
- Three Papers: 1hr 30mins each
- Each is worth 80 marks and has an equal weighting in the final grade – it doesn't matter what you get on an individual paper, just the overall total point score
- One paper is non calculator, the other two are calculator papers



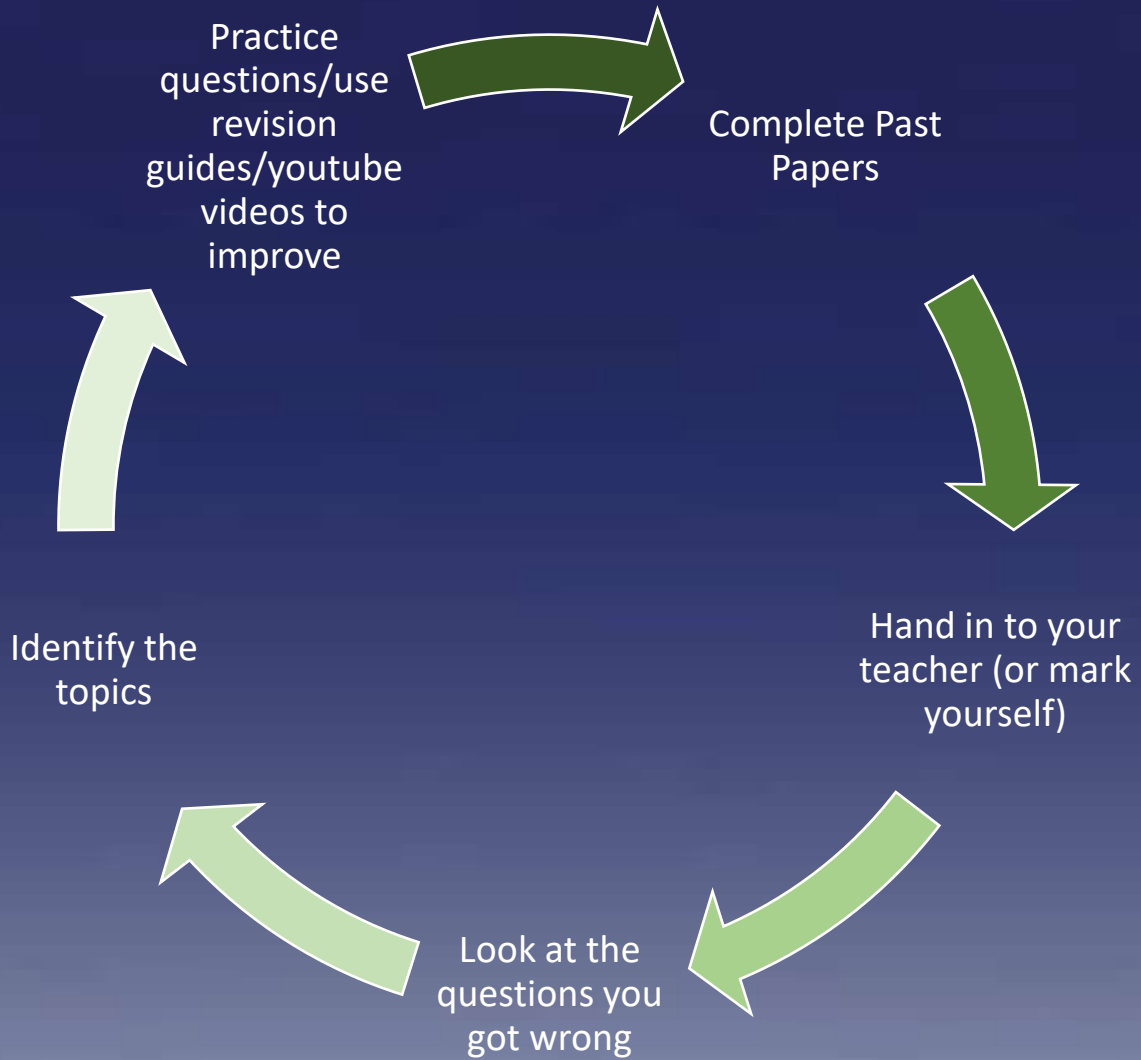
How to revise for Maths

- On your results, or your GCSE certificate, there is no indication of which tier you sat
- Over half the questions on the Higher paper are Grade 7 (old Grade A) and above





How to revise for Maths



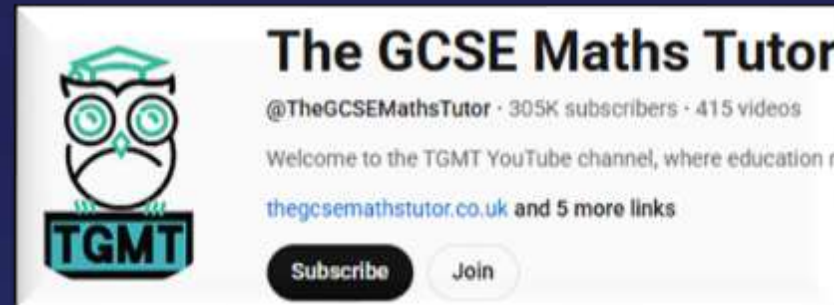
- Your revision should form constant loop of improvement
- It should focus around practicing past papers, and identifying key areas of improvement



How to revise for Maths

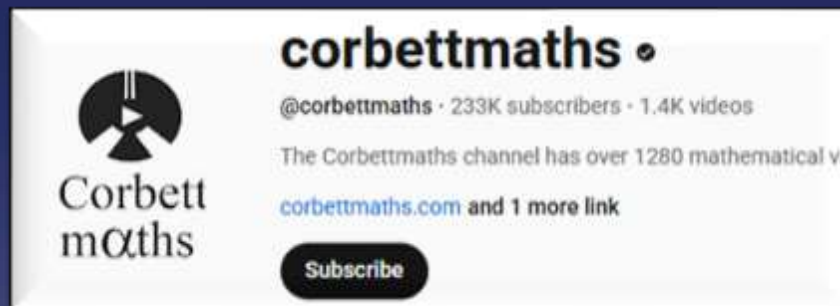


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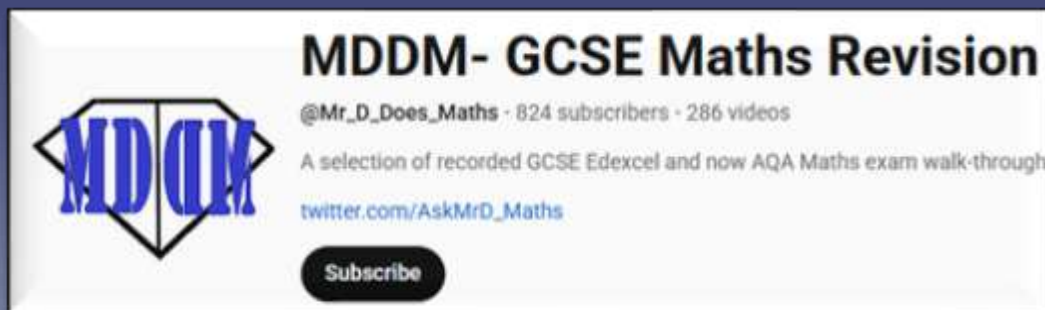


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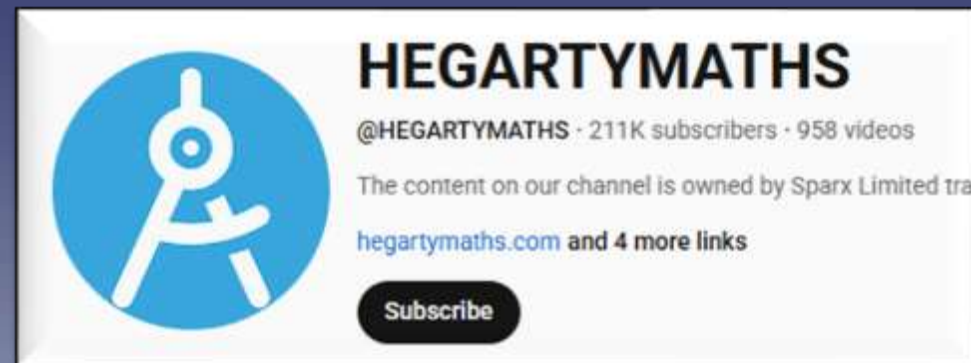
- There are loads of youtube pages with exam paper and exam question walk throughs
- Pause the video, attempt the question, follow through the solution



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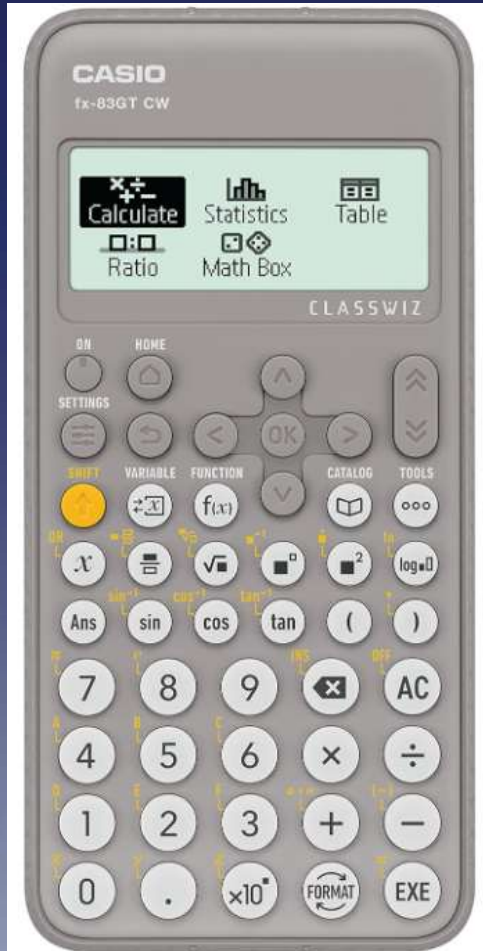


- CGP Revision guides are really helpful
- About £6 each on Amazon
- Choice of revision guide – notes prepared for you (comes with online videos and quizzes)
- Workbook – questions and solutions
- Exam style past papers – exam practice



How to revise for Maths

Casio
fx-83GTCW Grey Scientific Calculator
4.6 ★★★★★ (478)
£14⁹⁹ RRP: £16.49



- 2/3 of your maths exams are calculator exams
- You **NEED** your own scientific calculator
- Easiest place to get them is Amazon
- **THIS IS THE ONE YOU WANT TO BUY**
- Go for the Casio (if you can) – there will be other brands a pound or two cheaper – but trust me, they are not as good, and will confuse the students



English



AQA English Language Papers 1 and 2



English Language Paper
1 Monday 24th May
2027

English Language Paper
2 Tuesday 8th June 2027



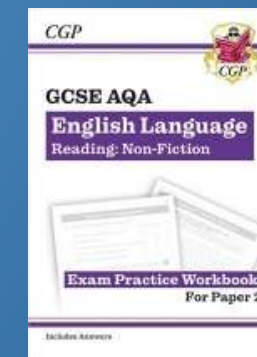
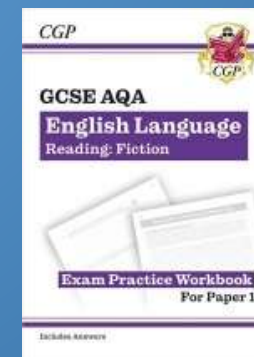
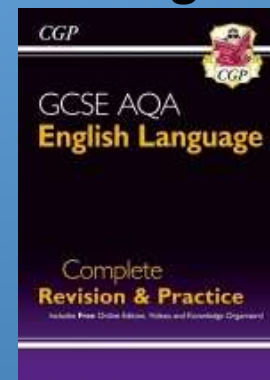
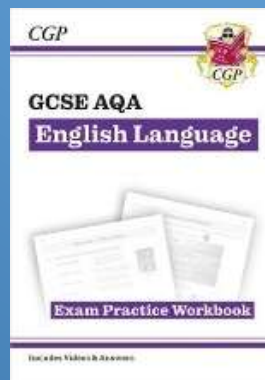
Paper 1 : One Unseen Text (20th or 21st Century)

Paper 2: Two Unseen Texts (one 19th Century)

Teams page 'Year 11 English 2026-2027' where students will find examples of past papers, mark schemes and knowledge organizers for each paper.

Students should examine one paper with the mark scheme one or two evenings, then sit another paper in exam conditions the next / over a weekend. There are lots of papers on there!

Parental support could mean making sure they have a quiet environment to work in with lots of space, purchasing the revision guides and rewards!





AQA English Language and Literature



After school revision and homework.

Revision classes after school every Monday

Lunchtime revision:

Mrs Taplin (Mon) and (Fri)

Miss Butler (Thur)

Teams page 'Year 11 English 2026-2027' where there are examples of past papers, knowledge organisers for each paper.

Hand their work to a teacher to mark and check.

Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
06.01.26 Poetry Revision Revise these poems and choose the poems from the remaining 5 poems	24.02.26 An Inspector Calls Make a character chart for each character.	22.04.26 Literature Paper 1 Character charts for each character in 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol'
13.01.26 Poetry Revision Make a mind map of how poems link	03.03.26 An Inspector calls Make a chart for each theme.	28.04.26 Literature Paper 1 2017-2023 past papers and mark schemes
20.01.26 Unseen Work through the Unseen poetry booklet	10.03.26 An Inspector Calls You may use these exam questions to practice planning and answering exam style questions.	06.05.26 Literature Paper 2 Exam questions and exemplar answers for past questions. Also, there is a fun music clip quiz
27.01.26 Language Paper 1 Wellington talking mock	17.03.26 Mock week.	12.05.26 Language Paper 1 2017-2023 past papers and mark schemes
03.02.26 Language Paper 2 Question 5 <i>Text and Author</i>	24.03.26 Mock Feedback Please work on your individual targets that have arisen from your mock exams.	19.05.26 and 26.05.26 Language paper 2 2017-2023 past papers and mark schemes
10.02.26 Language Paper 2 Question 5 <i>Context</i>	04.03.26 Mock feedback Please work on your individual targets	





Where else can you find revision materials



For each novel, play and poem

Make mind maps

Make flash cards

Draw Venn diagrams

Make character profiles

RAG their knowledge

Speak to their teachers about gaps in knowledge.

- **Seneca**
- **Sparx reader – Set Literature texts with easy reader for**
- **Mr Bruff you tube videos**
- **Tic Tok: Mr. Everything English, The Lightup Hub, and English with Lucy**





AQA English Literature and Language



As a minimum, we expect that **all exam texts** are being reread at home.

Question children about the themes, characters, context.

Students need to learn key quotes for each poem, every character and all themes for all set texts.

English Literature Paper 1 Monday, 12 May 2027

English Literature Paper 2 Tuesday, 19 May 2027

English Language Paper 1 Monday 24th May 2027

English Language Paper 2 Tuesday 8th June 2027

Paper 1

Section A: 'Macbeth'

Section B: 'A Christmas Carol'

Paper 2

Section A: 'An Inspector Calls'

Section B: 'Power and Conflict'

Poetry

Section Ci: Unseen Poetry

Section Cii: Unseen comparison.





Science



Science Key Information



For the Y10 mocks, you will complete a separate paper 1 for each of the 3 Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics).

Combined Science

- Each paper is 1 hour and 10 minutes, with a maximum of 60 marks per paper.
- A double grade (as it is worth 2 GCSE grades) worked out from your total mark of all three papers.
- Either foundation or higher tier in all 3 papers – you cannot mix tiers.

Triple Science

- Each paper is 1 hour and 45 minutes, with a maximum of 100 marks per paper.
- Single grade for each paper.
- Either foundation or higher tier on each paper.



Science Grades

Triple Science

Higher tier
Grades 4-9

Foundation tier
Grades 1-5

BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS	COMBINED SCIENCE
9	9-9
8	8-8
7	7-7
6	6-6
5	5-5
4	4-4
3	3-3
2	2-2
1	1-1
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Combined Science

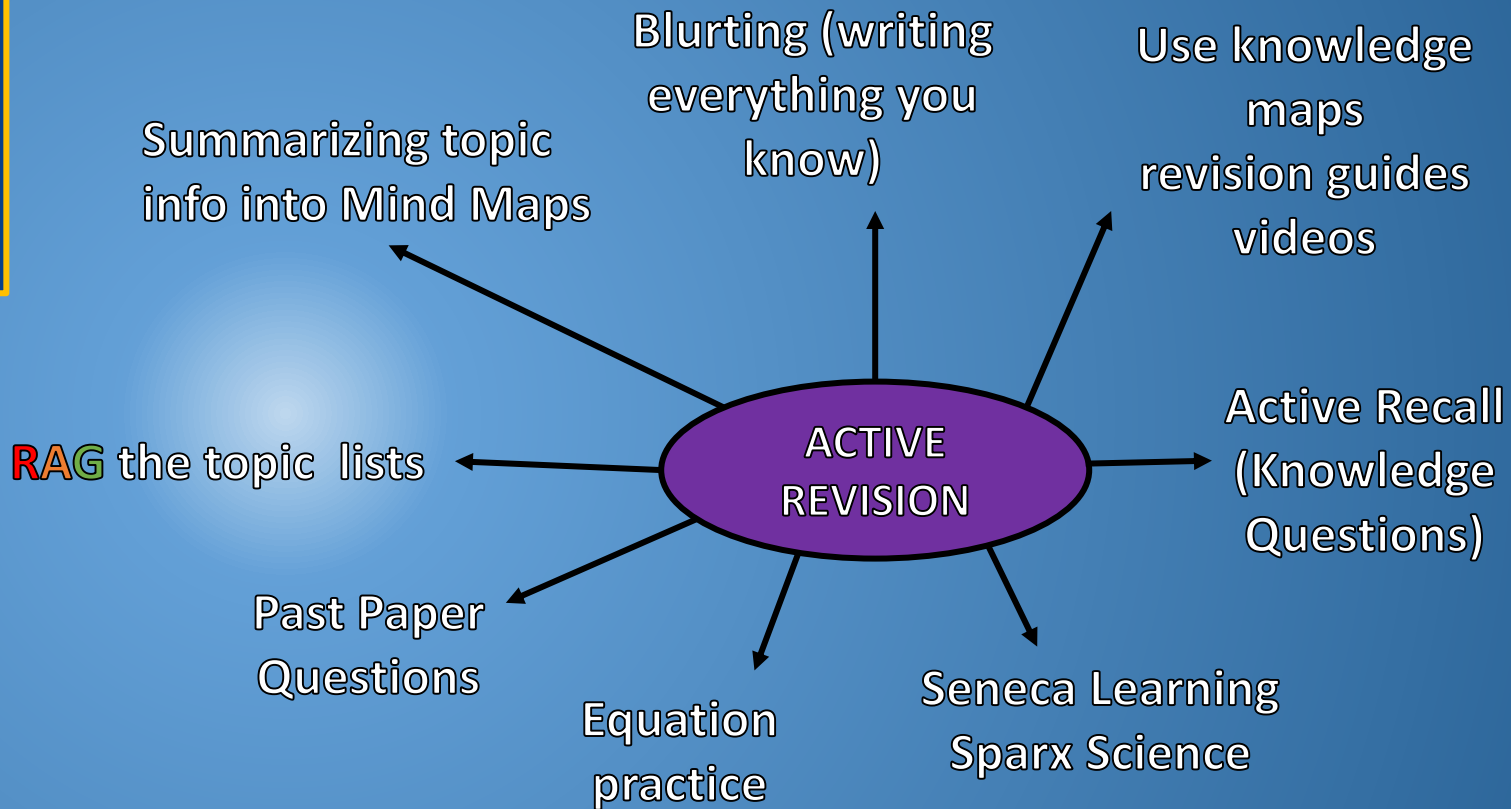
Higher tier
Grades 4-4 to 9-9

Foundation tier
Grades 1-1 to 5-5



Science Revision

What makes good science revision?



Start early and chunk topics over time

1 Hour

Revision

B

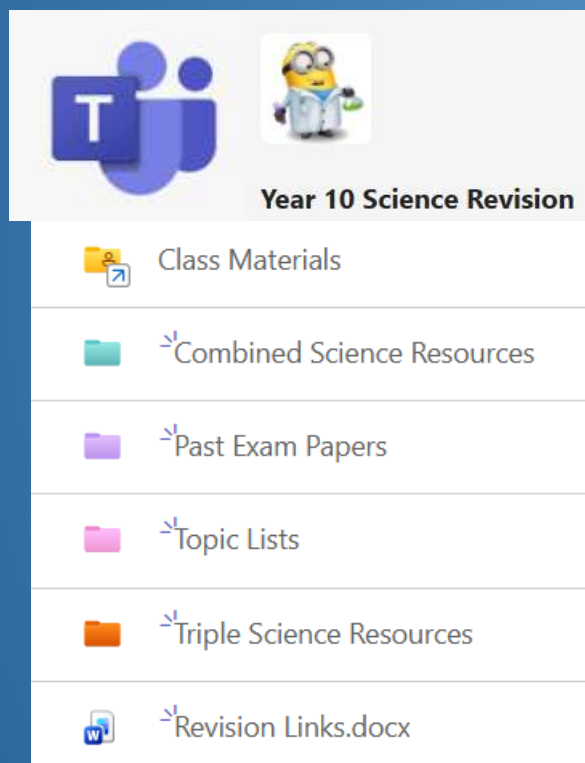
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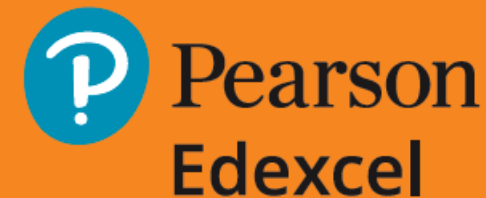


Science Revision

What resources can be used?



- Hedingham Science Teams Revision Page
- Edexcel website
- Seneca Learning
- Sparx Science

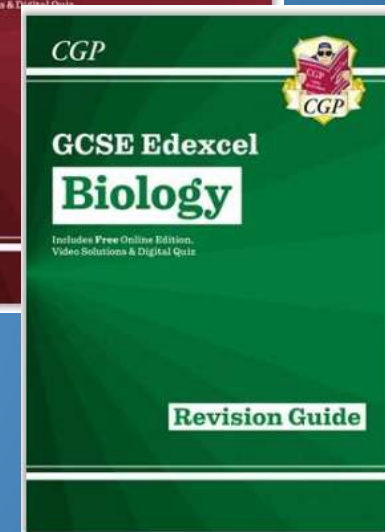
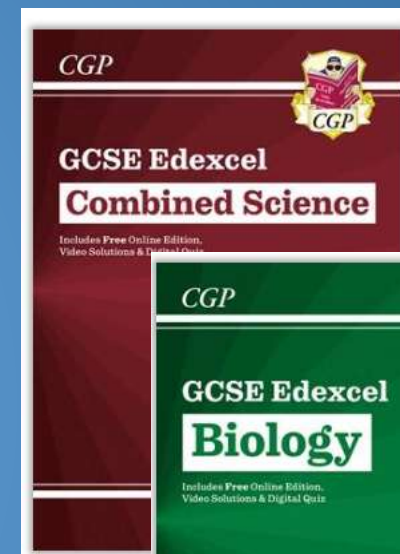




Science Revision

What resources can be used?

- BBC Bitesize
- Physics and Maths Tutor
- Isaac Science
- Revision guides
- YouTube Revision Sessions





Mr. Hyde

Head of Sixth Form



What we offer



- **A levels**
 - Traditional Level 3 qualifications
 - Exams at the end of year 13
 - UCAS points for university
- **V levels**
 - Vocational qualifications
 - Level 3 qualifications (worth the same as an A level)
 - Assessed throughout the 2 years
 - Can take exams more than once
 - Also get you UCAS points
 - You can take a combination of both A levels and V levels





What we offer

- **Foundation Pathway**
 - **1 year program**
 - **Designed for those students who do not have currency to access Level 3 program initially**
 - **Upon successful completion**
 - **Students go onto L3 program at Sixth Form**
 - **Apprenticeship or FE college**





What makes Hedingham Special

Community

**Personalised
Support**

Leadership

Destinations



Last year at Hedingham

- All students got to their preferred destination
- 96% A* - E
- 65% A* - C
- 20% A* - B
- Vocational
- 77% Merit or above
- 55% Distinction or above



Upcoming Events

- **Sixth Form Taster Day – Thursday 18th June**
 - Non uniform
 - Try out post 16 lessons
 - Treated like Sixth Form for the day
- **Subject Talks in assembly – September 26 onwards**
- **Sixth Form Open Evening – November 2026**
- **Sixth Form applications open – November 2026**
- **Sixth Form interviews – December 2026**



Rewards and Wellbeing

Head of Year



The Rewards

- In Year 11 students will be constantly working toward earning rewards, these include Dress Up Day, a rewards trip (which has previously been Thorpe Park), a prize draw in their final assembly, and an invite to Prom





Gaining/Losing Credits



- To earn each of these rewards, students will be required to earn a set number of credits.
- **Gaining Credits:**
 - Achieving weekly 100% punctuality to all lessons = 5 credits
 - One house point = 1 credit
 - Attitude/Effort/Homework etc
 - Completion of revision card = 16 credits (2 per revision session).
- **Losing Credits:**
 - They will lose a credit for every behaviour point they receive.



Recording and Monitoring



- Form tutor will be monitoring punctuality and awarding credits.
- Collecting revision cards and awarding credits.
- Every house point they receive will convert to a credit.
- Every behaviour point will deduct a credit.
- At the end of the week, they will have a credits total, noted by their form tutors





Exam Stress

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Where to get help



If you have questions or concerns as a parent, there are 3 main points of contact:

1. Form tutor

2. Head of Year – Mr Wright

Hed.wrighta@hedingham.essex.sch.uk

3. Deputy Head – Mr. Abrey

Hed.abreyc@hedingham.essex.sch.uk