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Countdown to
GCSEs 2024

Content



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Theme	Speaker
Welcome	Mr Johnson – Executive Headteacher
Previous Results Year 11 Programme Curriculum English Maths French	Mr Payne – Deputy Executive Headteacher and Head of Year 11
Science	Mrs R Jordan – Acting Senior Teacher and Head of Science
Humanities	Mrs J Payne – Head of Humanities
Revision	Mrs J Payne – Head of Humanities
Post-16 and Careers Advice and Guidance	Miss R Woods – Senior Teacher
Closing Comments and Questions from the Floor	Mr Johnson – Executive Headteacher

Historic Results



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- Progress Scores best in Devon for a comprehensive school for two years in a row.
- Consistently the highest entry for English Baccalaureate in the South West.
- Consistently above national average for top grades, SEND progress and pupil premium progress.

Key Information



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- Guidance for Pupils and Parents' Pack
- Key Dates

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Key People



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- Guild Tutor
- Class Teachers
- Head of Year – Mr Payne
- Examinations Officer – Mrs Harrington
- Oversight of Examinations – Ms Miller-Marshall
- Curriculum – Mr Payne

Communication

- ClassCharts
- Parents' Evening
- Half termly reports
- Email
- Phone calls
- Meetings



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Examinations in 2024



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- A traditional examination series.
- Grade boundaries and distribution pre-pandemic standard.
- No additional support other than Examination Access Arrangements.
- Attend all examinations.

Qualification Profile



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Qualification Title	Examination Board
English	AQA
English Literature	AQA
Mathematics	AQA
Two Sciences	AQA
Modern Foreign Language	Edexcel
Religious Studies	AQA
History or Geography	Edexcel/AQA
Option 1	Various
Option 2	Various

Key Dates



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Event	Date
Main Mock Examination Series	Week Beginning 11 th December
Mock Examination Results Day	6 th February
Parents' Evening	8 th February
English and Mathematics Final Mocks	11 th -13 th March
GCSE Examinations Start	9 th May
Final Day for Year 11 Pupils (provisional)	14 th June
Year 11 Leavers' Ball	20 th June



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- Pupils remain on roll until June 30th 2023.
- Attendance each day until the final GCSE Examination in June.
- After this point pupils still attend until their final examination to revise.
- Attendance for all examinations is mandatory.

All pupils should:



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- Attend every day, unless they physically cannot.
- Have a clear working pattern at home.
- Be very clear about what they need to revise for each individual exam paper.
- Have a space they can use for revision without distractions.
- Be in regular discussion with their teachers.

AQA GCSE English Language



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Paper One

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing, looks at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of readers.

Pupils read an extract from a fictional text and answer questions, then produce a piece of creative writing in response to a visual stimulus.

1hr 45 mins

50 % of GCSE grade.

Paper Two

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives, looks at how different writers present a similar topic over time.

Pupils read two non-fiction extracts about the same topic and answer questions. They produce a piece of writing, such as a speech or an article, in response to a given statement.

1 hr 45 mins

50 % of GCSE grade.

Spoken Language Endorsement

Pupils completed this in Year 10. They are awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction from a speech they plan, practice and deliver in a formal context.

AQA GCSE English Literature



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Paper One

Shakespeare and 19th Century Fiction

Section A: Macbeth

Section B: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde 1 hr

45 mins

40 % of GCSE grade

Paper Two

Modern Texts and Poetry

Section A: Modern prose ('An Inspector Calls' or 'The Lord of the Flies')

Section B: Poetry Anthology

Section C: Unseen Poetry

2hr 15 mins

60% of GCSE grade

Mathematics



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- Mocks at Christmas consist of three papers, one non-calculator and two calculator papers. This is a full GCSE mock.
- Core mocks around Easter are also a full three papers.

Target Sheets



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- All pupils have a target sheet in their books with their own personal target to improve.
- There is a smaller version inside their planner with copied targets to work on at home.
- Use My Maths and Sparx independent learning to revise.
- Use revision guides and work books to practice extra questions.

Past Papers



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- One of the best ways to revise is to complete past papers.
- All pupils have packs of papers to work on.
- The main benefit is to work on the questions they get wrong by correcting mistakes and trying to understand the worked solutions given.

GCSE French



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- Rehearsal of all elements
- Writing examination in the hall
- Speaking examination 1:1
- Listening examination in classrooms

Studying a second language is a privilege that pupils in selective and fee-paying schools take for granted. We do not believe our young people should have anything less.

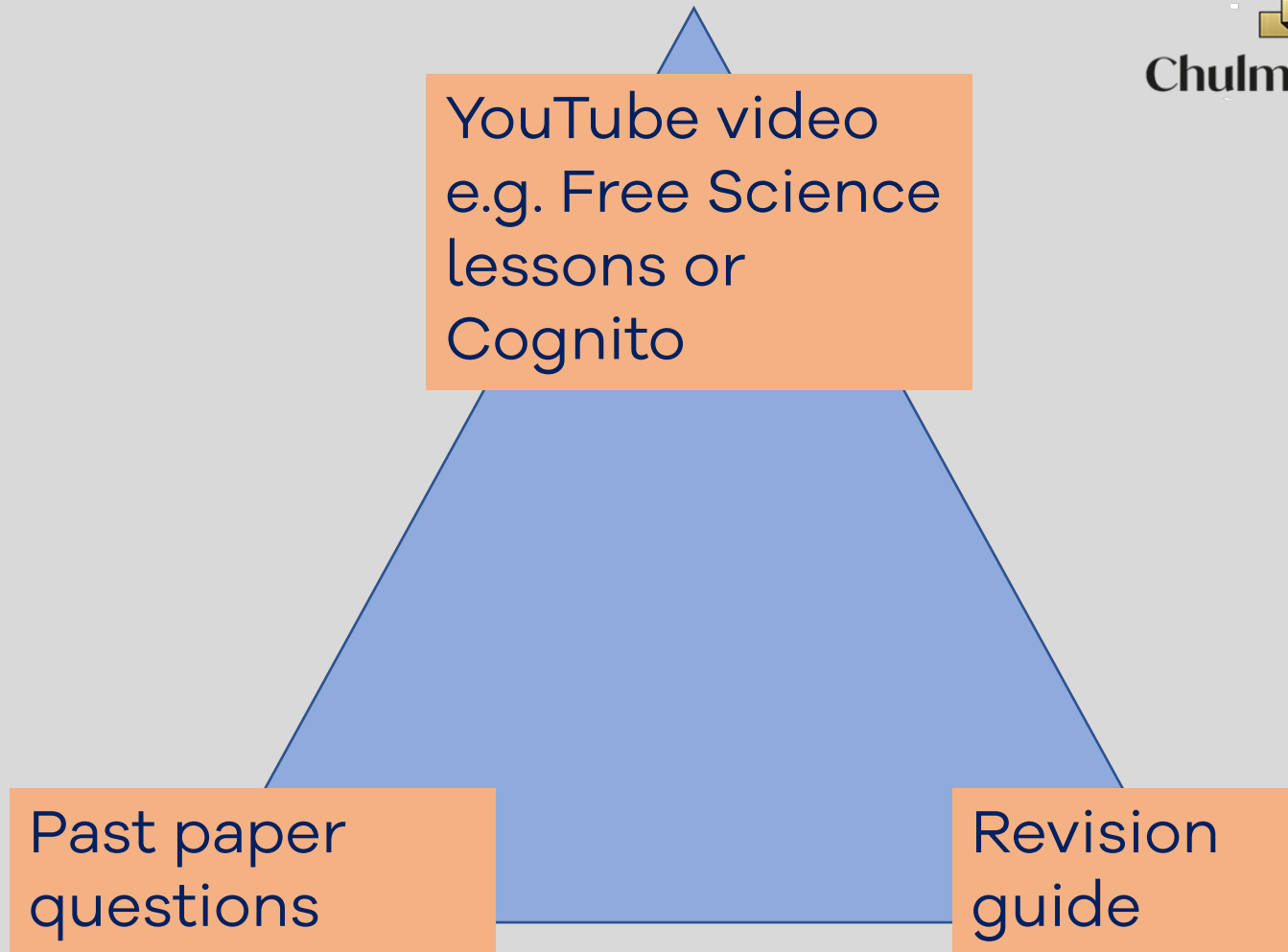
GCSE Separate Science and Combined Science (Trilogy)



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- All pupils take either Combined Science or Separate Sciences.
- Our exam board is AQA.
- Both courses involve six terminal exams in the summer 2023 series.
- Mock exams in December and January will consist of Biology paper 1, Chemistry paper 1 and Physics paper 1.

The Revision Triangle

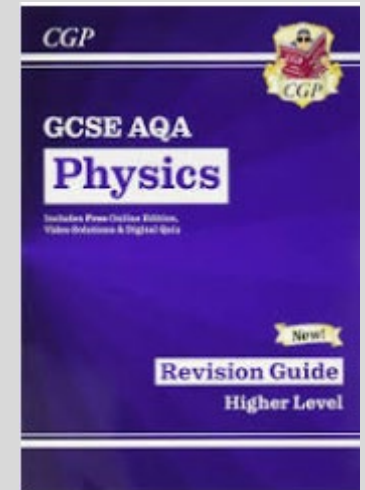
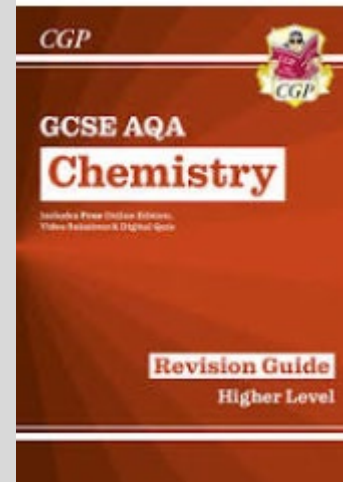
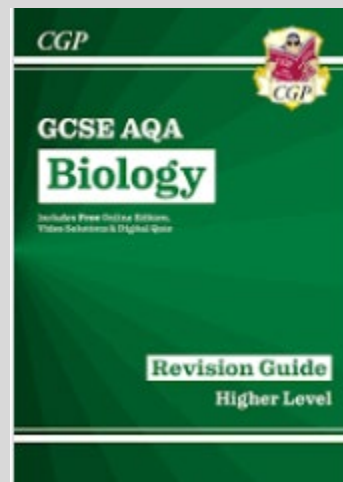


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Revision guides



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Revision guides



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Past papers



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Search by exam board, course, tier, paper and tier.

e.g. AQA Combined Science Foundation Biology Paper 1.

The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "AQA combined science foundation biology paper 1". Below the search bar are tabs for "Images", "Videos", "Answers", "Specification", "News", "Books", "Maps", "Flights", and "Finance". The search results show "About 747,000 results (0.35 seconds)". The first result is from the "Assessment and Qualifications Alliance" with the URL "https://www.aqa.org.uk > gcse > assessment-resources". The title of the result is "GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)". The snippet below the title reads: "GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (8464). Assessment resources. Refine. Search ... Question paper (Foundation): Paper 1 Biology - November 2021. Published ..."

YouTube



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Search by exam board, GCSE and key word (the title of a page from the revision guide works well.

e.g. AQA GCSE enzymes

The screenshot shows a YouTube search results page for the query 'aqa gcse enzymes'. The search bar at the top contains the text 'aqa gcse enzymes'. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'All', 'Shorts', 'Videos', 'Unwatched', 'Watched', 'Recently uploaded', 'Live', and 'Playlists'. The 'All' tab is selected. On the right side, there is a 'Filters' button. The search results are displayed in two columns. The first column shows two video thumbnails. The top thumbnail is for a video titled 'Digestive Enzymes' by 'Freesciencelessons', with a duration of 4:36. The bottom thumbnail is for a video titled 'HOW ENZYMES WORK' by 'Cognito', with a duration of 4:55. The second column shows the video details for 'GCSE Biology Revision "Digestive Enzymes"' by 'Freesciencelessons', with 762K views and 6 years ago. Below the video title, there is a description: 'Workbooks for schools from 40p per copy. Visit freesciencelessons.co.uk/school-licences/ This video is based on the AQA spec.' There is also a 'Fact about Enzymes' video snippet shown. At the bottom, there is a video titled 'GCSE Biology - What are Enzymes?' by 'Cognito', with 117K views and 1 year ago. Below the video title, there is a description: 'In this video, we cover: - What enzymes are - How enzymes work - The difference between the lock and key model and the ...'. At the bottom, there is a chapter list: 'Introduction | What are Enzymes | How Enzymes Work | Lock and Key Model' with 4 chapters.

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- PLCs in each book for key content – use these to ensure you revise enough factual knowledge.
- 'Recipe Cards' for structure – revise the necessary layout because structure is as important in History as your facts in your essays.
- Drop-in revision support in H5 on Wednesday lunchtimes for Y11s [JAH] and on Thursday lunchtimes [CEM].
- Pupil resource folder -> History -> Y11 with lots of past papers, revision content and structure support for exam questions available.

GCSE Geography



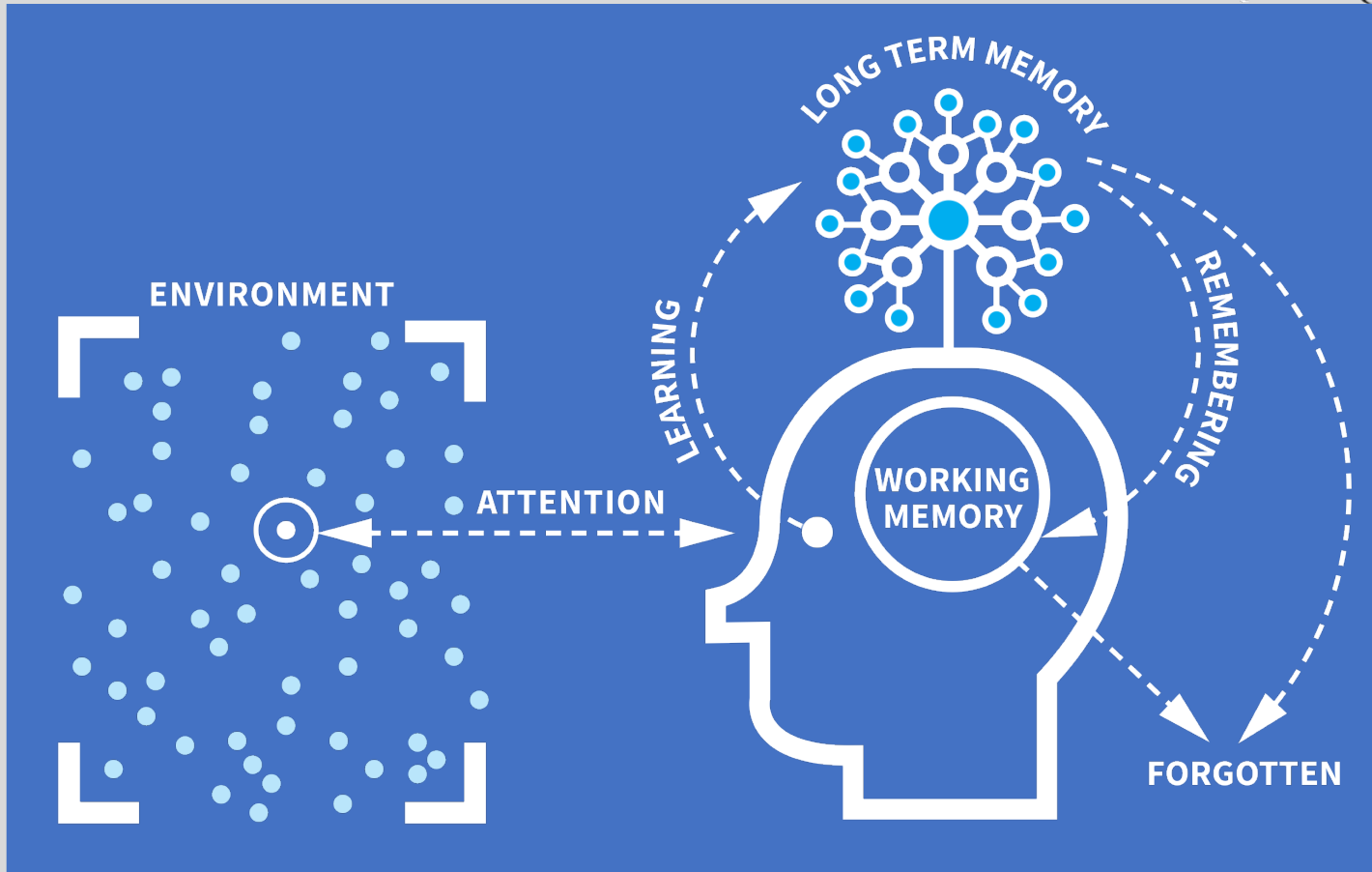
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- Topic checklists to ensure that all aspects of the course have been revised. The questions are entirely written from the wording of the specification (AQA) – no surprises.
- Carousel (online platform) to retrieval previous knowledge from topics taught now and in Year 10.
- Summaries of case studies and examples. You need these to be able to access six and nine mark questions in particular.
- Intervention sessions with Mrs Payne in H2 on Friday lunchtimes 13:10-13:35.

The Learning Model



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The model (Daniel Willingham's Simple Model of Memory) draws on ideas from **cognitive load theory**.

Using Flashcards



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DON'T just endlessly copy your notes onto cards to re-read



DO write questions on one side of the card and the answers on the other side (or keywords and their definitions)

How to use your cards effectively

1. Read the question: what's the answer?
2. Did you get it completely right? If you were even a little bit wrong, put it in the 'don't know' pile.
3. If you got it right, put it in the 'I know that' pile.
4. Take a break and come back to them later.
5. Shuffle the 'don't know' pile and go through them again. There should increasingly be less in the 'don't know' pile!

College Applications & Work Experience



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- ✓ **College applications** should be **made by December**.
- ✓ Yes! Pupils can apply for **more than one** college and course.
- ✓ College **Open Days & work experience** – Sign up NOW.
(Advertised in Optime, Careers Noticeboard and Tutor Base)
- ✓ Touchpoints with: **Exeter College, Petroc, Bicton & Skern**.
(Assemblies, Lunchtime drop ins, Y11 parents' evening, GCSE Mock Results Day)
- ✓ Careers South West: **Careers Mentoring** begins in **October**