

Year 11 Countdown to GCSEs 2023

Welcome by Mrs Schouten

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The Importance of Attendance by Mr Lushington

Attendance 22

All pupils

	Pupils	Average GCSE Grade	Average GCSE Value Added	English (best) Grade	English Value Added	Maths Grade	Maths Value Added	Attendance
All Pupils	209	4.7	+0.2	5.1	0.0	4.7	+0.3	87%

Attendance groups

Above 95%	67	5.5	● +0.5	5.8	+0.4	5.6	● +0.7	97%
90.1 - 95%	53	4.9	+0.5	5.2	+0.3	4.9	● +0.5	93%
80.1 - 90%	61	4.3	0.0	4.9	-0.1	4.2	+0.1	87%
50.1 - 80%	18	3.3	● -0.8	3.8	● -0.9	3.3	● -0.6	69%
0 - 50%	10	3.2	● -0.8	2.9	● -1.8	2.4	● -1.2	32%

If you do not attend, you will not achieve your potential and you put yourself at risk of underperforming. **FACT.**

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All pupils

	Pupils	Average GCSE Grade	Average GCSE Value Added	English (best) Grade	English Value Added	Maths Grade	Maths Value Added	Attendance
All Pupils	215	5.0	+0.4	5.6	+0.4	4.9	+0.3	90%

Attendance groups

Above 95%	98	5.8	● +1.0	6.3	● +0.9	5.8	● +0.8	98%
90.1 - 95%	52	4.8	+0.3	5.6	+0.5	4.7	+0.2	93%
80.1 - 90%	38	3.9	-0.2	4.6	-0.2	3.9	-0.2	86%
50.1 - 80%	19	3.7	-0.4	4.3	● -0.5	3.8	-0.2	71%
0 - 50%	8	3.2	● -1.1	3.9	● -1.0	2.9	● -1.5	32%

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What could "underperforming" look like for you?

- Not achieving your **all-important** grades to get onto your desired course next year. E.g. Grade 6s for A levels/Lv 3
- Not passing both **English and Maths**, the Colleges will ask you to take a function skills or a re-sit course for the whole year. It may mean you also **miss out** on studying your first-choice pathway.
- You don't get **enough passes** overall to start your course and you may have to go back to a lower Level 2 course, which is nothing like what you want to do.



What did my Year 10 Attendance look like?

What are my prospects if my attendance stays the same?

- 104 have an attendance **above 95%** **very promising**
- 57 have an attendance **above 90%** **still good**
- 43 have an attendance **above 80%** **at risk, seek help**
- 28 have an attendance **below 80%** **crisis, HELP!**



What are the "Red Lines" for all Exams

- If you miss an exam there are no options for a resit
- All equipment must be visible as you enter the venue
- Mobile phones and watches are banned from all venues
- You must not try to communicate or attract the attention of another candidate
- You must place your valuables into your locker, we cannot look after your bags



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English

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November mocks: English Language Paper 1 + Paper 2

English Language Paper 1	English Language Paper 2
Explorations in creative reading and writing	Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
1 hour 45	1 hour 45
Total: 80 marks	Total: 80 marks
Section A - <u>Reading</u> Q1: Information retrieval Q2: Language analysis Q3: Structure analysis Q4: Evaluation/response to statement (40 marks)	Section A - <u>Reading</u> Q1: True statements Q2: Summary/inference Q3: Language analysis Q4: Comparison of views/feelings (40 marks)
Section B – <u>Writing</u> Writing to describe (40 marks) (24 for content; 16 for technical accuracy)	Section B – <u>Writing</u> Writing to argue, persuade, explain (40 marks) (24 for content; 16 for technical accuracy)

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How can you support your child at home?

- Encourage your child to do some practice papers/practice questions – there are lots of them on Showbie
- Ask your child to explain to you what they have to do for each of the questions and how they achieve higher marks
- Ask your child to read their answers to you. Ask them WWW and EBI
- Read through your child's Writing to Describe and Writing to Argue. They are worth 40 marks each.



Writing Task = 50% of the marks on both Language papers

Writing to Describe (40 marks)

Section B: Writing

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.
Write in full sentences.
You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.
You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

Q5: Your school magazine will be publishing a collection of creative writing written by students.



EITHER: Write a description as suggested by the picture:

OR: Write a short story about a celebration.

(24 marks for content and organisation
16 marks for technical accuracy)
[40 marks]

Writing to Argue (40 marks)

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Section B: Writing

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Write in full sentences.

You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.

You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

Q5. 'These days, there is no point in travelling to see the world: we can see it all on TV or on the Internet.'

Write an article for a teenage magazine in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

(24 marks for content and organisation
16 marks for technical accuracy)
[40 marks]



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February mocks: English Literature Paper 1

Additional mock in March: English Literature Paper 2

English Literature Paper 1	English Literature Paper 2
Shakespeare and 19 th century novel	Modern texts, anthology poetry and unseen poetry
1 hour 45	2 hours 15
Total: 64 marks	Total: 96 marks
Section A – <u>Shakespeare</u> 'Macbeth' or 'Romeo and Juliet' (30 marks +4 SPAG)	Section A – <u>Modern Drama</u> 'Blood Brothers' or 'An Inspector Calls' (30 marks +4 SPAG)
Section B – <u>19th Century Novel</u> 'A Christmas Carol' (30 marks)	Section B – <u>Anthology Poetry</u> 'Love and relationships' cluster (30 marks)
	Section C - <u>Unseen Poetry</u> Unseen poem 1 (24 marks) Unseen poem 2 (8 marks)

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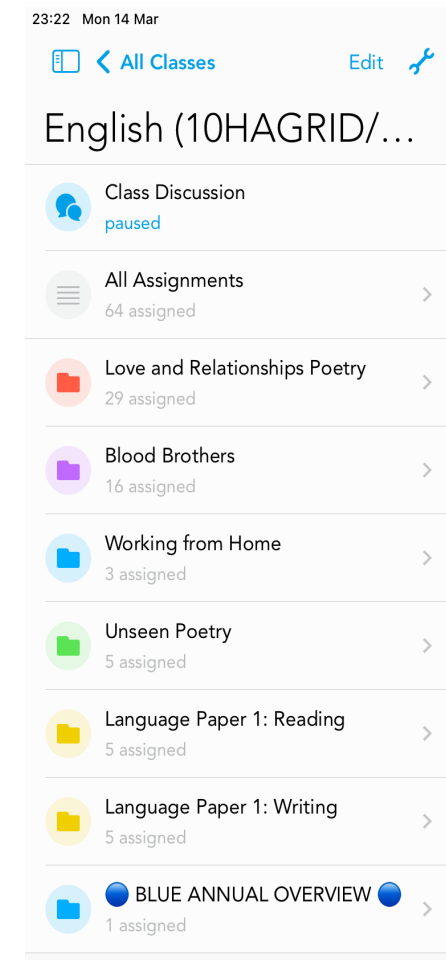


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Revision resources available:

- GCSE POD – particularly good for revision of Literature texts
- BBC Bitesize – 'revise' and 'test' options on all Literature texts
- Seneca Learning – revision App for Language and Literature
- Mr Bruff – YouTube clips for all questions/papers
- Showbie – a wealth of revision resources
- Department revision sessions
- English exercise books
- GCP revision guides for English Language Paper 1+2 and all Literature texts
- AQA past papers/mark schemes/specimen questions (available on the AQA website, Showbie or paper copies from the Library or English teacher)



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Maths

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GCSE Maths exam format

Paper 1 (Calculator **not** allowed)

Paper 2 (Calculator allowed)

Paper 3 (Calculator allowed)

All papers will be sat in Summer 2023

All papers carry equal weighting (80 marks each).

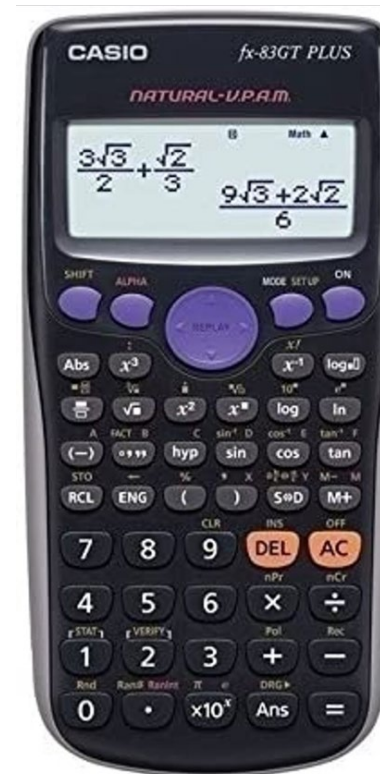
Topics will be mixed across the three papers.

Foundation and Higher– 3 x 1hr 30 mins

You will need...

It is essential that Maths equipment is brought to each lesson

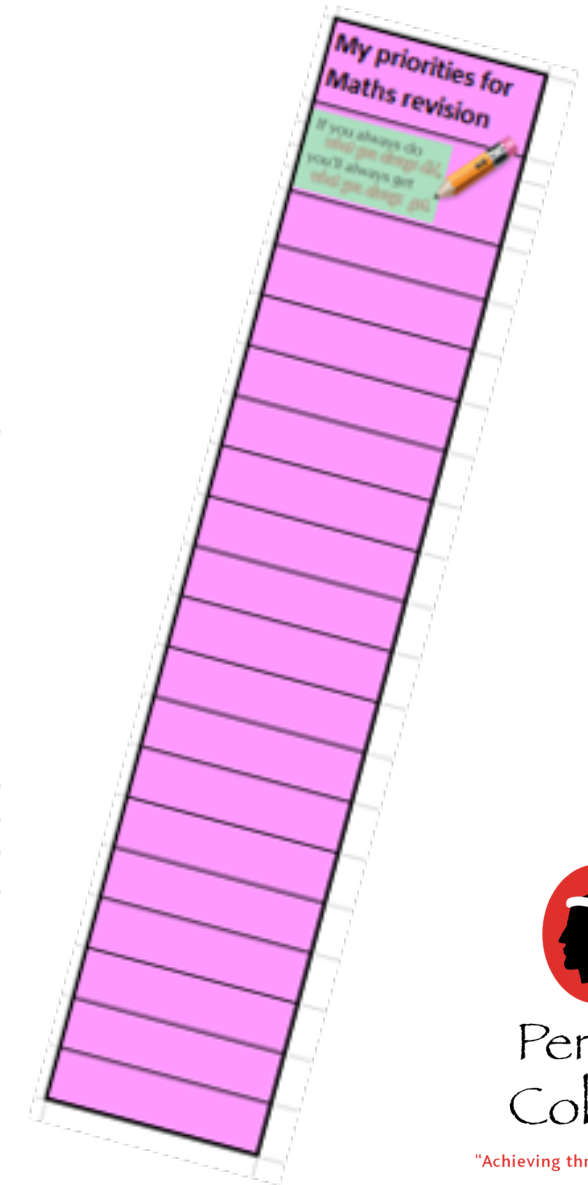
- **Calculator** – must be scientific. Casio brand is easiest to use
- **Protractor**
- **Compasses**
- **Ruler**
- **Pencil**



SUPPORTING MATHS REVISION – What to revise?

- Revision Checklists - beware they are long!
- Past exam papers - with teacher analysis
- **Bookmarks**

First name	Surname	TARGET	Place value (value of a digit)	Order decimals	Simplify algebra	BIDMAS	Interpreting scales	Pictogram/ Tally chart	Factors	Solve simple equation	Money calculations	Understanding calculations	Recognise a cone and cylinder	Use a formula	Percentages	Interpret real life graphs	Area of rectangle and reading graphs	Distance time graph	Perimeter and area of rectangle	Calculations real life problem	Probability adds up to 1	Estimate using probability	Exchange rates calculation	Pythagoras	Scattergraphs and correlation	Real life problem (using LCM)	nth term of a quadratic sequence	Solve simultaneous equations	Ratio and fractions	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Question number			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14a	14b	15	16	17	18a	18b	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
Maximum marks for the question			1	1	1	1	2	5	3	1	4	2	2	5	6	2	3	4	5	4	3	2	3	3	3	5	2	3	4	80	
		5	1	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	4	0	2	5	6	2	3	2	0	4	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	43	54



SUPPORTING MATHS REVISION – other resources

www.sparxmaths.uk - Maths homework is set on Sparx. 100% completion is vital. Each question has a short tutorial if students are stuck. Login needed.

The logo for Sparx Maths, featuring the text "Sparx Maths" in white on a blue rectangular background.

www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk - Video clips and online questions with immediate feedback. Login needed.



www.ttrackstars.com - Don't under-estimate the importance of timetables. Login needed.



www.corbettmaths.com - Video tutorials, exam questions, '5-a-day' questions, exam papers and all with solutions. No login needed.



Corbettmαths



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SUPPORTING MATHS REVISION – other resources

Showbie Revision Folder

Showbie Code for Foundation: K2WWR

Showbie Code for Higher: H97H7



Revision Cards – Available to buy on Parent Pay

Revision Guides – Available to buy on Parent Pay

Maths Past Papers from the library and in the Maths breakout area

Teachers! - Lunchtime and afterschool support



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MATHS REVISION SESSIONS

In M5 12:50-1:05pm

Maths
Organised
Revision
At
Lunchtime
Everyday



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SUPPORTING MATHS REVISION

Year 11 Past Paper Society

YEAR 11 PAPERS SOCIETY

AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAYS IN MATHS 1.
ALL YEAR 11S WELCOME.

Maths GCSE papers and biscuits provided.
Stay for an hour and do some practice.
Get help when you need it.

A paper a week is guaranteed to boost your GCSE grade.



- Take a GCSE paper (Higher/Foundation).
- Work on your own or with a friend.
- Keep the noise level very low so everyone can focus.

- Ask for help when you need it.
- Take the paper home to finish.

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Science

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	Combined Science: Trilogy	Triple Science
Number of exams	2 x biology 2 x chemistry 2 x physics	2 x biology 2 x chemistry 2 x physics
Length of exams	1 hour 15 min (7.5 hours total)	1 hour 45 min (10.5 hours total)
Exam board	AQA	AQA
Grades available	1 - 9	1 - 9
Tiers of entry	Foundation (1-5) Higher (4-9)	Foundation (1-5) Higher (4-9)
GCSEs awarded	Two e.g. 55, 65.	Three separate grades

**All exams are
calculator
exams**



- Biology 1 paper (B1-B4)
- Chemistry 1 paper (C1-C5)
- Physics 1 paper (P1-P4)

You have covered all this work in years
& 10

- Biology paper 2 (B5-B7)
- Chemistry paper 2 (C6-C10)
- Physics paper 2 (P5-P7) (P8 for

Caution!

The content within each topic varies slightly between Combined Science and Triple Science, and between foundation and higher tiers.

Your friends might be sitting a different course or tier of entry and therefore might be doing something a bit different to you.

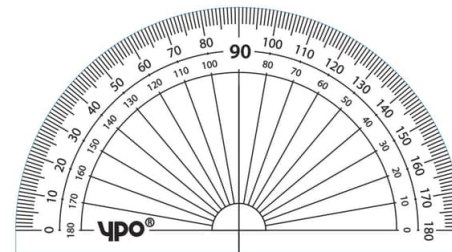
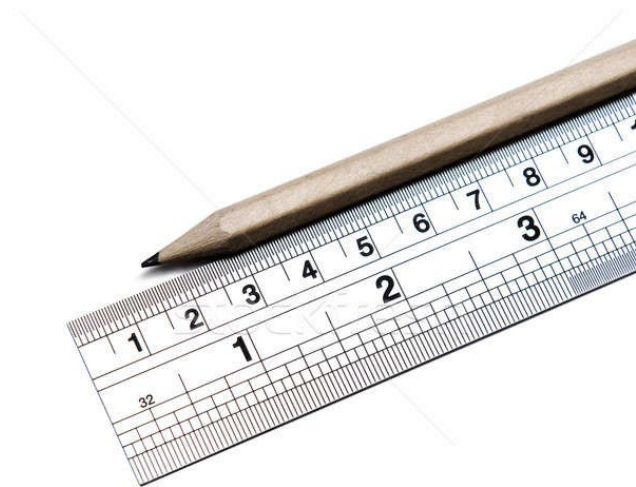
Please contact your science teacher directly if you have queries about revision.



It is essential that the correct equipment is brought to each lesson

- **CALCULATOR** – must be scientific
- **Ruler**
- **Pencil**
- **Protractor**

Up to 30
marks
per
paper.



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Cog 1.
What do I
need to
revise?

**1. Check
what will be
tested.**

**2. Use your
personalised
feedback to identify
your priorities. Start
by revising your reds
and ambers.**

What will be tested in the exam	Revised
C1 – Elements compounds and mixtures	
C1 – Formula and equations	
C1 – The history of the atom	
C1 – Atomic structure and isotopes	
C1 – Electronic structure	
C1 – Development of the periodic table	
C1 – Metals and non-metals	
C1 – Group 0 and Group 1	
C1 - Group 7	
C1 – Transition metals	

Qu	Topic	Mark	Total marks	RAG
1	Rate of reaction Surface area Graph drawing	8	11	R: 0-3 A: 4-7 G: 8-11
2	Catalysts	5	10	R: 0-3 A: 4-7 G: 8-10
3	Required practical and calculating the rate of reaction.	6	8	R: 0-3 A: 4-5 G: 6-8
4	Fractional distillation	5	9	R: 0-3 A: 5-6 G: 7-9
5	Atom structure Alkanes	3	8	R: 0-3 A: 4-5 G: 6-8
6	Fractional distillation	4	8	R: 0-3 A: 4-5 G: 6-8
	Hydrocarbons Cracking Fractional distillation	8	9	R: 0-3 A: 5-6 G: 7-9

WWW: You have followed the correct structure for an evaluation question, well done.
Excellent use of 'whereas' to ensure that you have compared techniques.

EBI: Include as much detail as you can in your answers e.g. point 4, expand on 'bad for the body' - dangerous for pregnant women, can cause mutations etc.



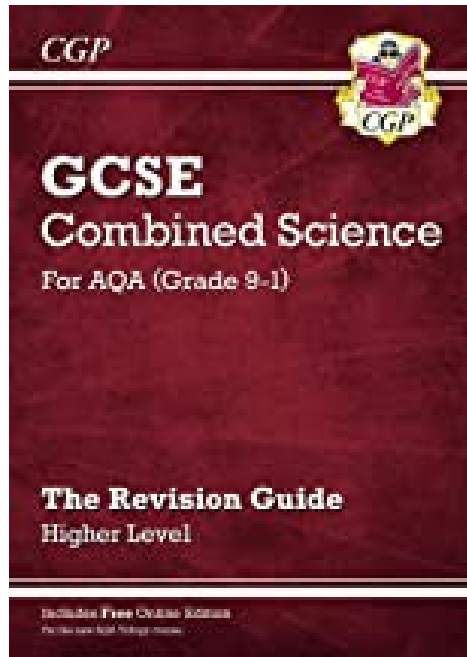
Where do I find the revision material?

Revision guide

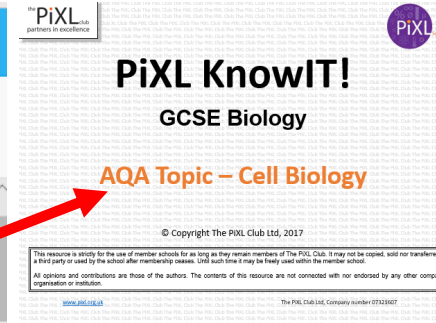
Showbie

Cog 2.
Learn the
content

You were all bought a
revision guide



Home	Groups	Students
Science Year 11 Triple r...		
ASSIGNED		
B1 - Cell Biology	no due date	10
B2 - Organisation	no due date	2
B3 - Infection and response	no due date	2
B4 - Bioenergetics	no due date	1
B5 - Homeostasis and response	no due date	5
B6 - Inheritance, variation and evolu...		
Trilogy - CRZTN		
Triple – 9GN2W		



Power points
outlining the key
concepts.

Knowledge mats,
quizzes,
independence
booklets – tailored
to all revision
styles.

Online

BBC bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

Seneca learning

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

Free science lessons

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

Remember to select single (Triple)
or combined science (Trilogy) where
necessary.

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Cog 3. Practice exam questions

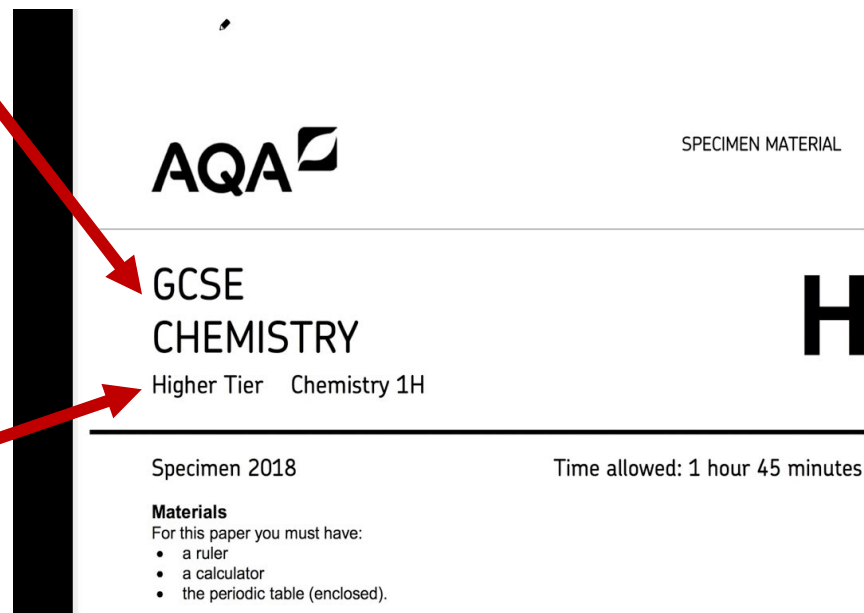
- The library resource centre is a great place to start.
- Your revision guide and the Year 11 Showbie groups also contain example questions.

Make sure that you select the correct course:

- AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy
- AQA GCSE Biology
- AQA GCSE Chemistry
- AQA GCSE Physics

And the correct tier of entry

- Foundation
- Higher



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How to Plan Your Revision

Miss Blackburn

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Your revision plan to enable you to be prepared and ready for the 13th May

Key Dates: November

Mock Exams

Start week beginning 6th Nov for 2 weeks.

In 34 Days

We are advising alongside HWK that you spend an **extra 5 hrs over 5 weeks #25hrs** of revision

Key Dates: February Mock Exams
Start on the 26th Feb for 2 weeks.

In 20 weeks

We are advising alongside HWK that you spend an **extra 5 hrs over 10 weeks #50hrs** of revision.

These exams will be launched during the week of the **11th Dec.**

Key Dates: GCSE Exams
Start week beginning 13th May for 6 weeks.

In 31 weeks

We are advising that spend **10 hrs over 10 weeks #100hrs** of revision.

These exams will be launched during the week of the **11th March.**

Prep sessions and extended tutor are a privilege this is not something other schools have.

This is your time to get ahead .

For the next 4 weeks these sessions will be used for revision not HWK.

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In your packs you have 5 revision planners and revision list for each subject.

Bring these with you to lessons and tutor time

GCSE MUSIC			
Tuesday 7th Nov 1hours 15mins			
Topic	Revised	Topic	Revised
<u>Western classical tradition 1650–1910</u>		<u>Traditional music</u>	
The Coronation Anthems and Oratorios of Handel.		Blues music from 1920–1950.	
The orchestra music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.		Fusion music incorporating African and/or Caribbean music.	
The piano music of Chopin and Schumann.		Contemporary Latin music.	
The Requiem of the late Romantic period		Contemporary folk music of the British Isles.	
<i>Remember: Revising the elements of music (MAD TSHIRT) will help you answer questions across all the four areas of study!</i>			
<u>Popular music</u>		<u>Western classical tradition since 1910.</u>	
Music of Broadway 1950s to 1990s.		The orchestral music of Copland.	
Rock music of 1960s and 1970s.		British music of Arnold, Britten, Maxwell-Davies and Tavener.	
Film and computer gaming music 1990s to present.		The orchestral music of Zoltán Kodály and Béla Bartók.	
Pop music 1990s to present		Minimalist music of John Adams, Steve Reich and Terry Riley.	
		<u>Section B (15mins)</u>	
		Mozart Clarinet Concerto	

W/C	P1 /P2	Tutor/ Break	P3/ P4	Lunch	P5 a	P6/ P7	After School Revision 3.30 – 4.30	Afterschool 30min Block 1 Time:	Afterschool 30min Block 2 Time:	Afterschool 30min Block 3 Time:	Afterschool 30min Block 4 Time:
Monday											
Tuesday											
Wednesday											
Thursday											
Friday											
Time	Block 1 30 Mins		Block 2 30 Mins		Block 3 30 Mins		Block 5 30 mins		Block 6 30 mins		
Saturday											
Sunday											

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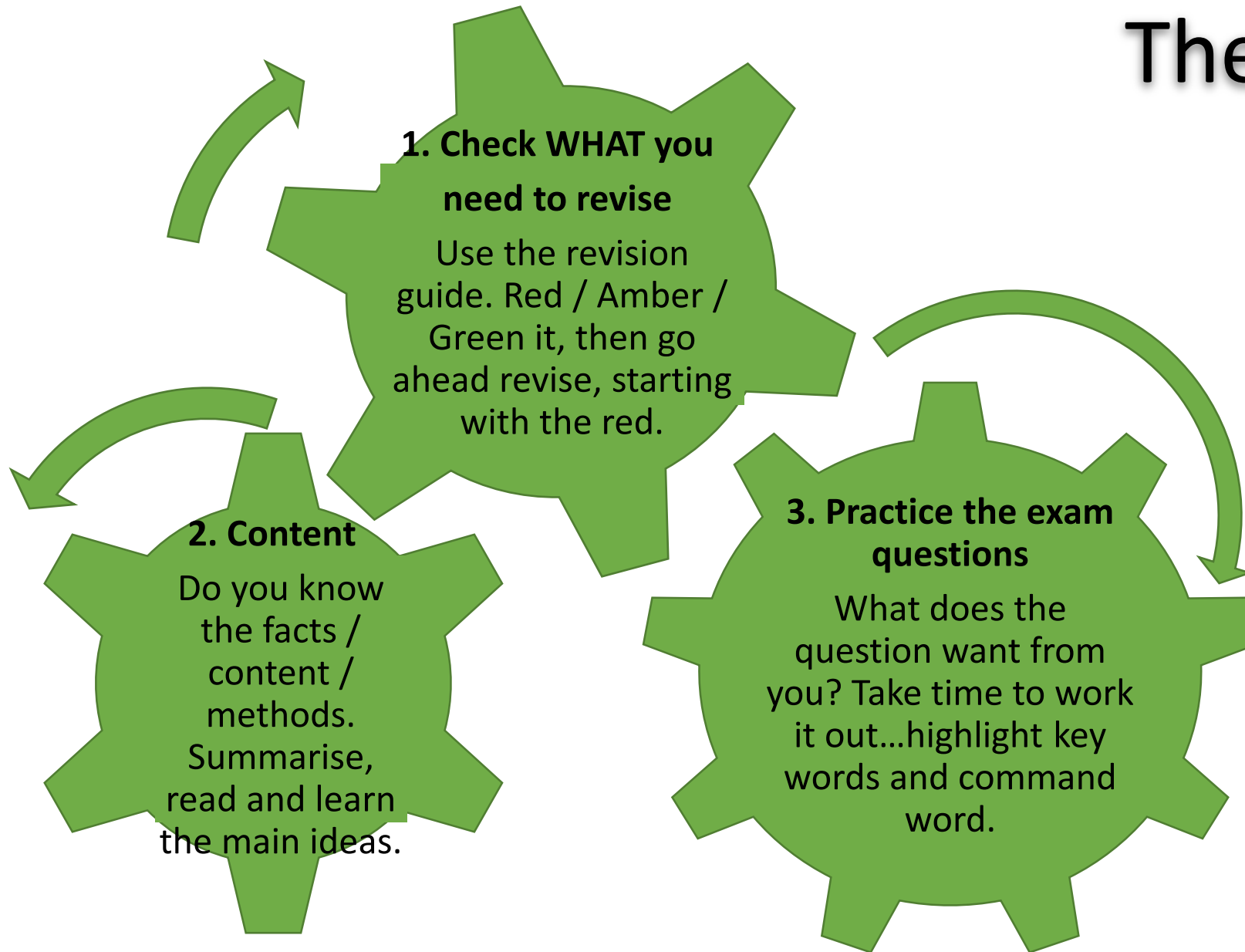
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The 3 Cogs



Tips for Success

- *Start now*
- *Ask, ask, ask!*
- *Make a realistic timetable, share with home and tutor*
- *Go to subject support sessions*
- *Find a space at home to work*
- *Use the 3 cogs of revision*
- *Give 100% Effort when you are at school.*
- *Do what you love alongside school work.*



Wellbeing and You

It is really important this year that you continue to take part in all the activities that make you, you.

Make time for the things that make you happy. If you plan your time well, you can continue your extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

Be organised and stick to your plan.

Use your time in school well; this is where the bulk of the learning should take place if you focus and fully engage. Avoid 'leaving things until later' - make every minute of your lessons count.

If you are struggling: it is not unusual to feel this. Remember we want to help. Talk to your trusted adult and together we can support you.

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Post 16 – Pathways

Mrs Snowdon



Overview of Year 11

- CV writing in Lifestyles followed by a mock interview with a local businessperson.
- 45-minute Personal Guidance interview with Careers 4U
- Lessons in Lifestyles on Post 16 options.
- Support with completing Post 16 application forms in the library.
- 7th December Post 16 Pathways Day
- Application process for Post 16 courses open now!
- 22nd November Falmouth University – Routes to University and Students Finance
- Ask Apprenticeships in to support students interested in an apprenticeship.
- Armed Forces drop in session
- Post 16 providers outside in the Street tonight.



careers@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

01326 372379 exts: 1268/1259/1228

<https://trainingprovider.com/which-way-your-way-cornwall/>



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Mr Herring

Key Dates and Extended Tutor Information

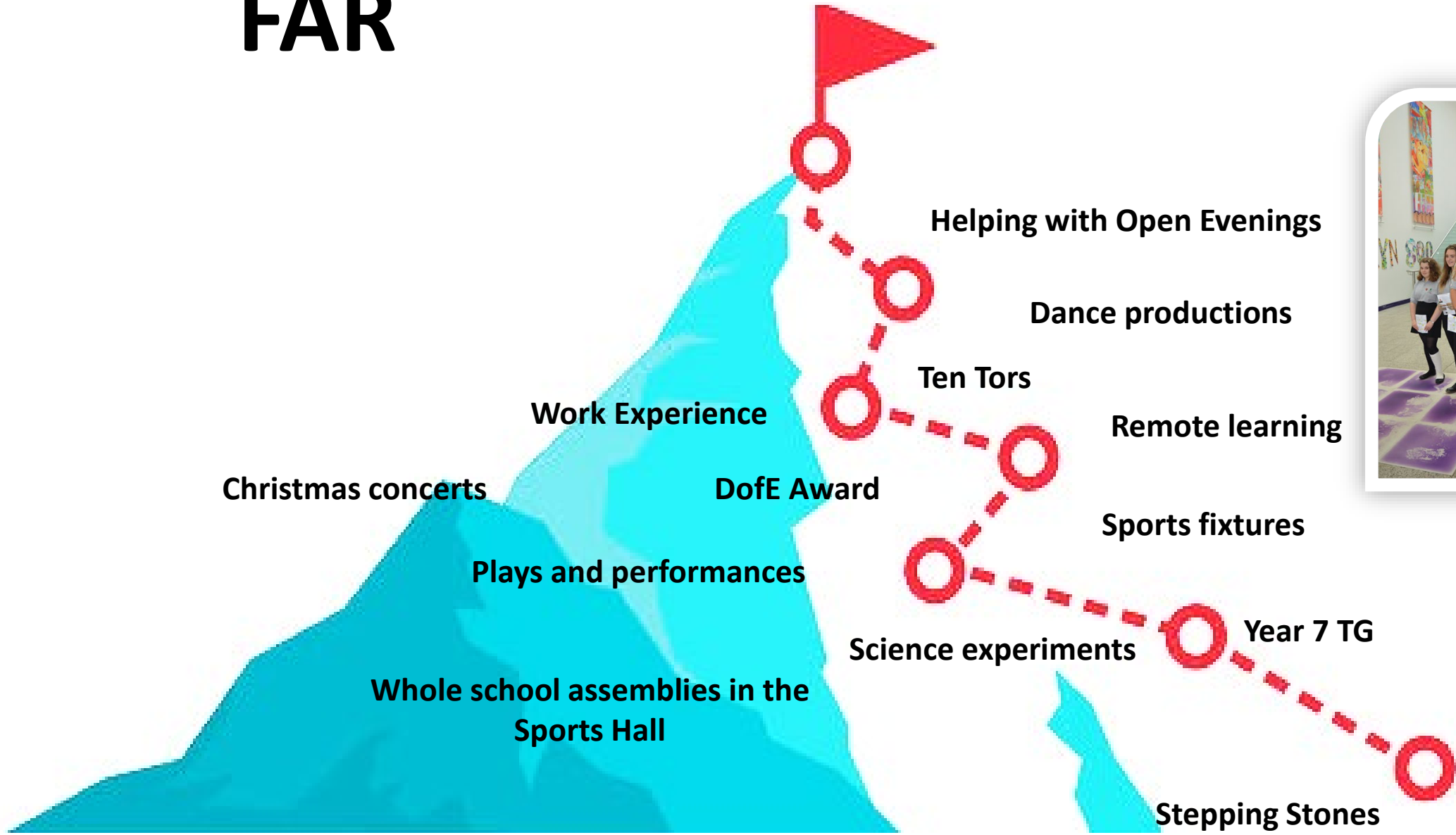
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THE JOURNEY SO FAR



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
9th Oct. 2023	Mock careers interviews begin – three weeks
6th Nov. 2023	Mock exam series 1 – two weeks
7th Dec. 2023	Subject Review 1
Early December	Reports home
26th Feb. 2024	Mock exam series 2 – two weeks
22nd March 2024	Subject Review 2
13th May 2024	GCSEs begin – 4 weeks
June 2024	Year 11 Prom
August 24th	GCSE results



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Strategies to help you revise, you have to find out what works for you.

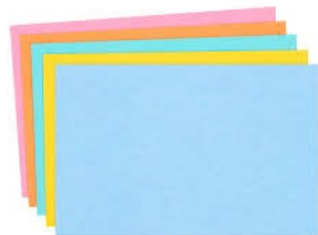
Use the next 5 weeks to practice the below techniques.

Revision is anytime you revisit something you have already learnt

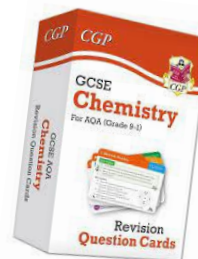
Your tutors will be going over the following strategies during the next 6 weeks, alongside creating your revision timetable.

1. Flashcards
2. Transform it
3. Retrieval
4. Dual coding
5. Time Management
6. Revision apps and study guides

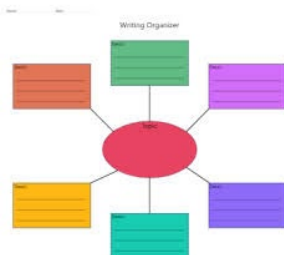
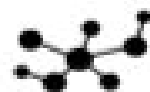




#1 flashcards



#2 transform it



#3 Dual coding



revision

#4 Time management



EXAM TIMETABLE

						MONTH
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					Maths non calc exam	
						Gym
		Ext. Tutor Long Paper 2				
History after school		PE Theory after school		Film night		



showbie

SENECA



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Please Stay behind if you son/daughter studies one of the following subjects

- OCR Sports Science
- PE GCSE
- Health and Social Care
- Music
- Dance
- Art/ Textiles
- Drama
- Media Production
- Design Technology
- Engineering
- Hospitality and Catering
- Food and Nutrition.

Please make sure you have picked up the course letters for these subjects

They can be found at the back of the sports hall

