

Key Stage 4 Ready Evening

Welcome



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SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

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Mr Briggs
Deputy Headteacher



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These two years make all the difference



- Future courses
- University education
- Future jobs
- Friendships
- Hobbies and interests
- Aspirations

Results Day



Key Personnel



Mr Briggs – Senior Leadership Team Link

Mrs Welbourne – Assistant Headteacher

Mr Ross – Key Stage 4 Leader

Ms Welbourne – Deputy Key Stage 4 Leader

Mrs Mercer – Pastoral Support Assistant

Miss Leonard – Targeted Support Officer

Student Speakers



Lucy Otway

Eliot Bunn

Year 10

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Mr Ross
Key Stage 4 Leader



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Welcome



“The bad news is.... from now on time flies. The good news is.... you are the pilot.”



Attitude to Learning



- Classroom Expectations.
- Attendance & Punctuality.
- Uniform.
- Homework.
- Student Planner.
- Motivation.

= Great Learning

Attendance



- Research suggests that a Year 10/11 pupil who misses 17 days or more during their school year, will attain one grade lower at GCSE.
- **90%** attendance = **$\frac{1}{2}$ day missed** every week!!
- **1 school year** at **90%** attendance = **4** whole weeks of lessons **MISSED.**

Opportunities



- Academic support
 - Extra lessons after school
 - Lunchtime support
- Extra-curricular
 - Duke of Edinburgh
 - Subject specific trips
- Student Leadership
 - Role models
 - Personal statement

The Role of the Parent/Carer – You Are So Important



- Attendance Officer.
- Transport Manager.
- Partner with school and child.
- Stationary supplier.
- Study Buddy.

Consider:

- Encouraging and calming.
- Rewards and incentives.
- Getting the work life balance right.



Student

Success

Teachers

Parents/Carers

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Creating a Climate for Great Learning. High Aspirations for all Students



- We strive to reach the highest levels of achievement for all our students.
- Targets are set to show students what is possible, creating the opportunities for future success.
- We are highly ambitious for our students and know that they will rise to the challenge.

GCSE Grades



- Grades from 9 -1
- Grade 4 is a standard pass. If you don't get a grade 4 in English and Maths you need to resit these in the Sixth Form
- Grade 5 is a strong pass
- The entry requirement for many A-Level courses is a minimum of a Grade 6

Your progress at KS4



Termly reports will show your:

- Projected GCSE grade
- Target grade
- Attitude to Learning grade

Year 10

Are you ready for GCSE
Maths?



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"I was never very good at maths..."

Be positive



Maths helps you.....

- Make sense of the world
- Avoid getting ripped off
- Shape the future

GCSE Maths



- Greater focus on problem solving
- More challenging content than seen at KS3
- Formulae need to be learnt, you can't rely on help sheets
- Greater emphasis on testing
- Clear focus on exam skills
- Independent study will be the key to success

What do we mean by a greater emphasis on problem solving?



Q. 20 – 4 marks, Direct instruction

A factory makes 1500 cans per minute.

The factory makes cans for 8 hours each day.

Each can is filled with 330 ml of cola.

How much cola is needed to fill all the cans that are made each day?
Give your answer in litres.

What do we mean by a greater emphasis on problem solving?



Q. 9 – 5 marks, Problem Solving

On Saturday, some adults and some children were in a theatre.
The ratio of the number of adults to the number of children was 5 : 2

Each person had a seat in the Circle or had a seat in the Stalls.

$\frac{3}{4}$ of the children had seats in the Stalls.

117 children had seats in the Circle.

There are exactly 2600 seats in the theatre.

On this Saturday, were there people on more than 60% of the seats?
You must show how you get your answer.

How is GCSE Maths Assessed?



3 papers – Equal weighting 1hr 30 mins each out of 80 marks

Paper 1 is a non-calculator paper

Paper 2 is a calculator paper

Paper 3 is a calculator paper

Resources



- Teachers
- Exercise books
- Exam Papers – Google Classroom
- corbettmaths.com (videos & 5-a-day)
- Revision Guides
- Checklists

Year 10 English

English Language GCSE

English Literature GCSE



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English in the Wider World



Access to the whole curriculum.

Broad GCSEs that encompass history and culture, literature and modern life.

Navigation through university/job applications.

Communication, communication, communication.

‘Every mistake is a learning experience.’

English is the backbone to everything we do and are.

English Pathways



**Students in English will follow AQA
GCSEs:**

English Language

English Literature

2 distinct GCSE courses and outcomes.

What do the courses include?



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

Two terminal exams testing students' ability in understanding and communicating written English.

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1 (50%): Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing.
Paper 2 (50%): Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives.

All students will sit the same paper – no Higher/Foundation tier.

In addition, students will complete 1 Spoken Word assessment which is now not part of their GCSE but for which they will receive a Pass, Merit or Distinction alongside their GCSE result.

What do the courses include?



GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE:

Two terminal exams testing students' understanding of texts they have studied across two years.

**Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel (40%): Macbeth and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde/
A Christmas Carol**

**Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry (60%):
An Inspector Calls/Blood Brothers and 'Conflict and Power'
Anthology Poems**



Both exams are 'closed book' which means students cannot take their texts into the exam.

How can students succeed?



Students need to be extremely **focused** and complete all tasks set to the best of their ability.

Organisation will be key. Students will need to be able to reflect on their work across the two year course.

Reading and **re-reading** the texts so that the knowledge is at their fingertips.

Excellent **attendance** makes a huge difference.

Learning the format of the exam – the **rubric** – and applying them in their mocks will help their exam technique.

Completing **homework** will be a big drive this year to reflect, extend and explore.

Learners who are **reflective** and focused on improving.

How to Support your Child



Literature Texts

Homework

DIRT

READING: especially non-fiction

Writing letters and speeches

Practice papers and revision
resources.

Literacy skills: SPAG and Vocabulary

Ian McEwan



‘Studying English Literature at school was my first step towards mental freedom and independence. It was like falling in love with life.’

Year 10 Science



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Trying to make sense of the world around you.

Collaboration, critical thinking, mathematical skills, evaluative and problem solving.

The curriculum:



Mastery

Year 11

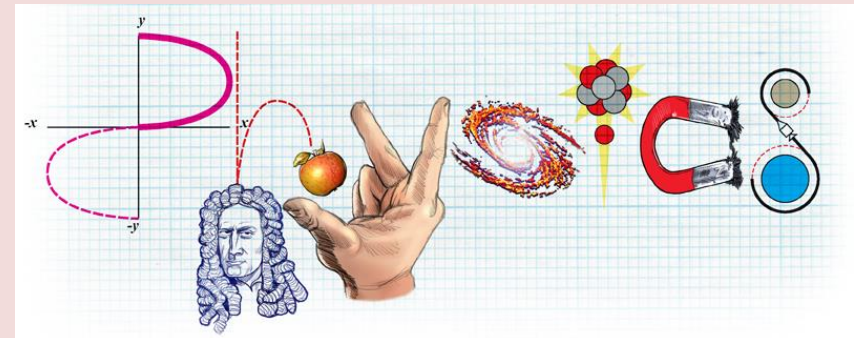


Year 10



New
Content

Year 9



Difficulty

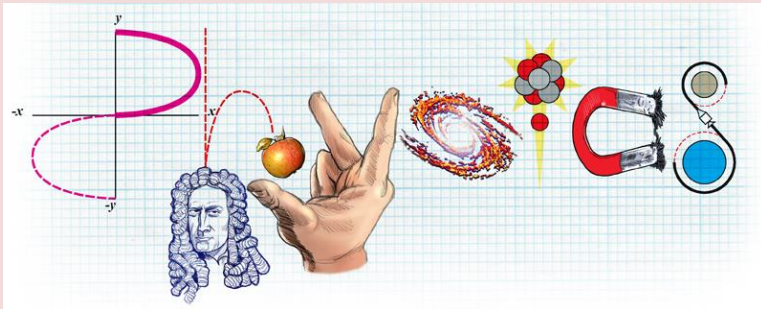
What is covered?



Cells, Organ Systems,
Infection and Response,
Photosynthesis and Respiration,
Homeostasis, Nervous System,
Inheritance and Evolution,
Ecology.



Atomic Structure, Periodic Table,
Chemical changes, Rates of
Reaction, Organic Chemistry,
Analytical Chemistry,
Atmosphere.



Forces, Energy, Waves,
Electricity, Magnetism and
Electromagnetism, Particle
Model, Radioactivity.

What are the routes?



Combined (Trilogy) Science

2 Science GCSE
qualifications



Examinations:

6 x 1hr 15min
papers
(2 in each discipline)

Separate Sciences

3 Separate Science
GCSE qualifications
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Examinations:

6 x 1hr 45min papers
(2 in each discipline)

How can you make the most of this year?



**GET
ORGANISED**


**KEEP
CALM
&
REVISE**



HELP

HOMEWORK

How to support your child ...



BENTON PARK

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Search...



HOME

ABOUT US

STUDENT

PARENT

SIXTH FORM

GOVERNANCE

RED KITE

COMMUNITY

VACANCIES

CONTACT

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

BE ACTIVE BE SPORTY

CURRICULUM &
PERFORMANCE TABLES

EXAMS & ASSESSMENTS

EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

HOMEWORK

REVISION TIPS &
RESOURCES

SCHOOL MEALS

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

SCHOOL DAY & STUDENT
PLANNER

UNIFORM



CGP Revision guides available on parent pay

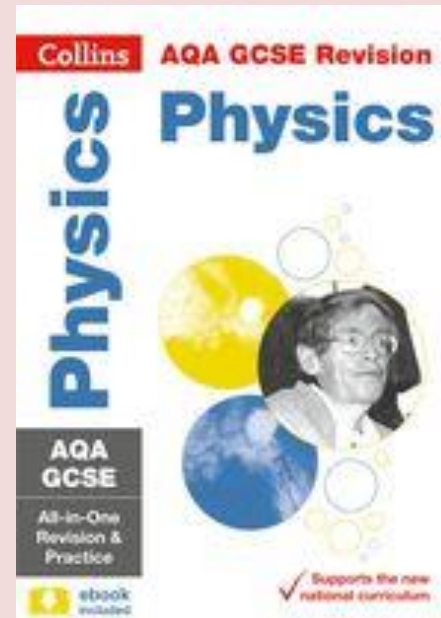
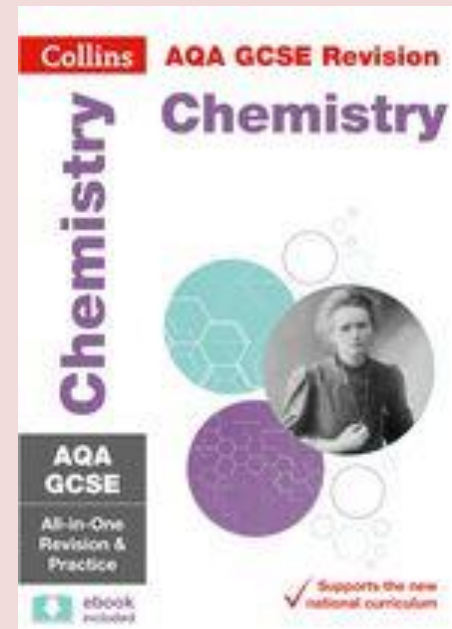
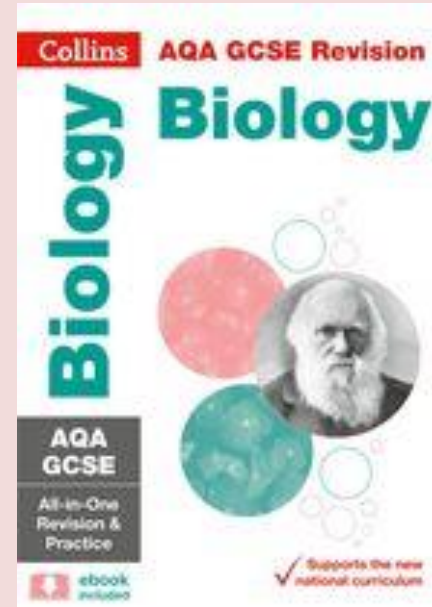


Revision booklets for all Sciences. At 50% price reduction from online retailers.

£5.50 each.

£16.50 for all three.

They will help you retain the information from Year 9 and Year 10 going into Year 11.





'Nothing can stop
the person with the
right mental
attitude from
achieving their goal'.
Thomas Jefferson

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