

# YEAR 11

MATHS, ENGLISH AND SCIENCE  
INFORMATION EVENING



# Mathematics



The new grading structure is being introduced, from grade 9 to 1, to replace the familiar A\* to G grading scale. 9 will be the highest grade, 1 the lowest.

### How is it assessed?

100 % exam

Three papers each 80 marks

Each paper 1.5 hours

### Date of exam

19th May

6th June

14th June

### Grades available

Higher 4-9

Foundation 1-5

Grade 7 anchored to a grade A

Grade 4 anchored to a grade C



## Tier of Entry

### Grades available

Higher 4-9 and Foundation 1-5

Crossover grade 4 and 5 ( 4 is equivalent to a grade C)

Review assessments and regular mini mocks exam papers in classroom .  
Mock in November , full mock in March.

Final decision with regards tier needs to be made later in March

However we will enter students for the tier they have best opportunity of achieving the highest grade.



Topic  
checklists on  
Show my  
homework

## HIGHER - Grades 4 – 9

### Algebra

I can do this	Grade	Title
	9	Approximate solutions to equations using iteration.
	9	Equation of a circle
	9	Equation of a tangent
	8	Algebra and Proof
	8	Gradients and area under a graph
	8	Graphs of trigonometric functions
	8	Quadratic equations (completing the square)
	7	Composite functions
	7	Expand the product of two or more binomials
	7	Factorising difficult quadratic expressions
	7	Geometric Sequences
	7	Graphs of exponential functions
	-	Quadratic equations (needing

I can do this	Grade	Title
	6	Quadratic equations (graphical methods)
	6	Represent linear inequalities
	6	Simultaneous equations (linear)
	5	Algebraic argument
	5	Algebraic terminology
	5	Cubic and Reciprocal graphs
	5	Deduce quadratic roots algebraically
	5	Derive an equation
	5	Equation of a line
	5	Expand the product of two binomials
	5	Factorising quadratic expressions
	5	Fibonacci, quadratic and simple geometric sequences
	5	Graphical solution to equations
	5	Inequalities on number lines
	5	Linear equations
	5	Quadratic graphs
	5	Reciprocal real-life graphs
	5	Simplify indices



**Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1) Mathematics**

**May–June 2023 Assessment Window**

Syllabus reference **1MA1**

**Mathematics**  
**Higher tier**  
**Exam Aid**

You are not permitted to take this notice into the examination.  
A version of this equation list will be included with the May–June 2023 question papers. This document is valid if downloaded from the [Pearson Qualifications website](#).

#### Instructions

- Please ensure that you have read this aid before the examination.

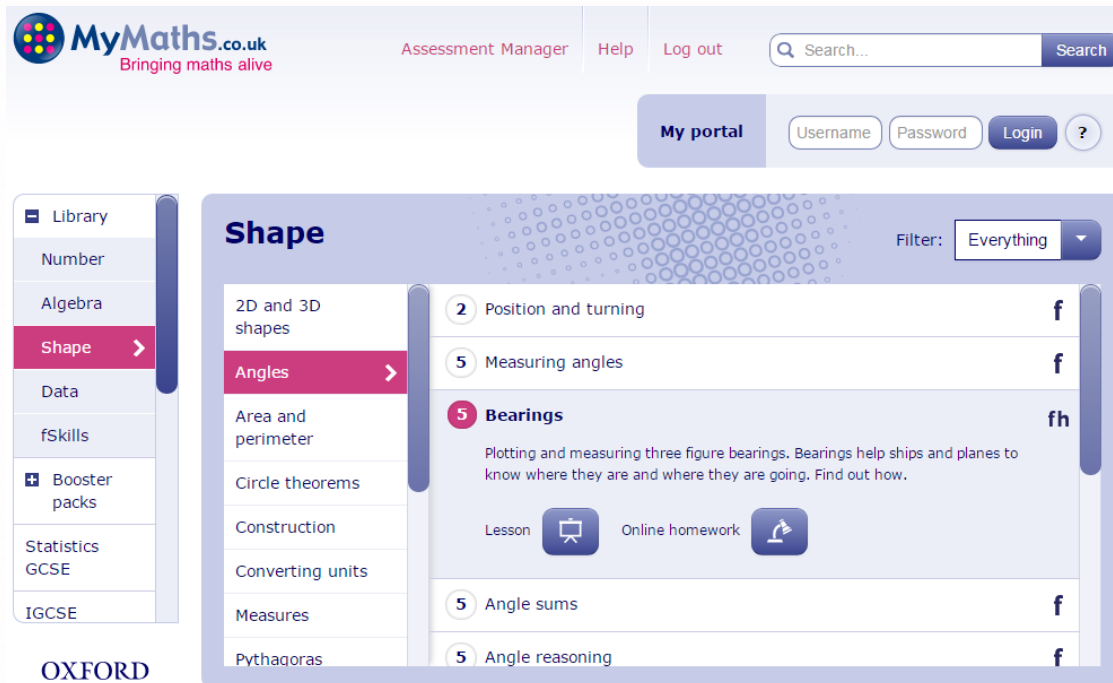
#### Information

- A formula sheet will be provided for foundation tier and for higher tier students.
- The format/structure of the assessments remains unchanged.
- This exam aid provides students with additional exam formulae which they may refer to in their examinations.
- Please note, a copy of this exam aid will be made available to all students on the day of the examination as an insert in the question paper.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this aid.

- The Advance Information document for Maths has been shared with students on Show My Homework



Students should be using MyMaths.co.uk to help them revise (password will be in your pack), regular revision material has been set since September



The screenshot shows the MyMaths.co.uk website. The header includes the MyMaths.co.uk logo with the tagline "Bringing maths alive", navigation links for "Assessment Manager", "Help", and "Log out", a search bar, and a "My portal" section with "Username", "Password", "Login", and a help icon. A left sidebar lists various math topics: Library, Number, Algebra, Shape (highlighted), Data, fSkills, Booster packs, Statistics GCSE, and IGCSE. The main content area is titled "Shape" and features a "Filter: Everything" dropdown. It displays a list of topics under "Shape": 2D and 3D shapes, Angles (highlighted), Area and perimeter, Circle theorems, Construction, Converting units, Measures, and Pythagoras. To the right of this list is a detailed view of the "Angles" topic, showing sub-topics: 2 Position and turning (f), 5 Measuring angles (f), 5 Bearings (fh), 5 Angle sums (f), and 5 Angle reasoning (f). The "Bearings" sub-topic is expanded, showing a description: "Plotting and measuring three figure bearings. Bearings help ships and planes to know where they are and where they are going. Find out how." Below this description are icons for "Lesson" and "Online homework". The Oxford logo is visible at the bottom left of the page.

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## Shape

Filter: Everything

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Angles >
- Area and perimeter
- Circle theorems
- Construction
- Converting units
- Measures
- Pythagoras

- 2 Position and turning f
- 5 Measuring angles f
- 5 Bearings fh
  - Plotting and measuring three figure bearings. Bearings help ships and planes to know where they are and where they are going. Find out how.
  - Lesson Online homework
- 5 Angle sums f
- 5 Angle reasoning f



## Pinpoint booklet

Personalised booklet of weaker areas based on November exam

Personalised booklet will be in your student pack which has already been given to students

Students can also log into website and see additional personalised booklets from previous exams, using their passwords which again are in your pack

[www.pinpointlearning.co.uk](http://www.pinpointlearning.co.uk)

Topic 1: Percentage of an amount.

Mathswatch clip: 87

Topic 2: Probability.

Mathswatch clip: 59

Topic 3: Proportion Problem Solving 1.

Mathswatch clip:

Topic 4: Fractions + - / x.

Mathswatch clip: 71

Topic 5: Sequences.

Mathswatch clip: 103





Colour coded regards understanding

## Pinpoint booklet

Suggested GCSE level

3	131	Simple Index Form	-	-	-	-	0% ★	-	100% ★	Improved
3	33	Collecting Like Terms	-	-	100% ★	0% ★	-	100% ★	0% ★	Decline - revise again!
3	NA	Draw the Correct Chart	-	-	-	-	-	50% ★	-	Tested Once Only
3	38	Equivalent ratios	-	-	-	33% ★	-	0% ★	-	Consistent Weakness
3	22	Cost and Money Problems	-	-	-	-	-	-	100% ★	Tested Once Only

Students have also received an overview of topics identifying strengths and weaknesses for all their formal maths exams

[www.pinpointlearning.co.uk](http://www.pinpointlearning.co.uk)



Revision material available to  
purchase through parent pay



## Summary

**Revision sessions started in October and a copy of the revision timetable for Mathematics will also be in your student pack**

Welcome to attend any revision sessions but they do have suggested grades next to the session

Additional support on SMH , including topic lists , question a day and answers. Half term h/w has also been set for February

Students have been given copies of exam papers with solutions

Additional packs of model solutions on our school website

Weekly tasks have been set through mymaths

Your child will soon receive an envelope with a copy of the revision timetable, mymaths letter and pinpoint booklet.

Any issues please contact maths teacher , or KS4 lead J Paris [j.paris@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:j.paris@fairfax.fmat.co.uk), or H [a.ashton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:a.ashton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk)



## Recommended maths websites

[www.examsolutions.net](http://www.examsolutions.net)

[www.mathsgenie.co.uk](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk)

[www.mathsapp.pixl.org.uk](http://www.mathsapp.pixl.org.uk)

[www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

[www.edexcel.co.uk](http://www.edexcel.co.uk)

School website – numerous papers/resources/model solutions/mark schemes



# English

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**In English all students follow the same pathway:-**

GCSE English Language – AQA

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

**AND**

GCSE English Literature – AQA

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

**There is only one level of entry – papers aren't tiered.**



## **Provisional Exam Dates**

### **GCSE English Language**

**Paper 1** – 5th June – 1 hour 45 minutes (am)

**Paper 2** - 12th June – 1 hour 45 minutes (am)

### **GCSE English Literature**

**Paper 1 – Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel**

17<sup>th</sup> May – 1 hour 45 minutes (am)

**Paper 2 - Modern Texts and Poetry**

24<sup>th</sup> May – 2 hours 15 minutes (am)



# Outline of Course

## GCSE English Language



### Assessments

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

#### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

##### What's assessed

###### Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

###### Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

##### Assessed

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

##### Questions

###### Reading (40 marks) (25%)— one single text

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

###### Writing (40 marks) (25%)

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

#### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

##### What's assessed

###### Section A: Reading

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

###### Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

##### Assessed

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

##### Questions

###### Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts

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

###### Writing (40 marks) (25%)

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



#### Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

##### What's assessed

(AO7–AO9)

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of Standard English

##### Assessed

- teacher set throughout course
- marked by teacher
- separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)





# Outline of Course

## GCSE English Literature



### Assessments

All assessments are closed book: any stimulus materials required will be provided as part of the assessment.

All assessments are compulsory.

#### Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

##### What's assessed

- [Shakespeare plays](#) (page 11)
- [The 19th-century novel](#) (page 11)

##### How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

##### Questions

**Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B The 19th-century novel:** students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

#### Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

##### What's assessed

- [Modern prose or drama texts](#) (page 11)
- [The poetry anthology](#) (page 12)
- [Unseen poetry](#) (page 13)

##### How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

##### Questions

**Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

**Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.



## Revision Sessions and Additional Support

Mrs Ford and Miss Hickling run open sessions for all students on Wednesday between 3pm and 3.45pm in C8 and C3. In addition, other sessions run throughout the week, led by Faculty staff. Some sessions are targeted and are run on an invitation basis, others are open.

Students can support their revision by referencing homework set on

*Show My Homework* and using revision booklets on the school website.



Resources to help you  
Web links



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=..](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=..)

## Faculty of English – Year 11 Revision Sessions

Session Times	Session Details	Room	Teacher
<b>Monday</b> 3-4pm – invitations sent directly to students	Masterclass Sessions Invitation Only Please see Mrs Ford or Miss Gardener for more details.	See separate timetable	KRF, JQG, JAH, WSG, CXB, CAF
<b>Wednesday</b> 3-3.45pm	Open Revision Session – English Literature	C8	KRF
<b>Wednesday</b> 3-3.45pm	Open Revision Session – English Language	C3	JAH
<b>Wednesday</b> Lunchtime	Miss Williams' Group Miss Flinter's Group	A14 C5	HYW CAF
<b>Thursday</b> 8-8.30am and registration	Invitation Only/By Request Session	C8	KRF
<b>Thursday</b> Lunchtime	Miss Williams' Group	A14	HYW
<b>Thursday</b> 3-3.30pm	Ms Samuels' Group	A12	TSS
<b>Thursday</b> 3-3.45pm	Miss Flinter's Group	C5	CAF
<b>Friday</b> Lunchtime	Miss Gardner – Open Session	C7	JQG

**Additional small group revision sessions run throughout the week and after school with our English Coach after half term. Please contact Mrs Ford ([K.ford@Fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:K.ford@Fairfax.fmat.co.uk)) if you would like further information.**

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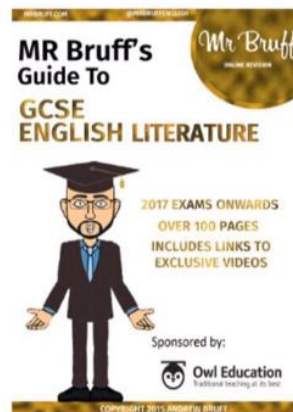
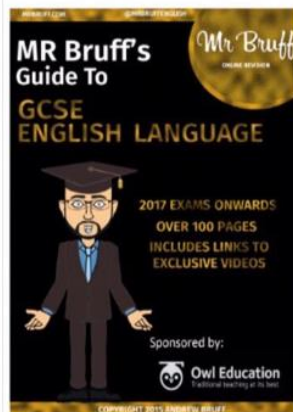
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## What can we do at home?

Revise using AQA sample questions AND mark schemes:-

### GCSE English Literature


**Teaching from: September 2015**


Exams from: June 2017  
Specification code: 8702  
QAN code: 601/4447/6

We have worked closely with teachers to design our English Literature specification to inspire, challenge and motivate every student, regardless of ability level.

A range of texts is included to cater for the needs of teachers and students in all educational contexts. There are texts that will be familiar, as well as new ones that will inspire young readers.

It's fully co-teachable with GCSE English Language, so students will benefit from the transferable skills.



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### GCSE English Language


**Teaching from: September 2015**


Exams from: June 2017  
Specification code: 8700  
QAN code: 601/4292/3

Our specification is designed to inspire and motivate your students, providing appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are, as far as possible, accessible to all students.

It enables your students to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts and write clearly.

We've developed two equally-balanced papers, each assessing reading and writing in an integrated way.



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Revise using free revision resources provided on the school website...


**LANGUAGE PAPER 1**

In the exam there will be two sections:

**Section A: Reading**  
1 fiction text  
4 questions

**Section B: Writing**  
Choice of 2 questions

It will take **1 hour 45mins.**



The image shows a specimen paper for GCSE English Language Paper 1. It includes the AQA logo, the title 'SPECIMEN MATERIAL 1', and the text 'GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (8700)'. It also mentions 'Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing' and 'Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes'. The paper is labeled '8700/1' at the bottom.


**LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

In the exam there will be two sections:

**Section A: Reading**  
2 non-fiction texts  
4 questions

**Section B: Writing**  
1 question

It will take **1 hour 45mins.**



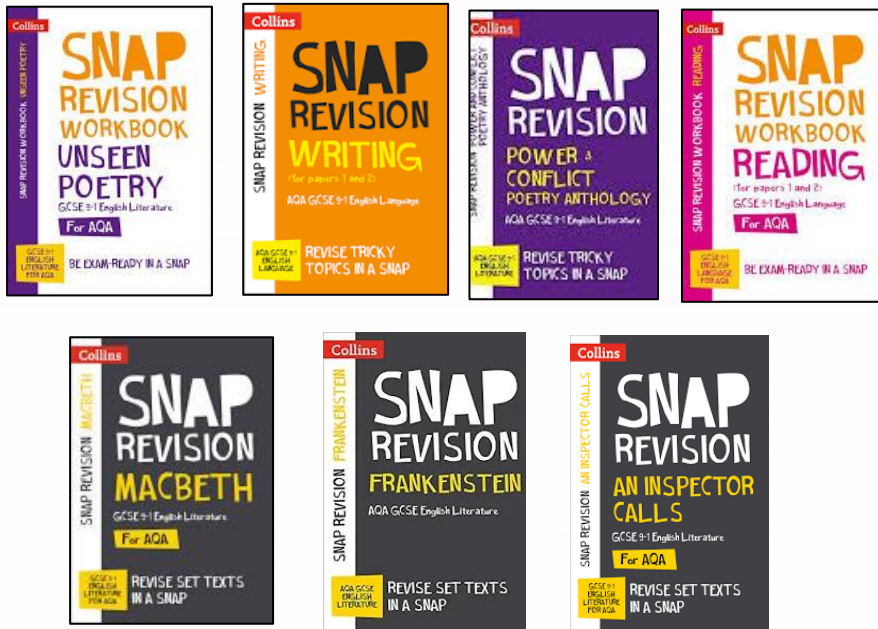
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...and those which will be provided by English teachers before we break up for half term.



## What can you do at home?

Revise using revision guides which can be purchased by Parent Pay.



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# Science

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**In Science students follow one of the following pathways:-**

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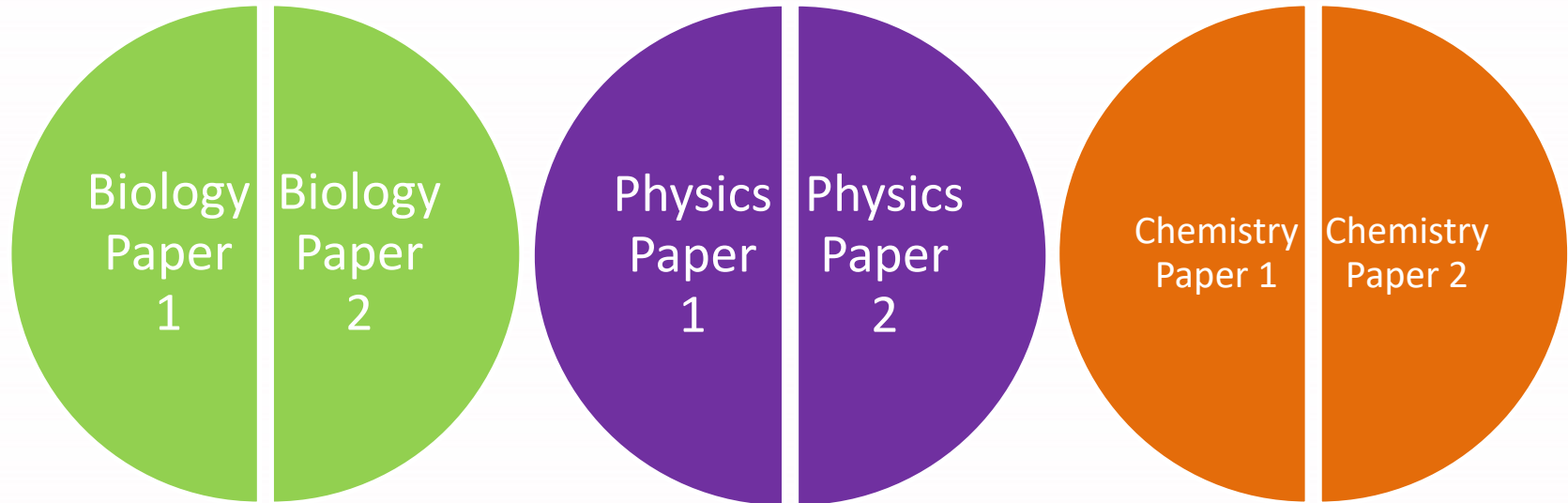
AQA Separate science  
(3x GCSE's – Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

**Or**

AQA Combined science: Trilogy  
(2x GCSE's – Science)



## Separate science



3 x GCSE grades

Each examination lasts 105 minutes

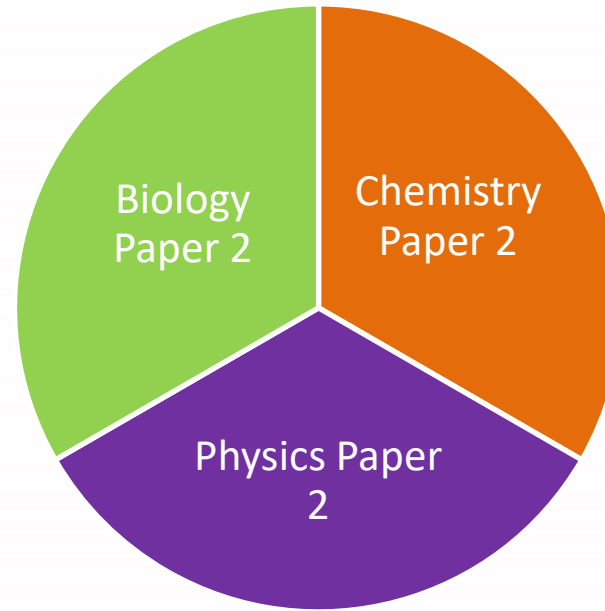
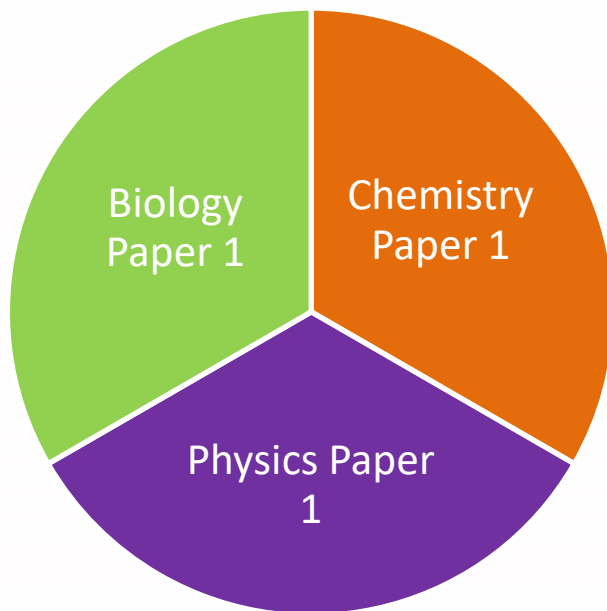
(a much more demanding course aimed at those hoping to study A-level science)

Higher tier gives 3 x  
grades 4 - 9



Foundation tier gives 3 x  
grades 1 - 5

# Combined: Trilogy



2x GCSE's which are an average over all three sciences.  
Each examination lasts 75 minutes.

Higher tier gives 2  
grades 4 - 9



Foundation tier gives 2  
grades 1 - 5

## ROUTE & TIER OF ENTRY

Route and tier of entry decisions are based on student progress, aptitude, effort and plans post 16. Each is judged on an individual case by case basis and the experience of the science teachers has a proven track record for success. We will guide the students to gain the best possible set of results

The new grading structure was introduced for science in 2017 and runs from grade 9 to 1

We have higher (4 – 9) and foundation (1 – 5) tiers available on both of our courses



## What is (still) new for 2023?

AQA

Physics Equations Sheet  
GCSE Physics (8463)  
FOR USE IN JUNE 2022 ONLY

HT = Higher Tier only equations

kinetic energy = $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$	$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$
elastic potential energy = $0.5 \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{extension})^2$	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e^2$
gravitational potential energy = $\text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{height}$	$E_p = m g h$
change in thermal energy = $\text{mass} \times \text{specific heat capacity} \times \text{temperature change}$	$\Delta E = m c \Delta \theta$
power = $\frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
power = $\frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$	
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$	
charge flow = $\text{current} \times \text{time}$	$Q = I t$
potential difference = $\text{current} \times \text{resistance}$	$V = I R$
power = $\text{potential difference} \times \text{current}$	$P = V I$
power = $(\text{current})^2 \times \text{resistance}$	$P = I^2 R$
energy transferred = $\text{power} \times \text{time}$	$E = P t$
energy transferred = $\text{charge flow} \times \text{potential difference}$	$E = Q V$
density = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

Physics equations are  
**GIVEN** to students. They  
do not need to learn  
them – this is a massive  
help!





What can you  
do at home to  
support with  
structured  
revision?



Revise using the all in one revision guides which can be purchased via parent pay.

*Please ask the student to speak to their teacher if they are not sure of their entry. They have all been told*





Topic checklists are on Show My Homework, which show if content is found on the separates/combined route and H/F tier.

## PAPER 2:

### Unit 5: Homeostasis and response

		TF	TH	SF	SH
Homeostasis	Homeostasis				
The human nervous system	Structure and function (The human nervous system for Trilogy)				
	The brain				
	The eye				
	Control of body temperature				
Hormonal coordination in humans	Human endocrine system				
	Control of blood glucose concentration				
	Maintaining water and nitrogen balance in the body				
	Hormones in human reproduction				
Plant hormones	Contraception				
	The use of hormones to treat infertility				
	Negative feedback				
	Control and coordination				
	Use of plant hormones				

Our March mock exams are based on Paper 2 content. This is clearly labelled in red on the checklists



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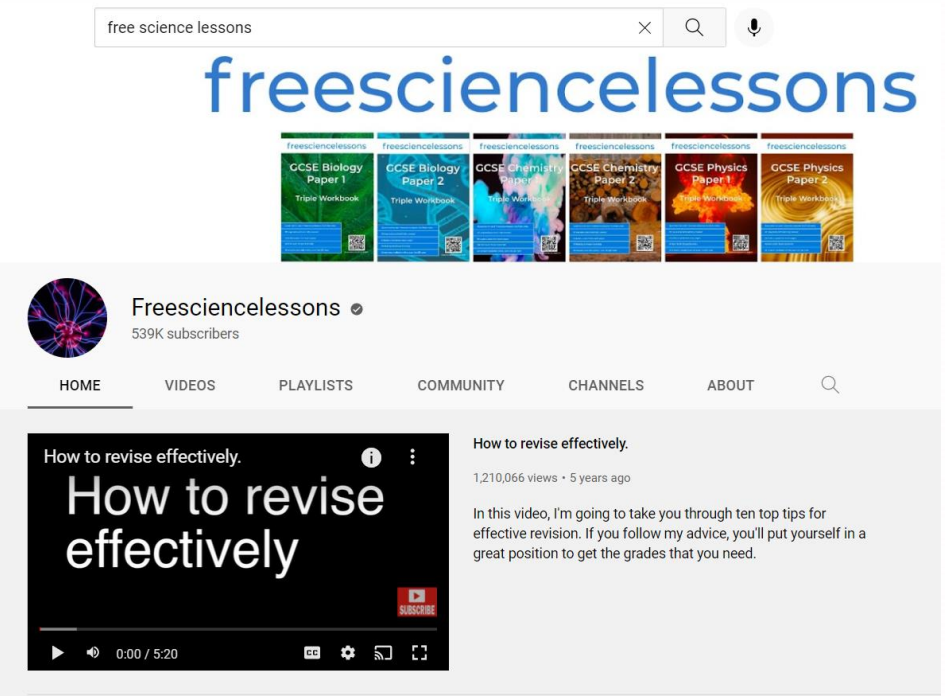
- Modified past papers are listed separately and are only available for some subjects. [Search for modified papers.](#)
- We only publish question papers and mark schemes for some **current** specifications, in the year following the exam. See [what's available when](#) for more information.
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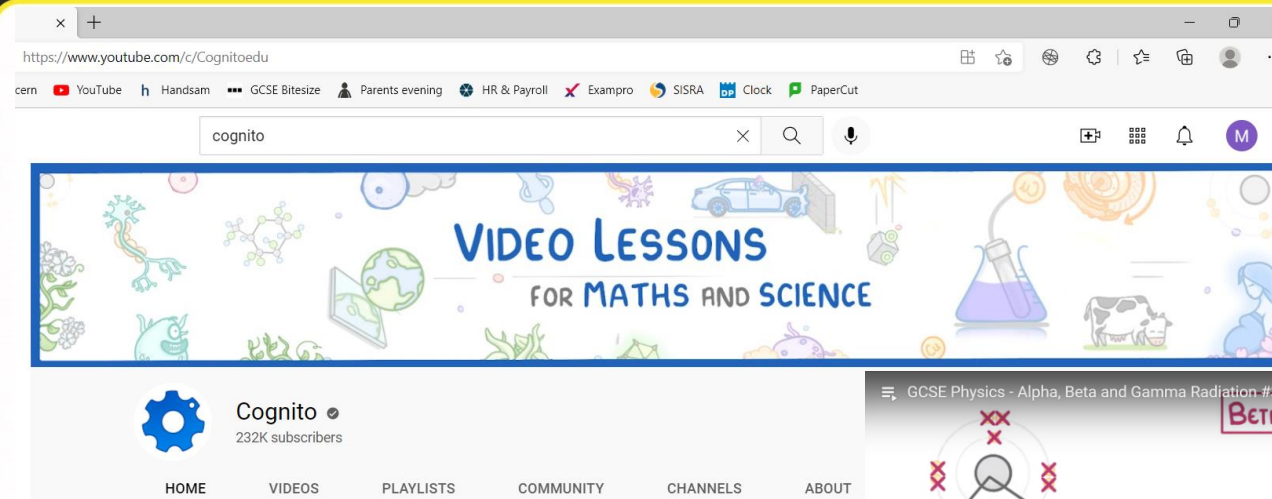
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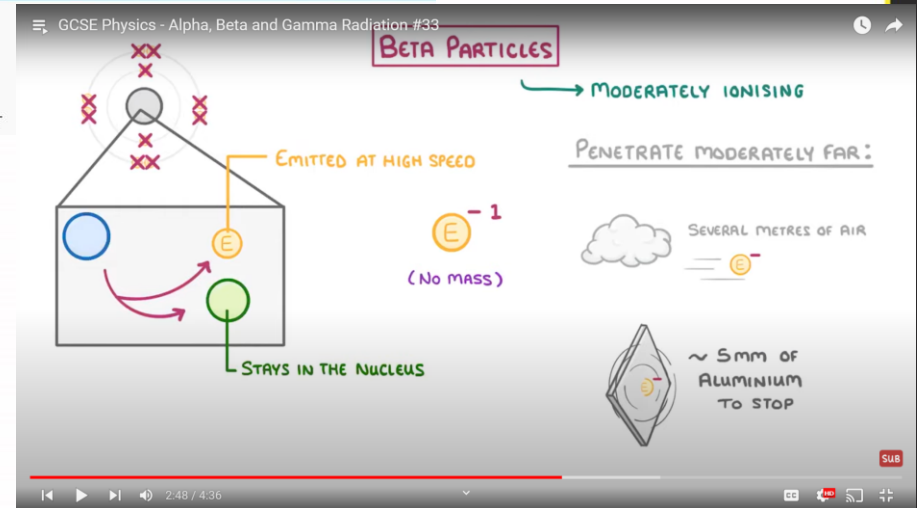
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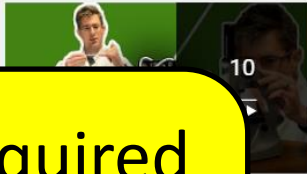


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