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Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers

As Head of Year 11 I am delighted to welcome you to our Information Evening. This is undoubtedly the most important academic year for our Year 11 students so far and the information you will hear this evening will enable us to work together to achieve your child's full potential. There will be lots of help and support for all students throughout this year; with careers advice, extra revision and interventions ongoing.

Ms Goodwin, Mr Cleaver and I, along with our Year 11 pastoral team will be keen to continue developing the links between school and home and would encourage you never to hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions you may have, however small.

We look forward to working closely with you towards your child's future success.



Best Wishes

Hannah Oakman

Key Dates

- *First mock exams – Begin Monday 23rd October*
- *Year 11 Parents evening – Thursday 7th December*
- *Year 11 Mentor evening – Monday 19th January*
- *Second mock exams - Begin Monday 5th February*
- *Take away evening – Thursday 21st March*
- *Core mock exams – 11th April*
- *Real exam – Approx: Monday 13th May.*
- *Results day – Thursday 22nd August*
- *Prom– Wednesday 19th June*





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Number & Length of Exams:

Two exams: 2 hrs
2.5 hrs

Exam Board Website:

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

CA Deadline (If applicable):

Revision Websites:

[GCSE English Literature - Eduqas - BBC Bitesize](#)

Other Important/Useful Information

- **Component 1:** *Shakespeare and Poetry: Y11 study Macbeth and the Eduqas Poetry Anthology.*
- **Component 2:** *Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry: An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol & Unseen Poetry.*

Exam Dates: Mon 13th May & Mon 20th May

- *The English department will provide revision guides and sample papers to students.*
- *Homework tasks are geared to support exam style questions (Seneca and Educake)*

If you are worried about anything to do with GCSE English you can talk to:

- *Your child's English teacher*
- *Miss Aston – HOD*
- *Mr Osborne – KS4 Intervention Co-Ordinator*

All revision resources are accessible on this OneDrive link:

[Year 11 English Literature Resources](#) . *This will also be available on classcharts.*



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Exam Board Course Title & Code: *Pearson Edexcel GCSE maths (9-1) 1MA1*

Number & Length of Exams: *3 x 90 minute exams*

Exam Board Website: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

CA Deadline (If applicable): *N/A*

Revision Websites: www.mathsgenie.co.uk
www.mathawatch.co.uk

Other Important/Useful Information

Exam Dates

- *Paper 1–Friday 19th May,*
- *Paper 2–Wednesday 7th June*
- *Paper 3– Wednesday 14th June*

Mock Information

- *Both Sets of mock exams will be a full 3 papers*
- *Topics Lists will be provided for each paper*

Revision Guides

CGP Edexcel GCSE maths Higher ISBN: 9781782944041

CGP Edexcel GCSE maths Foundation ISBN: 9781782944003



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Exam Board Course Title & Code:	AQA GCSE Chemistry 8462
Number & Length of Exams:	2 x 1h45mins
Exam Board Website:	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462
CA Deadline (If applicable):	N/A

Other Important/Useful Information

Paper 1 17/05/2024

- C1 Atomic Structure
- C2 Bonding
- C3 Quantitative Chemistry
- C4 Chemical Changes
- C5 Energy Changes

Paper 2 11/06/2024

- C6 Rates of Reaction
- C7 Organic Chemistry
- C8 Chemical Analysis
- C9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- C10 Using Resources

Useful websites

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

<https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs6hv>



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Exam Board Course Title & Code: AQA GCSE Physics 8463

Number & Length of Exams: 2 x 1h45mins

Exam Board Website: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463>

CA Deadline (If applicable): N/A

Other Important/Useful Information

Paper 122/05/2024

- P1 Energy
- P2 Electricity
- P3 Particle model of matter
- P4 Atomic structure

Paper 2 14/06/2026

- P5 Forces
- P6 waves
- P7 Magnets & Electromagnets
- P8 Space Physics

Useful websites

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

<https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zpm6fg8>



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Religious Education

Exam Board Course Title & Code: *Eduqas Religious Studies Route B
C120PB*

Number & Length of Exams: *Component 1: 1hr 30 minutes
Component 2: 1 hr 30 minutes
Component 3: 60 minutes*

Exam Board Website: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/>

CA Deadline (If applicable): *N/A*

Other Important/Useful Information

- *Our course is Route B which is Catholic Christianity and Judaism*
- *The content of the course will be finished in January and students will move to a revision programme*
- *All students will be given an Eduqas revision guide on loan in January*

Useful links

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

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

RE Beck—<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcliCMWzuJxybUTtoY4hiZlg>



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Exam Board Course Title & Code:	EDUQAS GCSE Media Studies
Number & Length of Exams:	2 exams Component 1—1hr 30 mins (40%) Component 2—1hr 30 mins (30%)
Exam Board Website:	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments
CA Deadline (if applicable):	
Revision Websites:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg

Other Important/Useful Information

- Period 6 intervention for coursework—selected students to begin with
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg>—Mrs Fisher's revision videos for all Component 1 and Component 2 texts
- https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab_pastpapers—GCSE Media Studies past papers (2019-2022) (2023 will be available by request)
- <https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2016-17/gft/eduqas/mediastudies/GCSE%20media%20studies%20Glossary.pdf>—GCSE Media Studies Key Terminology
- https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?suId=20&lvlId=2&gl=1*pp5c6b*ga*MTUxNjk2NDA0Ny4xNjc5OTA3NTc4*ga_79NTFZ2DJM*MTY5NDc2MDQ2OS43OS4xLjE2OTQ3NjA4NTcuNjAuMC4w&ga=2.195616876.1363634150.1694760469-1516964047.1679907578—GCSE Media Resources (factsheets etc). **PLEASE NOTE: There are some texts on there that we do not study at CNCS. Use the list below to ensure you access the correct texts:**
- The Man with the Golden Gun, No Time to Die, Fortnite, GQ (2019), Pride (2015), The Sun (2021), The Guardian (2021), The Archers, This Girl Can, & Quality Street—Component 1
- Luther, The Sweeney, Bad Blood (Taylor Swift), Uptown Funk (Bruno Mars) & TLC's Waterfalls—Component 2





Exam Board Course Title & Code:	Eduqas GCSE Music
Number & Length of Exams:	1 hour listening and appraising exam - 20% - June 2024
Exam Board Website:	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music-gcse/#tab_keydocuments
CA Deadline (If applicable):	October half term – performance 1 Christmas – Composition 1 February half term – performance 2 Easter – Composition 2
Revision Websites:	Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpf3cdm Key terms http://www.memrise.com/course/192900/aqa-music-gcse-listening-exam-vocab/

Other Important/Useful Information

Homework website – www.teachinggadget.com

Set works – Bach Badinerie

Toto – Africa

Area of study 1 – musical devices

Area of study 2 – Music for ensemble

Area of study 3 – film music

Area of study 4 – pop music



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Exam Board Course Title & Code:	<i>OCR GCSE 9 –1 Business Studies J204</i>
Number & Length of Exams:	<i>2 exam papers both 1 hour and 30 minutes</i>
Exam Board Website:	https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/business-j204-from-2017/
CA Deadline (If applicable):	<i>n/a</i>
Revision Websites:	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhrphbk

Other Important/Useful Information

Students in Year 10 studied all of the theory for Paper 1 which focuses on Business Activity, Marketing and People. In Year 11 we will focus on Paper 2 theory looking at Operations, Finance and influences on Business.

Last academic year students were all provided with a revision guide to support their understanding and develop exam skills. It is important that students continue to revisit the topics on Paper 1 through home learning (Seneca) and the revision guide.





Exam Board Course Title & Code:	OCR, Computing J277
Number & Length of Exams:	Two exams 1 hr 30 mins – 50% each
Exam Board Website:	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/
Revision Websites:	https://isaacomputerscience.org/topics/gcse?examBoard=all&stage=all#ocr https://www.youtube.com/@craigndave/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=2

Other Important/Useful Information

GCSE computer science consists of two components.

Component 1; Computer systems covers the following topics; systems architecture, memory and storage, computer networks, network security, systems software and ethical, legal cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology.

Component 2; Computational thinking, algorithms and programming covers the following topics; algorithms, programming fundamentals, producing robust programs, Boolean logic and programming languages and integrated development environments.





Exam Board Course Title & Code:	<i>OCR Level 2 Cambridge National in Creative iMedia</i>
Number & Length of Exams:	<i>One exam - R093 Creative iMedia in the media industry, 1.5 hours, 70 marks</i>
Exam Board Website:	http://www.wjec.co.uk/
CA information	<i>R094 Visual identity and digital graphics R097 Interactive digital media</i>
Revision Websites:	http://www.samlearning.com https://shmoodle.co.uk/course/view.php?id=676 https://quizlet.com/subject/creative-imedia/ https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7 http://www.camnat.co.uk/exam-revision.html

Other Important/Useful Information

The R093 exam consists of two parts, Part A includes closed response, multiple choice and short answer questions. Part B includes closed response, short answer and three extended response questions. All part B questions are in response to a single scenario.

The R094 coursework follows an OCR set assignment, it should take 30 guided learning hours to complete. There are 50 marks available.

The R097 coursework follows an OCR set assignment, it should take 42 guided learning hours to complete. There are 70 marks available.





Exam Board Course Title & Code:	OCR Fine Art - J171
Number & Length of Exams:	Exam paper issued January 2023. Art 10 Hour exam 10 th and 11 th April
Exam Board Website:	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/art-and-design-j170-j176-from-2016/
CA Deadline (If applicable):	16 Dec 2016 - 60%

Other Important/Useful Information

Coursework must be completed by December 22nd 2023

All Exam work must be handed in on the final day of the exam.

For more information see the website:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/220463-specification-accredited-gcse-art-and-design-j170-j176.pdf>



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Exam Board Course Title & Code:	<i>OCR Photography - J173</i>
Number & Length of Exams:	<i>Photo 10 Hour exam 17th and 18th April</i>
Exam Board Website:	<i>N/A</i>
CA Deadline (If applicable):	<i>December 22nd 2023</i>

Other Important/Useful Information

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Coursework must be completed by December 22nd 2023

All Exam work must be handed in on the final day of the exam.

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Health and Social Care BTEC Tech Award

Exam Board Course Title & Code:	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care 603/7047/6
Number & Length of Exams:	External exam 2 hours 40% of overall grade Opportunity to resit May 2024
Exam Board Website:	https://qualifications.pearson.com
CA Deadline (If applicable):	Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values Nov–Dec 2024 30% Component 1– Human Lifespan Development resit window March 2023 30%
Revision Websites:	https://youtu.be/4IGz5p4n8Fg https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MlE4G8ntss&t=6s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnd2Uir_O3g https://youtu.be/h8fhCjsLDko https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Dk3CV-Wt38

Other Important/Useful Information

Component 3 : Health and Well-being External exam—12TH Jan 2023 2hour paper
Students have already been given a variety of revision resources, including a 2 revision guides, knowledge booklet, practice assessment booklets and have access to revision resources that are shared with the student resource area. These revision materials will help them prepare for their exam and will help students develop their understanding through further practice of the topics covered in lessons. This will enable students the opportunity to become more confident to how they approach questions. and how to understand how the essential content is applied to different contexts when assessed

All revision resources will remind students of the vital skills and knowledge that they must apply, learn and will aid to their revision



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Geography

Exam Board Course Title & Code:

GCSE Geography Edexcel B

Number & Length of Exams:

Three examinations:

- Global Geographical Issues: 94 marks (37.5%)
- UK Geographical Issues: 94 marks (37.5%)
- People & Environmental Issues - Making Geographical Decisions: 64 marks (25%)

Exam Board Website:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Geography-B/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification_GCSE_L1-L2_Geography_B.pdf

Revision Material

GCSE Geography: Edexcel B: Investigating Geographical Issues – The Revision Guide



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History

Exam Board Course Title & Code:

AQA GCSE History

Number & Length of Exams:

Two exams:
2 hr - 50%
2 hr - 50%

Exam Board Website:

www.aqa.org.uk

Revision Websites:

See below for links to different revision playlists.

Elizabeth Playlist



Britain & Health Playlist



USA Playlist



Conflict & Tensions Playlist



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Exam Board Course Title & Code: AQA French GCSE /8658

Number & Length of Exams:

Paper 1: Listening 25%

-Foundation 35 min including 5 min reading time
- 40 marks
-Higher 45 min including 5 min reading time -
50 marks.

Paper 2: Speaking 25%

Foundation 7-9 min - 60 marks
Higher 10-12 min - 60 marks
+12 mins preparation time in both

Paper 3: Reading 25%:

- Foundation 45 min - 60 marks
- Higher 60 min - 60 marks.

Paper 4: Writing 25%:

- Foundation: 1 hour
- Writing Higher: 1 hour 15 minutes

Exam Board Website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers>

**Speaking mock exam
GCSE final Speaking exam**

March 2024

April 2024

Revision Websites:

BBC Bitesize MFL.: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>

* Memrise: to practise vocabulary, expressions and grammar. Choose the AQA spec section.:

www.memrise.com/courses/english/french/

* Languages online:

www.languagesonline.org.uk

to practise grammar & vocabulary: <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html#Grammar>

Other Important/Useful Information

In order to achieve good grades in all the exams, students must acquire a significant amount of vocabulary and fluency in the language. So, it is imperative that the students complete all the writing, reading, listening and vocabulary homework on time and try to speak the language at all times in class.

It is also a must, that students memorise the model answers they have for the different topics, which they will recycle by making a few changes, in the writing and speaking exam.



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Exam Board Course Title & Code:

AQA SPANISH GCSE /8698

Number & Length of Exams:

Paper 1: Listening 25%

-Foundation 35 min including 5 min reading time- 40 marks

-Higher 45 min including 5 min reading time
- 50 marks.

Paper 2: Speaking 25%

Foundation 7-9 min - 60 marks

Higher 10-12 min - 60 marks

+12 mins preparation time in both

Paper 3: Reading 25%:

- Foundation 45 min - 60 marks

- Higher 60 min - 60 marks.

Paper 4: Writing 25%:

- Foundation: 1 hour

- Writing Higher: 1 hour 15 minutes

Exam Board Website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers>

Speaking mock exam

March 2024

GCSE final Speaking exam

April 2024

Other Important/Useful Information

In order to achieve good grades in all the exams, students must acquire a significant amount of vocabulary and fluency in the language. So, it is imperative that the students complete all the writing, reading, listening and vocabulary homework on time and try to speak the language at all times in class.

It is also a must, that students memorise the model answers they have for the different topics, which they will recycle by making a few changes, in the writing and speaking exam.



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Exam Board Course Title & Code: Edexcel, GCSE Physical Education, 2PE01

Number & Length of Exams: 2 exams. Paper 1.—1 Hour 30 mins
Paper 2 -1 hour 15 mins

Exam Board Website: www.edexcel.com

CA Deadline (If applicable): First draft- 28.10.2023
Final deadline - 12.2.2023

Revision Websites: www.edexcel.com
www.brianmac.com
www.ukssport.gov.uk

also:

The specific National Governing bodies of Sports related to your assessment sports e.g:
Football = www.thefa.com

Other Important/Useful Information

Cardiovascular fitness is key for the students being assessed in Practical activities. If they are not doing so already they must regularly train and take part in as many of our after school sports clubs as possible. This will help to show their capability throughout the assessment process including the external moderation.

If they are coaching, leading or officiating in any capacity they should ensure they keep a log book (please see their GCSE PE teacher) to track their progress and provide evidence.

