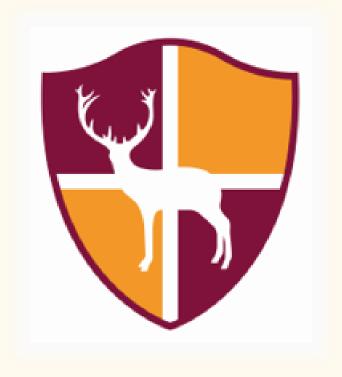




Year 11 'Countdown to GCSEs'





Order of the evening

- Welcome JC
- Results 2025 FB
- Examinations Officer
- Post 16 Providers AP
- Retrieval practice plans in school GT
- Intervention plans and revision sessions JC
- Tips and pitfalls

Head of Science HF/JC

Head of English LC

Head of Maths LH

Key dates JC

The Principal

Mrs Bowler

2025 Results



Celebrations

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Key data headlines



	22/23	23/24 87%	24/25 93%	24/25 Taught cohort
English and Maths 7+	17%	13%	15%	20%
English and Maths 5+	52%	54%	60%	65%
English and Maths 4+	75%	71%	79%	84%
Entrants Achieving the Baccalaureate 5+	17%	14%	17%	22%
Entrants Achieving the Baccalaureate 4+	24%	18%	23%	29%
Attainment 8	53.36	48.98	53.14	56.41
Progress 8	+0.29	-0.26	NA	N/A

Students with attendance of 82% or more



The Class of 2026

	2026 End of Y10	2026 82% and above
Attainment 8 Target (national)	47.76	48.31
Attainment 8 Year 10 prediction	46.45	50.32
Attendance Year 10	92.1%	
Number below 82% attendance in Year 10	28	0

Students with an attendance of 82% are already two points above their predicted grade. For most it is the difference between a pass and a strong pass at GCSE.

If their attendance is above 94% they are on average more than half a grade above their target.

Examinations Officer

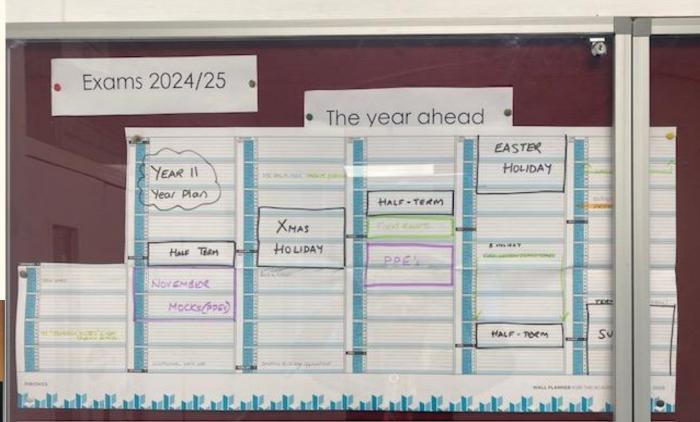
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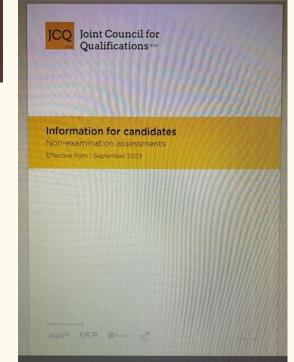












Careers support and guidance

Mr Parsons



Post 16 opportunities



- Personal Guidance interview (Seetec)
- Open events post 16 providers
- Mock Interview Day
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Personal Development lessons
- Post 16 Evening (Wednesday 8th October)

Post 16 providers

- Petroc
- Exeter College
- Cornwall College Bicton and Duchy
- Exeter Maths School
- Ilfracombe Academy
- Bideford College
- West Buckland School
- Kingsley School



UCAS - Architecture

Bath Spa University

Qualification requirements

▼ A level - BCC - CCC

A Level - grades BCC-CCC including a Grade C in Art and Design or related subject.

▼ Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) - DMM - MMM

BTEC - Extended Diploma grades from Distinction, Merit, Merit (DMM) to Merit, Merit (MMM) in a related subject, or evidence of experience in Art and Design

- Access to HE Diploma M: 30 credits
- ▶ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme 27 points
- ▼ T Level M

Grade Merit is preferred.

University of Liverpool

Qualification requirements

- UCAS Tariff Not accepted
- A level AAA

Typical offer AAA. We will consider applicants with lower grades, subject to a strong portfolio submission or Selection Day attendance. There are no specific subject requirements but you will be required to submit an art-based portfolio.

 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) - DDD

UCAS - Economics

Birmingham

Qualification requirements

- ▶ UCAS Tariff Not accepted
- ▼ A level AAB AAA

Required subjects and grades: GCSE Mathematics at grade 7/A. General Studies not accepted.

 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016)

BTEC Extended Diploma, Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma are all considered on a case by case basis - contact us for further guidance.

University of Lancaster

Qualification requirements

▼ A level - AAB

Subject requirement: B in A level Mathematics or Further Mathematics

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016)

May be considered alongside A level Mathematics or Further Mathematics

- Access to HE Diploma
- ▶ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme 35 points

GCSE requirements: Mathematics grade B or 6, English Language grade C or 4

Apprenticeships

Dental Nurse Apprenticeship

My Dentist Bideford (EX39 1AY)

Closes on Monday 20 October 2025

Posted on 11 September 2025



Contents

- Summary
- Work
- Training
- Requirements
- About this employer
- After this apprenticeship
- Ask a question
- Apply now

Summary

As an Apprentice Dental Nurse, you'll support clinicians to deliver a range of high-quality dental treatments and help the smooth running of your surgery and the practice. You will enjoy being part of a team that's passionate about caring for patients and helping the nation smile. Alongside your role you will achieve a level 3 in Dental Nursing.

Wage	£15,704 to £25,396.80, depending on your age					
	National Minimum Wage					
	Check minimum wage rates (opens in new tab)					
	Qualification bonus and progression on to our dental nurse career and pay framework. Holidays rising to 30 days per year with service (plus bank holidays).					
Training course	Dental nurse (GDC 2023) (level 3)					
Hours	Monday to Friday, 8.45am until 5.45pm. 40 hours a week					
Start date	Wednesday 22 October 2025					
Duration	1 year 6 months					

Degree Apprenticeships

Design Degree Apprenticeship

SMURFIT WESTROCK UK LTD Weston-Super-Mare (BS24 9BH)

Closes today

Posted on 15 August 2025



Print

Contents

- Summary
- Work
- Training
- Requirements
- About this employer
- After this apprenticeship
- Ask a question
- Apply now

Summary

Are you passionate about design and eager to kickstart your career while earning a degree? Smurfit Westrock is offering an exciting opportunity for a Design Degree Apprentice to join our innovative team in Weston-Super-Mare. This is a chance to gain hands-on experience in a dynamic packaging environment while achieving a recognised qualification.

Wage	Competitive
	Competitive wage offered
	Check minimum wage rates (opens in new tab)
Training course	Packaging professional (integrated degree) (level 6)
Hours	Monday to Friday, shifts to be confirmed.
	37 hours 30 minutes a week
Start date	Monday 5 January 2026
Duration	4 years

Degree Apprenticeships

< Go back

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

Nurse Degree Apprenticeship - Learning Disability

The closing date is 19 September 2025

Job summary

Are you an aspiring nurse who would like to make a difference to the lives of people we support?

Would you like to be paid to become a qualified Learning Disability Nurse?

Join our Nursing Apprenticeship Programme and establish a new career in healthcare

An exciting training opportunity to join the team in one of our services across Devon

Apply for this job

For questions about the job, contact:

Practice Educator

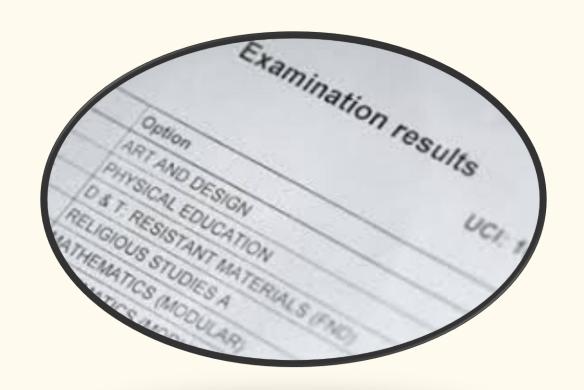
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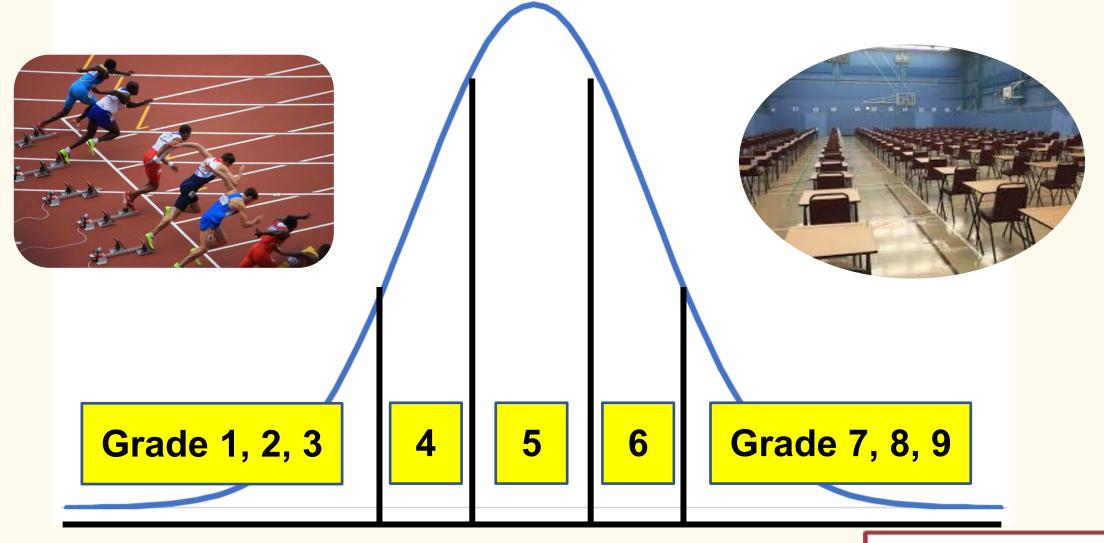
Vice-Principal

Mr Twohig



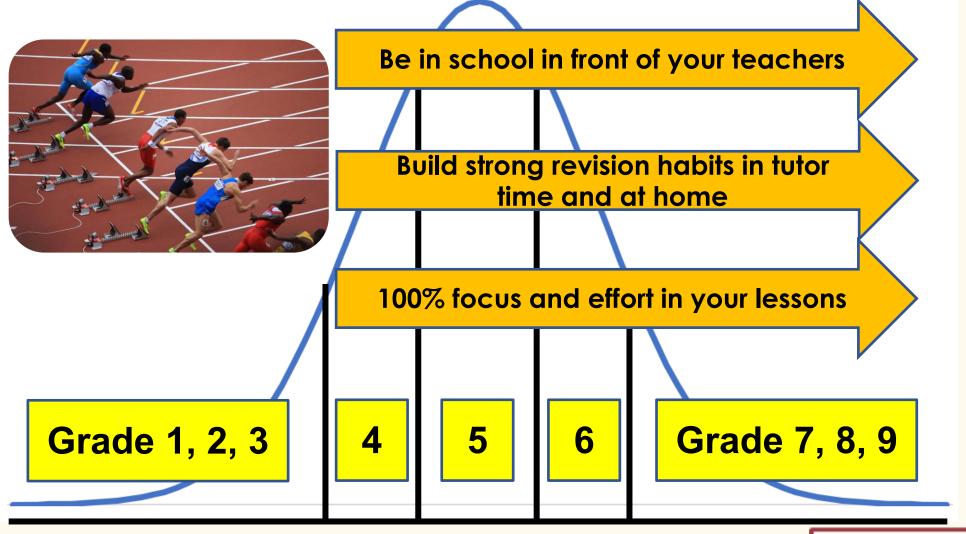


GCSE Results





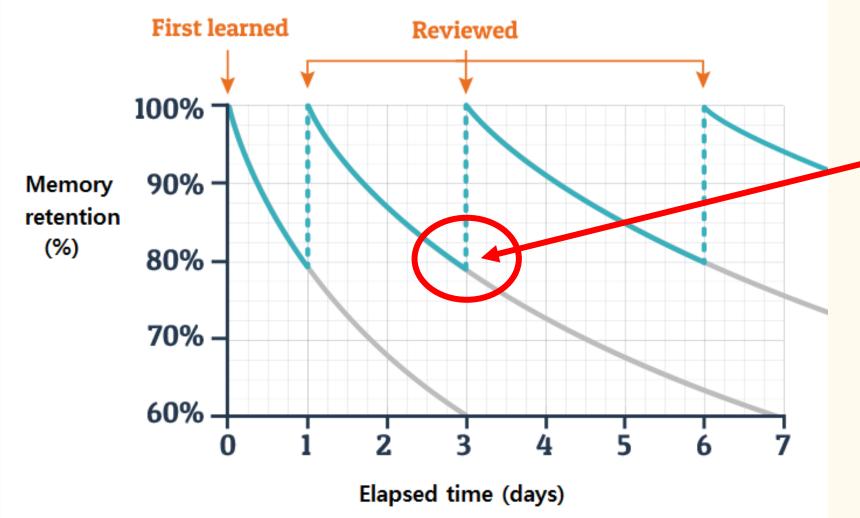
GCSE Results







Forgetting Curve



Mind Maps
Revision Cards



Using Revision Checklists

Flashcards



Cornell Notes



Self-Quizzing



Pomodoro Technique





Learn to Learn Techniques



Memorisation **2**



Revision Cards



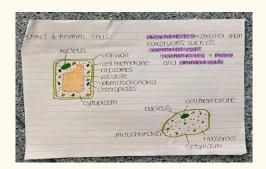
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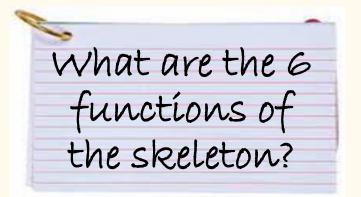


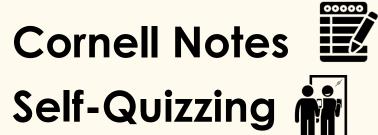
Flashcards













Pomodoro Technique





Assistant Vice-Principal

Mrs Craig



Tutor time Interventions plan that evolves over the year

- Maths, English and IDL has already started
- Science (Yellow group on Fridays) start next week
- Adding French from HT until Christmas
- January Easter



Year 11 Tutor time Intervention 2025-2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English LC	English LC	English LC	
Assembly	Room 61	Room 61	Room 61	
	Maths LH		Maths LH	Maths LH
	Rm 14		Library (SPARX support)	Rm 14
				IDL HC
				Rm 42
				Science HF
				Rm 34



November PPEs



	AM start	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	PM start	Period 5	Period 6
TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER	8:45am				Art Ex	am Option A			
FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER	8:45am		Art Exam Option D						
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TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	9am	_	Lang P1 1h 45m				1pm	Ethics P1 & F	P2 1h 45m
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER	9am		stening F / H n & 1h				1pm	Maths P1 F/	H 1h 30m
THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	9am		eading F/H n & 1h				1pm	Physics & C Science 1h	
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	9am		e iMedia 1h 30m				1pm	Food 1h	1 45m
Week A	AM start	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	PM start	Period 5	Period 6
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	9am	English I	Lang P2 1h 45m				1pm	French Writin	ng F / H 1h
TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	9am	Maths P2	F / H 1h 30m				1pm	Biology & C Science 1h	
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER				11:05am		r Science P2 exam 1h 30m	1pm	Geography 1h	•
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	9am		Engineering 30m				1pm	Chemis Combined S 45m &	cience 1h
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	9am	Maths P3	F / H 1h 30m				lpm	PE 1h	15m

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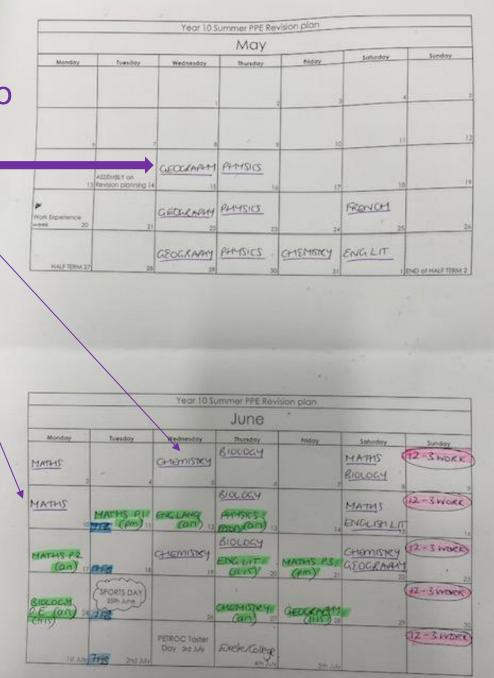
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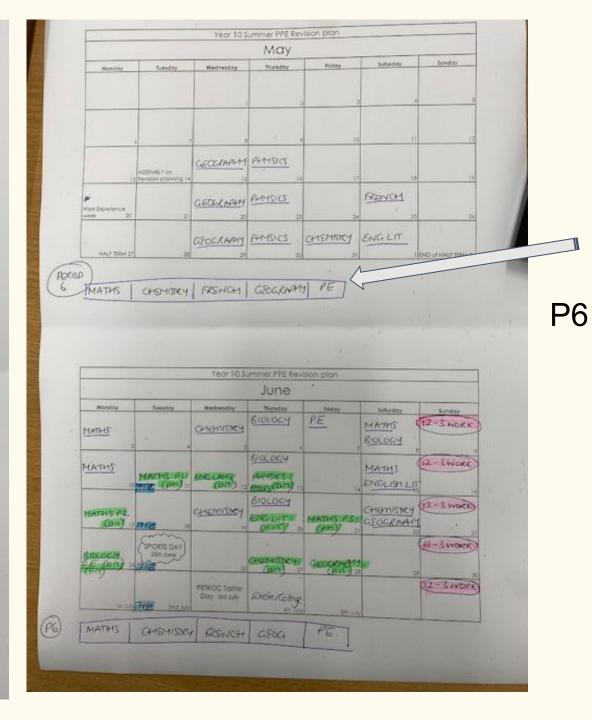
Revision planners handing out 6th November.



PPE'S WEEK I

PPE'S WEEK 2 Pomodoro sessions





Mental health support

Assemblies

Planned and run by HOY the safeguarding team.

Pastoral support workers

Tailored sessions for groups of students. Miss Rush.

Training

All staff have had training on mental health and building relationships with students.

PD lessons

First half term are on mental health (identifying & strategies)



The look of a 'Revision session' at home

- Decide on subject and the topic e.g. the different stages of the digestive system in science
- Identify the resource to be used i.e. classnotes, past papers, bitesize, EverLearner
- 3. Set a goal i.e. by the end I will have completed a Cornell Notes sheet on....and be able to explain the different stages
- 4. Memory Recall to start: what do I know before I start?
- 5. 30 40 mins Pomodorro
- 6. Test test test



At this point you need to be studying for 2 hours a day on average. 30 minutes can be done in school during Tutor time.

Complete your hours in 30-40 minute chunks to make them more manageable.

Try 5 minute challenges – regularly and often.

Build in lots of good breaks.

Good luck!



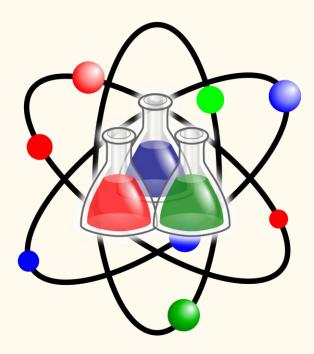
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Science Revision





To put it in context!!!!

40% of your exam marks are based on your recollection of the information you have been taught

40% of your marks are from your ability to use the knowledge you have to answer questions that may be in a novel or unusual context.

The Final 20% is based on your knowledge of the <u>required practical activities</u> you have covered and you working scientifically skills.

Knowing the <u>command words</u> for your science papers are really important, knowing what the questions are asking you to do is important - a list of the command words and their meanings can also be found on the AQA website.

AQA | Command words

Knowing your required practicals really well is also very important. Help with revision for these can be found

GCSE Science Required Practicals - YouTube

Videos | freesciencelessons

Useful Websites

- Check they are for the correct exam board.
- AQA Combined
 Science Trilogy
- Or
- AQA Biology/Chemistry/ Physics

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3
- https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
- https://www.docbrown.info/
- Primrose Kitten Academy YouTube
- Freesciencelessons YouTube
- https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse



AQA Past Exam Papers

Many past exam papers and their mark schemes available online.

Can get there straight from a search engine.

OR

AQA | Resources | Past Papers & AQA | Mark Schemes



IDEAS:

- Complete in one colour without notes and in timed conditions, and in another colour using notes.
 - Complete all in pencil, mark, rub out, and complete again.
- Complete the exam "closed book" (using no notes) and in the time period allowed.
 - Focus on weaker areas, as a whole exam paper can be daunting.

GCSE Maths & GCSE Statistics



Exam Board: Edexcel

Edexcel GCSE Higher Grade Boundaries

Exam Series	Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	U
June 2025	240	217	186	156	121	87	53	36	0
November 2024	240	200	170	140	107	75	43	27	0
June 2024	240	197	167	137	105	73	42	26	0

Edexcel GCSE Foundation Grade Boundaries

Exam Series	Max Mark	5	4	3	2	1	U
June 2025	240	175	144	105	67	29	0
November 2024	240	174	141	103	66	29	0
June 2024	240	175	142	103	65	27	0

Top Revision Tips



1) Start early using a "little and often" approach.

It is so important that you regularly practise the material you have learnt in lessons.

The only way to remember what you learnt yesterday/last week/last month/last year is to regularly try questions on those topics.

Use Tutor time!

2) Revise strategically – ensure you have a list of the topics that are in the exam

www.corbettmaths.com/contents Adding Fractions - Video 133 Multiplying Fractions - Video 142 Dividing Fractions - Video 134 GCSE Higher Tier Estimation - Video 215 Best Buys - Video 210 Corbett Checklist Currency - Video 214a Conversion Graphs - Video 151, 152 Product of Primes - Videos 223, 224 Angles in Parallel Lines - Video 25, 39 Frequency Trees - Video 376 Indices - Videos 172, 174 Bearings - Video 26, 27 Two-way Tables - Video 319 Indices (fractional/negative) - Videos 173, 175 Angles in Polygons - Video 32 Pie Charts - Videos 163, 164 Standard Form - Videos 300, 301, 302, 303 Constructions - Video 78, 72, 79, 80, 70 Scatter Graphs - Videos 165, 166 Percentages of Amounts - Videos 234, 235 Loci - Videos 75, 76, 77 Histograms - Video 157, 158, 159 Percentage change - Video 233 Area of a Trapezium - Video 48 Frequency Polygons - Videos 155, 156 Compound Interest - Video 236. Circumference - Video 60 Stem-and-leaf - Videos 169, 170 Reverse Percentages - Video 240 Area of a Circle - Video 40 Cumulative Frequency - Videos 153, 154 Recurring Decimals to Fractions - Video 96 Arc Length - Video 58 Box Plots - Video 149 Ratio - Videos 270, 271 Area of a Sector - Video 48 Estimated Mean - Video 55 Direct Proportion - Video 254 Volume of a Cylinder - Video 357 Tree Diagrams - Video 252 Inverse Proportion - Video 255 Pythagoras - Video 257, 259 Conditional Probability - Video 247 Limits of Accuracy - Videos 183, 184 Trigonometry - Videos 329, 330, 331 Capture Recapture - Video 391 Surds - Videos 305, 306, 307, 308 3D Trig and Pythagoras - Videos 259, 332 Venn Diograms - Video 380 Product Rule for Counting - Video 383 Exact Tria Values - Video 341 Error Intervals - Video 377 Volume of a Prism - Video 356 Equation of a Circle - Video 12 Collecting Like Terms - Video 9 Volume of Cone/Pyramid/Sphere - Videos 359-361 Equation of a tangent - Video 372 Expanding a Bracket - Video 13 Surface Area of a Prism - Video 311 Instantaneous rates of change - Video 309a Expanding 2/3 Brackets - Videos 14, 15 Surface Area of Cone/Sphere - Videos 314, 313 Average rates of change - Video 309b Factorising - Video 117 Area under a curve - Video 389 Translations - Video 325 Factorising Quadratics - Videos 118, 119, 120 Reflections - Video 272 Composite Functions - Video 370 Algebraic Fractions - Videos 21, 22, 23, 24 Rotations - Video 275 Inverse Functions - Video 369 Sequences (nth term) - Videos 288, 289 Enlargements - Videos 104, 106, 107, 108 Quadratic Graphs - Video 264 nth term (quadratics) - Video 388 Similar Shapes - Videos 292, 293a, 293b Trigonometric Graphs - Videos 338, 339 Substitution - Video 20 Circle Theorems - Videos 64, 65 Reciprocal Graphs - Video 346 Equations - Videos 110, 113, 114, 115 Sine Rule - Video 333 Exponential Graphs - Video 345 Changing the Subject - Videos 7, 8 Algebraic Proof - Video 365 Cosine Rule - Videos 335, 336 Inequalities - Videos 177, 178, 179 1/2abSinC - Video 337 Quadratic Formula - Video 267 Inequalities (Regions) - Video 182 Vectors - Video 353 Completing the Square - Video 10, 371 Quadratic Inequalities - Video 378 Travel Graphs - Video 171 Transformations of Graphs - Video 323 Linear Graphs - Videos 191, 186, 189, 194 Speed, Distance, Time - Video 299 Iteration - Video 373 Parallel or Perpendicular Lines - Videos 196, 197 Density - Video 384 Simultaneous Equations - Video 295/298 Pressure - Video 385 Geometric Proof - Video 366



3) Past papers, past papers, past papers!

The vast majority of a GCSE maths paper is fairly predictable. So, by completing loads of past papers, you will be fully prepared for the majority of the questions... it will also help you identify what topics you need to work on.



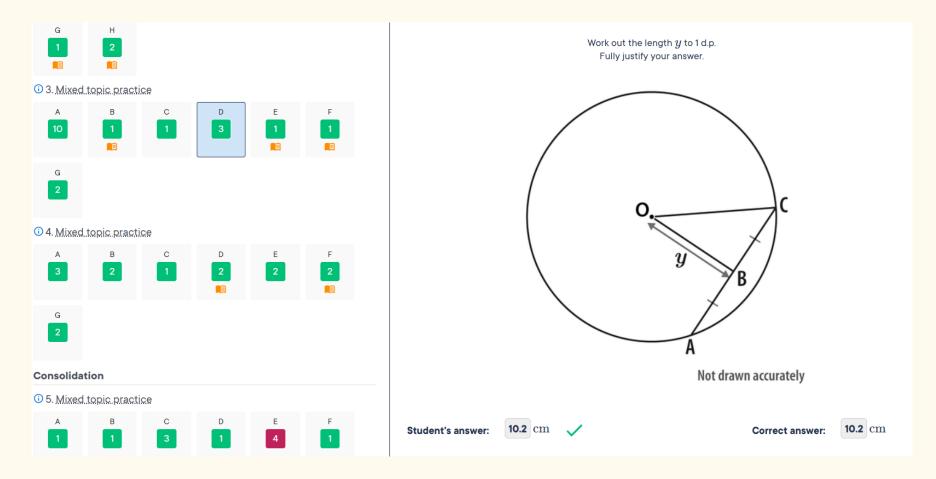
4) It is so important you are fully equipped to revise.

It is very important to become familiar with your calculator and what each button does.





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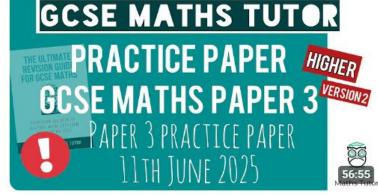
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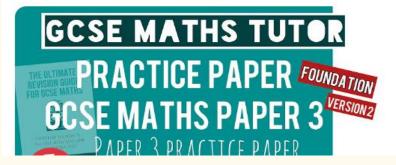


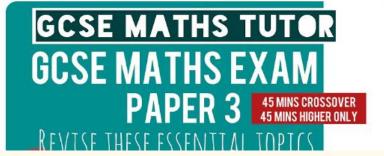


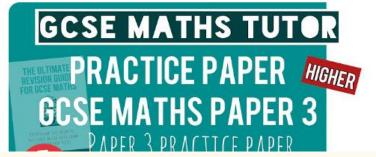


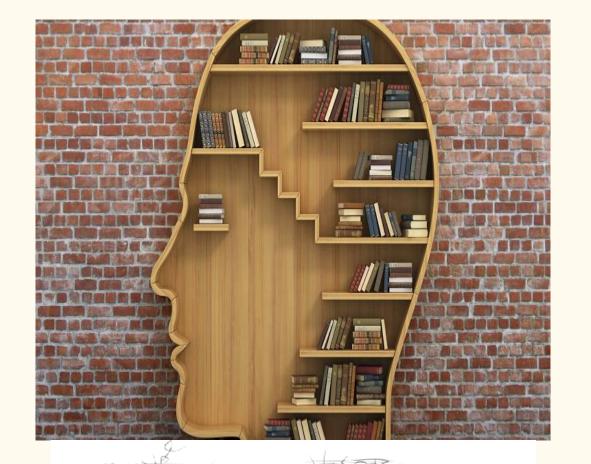


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English Language & Literature

Ms Couch



...to see again



A reminder...

AQA -

2 separate GCSE qualifications

4 exams: 2 for Language and 2 for Literature

A total of 7 hours and 30 minutes in the exam hall!

All closed book exams, so...



... start revising NOW!



Little and often is the key to staying well and doing well.

What do you need to revise?

Language:

"If you add a little to a little and do this often, soon the little will become great."

- Hesiod

- ✓ Subject terminology
- ✓ Reading skills (fiction and non-fiction)
- ✓ Writing skills to describe, inform, argue, and persuade
- ✓ Revisit the basics of SPaG

Literature:

- ✓ THREE set texts (plot, characterisation, setting, language, structure and context) PLUS Anthology Poetry (15 poems)
- ✓ Unseen Poetry: meaning, imagery, tone, structure, language
- ✓ Quotations



Skills for Language and Literature are transferrable!



GCSE English Language



Course Handbor

All of the key information you need English Language exar

You will need this handbook for EVF lesson. Keep it in the front of you

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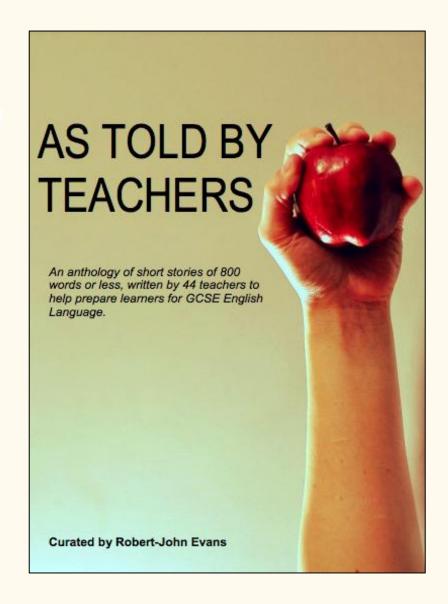
GCSE English Literature



Course Handbook

All of the key information you need for your GCSE

You will need this handbook for EVERY English Literature lesson. Keep it in the front of your folder and do not



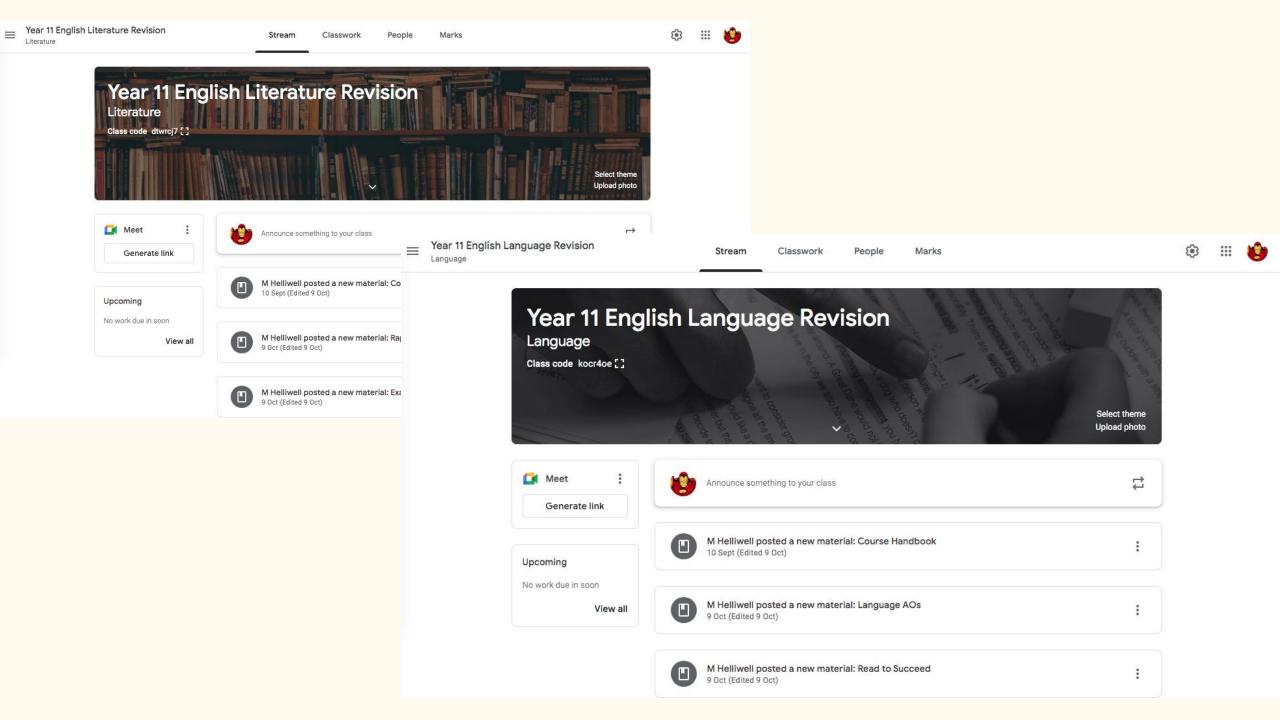
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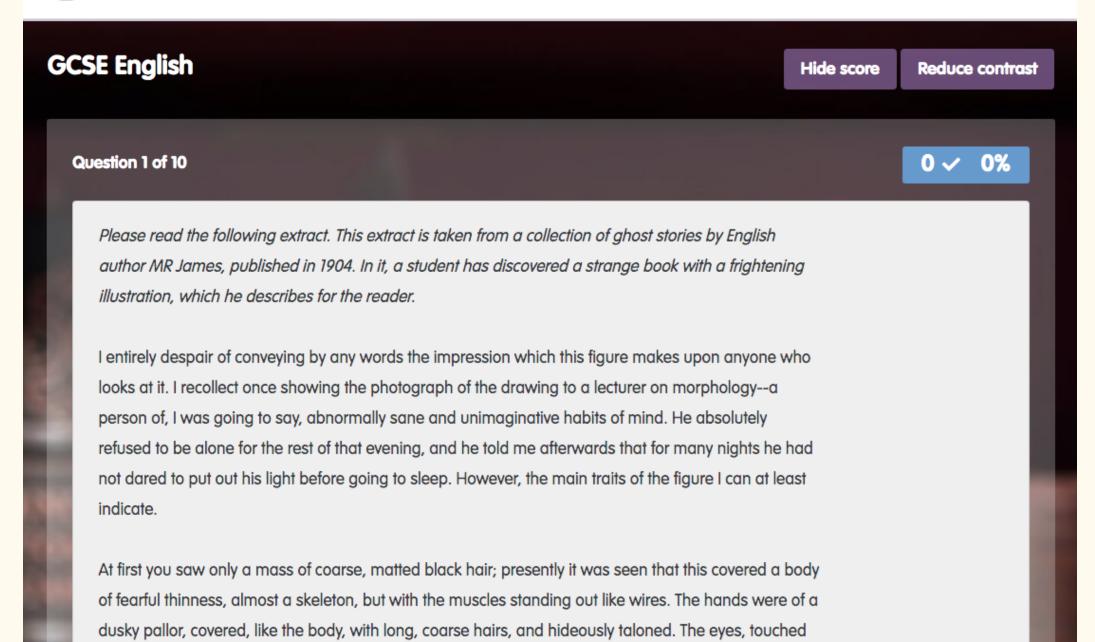
Active revision

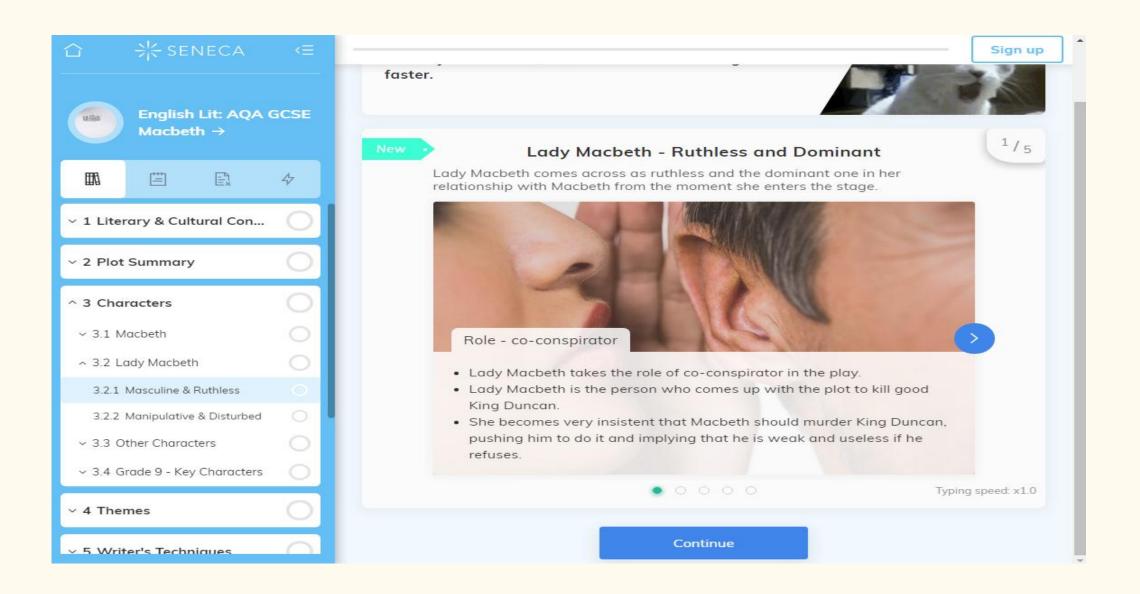
- ✓ Read notes and reduce revision cards are useful
- ✓ Re-read set texts highlight quotations and annotate
- ✓ Create word walls for quotes and key chapters
- ✓ Write a quiz or "speed dating" questions
- ✓ Trace key words with finger, highlighter
- ✓ Create card sort activities
- ✓ **Visually organise** or reorganise notes using columns, charts, categories
- ✓ Know your AOs and where you need to address them
- ✓ Most importantly complete timed practice exam questions!

"If you add a little to a little and do this often, soon the little will become great."

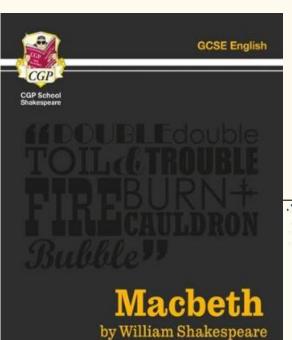




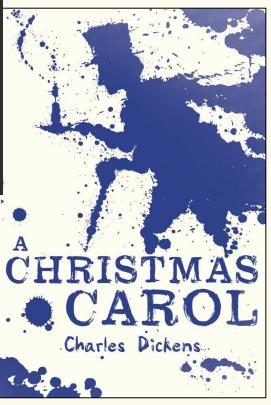


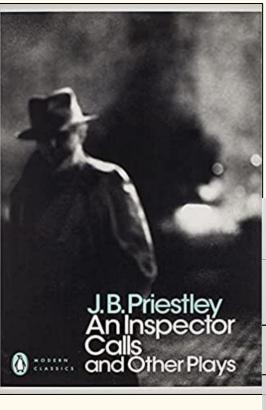


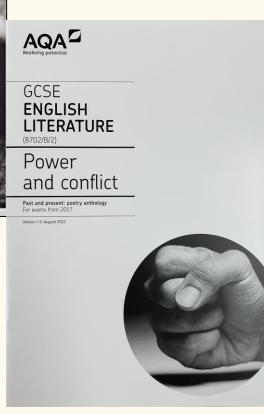
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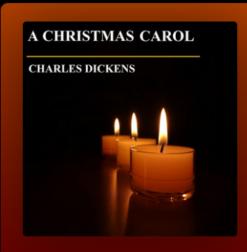
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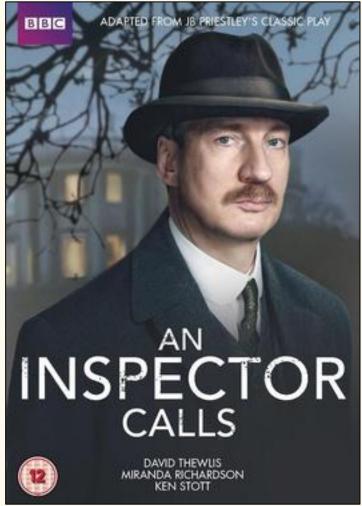




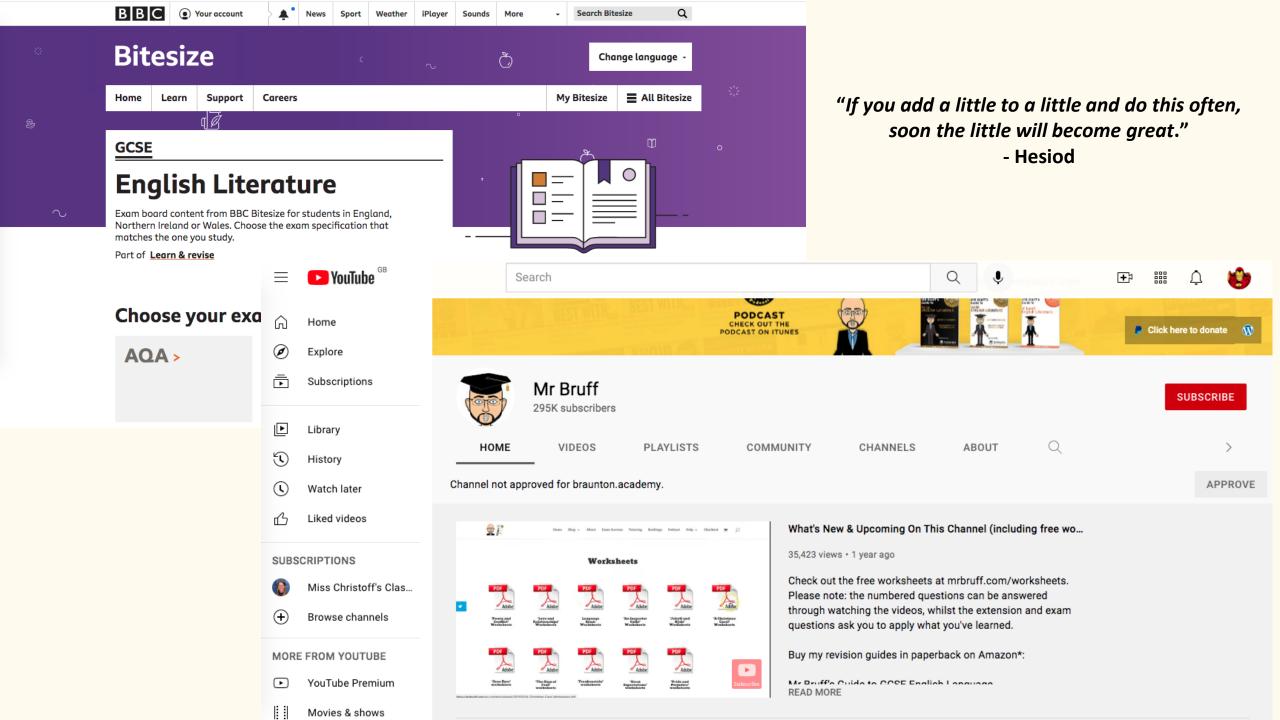


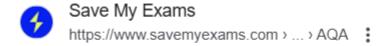
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Key dates

Monday 10th November: PPEs start (2 weeks)

Thursday 11th December: Parents Evening

Thursday 11th December: PPEs Results handed out & sent home

31st January: Deadline for college applications

Monday 23rd February: Food practical exams

Mon 2nd March - 6th March: Mini PPE Series (Maths/Eng/Sci + some other subjects in class)

Monday 20th April: French Speaking exams

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First exam: Friday 8th May 2026

Last exam is Monday 15th June 2026

Contingency day - Wednesday 24th June 2026

Prom Friday 26th June 2026!!

GCSE Results day: Expected to be Thursday 20th August 2026





Final Key message

There is **no** study leave



Thank you for coming and good luck all of you!!

