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Welcome...

...to our future exceptional Graduates of 2026 and their families.

Welcome

- This evening is an important event in your Year 11 journey:
 - It will set the tone and climate for the rest of the year.
- It will provide support to families:
 - What you need to know about Year 11.
 - More information on upcoming mocks.
 - How you can support your child at home.
- You will hear from:
 - Key members of staff at the College.
 - Core subjects.



In Just Over 325 Days....





Your Vision



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



Ancient History & History with a Year Abroad at Swansea University	Psychology at University of the West of England
Business Management at Plymouth University	Culinary Industry Management with Placement at University of West London
Forensic Investigations at Coventry University	Criminology & Sociology at Plymouth University
Mechanical Engineering at Plymouth University	Film & TV Production at Bournemouth University
Psychotherapy & Counselling at Marjons	Environmental Management & Sustainability at Worcester University
Computer Science at Plymouth University	Adult Nursing at Plymouth University
Law & Criminology at University of the West of England	History at Cardiff University

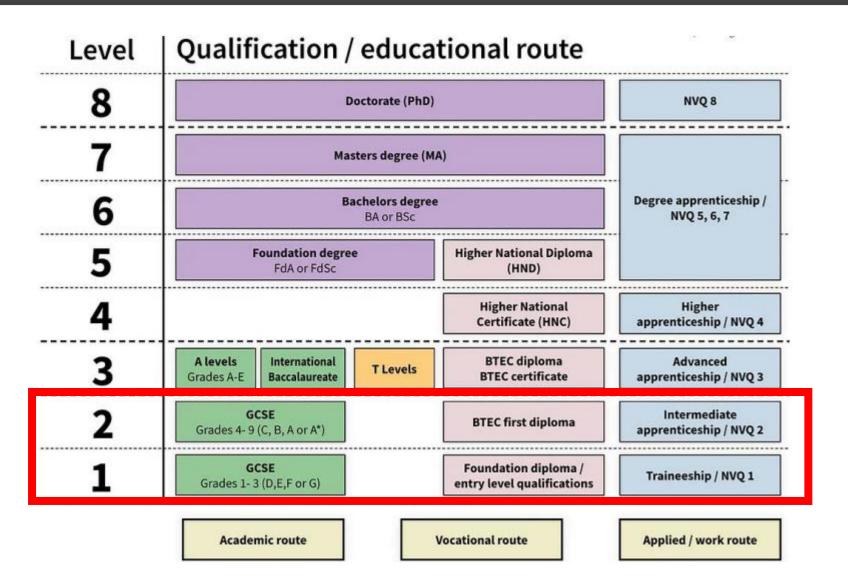


Hard Work Pays off...

- Results days are exceptional moments for our students, our staff, and this community.
- We are in a fantastic position with the Class of 2026 mock exam data is a good indicator.
- Students have already shown that they have a real desire to achieve.
- We recognise that there will be many challenges on the journey this year that means we provide a lot of support and rewards for a job well done.
- The Prom is booked and ready for you to celebrate!
- Opportunities in place throughout Year 11 to support you and make the climb easier.



The Career Journey





Next Steps

- Start to think about your next steps as early as you can
- This will give you a realistic end-goal
- You will know what you need to achieve to reach your goal
- Remember that apprenticeships are competitive
- A levels will have minimum entrance criteria
 - Research the options
 - Visit Open Days
 - Fully engage in all careers events at College

6th October 2025 - Mock Interview Week 13th November 2025 – Sixth Form Open Evening



The College Day

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08:35 - 08:37 STRONG Start
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08:37 - 09:05 Period 0 - English or Maths

09:05 - 10:05 Period 1 Lesson

10:05 - 11:05 Period 2 Lesson

11:05 - 11:40 Break

11:40 - 12:35 Period 3 Lesson

12:35 - 13:35 Period 4 Lesson

13:35 - 14:05 Lunch

14:05 - 15:05 Period 5 Lesson

15:05 - 15:50 Period 6 Lesson



Period 6

Year 11 Period 6 and Important Events																						
		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY
MON											L											
TUE																						
WED		HOLS	1	Period 6 - Option C											1	Period 6 - Science					1	
THU			2	Period 6 - Option D					1	Christmas Hols					2	Period 6 - Maths					2	
FRI			3			Half Term			2	•					3	Bank Hols	1	Formal Summer Exam Period Begins			3	
SAT			4	↑Week A↑	1			↑Week B↑	3	↑Week A↑		↑Week A↑		↑Week B↑	4		2	↑Week A↑		↑Week B↑	4	↑Week A↑
SUN		↓Week 1 - A↓	5	↓Week 6 - B↓	2	↓Week 9 - A↓		↓Week 13 - A↓	4	↓Week 16 - B↓	1	↓Week 20 - B↓	1	↓Week 23 - A↓	5		3	↓Week 30 - B↓		↓Week 33 - A↓	5	↓Week 38 - B↓
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TUES	2	HOLS	7	Period 6 - Geog & Hist	4	Internal exams (mocks) - Specific	2	Period 6 - English	6	Period 6 - Geog & Hist	3	Internal exams (mocks) - Specific	3	Period 6 - Geog & Hist	7		5	Period 6 - Maths	2	Period 6 - Maths	7	
NED	3	Non Pupil Day	8	Period 6 - Science	5	dates for subejcts to be shared nearer the	3	Period 6 - Science	7	Period 6 - RS & Stats	4	dates for subejcts to be shared nearer	4	Period 6 - Science	8	Easter Hols	6	Period 6 - Science	3		8	
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FRI	5	Term Starts for Year 11	10		7		5		9		6		6		10		8		5		10	
SAT	6	↓Week 2 - B↓	11	↓Week 7 - A↓	8	↓Week 10 - B↓	6	↓Week 14 - B↓	10	↓Week 17 - A↓	7	↓Week 21 - A↓	7	↓Week 24 - B↓	11		9	English Revision (Saturday Morning 'Period 6')	6	↓Week 34 - B↓	11	↓Week 39- A↓
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SAT	13	↓Week 3 - A↓	18	↓Week 8 - B↓	15	↓Week 11 - A↓	13	↓Week 15 - A↓	17	↓Week 18 - B↓	14		14	↓Week 25 - A↓	18	↓Week 28 - B↓	16	↓Week 32 - B↓	13	↓Week 35 - A↓	18	
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MON	22		27		24		22		26		23		23		27		25		22			TOTAL = 60
TUE	23	Period 6 - Geog & Hist	28		25	Period 6 - RS & Stats	23		27		24	Period 6 - Option C	24		28		26		23	Year 11 students are in full time until their final exam		English = 12
WED	24	Year 11 Preparation Evening	29	Half Term	26	Period 6 - Science	24	Christmas Hols	28	Period 6 - English	25	Period 6 - Option D	25	Period 6 - English	29	Period 6 - Science	27	Half Term	24	Final Exam Contingencey Date All students available until after this date		Maths = 12
THU	25		30		27	Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening	25		29	Period 6 - Maths	26		26		30	Period 6 - Maths	28		25			Science = 12
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TUE	30	Period 6 - RS & Stats					30	Christmas Hols					31	Period 6 - English					30			Option D = 6
WED							31															Results day 20/8/26



Key Dates

16 th September 2025	Year 11 Period 6 Begins
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24th September 2025 Year 11 Preparation Evening

6th October 2025 Mock Interview Week

20th – 23rd October Mock 1

3rd – 7th November 2025 Mock 1 Continued

13th November 2025 Post 16 Open Evening

27th November 2025 Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening

2nd – 6th February 2026 Mock 2

9th – 13th February 2026 Mock 2 Continued

18th March 2026 Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

Year 11 Meet the English or Maths Period 0 Teacher Evening 30th March 2026

May/June 2026 Formal Exams (Wednesday 24th June is the last exam contingency day for most students)

20th August 2026 Results Day

2nd July 2026

Prom



How You Can Help at Home

Create a Positive Study Environment

- Provide a quiet, distraction-free study space.
- Have the right resources (notes, textbooks, stationery).
- Set a balanced routine that includes study, breaks, and rest.

Help with Organisation & Time Management

- Create a revision timetable with them (break study into chunks).
- Help them set realistic goals for each session.
- Use timers to manage study sessions effectively.



How You Can Help at Home

Encourage Active Revision Techniques

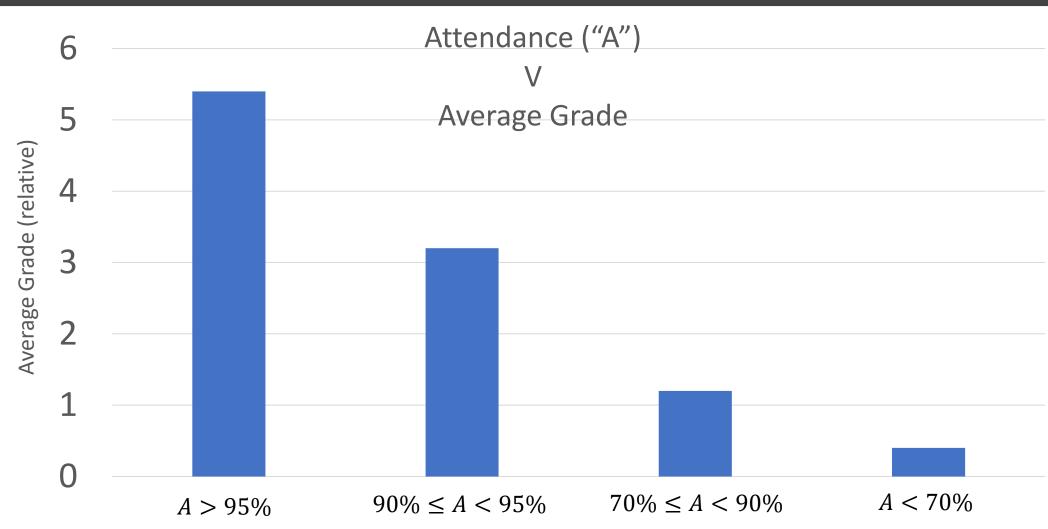
- Suggest past papers and mark schemes for practice.
- Help them use flashcards, mind maps, or summarising notes.
- Use tutor booklet.
- Ask them to 'show you' what they have done.

Support Wellbeing

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



Attendance





Attendance

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days	Equivalent sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
100%	0 days	0 sessions	0 weeks	0 lessons
95%	9 days	18 sessions	2 weeks	45 lessons
90% (persistently absent)	19 days	38 sessions	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	58 sessions	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	72 sessions	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	96 sessions	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	114 sessions	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	134 sessions	13.5 weeks	335 lessons



Eggbuckland Sixth Form

Our commitment to our community:

- Unwavering drive to get the very best for you/ your child
- Expert teachers
- Excellent lessons
- Broad and enriching personal development programme
- Compassionate staff
- Investment into what makes a difference
- Relentless insistence on our expectations



Eggbuckland Sixth Form

Art (Fine)

Art Photography

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Criminology

English Literature

Engineering

Food & Nutrition

History

Maths

Further Maths

Physics

Psychology

Sports Studies

WeST Partnership Schools

Applied Science

Drama & Theatre Studies

French

Information Technology

Media Studies

Music

Sociology

Spanish

Travel & Tourism

Physical Education

And many more...



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OPEN EVENING

13th November 2025

17:00 - 20:00

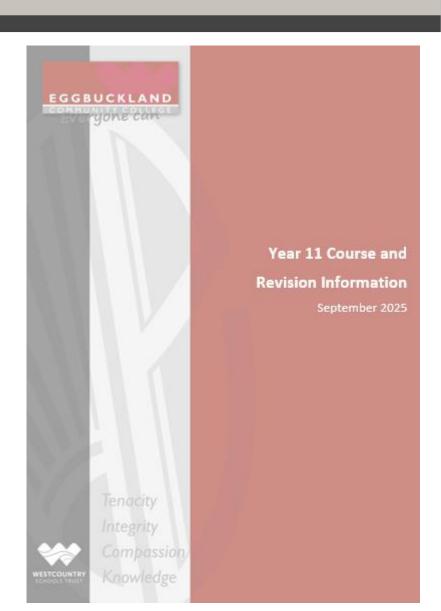
- See what we have to offer
- Opportunity to ask lots of questions
- Get excited about what your/ your child's future brings!



Course and Revision Booklet

Shortened Printed version contains:

Weekly revision.

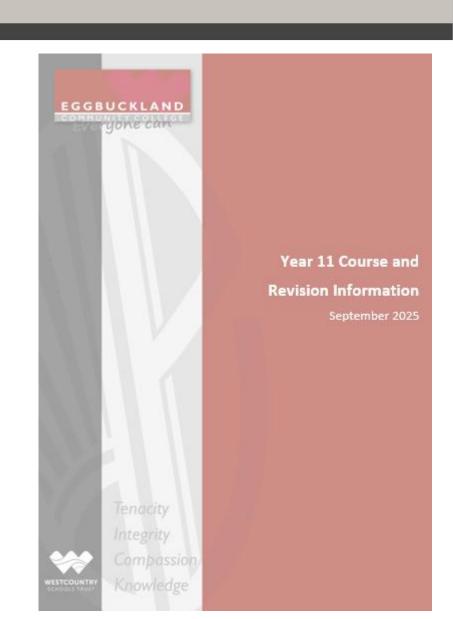




Course and Revision Booklet

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



Mock Exams

Mock exams are crucial in helping students prepare for their Summer GCSE exams, and experience formal 'exams':

- Students to learn how to balance their time.
- Students see how their revision, attendance and attitude to learning is reflected in their exam performance.
- Students experience what it feels like to physically be in exam venues.
- Prepares students for their GCSE exams, and to 'feel the weight' of the exam series.



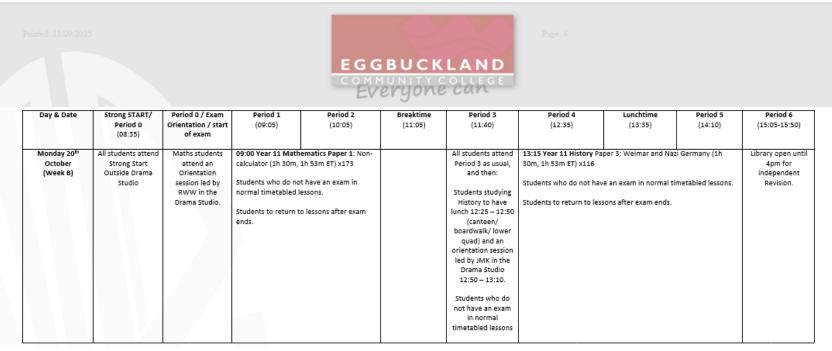
Mock Exams

- Students get feedback which allows them to address misconceptions and prepare for their next series.
- Students will receive an estimated current grade from the content sat.
- Current working grades are used for Sixth Form, Colleges or potential employers.
- Setting & Period O Groups ensure the 'right student' is in front of the 'right teacher'.



Mock Exams

Mock Exam Timetable



Included is a link to JCQ's 'Information for Candidates', which we must follow for the real exams, and we do as closely as possible for mocks: https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/



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To Year 11 & 13 Students and their Parents and Carers.

Year 11 & 13 Exam Session 1 (Internal Examinations / Mocks)

Students will be sitting their first set of Year 11 & Year 12 Examinations during the period of Monday 21*
October to Tuesday 19* November 2024, with the main window being the 2 weeks after helf term. The
purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to enhance exam techniques, test out new revision
strategies and experience formal tests in their chosen GCSE, GCE, Level 2 and Level 3 subjects, so it essential
that they are treated seriously. Staff at the College will use the results to help students in the future by
targeting support, revision, and interventions personal to each student. The results of these examinations will
be given to your child in an assembly on Thursday 28* November.

Please note that as in the real public exams, all students must write in black ink and will need to bring their own scientific calculator to Maths and Science exams (and other option subjects where these are required). They should have at least one spare pen, a pencil and rular with them, all of which must be held in a transparent pencil case. Specific examinations will require specialist equipment, for example a compass and protractor. Mobile phones and other such devices, including any type of watch, must not be taken into the examination hall. We will be following JCQ regulations as closely as possible as we run these examinations: https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/

A timetable showing all the examinations can be found attached to this letter. Morning examinations will start at 9.00am and afternoon examinations at 11.40am. For all morning exams, students must go to tutor at 8.35am where they will be registered by their tutor for Tast chance' revision and escorted to the Sports Hall for the start of their exam. For afternoon exams, students should arrive at the venue at least 5 minutes before the examination begins. Please note that the exams vary in length. When students are not in an examination, they must attend their usual College timetabled lesson. Nearer the examinations your child will receive a personalised timetable containing specific details. If there are any errors in this, your child should make contact with the examinations office (exams@egebuckland.com) in the first instance. It should be noted that seating arrangements are subject to professional advice and cannot be changed on the day of examination.

Please help support your child through this process in any way you can. This might involve helping them find a quiet place to revise, checking that they are focusing on the revision they are doing, talking to them about what they have learned and testing their knowledge. Helping them to understand that preparing for exams does take effort, but does not need to be stressful, would also be helpful. Such support at home can make a significant difference to exam results.



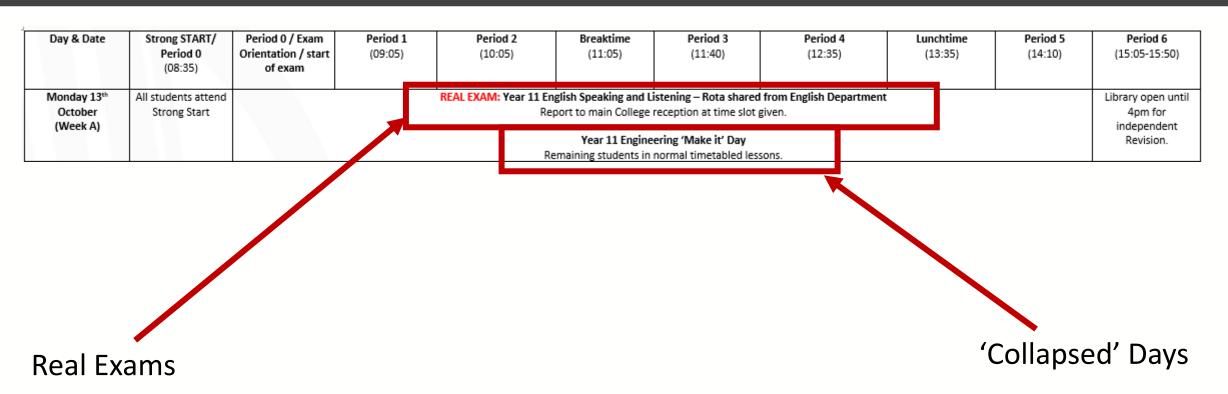
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How to Read the Timetable





How to Read the Timetable

Day & Date	Strong START/ Period 0 (08:35)	Period 0 / Exam Orientation / start of exam	Period 1 (09:05)	Period 2 (10:05)	Breaktime (11:05)	Period 3 (11:40)	Period 4 (12:35)	Lunchtime (13:35)	Period 5 (14:10)	Period 6 (15:05-15:50)
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Exam Manifesto (shared via email with resources) will give specifics of what to revise for each paper – use the revision booklet to structure this.

Exams are shown in **bold**



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						Students who do not have an exam in normal timetabled lessons			Sessio	ns

- Student know how to navigate the exam and gain maximum marks.
- Students leave the venue in a state of exam readiness.

AM	PM
08:35 - 08:55	12:50 – 13:10



Literature:

Why we aren't doing a full Literature paper yet

- Paper 1 is Macbeth and A Christmas Carol → we haven't studied A Christmas Carol yet.
- Paper 2 is An Inspector Calls, Power & Conflict poetry, and Unseen Poetry → we haven't finished all the poems or Unseen Poetry yet.



Literature:

What this means

- In October, you'll sit two, separate, 50-minute literature papers that equate to the same marks as Literature paper 1.
- One 34-mark essay question on 'Macbeth' and one 30-mark question on 'An Inspector Calls'.
- The same combination as your Year 10 summer mock.
- This time, it's a chance to show progress and strengthen exam skills before we add the other texts.



Language:

English Language GCSE (AQA)

Section A: Reading*

Section B: Writing

Paper 2

1h 45m

Section A:
Reading*

Section B: Writing

Language Paper 2

Section A

- Reading section.
- You are given two non-fiction texts to read (a speech/letter/article).
- There are 4 questions

Section B

- Writing section
- One 40-mark writing question.
- Write a speech/letter/article on a given topic.



Spoken Language Endorsement:

- To be done week beginning 13th October
- Actual GCSE exam
- Part of the Language GCSE
- Does not contribute to the numbered grade for Language e.g Grade 6
- Students receive an additional certificate with their results at 'Pass,'
 Merit or Distinction.'
- Students must speak in front of a teacher on a topic for 3 minutes before being asked questions.



English: Top 3 Tips

1

Complete your weekly homework. It is designed to 'boost' your skills.

2

Use Educake to test/fill in gaps in literature knowledge (Macbeth/An Inspector Calls).

3

Practise- often! Practise planning and writing the extended writing answers (Tuesday Time Trials).



Maths: Mock Exam Paper Structure

2 Tiers

	Foundation	Higher
Grades available	1 – 5	4 – 9
Number of papers	3	3
Paper information	Paper 1 – Non Calc	Paper 1 – Non Calc
	Paper 2 and 3 – Calc required	Paper 2 and 3 – Calc required
Length of paper	All 1 hour 30 min	All 1 hour 30 min
Total marks	240 (80 per paper)	240 (80 per paper)



Maths: Top 3 Tips

1

Complete Sparx homework each week. The best way to get good at maths is to do maths!

2

Ensure you have a Scientific Calculator.

3

Use the Aim Higher resources in your revision guide to do that bit extra.



Science: Mock Exam Paper Structure

Practical Assessment = 15% of marks

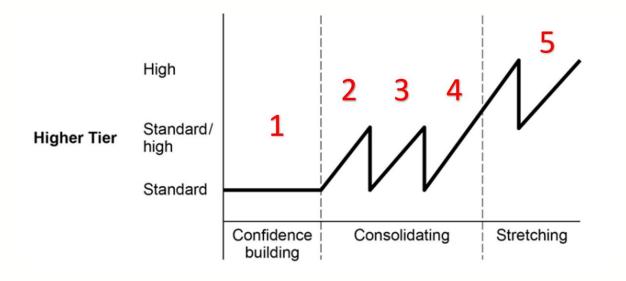
40%

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding

40%Apply knowledge and understanding

20% Analyse information and ideas

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





Science: Top 3 Tips

1

3 papers 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



GCSE Grading System

Old grades	New grades	
A*	9	
Α	7	
В	6 5 STRONG PASS	
С	4 STANDARD PASS	
D	3	
Е	2	
F		
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 Grading System

GCSE Combined Science Grades

Students achieve a combined Grade in Science equivalent to 2 GCSEs.

Examples:

Reported Grades 9 8 This approximating one Grade 9 and one Grade 8.

Reported Grades 5 4 This approximating one Grade 5 and one Grade 4.

Reported Grades 4 4 This approximating two Grade 4s.



Exam Access Arrangements

- The majority of students sit their exams in the Sports Hall.
- Under the new 2025 JCQ regulations, Exam Access Arrangements must be the candidate's normal way of working, with substantial history of need.
- For students where we have substantial history of need, alongside extensive teacher evidence of normal way of working, they have already begun to trial their access arrangement in their Mock Exams.



Exam Access Arrangements

It is important to note that:

- The centre (school) must adhere strictly to the JCQ regulations
- Granting arrangements without the required evidence would constitute malpractice
- Access arrangements are not given on the basis of preference or a diagnosis alone; they must reflect how the candidate ordinarily works at school and what is needed to remove a disadvantage



This Year

Why bother?



This Year - What It's Worth

- Brilliant set of qualifications
- 'Ticket' to your next step
- Greater financial security
- Timeless and global currency
- Trade grades for opportunities

Better the grade, greater the opportunity



This Year

Not Rocket Science!

- Choice Choosing to do the right thing.
- Grit Doing the small, often boring things automatically.
 Relentlessly.
- Selfishness The most important person in the world right now is sat in your seat. Prioritise yourself.

"Show me"



Attend School Every Day on Time





100% Attention



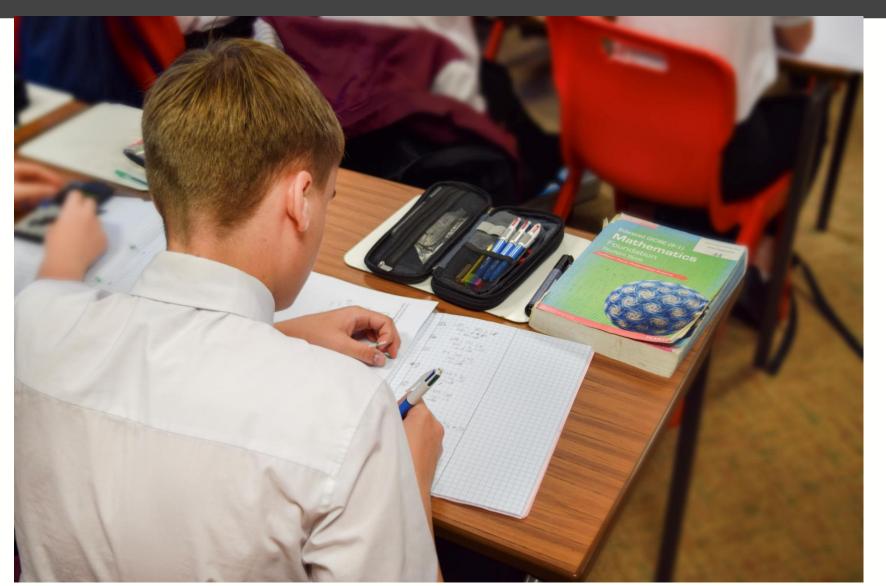


Work Hard





Being Prepared





Behaving Well





Self Respect – Prioritise Yourself





Respect For Others





Manage Distractions





8 Things That Require Zero Talent But Make All The Difference – What

- 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 - **How**

Great lessons with tight routines

Period 0

Period 6

Champions hour – from around Christmas 2025

Weekly revision booklet

Past papers

Sparx

Educake

Set changes

Exam orientation sessions

Exit timetable

Disruption free classrooms

Low Stakes Test

Strong starts

Perfect uniform

Mocks

Year 11 information evenings

Year 11 exam preparation evenings

Thresholding

Rewards on Classcharts

Prom passport

Golden tickets

Student of the Week

Homework

Corridors like 'Ghost Ships'

Circulating teachers

Parents evenings

Course booklet

8am exam preparation for exams

Improvements in books

Late bells

Increased observations

Revision guides in library



The Final Months...

If not now, when? ...

If not you, who?

Everyone can.

Please talk to us if you have any queries or questions.



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