

Meet the Team

The Year 11 team works to secure the most effective way of ensuring all our students meet, or ideally exceed their end of year target grades, whilst also offering the appropriate care, guidance and support.



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February Half Term Intervention

Session timings:

AM Session: 9.00am - 11.30am PM Session: 12.30pm - 3.00pm

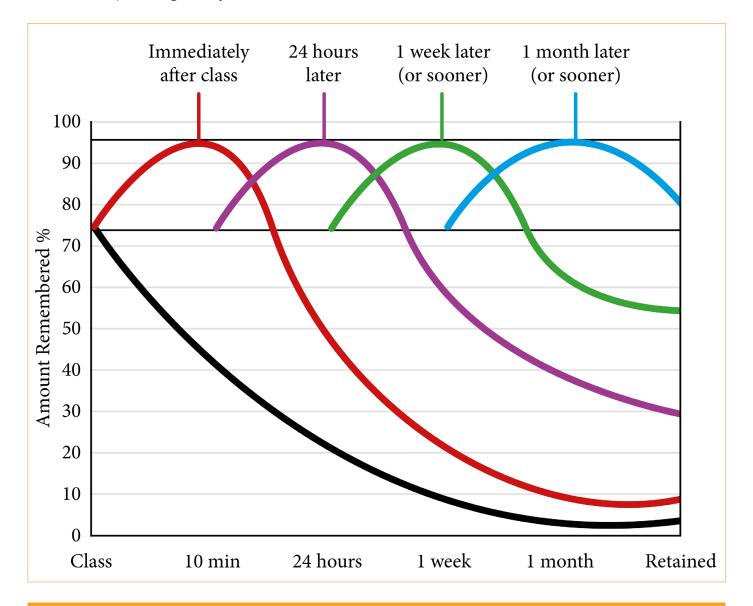
Day		Subject	Foci	Teacher	Room	
Monday	АМ	English	Walking Talking Mock	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
12 February	PM	English	Walking Talking Mock	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
Tuesday 13 February	AM	Maths	Walking Talking Mock (Target 4+)	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
	PM	Maths	Walking Talking Mock (Target 5+)	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
Wednesday 14 February	AM	Geography	Walking Talking Mock (Target 3/4)	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
	PM	Geography	Walking Talking Mock (Target 5+)	Impress the Examiner	Hall	
		GCSE Photography	Coursework completion	Mrs Dawson	F21	
	AM	Science	Science Foundation – A02 Skills		C26	
		Science - Triple	GCSE Physics: Writing methods that get marks	Mr Underwood Jones	C23	
		GCSE Photography	Coursework completion: Growth, decay and texture	Mrs Cooper	F02	
Thursday 15 February		History	Crime and Punishment Anglo Saxons and Normans	Mrs Jenkins and Miss Oldham	B10 and B13	
		Design	NEA Practical Work	Mrs Dimmock / Ms Sandham	F03 / F04 / F05	
	PM	Science	Higher – A02 and A03 Skills	Miss Crofts	C26	
		Design	NEA Practical Work	Mrs Dimmock / Ms Sandham	F03 / F04 / F05	

^{*}No interventions on Friday 16 February 2024.

How to Review

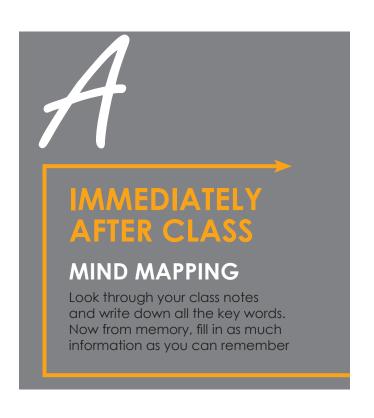
Did you know that you forget 80% of what you learn in the first 24 hours? That is why cramming for exams doesn't work.

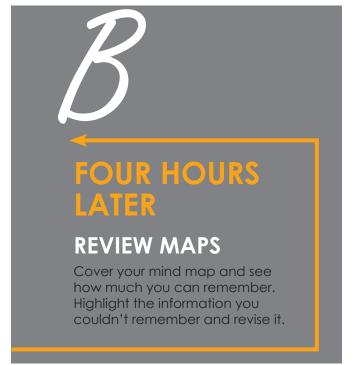
It is proven that by reviewing what you've learnt at regular intervals, you can reduce how much you forget to just 10%



REVIEW YOUR WORK FOUR TIMES WITHIN A MONTH AND YOU'LL REMEMBER NEARLY 100%

Vary your activities to maximise your memory's power







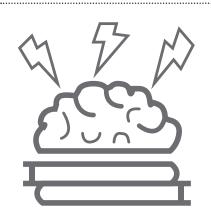


Retrieval Strategies



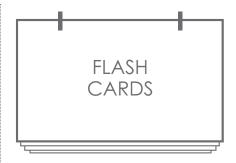
Map it out:

Take an essay question or writing question and map out your answer, without writing a full response. Look at the mark scheme and decide if your plan meets the criteria. Do this for a number of questions, then choose one and write the full response.



Brain Dump

Choose a topic and write down as much as you can remember, without referring to your notes. Check your notes and see what you missed then try to fill the gaps without the notes. Check your notes a third time and add the missing information.



Flash Cards:

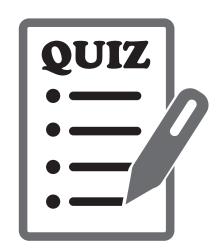
Write flashcards for each topic, in all subjects, then mix them up for the most effective revision. Check out the Leitner System for effective spacing and interleaving.

Keep your flashcards simple – one question, one answer per card.



Past Papers:

Ask your teacher for practice questions or exam papers. Complete them without notes in exam conditions, then check your answers and identify the gaps in your knowledge, so you can target your revision.



Quizzes:

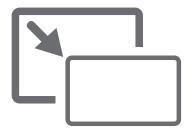
Write a set of questions and answers and ask someone else to test you. It's important to either write or say your answers aloud. Reading through quizzes in your head can give you a false sense of security.



Practise introductions:

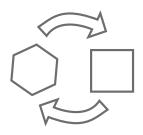
For essay subjects, take a past exam question and practise writing effective introductions and conclusions. Look back at your notes and remind yourself of the important things to remember.

Practise for different topics, texts and papers.



Thinking hard: reduce:

Read a section of your notes then put them aside and reduce what you read to three bullet points, each one no more than ten words. Look back at the notes and decide if you missed anything important. Hide the notes and write a fourth bullet point.



Thinking hard: transform:

Read a paragraph from your notes or a text book and transform it into a diagram, chart or sketch – no words allowed. Look at a diagram in Science, for example, and transform it into a paragraph of explanation.



Thinking hard: connect:

For each subject, consider the exam papers and group together questions that require the same technique to answer. Write down the requirements of each type. Find a previous example you've completed and identify where you've met the criteria.



Key vocabulary:

For a particular topic, make a list of key vocabulary, then do the following: define each word; use each term in a sentence; create a question where the key word is the answer; identify other words which connect to each of the words in your list.

Retrieval practice:

Retrieval is trying to remember information you have previously learned, so you can access it easily at a later date. When we are asked a question, our brain makes connections to other things we know. By repeating the question regularly, those connections are strengthened, and eventually the information transfers to our long term memory.

My Favourite Revision Techniques



Exam Stress

Tips and techniques to help you minimise exam stress



The key tips to remember

Before Exams:

Think positively, concentrate on your strengths and think about successful outcomes in the past.

After Exams:

Walk out and move on, don't worry about how it's gone. Once it's gone it's gone and it is time to focus on the next chapter in your life.



Recognise the Symptoms:

The temporary effects of stress include lack of concentration, inability to sleep, difficulty in processing information and irritability.

Stress suppresses your immune system so you're more likely to catch a cold or feel under the weather, which doesn't help your performance in exams. In high levels, stress can lead to mental health problems e.g. depression or anxiety.

Most people experience pressure, stress and anxiety when it comes to exams. Whilst a certain amount of pressure is good for us and helps us to perform well, it

is important to keep some

balance and perspective.

Learning Methods:

People have different methods of learning:

- Making lists of key points
- Testing your memory as you go along
- Try to devise your own questions
- Using trigger words which link to a piece of work you have done



Practise:

Use past papers where you can, set yourself targets for completing them in the allocated time. Practise planning the questions you may get.

Keep focusing on the question in hand – not the "what ifs".

Organising:

Everyone is different but some of the following suggestions may help you:

- Devise a daily planner where you can identify times of work, study and leisure, in fact the more detailed this is the easier it is to have a clearer idea of revision times
- Be realistic about what you can fit in and about the time you allocate to different projects
- Stick to your deadlines, if this changes it has a knock on effect with the rest of your planner and work load
- Plans need to be flexible; this allows you to change your mind
- Make time to do things you enjoy – hobbies etc
- Get some physical exercise; release some of those natural endorphins!

If it becomes clear that the plan is not working then you will need to re-prioritise your schedule. Look at what is most important. What will takes less time to get to speed with.

What is compulsory? Remember doing the work takes less effort than thinking about the work.

Set Goals - Make your goals SMART - Small / Achievable / Realistic / Time measured.



Concentration:

People differ in the length of time they can concentrate, experiment to see what suits you best.

Start by trying to identify when and where it is easier for you to study. Ensure wherever you choose has minimal distractions.

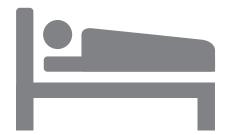
- Is there enough light/ heat/etc?
- Is the table/chair suitable for studying?
- Is this something you can stick to? - If so it will provide you with continuity for the rest of your course.

You can then join these "chunks" by making a mnemonic out of the trigger words.

Being able to visualise the information in random patterns or even drawing this out on paper to begin the memorising. Sometimes mixing topics creates interest

Motivation:

Simple techniques like planning for a reward when a piece of work has been achieved may help. Start with some of the topics you find easier, establish a routine.



Sleeping:

- Try no to work in or on your bed
- Switch off before going to sleep by doing something completely different
- Try to stick to regular sleep pattern i.e. waking and retiring at same time each night



Panic During an Exam:

It is not uncommon for your mind to go blank. At these times it is easy to panic. Try pausing for a few moments, slowing you breathing down a little and letting your body relax. Try to focus on relaxing and then refocus back on the exam.



On the Day of the Exam:

- Get enough rest, don't get up too early
- Keep away from others you find stressful
- Remember anxiety beforehand is normal
- Try to do some relaxation exercises and breathing exercises
- Read the paper slowly, twice. Underline key words of phrases
- Make sure you answer all the questions

Remember
to take
regular breaks
when
studying



KEEP CALM

AND

REVISE, REVISE, REVISE

Common Words Used in Exam Questions

In written examinations there are many common words that are used and one of the most common mistakes made by students is misinterpreting the question. Below are a number of these key words.

Account for

Explain the reasons for something. This is not the same as 'Give account of' – which asks for detailed description

Analyse

Study something in depth – identifying, describing and criticising in detail its main features.

Put forward an idea, then give an example, discuss what it means and defend it against possible

Assess

Examine something closely. Consider in a balanced way its strengths and weaknesses. Discuss the points for and against something. Finally give your clear opinion.

Calculate

Reckon or compute something using maths.

Compare

Express your thoughts and observations about something.

Define

Give the meaning of.

Discuss

Write about the important aspects of the topic; are there two sides to the question? Consider the

<u>Evaluate</u>

Judge the importance or success

Give an account of

Describe something in detail and explain fully

Pick out the main features or the important points of something.

Illustrate

Explain the meaning in your own words, for example, you may be asked to interpret a graph.

Justify

Give reasons to support an argument / action

Choose the most important aspects of a topic. Ignore the minor detail.

Review

Summarise

Bring together the main points

To what extent

Similar to questions which begin 'How far...' you are expected to discuss something, and show any of it's

On the Day of the Mock Exam

Arrive Early

Free Breakfast

Arrive at 8:00 AM and go to the Restaurant.

Get a free breakfast.



Morning Exam Tips

Pre-Exam Briefing

8:40 AM: take advantage of the pre-exam briefing delivered by your subject expert.

Go to the toilet before your exam, once you are in, we begin.



AIU Exam

The Morning Exam

Morning briefings start at 8.40 AM, exams begin at 9:15 AM. After 9.15 AM you may not be permitted to sit your exam. At the end of your exam you will be informed of what to do and where to go.

Afternoon Exam Tips

Pre-Exam Briefing

11.35AM: take advantage of the pre-exam briefing delivered by your subject expert.

Go to the toilet before your exam, once you are in, we begin.



PM Exam

The Afternoon Exam

Afternoon briefings start at 11.35AM, exams begin at 1.00PM. After 1.00PM you may not be permitted to sit your exam. At the end of your exam you will be informed of what to do and where to go.

Simple Study Plan

It's never too late to plan your revision!

1



Make a list

What do you need to know? Break it down into topics and units. When you can retrieve it without effort, cross it off the list. It might help with motivation and organisation to have a 'to do' and 'have done' list.

2



Timetable a spaced schedule

Look back at the notes about spacing and interleaving. Study each topic little and often and mix up subjects and topics so you are revising a mixture each day. Be sure to leave yourself enough time to cover everything.

3



Use effective study strategies

That's what this booklet is all about. Keep re-reading and highlighting to a minimum. Highlight what you need to learn – but that won't make you learn it. Test yourself, using retrieval strategies. Think twice before loading up your favourite playlist!

4



Identify the gaps in your knowledge

Having used the retrieval strategies, where are the gaps? What are you confident with? What do you need to go back to? What do you need to study more? Be honest with yourself – don't just focus on what you do know.

5



Close the gaps

Repeat the third and fourth steps of the plan until you are confident with everything. Some parts will be difficult, but don't give up. The harder you have to think, the more likely you are to remember in the end. 'Memory is the residue of thought.' (Dan Willingham)

Year 11 Assessment Schedule February 2024

	19-Feb-24	20-Feb-24	21-Feb-24	22-Feb-24	23-Feb-24
Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Briefing	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05
	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher
Start Time	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15
	English Language Paper 2 (1h 45m)	Maths Paper 1 (1h 30m)	Physics Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)	English Literature Paper 1 (1h 45m)	Maths Paper 2 (1h 30m)
Finish Time	11:00	10:45	Triple - 11:00 Combined - 10:30	11:00	10:45
Break 1	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35
Briefing	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20
	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher
Early Lunch	12:20 - 12:45	12:20 - 12:45	12:20 - 12:45	12:20 - 12:45	12:20 - 12:45
Start Time	13:00	13:00	13:00	13:00	13:00
	Biology Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)	Chemistry Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)	Geography Paper 1 (1h 30m) History Paper 3 (1h 30)	Spanish Reading / Listening (F - 1h 20m / H-1h 45m)	History Paper 1 (1h 15m)
Finish Time	Triple - 14:45 Combined - 14:15	Triple - 14:45 Combined - 14:15	14:30	Higher - 14:45 Foundation - 14:20	!4:15
Schedule	26-Feb-24	27-Feb-24	28-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	01-Mar-24
001100010	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Briefing	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	08:40 - 09:05	
	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	Venue /Teacher	
Start Time	09:15 Maths Paper 3 (1h 30m)		09:15 Physics Triple Paper 1 (1h 45m) Combined Paper 1 (1h 15m)	09:15 Design & Technology (2h)	Life & Soul Day
Finish Time	10:45		Triple - 11:00 Combined - 10:30	11:15	
Break	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	11:10 - 11:35	
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Get some sleep

How many hours of sleep do you get each night?
On average, teenagers claim to get 6-7 hours a night, when they should really be aiming for 9-10 hours. If you are only getting 6-7, you are depriving yourself of over 1000 hours of sleep each year. You must be exhausted!

Limit your screen time

Mobile phones can be great tools for learning but are they having a negative impact on your learning? Catching up with friends, social media, movies and box sets is great – but when is the best time to do these things?

Look after yourself

Being kind to yourself each day can have a big impact on your performance during revision and exams. Take a break and get some exercise.

Aim to start the day with cereal or toast. Find time to do the things you love. Reward yourself for your hard work.

Revision Planner

By now you should be aiming to revise a minimum of THREE subjects per day.

Ensure through the week you revise all subjects equally and regularly.

Plan out what you will revise before you start and bullet point it to keep you focused.

If you attend a subject specific revision session during the half term, then include this in your revision plan.

	Subject Revision	Topics to cover	Subject Revision	Topics to cover	Subject Revision	Topics to cover
MON		•		•		•
TUES		•		•		•
WED		•		•		•
THURS		•		•		•
FRI		•		•		•
SAT		•		•		•
SUN		•		•		•

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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16.00							
17.00							
18.00							

Taking breaks is widely acknowledged to help increase the long-term efficiency of your revision. After a certain point, your brain simply starts wandering off, and if you're thinking about other stuff, there's no point in pretending to learn! When that happens it's time to take a break. A general guide would be:

- 20-30 minutes of revising should be rewarded with a 5-minute break.
- 30-60 minutes of revision can be awarded a 10–15-minute break.
- Generally, revising for more than 60 minutes at a time reduces the efficiency of your revision.

So split your revision in to chunks to make it as effective as possible.

Year 11 Subject Specific Revision Guidance

The following pages are full of helpful hints and techniques for revising for your different GCSE subjects.

Many of the skills will work across your subjects, so when you find a technique that works for you try it out in other subjects too!

Remember the more active you make your revision the more effective it will be.

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- Read the entire question before answering, highlighting or
- Underlining key words.
- Show all steps of your working out
- Have a go at answering every question!
- The amount of marks a question is worth tells you
- Approximately how long to spend on that question (1 mark per minute).

TOPICS TO REVISE

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3 Papers – 1 hr 30 mins each Paper 1- Non calculator

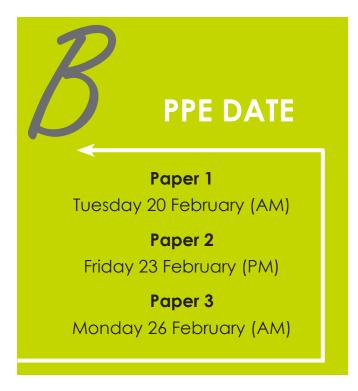
Paper 2- Calculator

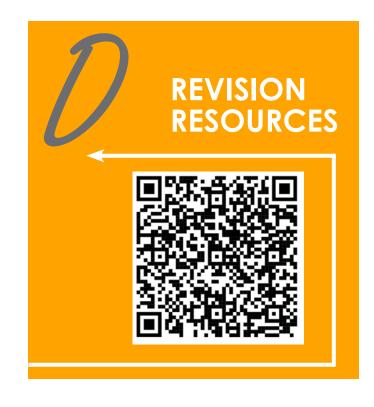
Paper 3 – Calculator

Any content can appear on any paper.

To revision maths you need to do maths, practise as many questions as you can.

Use the resources on the link to access past questions, Sparx and additional resources.





English Language

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READING TIME

AQA English Language Paper 2 – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (1hr45)					
Reading Time	Essential	8 mins	Read through both sources. Summarise the key ideas/ events AND writers' feelings/opinions		
1	4 marks	4 mins	Identify 4 true statements (EITHER source A or B)		
2	8 marks	10-12 mins	Summarise differences/similarities between the sources (BOTH sources)		
3	12 marks	12-15 mins	How does the writer use language to? (EITHER Source A or B)		
4	16 marks	20-25 mins	Compare how the writers present their different/similar viewpoints or methods (BOTH sources)		
5	40 marks	40 mins	Write an article/speech/letter, giving your opinion about a topic or issue		

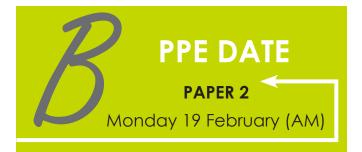


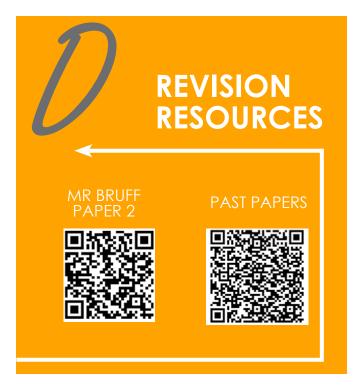
- Complete past papers under timed conditions, following the key steps
- Practise in short bursts (e.g. time yourself 20 minutes to complete a Q4)
- Read through model answers and full marks responses to help you identify what a good one looks like. Use these to structure your own writing

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1 Hour 45 Minutes

- Exam paper (5 questions)
- Source booklet (2 sources)





English Language

Revision Resources













English Literature

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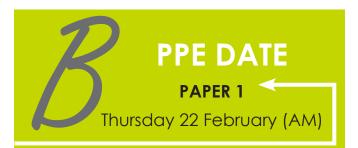
TOPIC TO REVISE

A Christmas Carol – Macbeth

- The plot what happens in the story?
- Key characters who are the characters, how are they presented?
- Key themes what are the central themes?
- Context what was society like when the text was written? Who is the writer? What did they care about/believe in?
- Key quotations ensure that you know methods used and what you will say about your key quotes.



- Re-read key sections of the text and annotate extracts, so that you are familiar with key sections of the text
- Create mindmaps, flashcards and other revision notes on the key characters and themes
- Ask a friend or family member to test you on key parts of the text, key quotes
- Complete quickfire planning on a range of exam questions, considering what ideas you might use for each question
- Read example top marks answers and identify what makes them excellent
- Time yourself to complete timed exam questions





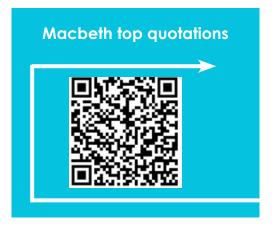
1 Hour 45 Minutes

Section A – Shakespeare (Macbeth

Section B – 19th Century Novel (A Christmas Carol)

English Literature

REVISION



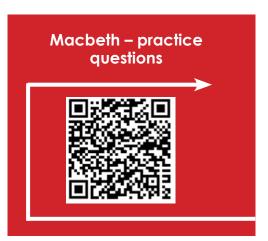


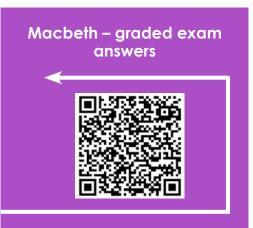










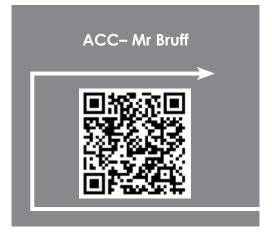


English Literature

CHRISTMAS CARO





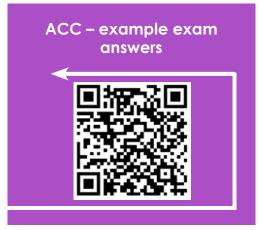












Science

(Combined Science: Trilogy)

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Biology Monday 19 February (PM)

Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) / Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)

Chemistry Tuesday 20 February (PM)

Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) / Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)

Physics Wednesday 21 February (AM)

Triple Paper 2 (1h 45m) / Combined Paper 2 (1h 15m)



Answer all the questions – don't leave any blank.

BUG all the questions

- Box the command word.
- Underline the key points.

Glance back the question:

- How many marks is the question?
- Does your response answer the questions?

In chemistry exams, annotate your periodic table



Biology Paper 1

Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bio-energetics.

Biology Paper 2

Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.

Chemistry Paper 1

Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.

Chemistry Paper 2

The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.

Physics Paper 1

Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.

Physics Paper 2

Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism.

Answer all the questions – don't leave any blank.



EXAM FORMAT

All papers have a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.

How it's assessed?

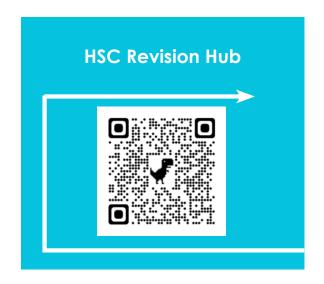
Each paper is...

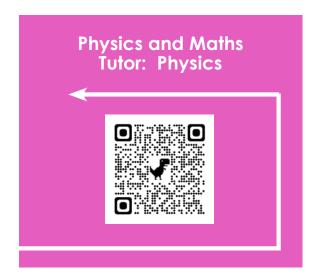
- Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

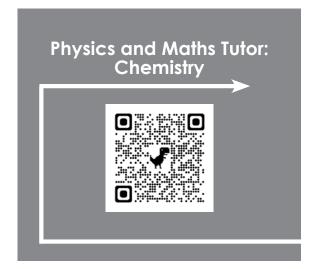
Science

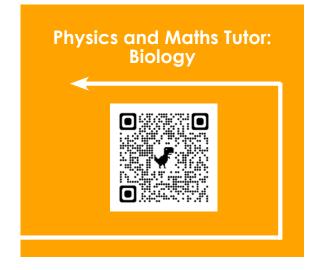
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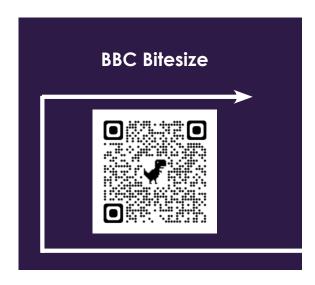
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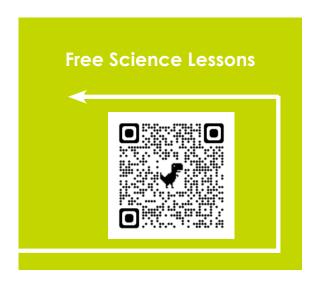












History

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- Ensure you revise for all papers.
 Follow the content list so you cover as many topics as possible.
- Use your revision guides, books and booklets.
- Make mind maps, colourful diagrams or anything that works well for you.
- Use the past papers booklet and have a go at the questions.



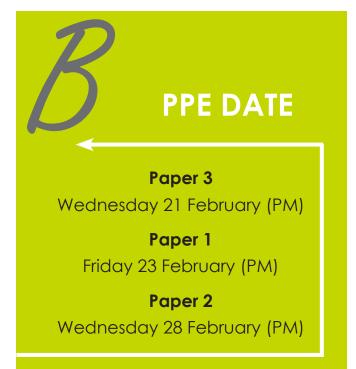
EXAM FORMAT

PAPER 1 – CRIME AND PUNISHMENT WITH WHITECHAPEL 1h 15 mins (30% of final grade)

PAPER 2 – ANGLO SAXONS AND NORMANS and AMERICAN WEST

1h 45 mins (40% of final grade)

PAPER 3 – WEIMAR AND NAZI GERMANY 1h 20 mins (30% of final grade)





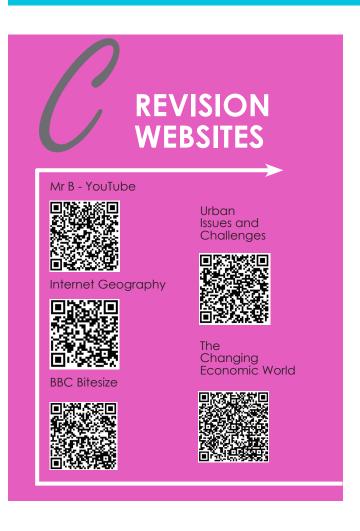
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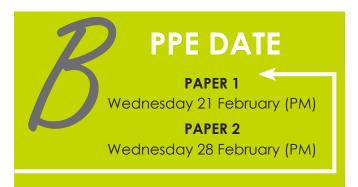
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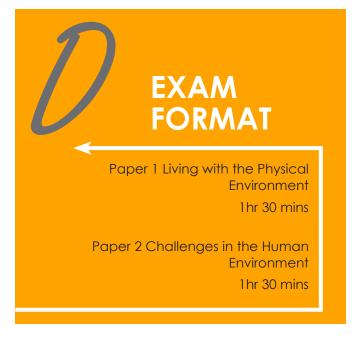


TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Read the command word carefully e.g. describe or explain.
- Timings for answering questions is a mark per minute e.g. spend 6 mins on a 6 mark question.
- If the questions asks you to mention a figure then you must refer to it in your answer or use it to back up a point you are making.
- Use geography key terms in your answer.
- If the question states using your own knowledge, named example or a case study then you must use this in your answer (these will be from your geography lessons).

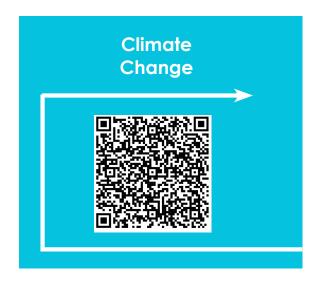


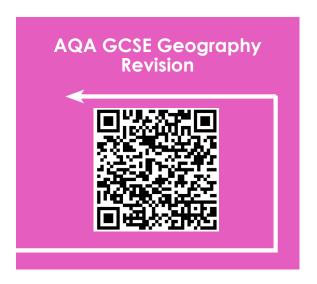




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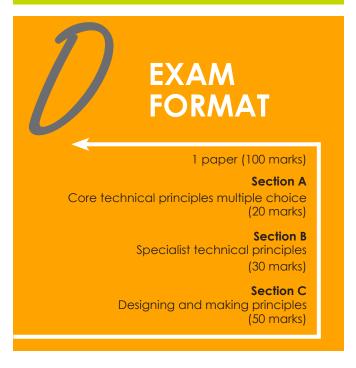


TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Create mind maps or flash cards for the key areas. Use the chapter headings in the GCSE Total Revision book to form the basis for your revision cue cards.
- Practice papers timed questions. Have a go under exam conditions.
- Revise key areas little and often!
- Believe in yourself. If you have a good coursework mark you already have up to 50% of the marks.
- Don't throw away a top grade by poor revision planning.









SECTION A CORE TECHNICAL PRINCIPLE

- New and emerging technologies
- Energy generation and storage
- Developments in new materials
- Systems approach to designing
- Mechanical devices
- Materials and their working properties.

SECTION B SPECIALIST TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES

- Forces and stresses
- Ecological and social footprint
- Using and working with materials
- Stock forms, types and sizes
- Scales of production
- Specialist techniques and processes
- Surface treatments and finishes.
- Timber based materials
- Polymers

→SECTION C DESIGNING & MAKING PRINCIPLES

- Investigation, primary and secondary data
- Environmental, social and economic challenge
- The work of others
- Design strategies
- Communication of design ideas
- Prototype development
- Selection of materials and components
- Tolerances
- Material management

Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

COOO attendance is the same as having a day off a week

GOOd attendance within the Hart School is OOO and above

attendance or higher you are more likely to achieve or exceed your potential

5 Minutes
late each day
is equal to
3 days
off in a school year