

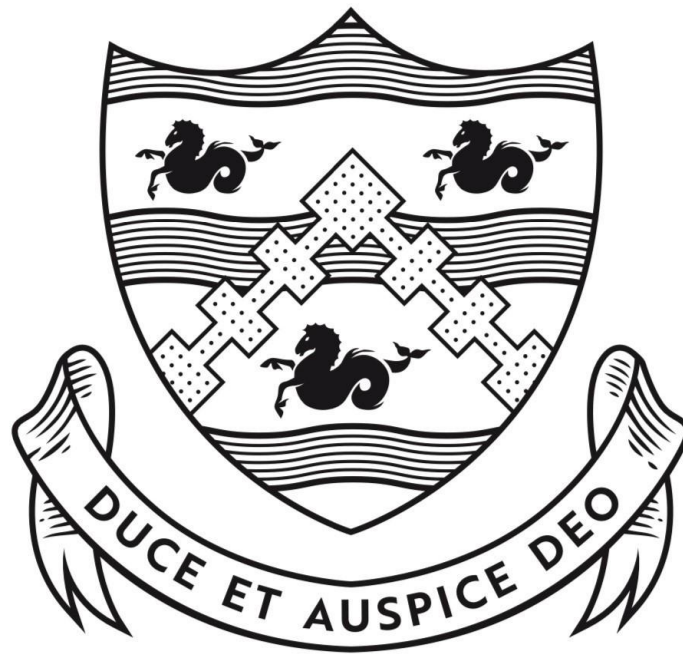
Introduction to GCSEs and Work Experience



Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

— *Malcolm X* —

AZ QUOTES



Ambition • Service • Kindness

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Aims of this evening

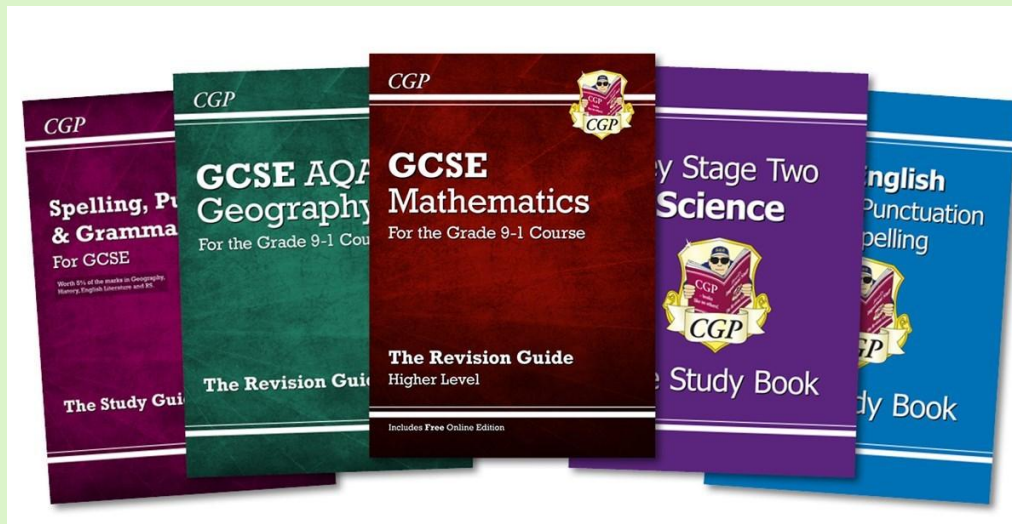
- ▶ **Introduce key information about GCSEs**
- ▶ **Introduce GCSE study in English, Maths and Science**
- ▶ **To look at how students can be best prepared for their GCSEs**
- ▶ **Introduce Work Experience**

- ✓ Broad and balanced curriculum for all students
- ✓ Students approached their options choices extremely well
- ✓ Reminder that students will complete all subjects
- ✓ GCSEs are graded 9-1
- ✓ All subjects/grades matter
- ✓ Much of the work has already started

New grading structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
⑤ STRONG PASS	
④ STANDARD PASS	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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Revision Guides

- ▶ Available to order centrally from the school
- ▶ Allows us to pass on discounts
- ▶ Don't replace effective revision strategies
- ▶ Do offer students access to key information
- ▶ Some second-hand copies available



GCSE English

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There are two English GCSEs

- ▶ **English Language**

- ▶ **English Literature**



English Literature GCSE

Paper 1
64 marks
40%

Paper 2
96 marks
60%

Section A

Shakespeare:
Macbeth

1 extended
question

Section B

19th-century:
*Christmas
Carol*

1 extended
question

Section A

Modern
Text:
*An Inspector
Calls*

1 extended
question

Section B

Poetry:
*Power &
Conflict*
1 extended
question

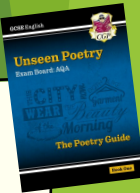
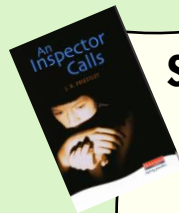
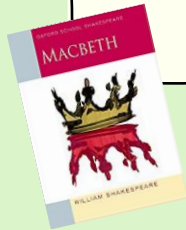
Section C

Unseen
Poetry

1 extended
question &
1 short Q

Total Exam Time:
1 hour and 45 minutes
2 hours 10 mins
with 25% extra time

Total Exam Time:
2 hours and 15 minutes
2 hour 48 mins
with 25% extra time

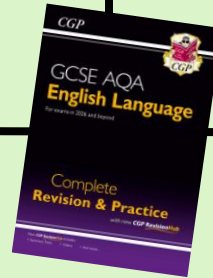


English Language GCSE

**+ Spoken
Language
Endorsement!**

**Explorations
In Creative
Reading &
Writing**

**Paper 1
80 marks
50%**



**Paper 2
80 marks
50%**

**Writers'
Viewpoints &
Perspectives**

Section A
Reading &
Responding to
Fiction Text

4 short / medium
questions

Section B
Creative
Writing

1 extended
question

Section A
Reading &
Responding to
Non-fiction Texts

4 short / medium
questions

Section B
Transactional
Writing

1 extended
question

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English Language: Spoken Language Endorsement



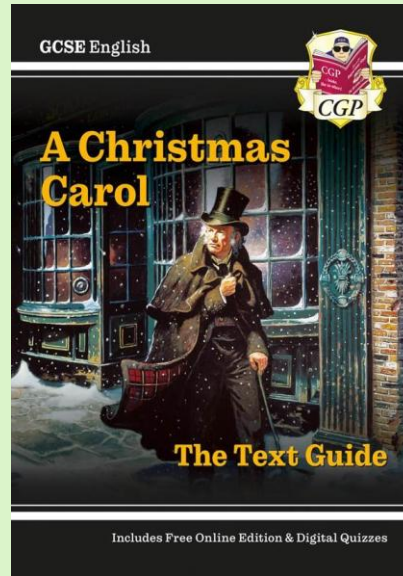
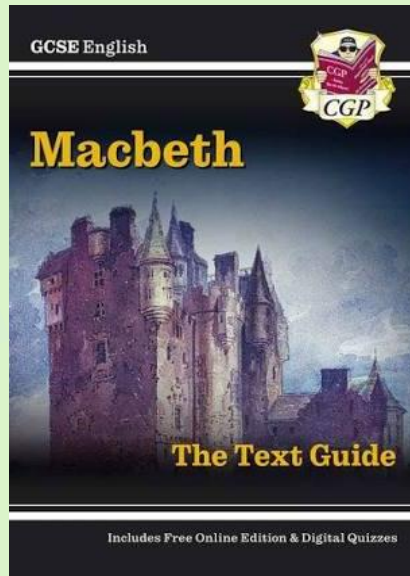
The Spoken Language Endorsement is a **compulsory**, teacher-assessed component.

- Students deliver a prepared, formal speech on a chosen topic.
- Students must listen and respond appropriately to questions and feedback from the audience.

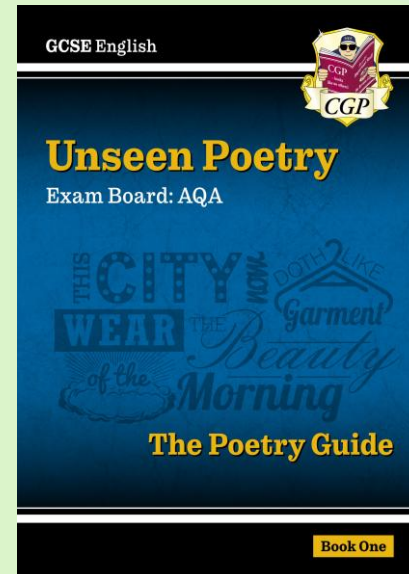
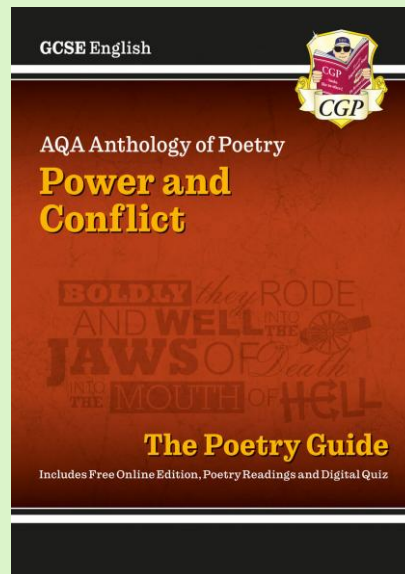
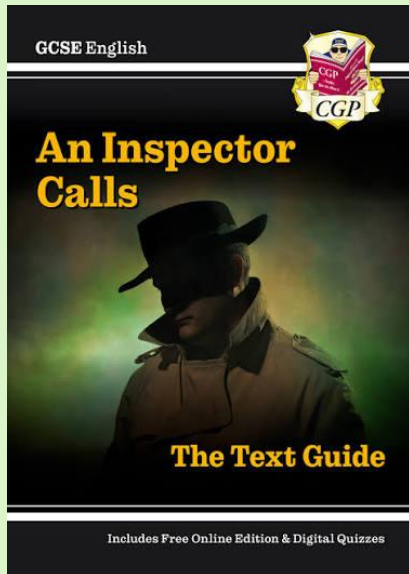
Students are awarded as Pass, Merit, Distinction, or Not Classified.

Revision Guides: English Literature

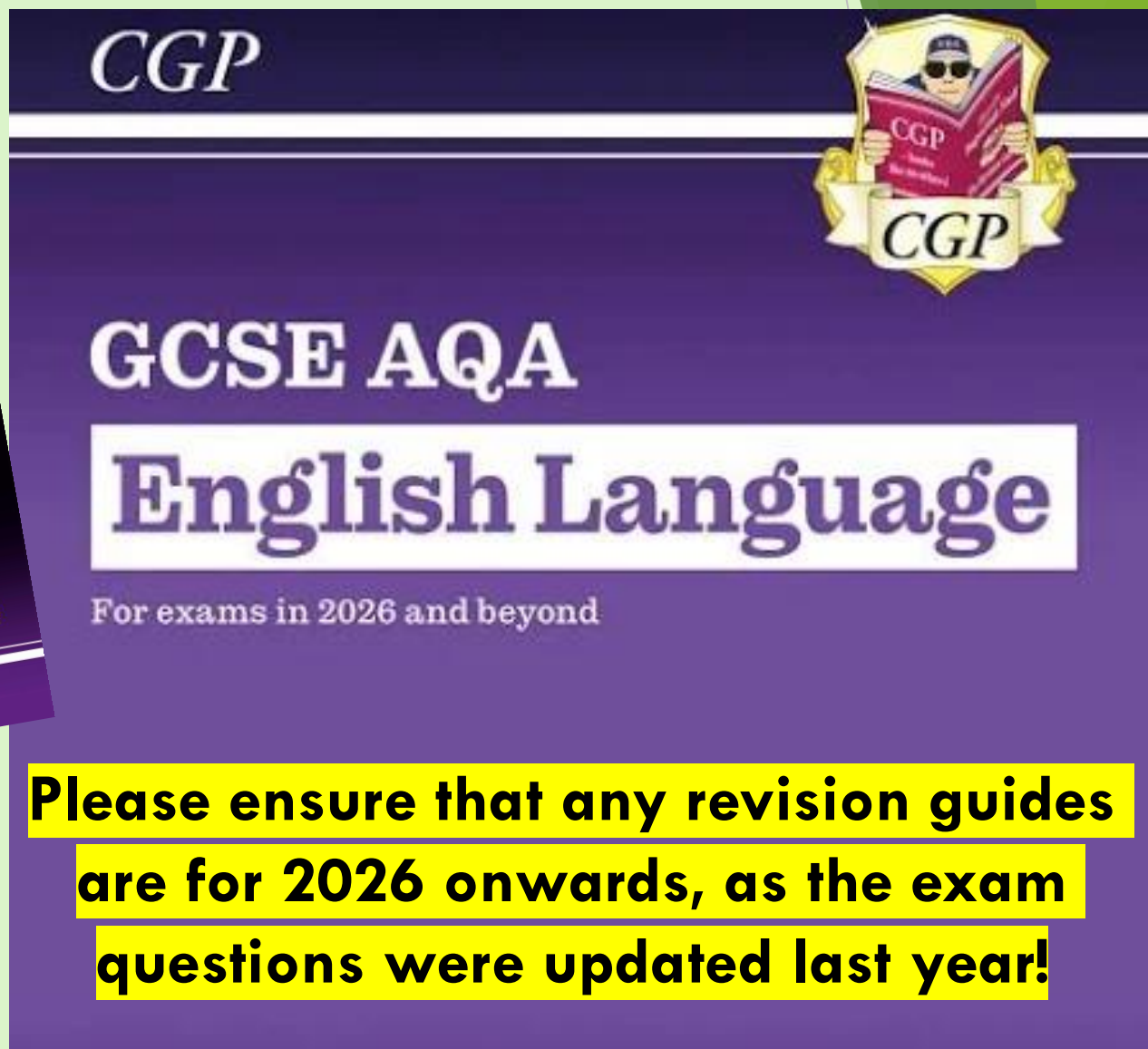
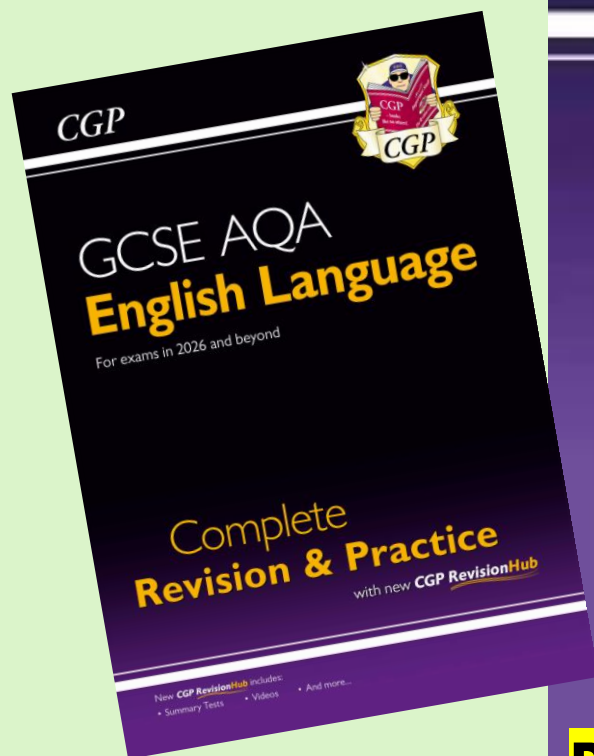
Paper
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Paper
2



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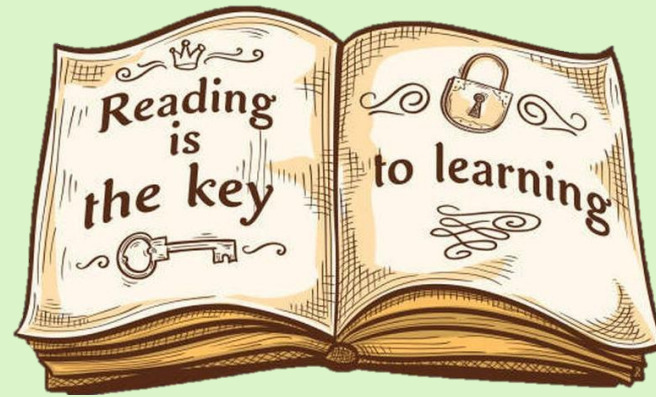


Children who read
sleep better

Children who
read have better
mental health

Children who read
have better brain
development

Children who
read are more
creative and
imaginative



**Children who
read succeed!**



GCSE Maths

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9-1 Maths GCSE

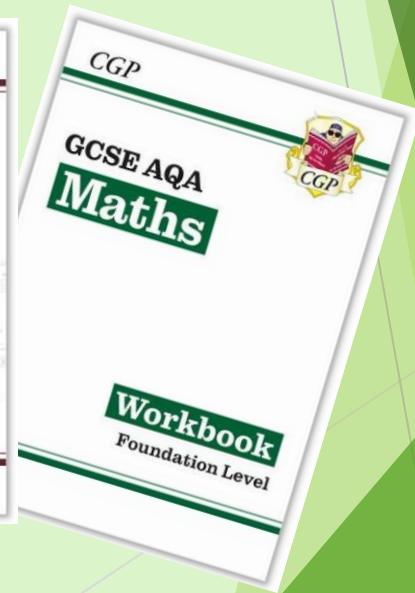
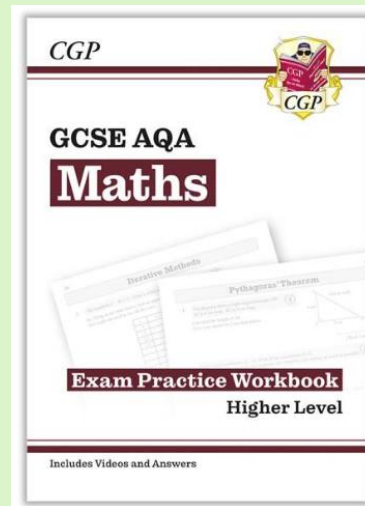
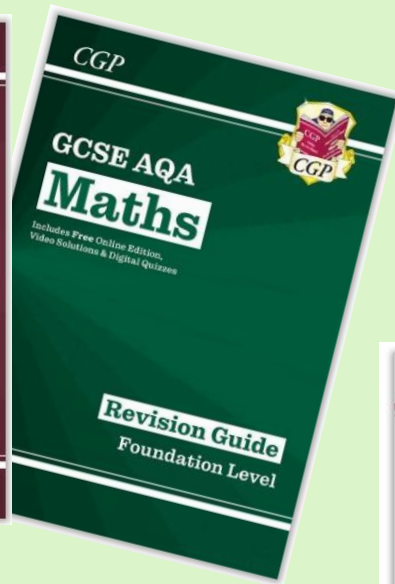
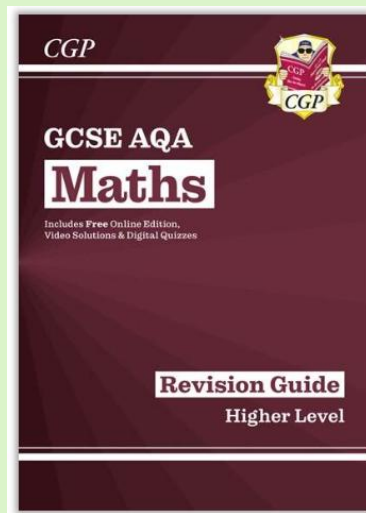
- ▶ **First examined June 2017**
- ▶ **Graded 9-1, with 9 being the highest.**
- ▶ **Higher and Foundation tiers**
- ▶ **Sets 1 & 2 Higher Grades 9-5**
- ▶ **Sets 3-5 Foundation Grades 5-1**
- ▶ **THIS YEAR SETS 103 and 104 are parallel groups**

- ▶ **A-level Entry requirement is a Grade 7**
- ▶ **Level 3 Maths in Context requirement is a Grade 5**

Key points

- 1. Three 90 minute exam papers**
- 2. One non-calculator paper**
- 3. Adapted to focus primarily on solving problems that require clear, multi-step solutions to be shown**
- 4. Maths is still tiered with an 'improved overlapping tiers model', with a foundation tier covering grades 1-5 and a higher tier covering grades 4–9**
- 5. GCSE re-sit opportunities are in November for those staying into 6th Form at Beaminster**
- 6. Increased focus on ratio and proportion on the advice of the Business Sector**
- 7. Students will be expected to learn key mathematical formulae and be able to recall then apply these. There are no formulae sheets provided for the 2027 cohort.**

Revision Guides & Workbook



GCSE Science

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Choices have been made.

If you have chosen **Double Science** – not science option.

- Exam board: **AQA**
- Course code: **8464**
- Course name: **GCSE Combined Science Trilogy**
- **9** lessons of science a fortnight in core Science time
- **3 Subjects – 2 full GCSEs – Documented as a double grade**
- **Higher tier or Foundation tier**
- **Entry tier is the same for all Sciences**
- Specific Course revision guide



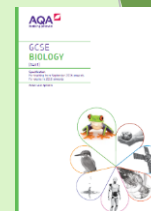
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If you have chosen “Triple Science” – Option block Science

- Exam board: **AQA**
- Course codes: **8461, 8462, 8463**
- Course names: **GCSE, Biology, Chemistry, Physics**
- **14** lessons of science a fortnight in core Science time
- **3 Subjects – 3 full GCSEs – Documented as a single grade per subject**
- **Higher tier and Foundation tier entries can be different in each subject.** 3 Revision guides available

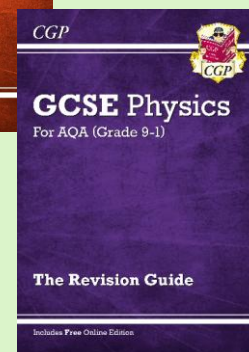
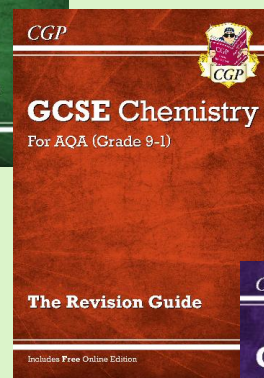
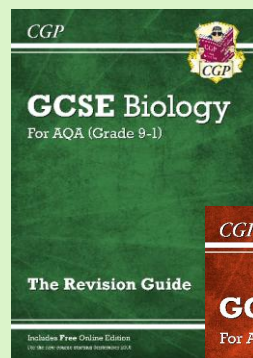
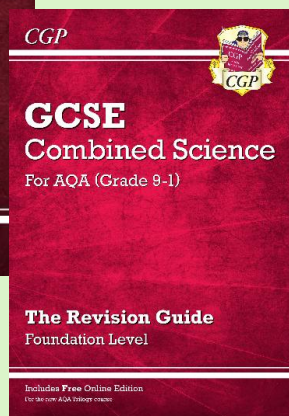
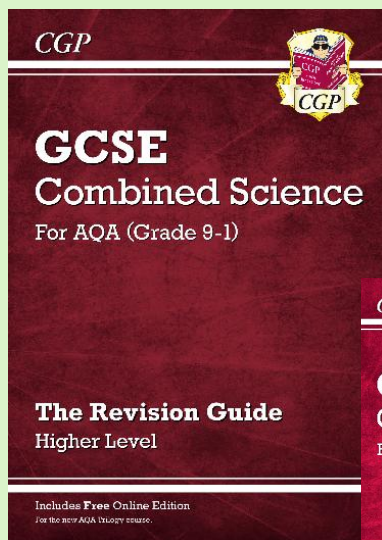


Biology	Chemistry	Physics
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Course Content

GCSE Biology topics:	GCSE Chemistry topics:	GCSE Physics topics:
Cell biology	Atomic structure and the periodic table	Energy
Organisation	Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter	Electricity
Infection and response	Quantitative chemistry	Particle model of matter
Bioenergetics	Chemical changes	Atomic structure
Homeostasis and response	Energy changes	Forces
Inheritance, variation and evolution	The rate and extent of chemical change	Waves
Ecology	Organic chemistry	Magnetism and electromagnetism
	Chemical analysis	Space Physics
	Chemistry of the atmosphere	
	Using resources	

Revision Guides



Coursework

GCSE Combined Science Trilogy (Double)

24 – Required practical activities “RPAs”

8 Physics

8 Chemistry

8 Biology

GCSE Separate Sciences (Triple)

30 Required practical activities “RPAs”

10 Physics

10 Chemistry

10 Biology

Formally assessed during the end of course examinations.

Attendance is mandatory.

Exams

Course	Examinations
GCSE Combined Science Trilogy over 2 years.	All 6 Trilogy Science Exams will be assessed May/June 2027. There will be 2 Biology exams, 2 Chemistry exams & 2 Physics exams. All exams are available in foundation or higher, but no mixed entry. All exams will be 1¼ hrs, 70 marks and worth 16.7% of the final grades.
3 Science GCSEs (Separate Sciences) Biology, Chemistry & Physics.	Each Science will be assessed in May/June 2027. Each Science will have 2 exams. All exams are available in foundation or higher, but no mixed entry within a singular science. All exams will be 1¾ hrs, 100 marks and worth 50% of the final grade for that science.

Tier of Entry

Choosing a student's tier of entry is an extremely hard challenge for teachers and students.

Higher tier papers allow students to access grades 9 to 4.

Foundation tier papers allow students to access grades 5 to 1

Therefore in order for a student to be entered for higher tier papers teachers will look for a track record of regularly attaining grade 5s or more in assessments.

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Important things to remember

- **The exam board for all science courses is AQA.**
- There are 2 courses: **Separate Sciences & Trilogy.**
- **All students cover the same units**, but the separate science students will go into more depth in some units.
- **All examinations** are at the **end of Year 11.** (No Coursework)
- Each student should ideally have the correct **revision guide** for their course.
- **Revision/help sessions** are available. See your teachers and ask! Prior to mock exams Thursday lunch sessions.

Be Prepared

- ▶ Know WHAT you need to know
- ▶ Know WHEN you need to know it
- ▶ 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





Right attitude

Right from the start

The power of 'yet'

Be ambitious

Aim high

I'm not
telling you
it's going
to be

easy,

I'm
telling you
it's going
to be

WORTH IT.

How will you do?

- ▶ If you have the right attitude, work hard and push yourself then the grades will take care of themselves
- ▶ **Target grades**
 - ▶ Give an indication of where you should be aiming.
 - ▶ They are based on prior attainment and 'expected' outcomes.
 - ▶ They are realistically ambitious.
 - ▶ They are NOT a prediction.
 - ▶ They are not a ceiling to what you can achieve.
- ▶ **3 sets of trial exams**

Attendance

- ▶ **There is a direct relationship between attendance and final GCSE results**
- ▶ **One day off per week = 80% attendance**
- ▶ **DfE research shows that when attendance falls to 90% a pupil will have dropped a grade in their GCSE results.**
- ▶ **Absence means missing key content, support and coursework.**

Keep Stress to a Manageable Level

- ▶ Stress is normal
- ▶ You may think that you are alone in facing the pressures of this year
- ▶ You aren't – so don't be afraid to ask for help
- ▶ Tell teachers about any worries or if you don't understand something
- ▶ Parents and Carers, please contact us, via the tutor, early if you have any concerns.
- ▶ Be prepared – practise. Trial exams.



LAST BUT NOT LEAST

- ▶ Your grades will be result of your hard work.
- ▶ But in the exam room it is your race.
- ▶ There will be a huge amount of support.
- ▶ Your grades are your passport to your future.



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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2027

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WORK EXPERIENCE DATES 2027

- **MONDAY 3RD MAY TO FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2027**
- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
- **THE FIRST MONDAY (3RD) IS A PUBLIC BANK HOLIDAY.**
- **PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR EMPLOYER IF YOU NEED TO GO TO WORK ON THIS DAY.**
- **WE CARRY OUT ALL THE RELEVANT HEALTH, SAFETY AND INSURANCE CHECKS ON THE WORKPLACES THROUGH UNIFROG**

WHY DO WE DO WORK EXPERIENCE?

- **WORK EXPERIENCE BUILDS CONFIDENCE, MATURITY AND EMPLOYABILITY.**

- WORK EXPERIENCE GIVES STUDENTS INSIGHT INTO SKILLS REQUIRED FOR THE FUTURE
- ALLOWS STUDENTS TO SEE IF THEY ENJOY THE JOB
- BROADENS KNOWLEDGE OF JOBS AVAILABLE
- INCREASES PERSONAL AWARENESS OF SKILLS AND STRENGTHS
- LINKS STUDENTS TO EMPLOYERS
- ALLOWS STUDENTS TO HAVE ENCOUNTERS WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES
- STUDENTS HAVE AN EXPERIENCE OF A WORKPLACE
- GIVES INSIGHT INTO A WORKING ENVIRONMENT
- GIVES MOTIVATION TO DO WELL IN SCHOOL
- USEFUL EXPERIENCE TO SHOW IN CV

ALL OF YEAR 10 PARTICIPATE IN WORK EXPERIENCE



IDEAS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

- THE ONLY LIMITS THAT WE HAVE ON WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS ARE MAKING SURE THAT THE PLACEMENT HAS SUITABLE INSURANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS.
- IF PAPERWORK IS SUBMITTED ON TIME, AND THE PLACEMENT HAS ALL OF THE CORRECT INSURANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS, THE SKY IS YOUR LIMIT!
- IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD STUDENTS TRAVEL ALL OVER ENGLAND AND THE WORLD.

SOME EXAMPLES:

THE GRASMERE GINGERBREAD SHOP-LAKE DISTRICT

CITY OF LONDON EDUCATION POLICY INSTITUTE – LONDON

AUCTIONEER –SOUTH OF FRANCE

CHICAGO MARINE PARK - USA

WORK EXPERIENCE -





Hello Julia! You're doing great!

116th in year group

5% progress (aim for at least 60% this year)

Want to move things forward? Here are the badges to aim for this year [refresh](#)



Unifrog 101 wizard



Material maestro



Pathfinder



Decision maker



Applications rookie

[See all badges >](#)

Work Experience -

Save a shortlist!

Find opportunities that get you excited about your next step after school/college.

- Get extra info about the opportunities you like most
- Save your list so you can share it, and come back to it later

[Shortlist UK university courses here](#)

Quizzes

Skills profile

✖ Quiz not taken



Quiz profile

✖ 0 of 4 quizzes complete



Exploring

Careers library

✖ Careers favouredited



Subjects library

✖ Subjects favouredited



Know-how library

✖ Guides favouredited



Uni & Employer library

✖ Profiles favouredited



Courses

✖ No courses added



MOOCs

Make your first shortlist



Read, Watch, Listen

✖ Profiles favouredited



Special opportunities



Recording

Activities

✖ Recorded at least 10



Skills

✖ Completed all 12



Interactions

✖ Missing 7 Interaction types



Academics

✖ No Classes selected



Placements

✖ No placements added



Materials

UK personal statement

✖ Subject added



Subject References

✖ No References selected



CV / Resumé

✖ Write CVs tailored for each roles



Notes for Reference writers

✖ 1 notes missing



Searching

UK universities

0 shortlists



European universities

0 shortlists



Oxbridge

0 shortlists



Apprenticeships

0 shortlists



College / Sixth Form

0 shortlists



Irish universities

0 shortlists



Connecting

Unifrog events

Interact directly with experts



Talent pool

✖ Not joined



Applying

Post 18 Intentions

✖ Plan A and Plan B complete



Placements

Here you can add work experience placements, fill in your forms, and check the progress of employer, parent and school coordinator forms. Want an overview of how organising a placement works? [See the whole process >](#)



0 placements added so far

Only add a placement **after** you've been in contact with the employer, and they have agreed to host you.

[+ Add new placement](#)

Student initial form

You're adding a Student initial form for a placement

Fill in the information below carefully. When you're done tick 'finished' at the bottom of the form. Afterwards we'll ask the placement lead at the employer to fill in the next form.

This form is only for organising a **placement that is in the future**.

A placement is where you are hosted directly by an employer, you have direct individual contact, and you observe their work. You must already have the employer's individual email address, and they must already have personally agreed to host you.

Use the **Activities** tool instead to record:

[Placement in the past >](#) [Work experience webinar / course / presentation >](#) [Job >](#) [Workplace visit >](#)

* Already agreed with the employer?

---- select ----

---- select ----

Yes, I have agreed it with the employer

No, I have not yet agreed it with the employer

on this tool.



1. PLACEMENT SECURED
2. STUDENT INITIAL FORM
3. EMPLOYER FORM
4. PARENT/CARER FORM
5. BEAMINSTER SCHOOL FORM
6. STUDENT EVALUATION FORM
7. FEEDBACK FORM

Now

- ▶ Head to:

- ▶ E1, E2, - along the corridor
 - ▶ E3 – along the corridor and up the stairs
 - ▶ E4, E5 – at the back of the hall

to hear about work experience placements

- ▶ Speak to staff/tutors/Head of Year

- ▶ Collect second-hand revision guides

- ▶ Suggested minimum donation £2 each

- ▶ Go home