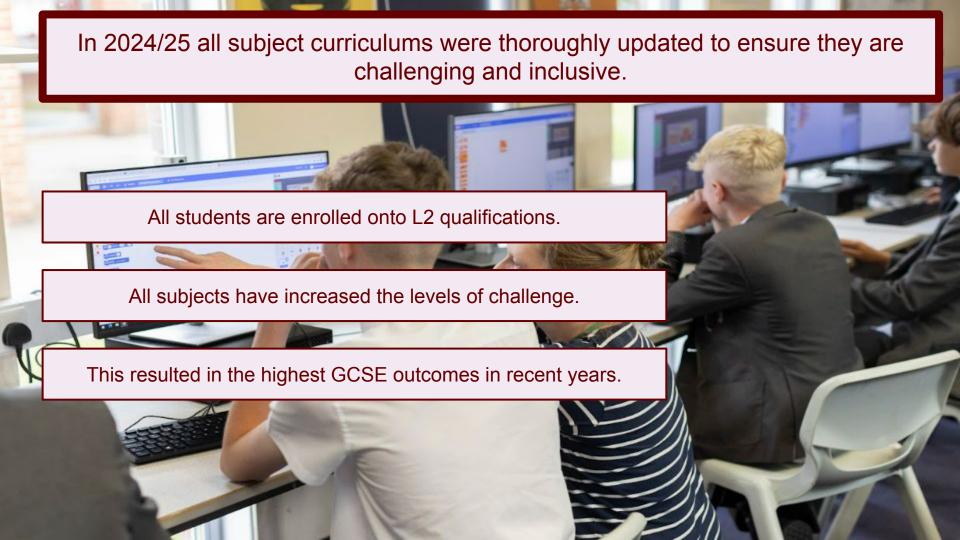
Information for Parents of Year 10 Students

Key topics this evening...

- 1. Our ambitious curriculums
- 2. How to support your child with their studies and revision
- How we assess students in Y10 and Y11
- 4. Hearing from the Heads of English, Maths and Science







We encourage parents to read our curriculum booklets.

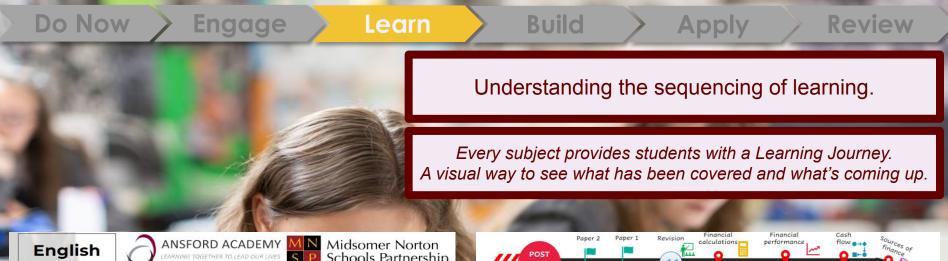
These set out the sequencing of topics.

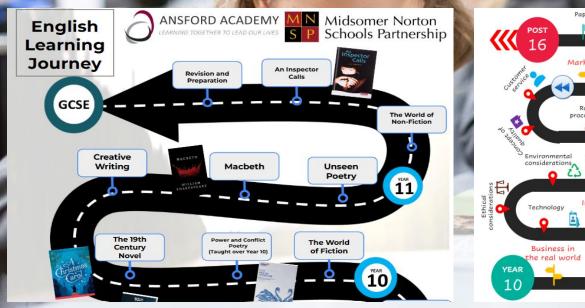
They also explain the assessment structure of each course.

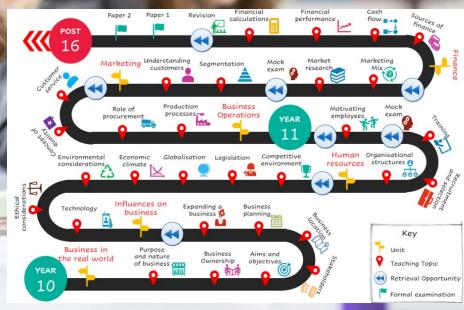


Year 10 GCSE Business Programme of Study Exam Board: AQA Exam Specification: 8132

Term	Curriculum Foci	Formal Assessment
1	3.1 Business in the Real World The purpose and nature of business The business sectors: primary, secondary, tertiary Enterprise and entrepreneurship Business ownership: sole traders, partnerships, LTD, PLC, NPO	3.1 Business in the Real World 1 Marks: 40 marks Time: 45 mins
2	3.1 Business in the Real World - Setting aims and objectives - The impact and influence of stakeholders - Business location: internal & external influences - Business plans: purpose, content & measuring success - Expanding a business	3.1 Business in the Real World 2 Marks: 40 marks Time: 45 mins
3	3.2 Influences on Business Technology: e-commerce, m-commerce Ethical & environmental considerations Economic climate: interest rates, recessions Globalisation: exchange rates, imports & exports	3.2 Influences on Business 1 Marks: 40 marks Time: 45 mins
4	3.2 Influences on Business Legislation: employment law Legislation: health & safety Legislation: consumer law Operating in competitive markets Understanding internal & external threats	3.2 Influences on Business Marks: 40 marks Time: 45 mins
5	3.4 Human Resource Management Organisational structures: centralisation, decentralisation Recruitment: meeting the needs of the business Recruitment: methods of advertising & recruiting Recruitment: the selection process	3.4 HR Management Marks: 40 marks Time: 45 mins
6	3.4 Human Resource Management The importance of motivation Motivational methods: financial & non-financial Contracts: full time, part time, job share, zero hour	Year 10 Mock Paper Time: 1 hr 45 mins Marks: 90 marks







Remember - What is taught in Y10 will feature in the Y11 GCSE exams.



Carefully planned homework will help you to revise previous topics.

You will need to revise on top of these tasks.



Revision Hub

https://sites.google.com/ans

ford.net/revision-hub/home

As you prepare for your GCSE exams, effective revision is one of the most powerful tools you can use to achieve your best results. But revision isn't just about cramming it all in the night before the exams - it's about understanding the material, reinforcing what you've learned, and applying it all to different scenarios.

Successful revision involves consistency, planning, and active engagement with your subjects.

This website has been built to help you achieve these goals - use the resources provided to help you effectively revise.



Instructions to help you create a revision

General tips and information to

Strategies to support the revision



Specific information from your

The same curriculum for all - Inclusive Teaching.

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High expectations for all pupils	 → All students are exposed to the full curriculum. → Not to 'dumb down' or lower the challenge for some, but to help everyone reach high standards.
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Scaffolding, not simplifying	 → Support to achieve complex tasks (sentence starters / visual aids etc) → Support is temporary and tailored. Gradually withdrawn as students gain independence.
Responsive teaching	 → Teachers check for understanding during lessons and respond. → This may involve reteaching, modelling or changing the pace.
Pupils with SEND	→ Teachers know what works well for the individual and these strategies are common place for them.
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Use of formative assessment	→ Ongoing assessment (questioning, quizzes, tasks) informs teachers' decisions about when and how to adapt instruction.

How do we assess and monitor progress?

End of term exams.

Year 10 students sit end of term exams in all subjects.

These are typically 40 mark exam papers.

These test students on knowledge and application [exam skills].

End of year exams.

Year 10 students sit full exam papers in all subjects.

These are typically last years public exams.

Students are tested on a wider range of topics and experience what it's like to sit real exams in the hall.

Ongoing formative.

Teachers constantly assess student progress in lessons through:

Targeted questioning
Written tasks
Test scores

Non Examined Assessment NEA?

Some parts of L2 qualifications cannot be assessed by exam papers. They use controlled assessment [projects] which are completed in test conditions.

Supervised and marked by the subject teacher.

Externally moderated.

Sat in formal exam conditions.

Art - 100%

Business and Enterprise - 60%

Child Development - 60%

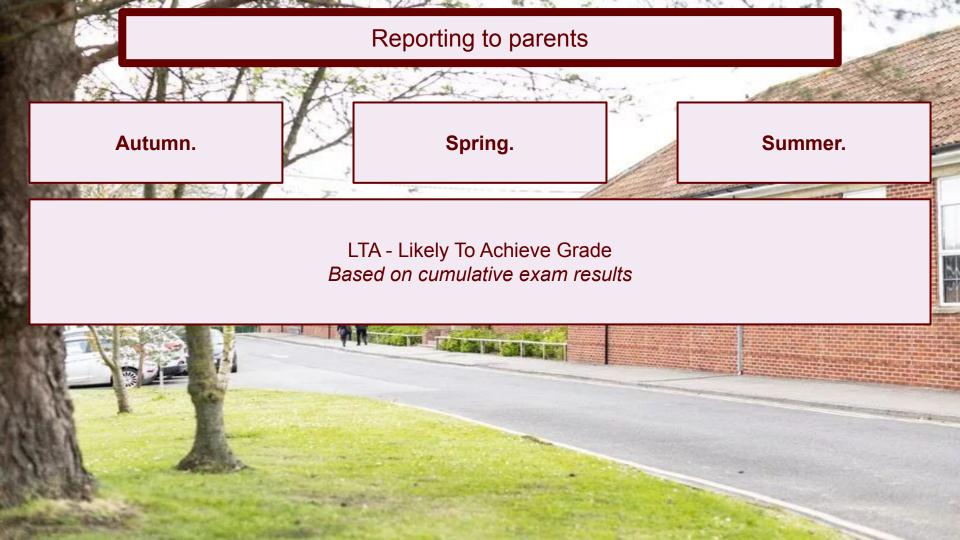
Drama - 60%

DT Product Design - 50%

DT Hospitality & Catering - 60%

DT Textiles - 50%

PE - 40%



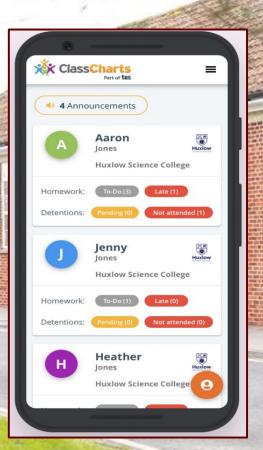


Homework - Class Charts

As mentioned, completing homework is absolutely essential to be successful in your GCSEs.

Now you are studying less subjects, you will get **weekly 45-60 minute** tasks for every subject.

It's essential that students and parents are able to login to Class Charts to view tasks and access resources.



Careers Update

Year 10 is also an exciting time to start thinking about your Post-16 destinations.

Somerset Careers Fayre.
Yeovil College Taster Day.
Visiting speakers from colleges / apprenticeships.
Work Experience week - July.

Start reaching out to friends / family / businesses about placements.





Attendance Matters, Moments Matters

School Target - Above 95%

Good attendance means consistent learning, stronger progress, and better preparation for exams. Being in school daily supports routines, builds confidence, and boosts mental wellbeing by keeping students connected to friends, teachers, and support systems. Every lesson counts, and every day in school helps students move closer to their goals.

Attendance Percentage vs Days/ Lessons Missed

Attendance (%)	Days Absent (per year)	Lessons Missed (per year)
100%	0	0
98%	4	20
95%	9.5	47.5
93%	13.3	66.5
90%	19	95
85%	28.5	142.5
80%	38	190
75%	47.5	237.5
70%	57	285

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Attendance & Attainment

Studies show a strong link between attendance and attainment, with consistent school attendance significantly increasing the likelihood of achieving higher academic outcomes.

Did you know?

Every 1% drop in attendance equates to approximately ¼ GCSE grade lost. This compounds over time, significantly affecting students educational outcomes and future opportunities

"It's not just about Year 11 – Year 10 matters too."
Research shows attendance habits formed in Year
10 continue into Year 11. Students with high
attendance now are more likely to stay on track
next year

Research shows that students with over 95% attendance are far more likely to achieve five strong GCSE passes, including English and Maths

Future Earnings - Persistently absent students (students with attendance less that 90%): Could earn £10,000 less by age 28 compared to those with near-perfect attendance (95–100% attendance).



GCSE grades in English are valuable commodities. But why do we believe in the study of English beyond the grades?



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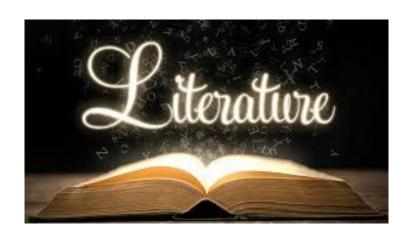
GCSE English Language

Enables students

- to become fluent, critical readers of a wide range of texts
- to write and speak effectively and coherently, using Standard English

We want our students to leave school as empowered and successful **communicators**.

GCSE English Literature



- The study of how writers communicate their ideas about the world.
- Students develop a critical understanding of the ways in which literary texts are a reflection of, and exploration of, the human condition.
- This leads to an empathic understanding of human nature.



So studying English has both a **practical** and a **moral** purpose which prepares students for the world beyond school.



English at GCSE: an overview:

- Two GCSEs and two grades at the end of Year 11.
- There are four examinations at the end of the course (Y11).
 Two of these are for Literature and two are for Language.
- All examinations are closed book (no copies of the texts to be taken into exams). Language examinations contain unseen extracts and Literature Paper 2 contains unseen poems.
- Both Language & Literature are studied side by side and overlap in terms of the skills required.



How we run the course

Year 10 - 2025-6

Literature Language

Term	Topics covered	Assessment
1	 Fiction reading Introduction to Power and Conflict poetry 	English Language Paper 1 Section A
2	19th Century novel: A Christmas Carol	Essay on A Christmas Carol
3	 Second set of Power and Conflict poems Language Paper 1 Section B 	Descriptive writing
4	 Third and fourth sets of Power and Conflict poems Shakespeare: Macbeth 	
5	 Complete Macbeth Complete Power and Conflict poems 	Essay on Macbeth
6	 Revision for Year 10 Language exam Revision for Year 10 Literature exam Unseen poetry 	Year 10 Exams English Language Paper 1 English Literature Paper 1

Year 11 - 2026-7

Literature

Language

Term	Topic	Assessment
î	 Non-fiction reading and writing Consolidate Power and Conflict poetry 	Language Paper 2 Section B
2	 First Language Mock Exam First Literature Mock Exam 19th century novel: A Christmas Carol 	Mock Exams 1 English Language Paper 2 English Literature Paper 2 - anthology essay
3	 Complete A Christmas Carol Revise Macbeth Revise fiction reading and writing 	
4	 Second Language Mock Exam Second Literature Mock Exam Revision 	Mock Exams 2 English Language Paper 1 English Literature Paper 1
5	Revision Final exams	

What do the exams involve? English Language (AQA)

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Paper 1:	Paper 2:	Non-examination	1
Explorations in Creative	Writers' Viewpoints and	Spoken Language	
Reading and Writing (50%)	Perspectives (50%)		

Section A: Reading

• One 20th or 21st Century literature fiction text

Students will answer 4 questions on an extract.

Section B: Writing

Descriptive or narrative writing using a visual prompt.

Section A: Reading

One non-fiction 19th Century text **and** one literary non-fiction 20th or 21st Century text

Section B: Writing

on **two** extracts.

Students will answer 4 questions

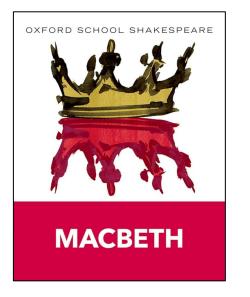
Writing to express a viewpoint (e.g. article, speech, letter etc.)

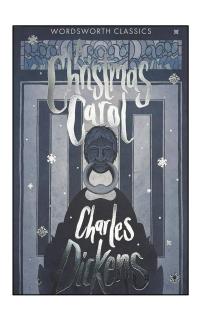
- Presenting a speech
- Responding to questions and feedback
- Use of Standard English

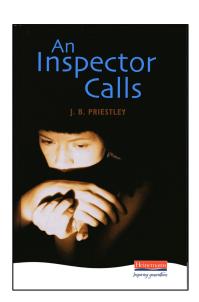
Please note this does not count toward the GCSE and students will receive a separate certificate stating Pass, Merit or Distinction.

English Literature (AQA)

Students study four set texts.









A letter has gone home offering the opportunity to purchase the set texts through school.

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What do the exams involve? English Literature (AQA)



Paper 1:

Shakespeare and the 19th century novel (40%)

Section A - Shakespeare

Students will answer one question on **Macbeth**. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the text and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B - The 19th century novel:

Students will answer one question on **A Christmas Carol**. They will be required to write in detail
about an extract from the text and then to write
about the novel as a whole.

Paper 2:

Modern texts and poetry (60%)

Section A - Modern Text:

Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on **An Inspector Calls**.

Section B - Power and Conflict Poetry:

Students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from the anthology.

Section C - Unseen poetry:

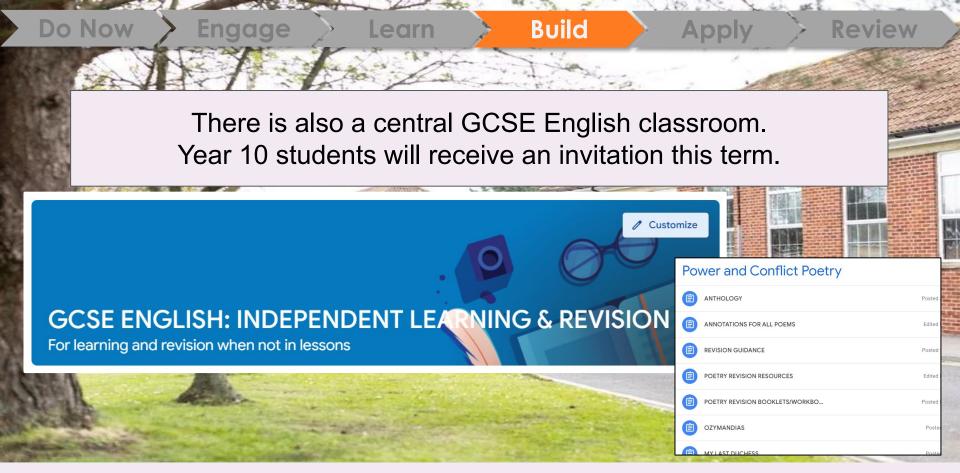
Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

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Regular reading - both fiction and non-fiction - is one of the best ways to prepare for both Language exams.



It will get students used to a range of genres and improve their confidence in approaching texts they haven't seen before.



This has revision resources on every topic, including past papers. We are happy to mark any papers that students hand in.

Before assessments, students receive 'Be Prepared' documents which provide

- Personalised Learning Checklists
- Twenty questions
- Independent revision strategies

These are posted on google classroom and paper copies are available.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1 SECTION A: BE PREPARED

Year 10 - Term 1

How will I be assessed in this topic?

At the end of this topic, you will sit a full reading section from an English Language Paper

1. This will give you a short extract of fiction and ask you four questions about it. You will practise the questions with a variety of fiction in class, but should be independently practising your skills as well!

How can this document help me?

This document will give you three things to help you prepare for your upcoming assessment.

- A Personalised Learning Checklist use this to see how confident you are with the skills you need to succeed in this topic.
- 2) Twenty Questions use these to test yourself and check that the key knowledge is in place. The answers are at the end of the document!
- Independent Revision Strategies a list of tasks and resources that could help you prepare for your assessment independently.

Best of luck in your preparation for assessment!





ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2: BE PREPARED Year 11 Term 4

How will I be assessed in this topic?

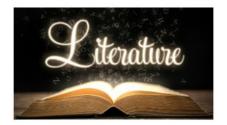
For your Year 11 February mocks, you will complete a full English Literature Paper 2. This will involve you writing an essay on An Inspector Calls (from a choice of two titles), a comparative essay on your poetry anthology and some responses to poems that you've never seen before. The paper comes in at 2 hours and 15 minutes.

How can this document help me?

This document will give you three things to help you prepare for your upcoming assessment.

- A Personalised Learning Checklist use this to see how confident you are with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in your mocks. This will help you identify the most appropriate areas for revision.
- 2) Twenty Questions use these to test yourself and check that the key knowledge is in place. The answers are at the end of the document!
- Independent Revision Strategies a list of tasks and resources that could help you prepare for your assessment independently.

Best of luck in your preparation for assessment!



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Finally...

Students' journey to GCSE success has already begun.

We want our students to leave school as confident communicators and well-rounded, empathetic humans, with the grades to get them to their next stage of education.

Everything they do in lessons and at home counts towards this.

Coasting won't cut it.

Students will need to engage with independent learning in their own time, including homework, practice papers and regular reading and revision.

We look forward to supporting them throughout their GCSE journey!



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Mathematics Exam – EDEXCEL

Paper 1 – Non-calculator (1hr 30mins)

Paper 2 – Calculator (1hr 30mins)

Paper 3 – Calculator (1hr 30mins)

Any topic can be assessed in any paper and may be assessed more than once

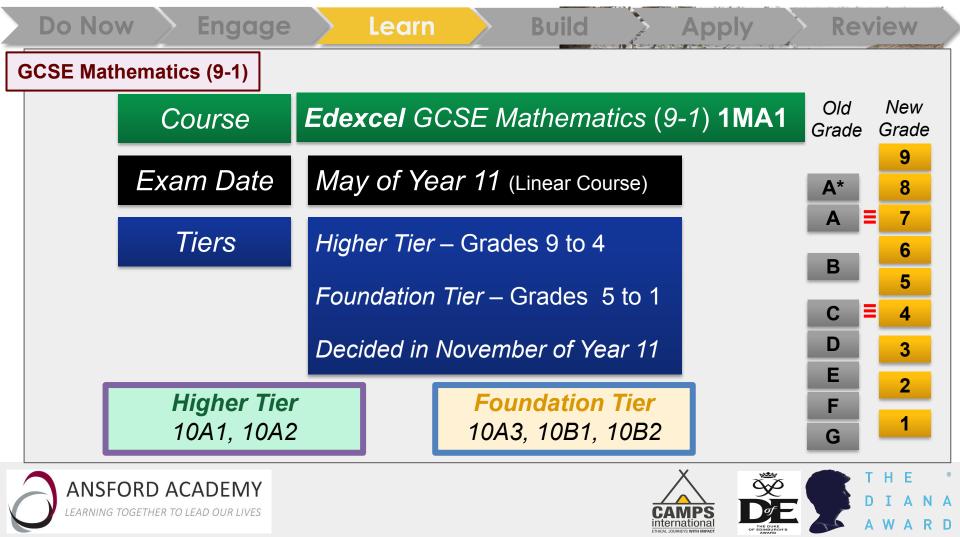


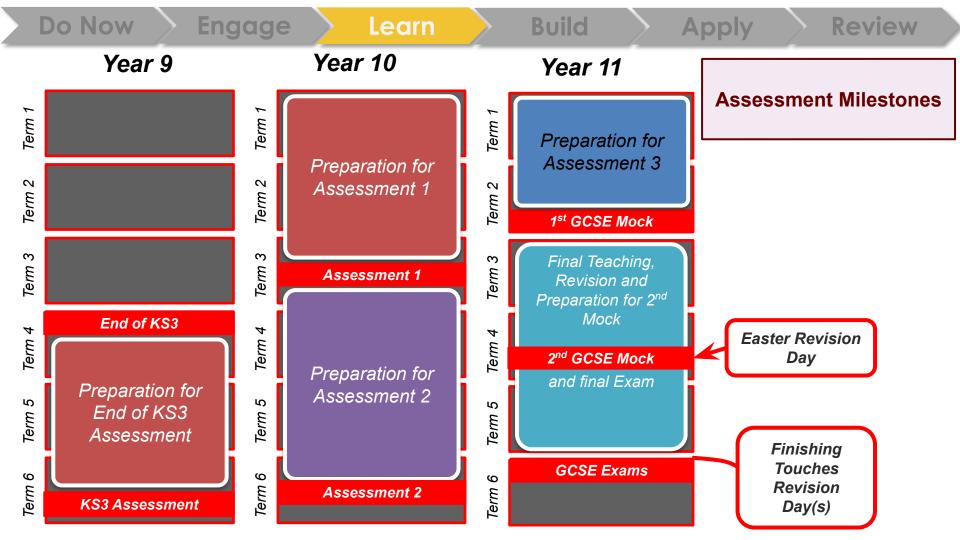












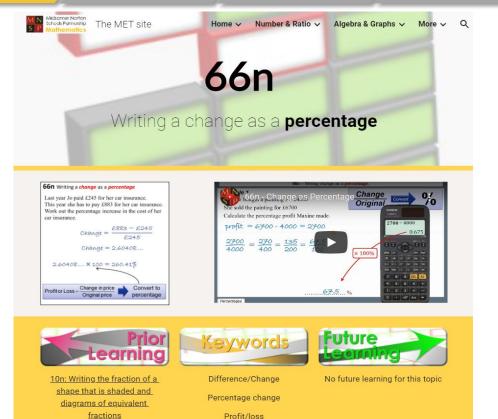
MET Website

Designed and built by Maths
Staff from the MNSP

Dedicated page for every skill

Videos explaining the concept and showing how to answer exam questions

Links to further help and practice from across the web





















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Year 10 Curriculum



Click the links below to take you to pages with all the topics taught in maths during Year 10, as well as Knowledge Organisers and revision materials



Key Stage 4 Assessment 2

Key Stage 4

Assessment 1

< End of KS3 Assessment
(Year 9)</pre>

KS4 Assessment 2 >

Intent

Implementation

Impact

Topics covered in this unit:

Star / Star*

26n Finding any percentage of an amount by combining simple percentages

38n Converting
between decimals and
percentages (and to
fractions)

Core

51n Increase or decrease an amount by a percentage and calculate simple intere

65n Calculate compound interest using repeated percentage change

66n Writing a change as a percentage

67n Using percentage multipliers for change and understand the effect of multipliving by numbers above or below 1

70n Calculate compound interest using a percentage multipl

71n Reverse percentage change using a multiplier (or otherwise)

Plus / Plus+

79s Enlarge a shape by a negative scale factor from a given centre

81s Describe change or invariance under a combination of transformations

81a Simplifying algebraic fractions by factorising then cancelling

83a Simplifying algebraic fractions by adding or









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Year 11 Curriculum

Key Stage 4

Assessment 3

Term 1
Term 2
November December

Key Stage 4
Assessment 3
Term 2
November December

Revision

ick the links below to take you to pages with all the topics taught in maths during Year 11, as well as Knowledge Organisers and revision materials for your mocks and GCSEs.



< Assessment 2

(Year 10)

Intent

Implementation

Impact

Topics covered in this unit:

Star / Star*

43d Complete a two-way table

59n Solving problems using a combination of percentages, fractions and ratio

44d Use the fact that probabilities sum

Core

56d Draw up and use a two-way table from a list of information

67s Solve density-mass-valume or pressure-force-area problems

44s Solve speed-distance-time problems (including converting minutes to hours when necessary).

27n Simplifying ratios and identifying fractions from ratios

Plus / Plus+

71d Find the combined mean of two sets of data or calculate a new mean when extra data is added

77s Determine and use area or volume scale factors for similar 2D and 3D shapes









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Year 10 Maths Google Classroom

MATHS - Year 10 25-26



Stream

PLCs - Revision Lists **Knowledge Organisers** Link to MET site

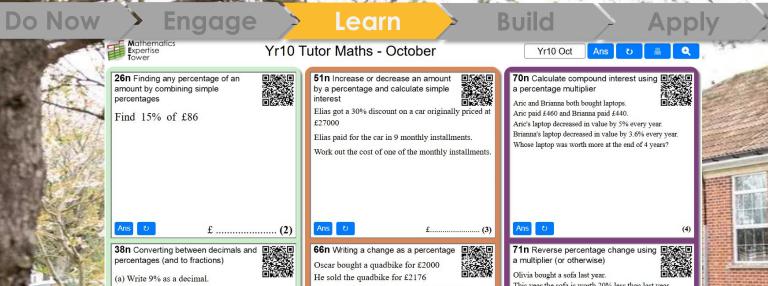












Calculate the percentage profit Oscar made.



2

3

This year the sofa is worth 20% less than last year. The sofa decreased in value by £308 Work out how much Olivia paid for the sofa last year. 70n Compound Percentage Change 14

Reverse Percentage Problems

71n



(b) Write 0.67 as a percentage.

(c) Write 0.13 as a fraction.

Find A Percentage

Convert between decimals and percentages

Ans v

26n

38n

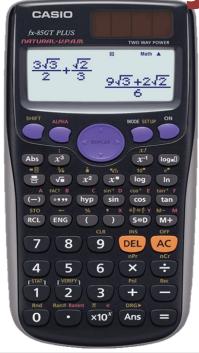






Review

Know your calculator

















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How can you help?

CASIO

Ensure they have the correct equipment

Monitor and support homework and revision

- See homework set on Class Charts (Sparx)
- Ensure they attend revision/intervention sessions

Review MET feedback with them after each assessment.

- Help them work on highlighted Areas to Develop
- Use the MET Website



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How can you help?

Provide a quiet area to work at home

- To complete homework
- To revise for assessments

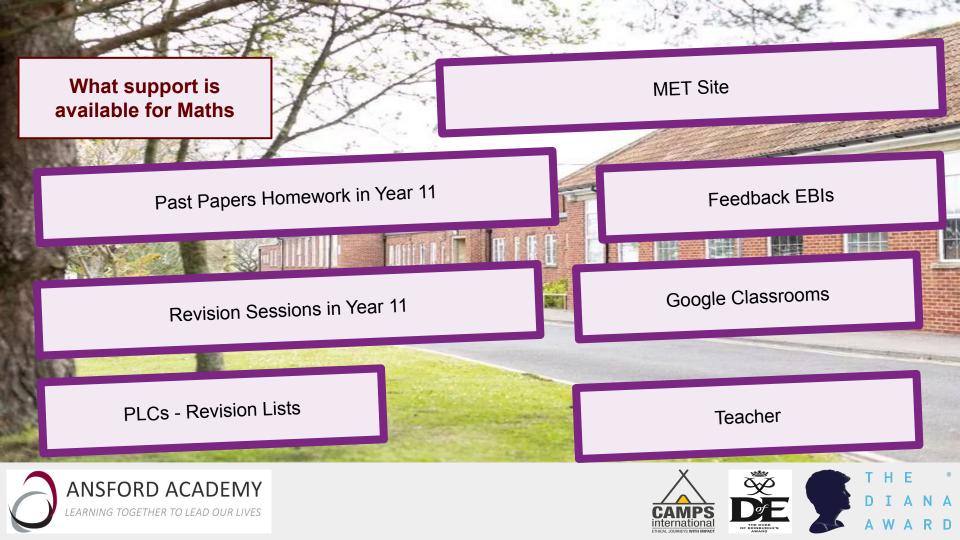


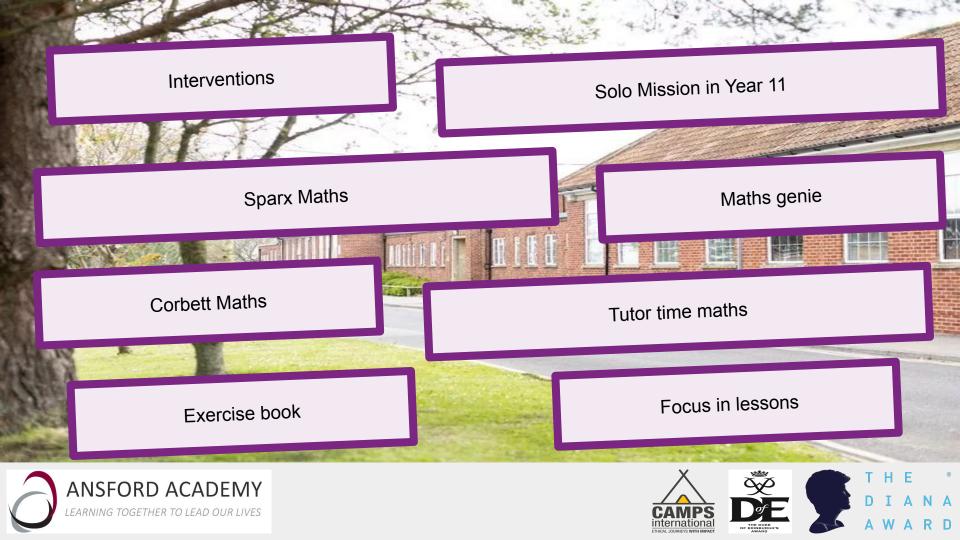


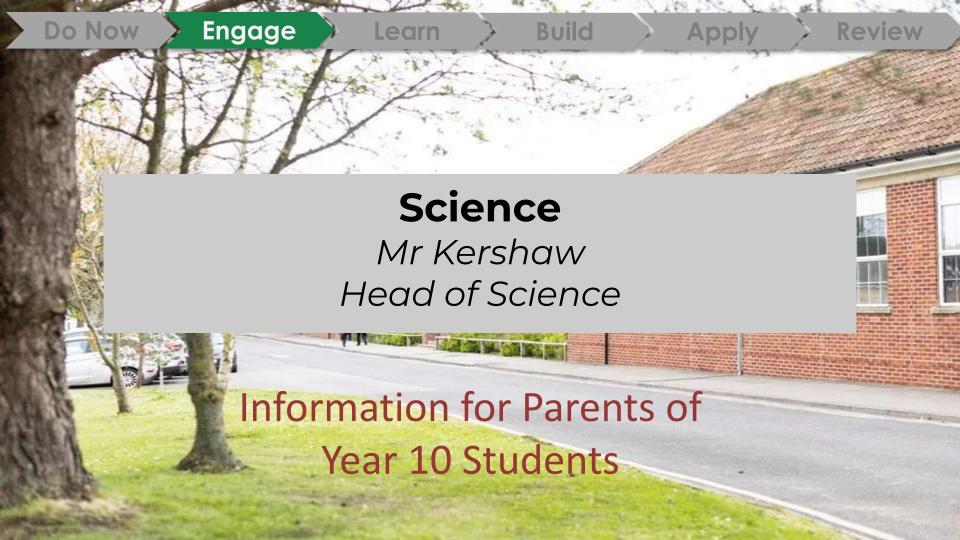






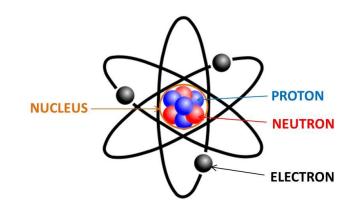






Why do we learn Science

- provides fundamental knowledge about the natural world,
- develops valuable life skills like problem-solving and critical thinking,
- empowers you to make informed decisions on complex issues,
- fosters curiosity
- Allows access to a vast array of careers and futures



GCSE Science - What will I cover?

Notice - your learning in Year 9 directly links into your GCSE course

	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
9	Cell biologyOrganisation	 Organic chemistry Chemistry of the atmosphere Using resources Chemical analysis The rate of chemical change 	Particle model of matterAtomic structure
10	Infection and responseBioenergeticsEcology	 Atomic structure Bonding and structure Quantitative chemistry Chemical changes Energy changes 	EnergyElectricitySpace (SS only)
11	HomeostasisInheritance	Relearn and revise key ideas in Chemistry	Forces and motionWavesMagnetism

Separate Science have extra content within most of these units to extend and apply the ideas further

How will I be assessed?

Everyone sits six papers: Two exams for each Science discipline

Tiers: Foundation and Higher.

Question types: multiple choice, structured, closed, short answer

and open response.

Combined Science:

Duration: all the papers are 1 hour 15 minutes.

Each is worth 16.7% of the double grade and has 70 marks.

Separate Science:

Duration: all the papers are 1 hour 45 minutes.

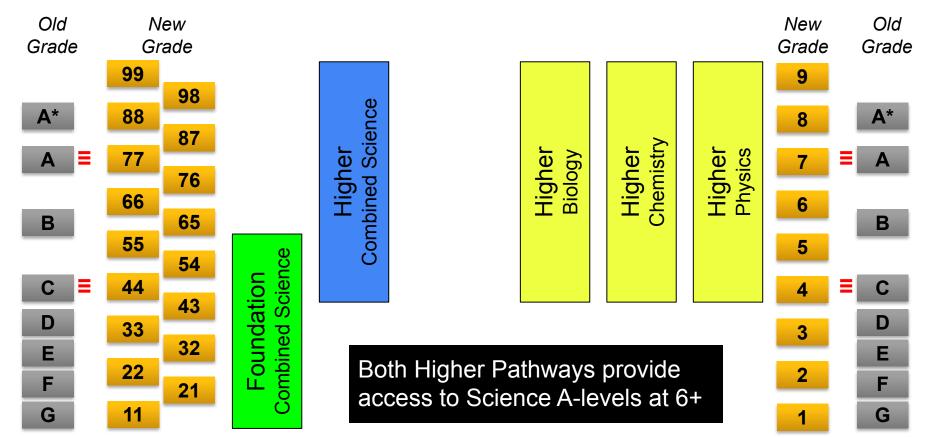
Each is worth 50% of the individual grade and has 100 marks.

How will I know if I am on track?

- Teacher Feedback from class work
- Homework tasks
- Assessed tasks (DIRT)
- End of topic assessments

You must make sure that you act upon the feedback you are given to enable you to improve - using purple pen.

The Science Pathways



Independent Study

- Homework tasks set most weeks, and is used to support and extend your learning.
- Combination of teacher marked and online study (Sparx)
- Sparx is NOT a test. You are allowed to seek help when you are stuck

Revision

- Revision is an ongoing commitment. Review ideas as you go along, especially if you found the lesson that day challenging - a 5 minute
 Youtube video now has a massive impact later on.
- You will be given the opportunity to order a revision guide later in the year. These are much cheaper when bought through the school.

What can parents do to help?

- Make sure homework is up to date maximise progress and reduce negativity
- Support completion of Sparx homeworks when your child is stuck. The help is all provided but the power of another person talking it though is huge.
- Ensure resources are all available -
 - Basic equipment including calculator every lesson
 - Revision guide (when available)
- Take an interest. Look at your child's book ask them to explain what they have learnt.

