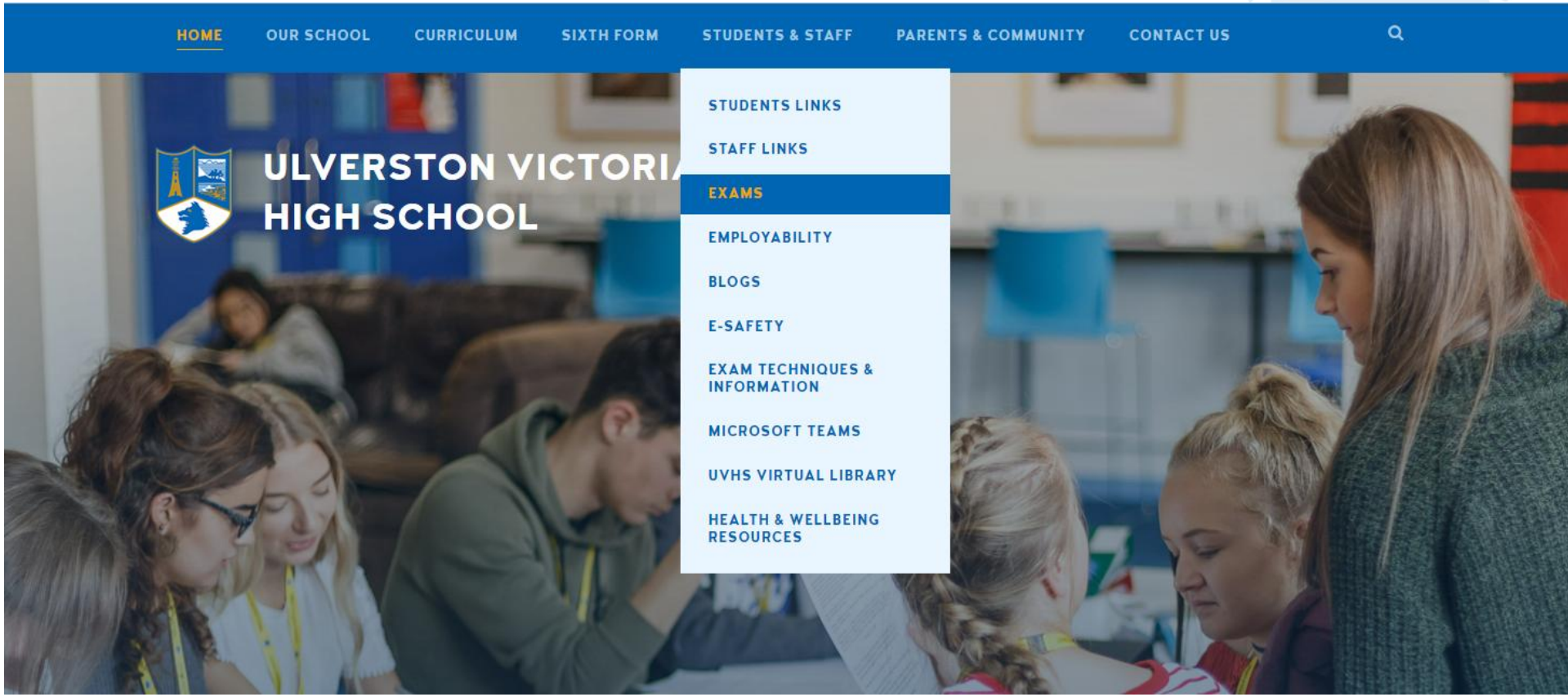
GCSE Preparation Evening



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.


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Ulverston Victoria High School - Exams (uvhs.uk)

Important Dates

Wednesday 11th November	Year 11 Reports Published
Wednesday 13th – Friday 22nd January	GCSE Mock Exams
Thursday 18th March	Y11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd June	Final Exam Contingency Day
Thursday 19th 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 18th June.

(Contingency in case of national or significant local disruption to examinations – **23rd 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.
- Results collection: from 9am on results day.
- Education Record App – DfE tool that allows children to receive their results on their phone from 11am on results day.

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



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.

EQUIPMENT

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

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 11

MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

Wednesday 13th January - Friday 22nd January 2027

Start Time:	9.00AM		1.30PM	
DATE	Subject	Exam Length	Subject	Exam Length
Wednesday 13th January	***GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition*** *- Paper 1 - 8585/W*	1hr 45mins		
Thursday 14th January	***GCSE History*** *- Paper 1 - 8145/1A/B & 1B/C* *- Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship* *- Conflict and Tension between East and West: 1945-1972*	2hr	***GCSE Computer Science*** *- Computer Systems & Computational Thinking - J277/01/02*	1hr 30mins
Friday 15th January	***GCSE Design and Technology*** *- Written Paper - Unit 1 - 8552/W* ***Health and Social Care*** *(Cambridge National)* *- Principles of Care in H&SC Settings - R032*	1hr 45mins 1hr 15mins	***Creative iMedia*** *(Cambridge National)* *- Creative iMedia in the Media Industry - R093/01*	1hr 30mins
Weekend			Weekend	
Monday 18th January	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***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 Geography*** *- Combined Mock Paper: 1GA0/01/02* *- Changing Landscapes of UK, River Landscapes and Processes* *- Global Development, Resource Management (Incl. Energy)*	1hr 30mins
Tuesday 19th January	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***GCSE English Language*** *- Paper 2 - Writers Viewpoints and Perspectives - 8700/02*	 1hr 45mins		
Wednesday 20th January	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***GCSE Physics*** *- Separate Science - Paper 2 Higher - 8463/2H or 8463/2F* ***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	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***GCSE Maths:*** *Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Higher - 1MA1/1H* ***GCSE Maths:*** *Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Foundation - 1MA1/1F*	 1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins
Thursday 21st January	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***GCSE Biology*** *- Separate Science - 8461/H or 8461/F* ***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 Business Studies*** *- Papers 1 & 2 - 1206*	1hr 30mins
Friday 22nd January	***WHOLE YEAR*** ***GCSE English Literature*** *- Paper 1: Shakespeare & 19th Century Novel - 8702/01*	 1hr 45mins	***GCSE Music*** *- Understanding Music - 8271/W Listening exam* ***GCSE Dance*** *- Component 2: Dance Appreciation 8236/W* ***GCSE Religious Studies A*** *- 8062*	1 hour 15mins 1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins

Individual Candidate Timetable

Season :
Name :
Candidate Number :
UCI :



Centre Number : 42351
Year : 11
Reg Group : 11.4
ULN : 2612862330

Date	Start Time	Board	Level	Element Code	Element Title	Component Code	Component Title	Duration	Room	Seat
Mon 17 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Locl/B	1MA1H	GCSE Maths - Y11 Mock: Higher	1MA1/2H-	GCSE Maths - Mock Paper 2 - Higher (Calculator)	1h 30m	Sports Hall	D3
Mon 17 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Locl/B	1GAOA	GCSE Geography - Y11 Mock	1GA0/01+02	GCSE Geography Combined Paper Y11 Mock	1h 30m	Sports Hall	C3
Tue 18 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Locl/B	8702	GCSE English Literature - Y11 Mock	8702/2	GCSE English Literature - Paper 2 Sections B & C	1h 30m	Sports Hall	D3
Tue 18 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Locl/B	8668AH	GCSE German - Y11 Mock: Higher	8668/WH	GCSE German - Paper 4 - Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 15m	Sports Hall	C2
Wed 19 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Locl/B	8462H	GCSE Chemistry Separate Scl. Y11	8462/2H.	GCSE Chemistry Separate Scl. Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2
Wed 19 Jan	1:30PM	DOM	Locl/B	8271A	GCSE Music - Y11 Mock	8271/W	GCSE Music Y11 Mock	1h 30m	6th Form Resource Centre	A1
Thu 20 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Locl/B	8463H	GCSE Physics Separate Scl. Y11	8463/2H.	GCSE Physics Separate Scl. Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2
Fri 21 Jan	9:00AM	DOM	Locl/B	8461H	GCSE Biology Separate Scl. Y11	8461/2H	GCSE Biology Separate Scl Y11 Mock: Higher	1h 45m	Sports Hall	B2

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Blank revision timetable

Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16th November							
23rd November							
30th November							
7th December							
14th December							
21st December (Christmas holiday)					Christmas 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 Regular exercise

What?

Being physically active is a huge part of staying mentally active, so that means getting involved in some kind of exercise at school or home

How Use?

It doesn't have to be sport – just getting out and about is good!

It's all part of having a healthy work/life balance



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, staff mentors, SLT mentors, subject teachers.

- Lessons, catch-up, achievement boosters, revision sessions, equipment (school office), revision and exam-ready sessions.



Revision tips

- 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 and support them to ‘do’ something with the information
- Help them find past papers.



Everyday Reviewing

100+

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

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1 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?

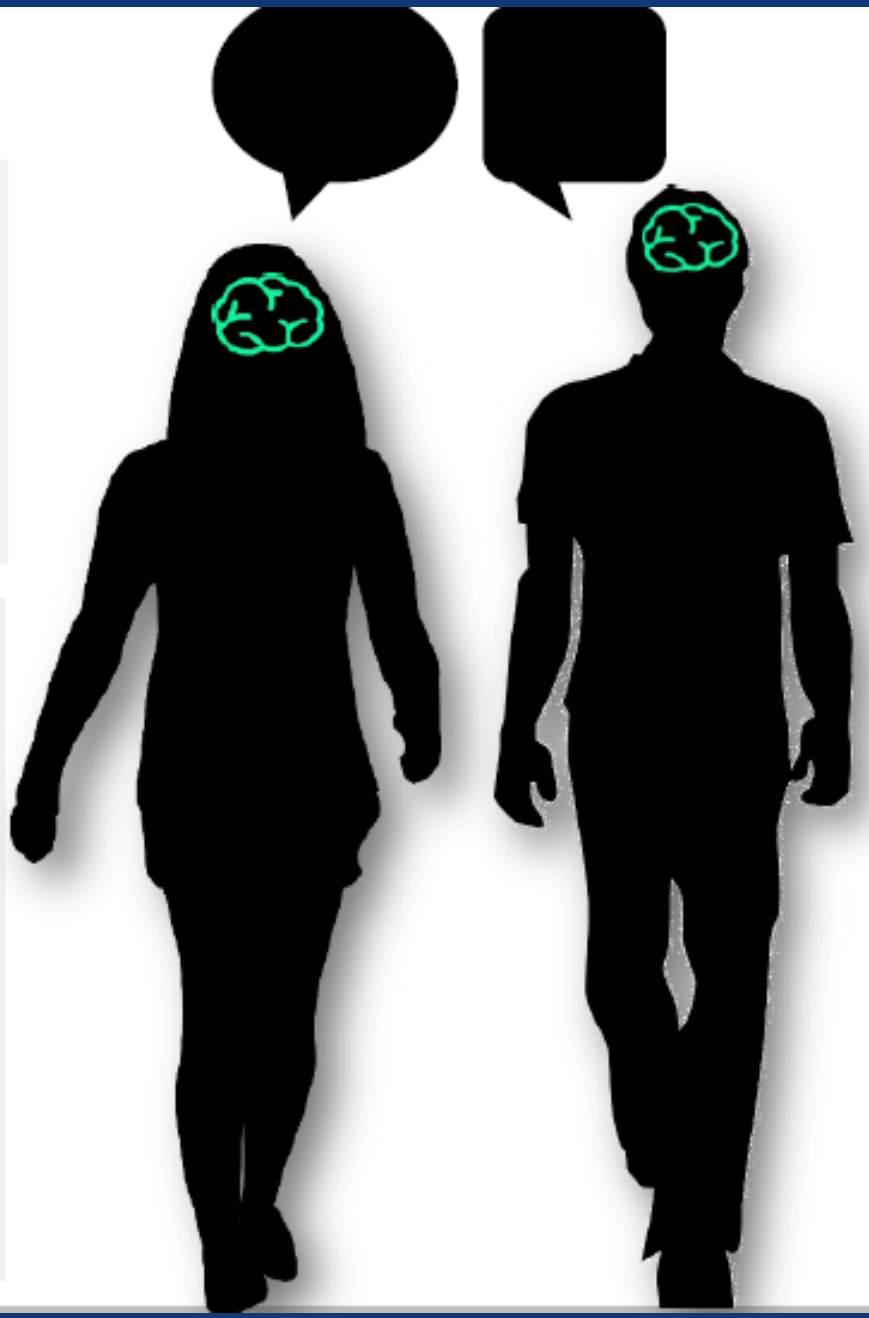
When stuck in a revision rut, a 'study walk' can break the boredom & stimulate your brain.

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

Subject Leader:

Mark Stubbert

English Literature – GCSE Exams

Paper	Literature Texts
Paper 1	Macbeth A Christmas Carol
Paper 2	An Inspector Calls Power and Conflict Poetry Unseen Poetry

How you can help your child revise Literature

For each 'set text' your child needs to know:

- The narrative (plot)
- Key characters
- Key themes
- Writers' methods (language, structure, symbols)
- Writers' intentions/message
- The social and historical context of the text
- A range of references and quotations

You can: quiz, discuss, and help them to identify gaps

They can: plan, write and improve

January Mock Exam
English Language Paper 2

- 1 hr 45 mins (80 marks)

- Section A: Reading nonfiction (40 marks)
  - Two extracts (e.g. travel writing, an article, a letter…)
  - Four questions

- Section B: Writing non-fiction (40 marks)
  - Writing to argue/persuade
  - One task: a speech, letter or article

Revision for English Language Paper 2

Section A: reading

- Learn the approximate timings and skills for questions 1-4
- Focus on close-reading skills
- Practise embedding quotations and making inferences
- Revise and apply subject terminology for analysing writers' methods (e.g. verb, adjectives, adverbs, figurative language, syntax…)
- Revise connectives/discourse markers for comparison (Q2 and Q4)

Revision for English Language Paper 2

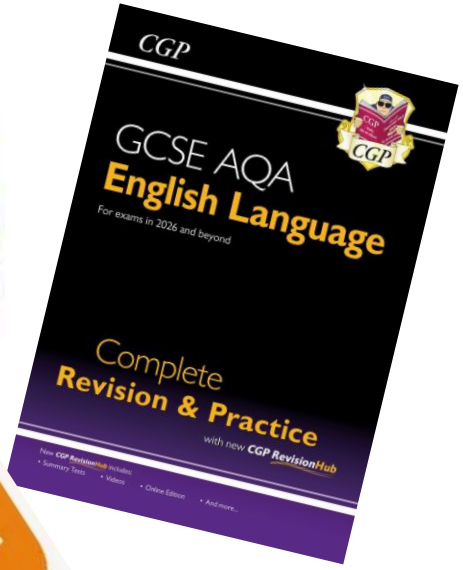
Section B, Question 5: Writing to argue

- Learn approximate timing
- Revise ‘writing to argue’ skills: structuring an argument, discourse markers/connectives, linguistic devices, a range of sentence structures, complex punctuation (colons, semi-colons, inverted commas etc.) and ambitious vocabulary
- Revise paragraphing rules and the conventions of speeches, letters and articles

Revision resources for Language and Literature

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



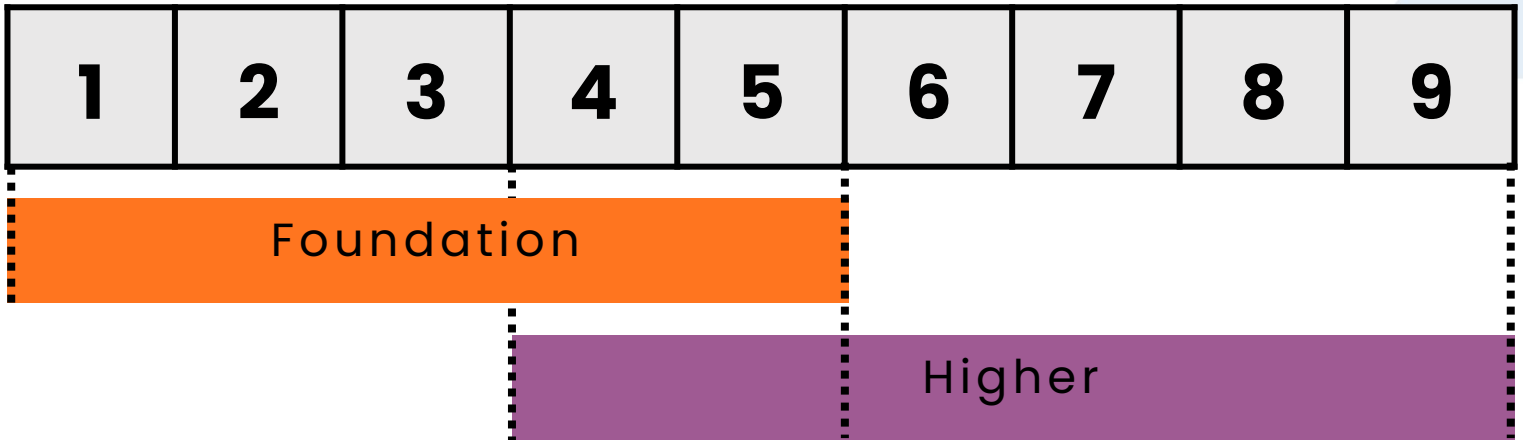




GCSE MATHEMATICS

Subject Leaders: Mrs J Twyford
and Mr I Ironmonger

Higher vs Foundation



Decisions about which tier students will sit have already been made, but this is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Exam Structure



Paper 1
Non-calculator
90 Minutes
80 Marks



Paper 2
Calculator
90 Minutes
80 Marks



Paper 3
Calculator
90 Minutes
80 Marks

Total mark out of 240

Grade is generated from this total mark

Equipment and resources

Available to buy on ParentPay

£4



£12



£7.50

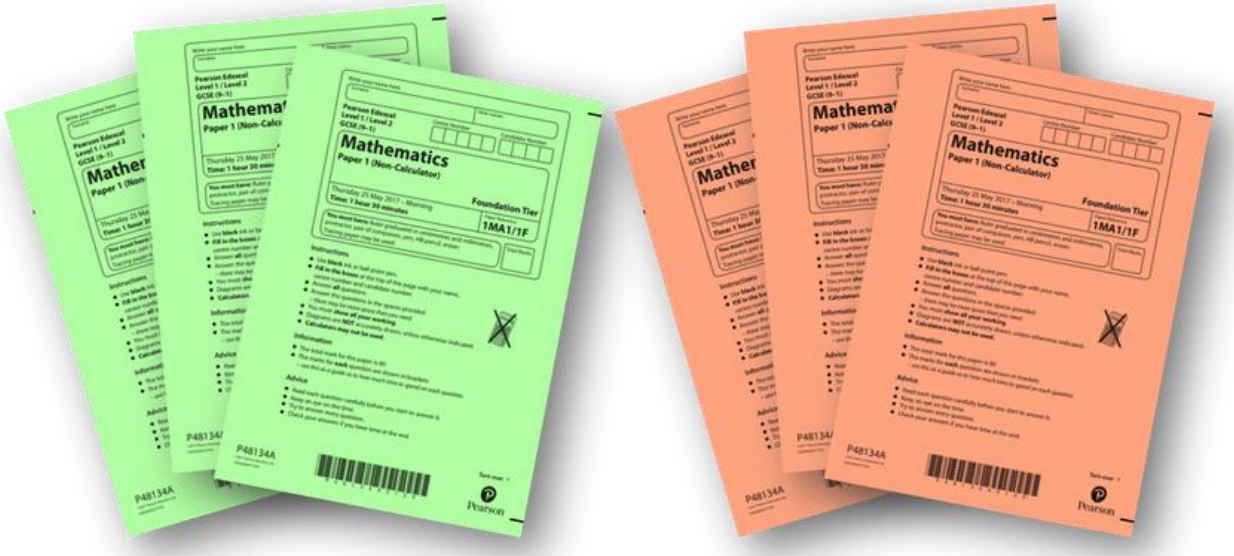


Home learning

Sparx Maths

www.sparxmaths.com

Login details are the same as school login details



What should my child be ...ing?

Higher Mock

Student name: [redacted]

Score: 41 out of 72 = 56.9% Overall Grade: 6

Question Level breakdown:

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Question Level Analysis (QLA) sheets are provided after each formal assessment.

They make it really easy for students to see what they have done well, and what they still need to work on.

Additional information

Recommended revision websites:

- sparxmaths.com - school logins
- mathsgenie.co.uk
- 1stclassmaths.com
- corbettmaths.com

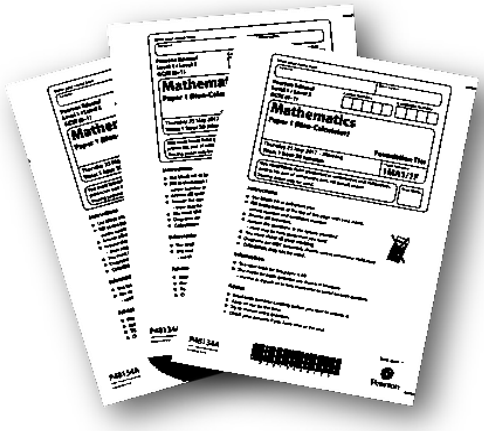
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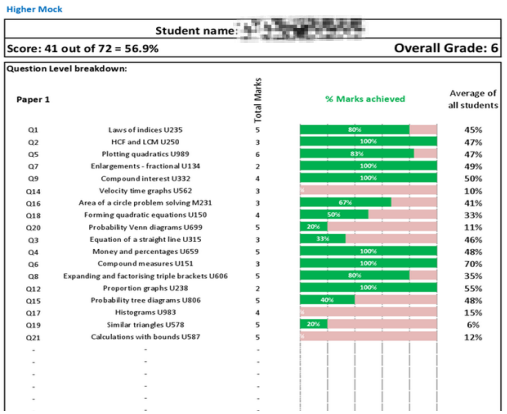
After school revision will be held on a Tuesday and Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm

Additional information

We will complete a full set of exam papers in January.

Topics lists will be given to students to help them structure their revision





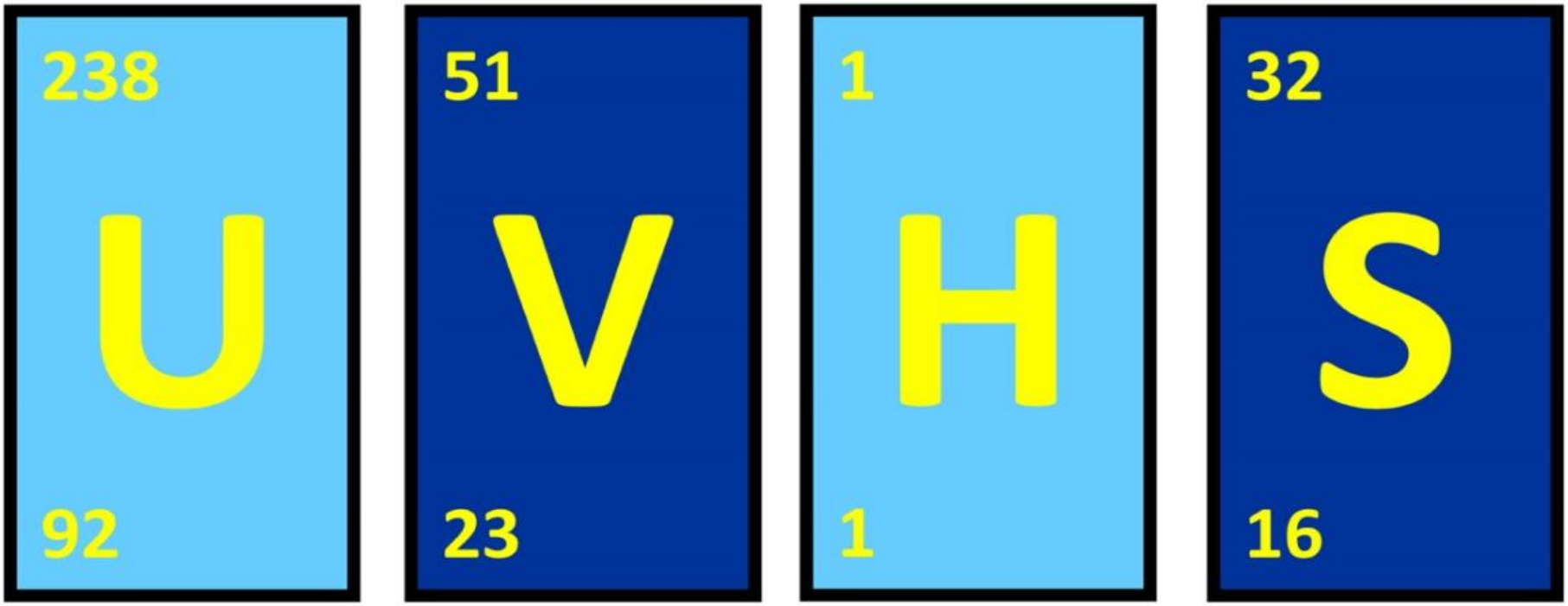
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Science Department

Mr Andy Nayler

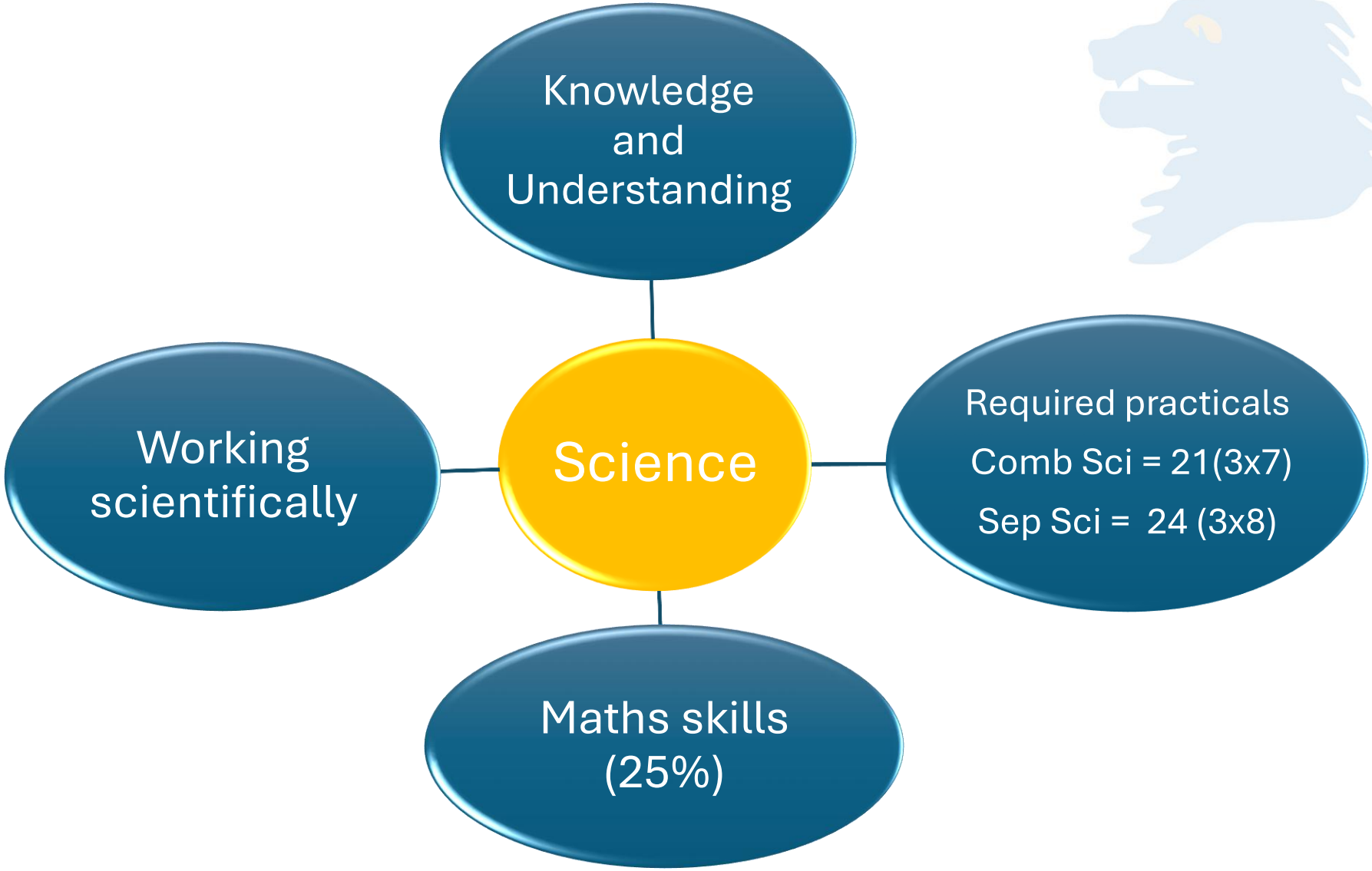
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2 GCSEs

- Combined Science GCSEs
- 6 x 1hr 15m exams

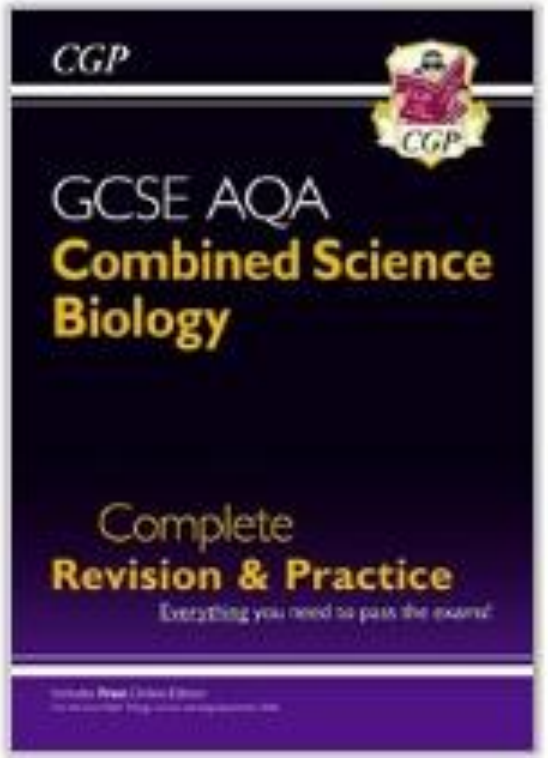
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- Separate Science GCSEs: Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 6 x 1hr 45m exams

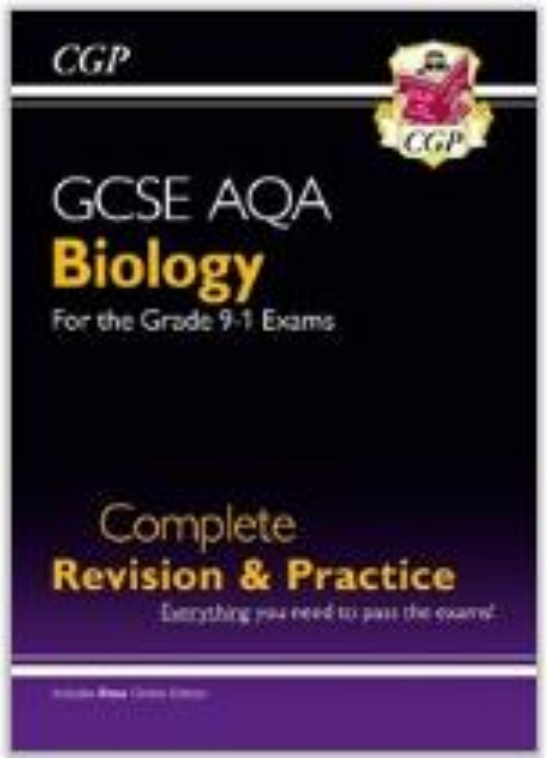

Knowledge and Understanding
Working scientifically
Science
Required practicals
Comb Sci = 21(3x7)
Sep Sci = 24 (3x8)
Maths skills (25%)

What science resources are available for revision?

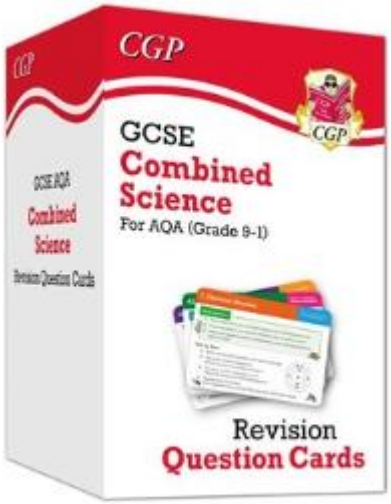
CGP Revision Guides

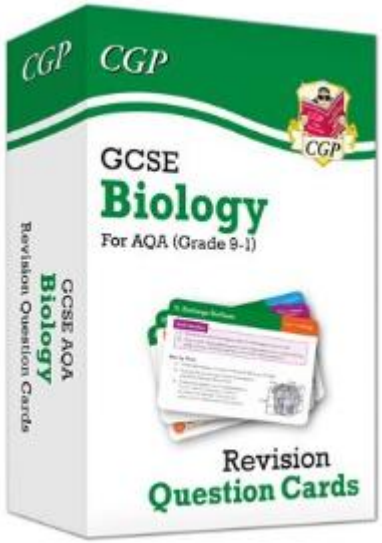


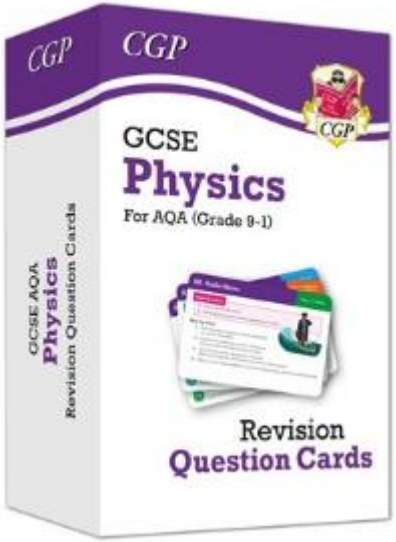


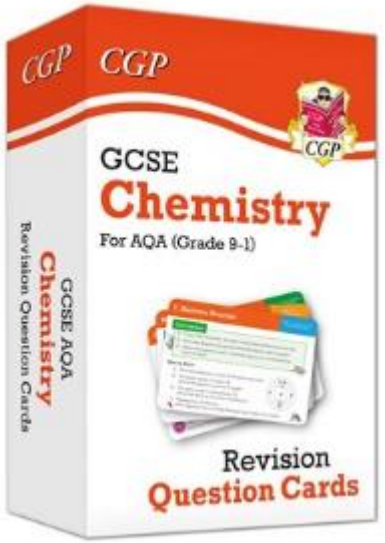


CGP revision cards

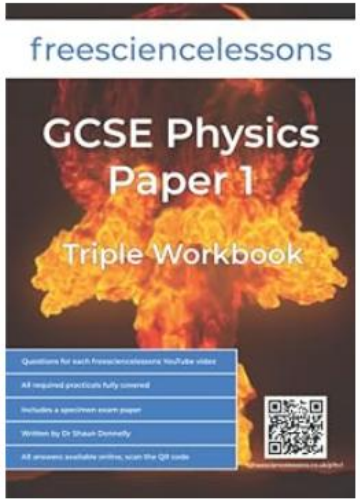


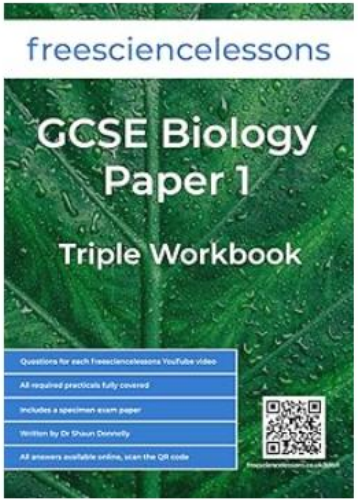


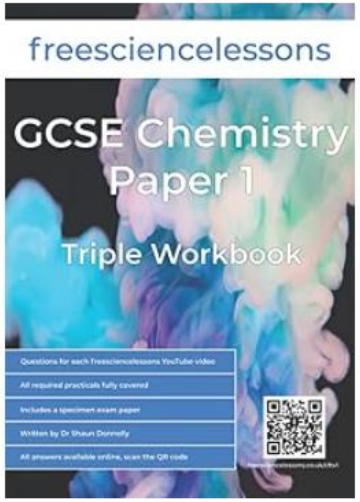


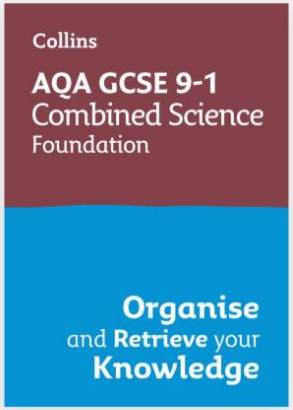


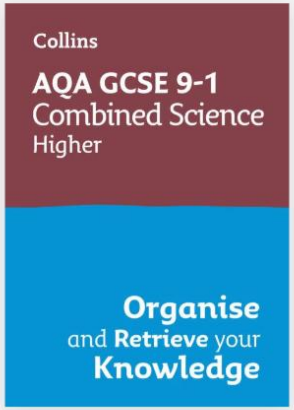
Additional Resources – c.£10 each

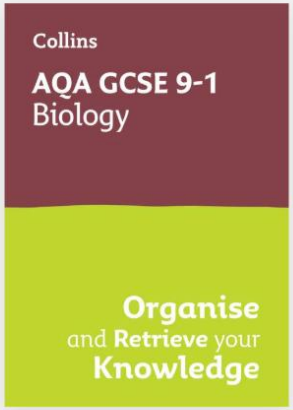












Separate Science students will already be using these, but the combined science versions are also available

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

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Quizlet

Free to access, and easy to use on mobile devices, **verified by teachers** recall quizzes

Websites and links

- Use paper versions of **exam papers** as issued by your teacher or download 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 channels:

Free science lessons
Cognito
Emmatheteachie
Malmesbury education (for required practicals)

Tier entry for January mock exams and final exams

Discussions take place this term and next

Higher tier: 9-9, 9-8, 8-8.....4-4 (or U)

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