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**GCSE Course Overview Booklet:
Subject Exam Information and Revision Guidance**

**Year 11
2025-26**

Subject-specific information is also available on the exam board websites:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com> (Edexcel)

<https://www.ocr.org.uk>

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/>

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Aims of this booklet:

This booklet contains important information about each GCSE course, including:

- Details of the exam board followed in that subject and a hyperlink to the exam specification on the exam board website.
- The dates of this year's exams in that subject – and the length of each exam.
- Details of regular revision opportunities available in that subject at school.
- The structure of the exam papers and the topics that will be assessed in each subject.

*** This includes details of option units/topics/texts/study pieces in English Literature, Religious Studies, Drama, History and Music. Please read this information very carefully – it is essential that you know the correct information to revise and which questions you need to answer in each of your exams in these subjects.**

- Links to useful revision websites, videos and other online resources that you might find helpful in that subject.
- Tips for revising in that subject.

Please contact Mrs Sudbery or your individual subject teachers if you have any questions about the information in this booklet.

Using the exam specifications:

We would encourage you to use the **exam specifications** to help you focus your revision on your priority areas and also to help you ensure that you revise the whole course before your exams.

Links to the correct exam specification for each subject are included in this booklet, along with the unit codes (e.g. 3.1.2).

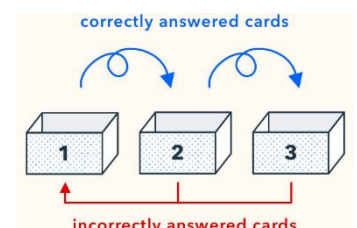
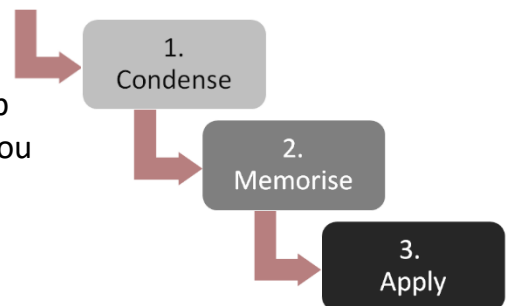
Traffic-light each statement in your exam specifications using a highlighter:

- **Red/Amber: Tricky; I'm not sure I know this.**
- **Yellow: I think I know this, but I need to revise it.**
- **Green: This is a strength; I just need to embed it.**

How to revise:

- ✓ Once you have reviewed your exam specifications, make an exam planner to help you focus on your priority areas. **Condense** the information (e.g. [flashcards](#), [mindmaps](#)...) linked to each statement in the exam specification and use the [Leitner system](#) (diagram above) or [blank page retrieval](#) to help you **memorise** the information as you go, leaving at least one week before your exams to focus on **applying** your knowledge and understanding to past papers.
- ✓ Use your revision guides to find out the information you want to revise, **writing** about what you're reading and **reorganising** it (rather than just reading the text repeatedly or highlighting it). [Quizzing, blank page retrieval and self-testing](#) are some of the most effective ways of revising.
- ✓ Try doing **20 minutes at a time**, chunking your revision into manageable sections (about 4 pages of a revision guide). After each 20-minute segment, close the revision guide and explain the topic out loud, speedily map it out on paper or ask someone to test you (without looking!).

Prioritise



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13-Week Subject Revision Plans

To support you in your revision, our KLS subject departments have created **13-week subject revision plans** to break down the exam specifications into smaller chunks for you to revise each week, making your revision feel more manageable and to ensure you have revised the whole course by the time the exams start. If you have already started your revision, you may not need to cover every point on each plan but can instead focus on your priority areas. *Links to the 13-week revision plans for each subject can be found below; KLS student log-in required.*

We are conscious that you have 10 or 11 subjects to revise in total and therefore have not prescribed what you should be revising each day; instead, we would encourage you to plan your revision for each week ahead around your other commitments, using the subject revision plans to identify which sections you are going to revise each day and ticking each one off as you complete it.

We have previously talked to you about 3 recommended stages of revision: **Condense - Memorise - Apply**, and the subject revision plans will support you with this.

- Start by consolidating the information in the topics indicated for that week by **condensing** it into smaller chunks (e.g. by making [flashcards](#), [mind maps](#), etc).
- Next, use your flashcards to quiz yourself or ask someone else to test you (e.g. using the [Leitner system](#) or [blank page retrieval](#)) to help you **memorise** the information.
- The final stage is **applying** your knowledge to exam questions, and links to past papers and mark schemes have been included in the 13-week subject revision plans.

[GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature](#)

[GCSE Mathematics FOUNDATION](#)

[GCSE Mathematics HIGHER](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Biology](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Chemistry](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Physics](#)

[GCSE Biology](#)

[GCSE Chemistry](#)

[GCSE Physics](#)

[GCSE Religious Studies \(PRE\)](#) (100-day revision challenge)

[GCSE Art](#) (exam schedule)

[GCSE Business](#)

[GCSE Computer Science](#)

[GCSE D&T: Graphic Products, Resistant Materials and Textiles](#)

[GCSE Drama](#)

[GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition](#)

[GCSE French](#)

[GCSE Geography](#)

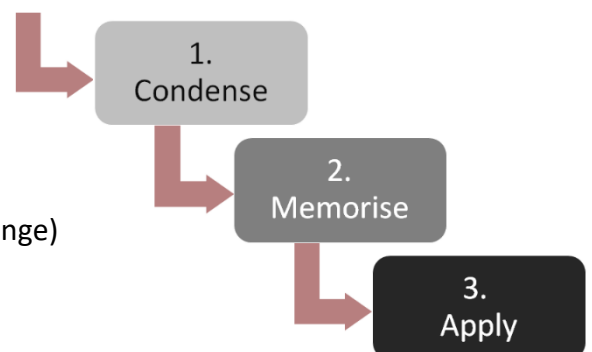
[GCSE History](#)

[GCSE Music](#)

[GCSE Physical Education \(PE\)](#) (revision calendar)

[GCSE Spanish](#)

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Practice Exam Papers

If you start working through the 13-week subject revision plans after your trial exams finish, at the beginning of February, you will have **condensed** all of the exam content for each subject by the start of April. This will enable you to focus on **memorising** the information and **applying** your knowledge and understanding to practice exam papers from the Easter holidays until the start of your exams. We would recommend the following stages when you start to do practice papers:

1. **'Open book, open time'**: This means using your notes to help you answer the questions and spending as long on the exam paper as you need to complete it.
2. **'Open book, closed time'**: This means using your notes to help you answer the questions but doing it in the time allowed for that exam paper. (You will find the time allowed on the front of the paper.)
3. **'Closed book, closed time'**: This means doing the exam paper under exam conditions, without looking up any information and within the time allowed for that exam paper.

We would recommend doing at least one practice exam paper at each stage for each subject in the run-up to your exams, using the mark schemes to mark your answers.

Condense - Memorise - Apply Models

Condense	Memorise	Apply
2 nd February to 5 th April	6 th April to 19 th April	20 th April to 4 th May
Condense + Memorise as you go along		Apply
2 nd February to 19 th April		20 th April to 4 th May
Condense + Memorise + Apply as you go along		
2 nd February to 4 th May		

- **Condense**: Condense the facts into small chunks using [flashcards](#) with a prompt or question on one side of each card and the information on the other side, or [mindmaps](#).
- **Memorise**: Use the [Leitner system](#) or [blank page retrieval](#) to help you memorise the information on your flashcards.
- **Apply**: Practise applying your knowledge to practice exam papers using the three stages above.

GCSE English Language



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Component 1: Thursday 21st May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Component 2: Friday 5th June 2026 (am) – 2 hours

*Plus Spoken Language endorsement reported as a separate grade
(already completed by most students during Year 10)*

Revision opportunities available in school for English Language:

English revision sessions are held at Thursday lunchtimes.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in English Language:

English Language Component 1:

20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing (40%)

- **Section A: Fiction Reading**

*(10 minutes reading the extract at the beginning of the exam.
Do rule off the selected lines within the questions.)*

- **Question 01** Explicit information retrieval.
(5 marks; 5 minutes)
- **Question 02** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects.
(5 marks; 5 minutes)
- **Question 03** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 04** Analysis of a character, emerging mood and tone or atmosphere, often shaped as a 'how' question.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 05** This question tests the ability to evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual reference. It often asks you to consider the end of the passage as well as the whole text.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)

- **Section B: Fiction Writing**

(5 minutes considering the options and planning; 40 minutes writing your response.)

- **Question 1.1** Select a writing prompt from one of the four choices provided.
(20 marks for content + 16 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar;
45 minutes)

English Language Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing (60%)

- **Section A: Non-Fiction Reading**

(10 minutes reading both sources at the beginning of the exam.)

- **Question 01** This question tests the ability to identify explicit information.
(3 marks; 3 minutes)
- **Question 02** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language, tone and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support your views.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 03** This question tests the ability to identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
(3 marks; 3 minutes)
- **Question 04** This question tests the ability to evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 05** This question tests the ability to select and synthesise evidence from different texts.
(4 marks; 4 minutes)
- **Question 06** This question tests the ability to compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across the two texts.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)

- **Section B: Non-Fiction Writing**

- **Question 2.1** You will be provided with two questions that you must complete.

- **Question 2.2** You must write in a method that suits the format, audience and required purpose of each task.

(20 marks each; 30 minutes each including 5 minutes' planning for each question)

Online resources available for English Language:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language-gcse/#tab_pastpapers

A selection of past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GuigLit?cbrd=1>

A YouTube channel created by Mr McGuigan, with plenty of walkthrough videos tailored to the examinations.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/2ab60fa3-f3a8-4111-ac88-09d7b39fdeb3>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/8a9eec3a-6039-48c0-a8ad-a4b923f7acca>

Tailored resources that enable you to work through the English Language specification.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpxh82p>

A range of revision materials including videos and tests.

<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1461>

'Knowledge organisers' to support your English Language revision.

Tips for revising in English Language:

- Plan a narrative that you can use in the Component 1 exam.
- Make sure you know what each non-fiction text looks like and includes that you may be asked to write in the Component 2 exam.
- Keep hold of your cream-coloured sheet that will go through, in detail, your trial examination performance.
- Consult Mr McGuigan or your teacher for past papers, which you should complete in timed conditions and on lined paper to best reflect the real conditions of the examination.

GCSE English Literature



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Component 1: Monday 11th May 2026 (am) – 2 hours

Component 2: Tuesday 19th May 2026 (am) – 2 hours, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for English Literature:

English revision sessions are held at Thursday lunchtimes.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in English Literature:

English Literature Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry (40%)

- **Section A:** Shakespeare: Macbeth*

(1 hour in total for this section. It is recommended to spend 5 minutes reading the extract for Question 1, and 20 minutes answering Question 1; 5 minutes planning for Question 2 and 30 minutes answering Question 2.)

- **Question 2.1** Analysis of an extract from the play.
(15 marks)
- **Question 2.2** Analysis of a wider theme or specific character from the play.
(25 marks)

- **Section B:** Poetry Anthology

(1 hour in total for this section. It is recommended to spend 5 minutes reading the provided poem for Question 1, and 20 minutes answering Question 1; 5 minutes planning for Question 2, and 30 minutes answering Question 2.)

- **Question 7.1** Analysis of a poem from the anthology.
(15 marks)
- **Question 7.2** Comparison of the previous poem with one you can remember based on a provided theme such as love, war, place or power.
(25 marks)

English Literature Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry (60%)

- **Section A: Post-1914 Prose/Drama: Blood Brothers***
 - **Question 10** You will be given an extract from the play and a question to answer. The question is often on a given character, relationship or theme. Write approximately 1/3rd on the extract and 2/3rds on the wider text. *(40 marks including 5 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)*
- **Section B: 19th Century Prose: A Christmas Carol***
 - **Question 21** You will be given an extract from the text and a question to answer. The question is often on a given character, relationship or theme. Write approximately 1/3rd on the extract and 2/3rds on the wider text. *(40 marks including 5 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)*
- **Section C: Unseen Poetry**
 - **Question 31** Analysis of a poem provided. *(15 marks)*
 - **Question 32** Comparison of the previous poem with a new one provided based on a clearly-stated theme. *(25 marks)*

Online resources available for English Literature:

https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature-gcse/#tab_pastpapers

A selection of past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GuigLit?cbrd=1>

A YouTube channel created by Mr McGuigan, with plenty of walkthrough videos tailored to the examinations.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/courses/add?Price=Free&Subject=English+Literature&Age+Group=GCSE&Exam+Board=Edugas>

Tailored resources that enable you to work through the English Literature specification.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw9mycw>

A range of revision materials including videos and tests.

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/Macbeth.pdf

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/Blood%20Brothers.pdf

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/A%20Christmas%20Carol.pdf

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/A%20Christmas%20Carol.pdf

'Knowledge organisers' for each English Literature text to support your revision.

Tips for revising in English Literature:

- Re-read your set texts: Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Watch the film or stage adaptations of Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Secure your understanding of the **plots** of Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Secure your understanding of the **principal characters** in Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Ensure your notes on the poems from the Eduqas Poetry Anthology are secure and detailed.
- Make sure you can 'pair up' any two poems based upon selected themes such as nature, love, war, power and place.
- Review all of your old work, including any:
 - notes about the context or themes of a text;
 - important quotes; and
 - analysis of literary techniques.
- Then, use those old notes to create a new page of notes for each key character, and each key theme in your text. On each of those pages, you need to write:
 - a description of that character or theme;
 - a list of quotes about that character or theme;
 - a brief description of what each quote means; and
 - Textual analysis for each quote, focusing on how the author is using specific literary techniques to emphasise the point you think they are making about the character or theme.
- Know the context, form and structure, language, imagery and themes of all the anthology poems.
- Complete past exam papers and mark them using the mark schemes.

GCSE Mathematics



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Paper 1: Thursday 14th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Paper 2: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Paper 3: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Maths:

Students are encouraged to make use of the 8-week online intervention programme on MathsWatch launching in January, with tasks set every Monday for the week ahead.

If you would like help to revise – or support with your MathsWatch revision – please speak to your Maths teacher.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Maths:

- Number:
 - Structure and calculation
 - Fractions, decimals and percentages
 - Measures and accuracy
- Algebra:
 - Notation, vocabulary and manipulation
 - Graphs
 - Solving equations and inequalities
 - Sequences
- Ratio, proportion and rates of change
- Geometry and measures:
 - Properties and measures
 - Mensuration and calculation
 - Vectors
- Probability
- Statistics

Mathematics Paper 1: Non-Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Mathematics Paper 2: Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Mathematics Paper 3: Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Online resources available for Maths:

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

A complete online Maths platform to support your Maths revision.
(Use your MathsWatch log-in details to log in.)

<https://corbettmaths.com/2023/08/01/gcse-revision/>

Free GCSE Maths resources including videos and worksheets.

<https://revisionmaths.com/gcse-maths/gcse-maths-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-maths-past-papers>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

Free online GCSE video tutorials, notes and exam-style questions for each Maths topic.

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html>

Access to GCSE Maths past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-maths/>

Access to GCSE Maths past papers and mark schemes – remember to choose Edexcel GCSE.

Tips for revising in Maths:

- The best way to revise for Maths is by doing lots of practice questions. Ask your teacher for extra copies of past exam papers so that questions can be completed again, and you can see what needs improving on. Past exam papers and mark schemes are also available online that you can print and use to practise (see links above).
- If you identify a knowledge gap or a question you cannot do when completing a past paper, use your revision guide or the relevant MathsWatch link to find out more about it and write a revision card on the key information. Make a note of the topic so that you can ask your Maths teacher for help on it next lesson.

GCSE Combined Science

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA Trilogy](#)

Biology Paper 1: Tuesday 12th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Chemistry Paper 1: Monday 18th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Physics Paper 1: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Biology Paper 2: Monday 8th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Chemistry Paper 2: Friday 12th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Physics Paper 2: Monday 15th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Combined Science:

Science revision drop-in sessions are held after school on Thursdays.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Combined Science:

Biology Paper 1 (16.7%)

- 4.1 Cell Biology
- 4.2 Organisation
- 4.3 Infection and Response
- 4.4 Bioenergetics
- 4.8 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Biology Paper 2 (16.7%)

- 4.5 Homeostasis and Response
- 4.6 Inheritance, Variation and Evolution
- 4.7 Ecology

Chemistry Paper 1 (16.7%)

- 5.1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table
- 5.2 Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter
- 5.3 Quantitative Chemistry
- 5.4 Chemical Changes
- 5.5 Energy Changes
- 5.11 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Chemistry Paper 2 (16.7%)

- 5.6 The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
- 5.7 Organic Chemistry
- 5.8 Chemical Analysis
- 5.9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- 5.10 Using Resources



Physics Paper 1 (16.7%)**6.1 Energy****6.2 Electricity****6.3 Particle Model of Matter****6.4 Atomic Structure****6.8 Key Ideas** (assessed in both papers)Physics Paper 2 (16.7%)**6.5 Forces****6.6 Waves****6.7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism**

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Combined Science required practicals:**Biology:**

1. Microscopy
2. Osmosis
3. Food tests
4. Enzymes
5. Photosynthesis
6. *Reaction time*
7. *Field investigations*

Chemistry:

8. Making salts
9. Electrolysis
10. Temperature changes
11. *Rates of reaction*
12. *Chromatography*
13. *Water purification*

Physics:

14. Specific heat capacity
15. Resistance
16. I-V characteristics
17. Density
18. *Force and extension*
19. *Acceleration*
20. *Waves*
21. *Radiation and absorption*

Online resources available for Combined Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

[KLS Combined Science revision notes booklets](#) (school log-in needed to access):

A5 booklets containing the key facts you need to know for each Combined Science exam.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-science/>

Access to past papers and mark schemes for each of the Combined Science exam papers – remember to choose 9-1 GCSE AQA.

https://youtu.be/qIOMlwBoe_4?list=PLAd0MSIZBSsF3vV_uxzbcNHuDrQ6Hc-UI

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Combined Science exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on 'Explore the lessons' and **KS4 Science (Combined FT or HT)**.

GCSE Biology



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 12th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Monday 8th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Biology:

Science revision drop-in sessions are held after school on Thursdays.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Biology:

Biology Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Cell Biology
- 4.2 Organisation
- 4.3 Infection and Response
- 4.4 Bioenergetics

Biology Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.5 Homeostasis and Response
- 4.6 Inheritance, Variation and Evolution
- 4.7 Ecology

- 4.8 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Biology required practicals:

1. Microscopy
2. Microbiology
3. Osmosis
4. Food tests
5. Enzymes
6. Photosynthesis
7. *Reaction time*
8. *Plant responses*
9. *Field investigations*
10. *Decay*

Online resources available for Biology:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKYQ-K23Mr4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ugti-xPnT-8>

Primrose Kitten's YouTube videos summarising the whole of Biology Paper 1 and Paper 2.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Revision notes and topic-by-topic exam questions on each of the Biology topics.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-biology/>

Access to past papers and mark schemes for each of the Biology exam papers – remember to choose 9-1 GCSE AQA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X6mow1AExI&list=PLAd0MSIZBSsHv1pioWRdg-pZCWTo84cdP>

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Biology exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on '**Explore the lessons**' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

Tips for revising in Biology:

- An important way to revise in Biology is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Biology teacher.



GCSE Chemistry

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Monday 18th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Friday 12th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Chemistry:

Science revision drop-in sessions are held after school on Thursdays.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Chemistry:

Chemistry Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table
- 4.2 Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter
- 4.3 Quantitative Chemistry
- 4.4 Chemical Changes
- 4.5 Energy Changes

Chemistry Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.6 The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
- 4.7 Organic Chemistry
- 4.8 Chemical Analysis
- 4.9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- 4.10 Using Resources

- 4.11 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Chemistry required practicals:

1. Making salts
2. Neutralisation
3. Electrolysis
4. Temperature changes
5. *Rates of reaction*
6. *Chromatography*
7. *Identifying ions*
8. *Water purification*

Online resources available for Chemistry:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpQ-3YAwNhl>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJu8WTtZJU>

Primrose Kitten's YouTube videos summarising the whole of Chemistry Paper 1 and Paper 2.

[KLS Chemistry revision notes booklets](#) (school log-in needed to access)

Booklets containing the key facts you need to know for each Chemistry exam.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Revision notes and topic-by-topic exam questions on each of the Chemistry topics.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-chemistry/>

Access to past papers and mark schemes for each of the Chemistry exam papers – remember to choose 9-1 GCSE AQA.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIOMlwBoe_4&list=PLAd0MSIZBSsEygAZyDRkK0PgQZ6uiC98F

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Chemistry exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on 'Explore the lessons' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

<https://quizlet.com/class/28338383/materials>

Mrs Sudbery's Quizlet cards to enable you to check your knowledge of the Paper 2 topics.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zpsCA0a1DH>

A revision quiz to give you practice at applying your understanding of Le Châtelier's Principle to examples, predicting the effects of changes in conditions on a system at equilibrium.

Tips for revising in Chemistry:

- An important way to revise in Chemistry is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Chemistry teacher.



GCSE Physics

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Monday 15th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Physics:

Science revision drop-in sessions are held after school on Thursdays.

There may also be revision workshops taking place during the holidays; details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Physics:

Physics Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Energy
- 4.2 Electricity
- 4.3 Particle Model of Matter
- 4.4 Atomic Structure

Physics Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.5 Forces
- 4.6 Waves
- 4.7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism
- 4.8 Space

- 4.9 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Physics required practicals:

1. Specific heat capacity
2. Thermal insulation
3. Resistance
4. I-V characteristics
5. Density
6. *Force and extension*
7. *Acceleration*
8. *Waves*
9. *Light*
10. *Radiation and absorption*

Online resources available for Physics:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtw-Z0nIIA4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1aMXCr75Kw>

Primrose Kitten's YouTube videos summarising the whole of Physics Paper 1 and Paper 2.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Revision notes and topic-by-topic exam questions on each of the Physics topics.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-physics/>

Access to past papers and mark schemes for each of the Physics exam papers – remember to choose 9-1 GCSE AQA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51mSWRfAsAw&list=PLAd0MSIZBSsGNWKdHJdQYIn dKI3HZUrSB>

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Physics exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on '**Explore the lessons**' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

Tips for revising in Physics:

- An important way to revise in Physics is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Physics teacher.

GCSE Religious Studies (PRE)



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA A](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 12th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Wednesday 20th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Religious Studies (PRE):

Religious Studies (PRE) revision sessions are held at Wednesday lunchtimes.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Religious Studies (PRE):

Religious Studies Paper 1: The Study of Religions: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (50%)

- Beliefs, teaching and practices in two religions:

3.1.2 Christianity*

3.1.5 Islam*

(96 marks, plus 6 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; 1 hour 45 minutes)

Religious Studies Paper 2: Thematic Studies (50%)

- Four religious, philosophical and ethical studies themes:

3.2.1.1 Theme A: Relationships and families*

3.2.1.2 Theme B: Religion and life*

3.2.1.4 Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict*

3.2.1.5 Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment*

Make sure you answer the questions on the themes listed above only, which equate to Question 1, Question 2, Question 4 and Question 5 (and not Question 3 or Question 6).

(96 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; 1 hour 45 minutes)

Online resources available for Religious Studies (PRE):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbndy9q>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of Christianity.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4v7gwx>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of Islam.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbmcqt>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of Judaism.

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/christianity>

Features lots of useful information to support your revision of Christianity.

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/islam>

Features lots of useful information to support your revision of Islam.

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/judaism>

Features lots of useful information to support your revision of Judaism.

Tips for revising and sitting your exams in Religious Studies (PRE):

- 1 mark – 2 mins
2 marks – 4 mins
4 marks – 5 mins
12 marks – 12 mins
= 25 mins per question set.
1 mark – 1 minute (1 minute to check)
- If you struggle to understand a question, use a **highlighter** to help you focus on what the question is asking.
 - **BOX** the instruction words.
 - **UNDERLINE** the topic.
 - **GLANCE** at the marks.

GCSE Art



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Pearson Edexcel](#) Two-day externally-set assignment: **Thursday 16th April 2026 (all day)**
and Tuesday 21st April 2026 (all day)

Plus personal portfolio making up 60% of the overall grade

Additional opportunities available in school for Art:

Art intervention takes place after school on Mondays.

Art rooms are also available to students at lunchtimes in consultation with Art staff.

Structure of the course in Art:

Personal Portfolio (60%)

Theme: TBC

Checklist:

(This is the minimum requirement and extension work is recommended to achieve grade 8/9)

Initial Ideas board:

- Mind map
- Student photographs
- Transcription
- Direct observation drawing
- Monoprint
- 3 x transcriptions from different artists

Artist board:

- Annotations
- Research on artists
- Imagery of artists' work
- 3 x experimentations using different materials from direct observation, artist work and/or student photos

Experimentation board:

- Annotations of the experimentations
- Students' own photographs
- Statement of intent

Planning and Refining board:

- 3 x compositional studies
- 1 x mini main piece
- Images of 1 x artist influence

Externally-Set Assignment (40%)

Final Outcome: 10 hours

2026 theme: TBC

Checklist:

(This is the minimum requirement and extension work is recommended to achieve grade 8/9)

Initial Ideas board:

- Mind map
- Student photographs
- Transcription
- Direct observation drawing
- Monoprint
- Annotations

Artist board:

- 3 x transcriptions from different artists
- Annotations
- Research on artists
- Imagery of artists' work

Experimentation board:

- 3 x experimentations using different materials from direct observation, artist work and/or student photos
- Annotations of the experimentations

Planning and Refining board:

- Students' own photographs
- Statement of intent
- 3 x compositional studies
- 1 x mini main piece
- Images of 1 x artist influence

The externally-set assignment will take place on **Thursday 13th April and Tuesday 21st April 2026.**

GCSE Business



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Monday 11th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Thursday 21st May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Business:

Business Paper 1: Influences of Operations and HRM on Business Activity (50%)

3.1 Business in the real world

3.2 Influences on business

3.3 Business operations

3.4 Human resources

- **Section A:** Multiple choice and short answer questions. *(20 marks)*
- **Section B:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(34 marks approx.)*
- **Section C:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(36 marks approx.)*

(90 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)

Business Paper 2: Influences of Marketing and Finance on Business Activity (50%)

3.1 Business in the real world

3.2 Influences on business

3.5 Marketing

3.6 Finance

- **Section A:** Multiple choice and short answer questions. *(20 marks)*
- **Section B:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(34 marks approx.)*
- **Section C:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(36 marks approx.)*

(90 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)

Online resources available for Business:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zvwb382>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

Tips for revising and sitting your exams in Business:

- Keep an eye on the Year 11 Business channel on Microsoft Teams for additional revision resources and support.

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GCSE Computer Science



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[OCR](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 13th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Paper 2: Tuesday 19th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Computer Science:

Computer Science Paper 1: Computer Systems (50%)

- 1.1 Systems architecture**
- 1.2 Memory and storage**
- 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols**
- 1.4 Network security**
- 1.5 Systems software**
- 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology**

- This is a non-calculator paper.

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 mins)

Computer Science Paper 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms, Programming (50%)

- 2.1 Algorithms**
- 2.2 Programming fundamentals**
- 2.3 Producing robust programmes**
- 2.4 Boolean logic**
- 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)**

- This is a non-calculator paper.

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 mins)

Online resources available for Computer Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/>

<https://www.w3schools.com/python/>

For support with coding and Python programming tutorials.

<https://student.craigndave.org/j277>

Videos to support with revision for Computer Science.

<https://adacomputerscience.org/topics?examBoard=all&stage=all#gcse>

A free online platform for Computer Science, including notes and practice questions.

[GCSE-Computer-Science-Knowledge-Organisers.pdf](#)

‘Knowledge organisers’ to support your revision of the key facts in Computer Science.
(School log-in needed to access.)

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-computer-science>

Access to past papers and mark schemes for each of the Computer Science exam papers – remember to choose 9-1 GCSE OCR.

Tips for revising in Computer Science:

- Use your revision guide to create mind maps or flashcards for each topic so that you can use these materials for your revision. Rate your understanding of each topic and use this to inform your revision.
- Use the [Computer Science knowledge organisers](#) to revise the essential information you need to know for each exam paper. (School log-in needed to access.)
- Work through past paper exam questions to test your understanding of each topic and ensure that you are aware of what is required in your written answers. Use the mark schemes to mark and correct your answers.
- Aim to use a range of revision media as well as those listed above, including the [‘Craig ‘n’ Dave’ videos](#), as well as past paper walk-throughs.

GCSE Design & Technology: Graphics



Exam board: Exam date and duration:

[AQA](#)

Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for D&T: Graphics:

Details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in D&T: Graphics:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** **Core technical principles** (20 marks)
- **Section B** **Specialist technical principles** (30 marks)
- **Section C** **Designing and making principles** (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for D&T: Graphics:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkcpkmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Design & Technology: Resistant Materials



Exam board: **Exam date and duration:**

[AQA](#)

Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for D&T: Resistant Materials:

Details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in D&T: Resistant Materials:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** **Core technical principles** (20 marks)
- **Section B** **Specialist technical principles** (30 marks)
- **Section C** **Designing and making principles** (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for D&T: Resistant Materials:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkcpkmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Design & Technology: Textiles



Exam board: Exam date and duration:

[AQA](#)

Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for D&T: Textiles:

Details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in D&T: Textiles:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** **Core technical principles** (20 marks)
- **Section B** **Specialist technical principles** (30 marks)
- **Section C** **Designing and making principles** (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for D&T: Textiles:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkcpkmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Drama



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Friday 8th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Plus two components of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 60% of the overall grade

Other key dates in Drama:

The Drama performance exam will take place **in the week of 9th February 2026**. This is one of the two non-exam assessment components and makes up 20% of your GCSE Drama grade. In preparation for this exam, a Drama performance showcase will take place prior to the exam date (date to follow).

A live theatre trip to support with the written exam will also take place (date to follow).

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Drama:

Drama Exam Paper: Understanding Drama (40%)

- **Section A** Multiple choice questions. (4 marks)
- **Section B** A study of one complete performance text: **Blood Brothers***. (44 marks)
 - **Make sure you answer the question on Blood Brothers only.**
 - A clean copy of the text will be provided in the exam.
- **Section C** A live theatre evaluation: **TO BE CONFIRMED**. (32 marks)
 - This section consists of one question requiring you to describe, analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance you have seen.
 - **Make sure you answer the question in the context of this performance.**

Online resources available for Drama:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zrnjwty>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your Drama knowledge.

GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Thursday 11th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Plus two components NEA1 and NEA2 of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Other key dates in Food Preparation:

You will complete your Food Preparation practical exam **in the week of 9th March 2026**. This is the second of the two non-exam assessment components that contribute to your overall GCSE Food Preparation grade – NEA 1: 15% of grade; NEA 2: 35% of grade.

Revision opportunities available in school for Food Preparation:

Food Preparation support is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Food Preparation:

Food Preparation Written Exam (50%)

3.2 Food, nutrition and health

3.3 Food science

3.4 Food safety

3.5 Food choice

3.6 Food provenance

(100 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)



Online resources available for Food Preparation:

<https://illuminate.digital/aqafood/>

Online resources to support your Food Preparation revision.

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/14-16-years/>

Online resources to resources to support the teaching and learning of food.

GCSE French



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 20th May 2026 (am) – 35/45 mins

Paper 2: 20th-24th April 2026 (individual exam times)

Paper 3: Wednesday 20th May 2026 (am) – 45 mins/1 hour

Paper 4: Thursday 4th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 10 mins /1 hour, 15 mins

Other key dates in French:

The French speaking exams will take place on 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2026.

Revision opportunities available in school for French:

Details to follow.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in French:

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| • Theme 1: People and lifestyle | - Identity and relationships with others |
| | - Healthy living and lifestyle |
| | - Education and work |
| • Theme 2: Popular culture | - Free-time activities |
| | - Customs, festivals and celebrations |
| | - Celebrity culture |
| • Theme 3: Communication and the world around us | - Travel and tourism, including places of interest |
| | - Media and technology |
| | - The environment and where people live |

French Paper 1: Listening (25%)

- **Section A** Listening comprehension questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Dictation requiring you to transcribe short sentences, including a small number of words from outside the prescribed vocabulary list.

(Foundation tier – 40 marks; 35 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

French Paper 2: Speaking (25%)

- **Role-play** (10 marks; both tiers – 1-1½ minutes)
- **Reading aloud task and short conversation**
(15 marks; Foundation tier – 2-2½ minutes; Higher tier – 3-3½ minutes)
- **Photo card discussion**
(25 marks; Foundation tier – 4-5 minutes; Higher tier – 6-7 minutes)

French Paper 3: Reading (25%)

- **Section A** Reading comprehension questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words at foundation tier and 50 words at higher tier).

(Foundation tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 1 hour)

French Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Foundation tier

- **Question 1** Produce five short sentences in response to a photo. (10 marks)
 - **Question 2** Produce a short piece of writing in response to five compulsory bullet points, approximately 50 words in total. (10 marks)
 - **Question 3** Complete five short grammar tasks. (5 marks)
 - **Question 4** Translation of sentences from English into French, minimum 35 words in total. (10 marks)
 - **Question 5** Produce a piece of writing in response to three compulsory bullet points, approximately 90 words in total, with choice from two questions. (15 marks)
- (1 hour, 10 minutes)

Higher tier

- **Question 1** Translation of sentences from English into French, minimum 50 words in total from two questions. (10 marks)
- **Question 2** Produce a piece of writing in response to three compulsory bullet points, approximately 90 words in total, with choice from two questions. (15 marks)
- **Question 3** Open-ended writing task (respond to two bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total, with choice from two questions). (25 marks)

(1 hour, 15 mins)

Online resources available for French:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp838p3>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login>

Access to the GCSE French textbook online. (Use your Kerboodle log-in details to log in.)

<https://www.languageut.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.sentencebuilders.com/>

Access to digital resources on Languageut and SentenceBuilders with your log-in details.

Tips for revising in French:

- Use your [Languageut](#) account to revise vocabulary, verbs, grammar, sentence chunks and exam skills.
- Use your [SentenceBuilders](#) account to revise sentence chunks and use writing frames to practise writing.
- Ask Mr Burgin for access to past papers and/or exemplar exam materials for practice.

GCSE Geography



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[OCR B](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 13th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Paper 2: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Paper 3: Thursday 11th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Geography:

Geography revision sessions are held after school on Mondays:

- 'Getting the grade': Mondays after school in G101.
- 'Aiming higher': Mondays after school in G102.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Geography:

Geography Paper 1: Our Natural World (35%)

Question 1	Global hazards (13 marks)
Question 2	Changing climate (13 marks)
Question 3	Distinctive landscapes (13 marks)
Question 4	Sustaining ecosystems (13 marks)
Question 5	Geographical skills, including <u>physical geography</u> fieldwork (15 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Geography Paper 2: People and Society (35%)

Question 1	Urban futures (13 marks)
Question 2	Dynamic development (13 marks)
Question 3	UK in the 21st century (13 marks)
Question 4	Resource reliance (13 marks)
Question 5	Geographical skills, including <u>human geography</u> fieldwork (15 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Geography Paper 3: Geographical Exploration (30%)

Geographical skills, responding to a series of questions relating to a particular place

Data handling and analytical skills are tested.

(60 marks, including 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Geographical skills will be assessed in all three exam papers. These include:

- Cartographic skills relating to a variety of maps at different scales, including:
 - Ordnance Survey maps;
 - world maps;
 - thematic maps; and
 - data-enriched maps.
- Graphical skills.
- Numerical and statistical skills.
- Formulating enquiry and argument.

Online resources available for Geography:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpsx2p3>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

https://kingslingleyherthssch.sharepoint.com/sites/KLS_Subjects_11/Year%2011/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FKLS%5FSubjects%5F11%2FYear%2011%2FOther%20revision%20resources%2FGeography&viewid=52282c24%2Dd4c20%2Da2a3%2Daf9800f0094f

‘Knowledge organisers’ to support your revision of the key facts in Geography. *(School log-in needed to access.)*

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography>

Features lots of useful information to aid geography revision.

Tips for revising in Geography:

- Listen to the Looms provided for each topic.
- Create core study guides – causes, impacts and responses.
- Colour-code your revision notes as advantages or disadvantages of a scenario – or use symbols to do this.

GCSE History



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Paper 1: Friday 15th May 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 20 mins

Paper 2: Thursday 4th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 50 mins

Paper 3: Tuesday 9th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for History:

During the autumn term, History revision sessions are taking place after school on Wednesdays, in G106.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in History:

History Paper 1: Thematic Study and Historic Environment (30%)

- **Section A** Historic environment: The British sector of the Western Front*.
 - One question that assesses knowledge. (Q1a and Q1b)
 - One two-part question based on two provided sources. (Q2a and 2b)
 (16 marks)
- **Section B** Thematic Study: Medicine in Britain, c1250 - present*.
 - The first two questions are compulsory. (Q3 and Q4)
 - For the third question, answer one from a choice of two. (Q5 or Q6)
 (36 marks, including 4 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

History Paper 2: Period Study and British Depth Study (40%)

- **Booklet P** Period study: Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991*.
 - The first two questions are compulsory. (Q1a, Q1b and Q2)
 - For the third question, select two out of three options. (Q3)
 (32 marks)
- **Booklet B** British depth study: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588*.
 - The first two questions are compulsory (Q1 and Q2)
 - For the third question, select one from a choice of two. (Q3)
 (32 marks)

History Paper 3: Modern Depth Study (30%)

- Modern Depth Study: **Weimar and Nazi Germany***.
 - One question based on a provided source. (Q1)
 - One question that assesses your knowledge and understanding. (Q2)
In this question you can choose from two options.
 - One four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations. (Q3a, b, c **and** d)

(52 marks, including 4 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Revision support in History:

Essential resources for History (*school log-in details needed to access some resources*):

Your GCSE History exercise books.

[GCSE Course Guide 2025-2026](#)

Your GCSE History course guide.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials>

For access to past paper question banks (also available on Microsoft Teams).

[0. GCSE History - Where to find it!](#) (*school log-in details needed*)

A revision menu of links to all of our SharePoint resources, videos, quizzes and guides.

Online resources for History (*school log-in details needed to access some resources*):

<https://classroom42.com/login/>

Classroom 42 platform – remember to use the ‘examinator’ tool.

https://kingslangleyhertssch.sharepoint.com/sites/KLS_Subjects_HI/Year%2011/Forms/AllItems.aspx

For access to revision resources for each paper on SharePoint.

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/gcse-history.html>

For access to all of our GCSE History revision resources and useful links.

https://www.pearson.com/en-gb/schools/secondary/parents-learners/revision/gcse-revision/pearson-revise.html?utm_source=psc&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GBLEGS0922REVIS

To download the Pearson Revise app, which has quizzes for each History topic.

Tutor2U: <https://www.tutor2u.net/history>

Oak National Academy: <https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

BBC Bitesize:

Paper 1: Medicine: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zppr4xs>
 Paper 2P: Cold War: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwbysg8>
 Paper 2B: Elizabeth: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7>
 Paper 3: Germany: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymqwx>

Online videos:

Paper 1: Medicine

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/medicine-through-time/zdcy8xs>

Paper 2P: Cold War

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsbRuc8X92E1LsrAidhylwhmVUCkZwv9N>

Paper 2B: Elizabeth

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcvEcrsF_9zLTFTWEPC-St2l7TedKwG6

Paper 3: Germany

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00084td/rise-of-the-nazis>

More video links here: [0. GCSE History - Where to find it!](#) (school log-in details needed)

More revision support is available here: <https://www.klshistory.co.uk/useful-websites.html> and [0. GCSE History - Where to find it!.pdf](#) (school log-in details needed).

Revision guides available to purchase:

Please see Page 3 of your [GCSE Course Guide 2025-2026](#)

We recommend the [‘Oxford Revise’ History series](#) or the [Pearson Revise series](#).

Tips for revising in History:

- Create **flashcards** with a key topic on one side, and questions and answers about it on the other side. Spend some time going through and learning these questions and answers on your own, and then ask someone to test you on them. There are ready-made flashcards on [Classroom 42](#) and more guidance here: [GCSE Course Guide 2025-2026](#)
- Complete the activities in the **content revision guides** printed for students and attached on Teams to test how well you have understood the information.
- **Practice questions** are by far the most effective method of revision for History. There are banks of questions attached to each revision assignment on Teams and here [0. GCSE History - Where to find it!.pdf](#), but you can also use the ‘examinator’ tool to complete practice questions on [Classroom 42](#). The tool will mark these and provide feedback. You can also find past papers [with mark schemes and model answers] at [Pearson.com](#).
- Use [Classroom 42](#) to watch / read about key topics and then complete the activities and quizzes to test that you have understood them.
- For more suggestions, please refer to Pages 5-8 of your [GCSE Course Guide 2025-2026](#)

GCSE Music



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Friday 5th June 2026 (pm) – approx. 1 hour, 15 mins

Plus two components of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 60% of the overall grade: two performances (30%) and two compositions (30%)

Revision opportunities available in school for Music:

Music intervention takes place at Tuesday lunchtimes and on Fridays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Music:

Music Written Exam: Appraising (40%)

- There are four areas of study:
 1. **Musical forms and devices**
 2. **Music for ensemble**
 3. **Film music**
 4. **Popular music**
- The exam will consist of eight questions, two on each area of study.
- Of the eight questions, six will be on unprepared musical extracts and two on set extracts which relate to two areas of study; please see details of this year's set extracts below.
- You must answer all the questions. (96 marks)

Set extract linked to Area of Study 1: Musical forms and devices

- ❖ **Badinerie by J.S.Bach for Flute and String Orchestra with Harpsichord (Final movement, Orchestral Suite No.2 in B minor, BWV 1067)***

Set extract linked to Area of Study 4: Popular music

- ❖ **Africa: Toto (released 1982)***

Online resources available for Music:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your music theory knowledge.

<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1508>

'Knowledge organisers' to support your revision of each area of study and the set extracts.

https://kingslangleyhertssch.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/KLS_Subjects_11/ErBheZBrXzVJuxl7AqNldYkBQ67W1dmPhOVPLendg5RYTA?e=gX6hMG

Revision tips and exercises for each area of study. (School log-in needed to access.)

<https://portal.focusonsound.com/>

<https://auralia.cloud/login>

GCSE Physical Education (PE)



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[OCR](#)

Paper 1: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 1 hour

Paper 2: Monday 1st June 2026 (am) – 1 hour

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 40% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for PE:

PE revision sessions and intervention are held after school on Mondays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in PE:

PE Paper 1: Physical Factors Affecting Performance (30%)

- 1.1.a The structure and function of the skeletal system
- 1.1.b The structure and function of the muscular system
- 1.1.c Movement analysis
- 1.1.d The cardiovascular and respiratory systems
- 1.1.e Effects of exercise on body systems
- 1.2.a Components of fitness
- 1.2.b Applying the principles of training
- 1.2.c Preventing injury in physical activity and training

- You need to answer all of the questions in this paper.

(60 marks)

PE Paper 2: Socio-Cultural Influences and Sports Psychology (30%)

- 2.1.a Engagement patterns of different social groups in physical activities and sports
- 2.1.b Commercialisation of physical activity and sport
- 2.1.c Ethical and socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport
- 2.2 Sports psychology
- 2.3 Health, fitness and well-being

- You need to answer all of the questions in this paper.

(60 marks)

Online resources available for PE:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/ztrcg82>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your PE knowledge.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/9498bb2b-5267-4148-941c-e086379410ac>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/c4c8a5ad-eab7-4bd4-b4c4-810fa64b9bb2>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your PE revision.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/physical-education-j587-from-2016/assessment/>

OCR GCSE PE Past Paper Exams, with Mark Schemes.

<https://massolit.io/subjects/physical-education/landing>

PE related articles

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GCSE Spanish



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 9th June 2026 (am) – 35/45 mins

Paper 2: 20th-24th April 2026 (*individual exam times*)

Paper 3: Tuesday 9th June 2026 (am) – 45 mins/1 hour

Paper 4: Tuesday 16th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour, 10 mins /1 hour, 15 mins

Other key dates in Spanish:

The Spanish speaking exams will take place on 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2026.

Revision opportunities available in school for Spanish:

Spanish revision sessions take place on Monday lunchtimes.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Spanish:

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| • Theme 1: People and lifestyle | - Identity and relationships with others |
| | - Healthy living and lifestyle |
| | - Education and work |
| • Theme 2: Popular culture | - Free-time activities |
| | - Customs, festivals and celebrations |
| | - Celebrity culture |
| • Theme 3: Communication and the world around us | - Travel and tourism, including places of interest |
| | - Media and technology |
| | - The environment and where people live |

Spanish Paper 1: Listening (25%)

- **Section A** Listening comprehension questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Dictation requiring you to transcribe short sentences, including a small number of words from outside the prescribed vocabulary list.

(Foundation tier – 40 marks; 35 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

Spanish Paper 2: Speaking (25%)

- **Role-play** (10 marks; both tiers – 1-1½ minutes)
- **Reading aloud task and short conversation**
(15 marks; Foundation tier – 2-2½ minutes; Higher tier – 3-3½ minutes)
- **Photo card discussion**
(25 marks; Foundation tier – 4-5 minutes; Higher tier – 6-7 minutes)

Spanish Paper 3: Reading (25%)

- **Section A** Reading comprehension questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Translation from Spanish into English (a minimum of 35 words at foundation tier and 50 words at higher tier).

(Foundation tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 1 hour)

Spanish Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Foundation tier

- **Question 1** Produce five short sentences in response to a photo. (10 marks)
 - **Question 2** Produce a short piece of writing in response to five compulsory bullet points, approximately 50 words in total. (10 marks)
 - **Question 3** Complete five short grammar tasks. (5 marks)
 - **Question 4** Translation of sentences from English into Spanish, minimum 35 words in total. (10 marks)
 - **Question 5** Produce a piece of writing in response to three compulsory bullet points, approximately 90 words in total, with choice from two questions. (15 marks)
- (1 hour, 10 minutes)

Higher tier

- **Question 1** Translation of sentences from English into Spanish, minimum 50 words in total. (10 marks)
- **Question 2** Produce a piece of writing in response to three compulsory bullet points, approximately 90 words in total, with choice from two questions. (15 marks)
- **Question 3** Open-ended writing task (respond to two bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total, with choice from two questions). (25 marks)

(1 hour, 15 mins)

Online resources available for Spanish:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgpg2p>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login>

Access to the GCSE Spanish textbook online. (Use your Kerboodle log-in details to log in.)

<https://www.languageut.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.sentencebuilders.com/>

Access to digital resources on Languageut and SentenceBuilders with your log-in details.

Tips for revising in Spanish:

- Use your [Languageut](#) account to revise vocabulary, verbs, grammar, sentence chunks and exam skills.
- Use your [SentenceBuilders](#) account to revise sentence chunks and use writing frames to practise writing.
- Ask Mr Burgin for access to past papers and/or exemplar exam materials for practice.

GCSE Arabic

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 20 mins /1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Bengali

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Thursday 11th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Chinese (Spoken Mandarin)

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Monday 11th May 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Monday 11th May 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Monday 18th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE German

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Thursday 7th May 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Thursday 7th May 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Thursday 14th May 2026 (pm) – 1 hour, 10 mins/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Greek

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Wednesday 17th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Gujarati

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Monday 1st June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Monday 1st June 2026 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Tuesday 9th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Italian

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Monday 1st June 2026 (am) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Modern Hebrew

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Wednesday 17th June 2026 (am) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Panjabi

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Persian

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Friday 12th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Polish

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Friday 12th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Portuguese

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Friday 12th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour 15 mins/1 hour, 20 mins



GCSE Russian

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Wednesday 10th June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Turkish

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Thursday 7th May 2026 (am) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Thursday 7th May 2026 (am) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Friday 22nd May 2026 (am) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Urdu

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Monday 18th May 2026 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Monday 17th May 2026 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (pm) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



GCSE Exam Timetable: May-June 2026

Exams and non-exam assessment (NEA) days taking place before the main exam period*

• GCSE Music performance:	Tuesday 11 th November 2025 + w/c 2 nd March 2026
• GCSE PE practical moderation:	w/c 23 rd February 2026 + <i>final dates to be confirmed</i>
• GCSE Drama performance:	w/c 9 th February 2026
• GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition food preparation assessment:	w/c 9 th March 2026
• GCSE Art two-day externally-set assignment:	16 th and 21 st April 2026
• GCSE French and Spanish speaking exams:	22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th April 2026
• Other GCSE language speaking exams:	Monday 20 th April 2026

* *In addition to the non-exam assessment being completed in lessons during the year*

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 1	Monday 4 th May	Tuesday 5 th May	Wednesday 6 th May	Thursday 7 th May	Friday 8 th May
Morning	BANK HOLIDAY			Turkish Listening and Turkish Reading (Pearson 1TU0 1 and 1TU0 3) <i>35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min</i>	
Afternoon				German Listening and German Reading (AQA 8662/L and 8662/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	Drama (AQA 8261/W) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 2	Monday 11 th May		Tuesday 12 th May		Wednesday 13 th May	Thursday 14 th May	Friday 15 th May
Morning	English Literature 1 (Eduqas C720U10-1) <i>2 hr</i>		Religious Studies 1 (AQA 8062/1A) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>		Geography 1 (OCR J384/01) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>	Mathematics 1: Non-calculator (Pearson 1MA1 1) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>	History 1 (Pearson 1HI0 11) <i>1 hr 20 min</i>
Afternoon	Business 1 (AQA 8132/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Chinese Listening and Chinese Reading (AQA 8673/L and 8673/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	Biology 1 (AQA 8461/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Combined Science: Biology 1 (AQA 8464/B/1) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>	Computer Science 1 (OCR J277/01) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>	German Writing (AQA 8662/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15 min</i>	

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 3	Monday 18 th May		Tuesday 19 th May	Wednesday 20 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Friday 22 nd May			
Morning	Chemistry 1 (AQA 8462/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Combined Science: Chemistry 1 (AQA 8464/C/1) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>	English Literature 2 (Eduqas C720U20-1) <i>2 hr 30 min</i>	French Listening and French Reading (AQA 8652/L and 8652/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	English Language 1 (Eduqas C700U10-1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Physical Education 1 (OCR J587/01) <i>1 hr</i>	Arabic Listening and Arabic Reading (Pearson 1AA0 1 and 1AA0 3) <i>35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min</i>	Italian Listening and Italian Reading (AQA 8633/L and 8633/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	Turkish Writing (Pearson 1TU0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/ 1 hr 25 min</i>
Afternoon	Chinese Writing (AQA 8673/W) <i>1 hr/ 1 hr 15 min</i>	Urdu Listening and Urdu Reading (Pearson 1UR0 1 and 1UR0 3) <i>35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min</i>	Computer Science 2 (OCR J277/02) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>	Religious Studies 2 (AQA 8062/2A) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Business 2 (AQA 8132/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>				

HALF-TERM

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 4	Monday 1 st June		Tuesday 2 nd June							Wednesday 3 rd June		Thursday 4 th June	Friday 5 th June
Morning	Physical Education 2 (OCR J587/02) 1 hr	Italian Writing (AQA 8633/W) 1 hr/ 1 hr 15min	Physics 1 (AQA 8463/1) 1 hr 45 min			Combined Science: Physics 1 (AQA 8464/P/1) 1 hr 15 min				Mathematics 2: Calculator (Pearson 1MA1 2) 1 hr 30 min		History 2 (Pearson 1HI0 2R) 1 hr 50 min	English Language 2 (Eduqas C700U20-1) 2 hr
Afternoon	Gujarati Listening and Gujarati Reading (Pearson 1GU0 1 and 1GU0 3) 35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min	Arabic Writing (Pearson 1AA0 4) 1 hr 20 min/ 1 hr 25 min	Panjabi Listening and Panjabi Reading (AQA 8683/L and 8683/R) 35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr	Persian Listening and Persian Reading (Pearson 1PN0 1 and 1PN0 3) 35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min	Polish Listening and Polish Reading (AQA 8688/L and 8688/R) 35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr	Portuguese Listening and Portuguese Reading (Pearson 1PG0 1 and 1PG0 3) 35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr	Russian Listening and Russian Reading (Pearson 1RU0 1 and 1RU0 3) 35/45 min + 50 min/ 1 hr 5 min	Urdu Writing (Pearson 1UR0 4) 1 hr 20 min/ 1 hr 25 min	Geography 2 (OCR J384/02) 1 hr 15 min	Bengali Listening and Bengali Reading (AQA 8638/L and 8638/R) 35/45 min + 45 min/ 1 hr	French Writing (AQA 8652/W) 1 hr /1 hr 15 min		Music (Eduqas C660U30-1) approx. 1 hr 15 min

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 5	Monday 8 th June		Tuesday 9 th June		Wednesday 10 th June					Thursday 11 th June		Friday 12 th June		
Morning	Biology 2 (AQA 8461/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Combined Science: Biology 2 (AQA 8464/B/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>	Spanish Listening and Spanish Reading (AQA 8692/L and 8692/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	Mathematics 3: Calculator (Pearson 1MA1 3) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>					Geography 3 (OCR J384/03) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>	Bengali Writing (AQA 8638/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15min</i>	Chemistry 2 (AQA 8462/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Combined Science: Chemistry 2 (AQA 8464/C/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>		
Afternoon			History 3 (Pearson 1HI0 31) <i>1 hr 30 min</i>	Gujarati Writing (Pearson 1GU0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/1 hr 25 min</i>	Design & Technology (AQA 8552/W) <i>2 hr</i>	Greek Listening and Greek Reading (Pearson 1GK0 1 and 1GK0 3) <i>35/45 min + 50 min/1 hr 5 min</i>	Modern Hebrew Listening and Modern Hebrew Reading (AQA 8678/L and 8678/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i>	Punjabi Writing (AQA 8683/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15min</i>	Russian Writing (Pearson 1RU0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/1 hr 25min</i>	Food Preparation and Nutrition (AQA 8585/W) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Persian Writing (Pearson 1PN0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/1 hr 25 min</i>	Polish Writing (AQA 8688/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15min</i>	Portuguese Writing (Pearson 1PG0 4) <i>1 hr 15 min/1 hr 20 min</i>	

Provisional GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2026

EXAMS WEEK 6	Monday 15th June		Tuesday 16th June	Wednesday 17th June		Thursday 18th June	Friday 19th June
Morning	Physics 2 (AQA 8463/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i>	Combined Science: Physics 2 (AQA 8464/P/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i>	Spanish Writing (AQA 8692/W) <i>1 hr /1 hr 15 min</i>	Modern Hebrew Writing (AQA 8678/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15min</i>	Greek Writing (Pearson 1GK0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/ 1 hr 25 min</i>		
Afternoon							

There is a 'contingency day' on **Wednesday 24th June 2026** that will be used to reschedule exams in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams.

Please make sure that, when making your plans for the summer, you keep this date in mind.

All students sitting exams in the summer series must remain available until Wednesday 24th June 2026 should any exams need to be rescheduled.



Information for candidates

Written examinations

With effect from 1 September 2025

**This document has been written to help you.
Read it carefully and follow the instructions.**

If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

A. Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules

- 1 Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
- 2 **Do not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
- 3 If you try to cheat or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
- 4 You **must not** take into the exam room any unauthorised material, including:
 - (a) notes;
 - (b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods);
 - (c) watches.

Any pencil cases taken into the exam room **must** be see-through.

Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.

- 5 **Do not** use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
- 6 **Do not** talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
- 7 You **must not** write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
- 8 If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you **will not** be allowed to return.
- 9 **Do not** borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.

B. Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need

- 1 Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
- 2 If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
- 3 If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
- 4 Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other permitted equipment needed for the exam.
- 5 You **must** write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may be used only for diagrams, maps, charts, etc, unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.



C. Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers

- 1 You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2 If you use a calculator:
 - (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
 - (b) clear anything stored in its memory;
 - (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
 - (d) **do not** bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
- 3 **Do not** use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.

D. Instructions during the exam

- 1 Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
- 2 Tell the invigilator at once if:
 - (a) you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper;
 - (b) the question paper is incomplete or badly printed;
 - (c) you think you have not been given the expected access arrangement(s).
- 3 Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
- 4 **Do not** start writing anything until the invigilator tells you to fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet. **Do not** open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.
- 5 Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
- 6 Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers.
Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use, including those used for rough work.

E. Advice and assistance

- 1 If, on the day of the exam, you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
- 2 Put up your hand during the exam if:
 - (a) you have a problem and are not sure what you should do;
 - (b) you do not feel well;
 - (c) you need more paper.
- 3 **You must** not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.

F. At the end of the exam

- 1 If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order.
Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use. For CCEA examinations, any loose additional answer sheets should be placed **behind** your script.
- 2 **Do not** leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
- 3 **Do not** take any stationery from the exam room. This includes the question paper, answer booklets (used or unused), rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.