

# Year 10 Exam Preparation



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Year 13 and beyond (18+)



Years 4, 5 and 6 (9/10/11)



- ☒ PLAN
- ☒ PREPARE
- ☒ PERFORM



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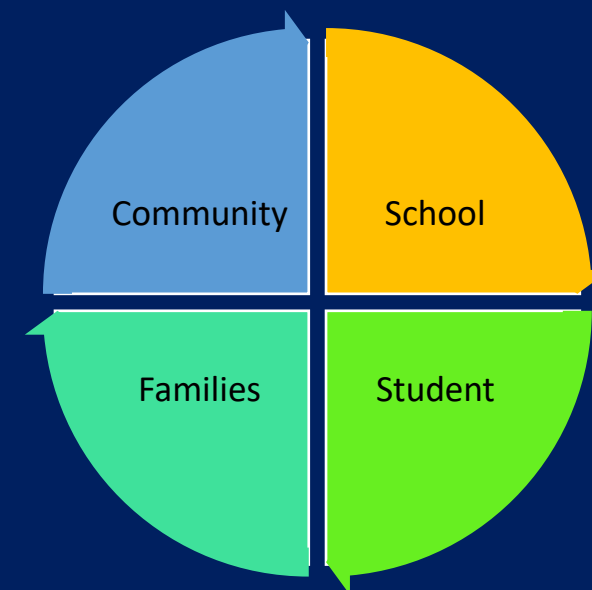


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**Professional achievement for all staff**

**Academic and personal achievement for all learners**

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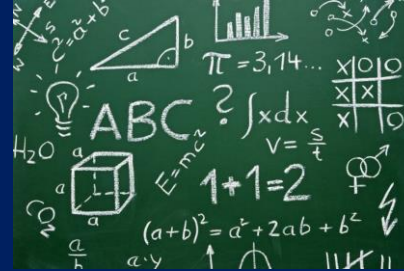
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# Mathematics



## The best way to revise maths is to 'do' maths.

- A little and often – 15-20 mins on one topic. Look it up in a book, watch a short video and then practise some questions.
- Pick a topic that you are not confident on – do not spend time practising something you are already fluent in.
- All Year 10 students will have access to Pinpoint Learning which will produce bespoke individualised revision booklets based on end of term tests and the mock exam results. Students have logins to the website and can access this from home. This will RAG all the topics so they can easily prioritise the topics they performed least well in – it also links the topics to Sparx Independent Learning.
- Sparx maths homework provides an excellent weekly opportunity for revision – please encourage your child to complete their homework. It really is hugely beneficial!

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# Mathematics

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Recommended websites:

[Hegarty Maths](#) – all students have a login. Short instructional videos then a task. Instant feedback for the students.

[Sparx Maths](#) – all students have a login. Also check out the 'independent learning' feature. This allows students to pick the topics they want to revise.

[Pinpoint Learning](#) – all students should have been given a login for this site. This is where they can access their individualised revision booklets.

[Maths Genie](#) a website which lists topics in terms of their Grade. Lots of exam questions grouped together with videos and worked solutions.

[Corbett Maths](#) – a wealth of resources; instructional videos, textbook exercises, exam practice all with worked solutions. Check out their '5 a day' for a 'little and often' maths revision. This site also has a section for the Level 2 Further Maths qualification.

If you prefer workbooks there are many available in shops or online. CGP, Pearson, Letts or Collins are all recommended brands. Make sure you choose the correct tier; Higher or Foundation.

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# English Language



## What is the English Language mock?

- Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- 1hr45mins
- 80 marks (50% of total GCSE)
  - 2 non-fiction sources
  - 4 x questions on analysing and comparing the sources
  - 1 x extended writing task expressing a viewpoint

## How should students revise?

- Students should practise exam questions under timed conditions
- Teachers have provided structures for each question
- Resources, support and past papers are available though our website (links and instructions will be sent home)

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# English Literature



## What is the English Literature mock?

- Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (closed book)
- 2hr15mins
- 96 marks (65% of total GCSE)
  - *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley
  - 'Power and Conflict' AQA Poetry Anthology
  - Unseen poetry

## How should students revise?

- Revising content:
  - Weekly home learning revision tasks are set
  - Create mind-maps and/or revision cards on key characters, themes and quotations (quiz them!)
  - Links will be shared to support revision of content
- Practising exam questions:
  - Resources, support and past papers are available through our website (links and instructions will be sent home)

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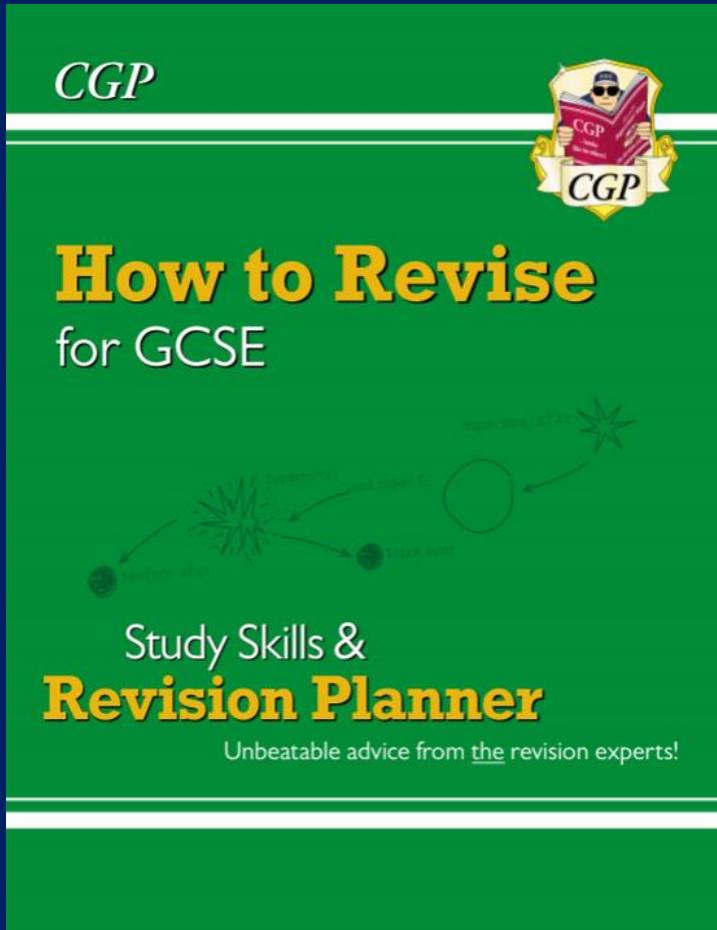
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# Future Focus



This book has been purchased for each and every Year 10 pupil.

We utilise the weekly tutor time to help year 10 focus on skills, techniques and plan for exams.  
(Online Edition login code on first page)

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### Make A Revision Timetable

The last part of this book is a revision planner (all paper-based I'm afraid — we had a bit of a struggle finding a personal assistant who would fit). It'll help you get organised and as ready as can be for all your revision.

Your revision planner and timetable can be found on pages 52-85 of this book. There are spaces for you to fill in all of your exams, other commitments and planned revision sessions.

**1) Write Down when all your Exams are**

- The first step is to fill in the **Exam Timetable** on page 52.
- You should refer to this **regularly**, so you can see at-a-glance which exams you've got coming up. It'll help you **stay focused**.

**EXAMPLE:**

Subject	Paper	Date	Time
Maths	Paper 1 (non-calc)	May 17 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	9:00
Biology	Paper 1	May 18 <sup>th</sup> (Tue)	14:00
French	Reading	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun)	14:00
French	Listening	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun)	15:00
Biology	Paper 2	May 24 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	9:00

**2) Break each Subject Down into Topics**

- Fill in the **Topic Planners** on pages 53-67 for each of your subjects (see below).
- Look at the **exam board specification** for each subject to find a **list of topics**, or ask your **teachers**.
- Put a **tick** in the **correct column** to show how **happy** you are with each topic. Throughout your revision, **update** the table as you feel more **confident**.
- Make sure you do enough revision and practice so that you're **happy** with **each topic**.

**EXAMPLE:**

Topic	😊	😐	😞
Cells	✓		
Microscopy	✓		
Cell Differentiation and Specialisation		✓	
Genes & Cells	✓		
Chromosomes and Mitosis	✓		
Binary Fission	✓	✓	
Culturing Microorganisms	✓		

Don't worry if you're unsure about a lot of your topics at first. The whole point of revision is that you get more confident as you go on.

Your Revision Timetable



## Top 10 Ultimate Revision Tips

Here are the absolute must-know, save-your-life-in-a-fight-with-a-zombie-exam-paper, ultimate revision tips.

- Start revising as soon as possible.
- Plan your revision using a timetable.
- Set up a tidy study space.
- Revisit topics several times with a gap in between.
- Vary your revision with different activities.
- Do lots of practice papers and questions.
- Set aside time to do fun things.
- Keep your phone and other distractions away.
- Sleep and eat properly.
- Don't panic! Plan your work and work your plan and you'll be eating your eggs-ams for breakfast!

Your Revision Timetable

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## Revision Timetable

See p49 for an example of a completed timetable.

Month:	Weeks to go:				
Time:					
Date:					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

Your Revision Timetable

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## How to Revise for GCSE

### Study Skills & Revision Planner

Unbeatable advice from the revision experts!

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# Some online tools for revision & planning!



GetRevising

part of The Student Room

Try 'The Cold War' or 'DNA'

CreateGCSEA Level & IBUniversityStudy plannerPast papersFor teachers

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Home > Study Planner > 28th October - 3rd November

Study Planner

Edit exams

Add a new commitment

Edit subjects

Add a new deadline

Edit classes

Add a new holiday

Printable PDF

Study leave

Recalculate study sessions

Erase and start again

Help

This week

28th October - 3rd November

See earlier

	Mon 28th	Tue 29th	Wed 30th	Thu 31st	Fri 1st	Sat 2nd	Sun 3rd
07:00 - 08:00	add activity		add activity	add activity	add activity	add activity	add activity
08:00 - 09:00	add activity		add activity	add activity	add activity	add activity	add activity
09:00 - 10:00						GCSE History (AQA)	



This week28th October - 3rd November

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08:00 - 09:00	add activity		add activity	add activity	add activity	GCSE History (AQA)	add activity
09:00 - 10:00	School	School	School	School	School	add activity	Horse riding
10:00 - 11:00						add activity	
11:00 - 12:00						Football	add activity
12:00 - 13:00							add activity
13:00 - 14:00						add activity	add activity
14:00 - 15:00						add activity	add activity
15:00 - 16:00						add activity	add activity
16:00 - 17:00	add activity		add activity	GCSE Mathematics (AQA)	GCSE Art & Design (AQA)	add activity	add activity
17:00 - 18:00	add activity		add activity	GCSE English (AQA)	GCSE Business Studies	add activity	add activity

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## REVISION IS A THREE-STEP PROCESS

**Knowledge:**  
Revise the facts

**Understanding:** Describe  
and explain the  
knowledge

**Application:**  
Apply the knowledge to  
an examination question

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# How can I revise effectively?

Misconceptions of best revision techniques:

- ✗ Highlighting information in books or notes
- ✗ Reading back through notes or revision guides
- ✗ Cramming – last minute revision – your working memory will not be able to cope

What does work:

- ✓ Quizzing – making quizzes about topics from your notes, revision guides or using quizzing apps (Seneca, Quizziz, Quizlet)
- ✓ Spaced learning – going back over older content as well as new content to check information is secure in long-term memory



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# Top Tips to support exam wellbeing

Eat well – try to eat breakfast even if you may not feel like it.

- ❖ **Goals** – give yourselves achievable goals for revision.
- ❖ **Breaks** – give yourself regular breaks and be kind to yourself.
- ❖ **Talk** – if you are feeling under pressure or nervous, talk to others about it.
- ❖ **Sleep** – try to keep a routine for sleeping. Ensure you have down time before you go to bed.
- ❖ **Exercise** – try to get some fresh air, even if it is a walk around the block.
- ❖ **Do not compare yourself to your peers, everyone works differently.**
- ❖ Have no regrets – the hard work will pay off in the end.

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When you get your results back

Act upon feedback and advice given – teachers are there to help, it's a partnership.

If you are not happy with your grade, you need to **change** to improve.

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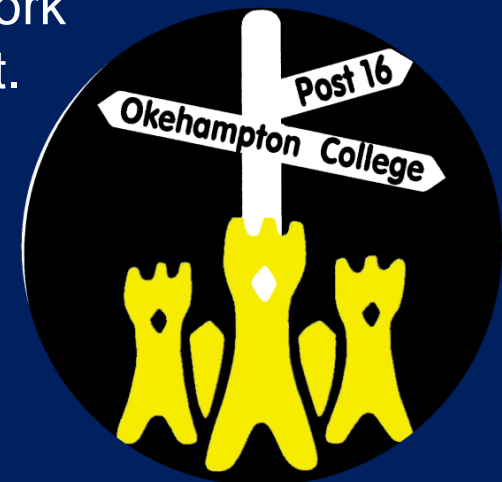
# Life after GCSE's



- We are very proud to be a college with a sixth-form attached.
- This helps minimise transitions and means that we can really support students with their long-term plans and ambitions.
- Being a one-school town means that it is crucial that the young adults of the area have this provision.
- We constantly look at our curriculum offer at KS4 and KS5 to ensure they work together and meet the needs of an ever-changing society and labour market.



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# Life after GCSE's

## - Key features of our sixth-form -

- Modern, purpose designed building – Wardhayes Campus.
- Wide-ranging curriculum with specialist teachers.
- Excellent exam results – 67% of last years A-Level students gained grades AAB or above.
- Wide range of destinations – e.g. Cambridge, USA, Paris, - 87% gained their first-choice university with 33% going to Russell Group universities. In addition, lots of apprenticeships were secured.
- Good social facilities and local/convenient. Time saved not travelling!!!
- Established and successful work experience programme.



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## Year 10 Exam Timetable Week 1

Mon, 17 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Math Non Calc Foundation (Paper 1)
Mon, 17 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Math Non Calc Higher (Paper 1)
Tue, 18 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 English Language
Tue, 18 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Math Calc 1 Higher (Paper 2)
Tue, 18 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Math Calc 1 Foundation (Paper 2)
Wed, 19 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Biology Foundation
Wed, 19 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Biology Foundation
Wed, 19 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Biology Higher
Wed, 19 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Biology Higher
Wed, 19 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Statistics 1 Higher
Thu, 20 Apr 2023	09:00	11:15	Year 10 English Literature
Thu, 20 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Media

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## Year 10 Exam Timetable Week 2

Mon, 24 Apr 2023	12:00	12:45	Year 10 German Listening Higher
Mon, 24 Apr 2023	12:00	12:35	Year 10 French Listening Foundation
Mon, 24 Apr 2023	12:00	12:45	Year 10 French Listening Higher
Mon, 24 Apr 2023	12:00	12:35	Year 10 German Listening Foundation
Tue, 25 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Physics Foundation
Tue, 25 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Physics Higher
Tue, 25 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Physics Foundation
Tue, 25 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Physics Higher
Tue, 25 Apr 2023	11:45	13:30	Year 10 History
Wed, 26 Apr 2023	09:00	10:30	Year 10 Geography
Wed, 26 Apr 2023	12:00	13:00	Year 10 German Reading Higher
Wed, 26 Apr 2023	12:00	12:45	Year 10 German Reading Foundation
Wed, 26 Apr 2023	12:00	13:00	Year 10 French Reading Higher
Wed, 26 Apr 2023	12:00	12:45	Year 10 French Reading Foundation
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Chemistry Foundation
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	09:00	10:15	Year 10 Combined Chemistry Higher
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Chemistry Foundation
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	09:00	10:45	Year 10 Triple Chemistry Higher
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	12:00	13:30	Year 10 Statistics 2 Higher
Thu, 27 Apr 2023	12:00	12:55	Year 10 BV



# Exam Handbook



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## **CANDIDATE EXAM HANDBOOK**

**2022/23**

This handbook is reviewed and updated annually

Produced/reviewed by	
Miss Simpson – Exam's Officer	
Date of next review	Sept/23

The guidance  
you need to  
know regarding  
the exams  
process.



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# Student Equipment for Exams



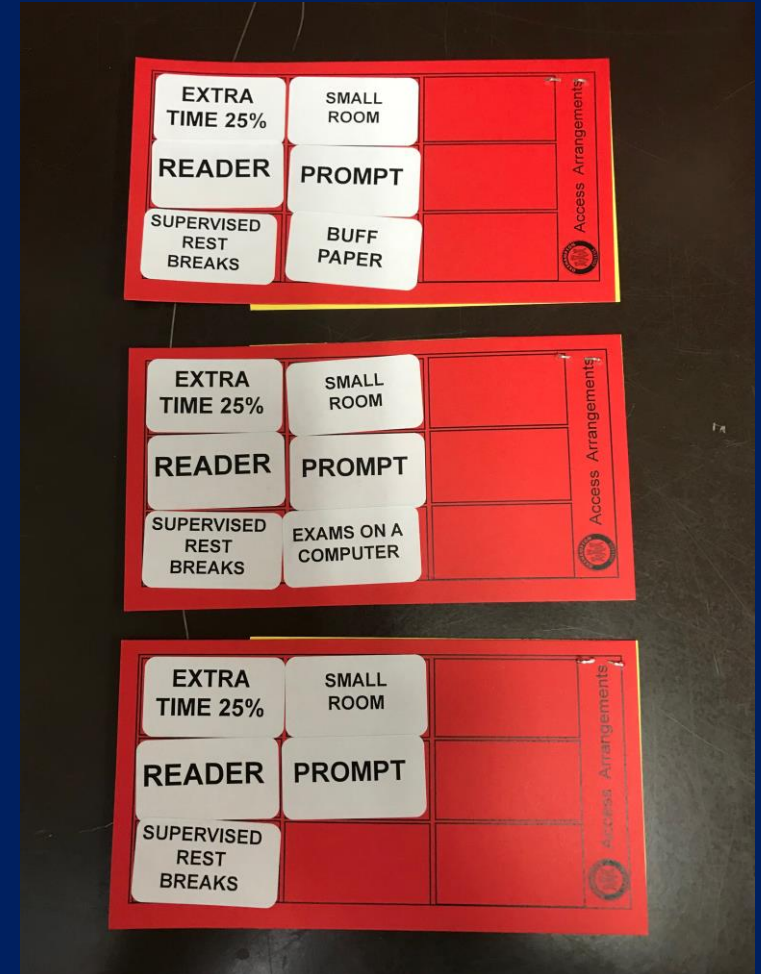
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# Access Arrangements



- For pupils that have access arrangements, then this is co-ordinated through our Exams Officer and SENDCO.
- Access arrangements should represent a student's usual way of working. For those with arrangements, they will be contacted by the SENCO
- Some of the Access arrangements will require readers, scribes and specialist equipment. Therefore, many of these exams will take place in smaller rooms and/or in groups to meet students needs.
- If you have any questions regarding exam access arrangements then please contact our Exams Officer: Isabel Simpson.

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*Thank-you, have a safe journey home.*

*This presentation with links will be on our Okehampton School Website by the end of this week.*

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