

Year 11 Revision and Exam Preparation Newsletter



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GCSE exam dates: May-June 2025

The main GCSE exam period begins on Thursday 8th May and ends on Wednesday 25th June. The full GCSE exam timetable can be found on the KLS website under [Examinations](#).

Seneca Learning

All of our Year 11 students have access to Seneca Learning and they can log in using their school email address via this link: <https://app.senecalearning.com/login>
This will enable students to revise and quiz themselves on the key content for each of their GCSE subjects.

As a parent, you can find out more about Seneca Learning, including how to set up a parent account and monitor your child's revision, via this link: <https://help.senecalearning.com/en/collections/1434432-parent-faqs>

Year 11 GCSE Exam Information and Revision Guidance Booklet

Our Year 11 GCSE Exam Information and Revision Guidance booklet can be accessed by students on Teams and by parents on the [Year 11 Examinations](#) area of the KLS website. Students also have access to 13-week revision plans for each GCSE subject on Teams and paper copies will also be provided after half-term.

Weekly after-school intervention (3.15-4.15pm)

- Mondays: Art studio time
Food Preparation
PE
MathsWatch set online
- Tuesdays: Music
- Wednesdays: Maths drop-in
History
French (Week 1)
D&T
PE
- Thursdays: Science drop-in
Geography (Week 2)
French (Week 2)
Spanish
- Fridays: English

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Year 11 students also have access to an **independent revision space** in the KLSix building, supervised by Ms Rennick.

Weekly lunchtime intervention

- Mondays: PRE
- Tuesdays: Music
- Wednesdays: Geography (Week 2)
- Thursdays: English
- Fridays:

Revision idea 5: Reasons why students lose marks in exams

This week, we are sharing the findings of some research into why students tend to lose marks in exams and strategies to address each cause.

	Possible reasons	What to do about it
1. Students did not know the information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence from lessons • Missed pieces of work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Pinpoint your missed topics and ask your teachers where to find the information ⇒ ... or use revision guides or BBC GCSE Bitesize to go through the relevant topics
2. Students did not recall the information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of revision • Ineffective revision techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Focus on your knowledge gaps ⇒ Use the 13-week revision plans to make sure you cover the whole exam specification when revising ⇒ Use active revision techniques based on retrieval and quizzing (e.g. flashcards, mindmaps, blank page retrieval, testing yourself)
3. Students did not understand the information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not understanding ideas when they were first taught • Only having a superficial grasp of concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Ask your teachers to re-teach or help you with topics or parts of topics ⇒ Ask your teachers for the best online videos that will explain the ideas to you again ⇒ Attend lunchtime or after-school intervention sessions
4. Students lacked confidence in terms of exam technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not using the precise techniques needed for the subject or particular types of exam questions • Lacking the confidence to apply knowledge to unfamiliar contexts and examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Make use of exam papers to practise your exam technique and mark your answers using the exam board mark schemes ⇒ Once you have revised a topic, use exam questions to practise applying your knowledge to different contexts and examples

Forthcoming key dates (in addition to regular intervention sessions)

Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19h March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21st March
	GCSE Drama theatre visit: <i>The Mousetrap</i>			Deadline for GCSE English Spoken Language reviews of marking requests to be submitted by students
Monday 24th March	Tuesday 25th March	Wednesday 26th March	Thursday 27th March	Friday 28th March
GCSE English theatre visit: <i>Macbeth</i>				
Monday 31st March	Tuesday 1st April	Wednesday 2nd April	Thursday 3rd April	Friday 4th April
				Term ends at 12.55pm

