

GCSE Trial Exams 3 – March Year 11



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General Information

Trial exams will take place between Monday 9th March and Tuesday 17th March 2026. Further Maths (for set 1 only) will take place on Wednesday 4th March.

Lessons will continue as normal when you're not in an exam.

All exams will take place in the hall unless stated. Where you will sit your exams and any exam arrangements in place for you are shown on your individual exam timetable.

Exams will be carried out under full exam conditions – the guidance for this is at the back of this booklet

An overview of the timetable is shown on the next page – **NOW** highlight your exams!

BE PREPARED

- Know **what** you need to know
 - Specification
 - Content to be examined
 - Knowledge checklists
- Know **when** you need to know it
 - Exam dates
- Know that you **know** it
 - Revisit, Review, Revise
- Know **how** to use it – practise
- Know **where** to get help
 - "If in doubt – shout!"
 - No problem is insurmountable
 - Talk to tutors and subject teachers
 - Take up offers of help

Follow the programme being covered in tutor time. Use the information given in this booklet to compliment the work done in tutor time.

- Short spurts of 'revision' are most effective, about 30 minutes.
- Find a quiet place to work – your bedroom, the library, the local library – and refuse to be interrupted or distracted.
- Speak to your parents / carer and let them know you will be revising. Ask them to help by letting you have a quiet area & encouraging you in your efforts
- Don't just revise the subjects you like. Work on your weak ones as well.
- Don't get stressed out – remember your resilience. Eat and sleep well. Take some exercise.
- Avoid distractions like mobile phones, social media and gaming. They won't help you do well.
- Listening to music? Is it really helping?
- Believe in yourself. Be positive. Be ambitious.

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	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week A	Monday 9 th March	English Lang English	English Lang Maths	Block A	Chemistry Block A
	Tuesday 10 th March	Block B Block B	Block B Block B	English	Biology Science
	Wednesday 11 th March	Maths (non-calc) Maths	Maths (non-calc) Block C	Block C	English Lit Science
	Thursday 12 th March	Music Block B	Music PRS/PE	Block C	RS Maths
	Friday 13 th March	Block D Block D	Block D Block D	PRS/PE	French Block A

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week B	Monday 16 th March	Block C Maths	Block C Block C	Maths (calc) PRS/PE	Maths (calc) English
	Tuesday 17 th March	Physics Science	Physics PRS/PE	Block A Maths	Block A Block A
	Wednesday 18 th March	Stop The Clock Day			

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Exams taking place	History	Food (LW) Geography (SLW) PE	Computer Science Geography History	Food Creative iMedia PE DT Drama
No exam – lessons continue as normal	Art Triple Science Study Support French	French Art & Art 3D Music Triple Science	Work related learning	

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Catch up sessions will be provided **after school** each day between **Monday 23rd March and Thursday 26th March**.

Students and parents will be notified on Friday 20th March about the day and exam to be caught up. Catch-up sessions will finish no later than 5.30pm.

Any student who misses an exam, or who does not attempt a significant proportion of an exam, will be required to attend a catch-up session.

Having set aside curriculum time for trial exams, catch-up sessions are not available during the school day as this would have further impact on subject teaching time.

Subject	Paper	Length	Content	Support
English Language	Paper 1	1 hour 45 mins	Section A: Qs 1-4 (Reading) Section B: Q5 (written task)	BBC Bitesize Seneca Learning Mr Bruff (YouTube)
English Literature	Paper 1	1 hours 45 mins	'A Christmas Carol' 'Romeo and Juliet'	exercise books / Y10 exams (read through advice and guidance from teacher; look through green pen improvements) revision guides (should have already purchased these through school)
Maths	2 papers	2 x 1 hour 30 mins	Paper 1 – non-calculator Paper 2 - calculator	Exercise books, AQA analysers from Trail Exams 1 and 2. Revision guides. YouTube for 'walking, talking GCSE maths exams'. Maths support sessions at lunchtime. Formula sheet provided in the exam.
Science	3 papers	Trilogy 1 hour 15 mins Triple 1 hour 45 mins.	Separate papers for Biology, Chemistry and Physics Paper 2 content is examined	Checklists (paper and digital copies have been provided) Revision guides – focus on Paper 2 modules - Biology – Chapters B5, B6, B7 - Chemistry – Chapters C6, C7, C8, C9, C10 - Physics – Chapters P5, P6, P7 (P8 – Triple only) BBC Bitesize, Seneca, Grade gorilla – for online revision YouTube – 'free science lessons' Past papers – via Science SharePoint or AQA

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Subject	Paper	Length	Content	Support
Computer Science	1 paper	2 hours In Co1	Applications of computer thinking - Topic 6: Problem solving with programming. The main focus of this paper is: - understanding what algorithms are, what they are used for and how they work in relation to creating programs. - understanding how to decompose and analyse problems. - ability to read, write, refine and evaluate programs.	BBC Bitesize website: GCSE Computer Science - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize for exam style quizzes, questions, quick fire questions and other useful links. Past papers available on EDEXCEL website: Computer Science (2020) Pearson qualifications Microsoft Teams and Class Notebook content library. All lessons on Computer Thinking (CT) are available with the PowerPoint and worksheets used in lessons, syllabus requirements and YouTube videos to help with understanding.
Design Technology	1 paper	2 hours	See revision schedule	Revision books, revision homework throughout the year, support on ClassCharts and Teams.
Drama	1 paper	1 hour 45 mins	Section A - The Crucible (Acts 1-3) Performance skills: characters, context, lighting, sound, set, stage furniture Section B - Live Theatre Analyse and evaluate	In class and practise questions on Class Charts. Revision booklets
Food Preparation and Nutrition	1 Paper	1 hour 45 mins	See revision schedule on ClassCharts Revision topics: - Impact of cooking on food - Micronutrients - Healthy eating guidelines - Dietary requirements for each life stage - Energy - Food logos - Reducing food waste - Sensory analysis	Seneca, revision books

Subject	Paper	Length	Content	Support
French	Reading and Listening	Higher: Listening 45 mins, Reading 1 hour Foundation: Listening 35 mins, Reading 45 mins	Full reading and listening papers. (Speaking and writing will be completed during lesson time)	
Further Maths Set 1 ONLY	1 paper	1 hour	This will take place on WEDNESDAY 4 th MARCH p5.	See the topic list on ClassCharts
Geography	Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Red Book work – Urban Issues and Challenges; The Changing Economic World; The Challenge of Resource Management	Seneca Ongoing revision homeworks Past paper on ClassCharts Exercise book/revision guide Revision workbook
History	Paper 3	1 hour 30 mins	Weimar and Nazi Germany	Seneca Revision tasks Lunchtime sessions Booklets
iMedia	Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Full paper – RO93 Creative iMedia in the media industry	Revision guides, class practise. AI 'OWL' from Crest – PG Online
Music	Listening	1 hour 30 mins	Full paper – all AoS	In class, practise questions, Wednesday lunchtime support
PE	Paper 2	1 hour 15 mins	Full paper	Seneca, ClassCharts, Monday lunchtime support
RS	Paper 2	1 hour 45 mins	Themes paper (A, B, D, E)	Seneca Past paper on ClassCharts Knowledge organisers Revision guide National Oak Academy clips

26th January – 1st February

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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2nd – 8th February

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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9th – 15th February

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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16th – 22nd February – HALF TERM

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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23rd February – 1st March

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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2nd – 8th March

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9th – 15th March - Trial Exam WEEK 1

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Revision Timetable

16th – 22nd March - Trial Exam WEEK 2

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

	Mon	Tues
9am	Exams	Exams
10am		
11am		
12pm		
1pm		
2pm		
3pm	Exams	Exams
4pm		
5pm		
6pm		
7pm		
8pm		

Finished – Well done!

Which exam did you feel most prepared for? Why?

Least prepared for? Why?

What did you find the most effective when revising?

What will you do differently for the final exams?

Appendix 4

Warning to candidates



 AQA	 City & Guilds	 CCEA	 NCFE	 OCR	 Pearson	 WJEC
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You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

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Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

Appendix 5

Information for candidates for written examinations – effective from 1 September 2025



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This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules	
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
4	You must not take into the exam room any unauthorised material, including: a) notes; b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods); c) a watch. Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through. Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
6	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
7	You must not write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
B Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need	
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
2	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other permitted equipment needed for the exam.
5	You must write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may be used for only diagrams, maps, charts, etc., unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.
C Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; b) clear anything stored in its memory; c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae; d) do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.