



GCSE Aspirations Evening Year 9&10

Monday 14th October 2019

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- Introduction to the evening
- Presentations by Curriculum Leaders of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities
- Talk from our Careers Lead
- All Curriculum Leaders then available for questions/discuss revision guides



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The New GCSEs

- More challenging – some content has come down from A-level
- More focus on examinations at the end of the course and less coursework (except for subjects like Art etc.)
- More focus on literacy and extended writing in many subjects

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New GCSE grades

Grade	New number grade
A** (not previously available)	9
A*	8/9
A	7/8
B	5/6
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	0

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What do these mean?

Grade 4 is similar to the old C and is now known as a 'standard pass'.

Grade 5 is described as a 'strong pass'.



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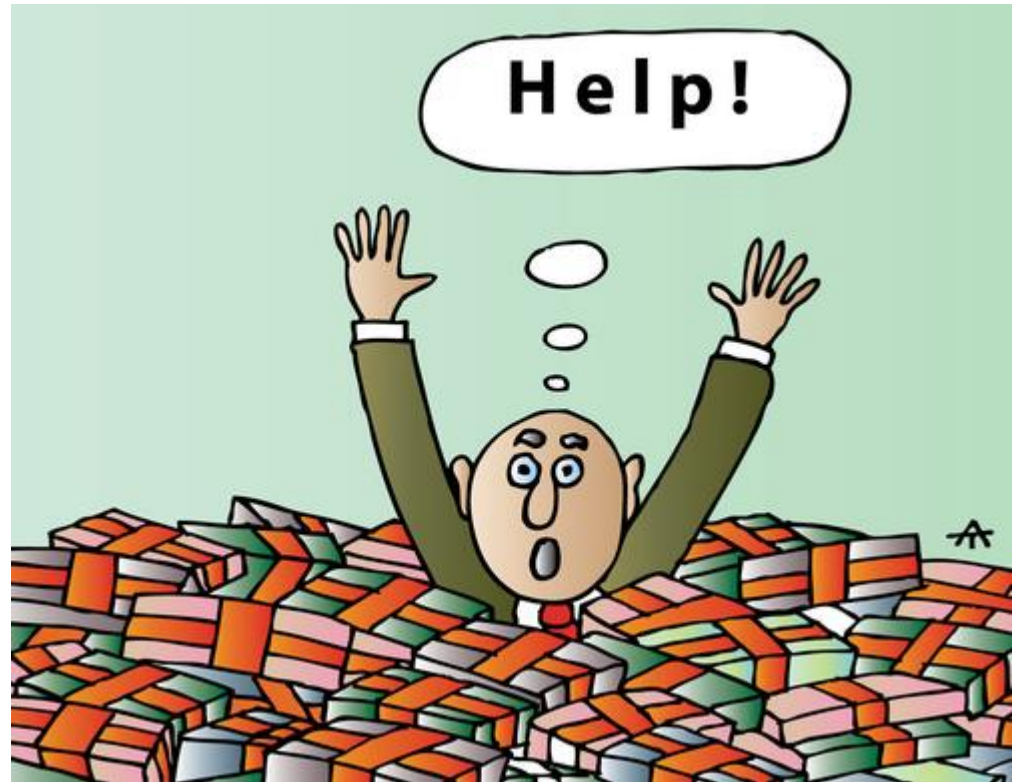
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How will you know if your child is on track?

- Challenging targets have been set based on Year 6 SAT scores
- Current attainment data as well as predictions will be collected 3 times a year as grades – teachers are currently inputting this information
- Reports will be sent home each time with this information and will also tell you about your child's effort, behaviour, homework and organisation



So how
can we
help?



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English Language and Literature

- 100% examination – no controlled assessment/coursework
- Only ONE paper – no tiers of entry
- Length of examinations requires sustained writing
- Shakespeare and pre 19th century text in exam

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Key Information – what will my child do?

What might they need to do at home?

Language	Literature
<p>Read a range of unseen texts</p> <p>Learn how to deal with unfamiliar vocabulary</p> <p>Analyse language and structure</p> <p>Evaluate (judge) text</p> <p>Compare writers' ideas</p> <p>Practise using key structures to draft answers</p> <p>Write descriptions/stories</p> <p>Write articles/newspaper reports/speeches</p>	<p>Read set texts</p> <p>Learn key sophisticated vocabulary</p> <p>Memorising key quotations</p> <p>Practising structured writing</p> <p>Exploring social & historical contextual links</p> <p>Planning essays</p> <p>Drafting essays</p> <p>Creating revision resources e.g. comparing linked poems or exploring a theme in a text</p>

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Assessments

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	+	Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	+	Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language
What's assessed Section A: Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">one literature fiction text Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">descriptive or narrative writing		What's assessed Section A: Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">writing to present a viewpoint		What's assessed (AO7–AO9) <ul style="list-style-type: none">presentingresponding to questions and feedbackuse of Standard English
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes80 marks50% of GCSE		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes80 marks50% of GCSE		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">teacher set throughout coursemarked by teacherseparate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)
Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – one single text <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)1 extended question (1 x 20 marks) Writing (40 marks) (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)		Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)1 extended question (1 x 16 marks) Writing (40 marks) (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)		

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Assessments

All assessments are closed book: any stimulus materials required will be provided as part of the assessment.

All assessments are compulsory.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

What's assessed

- [Shakespeare](#)
- [The 19th-century novel](#)

How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Questions

Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.



Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

What's assessed

- [Modern texts](#)
- [Poetry](#)
- [Unseen poetry](#)

How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

Questions

Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.










English/Drama Revision Guides

- We use CGP revision guides for English
 - RRP £5.95 but we can sell them for £3.00
 - Available on ParentPay
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- Drama revision guides are also available through ParentPay

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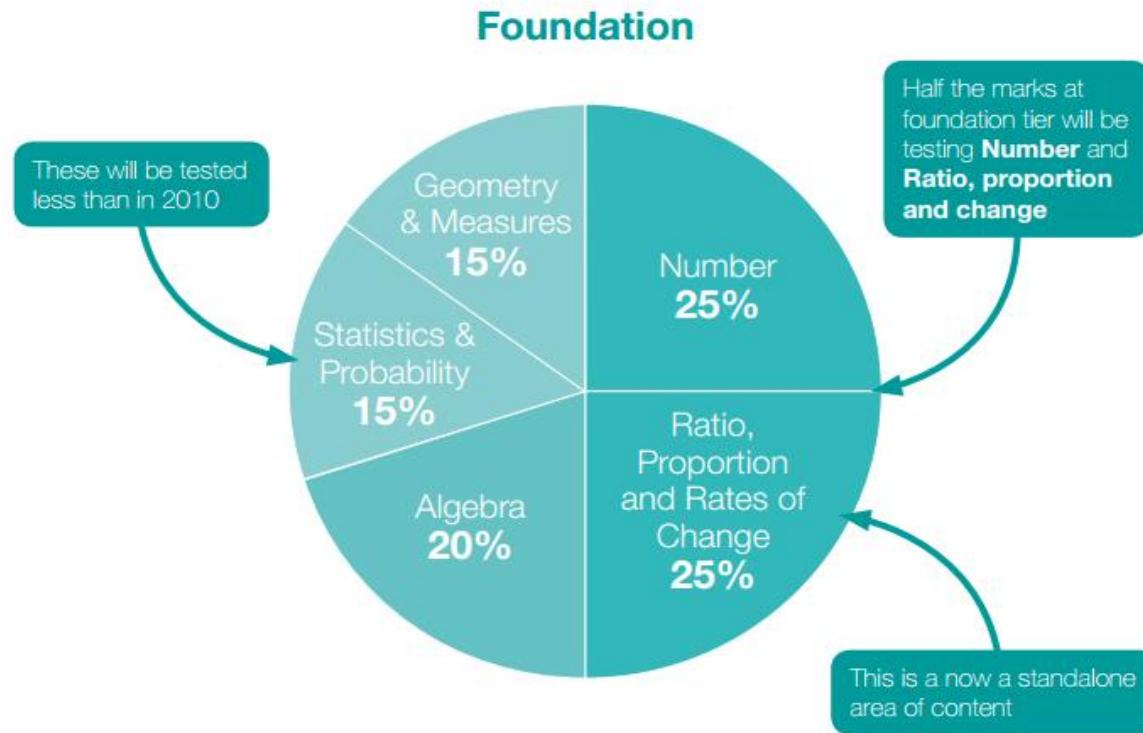
Foundation (grades 1-5)	Paper 1 Non-calculator 33.3% weighting 1 hour and 30 minutes 80 marks 	Paper 2 Calculator 33.3% weighting 1 hour and 30 minutes 80 marks 	Paper 3 Calculator 33.3% weighting 1 hour and 30 minutes 80 marks 
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Understanding the changes to content: Foundation

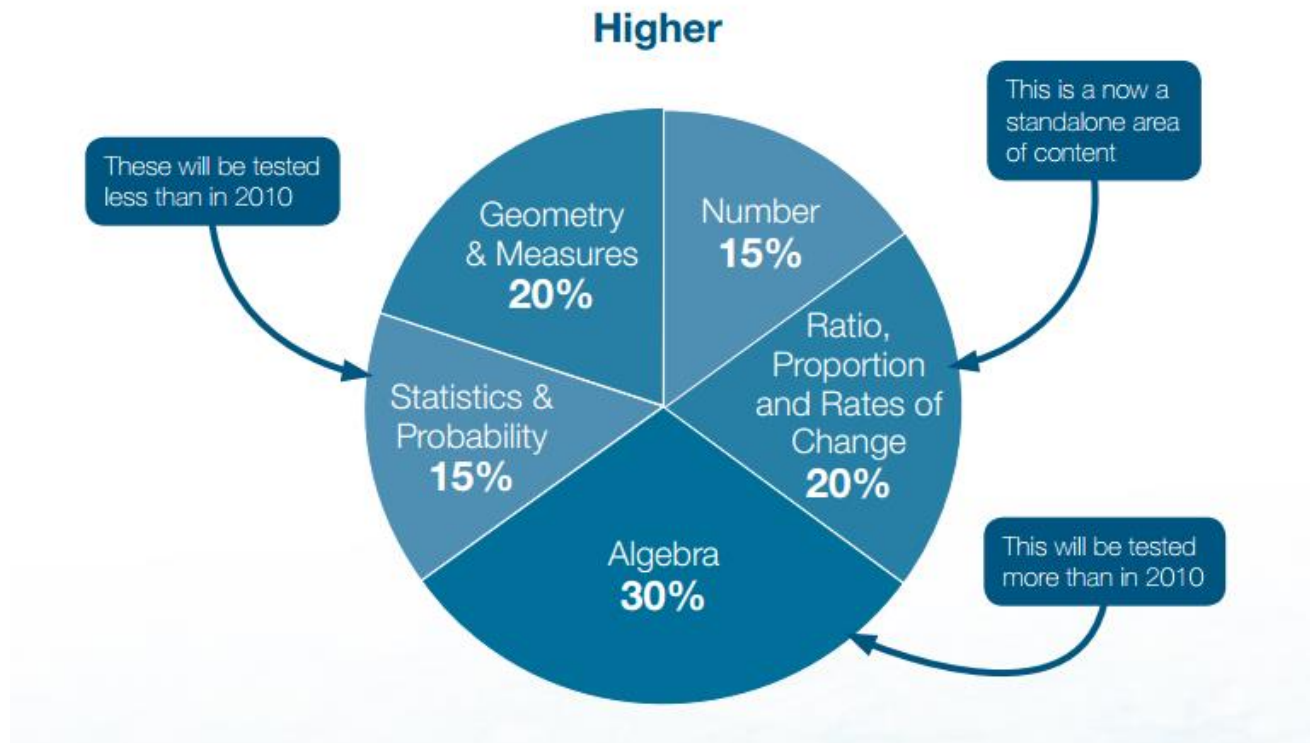
Foundation tier papers will assess the different content domains in these proportions:



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Higher tier papers will assess the different content domains in these proportions:



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Years 9 & 10:

- Frequent end of topic assessments
- 3 termly assessments in the form of GCSE papers
- 3 problem solving assessments with a focus on worded problems

Year 11:

- ‘Walking talking mocks’ during lessons to prepare them for their final examinations

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C O L L E G E

Useful Websites

Corbett Maths

www.corbettmaths.com

No logins required

Maths Genie

www.mathsgenie.co.uk

No logins required

Maths Watch

vle.mathswatch.com

Username: Asurname@shuttleworth
Password: circle

Just Maths

www.justmaths.co.uk

Username: ShuttleStudent
Password: Shuttle

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Maths Revision Guides

Revision Guides are available to buy for the new specifications at a cost of £4 each. This includes revision pages, workbook pages and some exam style questions.

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Combined Science – 2 GCSEs

Pupils will be taught 24 units across the course:

- **Biology -7 units**
- **Chemistry - 10 units**
- **Physics - 7 units**

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Combined Science – 2 GCSEs

- Pupils will sit 6 x 1hr 15 min examinations and will gain a combined grade at GCSE – eg. 5-5, 6-7, 8-7, 9-9
- 2 exams for Biology - worth 33%
- 2 exams for Chemistry – worth 33%
- 2 exams for Physics – worth 33%

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Separate Science – 3 GCSEs

The units are similar to those taught in combined science but go into more detail to provide pupils with a richer deeper understanding of scientific concepts.

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- **Chemistry - 10 units**
- **Physics - 7 units**

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Separate Science – 3 GCSEs

- Pupils will sit 6 x 1hr 45 min examinations.
- This equates to 2 exam papers for each subject.
- 2 exams for the Biology GCSE
- 2 exams for the Chemistry GCSE
- 2 exams for the Physics GCSE
- They will gain 3 separate GCSE qualifications.

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Science Revision Guides

- We use CGP revision guides and workbooks.
- They are available for combined and separate sciences.
- We will be selling these at Easter time next year – information will be sent out nearer the time.

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History

Year	Paper	Content	Exam	% worth
9	Paper 1: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present. The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches. Thematic study and historic environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas about the cause of disease and illness Approaches to prevention and treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July in Y11. Written examination : 1 hour and 15 minutes. 	This exam paper is worth 30% of the total qualification.
10	Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39. Modern depth study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Weimar Republic 1918–29. Hitler's rise to power, 1919–33. Nazi control and dictatorship, 1933–39. Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–39. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July in Y11. Written examination : 1 hour and 20 minutes. 	This exam paper is worth 30% of the qualification.
11	Paper 2: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88. Period study and British depth study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest, 1060–66. <u>William I in power: securing the kingdom, 1066–87.</u> <u>Norman England, 1066–88.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July in Y11. Written examination : 1 hour and 45 minutes. 	This exam paper is worth 40% of the qualification.
	Paper 2: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The origins of the Cold War, 1941–58. Cold War crises, 1958–70. The end of the Cold War, 1970–91. 		

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History Revision Guides

- Students are given content/revision booklets in class for each of the exams.
- We are putting in an order for CPG revision guides. However, this does not contain part of Paper 2.

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Geography

Paper 1 – Physical Geography (1 hour 30 minutes) worth 35%

- Natural Hazards
- UK Landscapes (rivers and coasts)
- Ecosystems

Paper 2 – Human Geography (1 hour 30 minutes) worth 35%

- Challenges in Urban Environments
- The Changing Economic World
- Resource Management

Paper 3 – Geographical Applications (1 hour 15 minutes) worth 30%

- Fieldwork
- Issue Evaluation

Throughout KS4 students study both physical and human topics each year, doing a Paper 1 topic, followed by a Paper 2 topic. Fieldwork has now been completed and they only have half a unit left to be taught. The Issue Evaluation is released 12 weeks before the exam so is studied at the end of Y11.

Assessments throughout KS4 are from AQA specimen papers and past exam papers and consist of questions that range from 1 mark to 9 marks.

Geography Revision Guides

- We use CGP revision guides.
- Revision guides/ work books are available through school. The revision guide is £3.25 (normally £5.95), workbook with answer booklet is £4.25 (normally £7.95).
- Available this evening and also on ParentPay.

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How can we all help?

Staff:

- ✓ Specialist teachers
- ✓ Increased curriculum time in Mathematics and English
- ✓ Schemes of work that track back from A-level
- ✓ Catch-up sessions/intervention sessions offered where needed and become more regular in Year 11 (period 6 and **holiday schools in October, February, Easter and May**)
- ✓ Mentoring

Staff and parents:

- ✓ Show My Homework
- ✓ Parents' evenings
- ✓ Extra contact regarding any issues
- ✓ Be realistic!

Students:

- ✓ Focused attitude towards all work
- ✓ Dedicated time spent on homework
- ✓ Revision throughout the year, not just for final exams

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GCSEs

Which can lead to:

A Levels	T Levels (new)	Vocational	Apprenticeship
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 subjects • Mostly theory-based • Mostly exams • Done in Sixth Form/ College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 subject • 80% in College • 20% industry placement • Exam, Project and practical assessment • Done in College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 subject • Lots of practical work • Mostly coursework • Done in College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 subject • Assessed by coursework and practical work • Done in a real job

Which could all lead to:

University Degree	Apprenticeship Higher or Degree	Employment
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Levels & Entry Criteria

4+	Degree / Foundation Degree / Higher Level & Degree Apprenticeship <i>Full level 3 qualification</i>			
3 2 years	A Levels <i>At least 5 <u>GCSE</u> grade 5s (6+ for certain subjects)</i>	T Levels <i>At least 5 GCSE grade 4s (inc. English & Maths)</i>	Vocational <i>At least 5 GCSE grade 4/5s</i>	Advanced Apprenticeship <i>At least 5 GCSE grade 4/5s</i>
2 1 year	<i>No lower level</i>	T Level Transition <i>At least 2 grade 4/5s</i>	Vocational <i>At least 2 grade 4/5s (inc. English / Maths)</i>	Intermediate Apprenticeship <i>At least 2 grade 4/5s (inc. English / Maths)</i>
1 1 year	<i>No lower level</i>	<i>No lower level</i>	Vocational <i>At least 2 grade 3s (inc. English / Maths)</i>	Traineeships
Entry 1 year	<i>Lower formal qualifications</i>			

WHAT NOW?



- Curriculum Leaders from all subject areas are here to answer any specific questions you have about the course/revision guides etc. (presenters will stay in the atrium, other subjects will be in the library).
- Your booklet has further information and will go on the website, along with this presentation.
- Please contact your child's pastoral leader, (**Y9 Ms Grice**, **Y10 Ms Southern**), or myself for any further information.
- More detailed conversations with your child's subject teachers will occur at parents' evening:

Y10 Thursday 28th November 4.30-7pm

Y9 Thursday 12th March 4.30-7pm

Please contact us sooner if you have a specific query.

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