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Y11 Revision Evening

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Structure of the Evening

5.45pm – 6.15pm: Presentations from Maths, Science and English

6.15pm – 7.00pm: Lorraine Lee: Supporting your child through Exam season

Maths – Key Information

Tier and Exam Board

- Foundation – Eduqas
 - Two papers, 2 hours 15 minutes each
 - Paper 1 – Non-calculator (Thursday 16th May)
 - Paper 2 – Calculator (Monday 3rd June)
- Higher – Edexcel
 - Three papers 1 hours 30 minutes each
 - Paper 1 – Non-calculator (Thursday 16th May)
 - Paper 2 & 3 – Calculator (Monday 3rd June and Monday 10th June)

In some cases, decisions about a student's tier of entry will be made as we approach the final exam. We always make decision based upon where we feel a student is likely to achieve their best grade.

Year 11 - Fortnightly Home Learning Papers

- Each student is given a Home Learning exam paper each fortnight
- Aim for the marks you want for your GCSE!

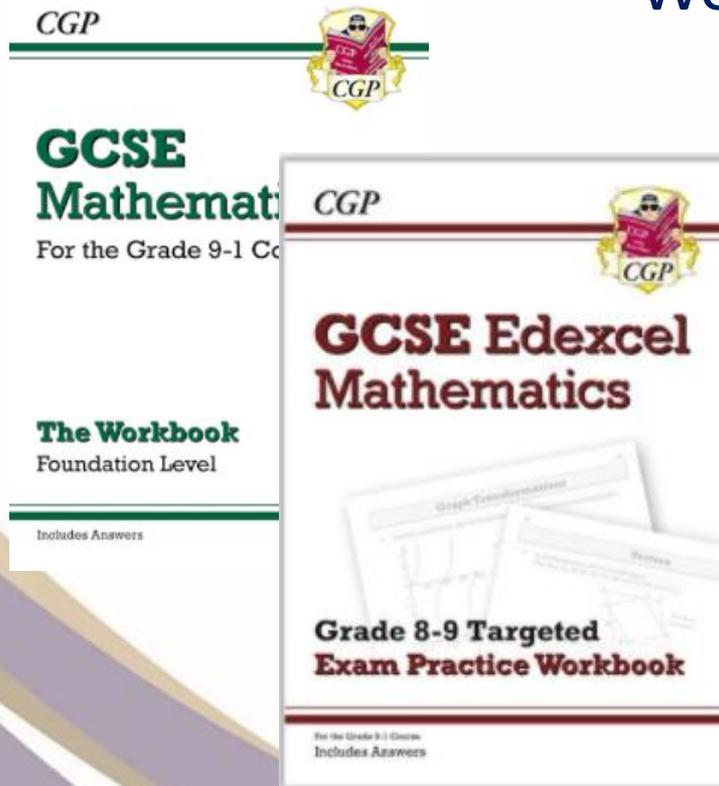
For example, if you're going for a 4, you'll need a 55 out of 120, and if you're aiming for a 7 – aim for 46 out of 80!

- Engaging with these tasks fully is THE BEST way for your child to improve their grade

Maths Clinic – Monday after school

Other Really Useful Resources!

Workbooks



All available on Scopay!

Science - Exams

- Regardless of whether students are taking Combined or Triple Science they will all sit 6 exam papers:

Biology 1: 10th May
Chemistry 1: 17th May
Physics 1: 22nd May

Biology 2: 7th June
Chemistry 2: 11th June
Physics 2: 14th June

Revision in Science

• Do

“Retrieval practice”

- Flashcards
- Questions from revision guides
- Past paper questions, AND MARK THEM (and be mean)
- physicsandmathstutor.com
- senecalearning.com (works for some)

YouTube

- Here you can find videos not just for content but also the required practical's.

Interleaving

- Mix up topics, don't spend extended periods on the same topic

• Don't

Techniques which are proven not to be effective

- Copying from the textbook
- Highlighting

General misconceptions

- Quantity is not a replacement for quality
- Pretty notes aren't always good notes
- Spending more time isn't always better (see interleaving)
- If something is difficult, that means it is working! Take a break and then come back to it

Tips

- Don't just revise the topics you are most confident with, although it is tempting

Places to go for resources

[Kerboodle - Sign In](#)



[Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 \(senecalearning.com\)](#)



 **PHYSICS & MATHS TUTOR**

[Physics & Maths Tutor \(physicsandmathstutor.com\)](#)

[Flashcards, learning tools and textbook solutions | Quizlet](#)

Quizlet

[GCSE - BBC Bitesize](#)

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[Malmesbury Education - YouTube](#)

GCSE Science Required Practicals

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English Language - Overview

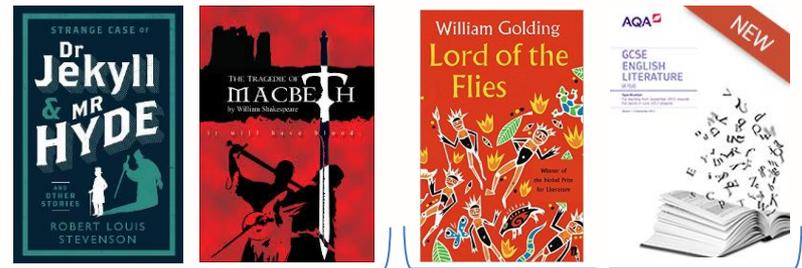
Remember both English Literature and Language are now assessed through **terminal exams only**. There is no Controlled Assessment or Coursework element

- 2 exams
- No tiers of entry
- Paper 1 - Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - 1hr 45 mins - 80 marks - 50% weighting
- Paper 2 - 1 hr 45 - Exploration of Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives - 1hr 45 mins - 80 marks - 50% weighting
- **Non-examination assessment: Spoken Language (S&L) separate endorsement- 0% weighting (Completed in Year 10)**



English Literature - Overview

- 2 exams
- No tiers of entry
- Paper 1 - Shakespeare and 19th Century novel – 1hr 45 mins – 64 marks – 40% weighting
- Paper 2 - Modern Texts and Poetry – 2hr 15 mins – 96 marks – 60% weighting



Paper 1

Paper 2

How to maximise your grades in GCSE English

Use these ideas for revising at home, as well as attending clinics and any additional interventions

Ideas to revise GCSE English Language

1. **PRIVATE READING:** Read quality fiction / non-fiction every day (or as often as you can). Access SORA via the Student Sharepoint for thousands of eBooks, graphic novels, and audiobooks.
2. **PRACTICE CREATIVE AND TRANSACTIONAL WRITING:** Practice responding to pictures (Google "writing prompt pictures") and writing letters, articles etc., to help respond to the Question 5 section of the Language papers.
3. **COMPLETE ADDITIONAL PAST PAPERS:** available on the Student SharePoint / AQA Website
4. **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow reputable feeds such as 'bbcnewsround' / 'bbcnewsbeat' or 'bbcnews', and accounts like 'SimplePolitics', 'earthlyeducation'. You can also follow inspirational people such as 'gretathunberg', Marcus Rashford, Akala, Dan Snow.
5. **YOUTUBE TUTORIALS:** Watch videos by YouTubers such as Mr Bruff, who analyse the questions taught in the AQA Specification.
6. **FLASHCARDS:** Create flashcards for terminology and the question structures of AQA Language.
7. **BBC BITESIZE:** Complete activities at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

Ideas to revise GCSE English Literature

1. **READING:** Re-read the 3 set texts you have studied and the 15 poems ('*Lord of the Flies*', '*Jekyll and Hyde*', '*Macbeth*', '*Power and Conflict*'). These can be accessed via the Henry Beaufort E-Library. Audio books also available. Read a variety of poetry – subscribe to Poetry Foundation newsletter to receive 1 poem a day.
2. **SENECA:** Continue with your revision using the online quizzes for each text <https://www.senecalearning.com/>
3. **BBC BITESIZE:** Complete activities relevant to the texts you have studied at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>
4. **WATCH** the film versions (Netflix, You Tube, other services) of the texts you have studied.
5. **YOUTUBE TUTORIALS:** Watch videos by YouTubers such as Mr Bruff, BBC Teach, Comics and Lit, Mr Everything English, RSC Shakespeare Learning Zone to help revise all texts, including poetry.
6. **COMPLETE ADDITIONAL PAST PAPERS and KNOWLEGDE ORGANISER QUIZZES:** available on the Student SharePoint / AQA Website
7. **FLASHCARDS:** Create flashcards for key quotes, characters, plot points, themes.
8. **READ ONLINE CRITICISM SITES:** such as SparkNotes <http://www.sparknotes.com>

English Clinic

- **Workshop style – students choose the topic that they need to work on.**
- **Students who attend clinic regularly always achieve higher grades! We encourage students to make the most of these opportunities.**
- **Week A = Language; Week B = Literature**

Date	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
21st September	Writing a thesis statement	Power of man poem revision	Power of nature poem revision
28th September	Question 3 - Analysing Structure	Question 2 - Analysing language in depth	Question 4 - Evaluating a statement
5th October	LOTF Lecture	LOTF Practice Question	What is AO3?
12th October	Narrative writing - top tips	Crafting a compelling opening	Using semi-colons and colons for effect
19th October	Unseen poetry practice question	8 mark comparison Q	Poetic devices

Clinic Workshop Example
Clinic is currently Year 11 only,
BUT Year 10 clinics will begin
from summer half term
onwards.

Your child may also be involved
in **English Tutor Intervention** at
PM Tutor time – this is for both
Year 10 and Year 11. This is
compulsory and your child
MUST attend if they are invited.

Key Dates

Year 10 Mocks:

- W/C 15th April
 - Literature Paper 1: Monday 15th April AM
 - Language Paper 2: Friday 19th April AM

After half-term



Year 11 GCSEs:

- Monday 13th May AM: Literature Paper 1
- Monday 20th May AM: Literature Paper 2
- Thursday 23rd May AM: Language Paper 1
- Thursday 6th June AM: Language Paper 2

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