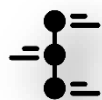# GCSE Examinations Summer 2022

A guide for parents

Introduction

This concise guide has been put together to provide parents with the key information needed to help their child prepare in the best possible way for the GCSE examinations.

Year 11 Key Dates

Wednesday 17th March	Parents' evening
Monday 7th March	PPE (practice public examinations)
April	Reports home with PPE results
Monday 17th May	Examinations begin
Thursday 23rd June	Last examination
July date TBC	Prom
Thursday 25th August	Results day / sixth Form enrolment

Revision Opportunities

Revision Countdown Friday 4th February	Revision launch with Year 11 in Assembly.
Friday Tutor Sessions 9am	Introduction to mind maps, flashcards, retrieval questions, accessing past papers.
Structured Revision	Weekly Revision tasks set for each subject via online platforms. Parents contacted for non-completion via ParentMail.
STEM Saturday	College is open for Y11 students to attend 10am-12pm. They can complete revision or coursework to catch up. Selected students will be expected to attend. • Saturday 19th March • Saturday 26th March • Saturday 30th April
Intervention sessions	Selected students have been targeted for intervention to help address gaps in their knowledge and skills. They take place across all subjects at various times of the week. Students have been contacted individually.
May onwards	Students will be given a bespoke timetable of compulsory revision sessions within the school day. Students will remain in school 9pm-3pm for most of the examination period. Further details will be sent closer to the time.

Independent revision

It is vital that students **take responsibility** for their revision.
Use **personal learning checklists** so that they are aware of WHAT they need to revise**.**
Use **revision timetables** to organise time effectively
Use **effective study strategies** to help embed knowledge into long term memory (see back of booklet.)
Practice, practice and more practice, when it comes to past papers and practice questions.

PPE Timetable - Week commencing 7th March

March	MONDAY 7th	TUESDAY 8th	WEDNESDAY 9th	THURSDAY 10th	FRIDAY 11th
AM P1 and 2 Exams Start at 9:10 am	Biology H/F (1hr 15/45) All year 11	English Language Paper 1 (1hr 45) All year 11	Geography Paper 1 (1hr 30 mins)	English Literature Paper 2 (1hr 45)	Maths Paper 3 (1hr 30) All year 11
AM P3 and 4 Exams start at 11.30am	Maths Paper 1 (1 hr 30) All year 11	Maths Paper 2 (1hr 30) All year 11	Computer Science (1hr 30)	Chemistry H/F (1hr 45/15) All year 11	Physics H/F (1hr 45/15) All year 11
PM P5					
March	MONDAY 14th	TUESDAY 15th	WEDNESDAY 16th	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM P1 and 2 Exams start at 9:10 am	English Language Paper 2 (1hr 45) All year 11	Geography Paper 2 (1hr 30 mins)			
AM P3 and 4 Exams start at 11.30am	Computer Science Online Exam				
PM P5					

Examination timetable 2022

AM (9am Start)	Date	PM (1pm Start)
Week 1		
	Monday 16 May	
Combined/Triple Biology 1	Tuesday 17 May	
English Language 1	Wednesday 18 May	
	Thursday 19 May	
Maths 1	Friday 20 May	
Week 2		
Geography Paper 1	Monday 23 May	
Computer Science Paper 1	Tuesday 24 May	
English Literature 1	Wednesday 25 May	
	Thursday 26 May	
Combined/Triple Chemistry 1	Friday 27 May	
HALF TERM Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June		
Week 3		
	Monday 6 June	Computer Science 2
Maths 2	Tuesday 7 June	Geography 2
English Literature 2	Wednesday 8 June	
	Thursday 9 June	Combined/Triple Physics 1
English Language 2	Friday 10 June	
Week 4		
Maths 3	Monday 13 June	I Media (resit)
Geography 3	Tuesday 14 June	
Combined/Triple Biology 2	Wednesday 15 June	Combined/Triple Physics 1
	Thursday 16 June	
	Friday 17 June	
Week 5		
Combined/Triple Chemistry 2	Monday 20 June	
	Tuesday 21 June	
	Wednesday 22 June	
Combined/Triple Physics 2	Thursday 23 June	

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The exams

Paper 1	1 hour 45	**Section A** Reading a literary extract from 19/20th century. Students will answer four questions about language, structure, and evaluation. **Section B** Writing to describe OR a creative writing task.
Paper 2	1 hour 45	**Section A** Students will be presented with two non-fiction texts, one from the nineteenth century and one from more recent years. They will complete four questions which will test their ability to analyse language, compare details and explore the writers' attitudes and perspectives. **Section B** Writing to inform and argue, usually in the style of a newspaper article, Internet blog or speech.

Revision in English

- AQA website (our exam board) here you will find exam materials to practise with
www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources

- YouTube www.youtube.com- Just type in what you want to practise and you will find lots of options available to you. You could subscribe to these channels – MrBruff and MissW

- BBC Bitesize GCSE English Language www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty

- Revision task will be set weekly on Seneca. https://www.senecalearning.com
- Education Quizzes www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english

English Literature

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The exams

Paper 1	1 hour 45	**Section A** Macbeth by William Shakespeare **Section B –** Unseen poetry, including comparison.
Paper 2	1 hour 45	**Section A -** Anthology poetry **Section B** - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Revision in English Literature

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- BBC Bitesize GCSE English Literature

- Education Quizzes www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english

- No Fear Shakespeare | SparkNotes

Mathematics

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The exams

Paper 1	1 hour 30 Non-Calculator	Number Algebra Ratio, Proportion and rates of change Geometry and measures Probability Statistic
Paper 2	1 hour 30 Calculator	
Paper 3	1 hour 30 Calculator	

Revision in Maths

- **Use the revision lists on Teams which outline topics which will appear on the final exams.**

- All students will be set a weekly **Active Learn** task for homework. This can be done on a mobile phone, laptop or desktop. This is also set on teams.

- Past papers practice questions are on maths genie under Gcse papers using the Edexcel foundation or higher papers with full solutions. https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html

- Or if they want to complete an online paper use onmaths, and this marks the exam paper and lets them know their grade. https://www.onmaths.com/mock_exams/?archiveType=predictions

- Use the videos and past exam questions on maths genie, under revision and these are all graded from grade 9-1. https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html

- Once the next mock has been completed, they will have a QLA of topics they will need to revise, using a revision guide or maths genie.

Combined Science

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The exams

Paper 1-Biology	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 1- cell biology Unit 2- organisation Unit 3-infection and response Unit 4-bioengernetics
Paper 1-Chemistry	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 1 – atomic structure & the periodic table Unit 2 – bonding, structure & the properties of matter Unit 3 – quantitative chemistry Unit 4 – chemical changes Unit 5 – energy changes
Paper 1-Physics	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 1 – energy Unit 2 – electricity Unit 3 – particle model of matter Unit 4 – atomic structure
Paper 2-Biology	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 5 – homeostasis & response Unit 6 – inheritance, variation & evolution Unit 7 – ecology
Paper 2-Chemistry	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 6 – the rate & extent of chemical change Unit 7 – organic chemistry Unit 8 – chemical analysis Unit 9 – chemistry of the atmosphere Unit 10 – using resources
Paper 2-Physics	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 5 – forces Unit 6 – waves Unit 7 – magnetism & electromagnetism

Revision in Science

- **Refer to revision lists sent on Teams for list of topics which will appear in the summer examinations**

- Weekly tasks will be set on Kerboodle. Students should regularity check the work that has been set. https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login

- Cognito is another online platform. Revision videos and concise snippets of infromation help reinfornce learning. https://cognitoedu.org/home.html

Geography

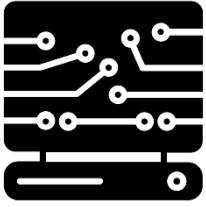**Mrs. Rigby** jrigby@utcw.co.uk

The exams

Paper 1 Living with the physical environment	1 hour 30 mins	Natural hazards The Living World UK Physical Landscapes
Paper 2 The challenges in the human environment	1 hour 30 mins	Urban Challenges The Economic World
Paper 3 Geographical Applications	1 hour 15 mins	Fieldwork Decision making task

Structured Revision in Geography

- All students have been set a weekly **Seneca learning** assignment for homework. This is done online using a phone. **Set up a parent account to check their progress.**

- **Past paper practice** questions have been set on Microsoft One Note.

- All students have been issued with a "**revision exercise book**" which they can make notes and create mind maps for Geography

Independent Revision

- Use the **personal learning checklists** to identify areas for revision.

- Use the **revision guide** to create **mind maps** of the key information about each topic.

- Use **retrieval practice** to see if you replicate the information from your memory **WITHOUT** looking at your notes.

- Create **flashcard**s with the key words from each topic. There is a LOT of key vocabulary in geography.

- Watch videos on **Time for Geography**

Computer Science

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The exams

Paper 1 Principles of Computer Science	1 hour 30 mins	Computational Thinking Data Computers Networks Issus and impact
Paper 2 Application of computational thinking	2 hours	Understand what algorithms are Decompose a problem Program a solution Identify program errors

Structured Revision in Computer Science

- All students have been set a weekly **Seneca learning** assignment for homework. This is done online using a phone. **Set up a parent account to check their progress.**

- **Past paper practice** questions worked through in class to support students in writing extended answers.

- **Programming challenges** will be regularly set and worked through to develop programming knowledge

Independent Revision

- Use the **Course curriculum document to** identify areas for revision.

- Use the **Mindmap documents** to develop understanding of the key areas of learning.

- Use the **Craigndave website** to review areas of the curriculum.

- Use the **Codeacademy website** to develop programming understanding.