

# Exams and Preparation

*GCSE assessments in 2023-2024*



Luck is what happens when  
preparation meets opportunity.

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# An overview of exams, reports and intervention

Calendar	
Term 1a	Snapshot Report 1 Parents Evenings Intervention Round 1
Term 1b	Mock Exam Series 1 Meet the tutor evening Snapshot Report 2 College Applications
Christmas	
Term 2a	Intervention round 2
Term 2b	Mock Exam Series 2 Snapshot Report 3
Easter	
Term 3a	Leaver's Day and Exam Leave Intervention Round 3 GCSE Exams

## Snapshot Reports

- Estimated grades
- Revision Status (targeted or independent)

## Mock Exams

- Strict exam conditions in November
- Mixed approach in February

## Intervention

- Rounds 1 and 2, mandatory and optional sessions at lunch or after school
- Round 3, during exam leave, guided study for a small group of students

## GCSE Exams

- Spread out over five weeks
- Exam dates are currently 'provisional'

# Assessment is more than exams

## Non-examination Assessments (NEA)

<b>Timeline</b>					
<b>Exam Board:</b>	<b>AQA</b>	<b>OCR</b>	<b>AQA</b>	<b>OCR Cambridge Nationals</b>	
<b>Subjects included:</b>	Dance, DT, Engineering	Drama, Food, Music, PE	Art	Health & Social Care, Sport Science	
<b>Marks available on Go:</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Student deadline to request review:</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>School deadline for review decision:</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>LVC submission deadline:</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May

# What's happening with mock exams?

Why do we do them in the first place?

- 1. A diagnostic tool.** What are your current strengths? What do you need to work on?
- 2. A contributor to **estimated grades**** sent with college applications.
- 3. To practice the **routines**** around formal exams.

# An overview:

- 10 days of assessments
- Usually one or two assessments per day
- An assessment in most subjects
- Full exam conditions
- In the hall for most students, including those with extra time
- Students with exams access arrangements in room 19/20

# YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE - November 2022

**All examinations in Sports Hall.**

(Students with access arrangements will use rooms 19 & 20)

Week 1	Period 1 8.50 – 9.50	Period 2 9.50 – 10.50	Break 10.50 – 11.10	Period 3 11.10 – 12.10	Period 4 12.10 – 1.10	Lunch 1.10 – 2.00	Period 5 2.00 - 3.00
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	English Language 1hr 45mins (ET 2hrs 12mins)		Break		Spanish Reading French Reading Foundation 45mins Higher 60mins (ET Foundation 56mins) (ET Higher 1hr 15 mins)	Lunch	MFL Listening French Foundation 35mins
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Drama Practical All day (Mrs Tod)  Engineering 1 hr 30mins (ET 1 Hr 53 mins)		Break	Drama Practical All day (Mrs Tod)			
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Drama Practical All day (Mrs Kahr)  Statistics Dance 1 hr 30mins (ET 1 Hr 53 mins)		Break	Drama Practical All day (Mrs Kahr)  Dance Practical 2 hrs		Lunch	Drama Practical All day (Mrs Kahr)

👉 This is a snippet of last year's **mock exam timetable**.

Expect this year's mock timetable by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. You will receive a printed copy in form time. It will also be posted on the school website and e-mailed to parents.

# Exam Preparation

Fill in the card based on advice from teachers.

You are advised to review each subject for at least one hour over half-term.

Parents, please initial each hour.

# October Revision Tracker

*Parents / carers, please initial each completed hour of revision.*

Subject	Revision Advice <i>Students write this in based on advice in lessons.</i>	Advised	Additional	
Mathematics		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
English Language		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
English Literature		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Biology		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Chemistry		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Physics		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Option 1:		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Option 2:		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Option 3:		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour
Option 4:		1 <sup>st</sup> hour	+1 Hour	+1 Hour

# KS4 Course Overviews

## Year 11

2023-2024



This document is primarily intended to summarise and communicate the assessment structure for each examination subject. Alongside, you will find information about homework and revision resources that should prove useful in supporting year 11 students.

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Subject	English Language	
Specification	AQA GCSE in English Language 8700	
<b>Non-exam Assessment (NEA) 8700/C</b>		
Name/Description	Spoken Language	
Time allocation	Majority have completed this element in year 9	
Approximate Dates	Assessed grades to be submitted by 7 <sup>th</sup> May	
Weighting	0%	
<b>Examinations</b>		
	<b>Exam 1 8700/1</b>	<b>Exam 2 8700/2</b>
Name	Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
Date (provisional)	23rd May 2023 (AM)	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (AM)
Weighting	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE
Other Information:	English Language is taught by the same English teacher delivering English Literature. The assessment objectives are interchangeable, and the skills are also transferable. Although we will explicit focus units on Language teaching, there is continuous references to and around the subject with home learning also providing a language focus.	
<b>Structure for home learning:</b> Teachers will set either reading or writing home learning that will be an extension of learning in lesson or interleaving previous learning from a prior topic/course Autumn Term Language Paper 2 focus Spring Term language Paper 1 focus		
<b>Newsletter</b> goes home to parents each half term with a course overview, main assessments, stretch-and-challenge and support suggestions.		
<b>Useful websites and resources:</b> <b>English class book</b> will have notes to aid revision <b>Revision guides</b> available on shared drive and on teams for free student resources/English/ GCSE exam and prep as well as purchased on SQUID <b>Seneca</b> teachers will set learning on SENECA via stachelone but students can fully explore and take advantage of this great online learning tool. <b>BBC bitesize</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4</a>		
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# KS4 Course Overviews

This document will summarise the essential details for each course.

The aim is to make clear the course requirements to students and parents.

Expect a PDF version by e-mail on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. This will also be posted on the website.



Go to: [lvc.org](https://lvc.org)

These key documents will be available online via the LVC website.

This will be maintained throughout the year.

## Years 10 and 11

YEARS 10 AND 11

WELL-BEING SUPPORT

POST-16 APPLICATION PROCESS

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## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In Years 10 and 11, students are able to choose courses which develop their strengths and prepare them well for future studies and careers. All students follow a core curriculum including English, maths and science (with combined and separate pathways available). A variety of GCSE courses and Cambridge Nationals enable all students to choose more traditional subjects alongside carefully selected vocational courses that allow for challenge and excellence for all.



All students in Years 10 and 11 study the following subjects:

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Combined or separate biology, chemistry and physics)
- Physical Education
- PSE (Personal and Social Education)

In addition, students can choose from the following GCSE courses and Cambridge Nationals:

- Art
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- French
- Geography
- Health & Social Care (Cambridge National)