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**GCSE Course Overview Booklet:
Subject Exam Information and Revision Guidance**

**Year 11
2023-24**

Subject-specific information is also available on the exam board websites:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com> (Edexcel)

<https://www.ocr.org.uk>

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

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Aims of this booklet:

This booklet contains important information about each GCSE course, including:

- Details of the exam board followed in that subject and a hyperlink to the exam specification on the exam board website.
- The dates of this year's exams in that subject – and the length of each exam.
- Details of regular revision opportunities available in that subject at school.
- The structure of the exam papers and the topics that will be assessed in each subject.

*** This includes details of option units/topics/texts/study pieces in English Literature, Religious Studies, Drama, History and Music. Please read this information very carefully – it is essential that you know the correct information to revise and which questions you need to answer in each of your exams in these subjects.**

- Links to useful revision websites, videos and other online resources that you might find helpful in that subject.
- Tips for revising in that subject.

Please contact Mr Langston, Mrs Butt, Mrs Sudbery or your subject teachers if you have any questions about the information in this booklet.

Using the exam specifications:

We would encourage you to use the **exam specifications** to help you focus your revision on your priority areas and also to help you ensure that you revise the whole course before your exams.

Links to the correct exam specification for each subject are included in this booklet, along with the unit codes (e.g. 3.1.2).

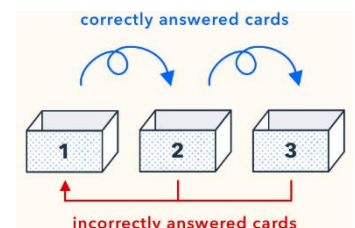
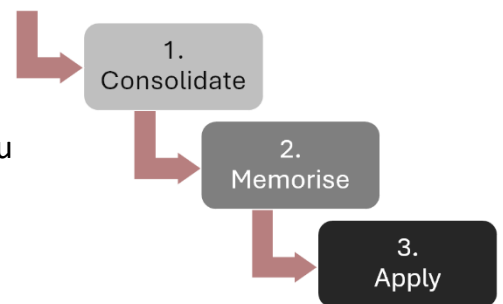
Traffic-light each statement in your exam specifications using a highlighter:

- **Red/Amber: Tricky; I'm not sure I know this.**
- **Yellow: I think I know this, but I need to revise it.**
- **Green: This is a strength; I just need to embed it.**

How to revise:

- ✓ Once you have reviewed your exam specifications, make an exam planner to help you focus on your priority areas. **Condense and consolidate** the information (e.g. flashcards, mindmaps...) linked to each statement in the exam specification and use the [Leitner system](#) (diagram above) to help you **memorise** the information as you go, leaving at least one week before your exams to focus on **applying** your knowledge and understanding to past papers.
- ✓ Use your revision guides to find out the information you want to revise, **writing** about what you're reading and **reorganising** it (rather than just reading the text repeatedly or highlighting it). [Quizzing, blank page retrieval and self-testing](#) are some of the most effective ways of revising.
- ✓ Try doing **20 minutes at a time**, chunking your revision into manageable sections (about 4 pages of a revision guide). After each 20-minute segment, close the revision guide and explain the topic out loud, speedily map it out on paper or ask someone to test you (without looking!).

Prioritise



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GCSE English Language



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Component 1: Thursday 23rd May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Component 2: Thursday 6th June 2024 (am) – 2 hours

Plus Spoken Language endorsement reported as a separate grade

Revision opportunities available in school for English Language:

English revision sessions are held at Thursday lunchtimes with Mr McGuigan and Mrs Butt. There will also be revision workshops taking place at Easter and during May half-term.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in English Language:

English Language Component 1:

20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing (40%)

- **Section A: Fiction Reading**

(10 minutes reading the extract at the beginning of the exam.

Do rule off the selected lines within the questions.)

- **Question 01** Explicit information retrieval.
(5 marks; 5 minutes)
- **Question 02** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects.
(5 marks; 5 minutes)
- **Question 03** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language to achieve effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 04** Analysis of a character, emerging mood and tone or atmosphere, often shaped as a 'how' question.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 05** This question tests the ability to evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual reference. It often asks you to consider the end of the passage as well as the whole text.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)

- **Section B: Fiction Writing**

(5 minutes considering the options and planning; 40 minutes writing your response.)

- **Question 1.1** Select a writing prompt from one of the four choices provided.
(20 marks for content + 16 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; 45 minutes)

English Language Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing (60%)

- **Section A: Non-Fiction Reading**

(10 minutes reading both sources at the beginning of the exam.)

- **Question 01** This question tests the ability to identify explicit information.
(3 marks; 3 minutes)
- **Question 02** This question tests the ability to explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language, tone and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support your views.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 03** This question tests the ability to identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
(3 marks; 3 minutes)
- **Question 04** This question tests the ability to evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)
- **Question 05** This question tests the ability to select and synthesise evidence from different texts.
(4 marks; 4 minutes)
- **Question 06** This question tests the ability to compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across the two texts.
(10 marks; 10 minutes)

- **Section B: Non-Fiction Writing**

- **Question 2.1** You will be provided with two questions that you must complete.

- **Question 2.2** You must write in a method that suits the format, audience and required purpose of each task.

(20 marks each; 30 minutes each including 5 minutes' planning for each question)

Online resources available for English Language:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language-gcse/#tab_pastpapers

A selection of past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GuigLit?cbrd=1>

A YouTube channel created by Mr McGuigan, with plenty of walkthrough videos tailored to the examinations.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/2ab60fa3-f3a8-4111-ac88-09d7b39fdeb3>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/8a9eec3a-6039-48c0-a8ad-a4b923f7acca>

Tailored resources that enable you to work through the English Language specification.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpxh82p>

A range of revision materials including videos and tests.

<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1461>

'Knowledge organisers' to support your English Language revision.

Tips for revising in English Language:

- Plan a narrative that you can use in the Component 1 exam.
- Make sure you know what each non-fiction text looks like and includes that you may be asked to write in the Component 2 exam.
- Keep hold of your cream-coloured sheet that will go through, in detail, your trial examination performance.
- Consult Mr McGuigan or your teacher for past papers, which you should complete in timed conditions and on lined paper to best reflect the real conditions of the examination.

GCSE English Literature



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Component 1: Monday 13th May 2024 (am) – 2 hours

Component 2: Monday 20th May 2024 (am) – 2 hours, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for English Literature:

English revision sessions are held at Thursday lunchtimes with Mr McGuigan and Mrs Butt. There will also be revision workshops taking place at Easter and during May half-term.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in English Literature:

English Literature Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry (40%)

- **Section A:** Shakespeare: **Macbeth***

(1 hour in total for this section. It is recommended to spend 5 minutes reading the extract for Question 1 and 20 minutes answering Question 1; 5 minutes planning for Question 2 and 30 minutes answering Question 2.)

- **Question 2.1** Analysis of an extract from the play.
(15 marks)
- **Question 2.2** Analysis of a wider theme or specific character from the play.
(25 marks)

- **Section B:** Poetry Anthology

(1 hour in total for this section. It is recommended to spend 5 minutes reading the provided poem for Question 1 and 20 minutes answering Question 1; 5 minutes planning for Question 2 and 30 minutes answering Question 2.)

- **Question 7.1** Analysis of a poem from the anthology.
(15 marks)
- **Question 7.2** Comparison of the previous poem with one you can remember based on a provided theme such as love, war, place or power.
(25 marks)

English Literature Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry (60%)

- **Section A: Post-1914 Prose/Drama: Blood Brothers***
 - **Question 10** You will be given an extract from the play and a question to answer. The question is often on a given character, relationship or theme. Write approximately 1/3rd on the extract and 2/3rds on the wider text. *(40 marks including 5 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)*

- **Section B: 19th Century Prose: A Christmas Carol***
 - **Question 21** You will be given an extract from the text and a question to answer. The question is often on a given character, relationship or theme. Write approximately 1/3rd on the extract and 2/3rds on the wider text. *(40 marks including 5 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)*

- **Section C: Unseen Poetry**
 - **Question 31** Analysis of a poem provided. *(15 marks)*
 - **Question 32** Comparison of the previous poem with a new one provided based on a clearly-stated theme. *(25 marks)*

Online resources available for English Literature:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature-gcse/#tab_pastpapers

A selection of past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GuigLit?cbrd=1>

A YouTube channel created by Mr McGuigan, with plenty of walkthrough videos tailored to the examinations.

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

Tailored resources that enable you to work through the English Literature specification.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw9mycw>

A range of revision materials including videos and tests.

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/Macbeth.pdf

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/Blood%20Brothers.pdf

https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/KO19-20_1.11/A%20Christmas%20Carol.pdf

'Knowledge organisers' for each English Literature text to support your revision.

Tips for revising in English Literature:

- Re-read your set texts: Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Watch the film or stage adaptations of Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Secure your understanding of the **plots** of Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Secure your understanding of the **principal characters** in Macbeth, Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol.
- Ensure your notes on the poems from the Eduqas Poetry Anthology are secure and detailed.
- Make sure you can 'pair up' any two poems based upon selected themes such as nature, love, war, power and place.
- Review all of your old work, including any:
 - notes about the context or themes of a text;
 - important quotes; and
 - analysis of literary techniques.
- Then, use those old notes to create a new page of notes for each key character, and each key theme in your text. On each of those pages, you need to write:
 - a description of that character or theme;
 - a list of quotes about that character or theme;
 - a brief description of what each quote means; and
 - Textual analysis for each quote, focusing on how the author is using specific literary techniques to emphasise the point you think they are making about the character or theme.
- Know the context, form and structure, language, imagery and themes of all the anthology poems.
- Complete past exam papers and mark them using the mark schemes.

GCSE Mathematics



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

- [Pearson Edexcel](#) Paper 1: Thursday 16th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins
Paper 2: Monday 3rd June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins
Paper 3: Monday 10th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Maths:

Students are encouraged to make use of the 8-week online intervention programme on MathsWatch.

If you would like help to revise – or support with your MathsWatch revision – supported revision in Maths takes place on Wednesdays after school in G305.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Maths:

- Number:
 - Structure and calculation
 - Fractions, decimals and percentages
 - Measures and accuracy
- Algebra:
 - Notation, vocabulary and manipulation
 - Graphs
 - Solving equations and inequalities
 - Sequences
- Ratio, proportion and rates of change
- Geometry and measures:
 - Properties and measures
 - Mensuration and calculation
 - Vectors
- Probability
- Statistics

Mathematics Paper 1: Non-Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Mathematics Paper 2: Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Mathematics Paper 3: Calculator Paper (33.3%)

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Online resources available for Maths:

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

A complete online Maths platform to support your Maths revision.

(Use your MathsWatch log-in details to log in.)

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

Free resources including videos and worksheets.

<https://revisionmaths.com/gcse-maths/gcse-maths-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-maths-past-papers>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

Free online GCSE video tutorials, notes and exam-style questions for each Maths topic.

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html>

Access to GCSE Maths past papers and mark schemes.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-maths/>

Access to GCSE Maths past papers and mark schemes – remember to choose Edexcel GCSE.

Tips for revising in Maths:

- The best way to revise for Maths is by doing lots of practice questions. Ask your teacher for extra copies of past exam papers so that questions can be completed again, and you can see what needs improving on. Past exam papers and mark schemes are also available online that you can print and use to practise (see links above).
- If you identify a knowledge gap or a question you cannot do when completing a past paper, use your revision guide or the relevant MathsWatch link to find out more about it and write a revision card on the key information. Make a note of the topic so that you can ask your Maths teacher for help on it next lesson.

GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Biology Paper 1: Friday 10th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Chemistry Paper 1: Friday 17th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Physics Paper 1: Wednesday 22nd May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Biology Paper 2: Friday 7th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Chemistry Paper 2: Tuesday 11th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Physics Paper 2: Friday 14th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Combined Science:

Science revision sessions:

- 'Aiming higher': Tuesday lunchtimes.
- Supported revision: Tuesdays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Combined Science:

Biology Paper 1 (16.7%)

- 4.1 Cell Biology
- 4.2 Organisation
- 4.3 Infection and Response
- 4.4 Bioenergetics
- 4.8 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Biology Paper 2 (16.7%)

- 4.5 Homeostasis and Response
- 4.6 Inheritance, Variation and Evolution
- 4.7 Ecology

Chemistry Paper 1 (16.7%)

- 5.1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table
- 5.2 Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter
- 5.3 Quantitative Chemistry
- 5.4 Chemical Changes
- 5.5 Energy Changes
- 5.11 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Chemistry Paper 2 (16.7%)

- 5.6 The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
- 5.7 Organic Chemistry
- 5.8 Chemical Analysis
- 5.9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- 5.10 Using Resources



Physics Paper 1 (16.7%)

- 6.1 Energy
- 6.2 Electricity
- 6.3 Particle Model of Matter
- 6.4 Atomic Structure

6.8 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Physics Paper 2 (16.7%)

- 6.5 Forces
- 6.6 Waves
- 6.7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Combined Science required practicals:

Biology:

1. Microscopy
2. Osmosis
3. Food tests
4. Enzymes
5. Photosynthesis
6. *Reaction time*
7. *Field investigations*

Chemistry:

8. Making salts
9. Electrolysis
10. Temperature changes
11. *Rates of reaction*
12. *Chromatography*
13. *Water purification*

Physics:

14. Specific heat capacity
15. Resistance
16. I-V characteristics
17. Density
18. *Force and extension*
19. *Acceleration*
20. *Waves*
21. *Radiation and absorption*

Online resources available for Combined Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

[KLS Combined Science revision notes booklets](#) (*school log-in needed to access*):

A5 booklets containing the key facts you need to know for each Combined Science exam.

<https://www.chestnutgrove.org.uk/blog/biology-chemistry-and-physics-revising-booklets>

Booklets of questions that could be used to test your knowledge of each Combined Science topic once you have revised it, that could be used alongside your A5 revision notes booklets.

https://youtu.be/qIOMlwBoe_4?list=PLAd0MSIZBSsF3vV_uXzbcNHuDrQ6Hc-Ul

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Combined Science exams.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/myGCSEscience>

A YouTube channel offering revision videos for some of the topics in Combined Science; all topics available with additional subscription to [My GCSE Science](#).

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on 'Explore the lessons' and **KS4 Science (Combined FT or HT)**.

GCSE Biology



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Friday 10th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Friday 7th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Biology:

Science revision sessions:

- 'Aiming higher': Tuesday lunchtimes.
- Supported revision: Tuesdays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Biology:

Biology Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Cell Biology
- 4.2 Organisation
- 4.3 Infection and Response
- 4.4 Bioenergetics

Biology Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.5 Homeostasis and Response
- 4.6 Inheritance, Variation and Evolution
- 4.7 Ecology
- 4.8 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Biology required practicals:

1. Microscopy
2. Microbiology
3. Osmosis
4. Food tests
5. Enzymes
6. Photosynthesis
7. *Reaction time*
8. *Plant responses*
9. *Field investigations*
10. *Decay*

Online resources available for Biology:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKYQ-K23Mr4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uqti-xPnT-8>

Primrose Kitten's YouTube videos summarising the whole of Biology Paper 1 and Paper 2.

<https://www.chestnutgrove.org.uk/blog/biology-chemistry-and-physics-revising-booklets>

Booklets of questions that could be used to test your knowledge of each Biology topic once you have revised it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SX6mow1AExI&list=PLAd0MSIZBSsHv1pioWRdg-pZCWTo84cdP>

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Biology exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on '**Explore the lessons**' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

Tips for revising in Biology:

- An important way to revise in Biology is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Biology teacher.

GCSE Chemistry



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Friday 17th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Tuesday 11th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Chemistry:

Science revision sessions:

- 'Aiming higher': Tuesday lunchtimes.
- Supported revision: Tuesdays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Chemistry:

Chemistry Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table
- 4.2 Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter
- 4.3 Quantitative Chemistry
- 4.4 Chemical Changes
- 4.5 Energy Changes

Chemistry Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.6 The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
- 4.7 Organic Chemistry
- 4.8 Chemical Analysis
- 4.9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- 4.10 Using Resources

- 4.11 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Chemistry required practicals:

1. Making salts
2. Neutralisation
3. Electrolysis
4. Temperature changes
5. *Rates of reaction*
6. *Chromatography*
7. *Identifying ions*
8. *Water purification*

Online resources available for Chemistry:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpQ-3YAwNhI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJu8WTtZJU>

Primrose Kitten's YouTube videos summarising the whole of Chemistry Paper 1 and Paper 2.

[KLS Chemistry revision notes booklets](#) (*school log-in needed to access*)

Booklets containing the key facts you need to know for each Chemistry exam.

<https://www.chestnutgrove.org.uk/blog/biology-chemistry-and-physics-revising-booklets>

Booklets of questions that could be used to test your knowledge of each Chemistry topic once you have revised it, that could be used alongside the revision notes booklets.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIOMlwBoe_4&list=PLAd0MSIZBSsEygAZyDRkK0PgQZ6uiC98F

YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Chemistry exams.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

Recorded online lessons: Click on '**Explore the lessons**' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

<https://quizlet.com/join/e72uus7tM>

Mrs Sudbery's Quizlet cards to enable you to check your knowledge of the Paper 2 topics.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zpsCA0a1DH>

A revision quiz to give you practice at applying your understanding of Le Châtelier's Principle to examples, predicting the effects of changes in conditions on a system at equilibrium.

Tips for revising in Chemistry:

- An important way to revise in Chemistry is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Chemistry teacher.

GCSE Physics



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 22nd May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Friday 14th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Physics:

Science revision sessions:

- 'Aiming higher': Tuesday lunchtimes.
- Supported revision: Tuesdays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Physics:

Physics Paper 1 (50%)

- 4.1 Energy
- 4.2 Electricity
- 4.3 Particle Model of Matter
- 4.4 Atomic Structure

Physics Paper 2 (50%)

- 4.5 Forces
- 4.6 Waves
- 4.7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism
- 4.8 Space
- 4.9 Key Ideas (assessed in both papers)

Each paper will also include questions on the **required practicals** you have completed in Years 10 and 11. It is therefore essential to include the required practicals as part of your revision.

Physics required practicals:

1. Specific heat capacity
2. Thermal insulation
3. Resistance
4. I-V characteristics
5. Density
6. *Force and extension*
7. *Acceleration*
8. *Waves*
9. *Light*
10. *Radiation and absorption*

Online resources available for Physics:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtw-Z0nIIA4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1aMXCr75Kw>

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YouTube videos showing you the method for each of the required practicals – and often also the results you obtain – providing a useful reminder of each of the required practicals you have covered in class and that will be assessed in your Physics exams.

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Recorded online lessons: Click on '**Explore the lessons**' and **KS4 Science (Triple Science)**.

Tips for revising in Physics:

- An important way to revise in Physics is by using your revision guide, class work or revision videos to review a particular section and then doing blank page retrieval on that section, followed by exam questions and marking your answers using the mark scheme. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and check your understanding. If you need extra exam questions or past papers, please speak to your Physics teacher.

GCSE Religious Studies



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA A](#)

Paper 1: Thursday 9th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Thursday 16th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Religious Studies:

Religious Studies revision sessions are held at Friday lunchtimes.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Religious Studies:

Religious Studies Paper 1: The Study of Religions: Beliefs, Teachings and Practices (50%)

- Beliefs, teaching and practices in two religions:

3.1.2 Christianity*

3.1.5 Islam*

(96 marks, plus 6 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; 1 hour 45 minutes)

Religious Studies Paper 2: Thematic Studies (50%)

- Four religious, philosophical and ethical studies themes:

3.2.1.1 Theme A: Relationships and families*

3.2.1.2 Theme B: Religion and life*

3.2.1.4 Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict*

3.2.1.5 Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment*

Make sure you answer the questions on the themes listed above only, which equate to Question 1, Question 2, Question 4 and Question 5 (and not Question 3 or Question 6).

(96 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; 1 hour 45 minutes)

Online resources available for Religious Studies:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbndy9q>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of Christianity.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4v7gwx>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of Islam.

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/christianity>

Features lots of useful information to support your revision of Christianity.

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/islam>

Features lots of useful information to support your revision of Islam.

Tips for revising and sitting your exams in Religious Studies:

- 1 mark – 2 mins
- 2 marks – 4 mins
- 4 marks – 5 mins
- 12 marks – 12 mins
- = 25 mins per question set.
- 1 mark – 1 minute (1 minute to check)
- If you struggle to understand a question, use a **highlighter** to help you focus on what the question is asking.
 - **BOX** the instruction words.
 - **UNDERLINE** the topic.
 - **GLANCE** at the marks.

GCSE Art



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Pearson Edexcel](#) Two-day externally-set assignment: Tuesday 16th April 2024 (all day)
and Friday 19th April 2024 (all day)

Plus personal portfolio making up 60% of the overall grade

Additional opportunities available in school for Art:

Art intervention takes place after school on Mondays.

Art rooms are also available to students at lunchtimes in consultation with Art staff.

Structure of the course in Art:

Personal Portfolio (60%)

Theme: NATURAL FORMS (water/fish/shells; flower and leaves; bones and masks; or fruit and vegetables)

Checklist:

(This is the minimum requirement and extension work is recommended to achieve grade 8/9)

Initial Ideas board:

- Mind map
- Student photographs
- Transcription
- Direct observation drawing
- Monoprint

Artist board:

- 3 x transcriptions from different artists
- Annotations
- Research on artists
- Imagery of artists' work

Experimentation board:

- 3 x experimentations using different materials from direct observation, artist work and/or student photos
- Annotations of the experimentations

Planning and Refining board:

- Students' own photographs
- Statement of intent
- 3 x compositional studies
- 1 x mini main piece
- Images of 1 x artist influence

Externally-Set Assignment (40%)**Final Outcome: 10 hours**2024 theme: POWER

Checklist:

*(This is the minimum requirement and extension work is recommended to achieve grade 8/9)***Initial Ideas board:**

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- Student photographs
- Transcription
- Direct observation drawing
- Monoprint
- Annotations

Artist board:

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- Research on artists
- Imagery of artists' work

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- Annotations of the experimentations

Planning and Refining board:

- Students' own photographs
- Statement of intent
- 3 x compositional studies
- 1 x mini main piece
- Images of 1 x artist influence

The externally-set assignment will take place on Tuesday 16th April and Friday 19th April 2024.

GCSE Business



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 14th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 2: Wednesday 5th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Business:

Business revision sessions are held after school on Wednesdays or Thursdays in line with the schedule shared on Microsoft Teams.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Business:

Business Paper 1: Influences of Operations and HRM on Business Activity (50%)

3.1 Business in the real world

3.2 Influences on business

3.3 Business operations

3.4 Human resources

- **Section A:** Multiple choice and short answer questions. *(20 marks)*
- **Section B:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(34 marks approx.)*
- **Section C:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(36 marks approx.)*

(90 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)

Business Paper 2: Influences of Marketing and Finance on Business Activity (50%)

3.1 Business in the real world

3.2 Influences on business

3.5 Marketing

3.6 Finance

- **Section A:** Multiple choice and short answer questions. *(20 marks)*
- **Section B:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(34 marks approx.)*
- **Section C:** One case study/data response stimuli with questions. *(36 marks approx.)*

(90 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)

Online resources available for Business:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zvwb382>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

Tips for revising in Business:

- Use the question tracker (shared on Microsoft Teams and on paper) to identify which topics appear frequently and concentrate your revision around these.
- Use the GCSE 2024 revision pack (on Microsoft Teams and SharePoint) to access Paper 1 and Paper 2 exam papers, mark schemes and examiners' reports for all exam series since the course began.
- Use homework themes and ensure you have completed any challenge tasks.
- Use the exam question pedagogy booklet from Mr Ellis to help you understand the mark scheme for all types of question, from 1-mark to 12-mark questions.
- Purchase the AQA GCSE (9-1) Business textbook (SurrIDGE and Gillespie).
- Try to attend the after-school revision sessions on Wednesdays/Thursdays as per the schedule on Microsoft Teams.

GCSE Computer Science



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[OCR](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 15th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Paper 2: Tuesday 21st May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Computer Science:

Computer Science revision sessions are held after school on Tuesdays (Week 1 only).

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Computer Science:

Computer Science Paper 1: Computer Systems (50%)

- 1.1 Systems architecture
- 1.2 Memory and storage
- 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols
- 1.4 Network security
- 1.5 Systems software
- 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology

- This is a non-calculator paper.

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 mins)

Computer Science Paper 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms, Programming (50%)

- 2.1 Algorithms
- 2.2 Programming fundamentals
- 2.3 Producing robust programmes
- 2.4 Boolean logic
- 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)

- This is a non-calculator paper.

(80 marks; 1 hour, 30 mins)

Online resources available for Computer Science:

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

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/>

<https://www.w3schools.com/python/>

For support with coding and Python programming tutorials.

<https://student.craigndave.org/j277>

Videos to support with revision for Computer Science.

<https://adacomputerscience.org/topics?examBoard=all&stage=all#gcse>

A free online platform for Computer Science, including notes and practice questions.

<https://hurworth.swiftacademies.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/02/GCSE-Computer-Science-Knowledge-Organisers.pdf>

'Knowledge organisers' to support your revision of the key facts in Computer Science.

Tips for revising in Computer Science:

- Use your revision guide to create mind maps or revision cards for each topic so that you can use these materials for your revision. Rate your understanding of each topic and use this to inform your revision.
- Use the [Computer Science knowledge organisers](#) to revise the essential information you need to know for each exam paper.
- Work through past paper exam questions to test your understanding of each topic and ensure that you are aware of what is required in your written answers. Use the mark schemes to mark and correct your answers.
- Aim to use a range of revision media as well as those listed above, including the ['Craig 'n' Dave' videos](#), as well as past paper walk-throughs.

GCSE Design & Technology: Graphics



Exam board: Exam date and duration:

[AQA](#)

Tuesday 18th June 2024 (am) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for Graphics:

Graphics support is available after school on Wednesdays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Graphics:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** Core technical principles (20 marks)
- **Section B** Specialist technical principles (30 marks)
- **Section C** Designing and making principles (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for Graphics:

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://technologystudent.com/>

Numerous information sheets and exercises to enhance the study and understanding of D&T.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Design & Technology: Resistant Materials



Exam board: Exam date and duration:

[AQA](#)

Tuesday 18th June 2024 (am) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for Resistant Materials:

Resistant Materials support is available after school on Wednesdays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Resistant Materials:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** Core technical principles (20 marks)
- **Section B** Specialist technical principles (30 marks)
- **Section C** Designing and making principles (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for Resistant Materials:

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://technologystudent.com/>

Numerous information sheets and exercises to enhance the study and understanding of D&T.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Design & Technology: Textiles



Exam board: Exam date and duration:

[AQA](#)

Tuesday 18th June 2024 (am) – 2 hours

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for Textiles:

Textiles support is available after school on Wednesdays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Textiles:

Design & Technology Written Exam (50%)

- **Section A** Core technical principles (20 marks)
- **Section B** Specialist technical principles (30 marks)
- **Section C** Designing and making principles (50 marks)

You must answer all of the questions, which are based on all areas of Design & Technology.

Online resources available for Textiles:

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj8yjhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd9sd6f>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge of the core technical principles; specialist technical principles; and designing and making principles.

<https://technologystudent.com/>

Numerous information sheets and exercises to enhance the study and understanding of D&T.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/b4e64de8-a5d1-411b-81e2-aa4e2016e908>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/ca844643-6ac9-4614-bdc7-a7157a25ec04>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your D&T revision.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources>

Access to past exam papers and mark schemes.

GCSE Drama



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Thursday 9th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Plus two components of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 60% of the overall grade

Other key dates in Drama:

The Drama performance exam will take place on **Friday 15th March 2024**. This is one of the two non-exam assessment components and makes up 20% of your GCSE Drama grade.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Drama:

Drama Exam Paper: Understanding Drama (40%)

- **Section A** Multiple choice questions. (4 marks)
- **Section B** A study of one complete performance text: **Blood Brothers***. (44 marks)
 - **Make sure you answer the question on Blood Brothers only.**
 - A clean copy of the text will be provided in the exam.
- **Section C** A live theatre evaluation: **The Ocean at the End of the Lane***. (32 marks)
 - This section consists of one question requiring you to describe, analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance you have seen.
 - **Make sure you answer the question in the context of The Ocean at the End of the Lane.**

Online resources available for Drama:

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

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your Drama knowledge.

GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Wednesday 19th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Plus two components of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 50% of the overall grade

Other key dates in Food Preparation:

You will complete your Food Preparation practical exam **in the week of 4th March 2024**. This is the second of the two non-exam assessment components that contribute to your overall GCSE Food Preparation grade – NEA 1: 15% of grade; NEA 2: 35% of grade.

Revision opportunities available in school for Food Preparation:

Food Preparation support is available after school on Wednesdays.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Food Preparation:

Food Preparation Written Exam (50%)

- 3.2 Food, nutrition and health
- 3.3 Food science
- 3.4 Food safety
- 3.5 Food choice
- 3.6 Food provenance

(100 marks; 1 hour, 45 mins)



Online resources available for Food Preparation:

<https://illuminate.digital/aqafood/>

Online resources to support your Food Preparation revision.

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/14-16-years/>

Online resources to resources to support the teaching and learning of food.

GCSE French



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 14th May 2024 (am) – 35/45 mins

Paper 2: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Paper 3: Tuesday 14th May 2024 (am) – 45 mins/1 hour

Paper 4: Friday 24th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins

Other key dates in French:

The French speaking exams will take place on **Thursday 25th April and Friday 26th April 2024**.

Revision opportunities available in school for French:

French revision sessions are held on Mondays at lunchtime and after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in French:

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| • Theme 1: Identity and culture | - Me, my family and friends |
| | - Technology in everyday life |
| | - Free-time activities |
| | - Customs and festivals |
| • Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest | - Home, town, neighbourhood and region |
| | - Social issues |
| | - Global issues |
| | - Travel and tourism |
| • Theme 3: Current and future study and employment | - My studies |
| | - Life at college/school |
| | - Education post-16 |
| | - Jobs, career choices and ambitions |

French Paper 1: Listening (25%)

- **Section A** Questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Questions in French, to be answered in French.

(Foundation tier – 40 marks; 35 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

French Paper 2: Speaking (25%)

- **Role-play** (15 marks; Foundation tier – 2 minutes; Higher tier – 2 minutes)
- **Photo card** (15 marks; Foundation tier – 2 minutes; Higher tier – 3 minutes)
- **General conversation** (30 marks; Foundation tier – 3-5 minutes; Higher tier – 5-7 minutes)

French Paper 3: Reading (25%)

- **Section A** Questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Questions in French, to be answered in French.
- **Section C** Translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words at foundation tier and 50 words at higher tier).

(Foundation tier – 60 marks; 45 minutes)

(Higher tier – 60 marks; 1 hour)

French Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Foundation tier

- **Question 1** Message (write four sentences in response to a photo). *(8 marks)*
- **Question 2** Short passage (write a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total). *(16 marks)*
- **Question 3** Translation from English into French (minimum 35 words). *(10 marks)*
- **Question 4** Structured writing task (respond to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(16 marks)*

(1 hour)

Higher tier

- **Question 1** Structured writing task (respond to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(16 marks)*
 - **Question 2** Open-ended writing task (respond to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(32 marks)*
 - **Question 3** Translation from English into French (minimum 50 words). *(12 marks)*
- (1 hour, 15 mins)*

Online resources available for French:

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

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login>

Access to the GCSE French textbook online. (Use your Kerboodle log-in details to log in.)

<https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.sentencebuilders.com/>

Access to digital resources on Languagenut and SentenceBuilders with your log-in details.

Tips for revising in French:

- Use your [Languagenut](#) account to revise vocabulary, verbs, grammar, sentence chunks and exam skills.
- Use your [SentenceBuilders](#) account to revise sentence chunks and use writing frames to practise writing.
- Ask Mr Burgin for access to past papers and/or exemplar exam materials for practice.

GCSE Geography



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

OCR B

Paper 1: Friday 17th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Paper 2: Wednesday 5th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Paper 3: Friday 14th June 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 30 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for Geography:

Geography revision sessions:

- 'Getting the grade': Tuesdays after school (Week 2 only) in G102.
- 'Aiming higher': Wednesday lunchtimes (Week 2 only) in G304.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Geography:

Geography Paper 1: Our Natural World (35%)

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| Question 1 | Global hazards (13 marks) |
| Question 2 | Changing climate (13 marks) |
| Question 3 | Distinctive landscapes (13 marks) |
| Question 4 | Sustaining ecosystems (13 marks) |
| Question 5 | Geographical skills, including <u>physical geography</u> fieldwork (15 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) |

Geography Paper 2: People and Society (35%)

| | |
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| Question 1 | Urban futures (13 marks) |
| Question 2 | Dynamic development (13 marks) |
| Question 3 | UK in the 21st century (13 marks) |
| Question 4 | Resource reliance (13 marks) |
| Question 5 | Geographical skills, including <u>human geography</u> fieldwork (15 marks, plus 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) |

Geography Paper 3: Geographical Exploration (30%)

Geographical skills, responding to a series of questions relating to a particular place

Data handling and analytical skills are tested.

(60 marks, including 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Geographical skills will be assessed in all three exam papers. These include:

- Cartographic skills relating to a variety of maps at different scales, including:
 - Ordnance Survey maps;
 - world maps;
 - thematic maps; and
 - data-enriched maps.
- Graphical skills.
- Numerical and statistical skills.
- Formulating enquiry and argument.

Online resources available for Geography:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpsx2p3>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

https://kingslangleyhertssch.sharepoint.com/sites/KLS_Subjects_11/Year%2011/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FKLS%5FSubjects%5F11%2FYear%2011%2FOther%20revision%20resources%2FGeography&viewid=52282c24%2Dd4c20%2Da2a3%2Daf9800f0094f

'Knowledge organisers' to support your revision of the key facts in Geography. *(School log-in needed to access.)*

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography>

Features lots of useful information to aid geography revision.

Tips for revising in Geography:

- Listen to the Looms provided for each topic.
- Create core study guides – causes, impacts and responses.
- Colour-code your revision notes as advantages or disadvantages of a scenario – or use symbols to do this.

GCSE History



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Pearson Edexcel](#) Paper 1: Wednesday 15th May 2024 (am) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Paper 2: Tuesday 4th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 45 mins

Paper 3: Tuesday 11th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 20 mins

Revision opportunities available in school for History:

History revision sessions are held every Wednesday after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in History:

History Paper 1: Thematic Study and Historic Environment (30%)

- **Section A** Historic environment: The British sector of the Western Front*.
 - One question that assesses knowledge. (Q1)
 - One two-part question based on two provided sources. (Q2a and 2b)

(16 marks)
- **Section B** Thematic Study: Medicine in Britain, c1250 - present*.
 - The first two questions are compulsory. (Q3 and Q4)
 - For the third question, answer one from a choice of two. (Q5 or Q6)

(36 marks, including 4 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

History Paper 2: Period Study and British Depth Study (40%)

- **Booklet P** Period study: Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991*.
 - The first two questions are compulsory. (Q1 and Q2)
 - For the third question, select two out of three parts. (Q3)

(32 marks)
- **Booklet B** British depth study: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588*.
 - One three-part question.
 - * The first two parts are compulsory. (Q1a and b)
 - * For the third part, select one from a choice of two. (Q1c)

(32 marks)

History Paper 3: Modern Depth Study (30%)

- Modern Depth Study: **Weimar and Nazi Germany***.
 - One question based on a provided source. (Q1)
 - One question that assesses your knowledge and understanding. (Q2)
 - One four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations. (Q3a, b, c **and** d)

(52 marks, including 4 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Revision support in History:

Essential resources for History (*school log-in details needed to access some resources*):

Your GCSE History exercise books.

[GCSE Course Guide 2023-2024](#)

Your GCSE History course guide.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials>

For access to past paper question banks (also available on Microsoft Teams).

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/paper-1---medicine-in-britain-c1250ndashpresent.html>

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/paper-2p-superpower-relations-and-the-cold-war-1941ndash91.html>

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/paper-3-weimar-and-nazi-germany-1918ndash398203.html>

For access to revision content work booklets (also given to you by your History teacher).

Online resources for History (*school log-in details needed to access some resources*):

https://kingslangleyhertssch.sharepoint.com/sites/KLS_Subjects_HI/Year%2011/Forms/AllItems.aspx

For access to revision resources for each paper on SharePoint.

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/gcse-history.html>

For access to all of our GCSE History revision resources and useful links.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pearson.android.pulse.pearsonrevise&hl=en_GB&gl=US

To download the Pearson Revise app, which has quizzes for each History topic.

Tutor2U: **<https://www.tutor2u.net/history>**

Oak National Academy: **<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>**

BBC Bitesize:

Paper 1: Medicine: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zppr4xs>

Paper 2P: Cold War: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwbysg8>

Paper 2B: Elizabeth: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7>

Paper 3: Germany: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymqwx>

Online videos:

Paper 1: Medicine

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/medicine-through-time/zdcy8xs>

Paper 2P: Cold War

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsbRuc8X92E1LsrAidhylwhmVUCkZwv9N>

Paper 2B: Elizabeth

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcvEcrsF_9zLTTFTWEPC-St2I7TedKwG6

Paper 3: Germany

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00084td/rise-of-the-nazis>

More revision support is available here:

<https://www.klshistory.co.uk/useful-websites.html>

Revision guides available to purchase:

Please see Page 2 of your [GCSE Course Guide 2023-2024](#) (school log-in details needed).

Tips for revising in History:

- Create flashcards with a key topic on one side, and questions and answers about it on the other side. Spend some time going through and learning these questions and answers on your own, and then ask someone to test you on them.
- Complete the activities in the content revision guides to test how well you have understood the information.
- Use [Seneca Learning](#) to read about key topics and then complete the activities to test that you have understood them. There are activities for all four of the GCSE topics, so choose the ones you feel least confident with to practise.
- Once you are confident in the knowledge, have a go at answering some practice exam questions and then use the mark scheme to mark these and add to your answers.
- For more suggestions, please refer to Pages 6-8 of your [GCSE Course Guide 2023-2024](#).

GCSE Music



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[Eduqas](#)

Monday 17th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour, 15 mins

Plus two components of non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 60% of the overall grade: two performances (30%) and two compositions (30%)

Revision opportunities available in school for Music:

Music revision sessions are held on Fridays after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Music:

Music Written Exam: Appraising (40%)

- There are four areas of study:
 1. Musical forms and devices
 2. Music for ensemble
 3. Film music
 4. Popular music
- The exam will consist of eight questions, two on each area of study.
- Of the eight questions, six will be on unprepared musical extracts and two on set extracts which relate to two areas of study; please see details of this year's set extracts below.
- You must answer all the questions. (96 marks)

Set extract linked to Area of Study 1: Musical forms and devices

- ❖ [Badinerie by J.S.Bach for Flute and String Orchestra with Harpsichord \(Final movement, Orchestral Suite No.2 in B minor, BWV 1067\)*](#)

Set extract linked to Area of Study 4: Popular music

- ❖ [Africa: Toto \(released 1982\)*](#)

Online resources available for Music:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your music theory knowledge.

<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1508>

'Knowledge organisers' to support your revision of each area of study and the set extracts.

https://kingslangleyhertssch.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/KLS_Subjects_11/ErBheZBrXzVJuxl7AqN_LdYkBQ67W1dmPhOVPLendg5RYTA?e=gX6hMG

Revision tips and exercises for each area of study.

<https://portal.focusonsound.com/>

<https://auralia.cloud/login>

GCSE Physical Education



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[OCR](#)

Paper 1: Wednesday 22nd May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour

Paper 2: Monday 3rd June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour

Plus non-exam assessment (NEA) making up 40% of the overall grade

Revision opportunities available in school for PE:

PE revision sessions and intervention are held at Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in PE:

PE Paper 1: Physical Factors Affecting Performance (30%)

- 1.1.a The structure and function of the skeletal system**
- 1.1.b The structure and function of the muscular system**
- 1.1.c Movement analysis**
- 1.1.d The cardiovascular and respiratory systems**
- 1.1.e Effects of exercise on body systems**
- 1.2.a Components of fitness**
- 1.2.b Applying the principles of training**
- 1.2.c Preventing injury in physical activity and training**

- You need to answer all of the questions in this paper.

(60 marks)

PE Paper 2: Socio-Cultural Influences and Sports Psychology (30%)

- 2.1.a Engagement patterns of different social groups in physical activities and sports**
- 2.1.b Commercialisation of physical activity and sport**
- 2.1.c Ethical and socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport**
- 2.2 Sports psychology**
- 2.3 Health, fitness and well-being**

- You need to answer all of the questions in this paper.

(60 marks)

Online resources available for PE:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/ztrcg82>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your PE knowledge.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/9498bb2b-5267-4148-941c-e086379410ac>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/c4c8a5ad-eab7-4bd4-b4c4-810fa64b9bb2>

Relevant pages on Seneca Learning to support your PE revision.

[**GCSE PE Independent Study Support Schedule 2024.pdf**](#)

A PE revision overview provided by the PE department, giving page numbers in the textbook and the revision guide for each topic, plus relevant YouTube clips.

GCSE Spanish



Exam board: Exam dates and durations:

[AQA](#)

Paper 1: Tuesday 4th June 2024 (am) – 35/45 mins

Paper 2: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Paper 3: Tuesday 4th June 2024 (am) – 45 mins/1 hour

Paper 4: Monday 10th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins

Other key dates in Spanish:

The Spanish speaking exams will take place on **Wednesday 24th April 2024**.

Revision opportunities available in school for Spanish:

Spanish revision sessions are held on Mondays at lunchtime and after school.

Structure of the exam papers and topics assessed in Spanish:

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|--|---|
| • Theme 1: Identity and culture | - Me, my family and friends |
| | - Technology in everyday life |
| | - Free-time activities |
| | - Customs and festivals |
| • Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest | - Home, town, neighbourhood and region |
| | - Social issues |
| | - Global issues |
| | - Travel and tourism |
| • Theme 3: Current and future study and employment | - My studies |
| | - Life at college/school |
| | - Education post-16 |
| | - Jobs, career choices and ambitions |

Spanish Paper 1: Listening (25%)

- **Section A** Questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish.

(Foundation tier – 40 marks; 35 minutes)

(Higher tier – 50 marks; 45 minutes)

Spanish Paper 2: Speaking (25%)

- **Role-play** (15 marks; Foundation tier – 2 minutes; Higher tier – 2 minutes)
- **Photo card** (15 marks; Foundation tier – 2 minutes; Higher tier – 3 minutes)
- **General conversation** (30 marks; Foundation tier – 3-5 minutes; Higher tier – 5-7 minutes)

Spanish Paper 3: Reading (25%)

- **Section A** Questions in English, to be answered in English.
- **Section B** Questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish.
- **Section C** Translation from Spanish into English (a minimum of 35 words at foundation tier and 50 words at higher tier).

(Foundation tier – 60 marks; 45 minutes)

(Higher tier – 60 marks; 1 hour)

Spanish Paper 4: Writing (25%)

Foundation tier

- **Question 1** Message (write four sentences in response to a photo). *(8 marks)*
- **Question 2** Short passage (write a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total). *(16 marks)*
- **Question 3** Translation from English into Spanish (minimum 35 words). *(10 marks)*
- **Question 4** Structured writing task (respond to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(16 marks)*

(1 hour)

Higher tier

- **Question 1** Structured writing task (respond to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(16 marks)*
- **Question 2** Open-ended writing task (respond to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total), with the choice from two questions. *(32 marks)*
- **Question 3** Translation from English into Spanish (minimum 50 words). *(12 marks)*

(1 hour, 15 mins)

Online resources available for Spanish:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjihv>

Revision materials, videos and tests to check your knowledge.

<https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login>

Access to the GCSE Spanish textbook online. (Use your Kerboodle log-in details to log in.)

<https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.sentencebuilders.com/>

Access to digital resources on Languagenut and SentenceBuilders with your log-in details.

Tips for revising in Spanish:

- Use your [Languagenut](#) account to revise vocabulary, verbs, grammar, sentence chunks and exam skills.
- Use your [SentenceBuilders](#) account to revise sentence chunks and use writing frames to practise writing.
- Ask Mr Burgin for access to past papers and/or exemplar exam materials for practice.

GCSE Chinese (Spoken Mandarin)

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Tuesday 14th May 2024 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Tuesday 14th May 2024 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Wednesday 22nd May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE German

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Friday 10th May 2024 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Friday 10th May 2024 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Tuesday 21st May 2024 (am) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Polish

Exam board:

[AQA](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Wednesday 12th June 2024 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Wednesday 12th June 2024 (pm) – 45 mins/1 hour

Writing: Tuesday 18th June 2024 (pm) – 1 hour/1 hour, 15 mins



GCSE Turkish

Exam board:

[Pearson Edexcel](#)

Exam dates and durations:

Listening: Monday 13th May 2024 (pm) – 35/45 mins

Speaking: *Completed before the main exam period begins*

Reading: Monday 13th May 2024 (pm) – 50 mins/1 hour, 5 mins

Writing: Monday 20th May 2024 (pm) – 1 hour 20 mins/1 hour, 25 mins



9-Week Subject Revision Plans

To support you in your revision, our KLS subject departments have created **9-week subject revision plans** to break down the exam specifications into smaller chunks for you to revise each week, making your revision feel more manageable and to ensure you have revised the whole course by the time the exams start. If you have already started your revision, you may not need to cover every point on each plan but can instead focus on your priority areas. *Links to the 9-week revision plans for each subject can be found below; KLS student log-in required.*

We are conscious that you have 10 or 11 subjects to revise in total and therefore have not prescribed what you should be revising each day; instead, we would encourage you to plan your revision for each week ahead around your other commitments, using the subject revision plans to identify which sections you are going to revise each day and ticking each one off as you complete it.

We have previously talked to you about 3 recommended stages of revision: **Condense/Consolidate – Memorise – Apply**, and the subject revision plans will support you with this. Start by condensing the information in the topics indicated for that week (e.g. by making flashcards, mind maps, etc) and then use these to quiz yourself or ask someone else to test you (e.g. using the [Leitner system](#) or [blank page retrieval](#)). The final stage is applying your knowledge to exam questions, and links to past papers and mark schemes have been included in the subject revision plans.

[GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature](#)

[GCSE Mathematics \(FOUNDATION\)](#)

[GCSE Mathematics \(HIGHER\)](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Biology](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Chemistry](#)

[GCSE Combined Science: Physics](#)

[GCSE Biology](#)

[GCSE Chemistry](#)

[GCSE Physics](#)

[GCSE Religious Studies](#) (100-day revision challenge)

[GCSE Art](#) (NEA checklist)

[GCSE Business](#)

[GCSE Computer Science](#)

[GCSE D&T: Graphic Products, Resistant Materials and Textiles](#)

[GCSE Drama](#)

[GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition](#)

[GCSE French](#)

[GCSE Geography](#)

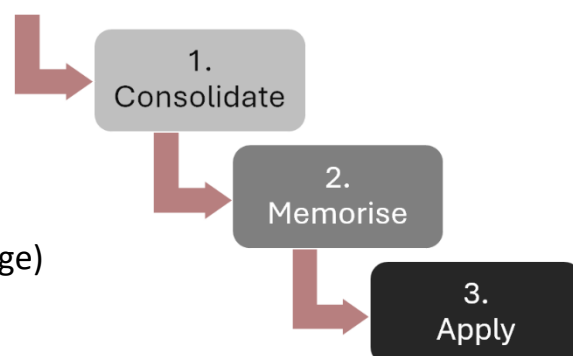
[GCSE History](#)

[GCSE Music](#)

[GCSE Physical Education](#) (revision calendar)

[GCSE Spanish](#)

Prioritise



Exams and non-exam assessment days taking place before the main exam period*

- **GCSE Music performance:** 14th November 2023 and 26th March 2024
- **GCSE PE practical moderation:** w/c 12th February 2024
- **GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition food preparation assessment:** w/c 4th March 2024
- **GCSE Drama performance:** Friday 15th March 2024
- **GCSE Art two-day externally-set assignment:** 16th and 19th April 2024
- **GCSE French and Spanish speaking exams:** 24th, 25th and 26th April 2024
- **GCSE modern language speaking exams (other):** Friday 26th April 2024

** In addition to the non-exam assessment being completed in lessons during the year*



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 1 | Monday 6th May | Tuesday 7th May | Wednesday 8th May | Thursday 9th May | Friday 10th May |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Morning | BANK HOLIDAY | | | Religious Studies 1 (AQA 8062/1A) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Biology 1 (AQA 8461/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> Combined Science: Biology 1 (AQA 8464/B/1) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> |
| Afternoon | | | | Drama (AQA 8261/W) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | German Listening and German Reading (AQA 8668/L and 8668/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i> |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 2 | Monday 13th May | Tuesday 14th May | Wednesday 15th May | Thursday 16th May | Friday 17th May | |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| Morning | English Literature 1 (Eduqas C720U10-1) <i>2 hr</i> | French Listening and French Reading (AQA 8658/L and 8658/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i> | History 1 (Pearson 1HI0 11) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> | Mathematics 1: Non-calculator (Pearson 1MA1 1) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | Chemistry 1 (AQA 8462/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Combined Science: Chemistry 1 (AQA 8464/C/1) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> |
| Afternoon | Turkish Listening and Turkish Reading (Pearson 1TU0 1 and 1TU0 3) <i>35/45 min + 50 min/1 hr 5 min</i> | Business 1 (AQA 8132/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Chinese Listening and Chinese Reading (AQA 8673/L and 8673/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i> | Computer Science 1 (OCR J277/01) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | Religious Studies 2 (AQA 8062/2A) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Geography 1 (OCR J384/01) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 3 | Monday 20th May | Tuesday 21st May | Wednesday 22nd May | | Thursday 23rd May | Friday 24th May |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Morning | English Literature 2 (Eduqas C720U20-1) <i>2 hr 30 min</i> | German Writing (AQA 8668/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15 min</i> | Physics 1 (AQA 8463/1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Combined Science: Physics 1 (AQA 8464/P/1) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> | English Language 1 (Eduqas C700U10-1) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | French Writing (AQA 8658/W) <i>1 hr/1 hr 15 min</i> |
| Afternoon | Turkish Writing (Pearson 1TU0 4) <i>1 hr 20 min/1 hr 25 min</i> | Computer Science 2 (OCR J277/02) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | Physical Education 1 (OCR J587/01) <i>1 hr</i> | Chinese Writing (AQA 8673/W) <i>1 hr/ 1 hr 15 min</i> | | |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 4 | Monday 3rd June | Tuesday 4th June | Wednesday 5th June | Thursday 6th June | Friday 7th June |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| Morning | Mathematics 2: Calculator (Pearson 1MA1 2) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | Spanish Listening <u>and</u> Spanish Reading (AQA 8698/L and 8698/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/1 hr</i> | Geography 2 (OCR J384/02) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> | English Language 2 (Eduqas C700U20-1) <i>2 hr</i> | |
| Afternoon | Physical Education 2 (OCR J587/02) <i>1 hr</i> | History 2 (Pearson 1H10 2R) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Business 2 (AQA 8132/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | National contingency afternoon for GCSE and A-level exams should sustained national or local disruption arise during the exam period. It is important that you are available on this date in case any exams need to be rescheduled. | Biology 2 (AQA 8461/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> Combined Science: Biology 2 (AQA 8464/B/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 5 | Monday 10th June | Tuesday 11th June | | Wednesday 12th June | Thursday 13th June | Friday 14th June | | |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Morning | Mathematics 3: Calculator (Pearson 1MA1 3) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | Chemistry 2 (AQA 8462/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Combined Science: Chemistry 2 (AQA 8464/C/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> | | | Geography 3 (OCR J384/03) <i>1 hr 30 min</i> | | |
| Afternoon | Spanish Writing (AQA 8698/W) <i>1 hr /1 hr 15 min</i> | History 3 (Pearson 1HI0 31) <i>1 hr 20 min</i> | | Polish Listening <u>and</u> Polish Reading (AQA 8688/L and 8688/R) <i>35/45 min + 45 min/ 1 hr</i> | National contingency afternoon for GCSE and A-level exams should sustained national or local disruption arise during the exam period. It is important that you are available on this date in case any exams need to be rescheduled. | | Physics 2 (AQA 8463/2) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | Combined Science: Physics 2 (AQA 8464/P/2) <i>1 hr 15 min</i> |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 6 | Monday 17th June | Tuesday 18th June | | | Wednesday 19th June | Thursday 20th June | Friday 21st June |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Morning | | Design & Technology: Graphics (AQA 8552/W) <i>2 hr</i> | Design & Technology: Resistant Materials (AQA 8552/W) <i>2 hr</i> | Design & Technology: Textiles (AQA 8552/W) <i>2 hr</i> | Food Preparation and Nutrition (AQA 8585/W) <i>1 hr 45 min</i> | | |
| Afternoon | Music (Eduqas C660U30-1) <i>1 hr 15 min (approx.)</i> | Polish Writing (AQA 8688/W) <i>1 hr/ 1 hr 15min</i> | | | | | |



GCSE exam timetable: May-June 2024

| EXAMS WEEK 7 | Monday 24th June | Tuesday 25th June | Wednesday 26th June | Thursday 27th June | Friday 28th June |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Morning | | | <p style="text-align: center;">National contingency day for GCSE and A-level exams should sustained national or local disruption arise during the exam period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is important that you are available on this date in case any exams need to be rescheduled.</p> | | |
| Afternoon | | | | | |

