



# **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 Timeline

<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents evening
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March -</b>	PPE (practice public examinations)
<b>Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Reports home
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Examinations begin
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Last examination
	Prom
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Results day

## PPE Timetable - Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March

<del>pMarch</del>	MONDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>
AM P1 and 2 Exams Start at 9:10 am	Biology H/F (1hr 15/45) All year 11	English Language Paper 1 (1hr 15/45) 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 14 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM P1 and 2 Exams start at 9:10 am	Computer Science Online Exam	Geography Paper 2 (1hr 30 mins.)			
AM P3 and 4 Exams start at 11.30am	English Language Paper 2 (1hr 45) All year 11	Science <u>Combined Paper 2</u> (1 hr 15)			

## Examination timetable 2022

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



# English Language

## The exams

<b>Paper 1</b>	1 hour 45	<b>Section A</b> Reading a Literary extract from 20th/21st century and answering 4 questions  <b>Section B</b> Writing to describe and narrate
<b>Paper 2</b>	1 hour 45	<b>Section A</b> Reading 2 non-fiction texts from the 19th and 20th century  <b>Section B</b> Writing to argue and persuade

## Revision in English

- AQA our (exam board) here you will find exam materials to practise with [www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources)
- YouTube [www.youtube.com](http://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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty)
- Revision platforms <https://www.senecalearning.com>
- Education Quizzes [www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english](http://www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english)

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# English Literature

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## The exams

<b>Paper 1</b> Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel	1 hour 45	<b>Section A</b> Macbeth  <b>Section B</b> A Christmas Carol Section
<b>Paper 2</b> Modern texts and Poetry	1 hour 45	<b>Section A</b> An Inspector calls  <b>Section B</b> Power and Conflict Poetry Unseen poetry

## Revision in English Literature

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# Mathematics

## The exams

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

## Revision in Maths

- 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](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.

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# Combined Science

## The exams

<b>Paper 1-Biology</b>	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 1- cell biology Unit 2- organisation Unit 3-infection and response Unit 4-bioenergetics
<b>Paper 1-Chemistry</b>	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
<b>Paper 1-Physics</b>	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 1 – energy Unit 2 – electricity Unit 3 – particle model of matter Unit 4 – atomic structure
<b>Paper 2-Biology</b>	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 5 – homeostasis & response Unit 6 – inheritance, variation & evolution Unit 7 – ecology
<b>Paper 2-Chemistry</b>	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
<b>Paper 2-Physics</b>	1 hr 15 mins	Unit 5 – forces Unit 6 – waves Unit 7 – magnetism & electromagnetism

## Revision in Science

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# Geography

## The exams

<b>Paper 1</b> Living with the physical environment	1 hour 30 mins	Natural hazards The Living World UK Physical Landscapes
<b>Paper 2</b> The challenges in the human environment	1 hour 30 mins	Urban Challenges The Economic World
<b>Paper 3</b> 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 **flashcards** with the key words from each topic. There is a LOT of key vocabulary in geography.
- Watch videos on **Time for Geography**.

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# Computer Science

## The exams

<b>Paper 1</b> Principles of Computer Science	1 hour 30 mins	Computational Thinking Data Computers Networks Issues and impact
<b>Paper 2</b> 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 **Codecademy website** to develop programming understanding.

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# Revision Strategies