



# GCSE Preparation Evening







# A Partnership



- Best results are always achieved when a partnership is formed between student, family and school.
- Your support is fundamental to your child's success.



# Important Dates

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Reports Published
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for UVHS 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Applications
17 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> January	GCSE Mock Exams
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 Parents Evening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	UVHS 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Induction Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Exam Contingency Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	GCSE Results Day



There will be no exam leave.

Pupils are expected to be in school every day before and during the actual GCSE exams.

The final GCSE exam at our centre is 19<sup>th</sup> June.

(Contingency in case of national or significant local disruption to examinations - **26<sup>th</sup> June**)





# Exam Results



Exam results and certificates belong to the **student** – it is **their** academic record.

Any requests for exam scripts or marking reviews after results day **must come directly from the student**. This is a JCQ regulation.

As a school, we request that these come from the school email account.



# JCQ REGULATIONS



Please read and discuss the JCQ Candidate Regulations with your son/daughter. These can be found on the school website under “exams”.

Main regulations:

- No communication in the exam room
- No phones and devices (smartwatches)
- No materials/notes about their person and/or in the toilet.
- No offensive material written in exam scripts
- Transparent water bottle with no label



# EQUIPMENT

- Transparent pencil case
- Black pens
- Pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Set square
- Compass
- Calculator





# MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

**YEAR 11**

PRACTICE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Wednesday 17th January - Friday 26th January 2024

Start Time:	9.00AM		1.30PM	
DATE				
<u>Wednesday 17th January</u>	No Exams		GCSE Spanish - Reading and Writing - F&H Combined - 8698/RW	1 hr 30mins
<u>Thursday 18th January</u>	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE English Language - Paper 2 - 8700/02	1hr 45mins	GCSE German - Reading & Writing - F&H Combined - 8668/RW	1 hr 30mins
<u>Friday 19th January</u>	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE Maths: Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Higher - 1MA1/1H GCSE Maths: Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Foundation - 1MA1/1F	1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins	GCSE Design and Technology - Written Paper - Unit 1 - 8352/W	1 hr 30mins
Weekend			Weekend	
<u>Monday 22nd January</u>	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE Physics - Separate Science - Paper 2 Higher - 8463/2H GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy Physics - Paper 2 Higher - 8464/P/2H GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy Physics - Paper 2 Foundation - 8464/P/2F	1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	GCSE History - Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day - 8145/2A/A	1 hr
<u>Tuesday 23rd January</u>	GCSE Computer Science - Mock Paper - J277/01/02 GCSE Drama - Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice - 1DR0/3B	1hr 30mins 1hr 45mins	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE Religious Studies A - 8062 - Christian Beliefs & Practices, Religion, Crime & Punishment	1hr 30mins
<u>Wednesday 24th January</u>	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE Chemistry - Separate Science - Paper 2 Higher - 8462/2H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Chemistry - Paper 2 Higher - 8464/C/2H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Chemistry - Paper 2 Foundation - 8464/C/2F	1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	GCSE French - Reading & Writing - F&H Combined - 8658/RW CAMNAT Creative iMedia - Creative iMedia in the Media Industry - R093	1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins
<u>Thursday 25th January</u>	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - Paper 1 - 8385/W	1hr 45mins	GCSE Geography - Combined Mock Paper: 1GA0/01/02 - Changing Landscapes of UK, River Landscapes and Processes - Global Development, Resource Management (Incl. Energy)	1hr 20mins
<u>Friday 26th January</u>	<b>WHOLE YEAR</b> GCSE Biology - Separate Science - 8461/H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Biology - Higher - 8464/B/H GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - Biology - Foundation - 8464/B/F	1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins 1hr 15mins	GCSE Music - Understanding Music - 8271/W GCSE Dance - Component 2: Dance Appreciation - 8236/W CAMNAT Sports Studies - Contemporary Issues in Sport - R184	1hr 15mins 1hr 30mins 1hr



# MOCK EXAMINATIONS

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HIGH SCHOOL**

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## EXAMS

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Exam Information and Guidance



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# How can you make a difference?

*The good news is:*

You don't need to be an expert in any of the subjects your child studies.

Nor do you need to give up your life and other responsibilities.

You just need to know how best to spend the time you do have available.



# What can parents do?

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- Be informed, ask questions.
- Assist with planning and organisation – use the school website for exam timetables etc.
- Get/keep them on track.
- Offer moral support and encouragement.
- Keep the motivation up.
- Be flexible – use the 80/20 rule.
- Test and check.
- Provide healthy snacks and encourage short breaks.
- Get them into school every day.



# **Coping with stress**

Help your child to:

- recognise their own symptoms and talk about them being normal
- make time for fun
- get organised for learning



# 105 Food & Drink

## What?

Study habits are important for learning – but your wellbeing is the most important thing so it's vital to eat & drink healthily

## How Use?

It's all about having a balanced diet, such as having '5 A Day'

And it's crucial to stay hydrated by drinking enough water.





## 106

# 107 Sleep Hygiene

## What?

Research reveals that during sleep, the brain finds patterns in our memories from the day and makes them stronger and more permanent.

## How Use?

So healthy 'sleep hygiene' habits are essential for your wellbeing

Have a regular bedtime & avoid using your phone before bedtime



# Direct your child to support in school.

- Learning mentors, form tutors, pastoral leader, the Engagement Centre, staff mentors, SLT mentors, subject teachers.
- Lessons, catch-up, achievement boosters, revision sessions, equipment (school office), revision and exam-ready sessions.





# Revision tips

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- Encourage your child to start early and start small.
- Help your child find the right place to revise
- Help them try different revision techniques
- Encourage them to take short breaks
- Help them eat healthily
- Encourage them to take regular exercise
- Help them get enough sleep
- Help them use revision guides –read with them
- Help them find past papers.



# Everyday Reviewing

# 100+

**...ways to treat your  
memory like a muscle  
and make it stronger**

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# One Minute Start

## What?

Starting work is hard. It's enough to put you off doing anything. So tell yourself you just need to do something for one minute. That's all.

## How Use?

Just get your book out and read part of a page. That's it.

But do it twice a week as a 'tiny habit'. Then gradually build on it.





## 72 Walk & Talk

### What?

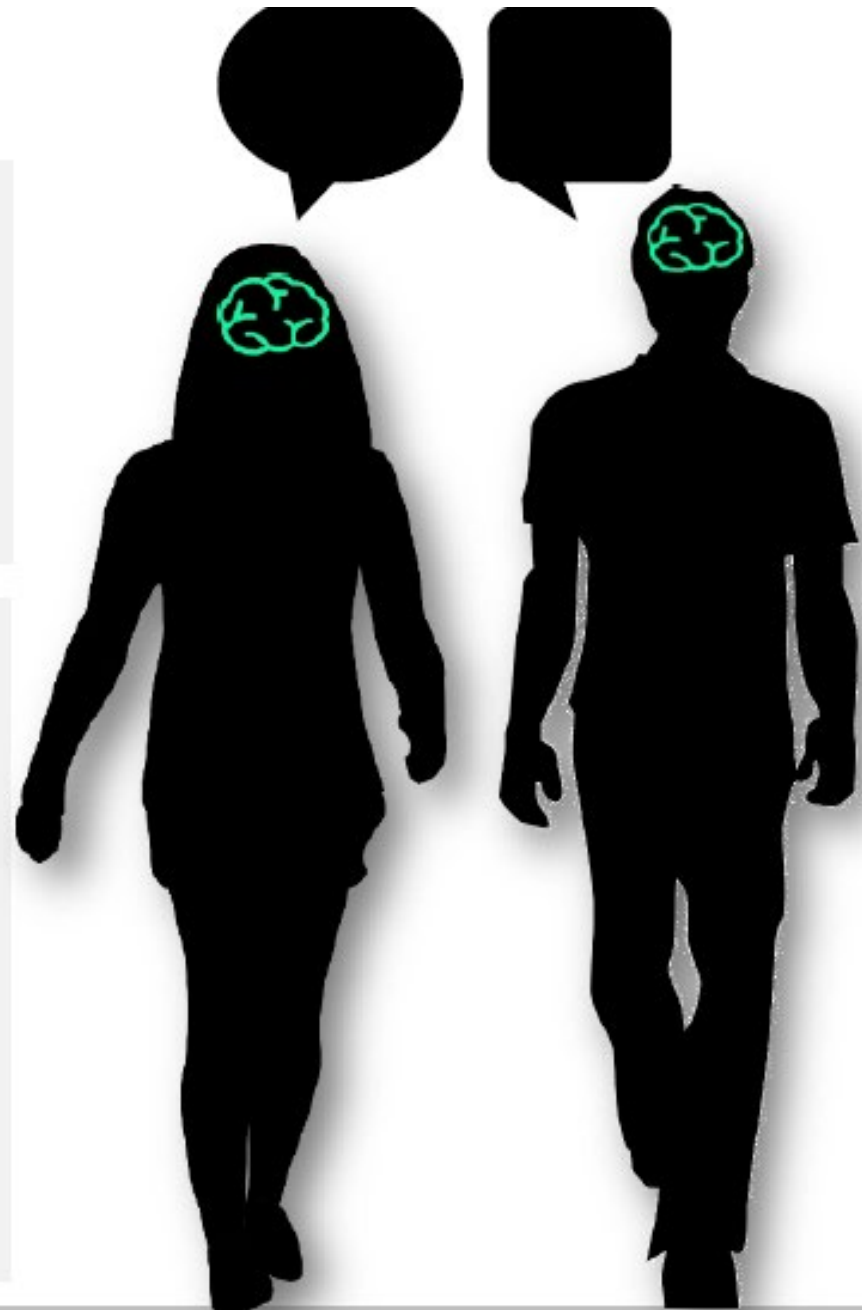
When stuck in a revision rut, a 'study walk' can break the boredom & stimulate your brain.

### How Use?

Speaking, rather than writing, works better for some people.

So pick a topic & explain it to your walking buddy.

You could even do it when your the dog but maybe not too loud!



## 73 Talking Tea Break

### What?

Share a brew with someone – but you're only allowed to talk about one learning topic!

### How Use?

Take a break from 'boring' study but use time to check recall.

So you might explain a topic to the other person e.g. parent.

Or you & a mate can take turns to ask & answer questions on topic.



## 74 Change location

### What?

If you're feeling 'bored' when reviewing in one place, then change rooms if possible to give your brain a boost with some fresh stimulation!

### How Use?

You might usually work OK in your bedroom but need a change of scene

So you might be able to move to the kitchen or dining room just for a while







# GCSE English Language & GCSE English Literature

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# GCSE English Literature

GCSE English Language  
&  
GCSE English Literature

Exam component	Completed
Paper 1, Section A: <i>Macbeth</i>	Studied spring Y10. Unit assessment completed. Text to be completed by Easter
Paper 1, Section B: <i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Currently being taught, Unit assessment 27.11.23.
Paper 2 Section A: <i>An Inspector Calls</i>	Studied autumn Y10. Unit assessment completed,
Paper 2, Section B: Anthology poetry	Approx 7 poems studied. Unit assessment completed. Remainder to be taught from February (with second unit assessment.
Paper 2, Section C: Unseen poetry	Poetry skills taught through anthology. Specific question requirements taught in February



# GCSE English Language

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&  
GCSE English Literature

Exam component	Completed
Paper 1, Section A: Reading (Fiction)	Summer Y10. Unit assessment completed
Paper 1, Section B: <i>Writing (fiction: describe, entertain)</i>	
Paper 2 Section A: <i>Reading (non fiction)</i>	From WB 27.11.23 (after unit assessment for <i>A Christmas Carol</i> )
Paper 2, Section B: Writing (nonfiction: argue, persuade)	





## January Mock Exam: English Language Paper 2

- 1 hr 45 mins (80 marks)
- Section A: Reading 19th, 20th or 21st century nonfiction, based on two nonfiction extracts (e.g. travel writing, news article, a letter...) (40 marks)
- Section B: Writing to argue/persuade, typically in the form of a speech, letter or news article (40 marks)



# Revision for English Language Paper 2

(Studied from w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023)

- Revise the question stems for Section A: reading
- Revise the approximate timings for the questions
- Connectives/discourse markers for comparison
- Tier 3 vocabulary for describing language choices (eg verb, adjectives, adverbs, range of linguistic devices)
- Range of structural choices writers make including sentence structures.
- Revise the skills needed for answering each question in Section A: reading
- Revise 'writing to argue': structuring an argument, discourse markers/connectives, linguistic devices, range of sentence structures, complex punctuation (colons, semi-colons, inverted commas etc)
- Revise paragraphing rules and structure.



## Useful revision ideas for Language and Literature

- Students' exercise books
- Lots of post-its/cards for quotations, themes, contextual ideas, links...
- CGP guides available to borrow from the school library
- Mr Bruff (select his AQA content) on YouTube
- BBC Bitesize
- LitCharts
- Practising specific task responses
- Students' annotated texts
- Revision workshops every Monday
- Educake
- *Students' exercise books!!!*





# GCSE Mathematics



# EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES

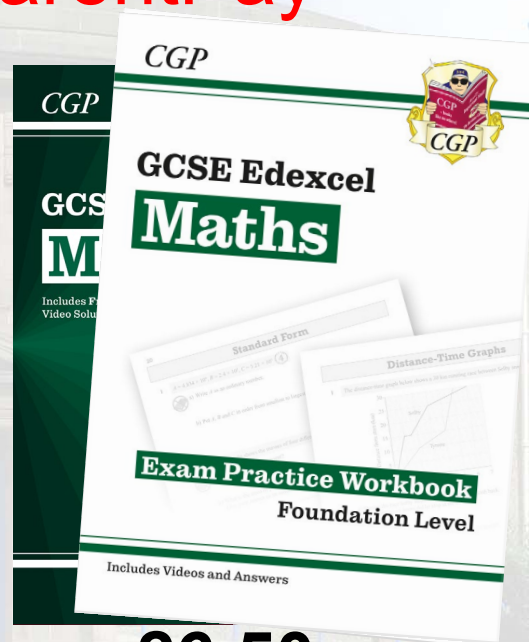
Available to buy on ParentPay



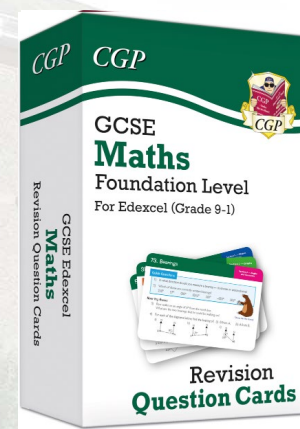
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£9.60



£6.50



£4.50



# HOME LEARNING & REVISION



[www.mathswatch.co.uk](http://www.mathswatch.co.uk)



MathsWatch

Login: [joe.blogs@uvhs](mailto:joe.blogs@uvhs)

Password: the same as the login username

[www.drfrstmaths.com](http://www.drfrstmaths.com)

dfm

Login: [jblogs-19584](mailto:jblogs-19584)

Password: 4 digits (see class teacher)





# HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD REVISE MATHS?



- Encourage them
- Be the “Pen Police”!
- Remember help is available (TEAMS/email)
- Use MathsWatch & Dr Frost Maths



# In lessons we will be.....



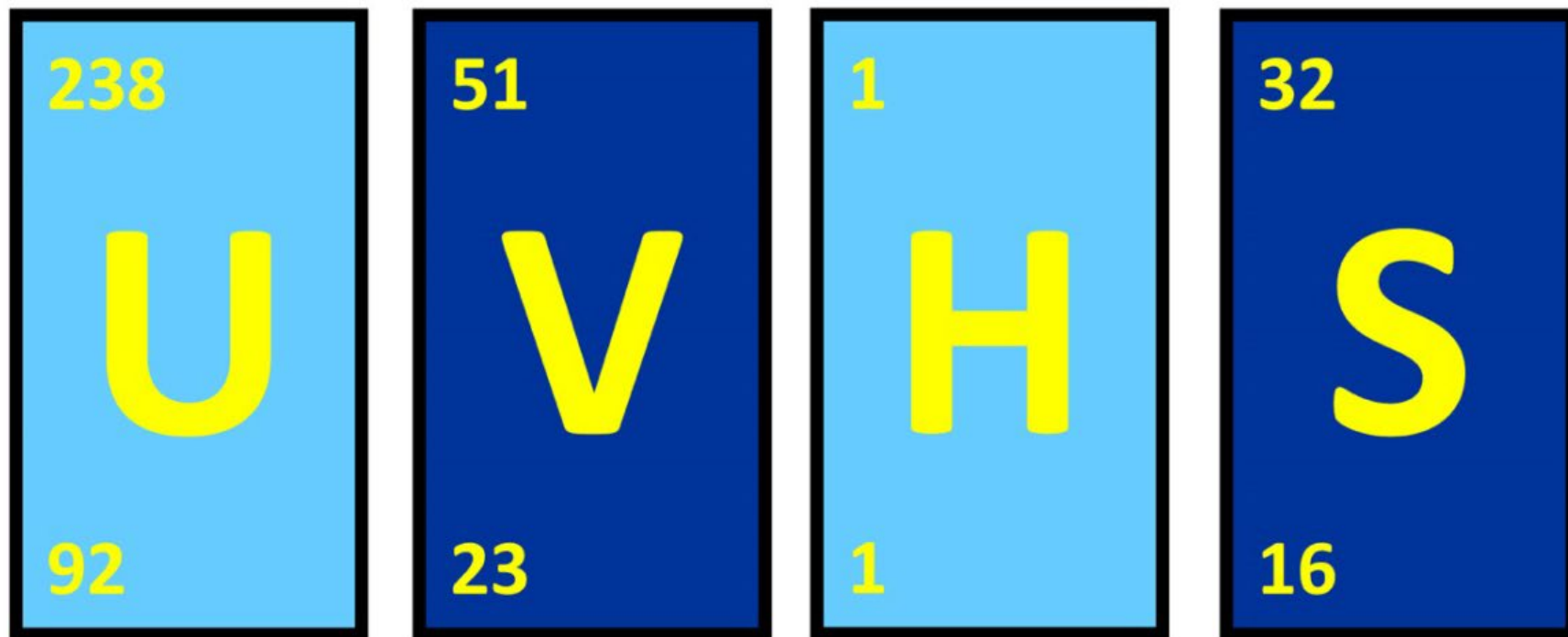
## Edexcel GCSE Exam Papers

Pearson Education accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the accuracy or method of working in the answers given.

Grade Boundaries

## Foundation GCSE Exam Papers

Paper	Answers
<a href="#">May 2022 Paper 1</a>	<a href="#">MS</a> <a href="#">Ans</a> <a href="#">▶</a>
<a href="#">June 2022 Paper 2</a>	<a href="#">MS</a> <a href="#">Ans</a> <a href="#">▶</a>
<a href="#">June 2022 Paper 3</a>	<a href="#">MS</a> <a href="#">Ans</a> <a href="#">▶</a>
<a href="#">November 2021 Paper 1</a>	<a href="#">MS</a> <a href="#">Ans</a> <a href="#">▶</a>



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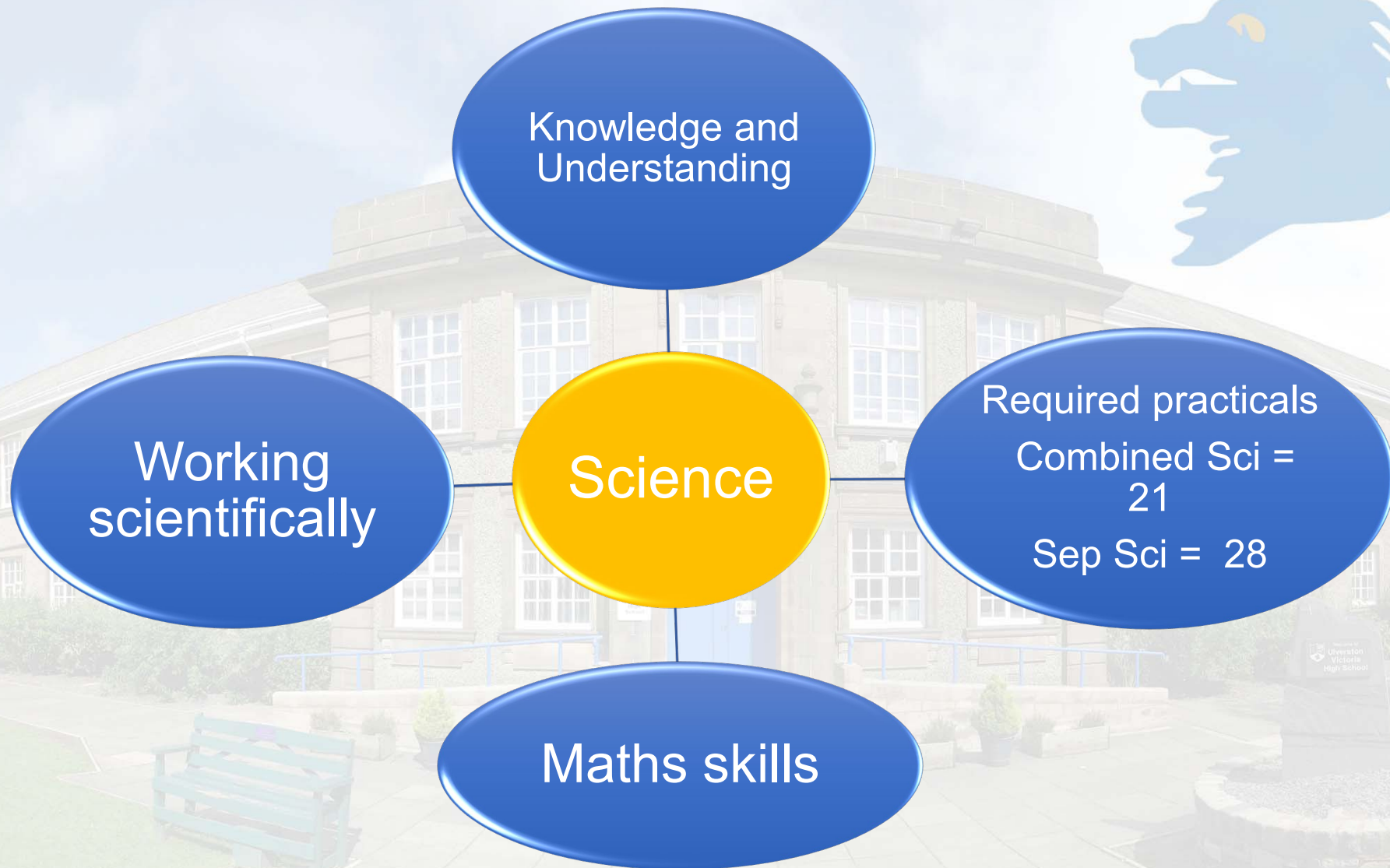
# Science GCSEs AQA

2 GCSEs

- Combined Science GCSEs

3  
GCSEs

- Separate Science GCSEs:  
Biology, Chemistry, Physics





# What science resources are available for revision?

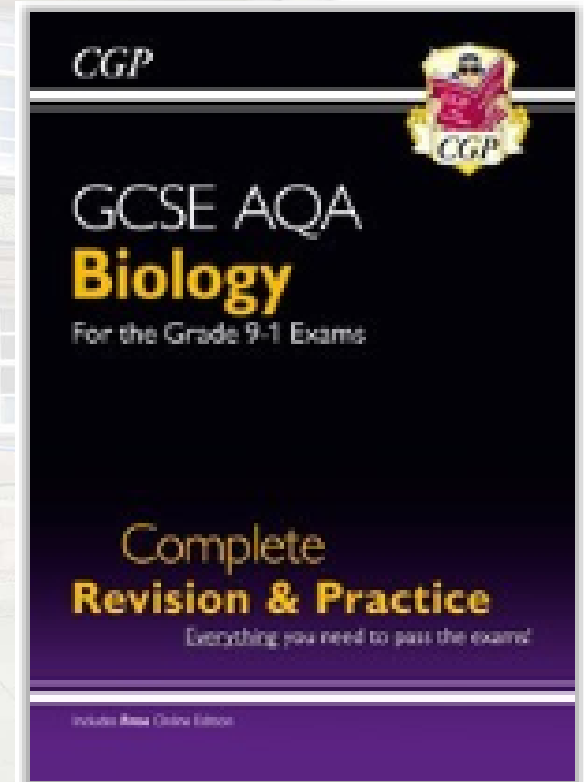
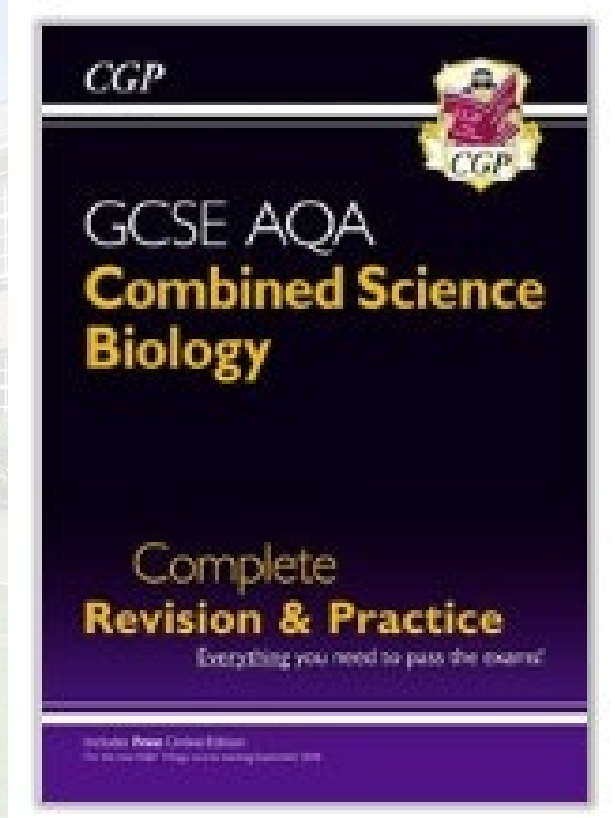






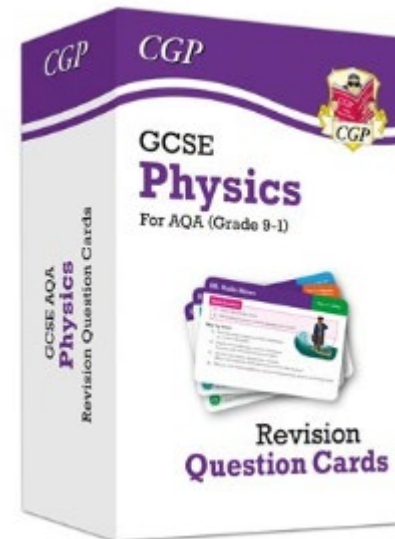
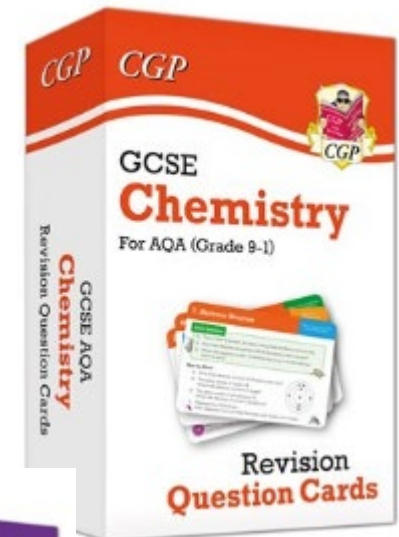
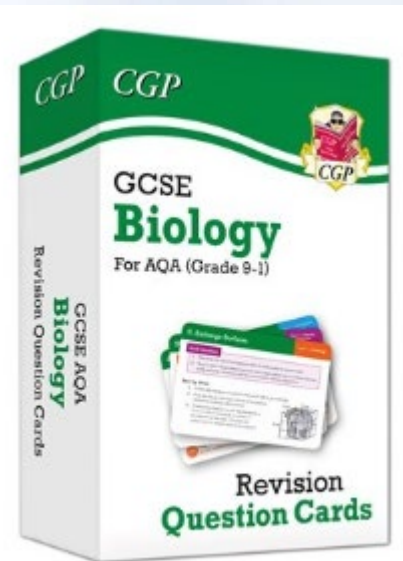
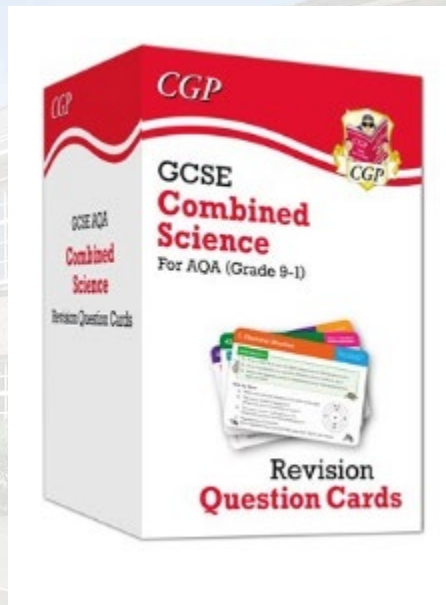
# What science resources are available for revision?

## Revision Guides





# CGP revision cards





# CAROUSEL

## LEARNING







## Teams

# Revision quiz on adaptations and competition/ecology

Due October 10, 2022 8:30 AM

## Instructions

1. as part of your revision complete the 25 questions quiz. Complete it on revision mode and check your answers. this is all part of the process of learning.



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## Topic 16 Sampling ecosystems revision 2022.09.27 21.12

QUIZ BY MRS HODGSON

First Name

Enter your First Name

Last Name

Enter your Last Name

LOGIN





What are extremophiles?

SHOW ANSWER

EXIT

< PREVIOUS CARD

NEXT CARD >





What are extremophiles?

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What are extremophiles?

(micro)organisms that live in environments that are very extreme (eg. high temp, pressure, salt conc)

HIDE ANSWER

EXIT

< PREVIOUS CARD

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# Specification links



**Specification links for every science GCSE:**

**Combined Science GCSE Trilogy (8464):** [AQA](#) | [Science](#) | [GCSE](#) | [Combined Science: Trilogy](#)

**Separate science**

**Biology GCSE (8461):** [AQA](#) | [Science](#) | [GCSE](#) | [Biology](#)

**Chemistry GCSE (8462):** [AQA](#) | [Science](#) | [GCSE](#) | [Chemistry](#)

**Physics GCSE (8463):** [AQA](#) | [Science](#) | [GCSE](#) | [Physics](#)



# Websites and links

- Use paper versions of **exam papers** as issued by your teacher or down load them from:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

- BBC GCSE Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv>

- Some popular  YouTube<sup>GB</sup> channels:

*Free science lessons*

*Cognito*

*Emmatheteachie*





# Tier entry for January mock exams and final exams

Discussions take place this term

Higher tier: 9-9, 9-8, 8-8.....4-4.

Foundation tier: 5-5, 5-4, 4-4.....1-1.