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Year 11 Parent Forum

Meeting for MFL will start at 5.30pm

Meeting for Geography will start at 5.45pm

Meeting for science, English, maths and general revision and support will start at 6pm

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Aims of the evening:

To share:

- **exam processes and preparation for English, maths, science, Geography and MFL GCSEs**
- **revision and pastoral support available from the academy**
- **ideas about how to revise and support at home**



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Modern Foreign Languages

Curriculum Lead MFL - Mrs Z Weatherley

Teacher of French and German - Miss J Heitmüller

Teacher of German - Miss A Gruszczynska



Year 11 Scheme of Learning

FRENCH	GERMAN
School life	The environment
World of work	Social issues
Exam papers and revision	Technology
	Marriage and partnerships
	Exam papers and revision



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AQA

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Exam structure

Paper 1 Listening - 25%

F - 35 mins + 5 mins reading time

H - 45 mins + 5 mins reading time

Selection of mostly multiple choice questions

Paper 2 Speaking - 25%

F - 7-9 mins + 12 mins prep

H - 10-12 mins + 12 mins prep

Role play - 15 marks

Photocard - 15 marks

General questions - 30 marks (students know these questions in advance of exam)

Paper 3 Reading - 25%

F - 45 mins

H - 60 mins

Selection of mostly multiple choice questions with translation French into English

Paper 4 Writing - 25%

F - 60 mins - photocard, 40 word task, 5 sentences to translate into French, 90 word task

H - 65 mins - 90 word task, short paragraph to translate into French, 150 word task.

Revision for January mocks

- Students will be entered for Foundation (grades 1-5) or Higher (grades 3-9)
- Students will sit all 4 skills - L, R, W, S
- Writing and speaking will contain completed topics only. Reading and listening could be any topics on the GCSE specification
- Writing topics will be shared with students
- Use revision guides for listening and reading resources
- Plan writing answers - happy to check
- Revision classes held weekly in January

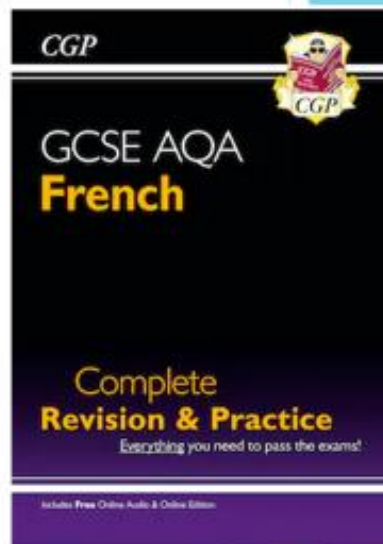
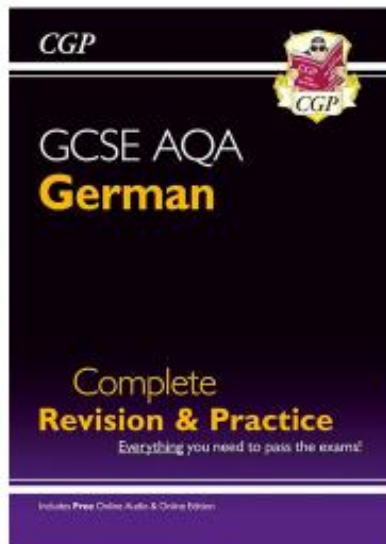
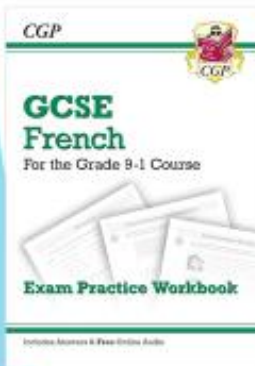
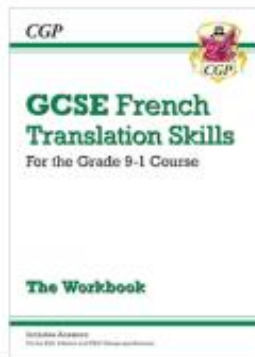


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Revision Guides





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GCSE Geography

Lead teacher- Mrs H Sandells



Exam structure for GCSE geography

2.2 Assessments

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

What's assessed

3.1.1 The challenge of natural hazards, 3.1.2 The living world, 3.1.3 Physical landscapes in the UK, 3.4 Geographical skills

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG))
- 35% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A: answer all questions (33 marks)
- Section B: answer all questions (25 marks)
- Section C: answer any two questions from questions 3, 4 and 5 (30 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

What's assessed

3.2.1 Urban issues and challenges, 3.2.2 The changing economic world, 3.2.3 The challenge of resource management, 3.4 Geographical skills

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG)
- 35% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A: answer all questions (33 marks)
- Section B: answer all questions (30 marks)
- Section C: answer question 3 and one from questions 4, 5 or 6 (25 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Paper 3: Geographical applications

What's assessed

3.3.1 Issue evaluation, 3.3.2 Fieldwork, 3.4 Geographical skills

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG)
- 30% of GCSE
- Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam

Questions

- Section A: answer all questions (37 marks)
- Section B: answer all questions (39 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Mock exams

Students will sit all 3 papers:

Paper 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ paper (rivers, glacial environments, and living world)

Paper 2- full paper (urban issues and challenges, resource management, changing economic world)

Paper 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ paper (physical fieldwork and generic fieldwork questions)

Next steps....

Us!

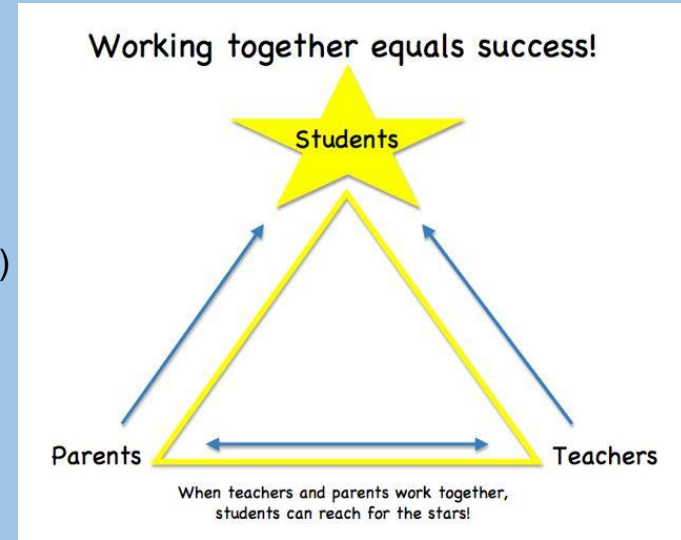
- + Online revision resources on google classroom (the revision passport)
- + Revision pack including everything they need to know for the exams

Them!

- + Case studies
- + Key words
- + Weekley exam question

You

- + Ensure your child has joined the revision passport on gc
- + Encourage and support them with a weekly exam Q practice issued in class
- + Tell us if there are specific issues or gaps in their knowledge



Revision passport

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Classroom > REVISION PASSPORT 2023-24

WEEK 1: SMALL SCALE ECOSYSTEMS

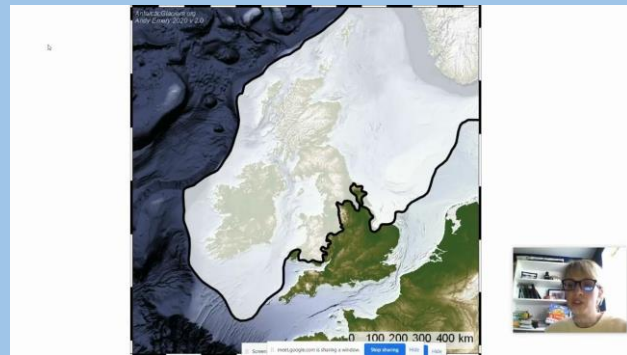
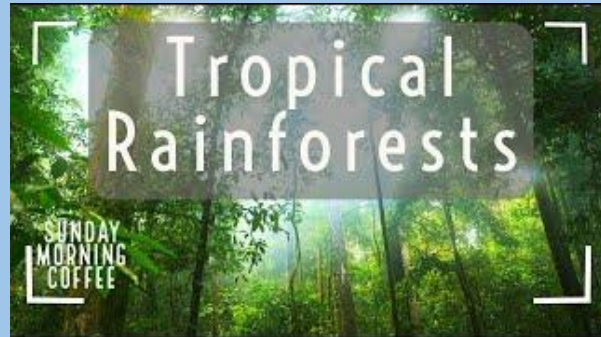
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Task:

- Revise the online resources on g/c passport classroom on Food webs and ecosystems (5 minutes) ***take notes- OPTIONAL ***
- Study the revision resource in your passport booklet (5 minutes)
- Complete the EXAM QUESTION in your revision passport (15 minutes)





TOTAL TIME NEEDED: 25 MINUTES

 **Small-scale Ecosystems | A...**
YouTube video • 4 minutes



REVISION TIP!

Use the revision guide we have created. A card a day keeps the no-passes away!

<p>Topic: Resource management Food, water and energy</p> <p>Resource is a natural commodity that people VALUE and NEED.</p> <p>Most important resources are: Food Water Energy</p>  <p>HICs highest consumers of all of these due to heavy use of domestic, industrial and agricultural use. LICs lowest consumers. Some LICs do not have access to these or are unable to afford access. Central Africa worst consumption of all 3.</p>	<p>Topic: Resource management UK food</p> <p>UK is generally food SECURE but shows some evidence of FOOD INSECURITY because:</p> <p>UK imports 40% of all its food!</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Food imported in to the UK because:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Too expensive in the UK (e.g. cost of animal feed)Our climate does not support growth of a lot of foodWE demand exotic fruits and vegetables all year round e.g. bananasWE demand SEASONAL fruits like strawberries which can only be grown in UK in summerThe UK has a large CARBON FOOTPRINT due to the FOOD MILES from importing so much!OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK FOOD:<ol style="list-style-type: none">AGRI-BUSINESSES: mega farms with high inputs (INTENSIVE) e.g. Kington mega farm in Herefordshire produces over 2 million chickens a year! CONTROVERSIAL!!!ORGANIC FOOD: growing without the use of chemical fertilisers or pesticides.BUY LOCAL INITIATIVE: we can reduce our carbon footprint and air miles by buying locally and supporting local farmers and the local economy.
<p>Topic: Resource management UK water</p> <p>UK generally water SECURE but has issues with water INSECURITY because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Water stress in South East England (low precipitation, large population e.g. London)Lower levels of precipitation in East of the UK compared with the WestPeriods of low rainfall in East cause droughts and loss of industryIncreased ownership of domestic appliances like showers, dishwashers  <p>OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE UK WATER SECURITY:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Water conservation such as use of water butts, turning off taps, using shower less time.Use of dams and water transfer schemes to get water to areas of scarcity when needed.Use of 'greywater' i.e. recycled water from dishwashers and washing machines.	<p>Topic: Resource management UK WATER KIELDER</p> <p>CASE STUDY WATER TRANSFER SCHEME: KIELDER WATER</p> <p>Location: North East England</p> <p>What is it? £167 million dam and reservoir in Kielder.</p> <p>Kielder receives over 1700mm rain per year. Water is released in to the North Tyne River and carried to Newcastle, an area of water scarcity (less than 600mm rainfall per year).</p> <p>Advantages: Hydroelectric power generates energy for 6000 homes Tourism here makes over £1.5 million for local economy every year</p> <p>Disadvantages: COST £167 million! Flooded area of Kielder to create the reservoir.</p> 



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Year 11:
Exam
Preparation
Subject: Science

What exams are being sat in science?

Combined Science (set 3 to 5)

- Biology 1hr 15mins
 - Chemistry 1hr 15mins
 - Physics 1hr 15mins
- *There are higher and foundation papers and you teacher will talk to you about these*

Triple Science (sets 1 + 2)

- Biology 1hr 45mins
- Chemistry 1hr 45mins
- Physics 1hr 45mins

There are higher and foundation papers and your teacher will talk to you about these

What exams are being sat in science?

Paper 1 mocks – January 2024

- Biology Units 1 to 4
- Chemistry Units 1 to 5
- Physics Units 1 to 4

Paper 2 mocks – April 2024- in class

- Biology Units 5 to 7
- Chemistry Units 6 to 10
- Physics Units 5 to 7 (or 8 for triple)

How can students prepare?

- Make sure they have a copy of the topics that are being covered in each exam (list in GC)
- Identify their own areas of weakness from the list and start with these first – colour coding is a useful technique
- Make sure they have the list of useful You tube channels and other resources (in GC)
- Purchase a revision guide (previous school comms sent about this)
- Attend intervention sessions

How can students prepare?

It is important that students try out different ideas for revision. Just reading notes is unlikely to be successful as a method, nor is just copying out information in pretty colours

- Super six strategies
- Youtube channels from recommended list
- Revision booklets from Kayscience or Primrose Kitten
- Complete the questions at the end of the revision guide chapter
- Use Educake to practice questions (can do this without being assigned)
- BBC Bitesize online questions or the APP
- Try past papers / past paper questions from AQA
- Make sure you are clear on methods for required practicals (use Malmesbury videos)


Educake

- Educake is the new platform that science are now using to support students learning in and out of the classroom
- Students will be allocated specific homework tasks through this
- There are specific learner guides for each topic that provide information and study notes
- They can also choose to answer questions for themselves on topics they have identified.
- Educake also provides a revision wizard (this will be useful in the run up to main exams) that will identify areas they need to look at again
- Parent and student videos are on GC

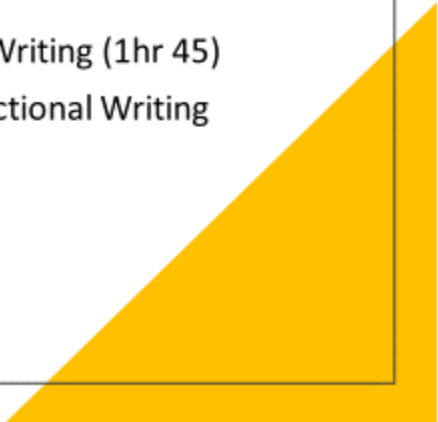
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Mrs Farnell – Curriculum Lead
English


GCSE Dates 2024

- Literature Paper 1 – 13th May
 - Literature Paper 2 – 20th May
 - Language Paper 1 – 23rd May
 - Language Paper 2 - 6th June
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Exam Breakdown 2024

- Literature Paper 1 – Shakespeare and Prose (1hr 45)
 - Literature Paper 2 – Modern Drama and Poetry (2hr 15)
 - Language Paper 1 – Fiction Extract (unseen) and Descriptive Writing (1hr 45)
 - Language Paper 2 – Non Fiction Extracts (unseen) and Transactional Writing (1hr 45)
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Mock exams 2024

- All 4 exams will be taken over 2 weeks
 - Pupil responses will be RAG rated per question
 - February interventions will be targeted based on results
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Additional sessions

- After school on Tuesdays
 - Teachers rotate
 - Opportunity to work with a different teacher and with a different mix of pupils
 - Lunch time drop in any time
 - Pre exam drop in sessions
 - Saturday School dates tbc
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Revision Guides £3.50



Other useful revision tools



GCSE (9-1) Mathematics

Content

Content domains:

	F	H
• Number	25%	15%
• Algebra	20%	30%
• Ratio, proportion, rates of change	25%	20%
• Geometry	15%	20%
• Probability and statistics	15%	15%

Structure and features

Three equally-weighted written examination papers at either Foundation tier or Higher tier. Paper 1 is the only non-calculator paper. Calculator assisted assessment has been increased from 50% to 66.6%.



GCSE maths

- ▶ Three papers, 80 marks each
- ▶ 33.3% non-calculator
- ▶ 240 marks in all
- ▶ Formula sheet for 2023

Progression of demand

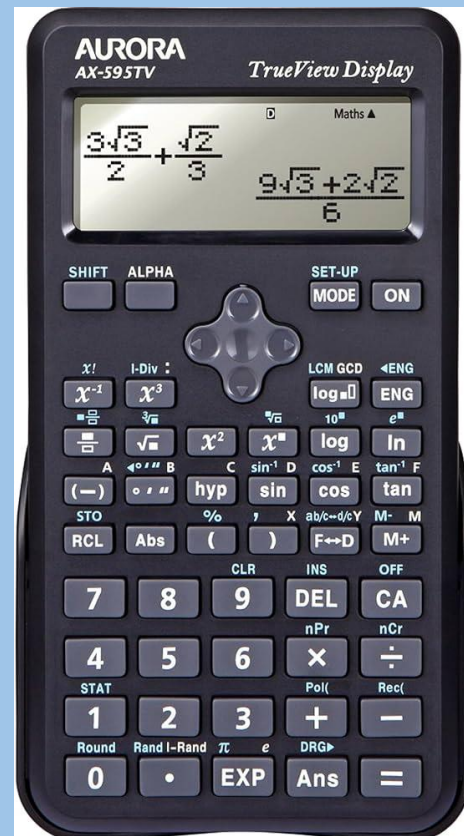
- ▶ All papers begin with questions that target lower grades (to provide a gentle start to assessment).
- ▶ The level of demand gradually increases throughout the paper.
- ▶ Questions that target upper grades are towards the end of the paper.
- ▶ Level of demand also increases within some questions (to increase accessibility throughout the paper).

Assessment-overlapping questions

- ▶ Between 25% and 30% overlapping questions (Grades 4 and 5)

Revision

- ▶ www.sparxmaths.uk
- ▶ www.mathsgenie.co.uk
- ▶ www.corbettmaths.co.uk
- ▶ www.mymaths.co.uk
- ▶ Google classroom
- ▶ Exam papers from teachers (once a week)
- ▶ After school revision
- ▶ Saturday/Half term sessions
- ▶ Revision guides available (Free)
- ▶ Calculators (Dual Display)



Sparx

Mathematics Assessment Feedback

Paper Edexcel June 2023 Paper 1F

Name

Teacher Enter Teacher Name

sparx

Questions	Topic	Score	Sparx Code
1	Converting between fractions, decimals and percentages	1 / 1	U888
2	Finding fractions of shapes	0 / 1	U679
3	Understanding and ordering decimals	1 / 1	U435
4	Adding and subtracting with negative numbers	0 / 1	U742
5	Solving equations with one step	1 / 1	U755
6	Identifying parts of circles	1 / 1	U767
7	Finding factors and using divisibility tests	2 / 2	U211
8a	Angles on a line and about a point	2 / 2	U390
8b	Understanding, measuring and drawing angles	0 / 1	U447
9a	Reading and plotting coordinates	1 / 1	U789
9b	Reading and plotting coordinates	1 / 1	U789
9c	Calculating midpoints	1 / 1	U933
9d	Plotting horizontal and vertical lines	1 / 1	M797
10	Use a written method to multiply decimals, Solve direct proportion word problems	4 / 4	U293, U721
11a	Adding and subtracting with integers	2 / 2	U417
11b	Estimating calculations	0 / 3	U225
11c	Estimating calculations	0 / 1	U225
12	Calculating the mean	0 / 2	U291
13a	Simplifying algebraic fractions by cancelling common factors	1 / 1	U103
13b	Simplifying expressions by collecting like terms	2 / 2	U105
13c	Factorising into one bracket	1 / 1	U365
14a	Finding percentages of amounts without a calculator	1 / 1	U554
14b	Converting between ratios, fractions and percentages	1 / 1	U176
14c	Finding percentages of amounts, Finding fractions of amounts	0 / 3	U554, U881
15	Multiplying fractions	1 / 2	U475
16	Solving direct proportion word problems	2 / 2	U721
17	Adding & subtracting integers, Writing numbers as percentages of other numbers	2 / 4	U417, U925
18	Using algebraic notation	1 / 3	U613
19	Position-to-term rules for arithmetic sequences	2 / 2	U498
20	Using a written method to divide with decimals	2 / 3	U868
21	Adding and subtracting mixed numbers	1 / 3	U793
22	Find the surface area of cubes & cuboids, Find the volume of cubes & cuboids	0 / 4	U929, U786
23	Drawing and interpreting frequency polygons	0 / 2	U840
24a	Venn diagrams	3 / 3	U476
24b	Venn diagrams with set notation	1 / 2	U748
25a	Interpreting scatter graphs	1 / 1	U277
25b	Using lines of best fit	1 / 2	U128
26	Finding original values in percentage calculations	0 / 2	U286
27	Finding the volume of cylinders, Calculating with pressure	0 / 3	U915, U527
28	Solving simultaneous equations graphically	0 / 1	U836
29	Index rules with positive indices, Index rules with negative indices	0 / 2	U235, U694
30	Using the exact values of trigonometric ratios	0 / 1	U627
31	Tree diagrams for independent events	0 / 2	U558
Total		41 / 80	



Compulsory



XP Boost



Target

Independent
Learning

Find topics

My activity

Search for topics:

Your curriculum:

Default level:

Select a topic:

Number



Algebra



Ratio and Proportion



Geometry



Probability



Statistics



Exam dates 2024

- ▶ Paper 1 = Thursday 16th May (AM)
- ▶ HALF TERM
- ▶ Paper 2 = Monday 3rd June (AM)
- ▶ Paper 3 = Monday 10th June (AM)



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Target grades on reports

- A target grade is generated from year 6 exam data (sats):
- If a child achieved 120/120 in their sats their target will be a grade 9 at GCSE
- In most cases, it is a grade that is designed to offer challenge
- A target grade is not what teachers think your child will achieve
- It is important that you look at the gap between a current and target grade

Preparation and revision support

- 'Super 6' booklet <https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/life-at-alcester-academy/examinations-/revision-guides---techniques>
- Subject sources of revision document
- revision timetable and holiday and Saturday school schedule
- GC revision materials
- tutor time
- Core 'mini' mock exams (just taken place- mini data next week)
- **Full set of mock exams with MFL orals (w/c 15/1- 7/2)**
- Summer alternative timetable
- **mock results' evening on site (Thursday 29th February: 4-7pm)**

January mock exam timetables will be available for Tuesday 9th January

Teachers will prepare pupils over the next three weeks in lessons

Ideas at home

- 20 minute bursts of revision to reduce burnout
- Create a revision timetable (include social and relaxation time)
- Encourage pupils to embrace 'the super six' and materials on Google Classroom. The booklet will also support
- Promoting the academy extra sessions and being realistic about other commitments (jobs, clubs, events)
- Space to study

Saturday school

Thank you- as we rely on you transporting your child!

- No uniform
- Punctuality
- Conduct and focus
- No roaming on site
- Dates and times are set*

Schedule will be available before Christmas!

*Likely to involve the 13th and 27th January

Revision timetable

Rotates between core and option courses

Lunch (1.50-2.20) and after school (3.30-4.15)

Study rooms open to all for catch up and study

Day	Core lunch	Core afterschool
Monday	Study Room M5	
Tuesday	Study Room S5	English
Wednesday	Study room E2 Science	Science
Thursday	Study room E2	Maths
Friday		

Pastoral support





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Q and A