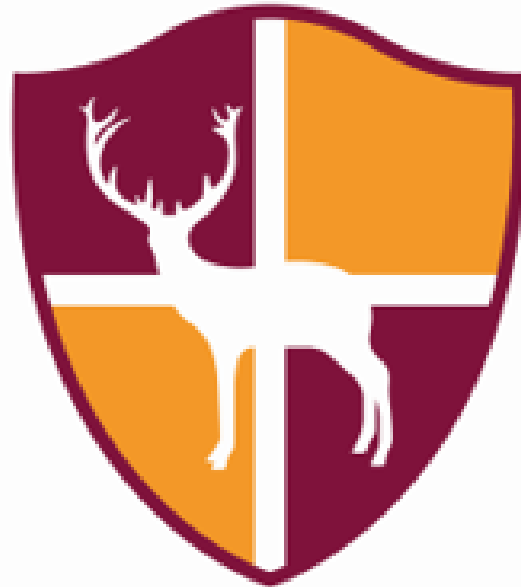




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Year 10 'Welcome to GCSEs'





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Order of the evening

1. Principal welcome : Mrs F Bowler
2. Curriculum and qualification outline: Mr Barfield
3. Metacognition strategies: Mr Barfield
4. Exam Access Arrangements: Ms Young

Heads of Department

5. Head of English: Mrs Couch
6. Head of Maths: Mr Barfield
7. Head of Science: Mrs H Fuller

8. PD/Work experience: Mr A Parsons
9. Key dates for diary : Mr Barfield



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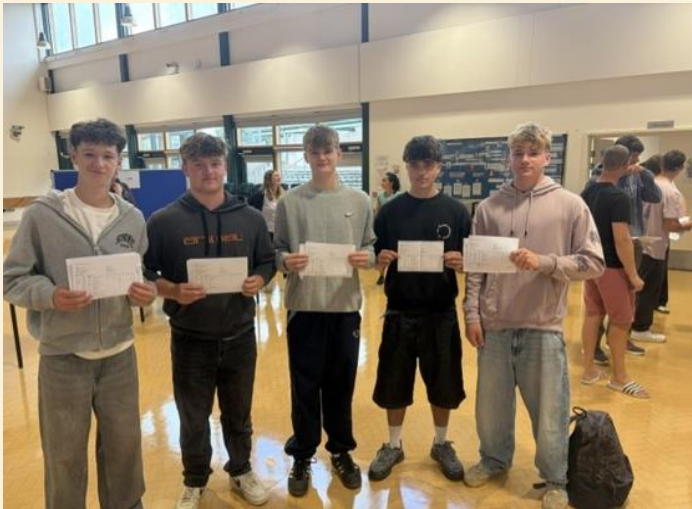
The Principal

Mrs Bowler - 2026 Results

Celebrations



Student	9/D2*	8	7
1	5	3	2
2	5	4	1
3	5	1	1
4	4	3	1
5	4	1	2
6	3	3	3
7	3	6	0
8	2	5	3
9	2	1	3
10	2	0	3
11	2	3	2
12	1	2	1
13	1	5	3
14	1	2	2
15	1	6	3
16	1	2	3
17	1	0	0
18	1	2	5
19	1	4	0
20	1	0	2



47 Grade 9s | 94 Grade 8s | 149 Grade 7s | 14 D2+

Assistant Vice-Principal



Mr Barfield

Curriculum and qualification outline

Either have a triple science profile;

Maths

English Language

English Literature

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Options 1, 2 & 3

Statistics*

PE

Belief and values

PSHE

Or Combined Trilogy Science;

Maths

English Language

English Literature

Combined Science (2 GCSE's)

Options 1, 2, 3 & 4

Statistics*

PE

Belief and values

PSHE

9 GCSE's
+ *statistics



Supporting Revision



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GCSE Results



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Be in school in front of your teachers

**Waste no time! Start revising in Tutor time
and at home**

100% focus and effort in your lessons

Grade 1, 2, 3

4

5

6

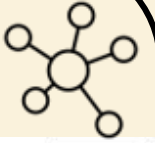
Grade 7, 8, 9

Revision Techniques

KS 4 Tutor time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10A	Learning to Learn techniques & independent study	Assembly	Silent Reading	Collaborative study	Tutor led activities
10B	Learning to Learn techniques & independent study	Assembly	Tutor led activities	Collaborative study	Tutor led activities

Mind Maps



Revision Cards



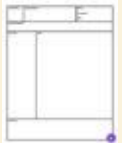
Flashcards



Using Revision Checklists



Cornell Notes



Self-Quizzing



Pomodoro Technique



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Cornell Notes

Mr. Twohig Geography Plate Tectonics

What is the structure of the earth?



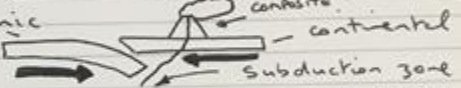
Crust - 0-60km, continental or oceanic, plate
Mantle - thickest, 2,900km, semi-molten rock
Outer core - liquid and also iron & nickel
Inner core - hottest part, solid, iron & nickel
OCEANIC CRUST UNDER OCEANS / CONTINENTAL CRUST UNDER LAND

Location of Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Earthquakes & volcanoes found mostly on land where plates meet
Volcanoes only found at constructive / destructive margins.
'Ring of Fire' is where there are a lot of volcanoes
Sometimes found on Hot Spots [weakness in earth's crust - eg. Hawaii]

Types of Plate Margins

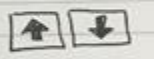
Destructive Plate Margin -



Constructive Plate Margin -



Conservative Plate Margin -



- Slide past each other
- Get stuck
- Earthquakes
- NO VOLCANOES

Convection Currents

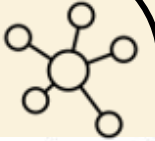
Convection currents are currents in the mantle.
Inner core (radioactive decay) heats the magma, it rises and spreads out at the crust. Friction pulls the plates



Summary

Structure of the earth is broken into 4 sections. The plates move because of convection. It is the radio-active decay of the inner core this and then the friction pulls the plates. There are 3 different plate margins.

Mind Maps



Revision Cards



Flashcards



Using Revision Checklists



Cornell Notes



Self-Quizzing



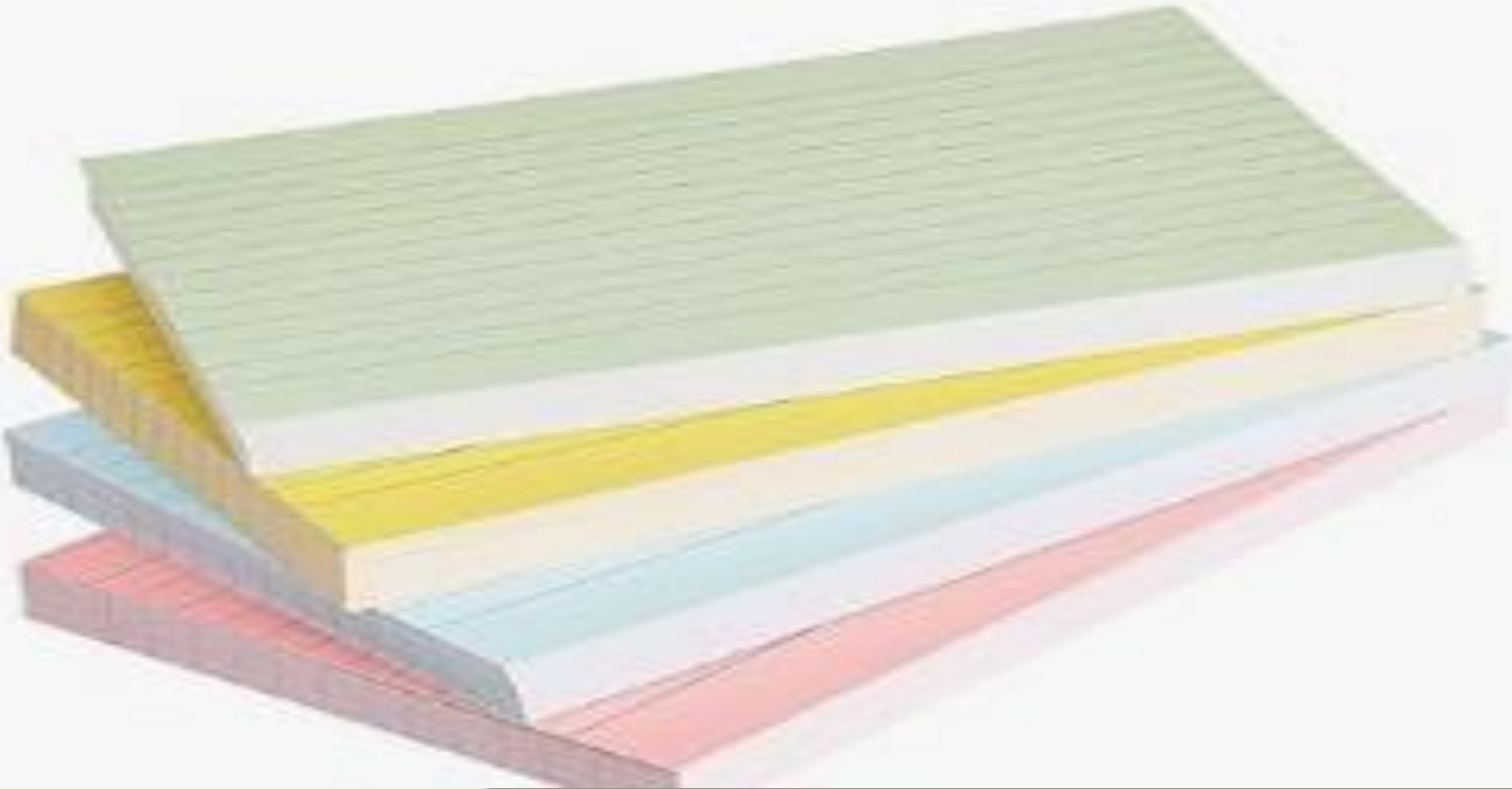
Pomodoro Technique



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Mind maps, Revision Cards and Flash Cards

Amazon's Choice



Mind Maps



Revision Cards



Flashcards



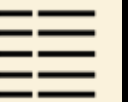
Using Revision Checklists



Cornell Notes



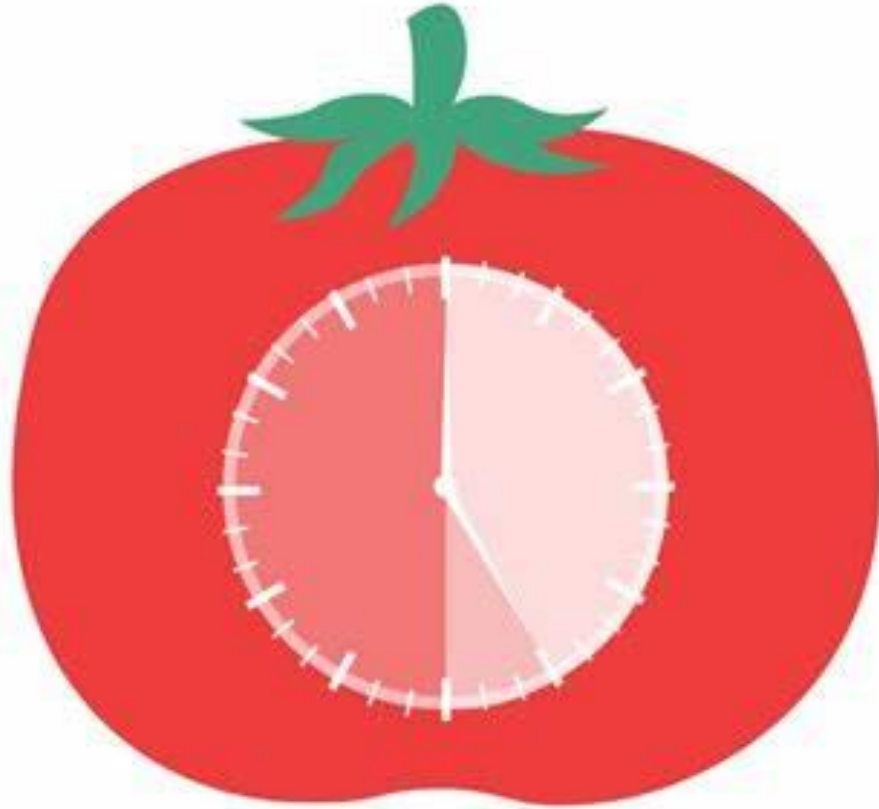
Self-Quizzing



Pomodoro Technique

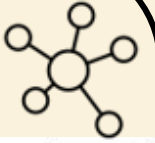


Pomodoro Technique



25 min working
5 min resting

Mind Maps



Revision Cards



Flashcards



Using Revision
Checklists



Cornell Notes



Self-Quizzing



**Pomodoro
Technique**



Mental health support

Tutor

Tutor time where relationships are developed with tutor

Assemblies

Planned and run by HOY and the safeguarding team.

Training

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



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EAA – Exam Access Arrangements

Ms Young

EAA – Exam Access Arrangements

- Exam access arrangements give students with disabilities, special educational needs, or temporary injuries a fair way to complete tests without changing what the test measures.
- These provisions—overseen in the UK by the [Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\)](#)—make sure that a student's medical or learning challenges do not stop them from showing their true knowledge. They do not give an unfair advantage. Instead, they remove physical or mental barriers.



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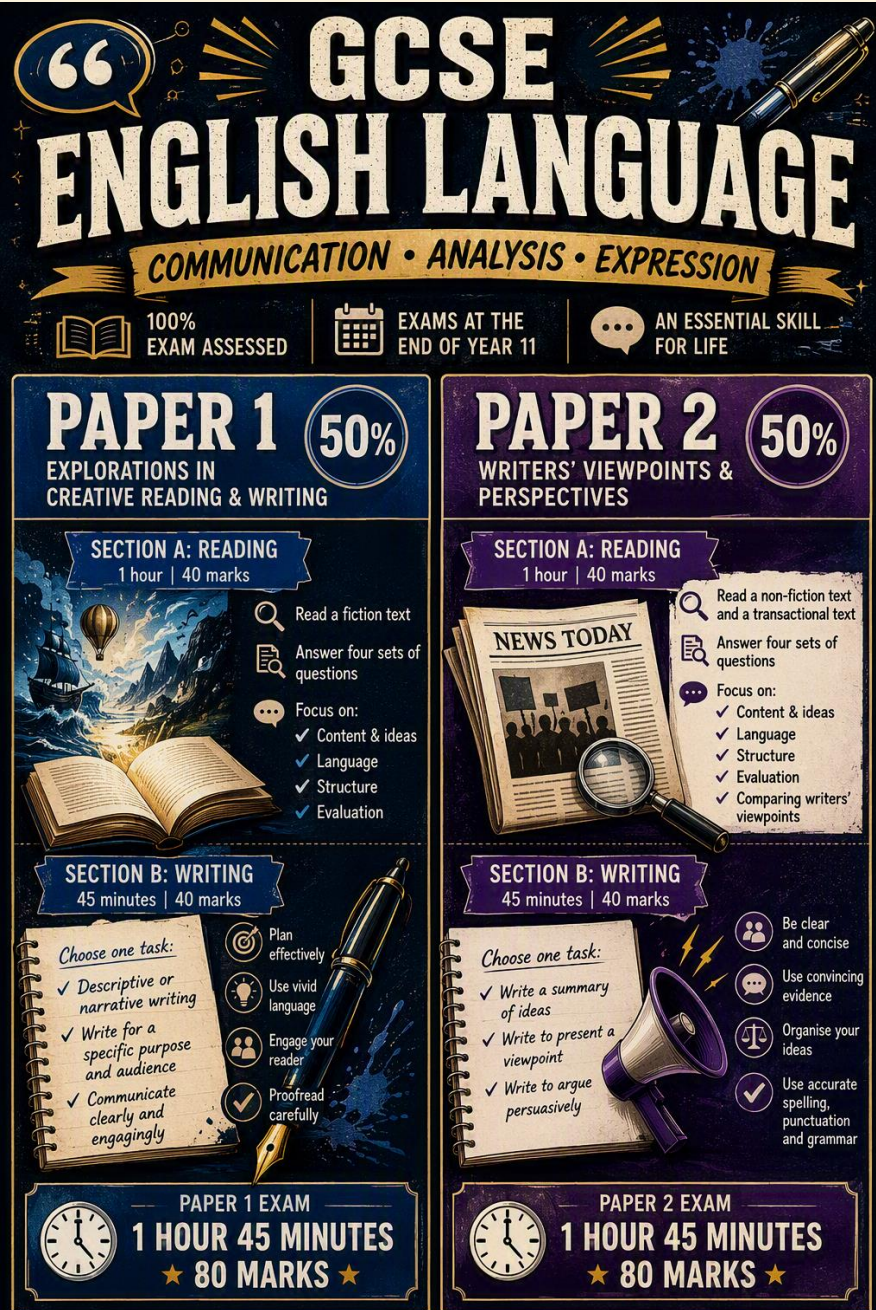
GCSE English

at Braunton Academy

TWO separate GCSEs:

1. English Language
2. English Literature

No tiered entry
(Higher or Foundation) – all students sit the same papers



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COMMUNICATION • ANALYSIS • EXPRESSION

100% EXAM ASSESSED | EXAMS AT THE END OF YEAR 11 | AN ESSENTIAL SKILL FOR LIFE

PAPER 1 50%
EXPLORATIONS IN CREATIVE READING & WRITING

SECTION A: READING
1 hour | 40 marks

- Read a fiction text
- Answer four sets of questions
- Focus on:
 - ✓ Content & ideas
 - ✓ Language
 - ✓ Structure
 - ✓ Evaluation

SECTION B: WRITING
45 minutes | 40 marks

Choose one task:

- ✓ Descriptive or narrative writing
- ✓ Write for a specific purpose and audience
- ✓ Communicate clearly and engagingly

- Plan effectively
- Use vivid language
- Engage your reader
- Proofread carefully

PAPER 1 EXAM
1 HOUR 45 MINUTES
★ 80 MARKS ★

PAPER 2 50%
WRITERS' VIEWPOINTS & PERSPECTIVES

SECTION A: READING
1 hour | 40 marks

- Read a non-fiction text and a transactional text
- Answer four sets of questions
- Focus on:
 - ✓ Content & ideas
 - ✓ Language
 - ✓ Structure
 - ✓ Evaluation
 - ✓ Comparing writers' viewpoints

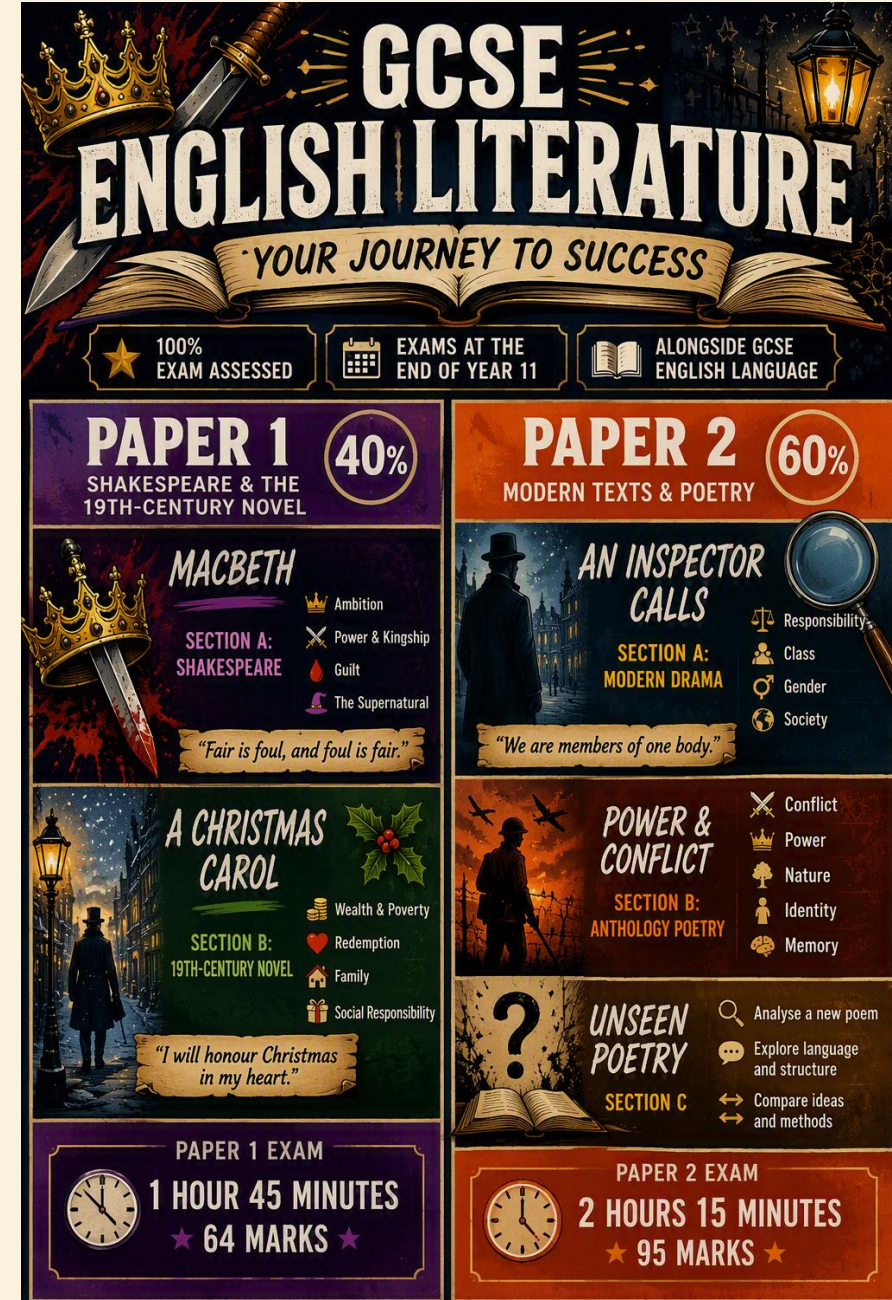
SECTION B: WRITING
45 minutes | 40 marks

Choose one task:

- ✓ Write a summary of ideas
- ✓ Write to present a viewpoint
- ✓ Write to argue persuasively

- Be clear and concise
- Use convincing evidence
- Organise your ideas
- Use accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar

PAPER 2 EXAM
1 HOUR 45 MINUTES
★ 80 MARKS ★



GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE
YOUR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

100% EXAM ASSESSED | EXAMS AT THE END OF YEAR 11 | ALONGSIDE GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 40%
SHAKESPEARE & THE 19TH-CENTURY NOVEL

MACBETH

- Section A: SHAKESPEARE
- Themes: Ambition, Power & Kingship, Guilt, The Supernatural
- Quote: "Fair is foul, and foul is fair."

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

- Section B: 19TH-CENTURY NOVEL
- Themes: Wealth & Poverty, Redemption, Family, Social Responsibility
- Quote: "I will honour Christmas in my heart."

PAPER 1 EXAM
1 HOUR 45 MINUTES
★ 64 MARKS ★

PAPER 2 60%
MODERN TEXTS & POETRY

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

- Section A: MODERN DRAMA
- Themes: Responsibility, Class, Gender, Society
- Quote: "We are members of one body."

POWER & CONFLICT

- Section B: ANTHOLOGY POETRY
- Themes: Conflict, Power, Nature, Identity, Memory

UNSEEN POETRY

- Section C
- Themes: Analyse a new poem, Explore language and structure, Compare ideas and methods

PAPER 2 EXAM
2 HOURS 15 MINUTES
★ 95 MARKS ★

AQA GCSE English Language

Paper 1 50%

Paper 2 50%

Section A:
Reading

1 unseen literature
fiction text

Section B:
Writing

Descriptive or
narrative writing

Section A:
Reading

1 non-fiction and 1
literary non-fiction
text

Section B:
Writing

Writing to present
a viewpoint

Total exam time:
1 hour and 45 minutes

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All exams will be at the end of Year 11. You will also sit an English Literature GCSE.

What do the courses include?

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:



- ✓ **100% exam i.e. no coursework**
- ✓ **Two terminal exams testing students' reading and writing ability**
- ✓ **All texts in the examination will be unseen**
- ✓ **SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) = 20%**



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What do the courses include?



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1 hour 45 minutes; 50% of the GCSE

FICTION

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes; 50% of the GCSE

NON-FICTION

Spoken Language Endorsement:

- ✓ internally assessed
- ✓ does NOT contribute to the overall grade

AQA GCSE English Literature

Paper 1 40%

Section A:
*Shakespeare's
Macbeth*

Section B:
*C19th Novel : A
Christmas Carol*

Total exam time:
1 hour and 45 minutes
64 marks

Paper 2 60%

Section A:
*Modern Text:
An Inspector Calls*

Section B:
*Poetry
Anthology:
Power and
Conflict*

Section C:
*Unseen
Poetry*

Total exam time:
2 hours and 15 minutes
95 marks

All exams will be at the end of Year 11. You will also sit an English Language GCSE.

What do the courses include?

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE:



- ✓ **100% exam i.e. no coursework**
- ✓ **Two terminal exams testing students' understanding of texts they have studied across two years**
- ✓ **Both exams are 'closed book' – students cannot take their texts into the exam**



What do the courses include?

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE:

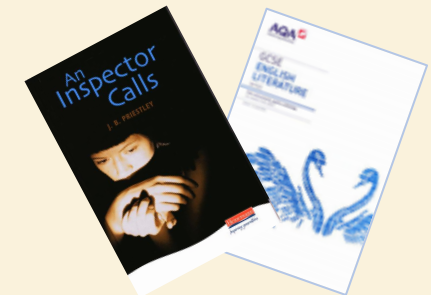
**Paper 1: Shakespeare (*Macbeth*) and the 19th Century
Novel (*A Christmas Carol*)**

1 hour 45 minutes; 40% of the GCSE



**Paper 2: Modern Texts (*An Inspector Calls*) and
Poetry***

2 hours 15 minutes; 60% of the GCSE



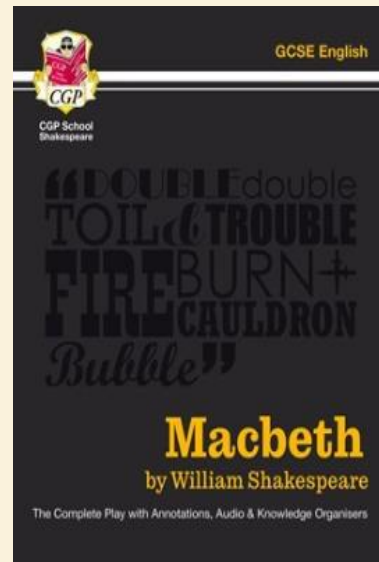
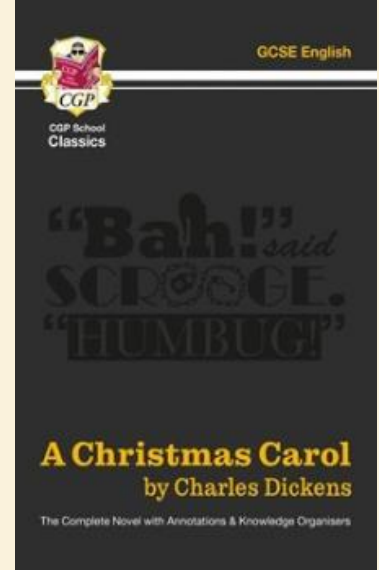
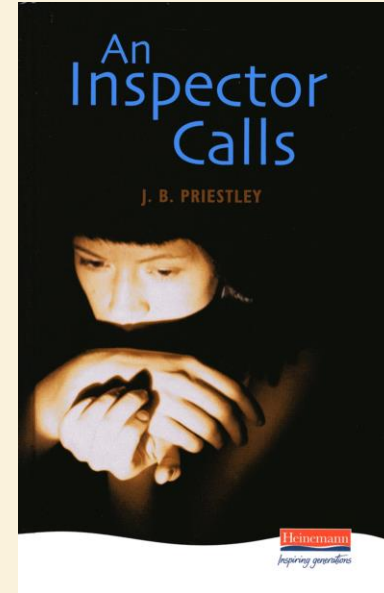
*** Poetry from the AQA Anthology (15 poems)
PLUS two unseen poems**



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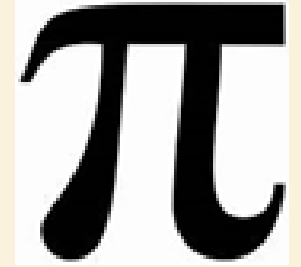
Ways to support at home

- Read the texts and discuss them.
- Listen to the texts and discuss them.
- Watch the films and discuss them. A *Christmas Carol* is a wonderful Christmas movie for the whole family.
- Encourage your children to read widely.



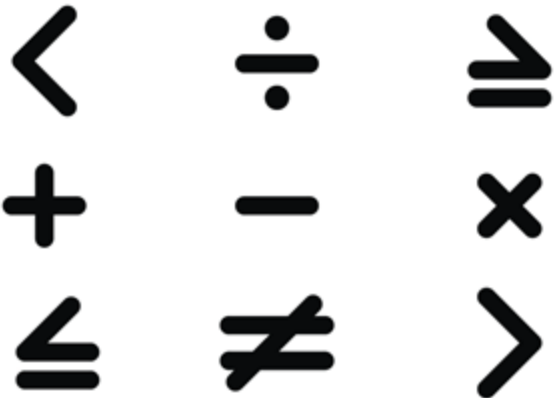


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GCSE Maths

Edexcel 9-1



$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The GCSE consists of 3 papers.

Paper 1: non-calculator paper.

Papers 2 and 3 : calculator papers.

**Each paper is marked out of 80 and is
1 ½ hours long.**



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Grade Boundaries

59% = 4

17.5% = 4

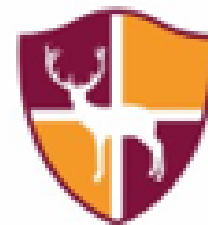
Edexcel GCSE Higher Grade Boundaries

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

- **Get times tables locked in.**
- **Have a secure knowledge of the basics.**
- **Be ready to start work and engage.**
- **Get to know your calculator!**
- **Ask for help but try first!**



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SPARX

97%		0h 47m	Incomplete
98%		0h 33m	Incomplete
98%		0h 43m	Incomplete
✓		0h 25m	1 day early
✓		0h 47m	1 day early
✓		1h 08m	1 day early
✓		1h 02m	2 days early

A 1	B 2	C 2	D 1	E 1
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2. Mixed topic practice

A 3	B 1	C 1	D 2	E 1	F 1
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G 1	H 1
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3. Mixed topic practice

A 1	B 1	C 1	D 1	E 1	F 1
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G 1	H 1
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Consolidation

4. Mixed topic practice

A 1	B 1	C 1	D 2	E 1	F 1
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Time: 2 mins

[Watch video](#)

+1 ✖ ✖ ✓

Attempt 4 ✓

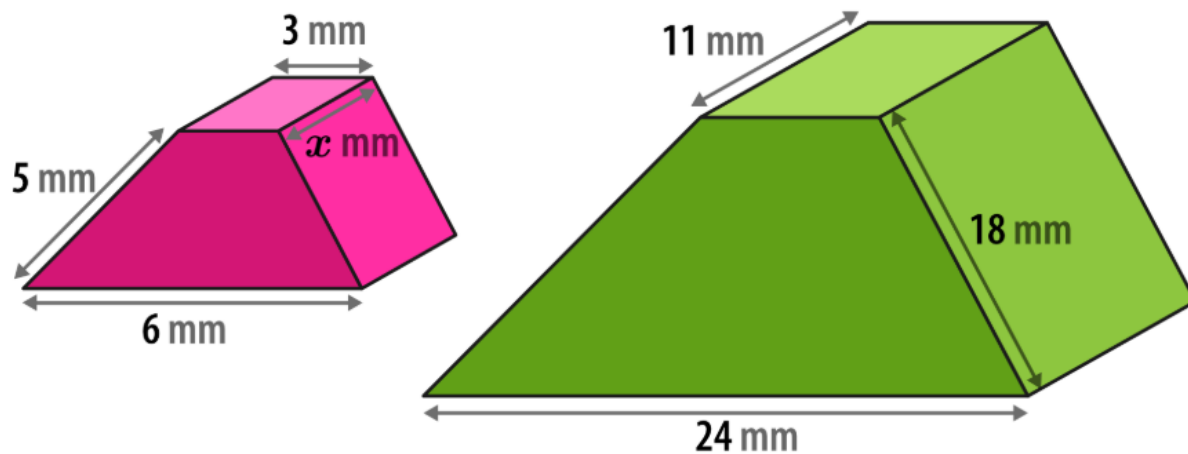
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The two prisms below are similar.

Work out the value of x .
Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.



Not drawn accurately

Student's answer:

$$\frac{11}{4}$$



Correct answer:

$$\frac{11}{4}$$

Use of AI

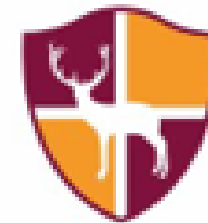
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Homework will always be due on Wednesday.



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Useful Websites

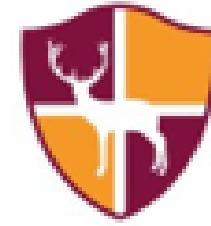


- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

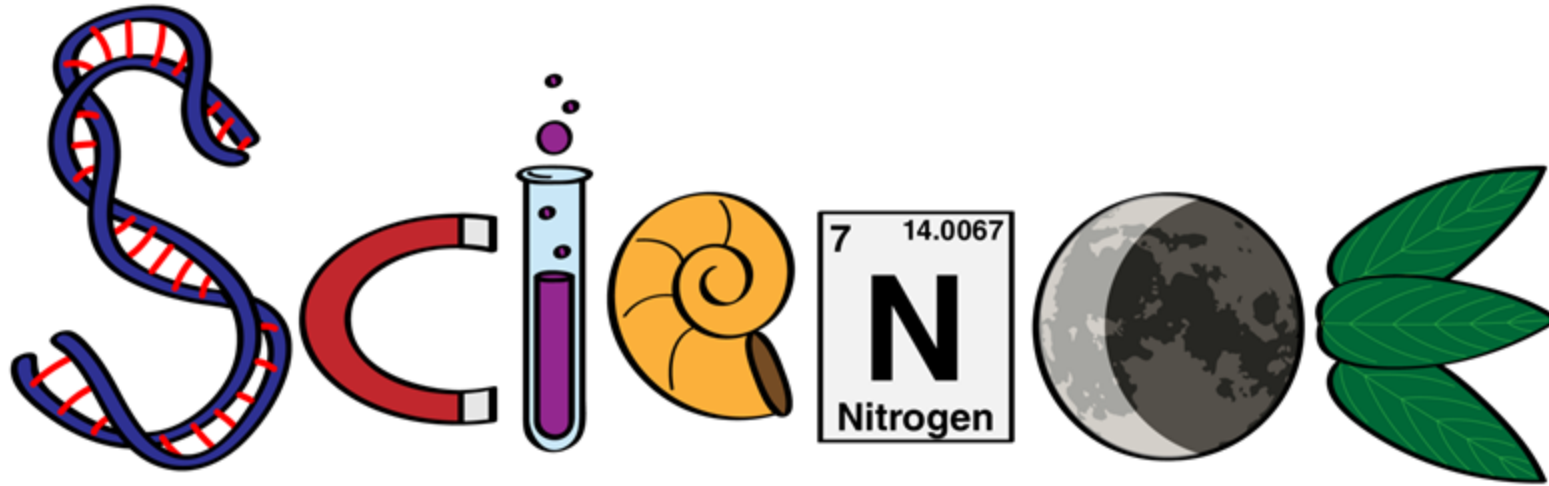
A great all rounder. There are exam papers, video tutorials on how to do the exam papers, solutions, mark schemes. Everything you need to pass!

- <https://corbettmaths.co.uk>
- <https://justmaths.co.uk/2015/12/21/9-1-exam-questions-by-topic-higher-tier/>
- <https://justmaths.co.uk/2015/11/29/9-1-exam-questions-by-topic-foundation-version-2/>

GCSE



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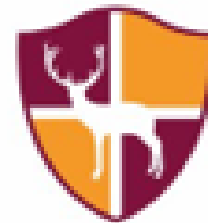


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KS4



- Science is taught as Chemistry, Physics and Biology
- There are two options
- Option 1 Separate Sciences 3 GCSEs – students have separate teachers for each subject
- Option 2 Trilogy all sciences studied slightly less content in each and 2 GCSEs are awarded – students have one teacher for all science lessons.



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B1 Cell biology, Organisation, Infection and response & Bioenergetics

C1 Atomic structure & the periodic table, Bonding, structure and properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes & Energy changes

P1 Energy, Electricity, Particle model of matter & Atomic structure

B2 Homeostasis and response, Inheritance, variation and evolution & Ecology

C2 The rate and extent of chemical change, Organic chemistry, Chemical analysis, Chemistry of the atmosphere & Using resources

P2 Forces, Waves & Magnetism and electromagnetism

Biology 1 Exam

Chemistry 1 Exam

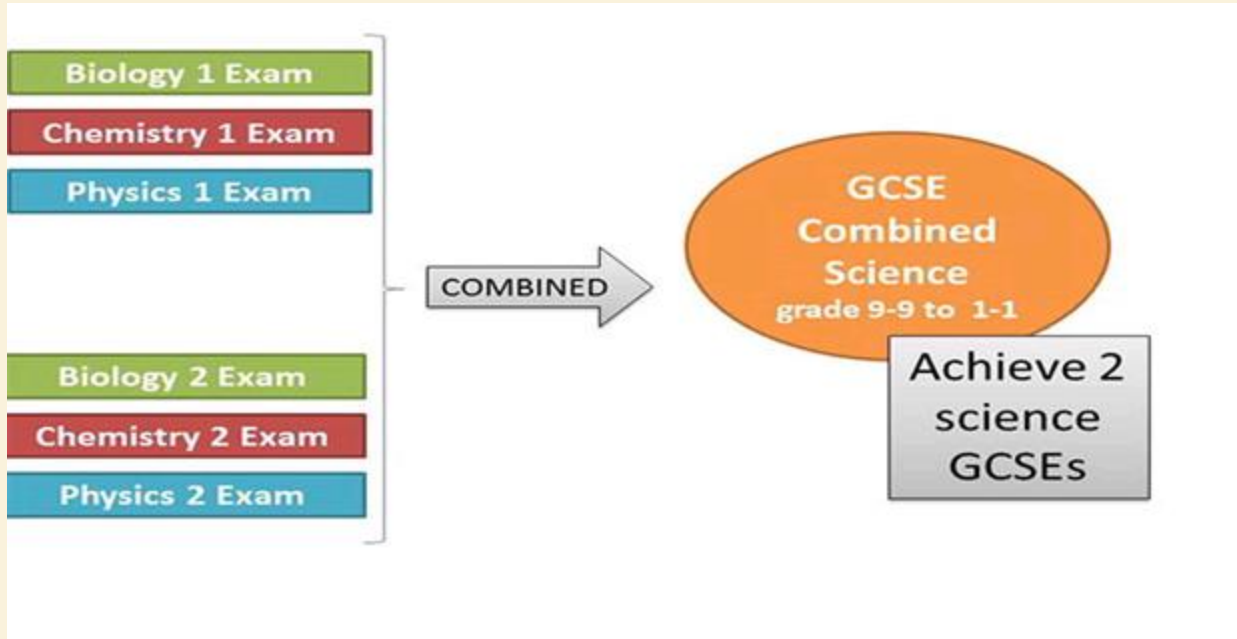
Physics 1 Exam

Biology 2 Exam

Chemistry 2 Exam

Physics 2 Exam

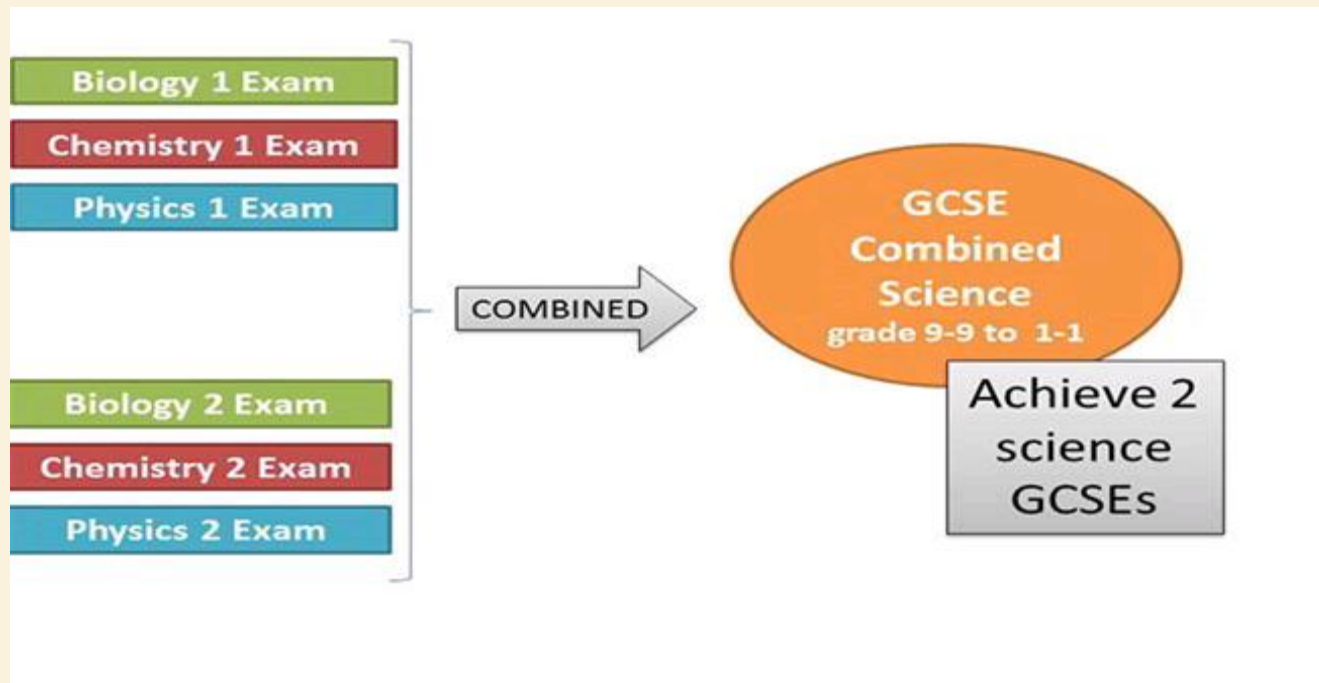
Science at KS4 AQA Trilogy



6 exams in total
Each exam is 1 hour 15 mins



There are 7 pieces of required practical work per subject, these are done during lessons.
Questions on practical work will make up 15% of each of the exams



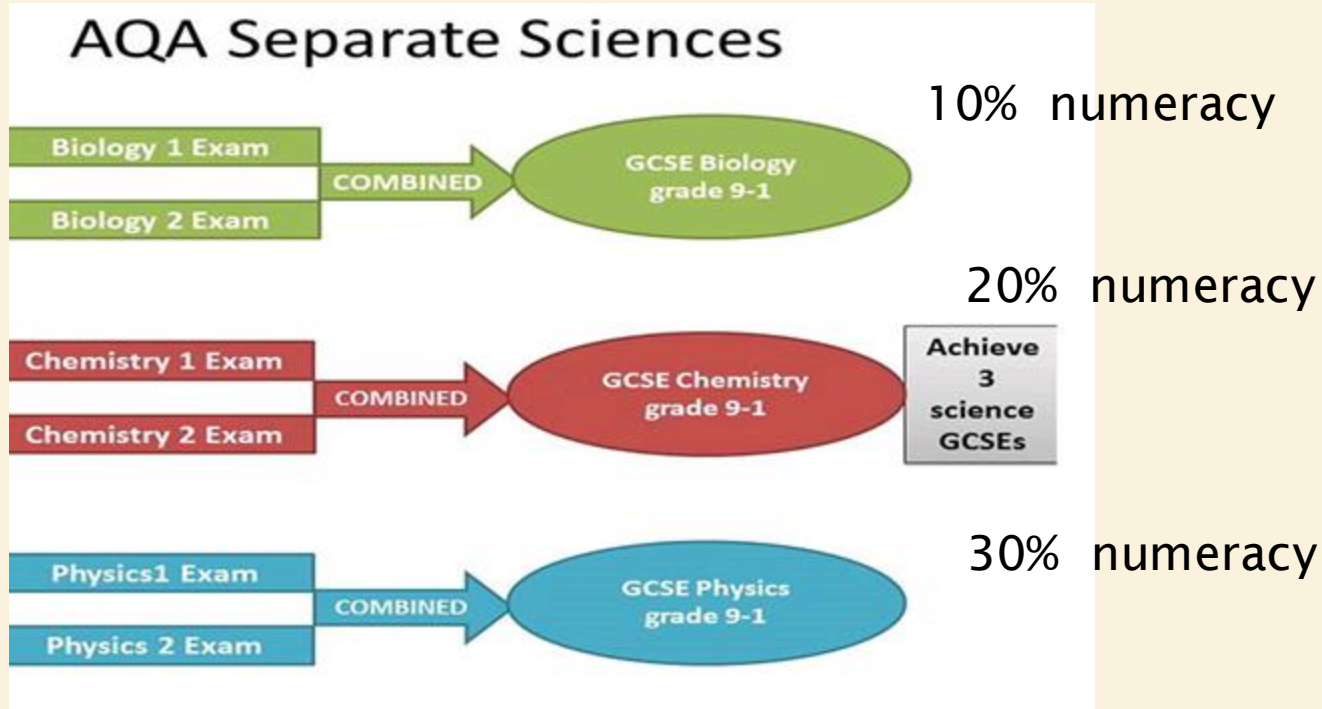
Grading is sequential and based on overall marks scored, there are no separate grades for the different disciplines the grades awarded are for Science.

Two grades awarded 1:1, 2:1, 2:2, ... 9:8, 9:9

Higher tier 4-4 to 9-9/those failing to reach level required for 4-3 will score U

Foundation 1-1 to 5:5/ those failing to reach 1:1 will score U

Separate Science at KS4



There are 9 pieces of required practical work per subject

Questions on practical work will make up 15% of each of the exams

6 exams in total

Each exam is 1 hour 45 mins



Information and support

To find syllabi at AQA search for

- 8461 Separate Biology
- 8462 Separate Chemistry
- 8463 Separate Physics
- 8464 Trilogy [Science | Subjects | AQA](#)

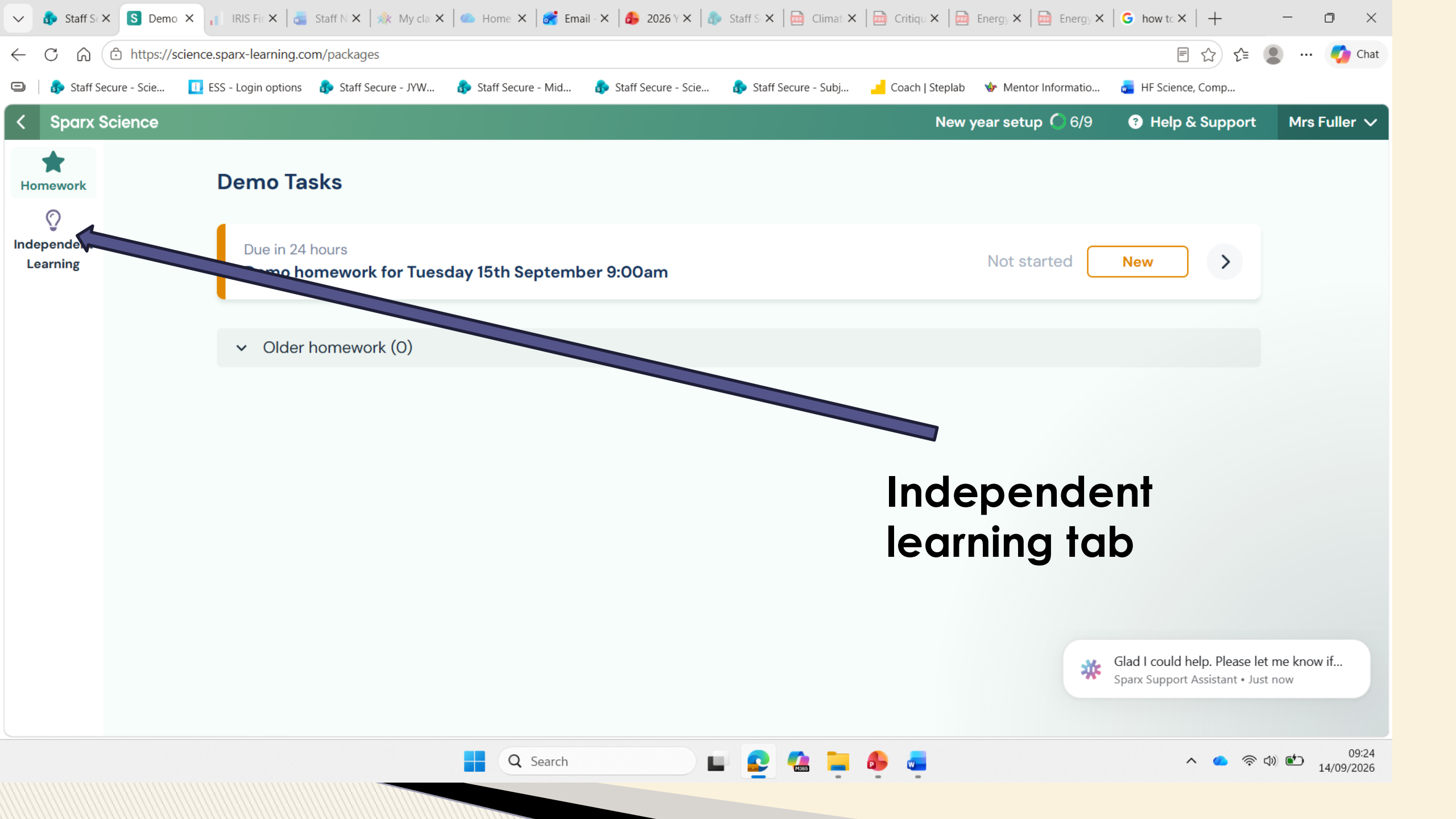
Homework and Assessment

- Homework is fundamental in supporting the content being delivered during lessons.
- Homework will be either set on SPARX science or paper-based Exam Style Questions
- Exam questions should be done using a study guide or notes from lessons.
- Each unit is tested via a multiple-choice test at the end of the topic.
- Termly formal assessments in the form of exam style papers will assess the knowledge base covered up to that point.
- Both end of unit tests and termly assessments should be revised for thoroughly.

The logo for Sparx Science is a teal square with rounded corners. Inside the square, the words "Sparx" and "Science" are written in a white, sans-serif font. "Sparx" is on the top line and "Science" is on the bottom line, both left-aligned.

Sparx Science

As well as using SPARX Science for homework you can use it to revise for assessments and to review your learning.



Homework

Independent Learning

Demo Tasks

Due in 24 hours

Demo homework for Tuesday 15th September 9:00am

Not started

New



Older homework (0)

Independent learning tab



Glad I could help. Please let me know if...
Sparx Support Assistant • Just now

Independent Learning

Previous tasks

Personal practice

Let Sparx choose practice questions for you, based on what you've done in your homework.

[Start new >](#)



My Flashcards

Practise key facts based on your homeworks

Practise Flashcards >

Improving

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Strong

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Choose a topic

Search topics:  Level: **Level 2** (Default)  Curriculum: **KS3** 

- ✓  Biology
 - ✓  Chemistry
 - ✓  Physics
 - ✓  Skills

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.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.docbrown.info/>
- [Primrose Kitten Academy - YouTube](#)
- [Freesciencelessons - YouTube](#)
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse>



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Personal Development

- **PSHE**
- **Careers**
- **Citizenship**



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PSHE Education



Physical Health and mental wellbeing

- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Drugs, alcohol and drugs

Relationships and sex education

- Families
- Respectful relationships including Misogyny
- Online and media
- Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships including sexual health

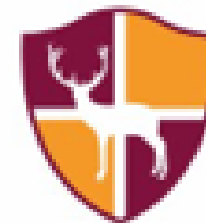
Personal Development

Financial education

- Financial decision making
- Money Matters

Citizenship

- Parliamentary Democracy
- Volunteering
- Law and International Justice
- British Values



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Careers

- Taster days - Exeter College and North Devon College
- Career exploration
- CV
- University trips
- Workplace visits
- Work Experience



Work experience

- 5th to 9th July, 2027
- Employer Liability Insurance
- Sole traders or working with one adult – DBS may be required
- Do something different



Work Experience

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PRINCIPAL: Mrs F Bowler B.Ed, Hons



1st October 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

All students in year 10 are going to be on work experience from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May 2026. In this period there will be no classes – each day all students will be at the workplace of their host employer.

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, and develop their CV. We know it can be one of the most transformational experiences young people have during their education.

Students (and their families) should source their own work experience placements. The careers guidance staff will do their best to find placements for any students who have been unable to find their own, but because we have limited resources, we expect to only be able to help a few students.

We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

Some important logistics:

- Students need to agree the placement with the employer **first**, and then students will get the ball rolling by adding the placement to their Unifrog account (they'll find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage).
- The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions. For the process to work, **it's essential that students add the initial information about the placement accurately**.

Finding out more:

- Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find [here](#).
- Within this set of guides, [this](#) is the best one to start with (it includes a short animation of how the whole process works).

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- Next we recommend looking at [this one](#), because it includes advice on how to find a placement.

Next steps:

- Please read the placement guides on Unifrog, and then start contacting possible hosts for the placement
- If you have any questions, contact Mrs Martin, the Work Experience Administrator at tmartin@braunton.academy or Mr Parsons, Lead Teacher of Careers & Personal Development at aparsons@braunton.academy

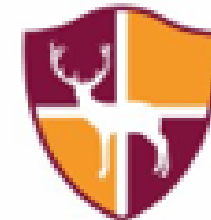
We wish you the best of luck with supporting your child to find a placement. Please do make use of Unifrog's guides [help](#) you.

Kind regards,



Mr A Parsons
Lead Teacher of Careers & Personal Development

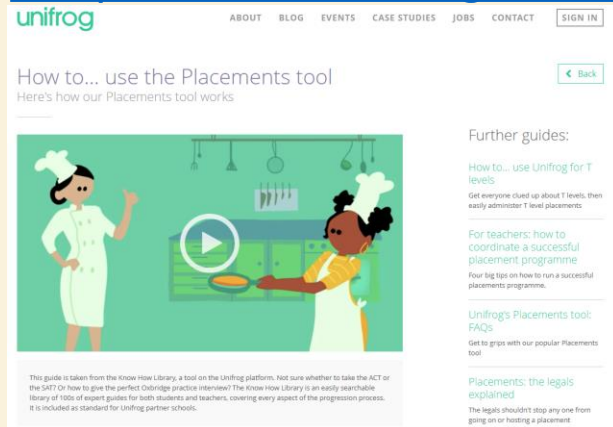
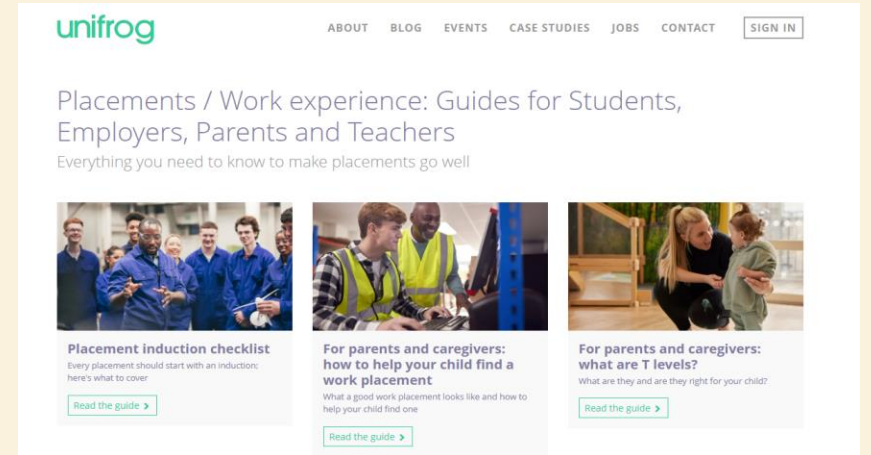
Links to placement guides on Unifrog



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Work Experience – Links to Unifrog & Resources

- www.unifrog.org
- [Guides - Placement - Unifrog](#)
- [How to... use the Placements tool : Unifrog Placement Guides](#)
- [For parents and caregivers: how to help your child find a work placement : Unifrog Blog](#)



Year 10 Key dates



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'Welcome to GCSEs Evening' : Wednesday 30th September 2026

MTA 1 : Wednesday 25th November 2026

Parents Evening : Thursday 6th May 2027

MTA 2 : Thursday 11th March 2027

Work Experience : Monday 5th July – Friday 9th July 2027

Summer PPE's (Mock Exams) June 2027

MTA 3 : Tuesday 20th July 2027

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Year 10 offers:

- A fresh start from your KS3 experiences
- A new focus on your chosen subjects
- A chance to challenge yourself



Thank you for coming.