

Key dates for Year 11

Wb 13th October - Year 11 review week

23rd October – Year 11 Revision conference

17th – 5th December – Year 11 Mock exams

Wb 15th December – Mock results day

7th January – Year 11 parents evening

5th February - Year 11 parental revision evening

23rd February – 6th March – Year 11 Assessments

19th March – Launch of The Home Straight revision sessions

7th May (tbc) – Start of GCSE exams



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Nothing but the best



Year 11 information evening



Miss R Bennett

Deputy Headteacher

Curriculum & Achievement



9-1 GCSE Grading

A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

Some students may have to resit if they don't achieve a Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. (Depending on Post 16 courses)

BTEC Grading

Level / Qualification Grade	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



This will be your son/daughter next time.

Attendance

- There is a clear link between attendance and attainment

2024-2025 results:

Attendance %	Attainment 8 Score
95% or above	59.5
90% or above	49.44
80-90%	43.11
50-80%	29.15
Less than 50%	20.5

Attendance

- To achieve 95% attendance students must have no more than 10 days absence over the year
- Attendance at TBS was in line with the national average last year

It may seem obvious but.....

Please do the following:

- Report absence at the start of the first day of illness and **every day** that your child does not attend
- Arrange any appointments out of school time
- Be mindful that missed learning places additional pressure upon young people

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Y11 Review Week

W/C 13th October 2025

A great opportunity for discussions with form tutors about how Y11 is going for your son/daughter. This will include an update about attitude to learning, any identified issues or concerns, positive achievements etc.



Y11 Mock Examinations

November - December 2025

- **Week commencing 17th November**
(Duration - 3 Weeks)

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Purpose of mock exams

To fully prepare the students for the expectations and format for their actual GCSE examinations.

To assist teachers with providing realistic predicted grades to the students in each of their subjects so there should be no 'shocks'.

To enable the teachers to carry out question level analysis and look at individual strengths and weaknesses that allows them to intervene wherever necessary before the real examinations.



Y11 Mock Examinations Timetable November 2025

**Will be sent out to all parents once finalised,
as well as being available on the website.**

**Students will receive a hard copy during the
Revision Conference.**



Year 11 Mock Examinations - Nov - Dec 2024

W/C 18th November 2024 (week 2)

	Period 1 08:30 - 09:30	Period 2 09:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:50	10:50 - 11:20	11:20 - 12:20	12:20 - 12:55	Period 4 12:55 - 13:55	Period 5 13:55 - 14:55
Monday 18/11/2024	English Language Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins		Break	Tutorial	Period 3	Lunch	Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator 1hr 30 mins	
Tuesday 19/11/2024	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 1 hr 15 mins Triple Biology 1hr 45mins		Break	Tutorial	Period 3	Lunch	History paper 1 1hr 20 mins	
Wednesday 20/11/2024	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 1 hr 15 mins Triple Chemistry 1hr 45mins		Break	Tutorial	Period 3	Lunch	Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr 30 mins	
Thursday 21/11/2024	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45mins		Break	Tutorial	Period 3	Lunch	GCSE PE Paper 1 CN Sports Studies 1 hour	
Friday 22/11/2024	Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1hr 30 mins		Break	Tutorial	French, German & Spanish Writing 1hr Foundation, 1 hour 15 mins Higher	Lunch	Geography Paper 1 Computer Science Paper 1 1hr 30 mins	

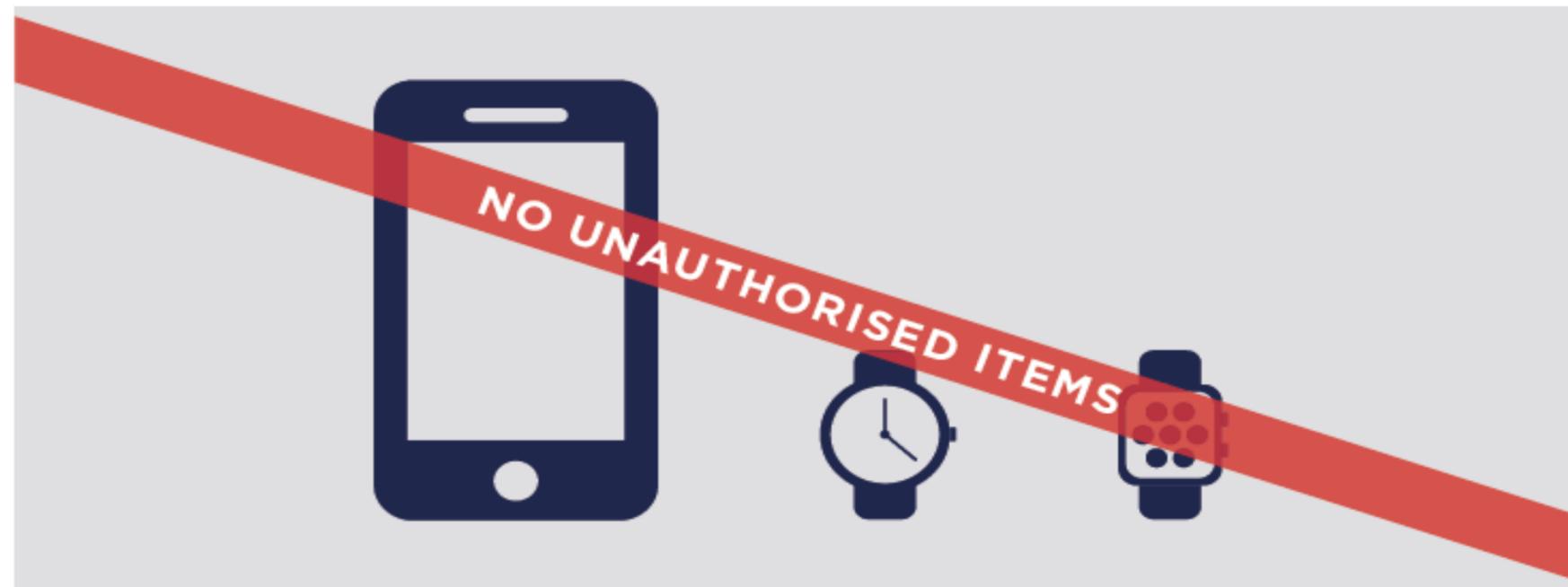
W/C 25th November 2024 (week 1)

	Period 1 08:30 - 09:30	Period 2 09:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:50	10:50 - 11:20	11:20 - 12:20	12:20 - 12:55	Period 4 12:55 - 13:55	Period 5 13:55 - 14:55
Monday 25/11/2024	Combined Science Physics Paper 2 1 hr 15 mins Triple Physics 1hr 45mins		Break	Tutorial	Period 3	Lunch	Business Studies 1 1hr 45 mins	
Tuesday 26/11/2024	Design Technology 2 hrs Health & Social Care 2 hrs			Break	Period 3	Lunch	History paper 2 1hr	
Wednesday 27/11/2024	Music 1 hr 15 mins Computer Science Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins Psychology 1 hr 30 mins		Break	Tutorial	French, German & Spanish Listening 35 mins Foundation, 50 mins Higher	Lunch	Geography Paper 2/3 1hr 30 mins	
Thursday 28/11/2024	English Language Paper 2 1 hr 45 mins		Break	Tutorial	French, German & Spanish Reading 45 mins Foundation, 1 hour Higher	Lunch	GCSE PE Paper 2 1 Hour Drama 1 hr 45 mins	
Friday 29/11/2024								

Unauthorised Items

**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



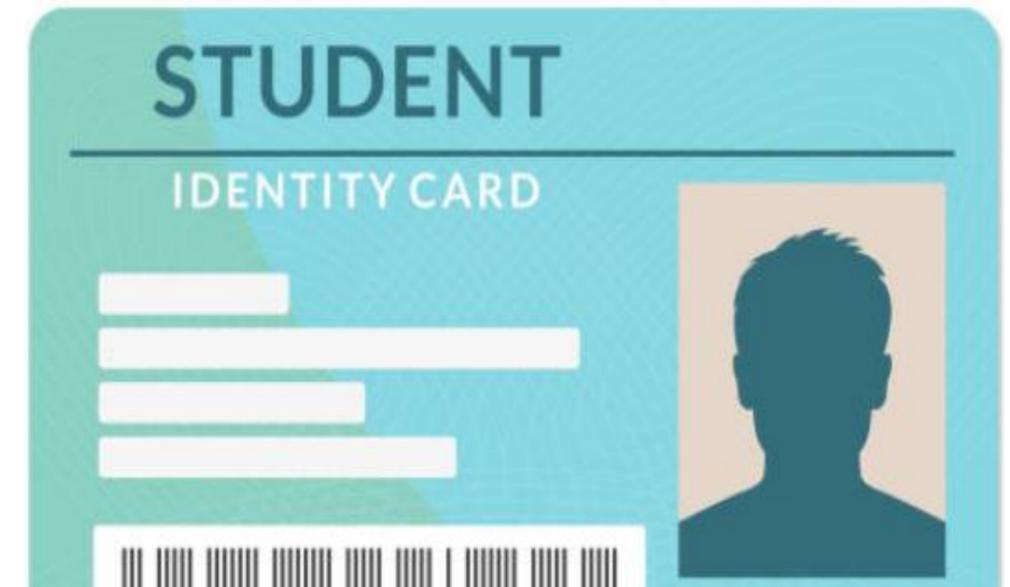
Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

Verifying Identification

Students will be expected to have their examination identity card on their desk at all times – in clear view of the invigilators.



Equipment required

Black pens x 2

Pencil

Ruler

Calculator

(Covers removed and memory cleared)

Pencil cases – clear only

**Specialist equipment
such as compasses,
angle measurers,
tracing paper,
highlighters etc are
provided.**

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JCQ Documentation

Information for candidates

Written examinations

With effect from 1 September 2025

Key points include:

Important rules and regulations regarding written exams and controlled assessments.

Instructions for during and at the end of an exam.

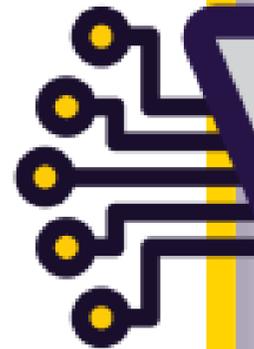
AI and Assessments

A quick guide for students



What is AI?

- AI stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks
- AI tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My AI can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased



How can AI be misused in assessments?

AI misuse is when you take something made using AI and say it's your own work.

**THIS IS
CHEATING!**



Know the rules

- You're **not allowed** to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work

Reference reference reference! If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly

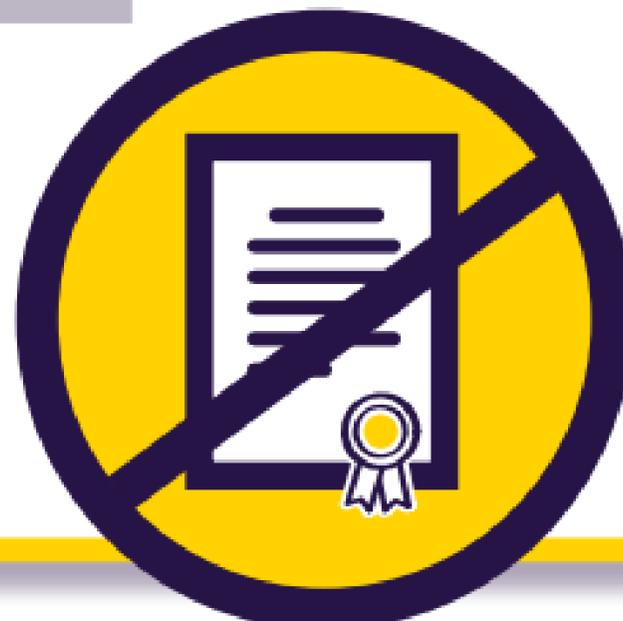
- Name the AI tool you used
- Add the date you generated the content
- Explain how you used it
- Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got

Declare it's all your own work – When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration. Anything without a reference must be all your own work. If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references

What happens if I misuse AI?

If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

DON'T RISK IT!



REMEMBER
Misusing AI is cheating!
Know the rules
Talk to your teachers
Reference clearly



Access Arrangements

Pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and normal way of working.

Access Arrangements allow candidates with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to access an exam without changing the demand of it.

Students with Access Arrangements will be provided with a personalised timetable of where their examinations will take place.

Mock Exam Results Day

18th December 2025





Y11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Great opportunity for discussions with all subject teachers about mock results, predicted grades, attitude to learning, possible interventions etc.

Reports

Subject	Target Grade	Predicted Grade			
		DC6	January Mock Exam	DC7	
Art <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	5	5	6	
Design and Technology <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	2	1	2	
English Language <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	5	5	4	
English Literature <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	2	
History <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	3	
Mathematics <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	4	3	3	
Science <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	3	

Subject Targets

Resilience

Skills

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Learner Targets (barriers)

B – Behaviour
 H – Homework
 P – Participation
 R – Resilience
 S – Skills
 W – Work rate

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AGAIN - updated predicted grades in April.

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Design and Technology <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	2	1	2		Skills
English Language <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	5	5	4		Skills
English Literature <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	2		Resilience
History <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	3		Resilience
Mathematics <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	4	3	3		Skills
Science <i>(Teacher Name)</i>	5	3	2	3		

Learner Targets (barriers)

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Interventions/Support

Subject specialist advice and guidance

Curriculum Plus

Core Boost – form time tutoring

Assertive Mentoring

Homework/Parental support



Y11 Actual GCSE Examinations **Summer 2026**

Begin Thursday 7th May 2026.

NB : 10 hour Art exam date and other Practical exams TBC

Controlled assessments are ongoing until finalised and submitted mid-May.

GCSE Results Day Summer 2026

Thursday 20th August 2026





Mr Pridmore

Deputy Headteacher

Standards





**When should I
start revising?**



Advice from the class of 23

Things I wish I could have told myself at the start of Year 11 that would have helped me in my exams or throughout the year.

revise earlier than I did so I have more time -

Name



**How much
revision
should you do?**

How much per night?

20
mins?

40
mins?

1
hour?

2
hours?

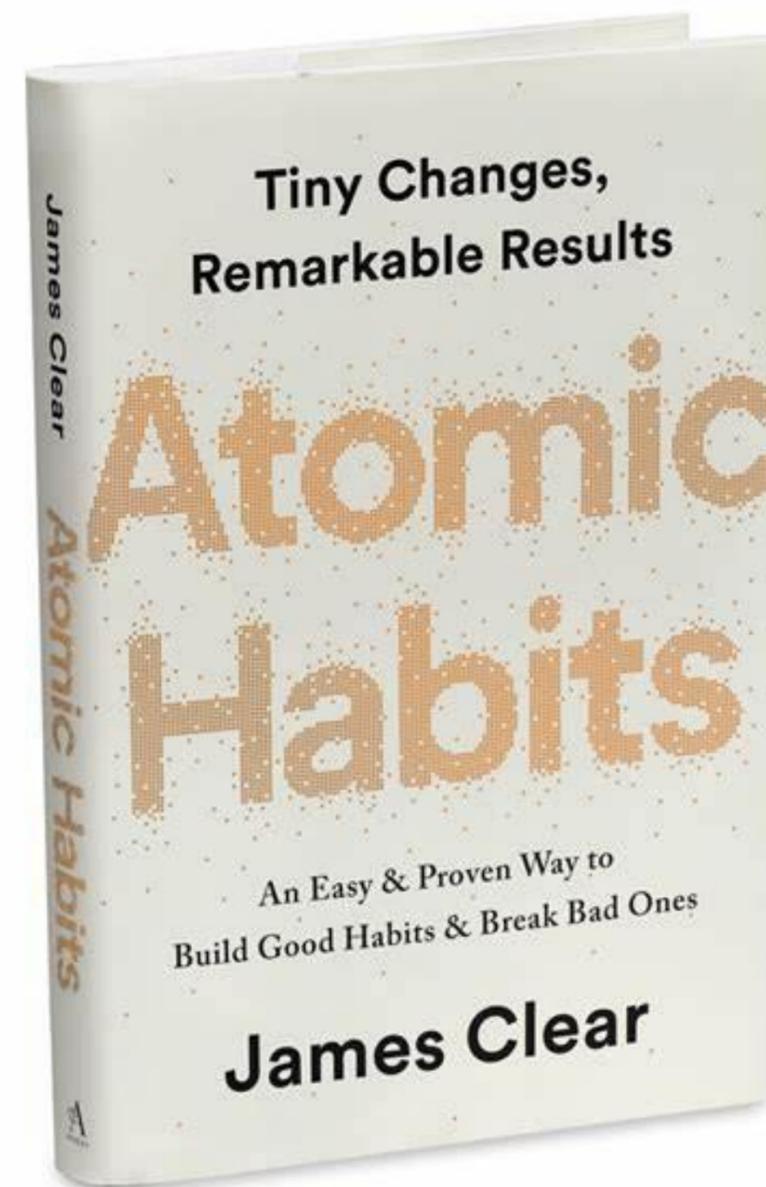


Weekly Revision Timetable

Week beginning _____

Day	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Example	4:30 – 5:00pm Geography Formation of volcanos	6:30 – 7:00pm Maths Vectors	7:30 – 8:00pm PE Commercialisation	
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

**Make it easy
for your child
to revise**



What might this involve?

What can you change at home this week?

- Choose the right time and make it a routine.
- Ensuring they have a suitable space to revise and work.
- Provide them with the relevant stationary eg, pens, pencils, calculators, blank flash cards, paper etc.
- Obtain the relevant revision guides, and put relevant websites on your favourites bar or apps on their phone if they have one.
- Have weekly revision timetables.
- Encourage them to have everything at hand, so it's easy to do a quick 20-30 minute session.



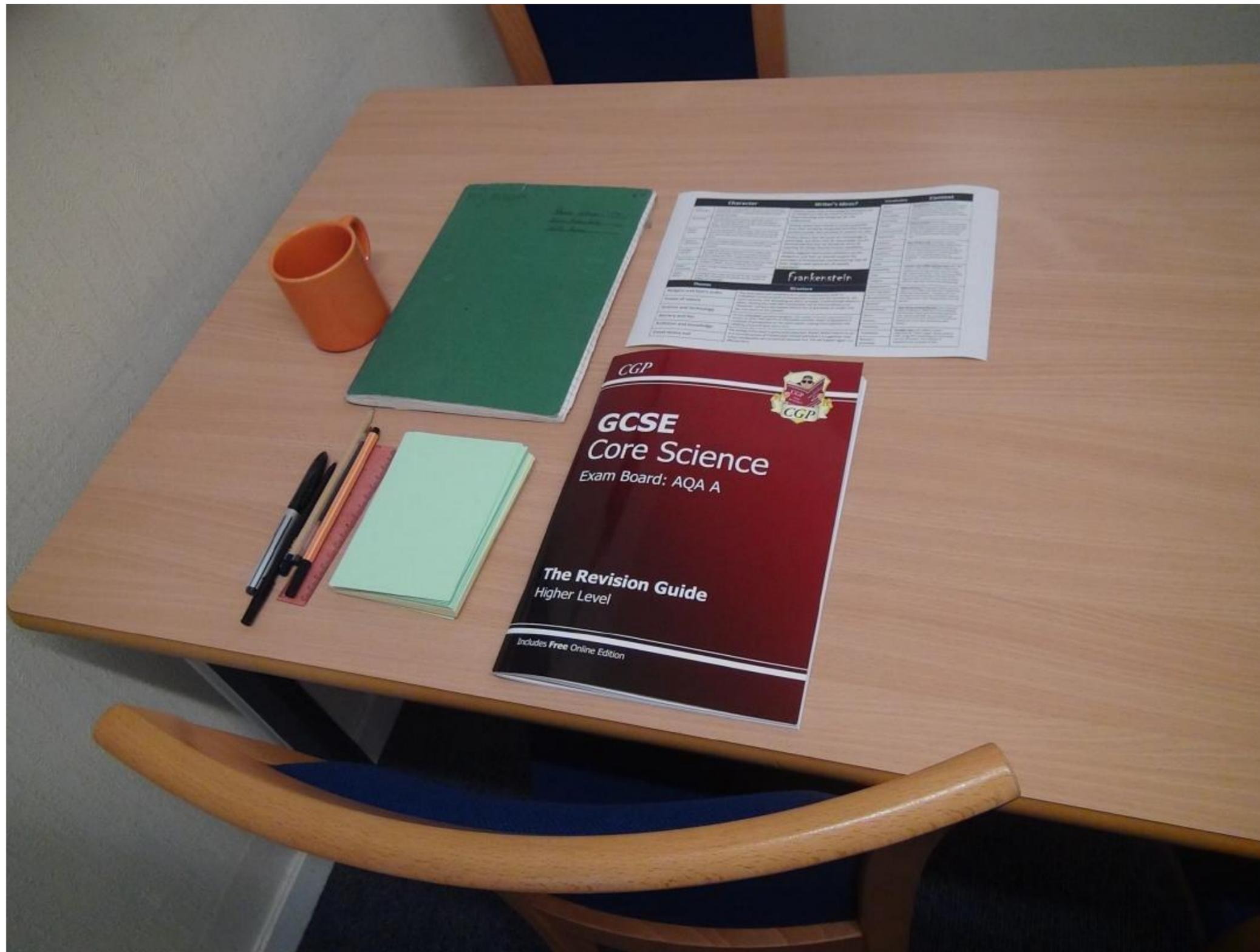


BBC Bitesize

Input all your subjects and importantly the exam board.



Art	AQA
Business Studies	Edexcel
Design & Technology	AQA
Drama	AQA
English Language & Literature	AQA
Food Preparation & Nutrition	OCR
French	Edexcel
Geography	AQA
German	Edexcel
Health & Social Care	OCR
History	Edexcel
Maths	Edexcel
Media	Eduqas
Music	Eduqas
Physical Studies	Cambridge National
Science (Combined & Triple)	AQA
Textiles	AQA





ClassCharts

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Revision

Here students can find useful resources to help with revising for exams.

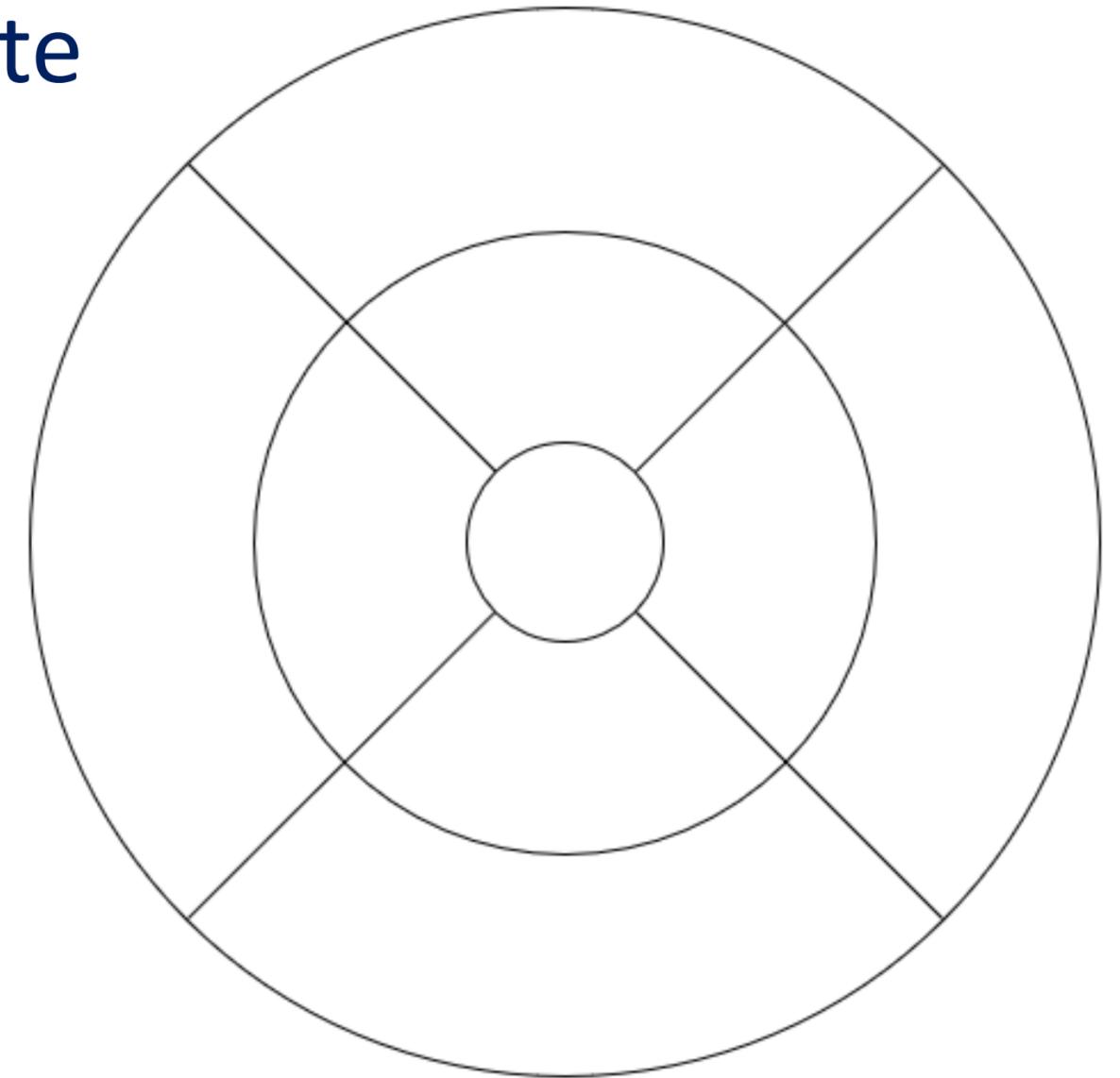
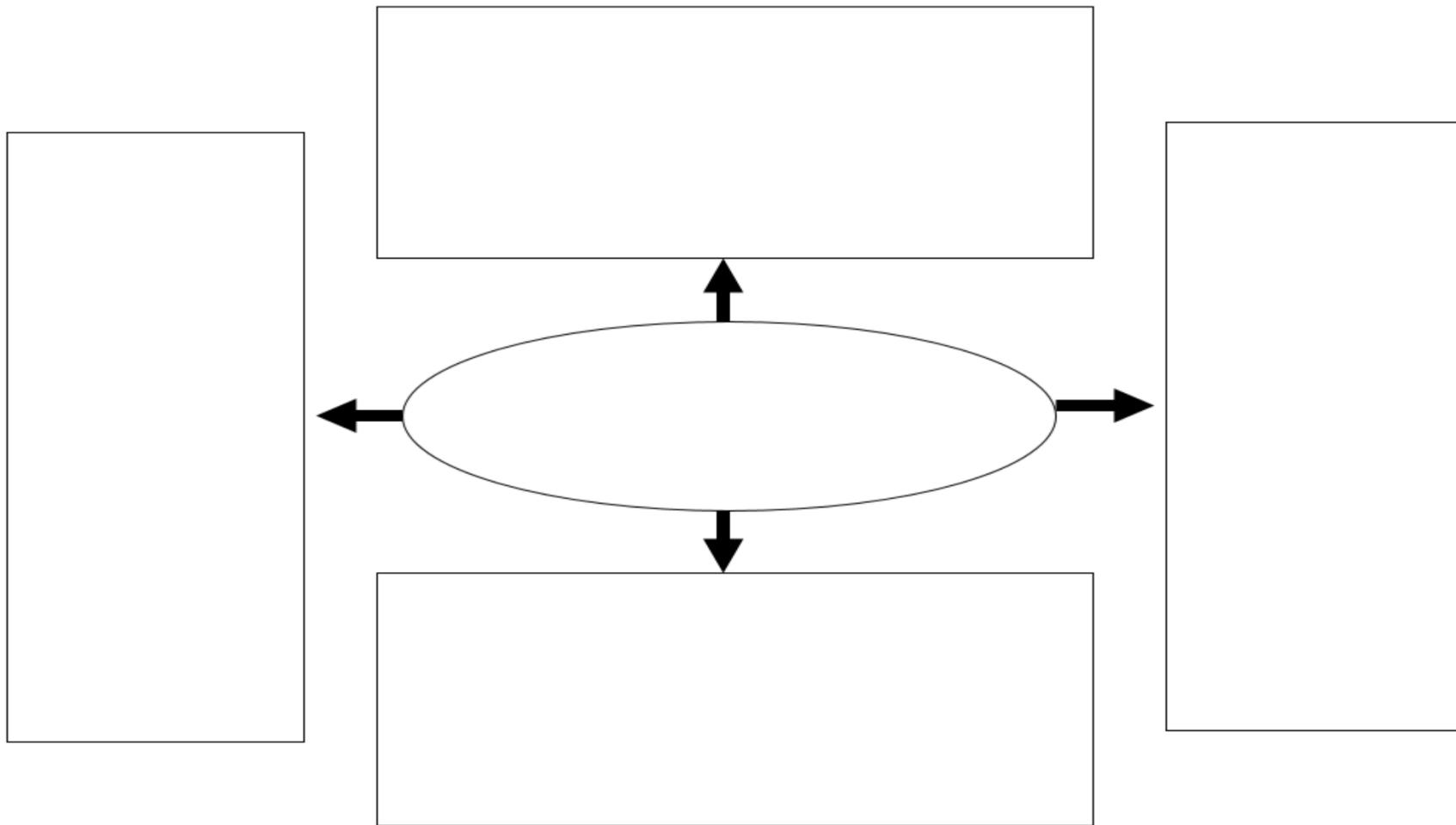


[Y11 Revision Evening 2024](#)



[A Guide to Examination Courses in Key Stage 4](#)

Blank copies of lots of different types of these are available on our website



Year 11 The Year Ahead Programme



Date	Event	Staff involved
Wb 22 nd Sept	Launch of mentoring	RBE
Thursday 25 th September	Year 11 - The year ahead parental evening & controlled assessment information	SLT & Open HoF
Wb 13 th October	Year 11 Review Week	Tutors
Wednesday 15 th October	Class of 23 advice assembly	JPR
Tuesday 21 st October	Introduction to revision assembly	JPR
Thursday 23 rd October	Revision conference	JPR/JWA & Team
Friday 7 th November	Goals & Aspirations assembly	LSQ
Monday 10 th November	Exam protocol assembly	RBE
Tuesday 11 th November	Practical Exams	
Wb. 17 th November	Mock Exams	
Wb. 24 th November	Mock Exams	
Wb 15 th December	Year 11 Data Collection point 7	Yr11 Staff
Thursday 18 th December	Mock results day	Assertive Mentors
Thursday 5 th February	Parental revision evening	SLT
Wb. 23 rd February	In-class assessments	
Wb. 2 nd March	In-class assessment	
Monday 9 th March	The Home Straight Launch Assembly & weekly6 revision booklet launch	JPR
Wb 23 rd March	Year 11 Data Collection point 8	Yr11 Staff
Tuesday 28 th April	Exam protocol assembly	RBE
Wednesday 29 th April	Reducing exam stress assembly	RTO
Thursday 7 th May	Start of GCSE Exams	

What support and preparation is in place for Year 11 students throughout the year?



Are there any further opportunities for my child to get extra support in a subject?

Textiles

Geography

History

Maths

Music

DT

English

French

German

Food & Nutrition

Art

Cambridge National Sport

Science



Thursday 5th February

Revision strategies evening
for parents.