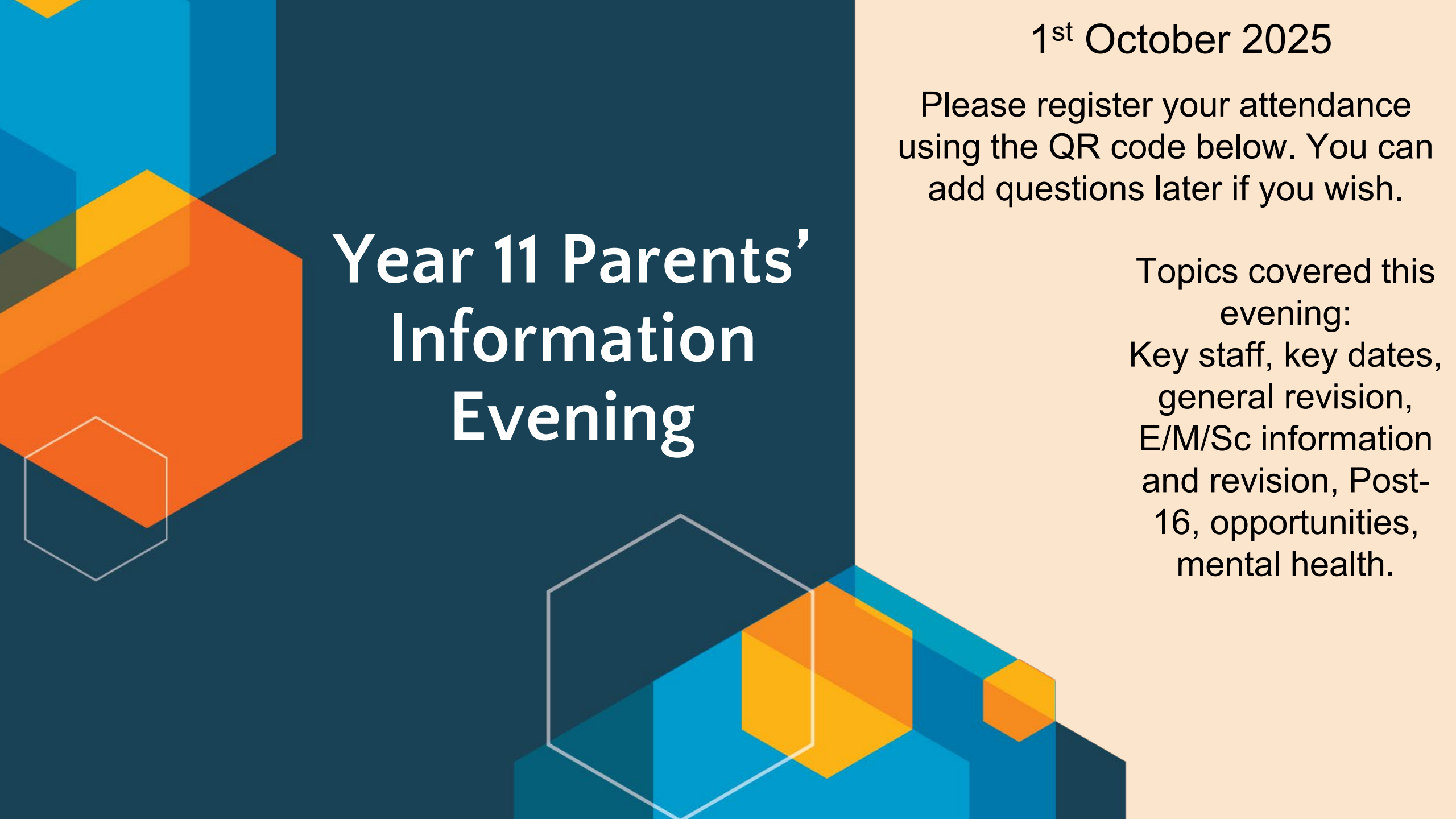




Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

1st October 2025

Please register your attendance using the QR code below. You can add questions later if you wish.

Topics covered this evening:
Key staff, key dates, general revision, E/M/Sc information and revision, Post-16, opportunities, mental health.

Welcome from Mr West

Key Staff



If you need to contact someone about your child, the best person to speak to is their tutor in the first instance.

Mr A West

Headteacher

Mr B Gilkes

Progress leader Year 11

Ms Down

Progress Manager

Ms S Butler

Director of English

Ms S Atkey

Director of Mathematics

Dr R Marsh

Director of Science

Mr S Payne

Mr A Hall

Ms A Thornton

Mr E Duckham

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Ms R Arora

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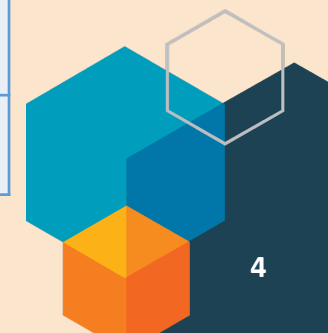
Tutor to 11YS



Key dates



W/B	Important events
2 nd October	Year 11 prefects announced
14 th October	Year 11 revision day
10 th November	Y11 pre-public exams begin
27 th November	Sixth form open evening
18 th December	Year 11 parents evening
9 th January	Year 11 Visual Arts NEA Deadline
5 th February	Y11 pre-public exams (2) begin
20 th April VA 8 th May others	GCSE Exams begin (date depends on exam)
26 th June	Year 11 leaver's day and prom
20 th August	GCSE results day



Revision strategies

How to Study effectively



SPACE IT OUT



MIX IT UP

ANALYSE *your weaknesses*

REVISE AND REVIEW

TEST YOURSELF

Revision resources



- [John Mason School revision website](#) includes exam FAQ and period 6 timetable
- [Seneca](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- Past exam paper questions e.g. [Physics and Maths Tutor](#)
- Revision guides - ask the teacher for the best options
- Flashcards (physical and online eg Quizlet)
- Other online content – please check quality/relevance with your child's teacher.



A team effort



Teachers

- Plan and teach great lessons
- Feedback on past papers
- Pre-public exams with detailed feedback
- Exam technique and training
- Support and guidance
- High expectations

Students

- Waste no time
- Revise effectively (if it's not a struggle, it's not working)
- Make a plan you can stick to
- Don't take on too much
- Ask a teacher
- Attend period 6 sessions

Parents

- Questioning
- Quiet space to revise
- Emotional support
- Encouragement
- Blend of activities
- Sleep
- Snacks and drinks





GCSE Mathematics

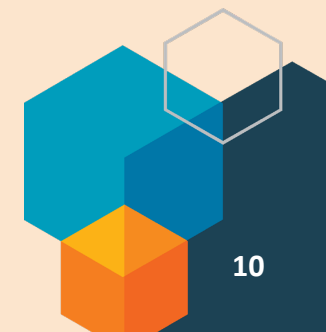
Ms Atkey - Director of Maths



Mathematics (Pearson Edexcel 1MA1)

Key Points

- 100% exam
- 3 exams (each 1hr 30mins long) equally weighted
- 1 non-calculator paper
- 2 calculator* papers
- Two tiers of entry (Higher: grades 4–9 & Foundation: grades 1–5)
- The papers overlap, with the same grade 4/5 questions appearing on the Higher and Foundation paper
- Sets 1–3 currently focusing on Higher
- Sets 4–6 currently focusing on Foundation
- Tiers not decided until April 2026



Mathematics

How to revise (Little and often)

- Maths is a practical subject; you need to practice the skills and be able to the apply knowledge to solve a range of problems
- Making full use of lessons (Period 1: attendance is key!)
- Weekly practise on Sparx (30 mins HW)
- Weekly past paper practice (half a paper per week)
- Be confident in non-calculator arithmetic
- Use assessment feedback to plan revision

Qn	Topic	Sparx	Max	You	Class Mean	Diff
q1	Product of Prime Factors, HCF, LCM	U250,U739	4	2	3.05	-1.05
q2	Sharing into a Ratio	U577	3	3	2.96	0.04
q3	Functional Maths Questions	U343,U904	5	4	3.44	0.56
q4	Loci and Construction	U343,U904	1	1	0.29	0.71
q5	Reverse Increase and Decrease by Fraction	U881	3	0	0.9	-0.9
q6	Missing Mean Questions	U717	5	5	3.29	1.71
q7	Trigonometry	U283,U545	2	2	0.77	1.23
q8	Density Problems	U910	3	3	1.51	1.49
q9	Negative Indices and Algebra	U694,U772,U985	2	0	0.43	-0.43
q10	Solving Equations	U325,U505,U870	2	2	0.66	1.34
q11	Tree Diagrams	U558,U729	5	5	2.33	2.67
q12	Box plots	U837,U879	5	3	2.57	0.43
q13	Expanding triple brackets	U606	3	0	0.33	-0.33
q14	Product Rule for Counting with Halving	U369	3	0	0.18	-0.18
q15	Inequalities Regions	U747	5	1	0.53	0.47
q16	Similar Shapes Volume and Area SF	U110,U630	5	1	0.83	0.17
q17	Exponential Graphs	U229	2	0	0.14	-0.14
q18	Iterative processes	U168,U434	3	0	0.14	-0.14
q19	3D Trigonometry	U170	4	0	0	0
q20	Dividing a Line into a Ratio	NA	5	0	0.06	-0.06
q21	Quadratic inequalities	U133	2	0	0.02	-0.02
q22	Translating Circle Graphs	NA	3	0	0	0
q23	Combined Sine and Cosine Rules	U591,U592,U952	5	0	0	0





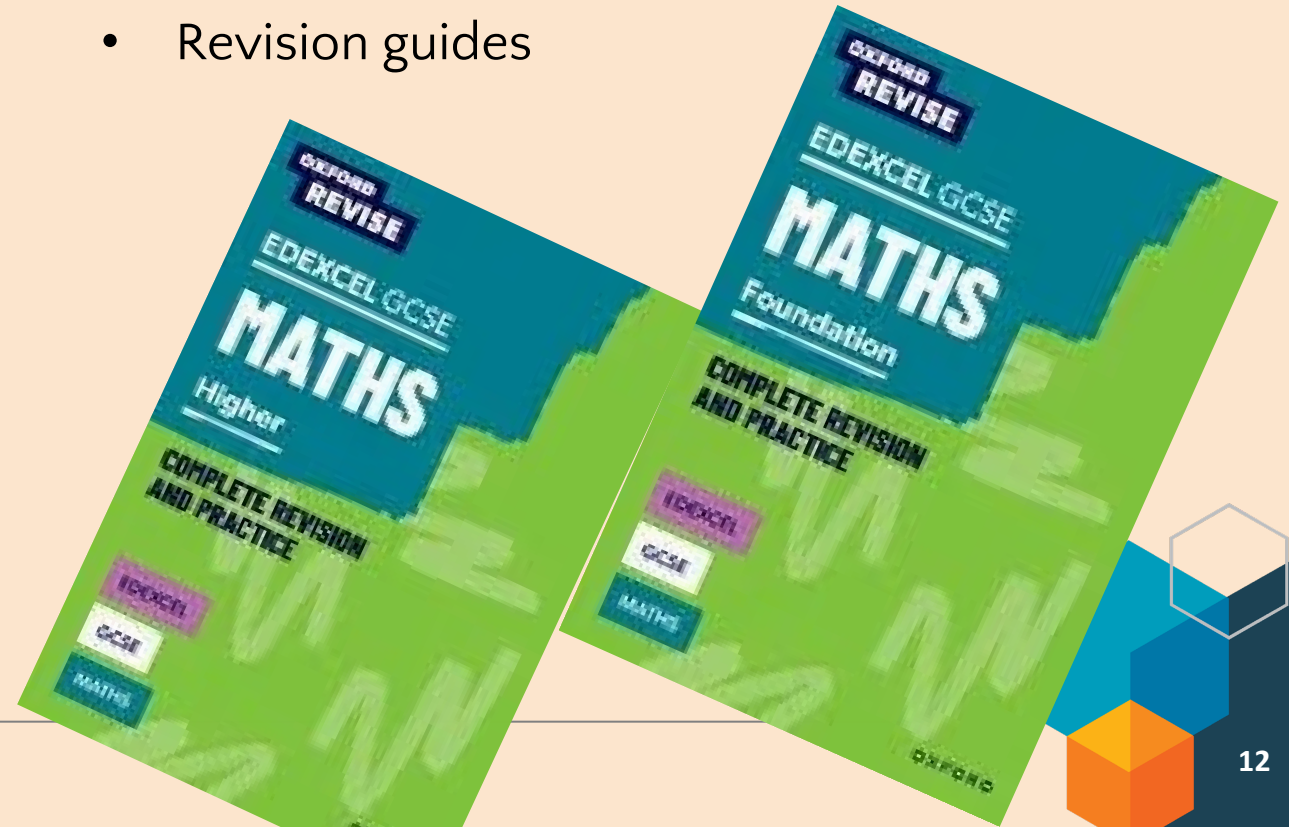
Useful resources to help revise Maths

Websites:

- MathsGenie: full of past papers, mark schemes, model answers and tutorial videos
- Corbett Maths: Tutorial videos on topic, with worksheets and exam questions to practice
- 1st Class Maths: Loads of revision resources, videos, past papers
- Sparx: thousands of questions to consolidate knowledge and understanding

Other resources:

- Your Maths teacher!
- Thursday period 6 every week
- Tutor time resources
- Revision guides



Corbett Maths Revision cards



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Angles in Parallel Lines

Alternate Angles

Corresponding Angles

Co-interior Angles

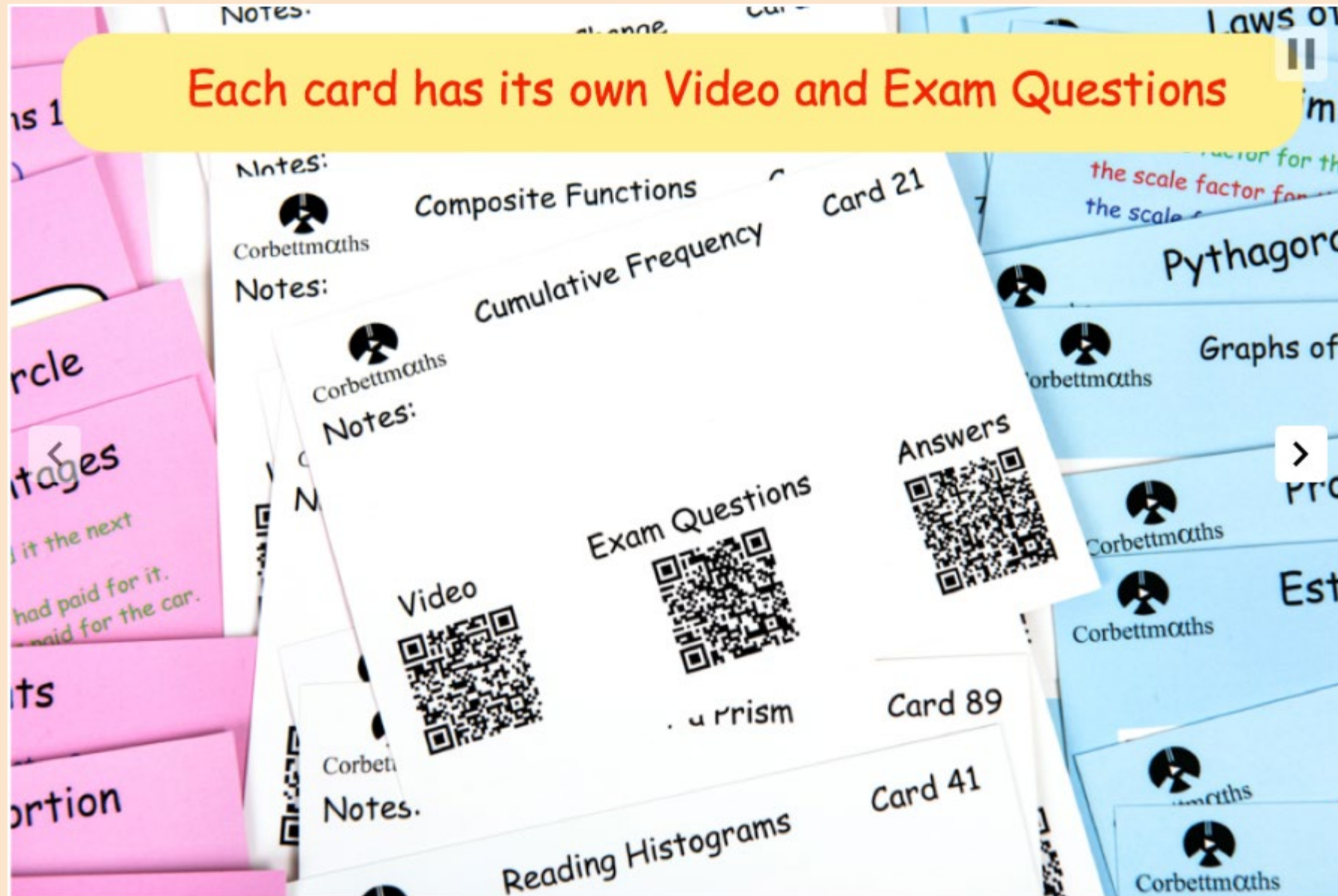
Vertically Opposite Angles

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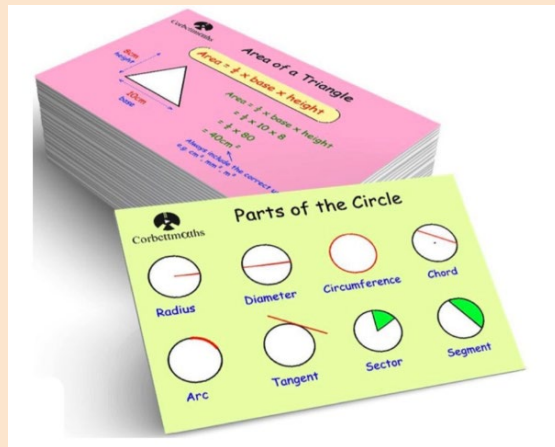
Each card has its own Video and Exam Questions



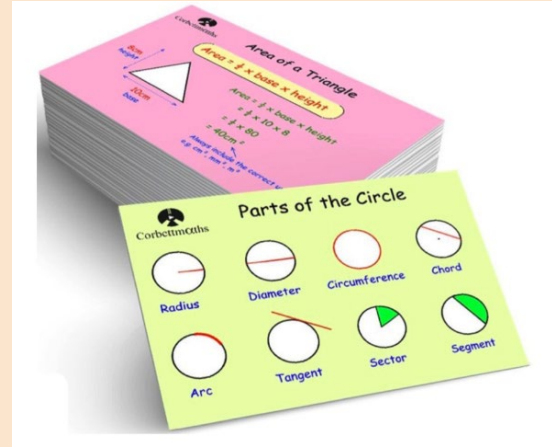
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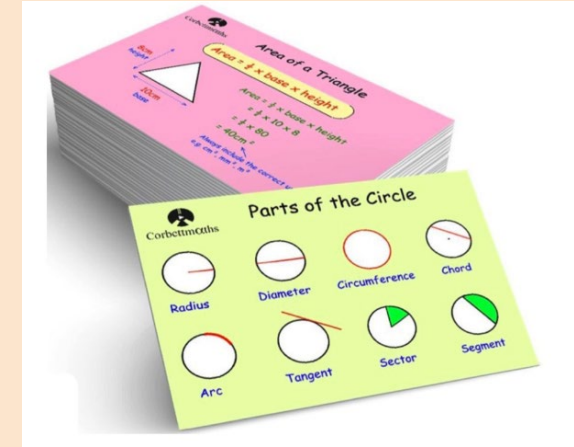
Very confident on that
topic



Have some idea but
not confident



Not got a clue!





Corbettmaths GCSE Higher Revision Cards - Contents

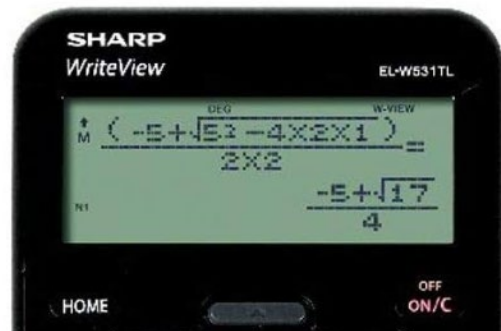
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Card 4: Arc Length	Card 35: Graphs - Reciprocals	Card 66: Quadratic Formula
Card 5: Area of a Circle	Card 36: Graphs - Cubic	Card 67: Quadratic Inequalities
Card 6: Area of a Sector	Card 37: Graphs - Transformations 1	Card 68: Ratio
Card 7: Area of a Trapezium	Card 38: Graphs - Transformations 2	Card 69: Scatter Graphs
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Card 9: Bearings	Card 40: Drawing Histograms	Card 71: Conditional Probability
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Card 12: Circle Theorems 2	Card 43: Laws of Indices	Card 74: Standard Form
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Card 14: Circumference	Card 45: Limits of Accuracy	Card 76: Rationalising Denominators
Card 15: Density	Card 46: Drawing Linear Graphs	Card 77: Enlargements
Card 16: Pressure	Card 47: Equation of a Line	Card 78: Negative Scale Factors
Card 17: Speed	Card 48: Gradient of a Line	Card 79: Reflections
Card 18: Congruent Triangles	Card 49: Parallel Lines	Card 80: Rotations
Card 19: Product Rule for Counting	Card 50: Perpendicular Lines	Card 81: Translations
Card 20: Constructions & Loci	Card 51: Equation of a Tangent	Card 82: Trigonometry
Card 21: Cumulative Frequency	Card 52: Estimated Mean	Card 83: Cosine Rule
Card 22: Box Plots	Card 53: Linear nth Term	Card 84: Exact Trig Values
Card 23: Recurring Decimals	Card 54: Quadratic nth Term	Card 85: Sine Rule
Card 24: Equation of a Circle	Card 55: Percentage Change	Card 86: Vectors
Card 25: Forming Equations	Card 56: Compound Interest	Card 87: Venn Diagrams
Card 26: Expanding Two Brackets	Card 57: Reverse Percentages	Card 88: Volume of a Cone
Card 27: Factorising Quadratics	Card 58: Pie Charts	Card 89: Volume of a Prism
Card 28: Solving Quadratics	Card 59: Tree Diagrams	Card 90: Volume of a Sphere
Card 29: Adding Fractions	Card 60: Expanding Three Brackets	Card 91: Graphical Inequalities
Card 30: Dividing Fractions	Card 61: LCM & HCF	Card 92: Completing the Square
Card 31: Multiplying Fractions	Card 62: Direct Proportion	Card 93: Algebraic Proof



Not all scientific calculators are created equally



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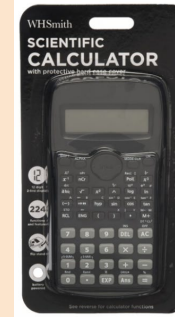
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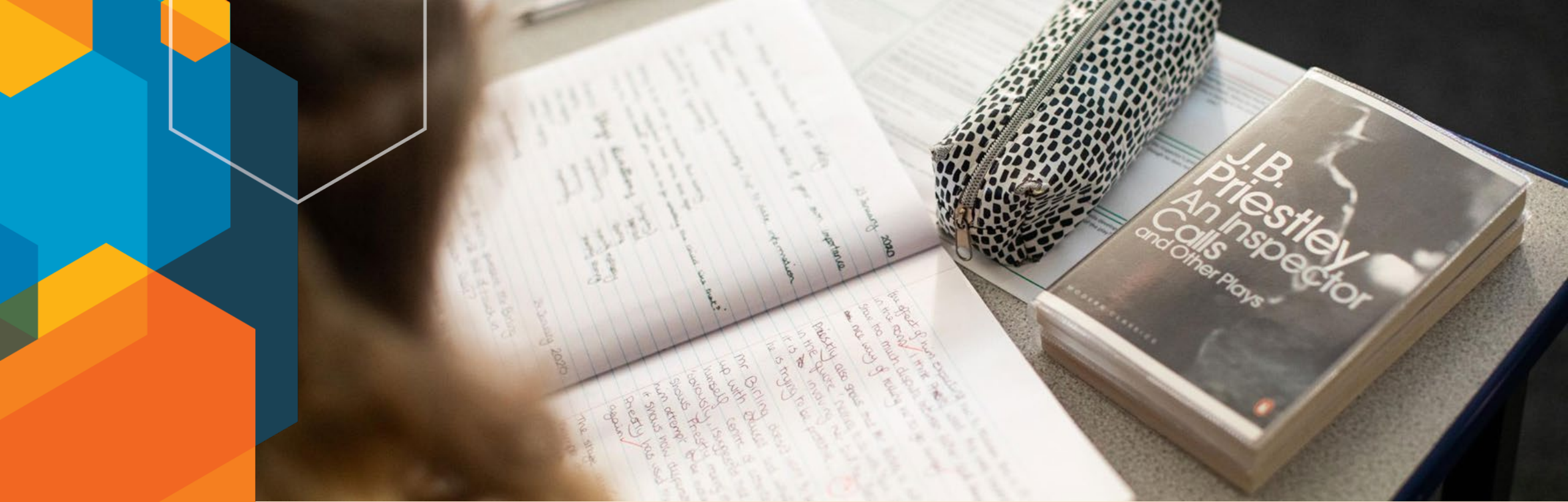
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Avoid!





GCSE English & GCSE English Literature

Ms Butler – Director of English, Associate Senior Leader

English Language (AQA 8700)

Key Points

- 100% exam
- 2 papers equally weighted
- Writing and reading equally weighted
- SPaG worth 20%
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

How to revise

- Understand the demands of each question and know how to answer it e.g. Q2 = PQME
- Revise language and structural methods in order to be able to identify these and comment on them
- Practice applying that understanding using past papers

Assessments

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25 %)

– one single text

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25 %)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25 %)

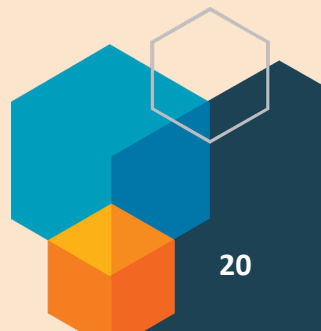
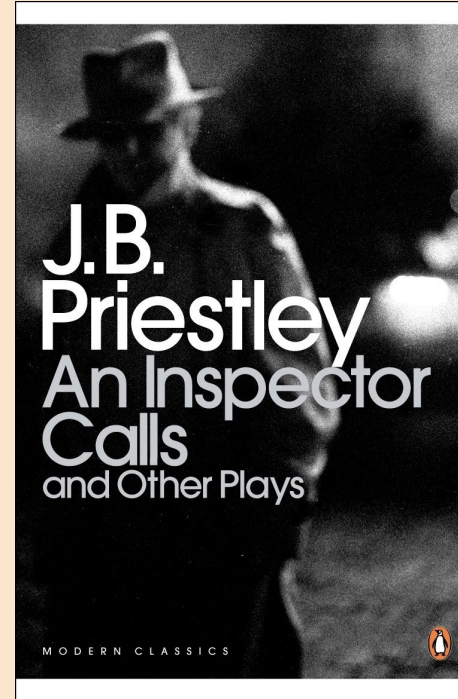
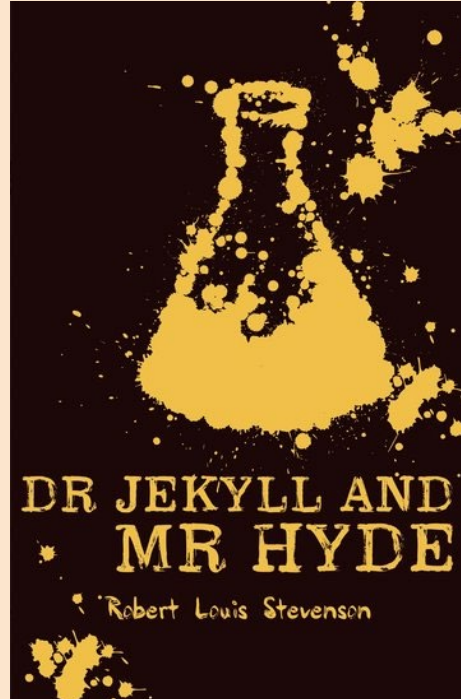
– two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25 %)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

English Literature (AQA 8702)



Useful resources to help revise English



Websites:

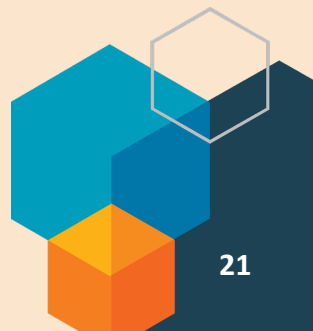
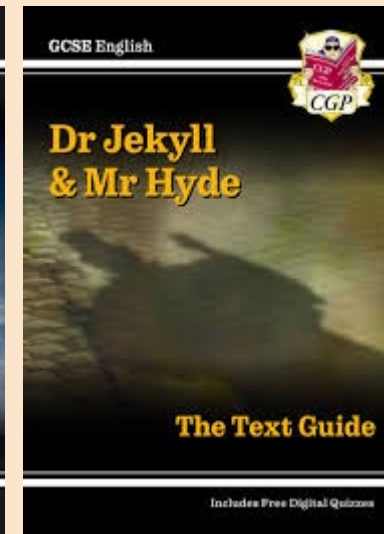
- Mr Bruff revision videos including character and theme tutorials and analysis of grade 9 essays. Also useful for English Language

<https://www.youtube.com/@mrbruff>

- Massolit – videos by academics on literature texts <https://massolit.io/>
Username = email
Password = Massolit

Other resources:

- Quotation booklets from y10
- CGP revision guides
- Tuesday Period 6 in E4
- Your English teacher!



How to revise English Literature

Make sure you know what topics you need to revise and RAG them

Macbeth

Lady Macbeth

Banquo

Duncan

Witches

Guilt

Ambition

Appearance vs reality

Violence

Kingship / power

Essay questions are fairly straight forward references to these

- How does Shakespeare presents ideas about...
- How far does Shakespeare present X as _____....

How to revise English Literature

1. Write down what you know already as a mindmap
2. Do some additional research and adjust your mindmap (add and check)

Watch Mr Bruff / Massolit

Read essays we have read in class / notes in exercise books /booklets

3. Turn your mindmap into an essay plan
4. Write up an essay / paragraph

1. Begins the play as a warrior in King Duncan's army, fighting for _____

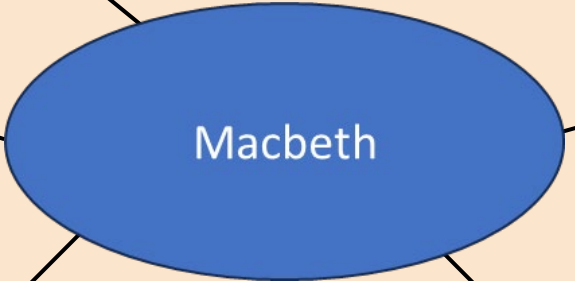
2. Hears a _____ from 3 witches which states that he will become _____ of Cawdor and later _____

3. Macbeth is persuaded by _____ to kill _____

4. Begins to hallucinate e.g. _____

Becomes more violent e.g. _____

5. Killed by Malcolm which restores order to Scotland.



Macbeth

Macbeth is a tragic hero

- **highly renowned**
- **Reversal of fortune**
- **Fatal flaw**

1. Begins the play as a warrior in King Duncan's army, fighting for **Scotland**

Sergeant tells Duncan about "brave Macbeth"

2. Hears a **prophecy** from 3 witches which states that he will become **Thane** of Cawdor and later **King**

Macbeth

5. Killed by Malcolm which restores order to Scotland.

Macduff

"I'll fight till from my bones the flesh be hacked" – The bravest moment of all? (cyclical)

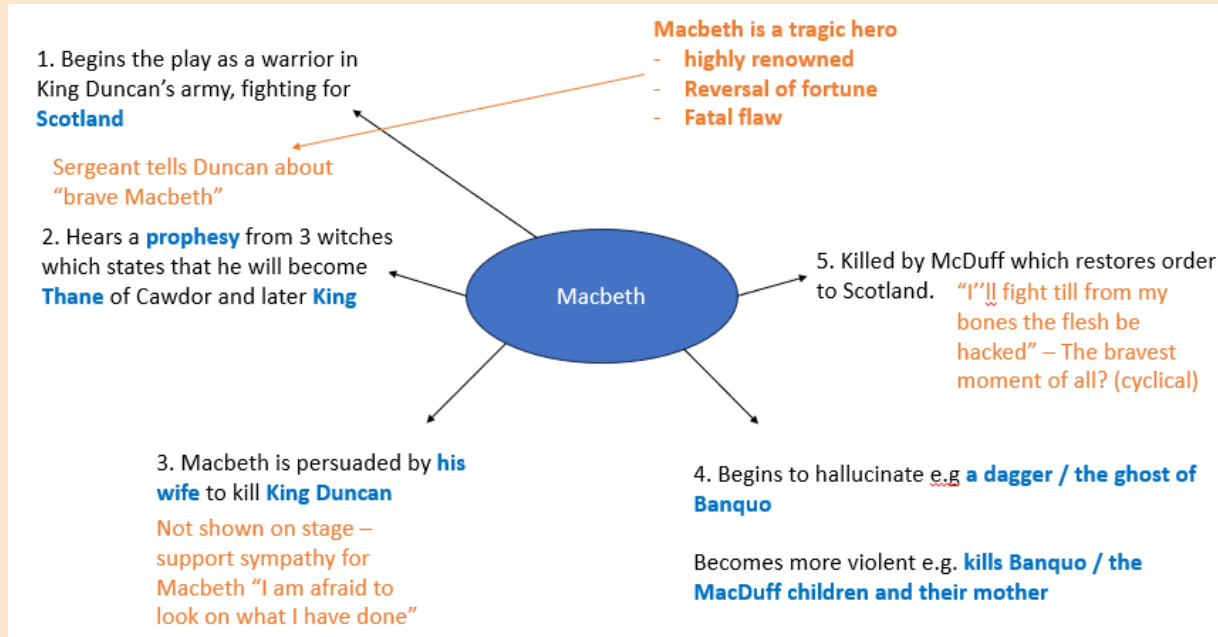
3. Macbeth is persuaded by **his wife** to kill **King Duncan**

Not shown on stage – support sympathy for Macbeth "I am afraid to look on what I have done"

4. Begins to hallucinate e.g. **a dagger / the ghost of Banquo**

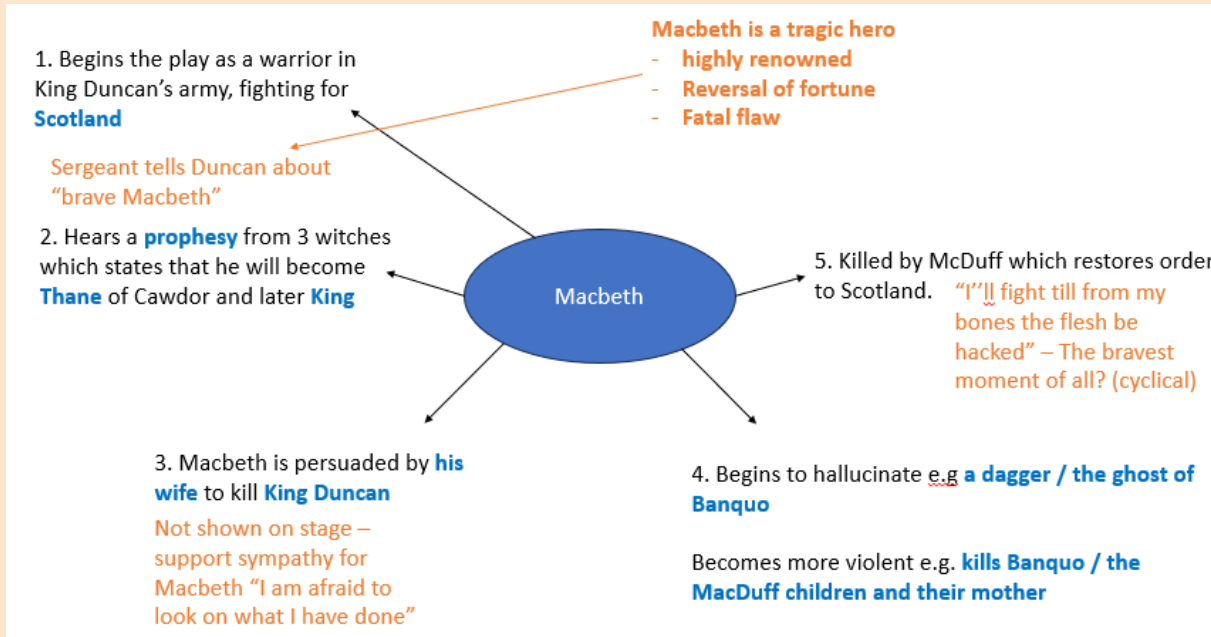
Becomes more violent e.g. **kills Banquo / the MacDuff children and their mother**

How far is Macbeth presented as brave?



- Bravery is link to violence at the start –tragic hero
- Ambition causes cowardly regicide -not brave to murder Duncan in his sleep
- As King his violence is out of desperation / fear not bravery
- At the end on the battlefield he is again shown as brave (re-enforcing the Great chain of Being)

How far is Macbeth presented as brave?



Shakespeare presents Macbeth as brave.

Shakespeare introduces Macbeth as bravely fighting for his King and country.

Shakespeare introduces Macbeth as a patriotic warrior whose exceptional bravery was noticed by others and deserving of attention from the King. Before we meet Macbeth, we hear from the sergeant of how "brave Macbeth" faced the enemy and led Scotland to victory which immediately establishes Macbeth as highly renowned and worthy of respect...

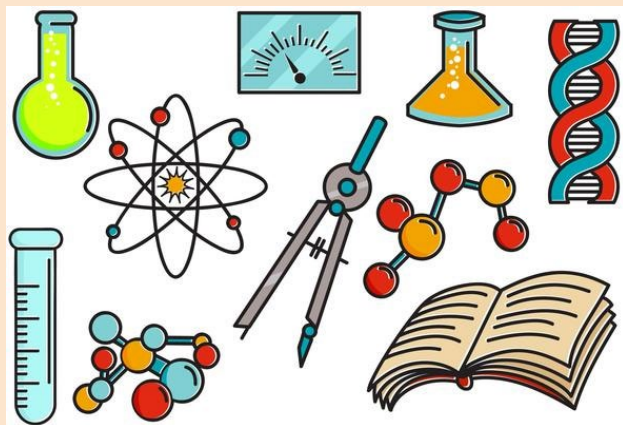


GCSE Science

Dr Marsh - Director of Science



Science



- Revision guide
- Homework – Carousel
- Core Questions
- Read, Cover, Test, Check

Key Points

- AQA
- Three GCSE subjects – Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Two exam papers per subject – 1hr 45 mins, 100 marks.
- 6 exams in total
- Higher Tier and Foundation Tier

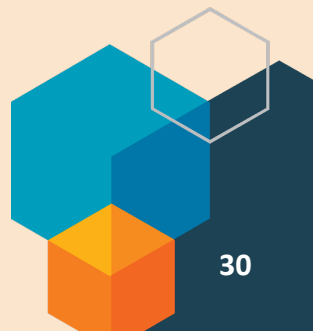
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Science



- We need your help!
- Revision guide
- Core Questions
- Read, cover, test, check
- Nov Mock
- Feb Mock
- End of topic tests



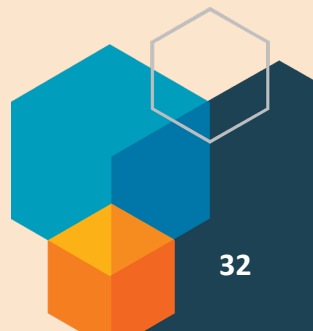


Mental health, Attendance, opportunities and recognition.

Mr Gilkes- Director of KS4

Natalie Hunt – A mentally healthy approach to exams

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jOPLEzlbsi9zVbjpGzBRPnReNUVR5lwD/view?usp=drive_link



Mental Health & Wellbeing



For All:

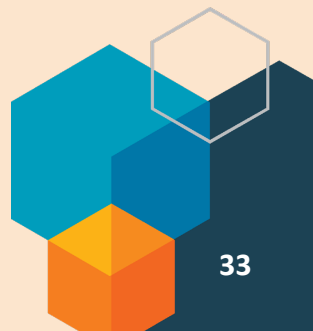
- Embedded within Personal Development sessions
- Assemblies – CAMHS and NH.
- Tutors/pastoral team
- Online resources

Referred:

- Exam stress groups.
- School Counsellor.
- CAMHS in reach groups.
- Other external agencies

NHS – 5 Ways to Wellbeing:

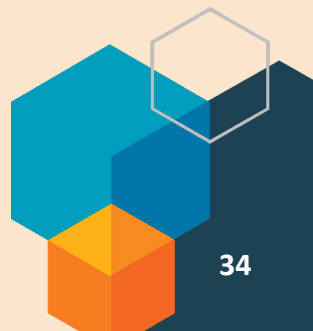
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- keep **L**earning
- be **A**ctive
- take **N**otice
- **G**ive





Impact of attendance

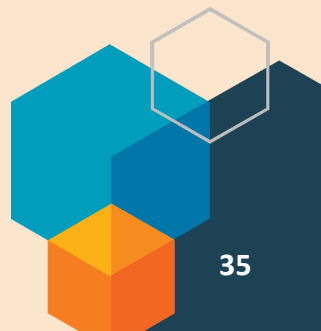
- 150 days before year 11 exams.
- 17+ days absent • Did not achieve 9-4 E/M.
- <5 days absent • Did achieve 9-4 E/M
- 84% of students with full attendance • 9-4 in E/M.
- 35% for students who were PA • 9-4 in E/M.
- Students who increased their attendance by 5 % (8 days) were twice as likely to pass GCSE English and Maths (DfE 2024)
- A high attendance leads to a greater chance of success for most people
- Increased contact, recognition and support for good attendance throughout the year.
- Please see the attendance guide on the school website for more information.



Careers advice



- Careers advisor interviews
- Personal Development curriculum.
- Apprenticeship workshops
- Mock interviews
- Abingdon and Witney college



Abingdon and Witney College



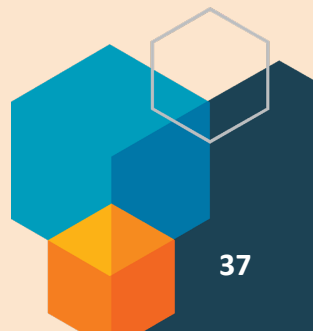
- [Go to their website](#) for course information and entry requirements
- Regular open days advertised online
- Assemblies from AWC staff



Sixth Form Overview – JMF6

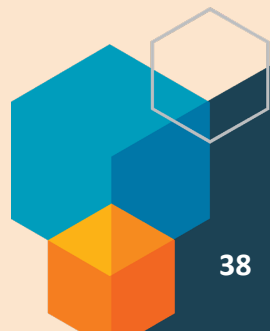


- Joint sixth form
- Approx. 40% of students stay on after Year 11 for JMF6
- Joint provision with FHS – offering a wide breadth of A Levels.
- Majority progress to undergraduate study, including Oxbridge & Medicine
- Others secure high-quality apprenticeships.
- Entry Requirements: Grade 5 at GCSE in the subject or nearest relative subject.
- Full details available on the website.
<https://www.jmf6.org>



OX14 opportunities

- Sporting activities
- Natalie Hunt wellbeing sessions.
- MUN (Model United Nations)
- Peer Support Leads
- Academic mentoring
- Oxbridge group
- Lecture & performance invites.
- OX14 Biology Magazine
- Environmental group
- Astronomy GCSE
- Rugby coaching course
- Free Yoga sessions

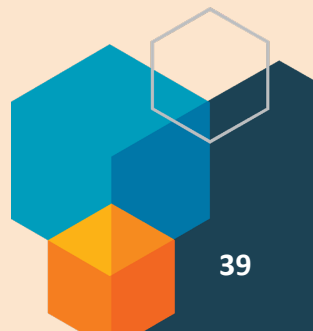


Passport to Prom



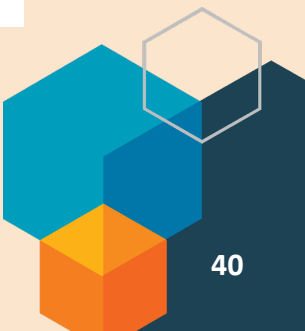
Friday 26th June
Sudbury House Hotel, Faringdon

- An inclusive programme designed to support student motivation and celebrate their progress.
- It helps students feel they've earned their place at the Prom through positive engagement with school life.
- Students work towards their invitation by meeting a range of personal and school-based goals.
- These are designed to be achievable and meaningful, encouraging effort, involvement, and growth.
- This initiative builds confidence, resilience, and a sense of pride. It's about recognising the journey, not just the destination—and we hope to see every Year 11 student celebrating together at the Prom.



Prefects

- Application process
- Involvement in student voice
- Events in school



Celebration

- Points awarded by members of staff and parents notified.
- Regular messages to recognise students
- Year group assemblies every week to recognise term
- Whole school assemblies

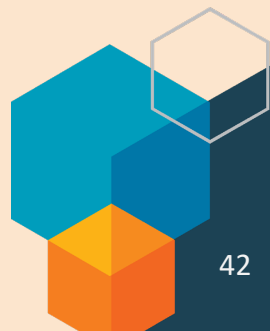




Please register your
attendance and any
questions using the QR code
below

2025-26 will be a very successful year for all our JMS family.

Thank you for listening



Questions from PIE



- I would like to know the date and time of any planned event for sixth form options and application process so I can ensure I will be available.
Sixth form open evening on 18th December will have all the information pertaining to this and there will be more communications detailing the application process.
- Are sets likely to change between now and the exams?
It is unlikely for most students though some may change based on outcomes from the Pre-public exams.
- When will silver D of E take place?
We will be in touch when these dates are confirmed.
- Typical number of hours study/homework at home the year 11 kids should do a week.
There is no set amount of time, but it is recommended that they should spend 1-2 hours each evening studying.

