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Year 10 Parent/Carer Information Evening 2026

Wednesday 13th May



Welcome...

**...to our future
exceptional Graduates of 2027
and their families.**

In 15 months time...





Achieving your best possible exam grades will be your ticket to a lifetime of opportunity and choice.

Evening Objectives

- Share information about the upcoming Year 10 mock exams
- Learn about
 - Support and resources from College
 - How parents/carers can support at home
 - What students can be doing to support themselves
- Know key dates over the next 15 months

Course and Revision Booklet

Shortened printed version contains:

- Weekly revision



Course and Revision Booklet

Full online version contains:

- Key information and contact details for staff and agencies
- Course information for each subject offered:
 - Specification
 - Revision guides
 - Exam structure
 - Past papers
 - Exam boards
 - Mock content



Literature:

AQA Literature Paper 1 - 1hr 45 mins (64 marks):

- Two 30-mark essay questions (+4 marks for SPaG)
- One on 'Macbeth'
- One on 'A Christmas Carol'
- 'Closed book'
- No tiers

English: Mock Paper Structure

Language:

AQA Language Paper 1(New for 2026)- 1hr 45 mins (80 marks):

- 'Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing'
- One unseen fiction extract
- Four questions of increasing difficulty based on the extract (40 marks)
- One fictional creative writing task (40 marks)
- No tiers

English: Top 3 Tips

1

Complete the essay writing HW to the best of your ability, under timed conditions.

2

Use Educake's, '***Study and quiz yourself***' function. It knows the gaps in your knowledge.

3

Turn up and work hard in lessons. The more work you put in now, the less you'll have to revise etc in a year's time.

Maths: Mock Paper Structure

- 2 tiers – Higher and Foundation.
- All students will sit 2 papers (A mix of tiers is not allowed)
- Both papers will be out of 80 marks
- Paper 1 is a non-calculator paper
- Paper 2 is a calculator paper (required)
- All papers are 1 hour 30 minutes long (+ extra time if appropriate)
- Students will receive a mark out of 160 and a percentage score
- All topics on the paper have been taught to students

Maths: Top 3 Tips

1

Complete your Sparx homework each week.

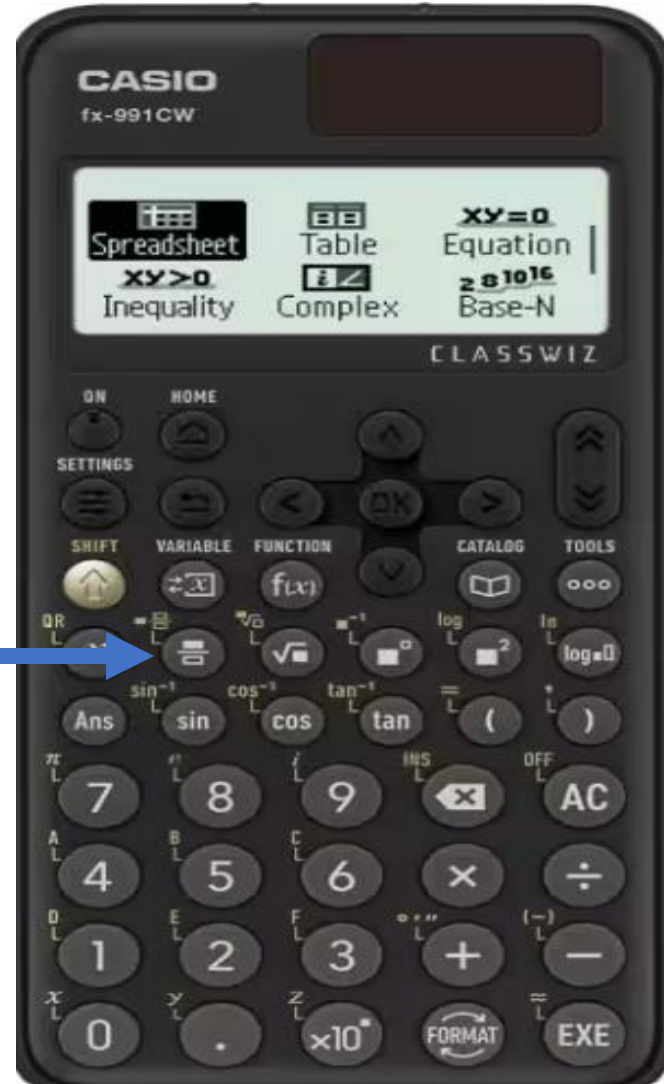
2

Complete the Sparx revision topics listed your own Personalised Learning Checklist (PLC).

3

Check equipment.
A good quality scientific calculator is essential.

Maths: Top 3 Tips

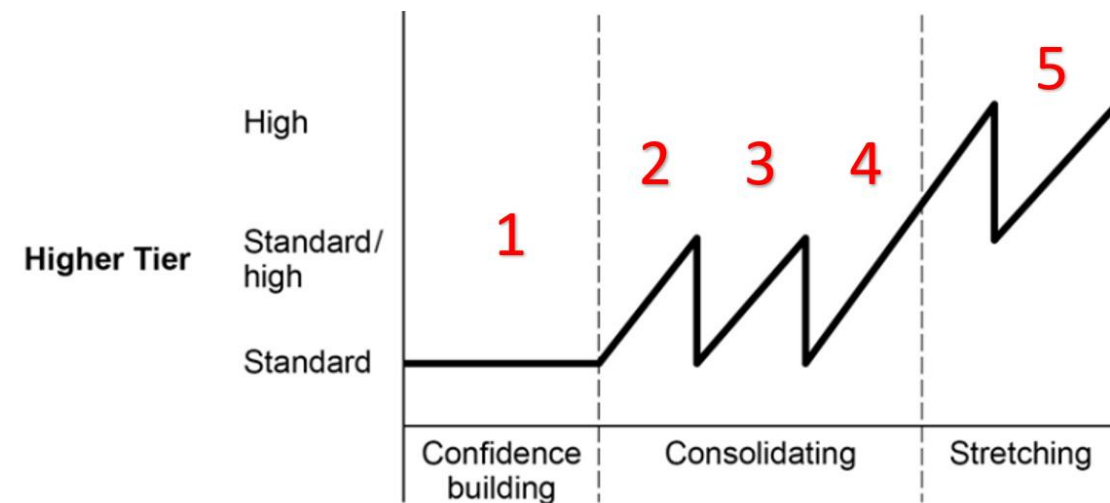


Science: Mock Paper Structure

- 3 Papers (in mocks):
Biology, Chemistry & Physics paper 1s
- Each 1hr 15mins
- Higher or Foundation Paper
- Calculator allowed in all papers

Practical Assessment = 15% of marks
on all papers

Maths Weightings		
Biology (B1)	Chemistry (C1)	Physics (P1)
10%	20%	30%



Science: Top 3 Tips

1

3 papers (in mocks) of 1hr15m; B1, C1, P1.
Know the topics on each paper for your revision.

2

15% of marks from questions on “Required Practicals”,
21 in total.

www.youtube.com/c/MalmesburyEducation

3

Use Educake to address YOUR gaps in knowledge.
Set yourself quizzes in your lowest percentage topics

How You Can Help at Home

Create a Positive Study Environment for Homework and Revision

- Provide a quiet, distraction-free study space

Help with Organisation & Time Management

- Attendance to school
- Schedule homework and any extra revision
- Schedule leisure activities too

How You Can Help at Home

Encourage Active Techniques

- Complete homework
- Sparx. Educake.
- Use revision booklet
- Ask your child to 'show you' what they have done

Support Wellbeing

- Promote exercise or fresh air to relieve stress
- Support them to get enough sleep
- Avoid busy weekend plans during this period

Key Dates

Year 10:

~~7th May 2026~~ —

~~Year 10 Subjects Parents' Evening~~

15th – 26th June 2026

Year 10 Mocks

Thursday 9th July 2026

Year 10 Mock Exam Results

20th – 22nd July 2026

Work Experience

Year 11 (Subject to Change):

October/November 2026

Mock 1

February 2027

Mock 2

May/June 2027

Formal Exams

July 2027

Prom

Work Experience

- **20th- 22nd July 2026**
- Gives a real taste of the workplace, helping you decide if a career suits you before committing to A Levels or apprenticeships
- Builds employer-valued skills like communication, timekeeping, and teamwork that strengthen your CV later
- Provides references and concrete examples to draw on in future interviews and applications
- **There is still time if you/ your child has not secured a placement. Please contact this email address for further support:**
careers@eggbuckland.com

Period 6 Starts in Year 11

- Compulsory Period 6 runs from 3.05pm until 3.50pm on selected evenings throughout Year 11
- Increased contact with specialist teachers
- Strategically placed throughout the year

Mocks - Objectives

Students will:

- Experience sitting in the exam venues
- Experience our pre-exam routines
- Experience sitting full length examinations under full exam conditions
- Engage with the process of planning and completing revision
- Be provided with feedback on their current attainment and areas for improvement

Mocks - Logistics

- To support revision, students will be provided with information about what topics will be covered in each mock exam
- In addition to the generic mock timetable, students will be issued with a personalised version nearer the exams
- If there is a discrepancy between the generic timetable and their personalised one, the personalised one must be followed
- If students have any queries about their personalised exam timetable, they must see the Exams Office as soon as possible
- For personalised queries regarding Access Arrangements, please see Ms Childs this evening

How to Read the Timetable

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Exams are clearly shown

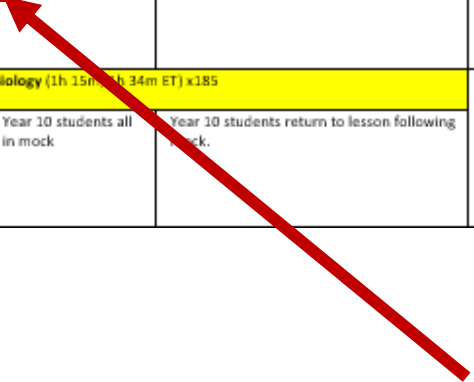
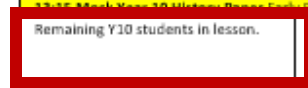
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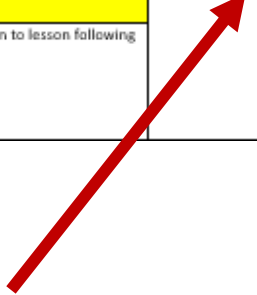
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Space for evening activities provided to help plan time effectively

GCSE Grading System

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

Letters grades turned to number grades in 2017 for GCSEs.

There is no direct equivalence.

For most Level 3 courses, Grade 5 or above is required.

GCSE Grading System

BTEC Grades follow a different structure

Grade	Reported Code	Approx. Grade Equivalent
Level 2 Distinction *	*2	8.5
Level 2 Distinction	D2	7
Level 2 Merit	M2	5.5
Level 2 Pass	P2	4
Level 1 Distinction	D1	3
Level 1 Merit	M1	2
Level 1 Pass	P1	1.25

GCSE Combined Science Grades

Students achieve 2 Grades in Science as they are studying for 2 GCSEs.

Examples:

Reported Grades 9 8 This approx. means one Grade 9 and one Grade 8.

Reported Grades 5 4 This approx. means one Grade 5 and one Grade 4.

Reported Grades 4 4 This means two Grade 4s.

Mock Results – What to Expect

- Exam information will be reported home at the end of the exam series
- Percentage scores on papers, indicative grades where possible
- Option for Rank Order

8 things that require zero talent but make all the difference

1. Attend school every day on time
2. 100% attention
3. Work hard
4. Being prepared
5. Behaving well
6. Self respect – prioritise yourself
7. Respect for others
8. Manage distractions

What Year 10 into 11 'looks like' - things that require zero talent but make all the difference

Period 0 – from September

Period 6 – from September

Optional Period 7 – from around Christmas 2026

Weekly Revision Booklet – from today

Past Papers

Sparx

Educake

Set changes

Exam orientation sessions

Exit Timetable

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If not you, *who?*

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