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Welcome  
to our Year 11 Parents'  
Information Evening



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GCSE and BTEC  
Examinations 2022/23  
Mr Cassidy



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# Controlled Assessments

Throughout the year your child will sit a number of controlled assessments in their BTEC subjects. BTEC windows vary by subject but typically will be November, January and June. Students should prepare for their assessments in November and January as they would for a final examination in May or June.



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# Mock Examinations

Have become increasingly important. Firstly, they give students the experience of sitting formal examinations under controlled conditions. Secondly, they give our teachers important information to support planning so your child can achieve as well as possible.



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Mock examinations will run  
across a two week period from  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 and  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023



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# Interventions

Teachers will continue to assess regularly throughout the year and will put a number of interventions in place to support your child in developing their knowledge.

We ask for the support of all parents and carers in ensuring your child attends additional sessions if they need further support to achieve a good pass.



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GCSE and BTEC  
Summer Examination  
window 2023



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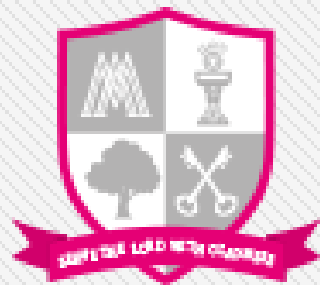
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 –  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023





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Grading – what do the  
grades mean? What is  
it compared to ...?



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Legacy GCSEs	New GCSE Grades	Vocational Qualifications	
<b>A*</b>	<b>9</b>	Distinction * <b>8.5</b>	<b>Level 2</b>
	<b>8</b>		
<b>A</b>	<b>7</b>	Distinction <b>7</b>	
	<b>6</b>		
<b>B</b>	<b>5</b>	Merit <b>5.5</b>	
	<b>4</b>		
<b>C</b>	<b>3</b>	Distinction * <b>3</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
	<b>2</b>		
<b>D</b>	<b>1</b>	Merit <b>1.5</b>	
	<b>1</b>		
<b>E</b>	<b>1</b>	Pass <b>1</b>	
	<b>1</b>		
<b>F</b>	<b>1</b>	Pass <b>1</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>1</b>	Pass <b>1</b>	
<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>	Not Yet Achieved (NYA)	



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## Sixth Form Entry Requirements

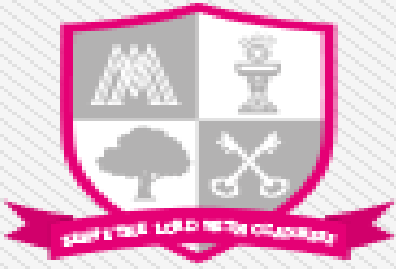
Five grade 5, including English and maths, for A Level courses with at least a grade 6 in the subjects you wish to study

Five grade 4, including English and maths, for all BTEC courses



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Pastoral Support  
Mr Billington



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# Year 11

## Pastoral Team

**Pupil Progress Co-Ordinator** – *Mr Billington*

**Assistant PPC** - *Miss O'Boyle*

**Assistant Head Teacher-** *Miss Crowley*

**Deputy Head Teacher-** *Mr Cassidy*

### Form Tutors

*Miss Chamberlain*

*Mrs Hodgson*

*Mrs Cotter*

*Miss Hindle*

*Miss McKean*

*Mr Hill*

*Mrs Jones*

# Further Pastoral support

**Chaplain-** *Mrs Quirk*

**Youth Worker-** *Sister Anne Frances*

**Laura Vicuna Centre-** *Sister Linda*

**Head of Care and Safeguarding-** *Mrs Styles/Miss Forster*

**SENCO-** *Mrs Godfrey*

**Attendance Team-** *Miss Yates & Mrs Walshaw*

**Education Welfare Officer-** *Mrs Crellin*

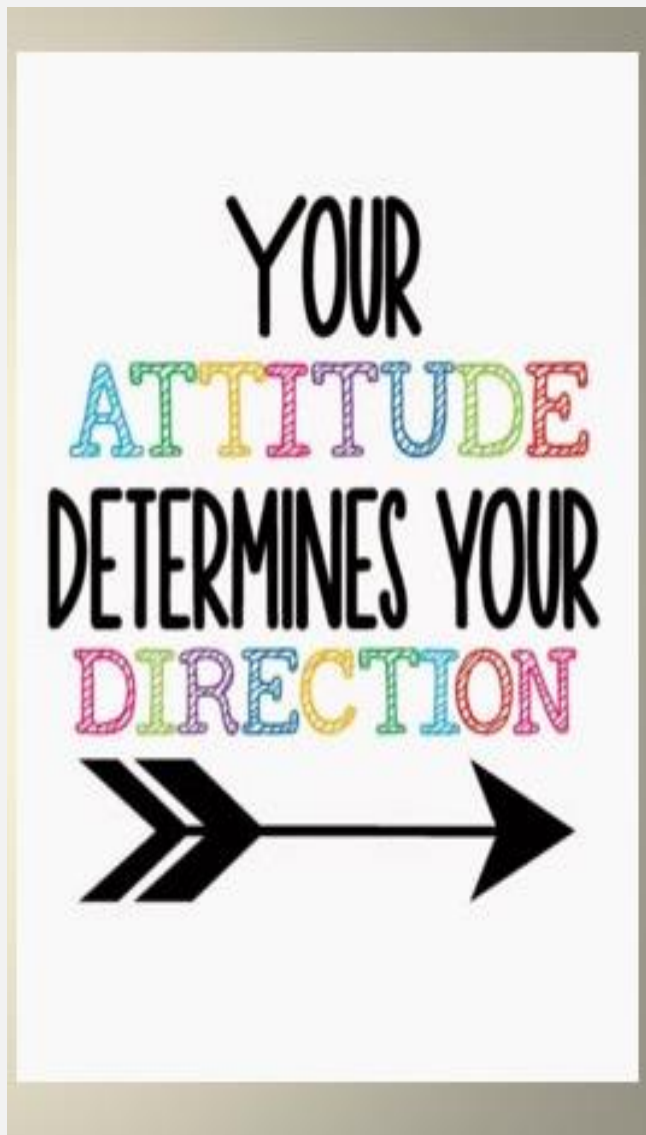
**Community Support Officer-** *PC Caroline*



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Whilst it is important to look back and reflect on how the past year has been, it is also important to look to the future.





As we start off on a new school year, we need to make sure we know where we want to go and what we want to achieve.



# How can you support your child to achieve their full potential?

1. Ensure they attend school everyday.
2. Communicate with teachers if you feel they need extra support.
3. Encourage your child to attend extra-curricular revision sessions.
4. Help them to make a revision timetable and stick to it.
5. Agree a school / life balance.
6. Establish routines at home for revision.
7. Ensure they are focused and committed to their studies.



# ClassCharts

- Parents and carers can check their child is receiving homework.**
- If you need a login please contact your child's form tutor.**
- Monitor and track your child's behaviour for learning.**
- Running a year group competition and individual incentives in each form.**



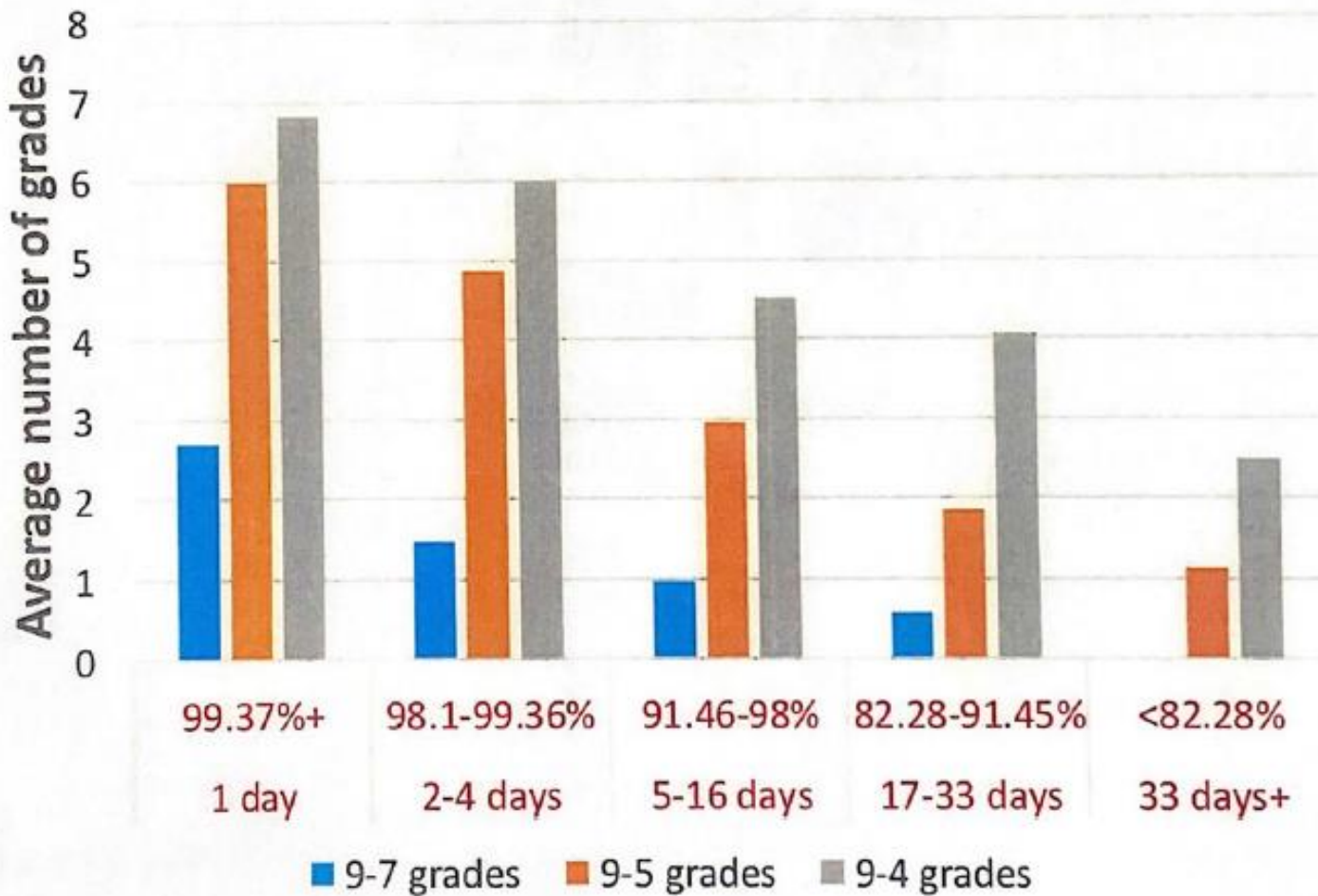
# Attendance

**-Attendance matters.**

**-Every student should aim for 97% or higher.**

**-Those who fall below will be invited in for meetings with PPC, Leadership and the Education Welfare Officer.**

## GCSE Grades vs Attendance



5 or more days off a school year will most likely result in your child's results being 1 grade lower.

# Useful Websites

- [www.classcharts.com](http://www.classcharts.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)
- [www.getrevising.co.uk](http://www.getrevising.co.uk)



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# Bitesize

All Bitesize

## Learn & revise >

### Primary

Age 3 to 11

Go to Primary >

### Secondary

Age 11 to 16

Go to Secondary >

### Post-16

Age 16+

Go to Post-16 >

➤ [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

- Select GCSE
- Choose your subject and search for resources.



## 5 TOP TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE EXAM REVISION

AS RECOMMENDED BY PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!\*

- 1. START EARLY**  
Don't leave it to last minute! Start revising a couple of weeks before your exams to give your brain time to absorb.
- 2. PLAN YOUR TIME**  
Failing to prepare is preparing to fail, so plan wisely. Make a schedule to document what you will revise and when!
- 3. AVOID YOUR PHONE**  
Revision is tough, but looking at social media every ten minutes won't help you learn! Put your phone away so you can focus.
- 4. PRACTISE!**  
Athletes don't win gold without rigorous training, and neither will you! Actively practising (e.g. doing mock exams) can help re-inforce knowledge.
- 5. TAKE BREAKS**  
Your body needs rest in order to get stronger, and so does your brain! Be sure to take regular breaks during revision - your mind will thank you.

Good luck!

SIMPLY EDUCATION

\*A focus group of 5 University graduates was used to collect information for this infographic.



**GCSE**

Biology

Business studies

Chemistry

English

French

Geography

History

Maths

Music

Physics

All GCSE subjects »

**A Level & IB**

**University**


**Study planner**

**Past papers**

**141,956 GCSE resources**







Always  
Believe  
in  
Yourself

We believe  
in you...  
believe you  
can and  
you will



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English  
Miss McKean



# An overview of the course

## **GCSE**

- Grading system 9 - 1
- The student will receive two separate GCSEs in this subject (Language and Literature)
- Each one is marked separately and given a separate grade. They do not impact each other but we expect maximum effort towards both.
- Closed book exams
- No tiers – there's no glass ceiling!



# English Language

- 100 % Exam
- 2 papers (1 hour 45 minutes each)
- Reading section worth 40 marks (fiction and non-fiction)
- Writing section worth 40 marks (descriptive and transactional)
- SPaG is marked in writing sections



# English Literature

- Paper One: 1 hour 45 minutes (*Romeo and Juliet* and *A Christmas Carol*)
- Paper Two: 2 hours 15 minutes (*An Inspector Calls*, *Anthology of Poetry*, *Unseen Poetry*)
- Closed book - Quotations and reference to the text must be from memory
- The students can be asked about any character, any theme and any part of the text

*“Know the text. If you know the text well, you will be able to demonstrate this knowledge and understanding in the exam.” AQA*



*“The book to read is not the one that thinks for you,  
but the one that makes you think.”*

*-Harper Lee*



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# How are departments helping?

## ENGLISH

- Strong **schemes of work** that are reviewed regularly;
- **Adaptation** of lessons to accommodate all learners;
- **Past papers/examiners' reports** used to inform planning/intervention;
- **GCSE examiners** within the department;
- Class **intervention**/personal intervention;
- Regular **revision sessions** to begin end of September 2022 (in preparation for November mock series);
- Regular **homework** to expand on learning;
- Close **analysis of student performance** and review of revision content to meet needs;
- Regular **mock examinations**;
- **Pupil voice**.





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# Maths

Mrs Goodchild

Subject Leader



# Mathematics GCSE Exam

- Exam Board: Edexcel (Grading system 9 – 1)
- Three papers (1 hour 30 mins each):
  - Paper 1 – non-calculator
  - Paper 2 – calculator
  - Paper 3 – calculator
- Topics can be re-examined on all 3 papers
- Students will sit Higher or Foundation tier
  
- 4 and a half hours of examinations in total



# Maths- How we are helping

- Specific intervention sessions for pupils falling below target.
- Revision sessions after school for higher and foundation students
- Mock assessments with question analysis, so that pupils can see which topics they need to be working on
- Subscription to interactive maths programmes



# Maths- How we are helping

TOPIC	Fractions, Decimals & Percentages Conversion	Fractions as an Amount	Collecting Like Terms	Drawing a Bar Chart	Probability Scale	BIDMAS with Decimals	Ordering Decimals	Probability as Fractions	Division Problem	Angle Rules - Straight Line	Coordinates with Types of Triangle	Indices	2 Step Equations	Midpoints with money Problem - Add/Subtract	Estimation with Money Problem - 4 Operations	Bearings and Scale Drawing	Ratio with Percentages with Two Way Tables	Proving basic multiplication facts
QUESTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MARKS	2	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	6	3	3	1
CLASS AVERAGE	1.8	0.8	0.54	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.8	1.6	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.2	3.9	1.9	1.3	0.8
Student A	2	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	6	2	1	1
Student B	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	6	1	2	1
Student C	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	0	2	3	3	1	0
Student D	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	2	0
Student E	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	6	3	2	1



# Maths- How can you help?

- Encourage your child to revise for the end of unit and mock assessments
- Help them to learn key formulae
- Ensure they have excellent attendance
- Monitor their independent learning, including homework



# What students need to be doing.

- Make sure you address any gaps in your knowledge from topics previously taught. These can be identified using the question analysis grid
- Attend lessons and revision sessions and have the correct attitude to learning
- Start revising now! Leaving revision until after Christmas is too late
- Ask for help and use all available resources to assist



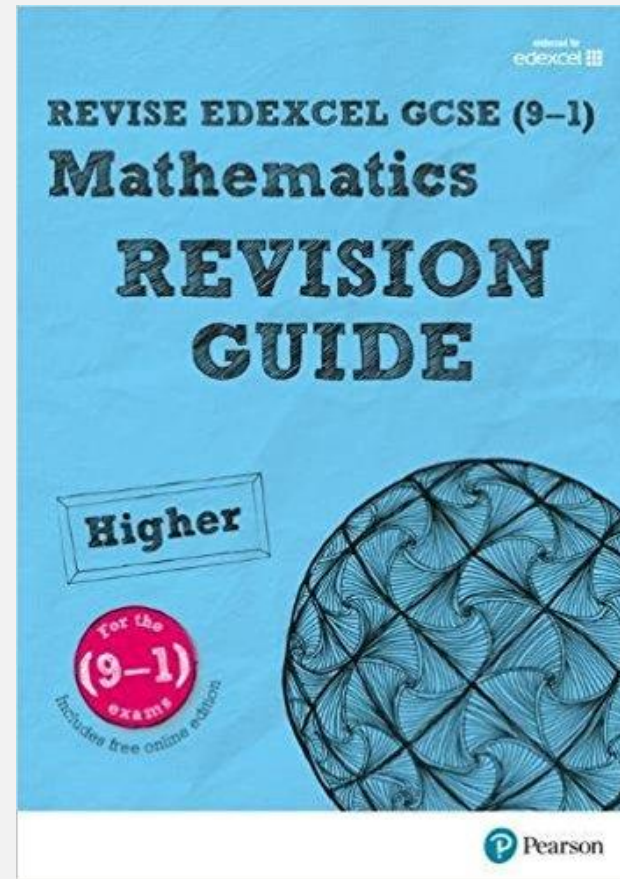
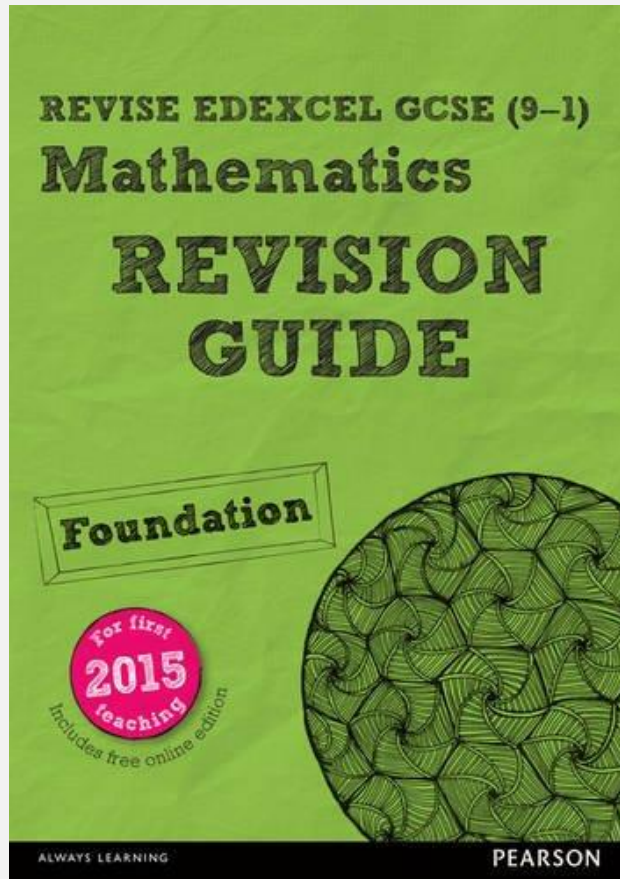
# You need one of these!

There are 2 calculator papers and it is important that your child is familiar with using their own calculator.



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# Edexcel Maths Revision Materials



Revision guide, revision workbook and flash cards available from school.



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# Maths – online help

- Packages subscribed to by school – Mathswatch
- Other free to use resources – BBC Bitesize, GCSE Mr Barton Maths, YouTube, Corbett Maths



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**There is a strong correlation between those students who complete all of their homework, and complete independent study on MathsWatch and achieving a high GCSE Grade.**

***Completing homework, and independently studying on MathsWatch pays off!***

**Don't miss out on this opportunity.**



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Science

Miss Houghton



# Structure of the exams

Exam board: AQA

Course: Combined Science (Trilogy)

- The exams consist of six 75 minute papers each 70 marks (2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics)
- Paper 1 for each subject is the Year 10 content and Paper 2 is the Year 11 content

Your child will be awarded 2 GCSE Science grades

# Percentage to achieve grades

Grade	% needed (Higher)
44	23%
55	32%
66	42%
77	52%
88	61%
99	70%

Grade	% needed (Foundation)
11	11%
22	24%
33	38%
44	52%
55	64%

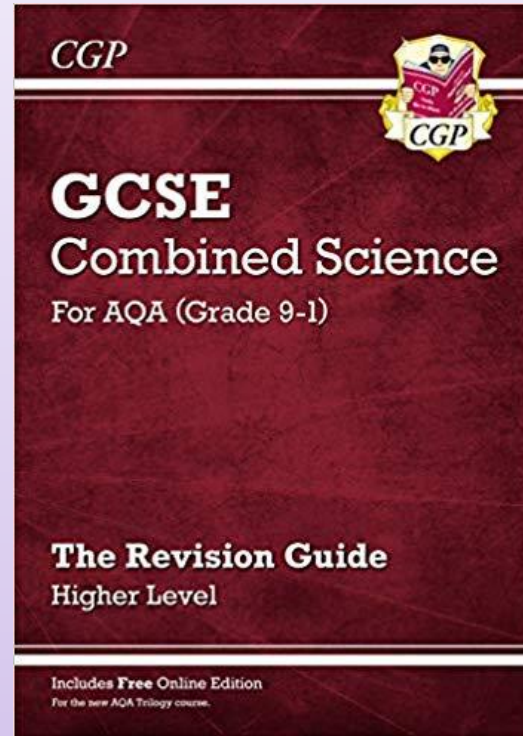
# Revision resources

Free online resources

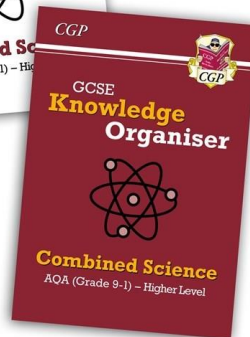
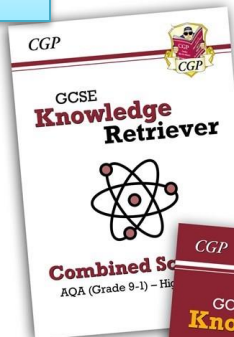
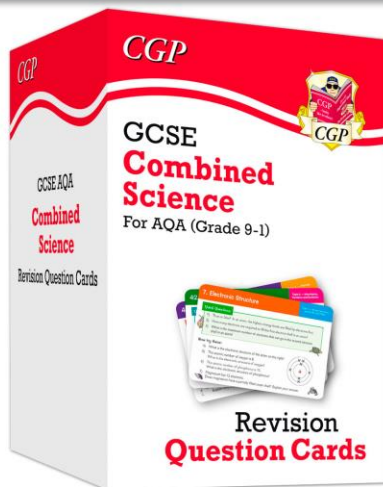


**BBC** Bitesize

Purchased by school



Available to buy on ParentPay



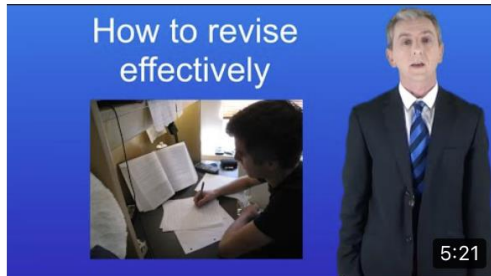
# YouTube



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Staff will now be available  
to answer any questions  
you may have.





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If any parents or carers do not have their ClassCharts login, please see a member of staff before you leave this evening