



Achieving Excellence Together

Key Stage 4

Core Subject

Information and

Support

2017 to 2019

GCSE English Information

Exams	Date	Length	Format
English Language: Two written papers which assess both reading and writing	May/June 2019: Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing May/June 2019 Paper 2 – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	Both 1hr 45mins	Part A: Reading 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks) Part B – Writing (40 marks): 1 (choice of 2) extended writing question based on creative/descriptive writing (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)
English Language: Speaking and Listening	June/July 2018	10 mins	Separate endorsement – graded pass, merit or distinction
English Literature: Two closed book exams	May/June 2019: Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel May/June 2019 Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry	1hr45 mins 2hrs15 mins	1 Shakespeare question – 30 marks 1 19 th Century novel question – 30 marks 1 modern drama text question – 30 marks 1 poetry anthology question - 30 marks 1 unseen poetry question – 24 marks

What you should be doing now:

- Re-reading the exam texts at home.
- Accessing past papers online and practising timed writing.
- Reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts on a regular basis.
- Purchasing revision guides on your exam texts and making notes.

Revision activities:

- Make revision cards on the main characters, themes and settings in the novels and plays you are studying with key, easy to memorise quotations.
- Memorise a range of poetic and linguistic techniques and practise identifying them.
- Practise writing in timed conditions – ask someone to check your spelling, punctuation and accuracy.

Online revision resources:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/>

<http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/>

GCSE Maths Information

Exams	Date	Length	Format
AQA Linear GCSE in Mathematics	Standard Entry May/June 2019	Both tiers sit 3 papers of 1 hour and 30 minutes duration	Paper 1 is non calculator Paper 2 and 3 require a scientific calculator

What you should be doing now

- Plan your revision – use a diary to record what to revise and when
- Break down your topics into manageable amounts of information
- Familiarise yourself with the demands of the exam by looking at past papers
- Start your revision now – you will need to revise topics more than once

Revision activities:

- Make use of Hegarty Maths which is an online revision tool. Go to www.hegartymaths.com and use the login details provided by your teacher
- Make use of the Collins website www.connect.collins.co.uk – select student, type in school name as barnwell, user ID as apupil and password as barnwellupper. This is the text book that we use in the classroom and this provides revision tasks and exercises to complete.
- Copy the AQA past papers from the 2014 folder in the public area of the schools network onto a USB stick. As this is a new qualification the number of sets of practice papers available is not high but more will become available over the course of the 2 years.
- Form a study group with a group of friends and meet regularly to work through past papers. You will soon identify questions that come up a lot.
- Attend as many revision sessions that you can when they are offered. Familiarise yourself with the language used in exam questions
- Create a key words sheet – really important in maths as there are a lot!
- Read the examiners reports – these are on the AQA website

Online revision resources

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_gcse_maths

<http://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z6vg9j6>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300>

www.hegartymaths.com

www.connect.collins.co.uk

GCSE Science Information

Exams	Pathway	Date	Length	Format
AQA Trilogy Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) 2 exams in each 6 in total	Triple Science GCSE Biology GCSE Physics GCSE Chemistry	May/June 2019	1hr 45 mins	All studied modules will be examined across a range of multiple choice, short and long answer questions
AQA Trilogy Combined Science 6 Exams in total 2 x Biology 2 x Chemistry 2x Physics	GCSE Combined Science	May/June 2019	1 hr 15 mins	

What you should be doing now

- Plan your revision – create a fortnightly timetable to plan out your time for revision/homework slots
- Break down your topics into manageable amounts of information
- Familiarise yourself with the demands of the exam by looking at past papers, see the weblinks below
- Start your revision now – you will need to revise topics more than once

Revision activities:

- Find revision films on YouTube or make your own
- Summarise your class notes
- Make revision flash cards
- Create a colourful mind map
- Create a film on Moviemaker
- MP3 your work to make a revision tape
- Create a word search/crossword/cloze test and swap with a friend
- Familiarise yourself with the language used in exam questions
- Key words sheet – really important in science as there are a lot!
- Read newspapers and find articles relating to topics you have studied
- Write out past paper questions and swap with a friend
- Download the specification for your exam (link below) - check you know it

Online revision resources

BBC Bitesize: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv>

CGP Books: https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_gcse_science

Planet Science: <http://www.planet-science.com/categories/over-11s.aspx>

Revision World: <http://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>

AQA Combined Science: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464>

AQA Biology: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>

AQA Chemistry: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462>

AQA Physics: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463/>