





# To be covered

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# Key staff



**Mrs R Hudson**  
*Headteacher*



**Mr N Scoltock**  
*Deputy Headteacher*



**Mrs J Carr**  
*Year 11 Progress Leader*

11 Grey Dr Salisbury	11 Navy Miss Haydock	11 Purple Mr Pedder	11 Royal Miss Wright	11 Turquoise Mr Cairns
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# Safeguarding



# Routines – Mobile phones



- Pupils who wish to bring a phone must hand it in to their tutor in the morning.
- It goes into a box.
- The boxes are securely kept for the day.
- At the end of the school day, tutors will collect boxes and hand phones back to pupils.

## WHY?

**To reduce distraction / disruption phones cause during the school day. Phones are a barrier to learning, reduce concentration and increase the likelihood of pupils missing out on key information in lessons.**





# Year 11

## Tips for Your Most Important School Year

Year 11 is a crucial time in your educational journey.

With homework, deadlines, coursework, assessments, exams, and social activities, it can feel overwhelming.

The key to success is navigating this whilst maintaining your wellbeing.

# Get organised

## Why organisation matters matters

Organisation in year 11 is so crucial. There is homework, deadlines, coursework, assessments, exams, prom as well as everything else that comes with being a young person and enjoying your life. In short: it's busy.

## Planning your time

- Having your time planned is really important, so that you can make sure everything gets done, you do it justice and you also give yourself time to enjoy what you like to do outside of school.

## Tools for success

Use a notebook, wallchart or your phone's calendar to plan what you need to do, when for, and how it's going to get done.

Think about exactly where you are in each subject, what you need to work on, and how you're going to go about it.





# Organisation

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# Attendance

## What does “Good attendance” mean?

■ 95+% Green ■ 95% Amber ■ Below 95% Red

1 school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!**

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = **a GCSE grade DROP in achievement** (DfES)



# Understand perfection is not practical

Get this: you aren't going to get everything correct in every assessment for the entire year.

You still have a year to go, and mistakes are part of the process of learning. If something goes wrong, that's fine; look at what went wrong, think about why, and consider how you can make sure you learn so that it doesn't go wrong again.





# Revision starts early!

The earlier it starts, the longer you have to re-revise information. And the more time you allow that to move to your long term memory, the easier it is to recall in exams.

Don't make revision just for your mocks; make it a part of your overall exam revision programme so that it becomes part of your weekly routine.

The earlier you start revising early the more likely you are to remember what you've studied.



# Look after yourself

## Mental wellbeing

The most important thing about you is your physical and mental health, and Year 11 can be a stressful time for everyone.

## Speak up

If you're struggling, tell someone. If you're not well, tell someone. If it's getting you down, tell someone.

## Seek help

Only by talking can anyone help anything, so don't soldier on letting it get worse. Talk to someone who you trust and start to make things better.



# Help & support



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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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**MINDSHIFT APP**  
This app helps teens by giving strategies and tools to help deal with everyday anxiety.



**SMILING MIND APP**  
A free meditation app developed by psychologists and educators for young people aged 7 -18.



**HAPPY NOT PERFECT APP**  
This app has simple exercises to help with mental wellbeing.

### IN THIS SECTION

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- TERM DATES
- UNIFORM AND MOBILE PHONES

# Parental support

- Help your child to keep on top of work, but also factor in rest, and relaxation.
- Follow a revision plan linked to the exam timetable.
- Be a revision buddy – help test them on the things they need to know.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking enough.
- Make sure they are getting enough sleep - lack of sleep can lead to an increase in stress and anxiety.
- Be there to listen when they want to talk. A lot of the time they are not necessarily looking for advice, they just want to offload their concerns.
- Give reassurance and encouragement.
- Try to avoid lecturing and nagging – focus on positive reinforcement





# External support



<https://platformforlife.org.uk/>

# Be yourself.... and don't compare

All anyone wants from you is your best. Not your friend's. Not your sister who left school three years ago with top grades in everything – YOURS!

Run your own race and don't compare yourself to anyone else. It's sometimes hard when your friends are all getting exams back and talking about what they got, but your future is not about them, it's about you, doing your best, and being the very best version of yourself.



# Enjoy it!

Right now, you have just started the year everyone's been talking about for ages – how important it is, what's going to happen when you finish, what dress you'll wear for Prom – all that seems ages away at the moment.

In a few years' time, though, that won't be the case. Massive things will happen this year which, right now, you're in control of. Take control of your future and own it. Enjoy the highs, and get help through the lows, and make sure, when you reach the end, you've done the best you can.



# Key dates

Date	Event/Activity
Mon 3 Nov – Fri 14 Nov	Yr11 Mock Exams 1
Thur 11 Dec	Yr11 Progress Evening 1
Mon 2 Feb – Fri 13 Feb	Yr11 Mock Exams 2
Thur 19 Mar	Yr11 Progress Evening 2
Mon 20 Apr – Fri 1 May	Yr11 Practical Exams (PD, Art, Gra, MFL, Fd)
Fri 1 May	Yr11 Summer Exams Start (provisional)
Mon 15 June	Yr11 Summer Exams End (provisional)
Thur 25 June	Yr11 ROA Evening
Fri 26 June	Yr11 Prom
Thur 20 Aug	Yr11 Results Day

Coursework Deadlines
<p>Autumn Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Performing Arts</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care</li> <li>• Child Development</li> <li>• Animal Care</li> <li>• IMedia</li> <li>• IT</li> <li>• Marketing</li> </ul>
Exam Preparation
<p>January – May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product Design, Art, Graphics, Music, Performing Arts</li> </ul>



# Mock exams

- Exam practice
- Identify support (access arrangements)
- Decisions on tier of paper – Higher 9-5 / Foundation 5-1 ( Science, Maths, Languages)
- Identifies areas of strength & development
- Build skills and knowledge
- Supports revision
- Post 16 applications – data used to inform predicted grades



# Summer exams

2026 Summer Exam Timetable													
Day	Date	Start	Minutes	Board	Code	Subject	Day	Date	Start	Minutes	Board	Code	Subject
Friday	01/05/2026	am	120	BTEC	BAC03	Animal Health and Welfare	Tuesday	02/06/2026	pm	90	AQA	8572/2	Media Studies Paper 2
Thursday	07/05/2026	am	90	BTEC	BSP03	Sport	Tuesday	02/06/2026	am	75 105	AQA	8463/1F/1H 8464/P/1F	Physics Paper 1
Monday	11/05/2026	am	105	AQA	8702/1	English Literature P1	Tuesday	02/06/2026	am	90	Edexcel	1ST0 1F 1H	Statistics P1
Tuesday	12/05/2026	am	105	AQA	8062(11-17)	Religious Studies A P1	Tuesday	02/06/2026	pm	85 45 65	Edexcel	1AA04	Arabic Writing
Tuesday	12/05/2026	pm	75 105	AQA	8461/1F/1H 8464/B/1F	Biology Paper 1	Tuesday	02/06/2026	pm	35/45 45/60	AQA	8688/LF 8688/RF	Polish Listening, Reading
Wednesday	13/05/2026	am	105	Eduqas	C112U10-1	Geography Paper 1?	Wednesday	03/06/2026	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 2F/2H	Mathematics P2
Thursday	14/05/2026	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 1F/1H	Mathematics P1	Wednesday	03/06/2026	pm	75	OCR	R032/01	Health and Social Care
Friday	15/05/2026	am	120	Eduqas	C100U	History 1	Wednesday	03/06/2026	pm	90	Eduqas	C112U20-1	Geography P2
Friday	15/05/2026	pm	90	OCR	R050	IT in digital world	Thursday	04/06/2026	pm	75/90	Eduqas	C7800QS	French Writing
Monday	18/05/2026	pm	90	AQA	8572/1	Media Studies Paper 1	Thursday	04/06/2026	am	120	Eduqas	C100U1	History 2
Monday	18/05/2026	am	75 105	AQA	8462/1F/1H 8464/C/1F	Chemistry Paper 1	Friday	05/06/2026	am	120	Eduqas	C700U20-1	English Language P2
Tuesday	19/05/2026	am	135	AQA	8702/2	English Literature P2	Monday	08/06/2026	am	75 105	AQA	8461/2F/2H 8464/B/2F	Biology Paper 2
Tuesday	19/05/2026	pm	75	OCR	R057/01	Child Development	Monday	08/06/2026	pm	90	OCR	R093/01	Creative iMedia
Wednesday	20/05/2026	am	35/45 60/75	Eduqas	C800QS	French Listening, Reading	Monday	08/06/2026	pm	105	AQA	8365/1	Further Maths P1
Wednesday	20/05/2026	pm	105	AQA	8062/2A and 2B 8061D	Religious Studies A P2	Wednesday	10/06/2026	am	90	Edexcel	1MA1 3F/3H	Mathematics P3
Wednesday	20/05/2026	pm	75	OCR	R067/01	Enterprise and Marketing	Thursday	11/06/2026	am	90	Eduqas	C112U30-1	Geography Paper 3
Thursday	21/05/2026	am	105	Eduqas	C700U10-1	English Language P1	Friday	12/06/2026	pm	90	AQA	8236/W	Dance
Friday	22/05/2026	am	45 65	Edexcel	1AA0 1 & 3	Arabic Listening, Reading	Friday	12/06/2026	pm	80	WJEC	5409UB0-1	The Hospitality & Catering
SUMMER Half Term							Friday	12/06/2026	am	75 105	AQA	2/2F/2H 8464/C	Chemistry Paper 2
							Friday	12/06/2026	pm	90	Edexcel	1ST0 2F 2H	Statistics P2
							Friday	12/06/2026	pm	80/85	AQA	8688/WF	Polish Writing
							Monday	15/06/2026	am	75/105	AQA	8463/2F/2H 8464/P/2F	Physics Paper 2
							Monday	15/06/2026	pm	105	AQA	8365/2	Further Maths P2



# Period 6

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11	PERFORMING ARTS (114) ENGLISH (All)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) GEOGRAPHY (6.00pm Virtual lesson Google classroom) MARKETING (502)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) FURTHER MATHS (503) MUSIC (124) ART/ GRAPHICS (122) PRODUCT DESIGN (113) FOOD/ CHILD DEVELOPMENT (122) SCIENCE (311) HISTORY (318) IT (201) MEDIA STUDIES (216) RELIGIOUS STUDIES (228) (Starting 03/11/25)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) MATHS (All)	FRENCH (205)
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11	PERFORMING ARTS (114) ENGLISH (All)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) GEOGRAPHY (6.00pm Virtual lesson Google classroom) MARKETING (502)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) MUSIC (124) ART/ GRAPHICS (122) PRODUCT DESIGN (113) FOOD/ CHILD DEVELOPMENT (122) SCIENCE (311) HISTORY (318) IMEDIA (201) RELIGIOUS STUDIES (228) (Starting 03/11/25)	PERFORMING ARTS (114) MATHS (All)	FRENCH (205)



# Home learning

Google Classroom codes for all teachers/subjects can be found via the school website.



The image shows a screenshot of the school website displaying a table of Google Classroom codes. The table is titled 'YEAR 11 GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES' and has columns for Class, Teacher Initials, Teacher Name, Subject, and Google Classroom Code. The table lists codes for Art and Biology classes.

Class	Teacher Initials	Teacher Name	Subject	Google Classroom Code
11C/Ar1	WRJ	Miss J M WRIGHT	Art	
11C/Bi1	LAJ	Mr J M LACEY	Biology	qrlxj3u
11S/Bi1	LAJ	Mr J M LACEY	Biology	kxxq5na
11S/Bi2	LAJ	Mr J M LACEY	Biology	jgih2ti
11S/Bi3	LAJ	Mr J M LACEY	Biology	tip5ik
11S/Bi4	ANF	Miss F ANKERS	Biology	evcns5q
11S/Bi5	ANF	Miss F ANKERS	Biology	nu4j3n2
11S/Bi6	ANF	Miss F ANKERS	Biology	dx46vcb

Home learning club in 201 3.10-4pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday



# KS4 Grading

### GCSE qualification grading

New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D E F
2	
1	
U	U

Grade 5 =  
Strong pass

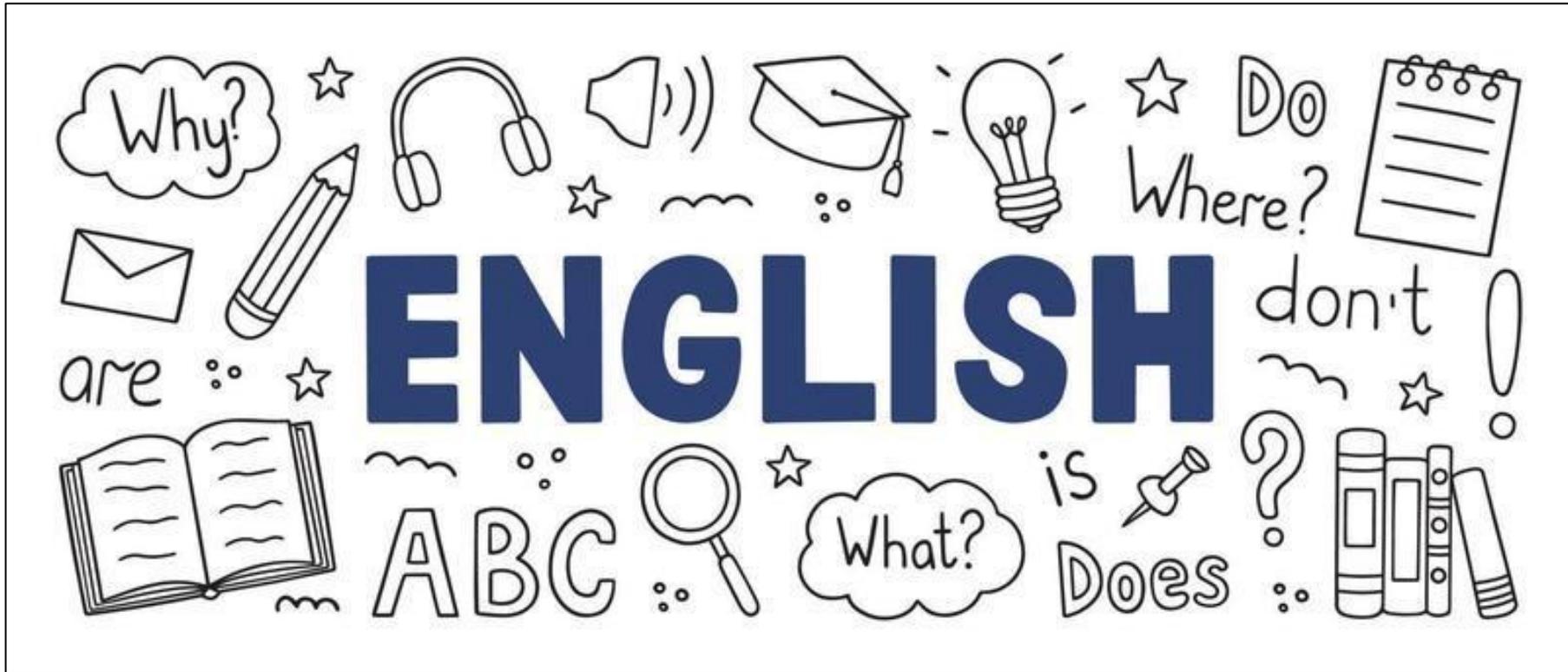
Grade 4 =  
Standard pass

### Vocational qualification grading

Vocational Qualification Grade	9-1 Grade equivalent
Level 2 Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 Distinction	7
Level 2 Merit	5.5
Level 2 Pass	4
Level 1 Distinction	3
Level 1 Merit	2
Level 1 Pass	1.25



# Core subject – English



Head of English – Mr Stockdale



# Core subject – English Literature

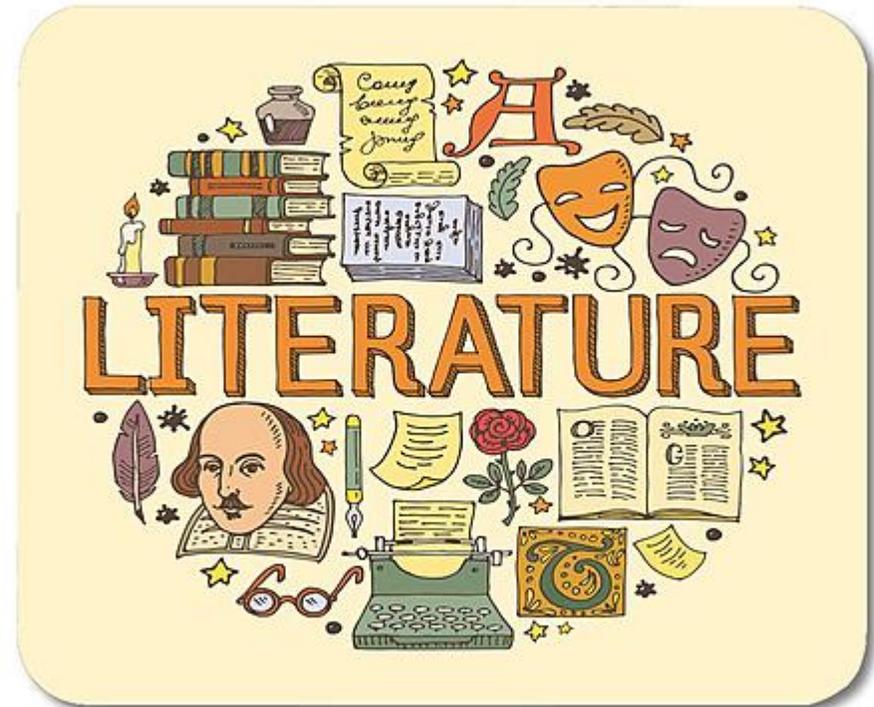
Students sit 2 papers in English Literature (AQA)

## Paper 1 (1h 45m)

- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- Romeo & Juliet

## Paper 2 (2h 15m)

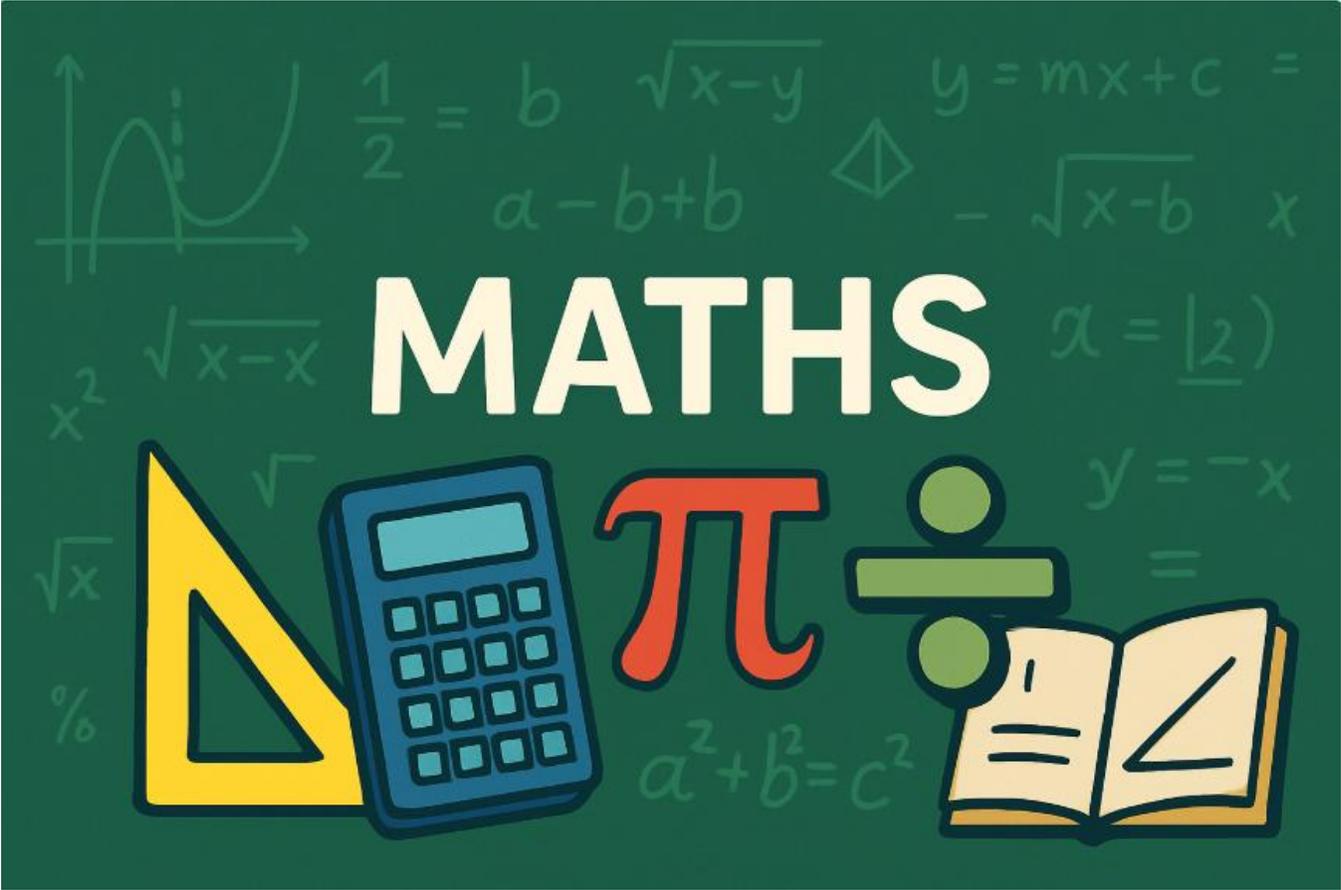
- Blood Brothers
- Poetry Anthology & Unseen Poetry







# Core subject – Maths



Head of Maths – Mr Slade

# Core subject - Maths

## Students sit 3 papers in Maths (Edexcel)

Paper 1 (1 h 30 m) Non-calculator

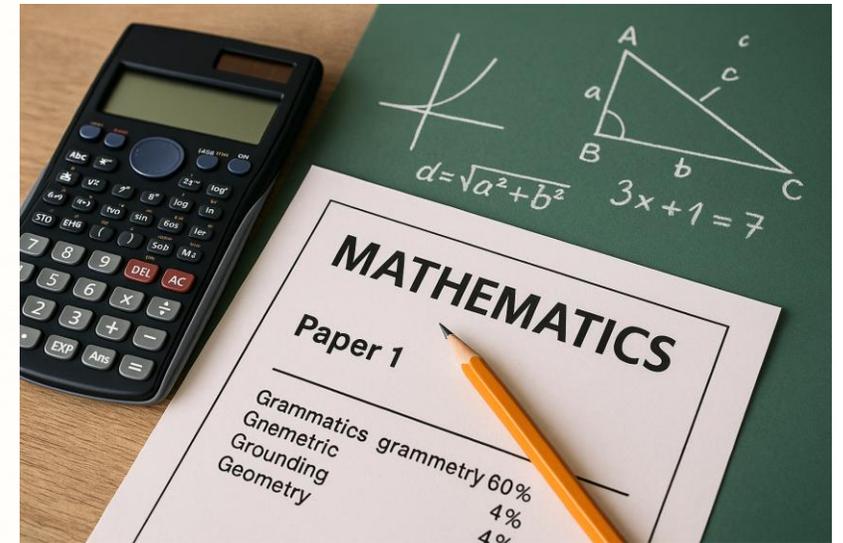
Paper 2 (1 h 30 m) Calculator

Paper 3 (1 h 30 m) Calculator

Each paper is worth 80 marks, total 240 marks, equally weighted

Assesses all six core areas:

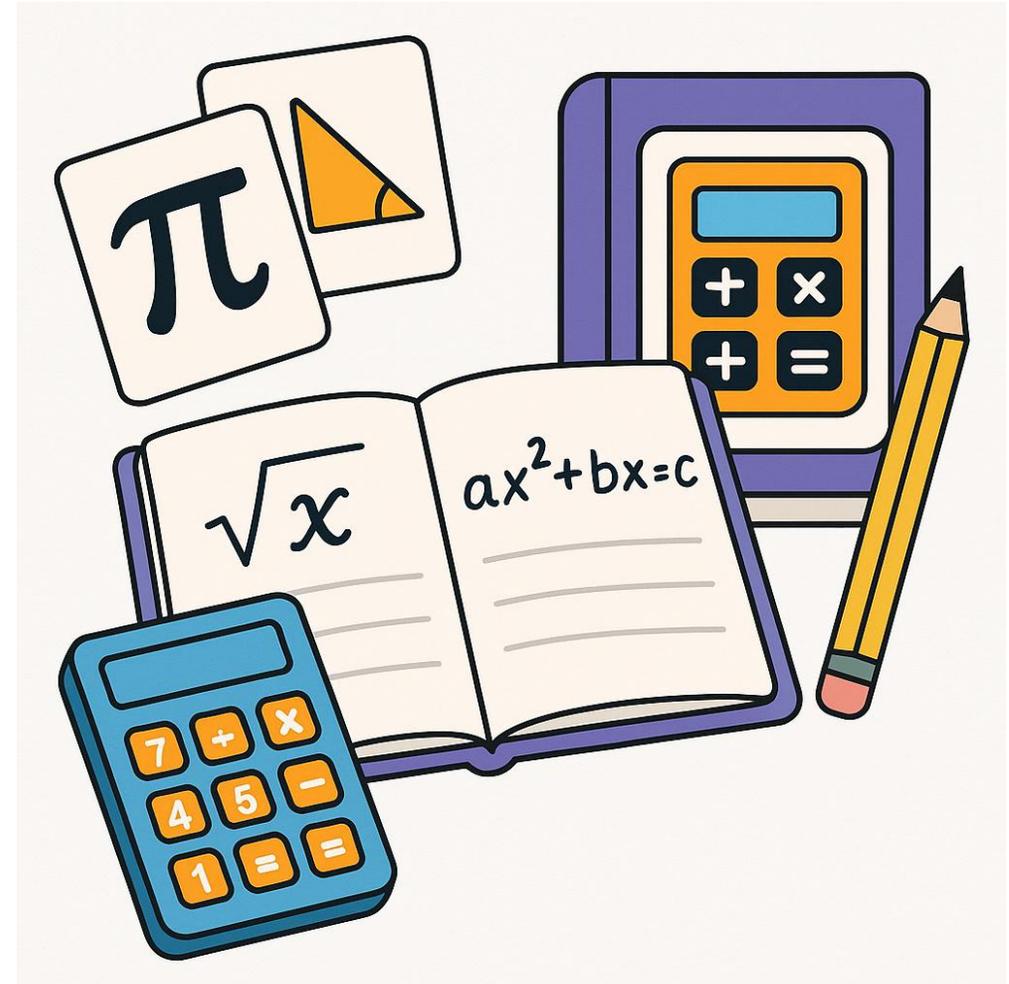
Number	25% to 30% (Foundation), 10% to 15% (Higher)
Algebra	20% to 25% (Foundation), 30% to 35% (Higher)
Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change	25% to 30% (both tiers)
Geometry and Measures	15% to 20% (both tiers)
Probability	5% to 10% (both tiers)
Statistics	10% to 15% (both tiers)



# Core subject - Maths

## How to Revise for Maths

- Attend **Period 6** every Thursday after school for extra support and exam practice
- Complete all set homework on **Sparx Maths** to strengthen understanding and build fluency
- Teachers will send weekly emails with updates on:
  - Weekly 30 Thursday“ tasks
  - Homework completion
  - Period 6 attendance
- The **key to success** is consistent engagement with your teachers – ask questions, act on feedback, and use support offered



# Core subject - Maths



Parents can purchase CGP Exercise Books through ParentPay to support revision at home

Recommended revision websites:



**Maths Genie** - free exam questions and model answers by topic

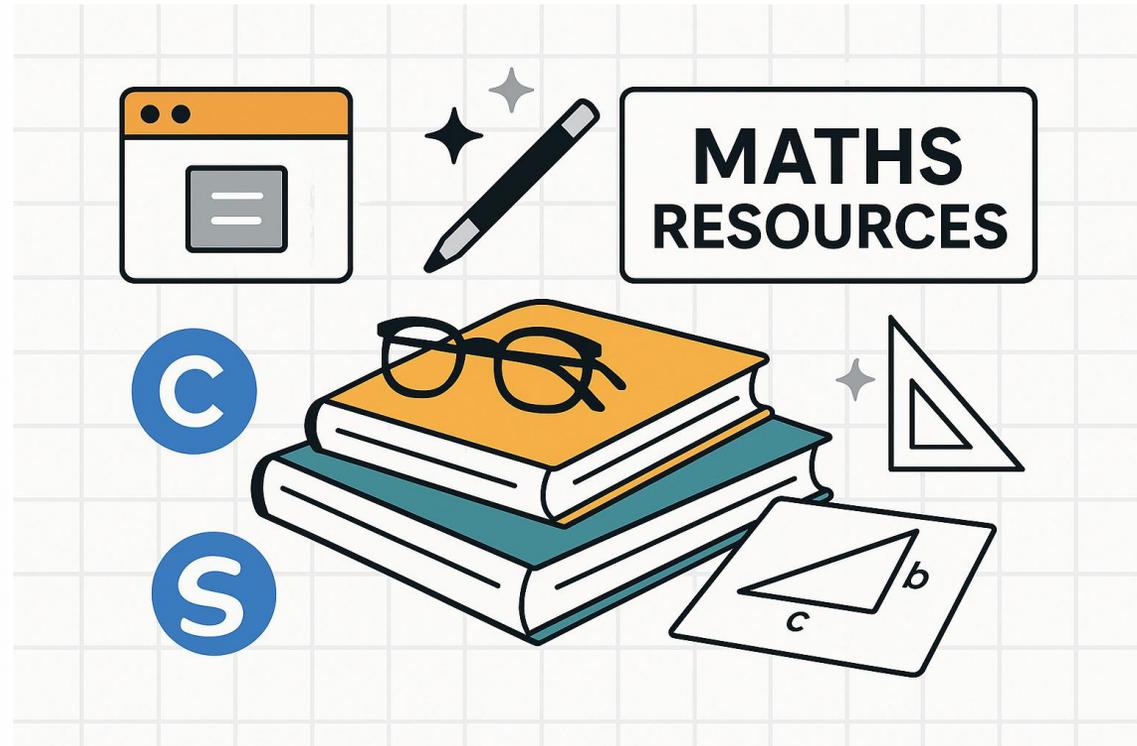


**Corbett Maths** - videos, practice questions, and 5-a-day worksheets

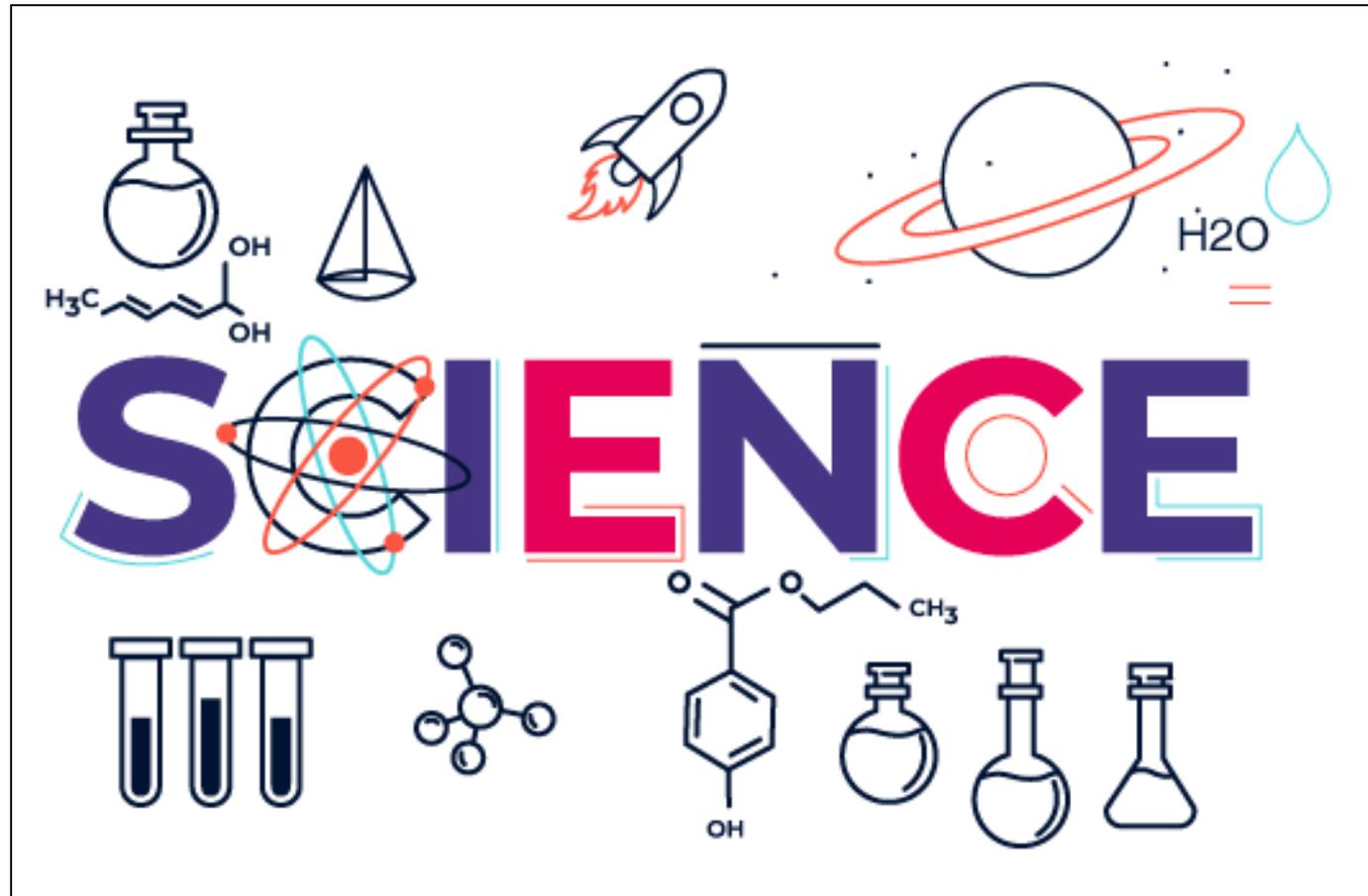


**Sparx Maths** - personalised homework and revision set by teachers

Encourage students to use a mix of books



# Core subject – Science



Head of Science – Mr Gordon



# Core subject - Science

Number of GCSEs	Number of Exams	Units	Length of Exams
2  Double	6	B1 C1 P1 B2 C2 P2	1 hour 15 min



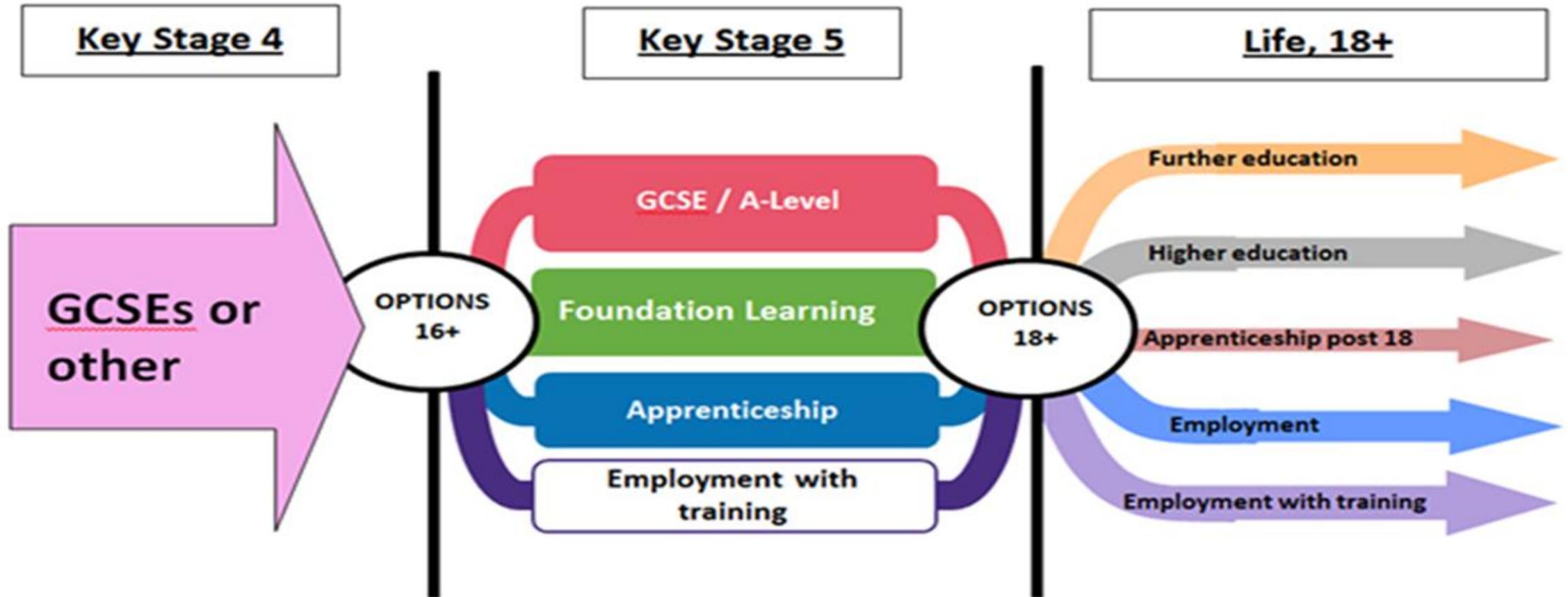
# Core subject - Science

## November Mocks

- Biology 1 – Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.
- Chemistry 2 - The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.
- Physics 1 - Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.



# Post 16 Pathways



<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Careers&pid=54>



# Core subjects

- Grade 4/5 passes are required for most courses
- **English & Maths resits are compulsory in college, should these grades not be achieved regardless of course you are following**
- A good grasp of our language gives us the confidence to communicate effectively
- A good grasp of numeracy gives us the confidence to calculate effectively
- Reading and writing forms part of all courses
- English revision inevitably supports all other subject areas

A Level applications completed by end of January 2026  
Vocational applications completed by end of May 2026\*



# Post – A Level Courses

## A – levels

QPHS 6<sup>th</sup> Form

<https://www.qphs.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10>

Christleton 6<sup>th</sup> Form

<https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/sixth-form/>

Upton High School 6<sup>th</sup> Form

<https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=119>

The Chester Catholic High 6<sup>th</sup> Form

<https://www.christofidelis.org.uk/Sixth-Form/>

Deeside Sixth

<https://www.cambria.ac.uk/facilities/cambria-sites/deeside-sixth/>



# Post 16 - Vocational Courses

## Vocational study (College)

Foundation level – individual entry requirements will be discussed at an interview with the college.

Level 2 – Four GCSEs at Grade 3 or above including a combination of Grade 2/3 or higher in Maths and English.

Level 3 – Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including a combination of Grade 3/4 or higher in Maths and English.

*Learners who do not achieve a Grade 4 in both English and Maths will continue to study these subjects as part of their Study Programme*

Cheshire College South and West (CCSW)

<https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/>

Coleg Cambria

<https://www.cambria.ac.uk/>

Reaseheath college

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/>



# Post 16 – Work & Training

## **Apprenticeships**

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. You are an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you will have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

Find an Apprenticeship

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

## **Traineeships**

A traineeship is a skills development programme that includes a work placement and provides the learner with a qualification at the end of the course. TTE and is the leading provider of apprenticeships and technical training for the energy, engineering, and manufacturing sectors in the North West.

TTE Training

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





Thank you

