Year 11 Information Evening



2025 - Our best ever results

	2025
4+ whole school	83% (11% up on 2024)
5+ whole school	73% (17% up on 2024)
7+ whole school	39% (19% up on 2024)
4+ English & Maths	78% (11% up on 2024)
5+ English & Maths	66% (23% up on 2024)
7+ English & Maths	34% (19% up on 2024)
A8	55.1 (9.5 up on 2024)
EBacc	45% (20% up on 2024)



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Core Y11 Team

Mrs. Amner – Senior Vice Principal



Mr. Clark – Assistant Principal



Ms. Worth – Head of Year



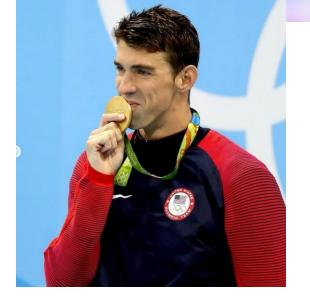
Ms. Au – Exams Officer



Becoming an 'Olympian'











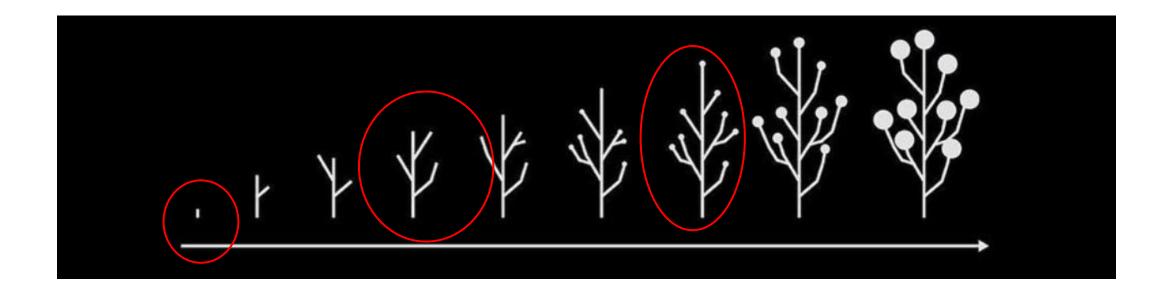
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'The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit'





The Four Races

- Race 1: EoY 10 Exams
- Race 2: Mock 1 (November 2025)

Students are warmed up, 'feeling the weight' of the exam and understanding how to cope, an opportunity to showcase their changed attitude

Race 3: Mock 2 (February 2026)

Fine tuning, another opportunity to show improvement, establishing final areas for development

Race 4: Summer (May 2026)

It is difficult, students will want to give up, but they will have enough left in the tank to be successful





Race 2 – 3rd November 2025

Importance of Mock Exams:

- Indication of progress
- Highlight areas of focus
- Students learn to manage the process (with support)
- Effective revision breeds confidence
- Confidence leads to success



Preparation

- Students go to the Radegund from 8.10 am
- Students receive a free breakfast; water and a preparation talk from the head of subject of the upcoming exam
- Staff will be there to calm any final nerves
- Students should aim to arrive early do not go into an exam hungry, stressed about being late or unsure about what to do

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Revision Guidance

Year 11: Race 2 Revision Guidance



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Flashcards

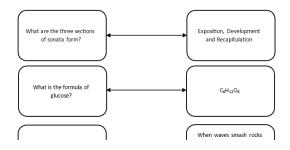
Flashcards have the potential to be a powerful learning aid. However, how successful this is will depend on the thought you put into making them in the first place and then how they're used. It's very important to remember that they're for testing, not summarising.

Making good flashcards

- One side of the flashcard should be a single question and its answer on the reverse.
- Select the essential information to go on each flashcard. You could use topic checklists or bolded terms in your study guide to help you choose.
- Break complex concepts down so that they cover multiple cards.
- Use drawings to illustrate answers

Using flashcards

- Say your answer out loud and not just in your head. You must be fully committed to your response. Even better would be to write
 your answer out as you would have to do in an exam.
- Use them both ways look at the answers and say what the question is.



	MON A	TUES A	WEDS A	THURS A	FRI A	SAT A	SUN A
Subject	English Lang	Maths	Physics	French		GCSE PE	English Lit
	ELP1, Q2 and Q3 Language and Structure		Forces and elasticity	Cultural life: reading practice		system	Revise Blood Brother quotations on Mickey, Eddie and Mrs Johnstone
	Past papers Flashcard – revise key techniques	past paper	Flashcards and past paper question	Flashcards		Cornell notes and past paper question	Flashcards
	MON B	TUES B	WEDS B	THURS B	FRI B	SAT B	SUN B
Subject	Biology	Chemistry	Geography	English Lang		Maths	Biology
locus	Primary and secondary structures		Physical – Earthquakes case studies 6 or 9 marker: Regeneration	ELP1, Q4 – evaluation			Infection and response
Revision method	Flashcards		Flashcards Past paper questions	Past paper		Sparx and past paper	

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Focus							
Revision method							
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Focus							
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Expectations

- Same standards of uniform
- Time keeping
- Equipment as a minimum (stored in a clear pencil case):
 - several black pens
 - pencils
 - a rubber
 - a ruler
 - a pencil-sharpener

 - mathematical equipment (protractor, set-square, compasses and a working scientific calculator)
- Water bottles no label
- Mobile phones/ watches are not permitted in the exam hall
- No communication in the exam hall







Race 3 – February 2026

Language speaking exams - TBC

Mocks will take place between Monday 23rd Feb and Thursday 12th March



Race 4 – Summer 2026

- Language speaking exams start 20th April
- Summer series: 7th May 19th June
- Students will not be able to complete 'catch-ups'
- Students must arrive on time to their exams



Grading system

GCSE Gra	des		
Old (A*- G)	New (9-1)	BTEC Grading	
A*+	9		
A/A*-	8	L2 Distinction	
A-	7		
B+	6		
В	5/6		
B-	5	L2 Merit	
C+	5		Strong Pass
С	4/5		
C-	4	L2 Pass	Standard Pass
D	3	L1 Distinction	
E	2	L1 Merit	
F	High 1	L1 Door	
G	Low 1	L1 Pass	



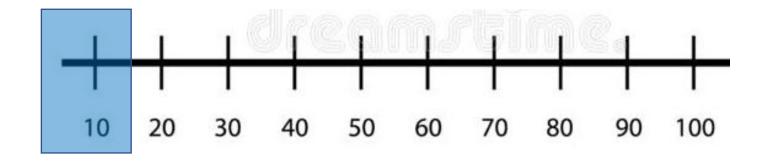
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Expectations of us

The next 3 months will shape success for the future



- Working together to achieve
- Open door support no one is working in isolation



School Support

- Masterclasses
- Tutor Time Interventions
- PE/PSHRE
- Revision materials
- Easter School
- Paper Society



Masterclass Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before school: 8.00 - 8.25		Psychology R16	History R24		
Lunch: 12.40 - 1.10pm	Spanish BFO - Rm27	English Literature SJO - Rm 29	Art DBR- J6-4	Spanish DDE - Rm28 Art DBR- J6-4	Art DBR- J6-4
After School: 3pm-4pm	Maths Paper Society (Radegund)				Art DBR- J6-4
After School: 4pm-5pm					
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Get Organised

- Have a quiet place to be able to revise
- Create a revision timetable
- Make sure you have hidden all distractions
- Don't revise the things you already know

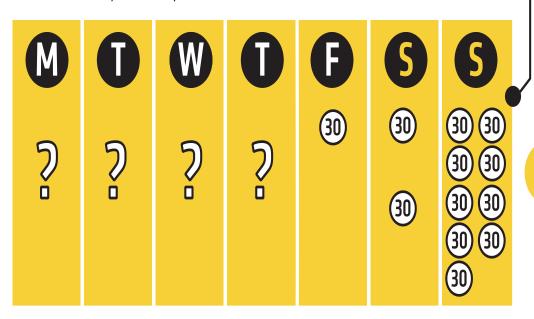




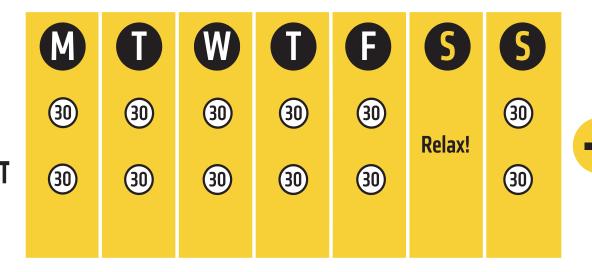
Effective Revision

Space your revision over a long period of time

Let's say you have a test one week and you have 5 hours to prepare for it broken down into 30 minute chunks. Very often that process looks like this.



Instead of mass practice, a much more effective way of revising is to space out your revision like this:



By breaking up your revision into 30 minute chunks and spacing out the time between revision, you will consolidate what you have learned and retain the material much more effectively.



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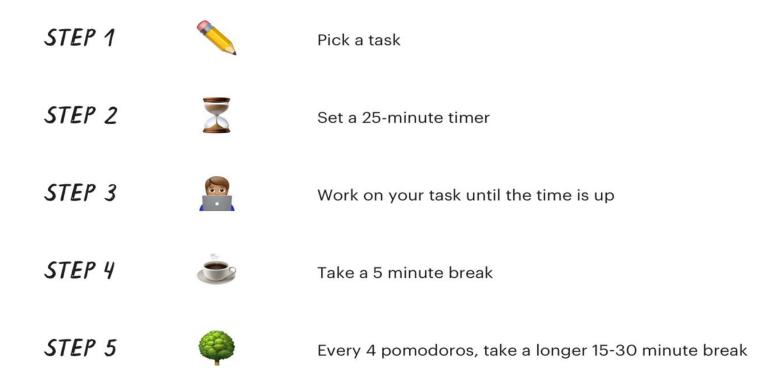
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Effective Revision

Establish a strong routine and set clear goals





The Core 4

Brain dumps

Flash cards

Self-Quizzing

Cornell Method



Brain dumps











1. Identify knowledge

Identify knowledge/content you wish to cover.

Do you have the resources you need?

Knowledge organisers Textbooks Lesson materials 2. Write it down

Take a blank piece of paper/whiteboard and write down everything you can remember about that topic. (with no prompts)

Give yourself a timed limit (e.g. 10 minutes)

3. Organise information

Once complete and you cannot remember any more, use different colours to highlight/underline words in groups.

This allows you to categorise/link information.

4. Review

Compare your brain dump to your K/O or book and check your understanding.

Correct any incorrect information.

Add any key information you have missed (keywords) in a different colour.

5. Revisit

Keep your brain dump safe and revisit it.

Next time you attempt the same topic try and complete the same amount of information in a shorter period of time or add more information.



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Flash cards











1. Identify

What are you creating flashcards on?

Do you have the resources you need?

Knowledge organisers Textbooks Lesson materials

2. Design

1 Question per flashcard.

Making them concise and clear.

No extended answer questions.

To help with organisation you can colour code your flash cards per subject.

3. Use

Read the question

Say your answer out loud OR

Write your answer down

Check your answer

Put your flashcards in two piles, correct and incorrect.

Quiz yourself on each card at least three times.

4. Revisit

Resist the questions you got wrong.

Did you just forget? Or make a small error that can be corrected?

Do you need to go back to your notes?

Do you need further help from your teacher?

Review

5.

How have you performed when you look back at your answers?

Which flashcards need to be repeated next time?

Is your knowledge secure? If so, move onto applying knowledge in that area in exam questions.



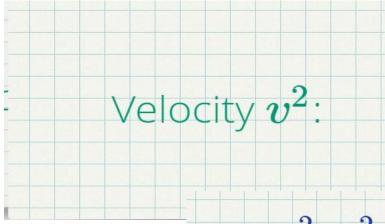
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Flashcards



$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

(u =initial velocity,
 a =constant acceleration,
 s =displacement)



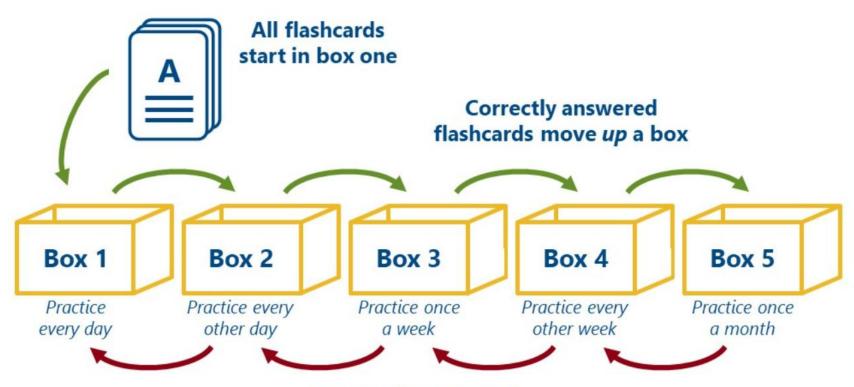


pattern? When do they occur

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Increase your memory with spaced repetition and active recall





Incorrectly answered flashcards move down a box



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Self-Quizzing











1. Identify knowledge

Spend ground 5-10 minutes

Review and create

Identify knowledge/content you wish to cover.

Do you have the resources you need?

Knowledge organisers Textbooks Lesson materials Spend around 5-10 minutes reviewing content (knowledge organisers/class notes/text book)

Create x10 questions on the content (If your teacher has not provided you with questions)

3. Cover and answer

Cover up your knowledge and answer the questions from memory.

Take your time and where possible answer in full sentences.

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Cornell Method











1. Divide the Page

Split your paper into three sections: a narrow left column for cues (questions, keywords), a wide right column for notes, and a bottom section for a summary.

2. Take Notes

During your revision session, write your main notes in the right-hand column, focusing on key concepts, facts, and ideas.

Write cues/questions

After you've made your notes, fill in the left-hand column with questions or keywords that relate to the notes.

These serve as prompts for review.

4. Summarise

At the bottom of the page, write a brief summary of the material in your own words.

This helps consolidate understanding.

5. Review and Recite

Cover the right-hand notes column and try to answer the questions or explain the keywords in the left-hand column.

This active recall strengthens memory.



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Cornell Notes

This is the best way for taking and reviewing notes.

- 1. Write notes on the area in question using the tips below.
- 2. Create recall cues one or two days later.
- 3. After a few days, write a summary of the key points.
- 4. At any future point, cover the notes and summary and use the recall cues to test yourself.

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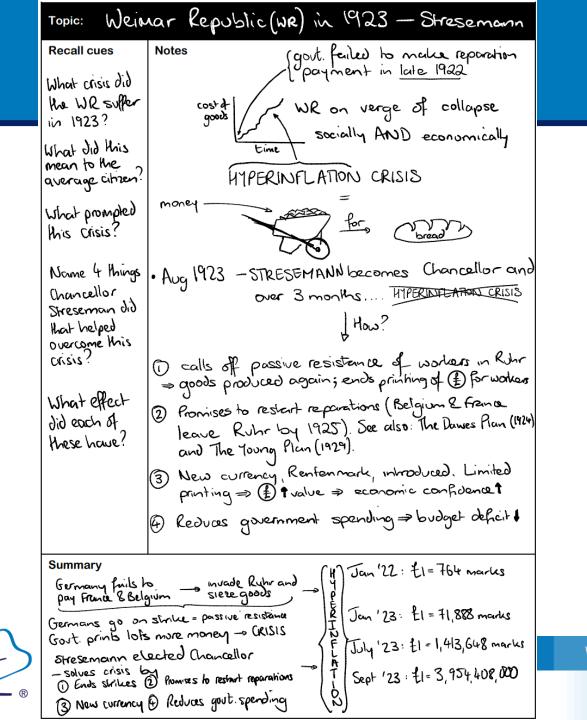
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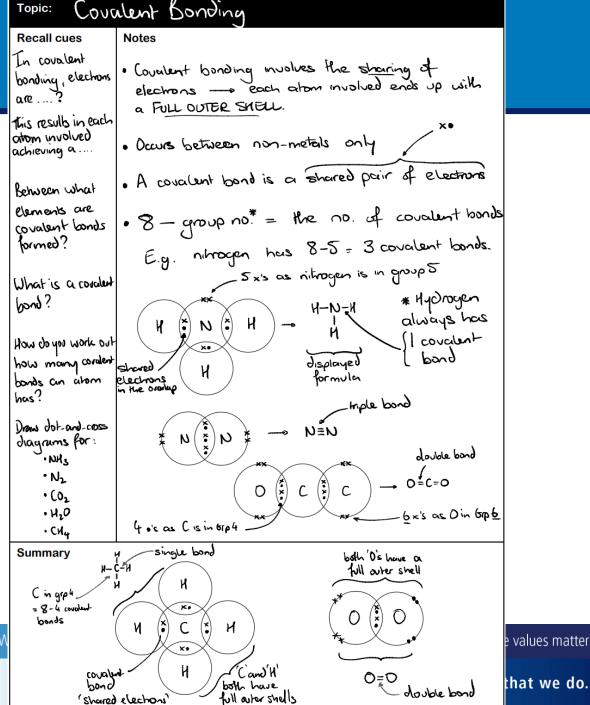
Topic:	Sub-topic:	Date:
Recall cues	Notes	
Questions and tasks based on the notes opposite	Tips Bullet points Symbols and abbreviate Write in your own word Make sure it makes see What to write Keywords and ideas Important dates / peo Diagrams / charts Formulas Examples / case studies Critical analysis, e.g. st	rds (don't mindlessly copy) nse to you //pod-methods/ ple / places es

Summary

Summarise the main points in the notes above. Think about:

- Why is this info important?
- What conclusions can I draw?





Past Papers

- Using past papers is important when revising for GCSEs because they help you practise real exam-style questions, understand how topics are assessed, and improve your time management.
- They also let you spot patterns in the types of questions that often come up.

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You can find free GCSE past papers on exam board websites such as OCR (ocr.org.uk), AQA (aqa.org.uk), and Edexcel/Pearson (qualifications.pearson.com), as well as revision sites like Physics & Maths Tutor (physicsandmathstutor.com) which collect papers and mark schemes in one place.



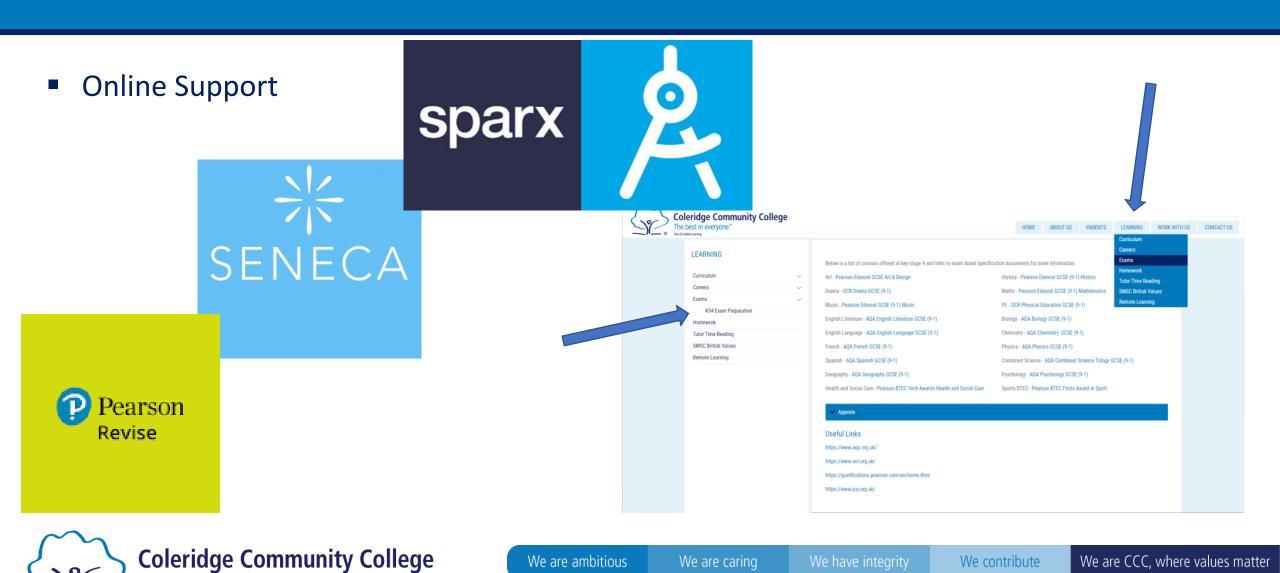
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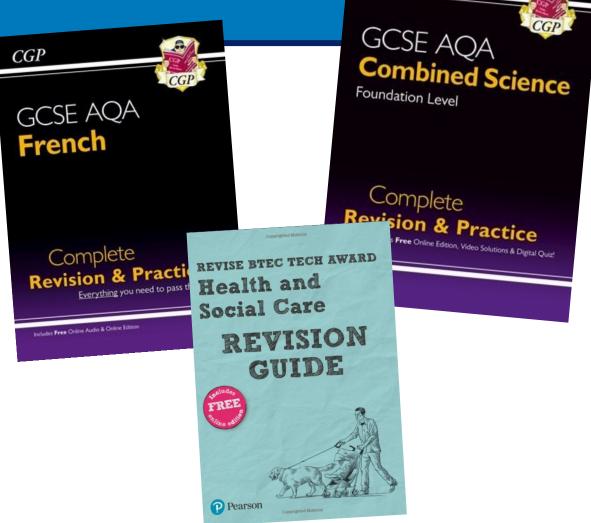
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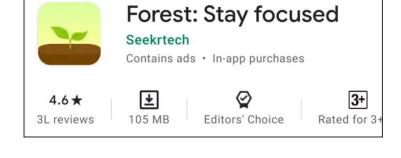
- Writing out notes or copying from a textbook/exercise book.
- Reading and doing nothing with the information. Trying to focus on 'too much information' on a single page and cramming revision.
- Highlighting information for the sake of it.
- Not enough silent work or attention to a given task. Attempting to revise while multitasking and doing other things.
- Comfort zone revision of easy material that pupils have already mastered because it makes you 'feel good'.



How you can support

How to support:

- Check your child's revision timetable and guidance document
- Be encouraging
- Establish a study routine with them
- Strike a balance between schoolwork and leisure
- Utilise additional resources and support e.g. Masterclasses, using the learning centre
- Keep distractions to a minimum lockdown mobiles
- Praise their work and efforts
- Contact school if you have any questions around access arrangements





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Coping with Revision Stress

- Tutors
- Class Teachers
- Head of Year
- Welfare



Ways to

Do the actual work - revise!



Beat Revision Stress

When really stressed, talk to someone about it



by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

Get some fresh air each day



Stick to regular meal times



Do something to switch off an hour before bed



Don't dwell on worst case scenarios



A good sleep the night before is better than last minute cramming



Once you've done the exam, move on to the next one



Don't aim for perfection – it's a myth and doesn't exist



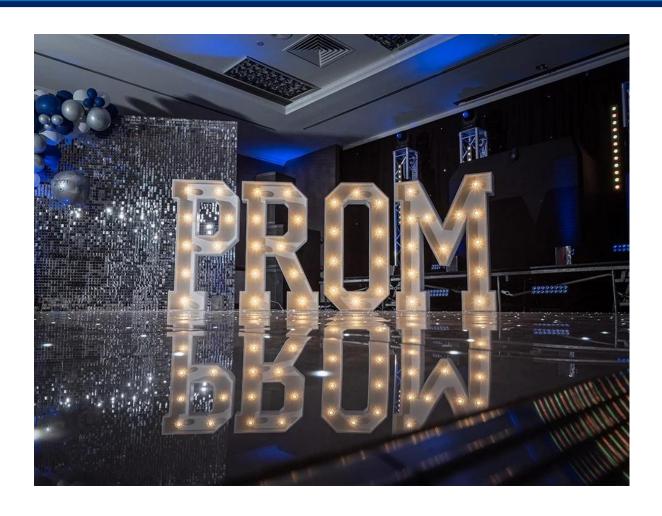
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Prom Plans

Thursday 2nd July 2026
 The Gonville Hotel





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Prom Passport

- Regularly attending school 95%
 - Including all lessons, tutor time and all interventions
 - Punctuality
- Positive behaviour around the school
 - In and out of lessons
 - no RR or suspension
- Positive attitude to learning
 - Trying your best, resilience
 - Period 7
 - Intervention



Rewards Raffle

- 100 % attendance each week
- No RR referrals
- No detentions
- No lates school or lessons
- HoY discretion
- Linked to school values



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Why is attendance so important for the future?

- Year 11 students with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE, compared to similar students attending 90-95% of the time.
- The government have estimated that <u>one</u> day of absence can lead to an approximate loss of £750 in future earnings.
- Students who are persistently absent (attendance of less than 90%) may earn around £10,000 less at age 28 than those with near-perfect attendance.

Missing school can affect learning, friendships and future financial opportunities.



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AQA English Literature Paper

The poems you have studied are:

Lord Byron When We Two Parted

Percy Bysshe Shelley Love's Philosophy

Robert Browning Porphyria's Lover

Elizabeth Barrett Browning Sonnet 29 – 'I think of thee!'

Thomas Hardy Neutral Tones

Maura Dooley Letters from Yorkshire

Charlotte Mew The Farmer's Bride

Cecil Day-Lewis Walking Away

Charles Causley Eden Rock

Seamus Heaney Follower

Simon Armitage Mother, any distance

Carol Ann Duffy Before You Were Mine

Owen Sheers Winter Swans

Daljit Nagra Singh Song!

Andrew Waterhouse Climbing My Grandfather



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Attendance Matters

100%	0 days	0 lessons missed
99%	1 day	5 lessons missed
98%	3 days	15 lessons missed
97%	1 week	25 lessons missed
96%	1.5 week	37.5 lessons missed
94%	2 weeks	50 lessons missed
93%	2.5 weeks	62.5 lessons missed
92%	3 weeks	75 lessons missed
90%	3.5 weeks	82.5 lessons missed



English

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Revision Guidance – English Language

Awarding Body: AQA

English Language

■ 2 Papers – 1:45h

English Literature

2 papers – Paper 1 (1:45h) and Paper 2 (2:15h)

Summer exams

11/05/26 (am): Paper 1 Literature

19/05/26 (am): Paper 2 Literature

21/05/26 (am): Paper 1 Language

05/06/26 (am): Paper 2 Language



Outline of the papers

Language Paper 1 – 1:45h

- Mix of reading and writing skills
- Paper 2, Q1-4: reading and analysis questions – 1 hour
- Paper 2, Q5: Creative Writing 45 minutes

Language Paper 2 – 1:45h

- Mix of reading and writing skills
- Paper 2, Q1-4: reading and analysis questions - 1 hour
- Paper 2, Q5: Non-fiction 45 minutes

Literature Paper 1 – 1:45h

- Macbeth 50 minutes
- Jekyll and Hyde 50 minutes

Literature Paper 2 – 2:15h

- Blood Brothers 45 minutes
- Love and Relationships 45 minutes
- Unseen Poetry 45 minutes



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Past Paper resources



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English Language GCSE Past Papers

This section includes recent GCSE English Language past papers from AQA, Edexcel, Edugas, OCR and WJEC. If you are not sure which exam board you are studying ask your teacher. Past papers are a fantastic way to prepare for an exam as you can practise the questions in your own time. You can download each of the exam board's papers by clicking the links below.

AQA GCSE English Language Past Papers

OCR GCSE English Language Past Papers

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We will be a great school in everything that we do.

How can you help?

Test them on their knowledge of quotations/key themes/characters using flashcards, knowledge maps, revision booklets or keyword lists.

Encourage your child to revise questions under timed and exam conditions.



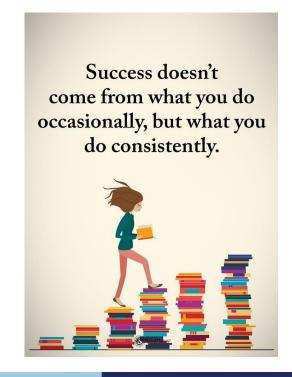
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Please contact me for any extra past papers or resources.

I will ensure the class teacher provides your child with paper copies.

Email: sally.jones@coleridgecc.org.uk





Maths

Mr Clark – Director of Maths, Assistant Principal



GCSE Mathematics — Exam Structure

Awarding body: Edexcel

3 Papers - 1 hour 30 minutes each.

14/05/26: Paper 1 (Non-calculator)

03/06/26: Paper 2 (Calculator)

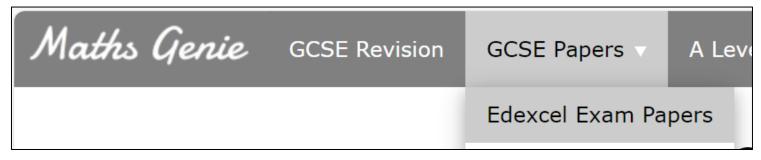
10/06/26: Paper 3 (Calculator)

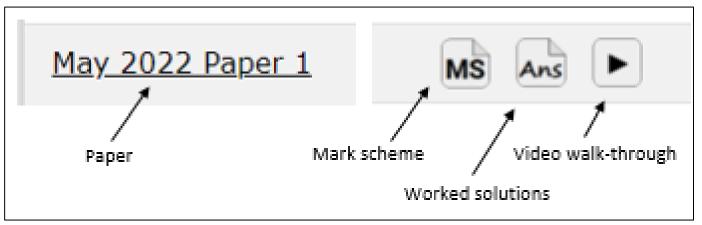
Remember: The key to Maths revision is practising questions.

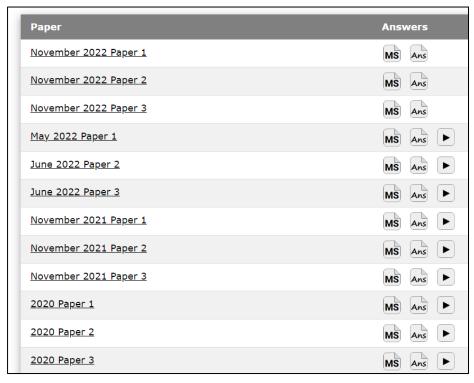


GCSE Mathematics – Revision resources

Maths Genie – Past Papers:









GCSE Mathematics – Revision Resources

Maths Genie – GCSE Questions:

Maths Genie GCSE Revision

Grade 5			
Videos	Exam Questions	Exam Questions Booklet	Solutions
Writing a Ratio as a Fraction or Linear Function	Exam Questions Exam Questions	Ratio Fraction Problems Ratio Problems 2	Solutions Solutions
Direct and Inverse Proportion	Exam Questions	Direct and Inverse Proportion	Solutions
Reverse Percentages	Exam Questions	Reverse Percentages	Solutions
Standard Form	Exam Questions	Standard Form	Solutions
Speed and Density	Exam Questions	Compound Measures	Solutions
Changing the Subject of a Formula	Exam Questions	Changing the Subject of a Formula	Solutions
Expanding and Factorising Quadratics	Exam Questions	Expanding and Factorising Quadratics	<u>Solutions</u>
Solving Quadratics	Exam Questions	Solving Quadratics	Solutions
<u>Drawing Quadratic Graphs</u>		Quadratic Graphs	<u>Solutions</u>

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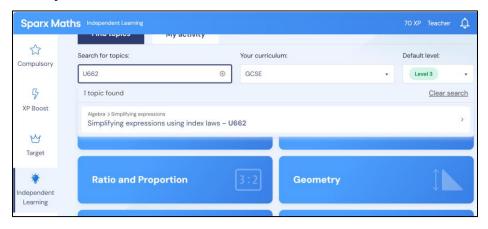
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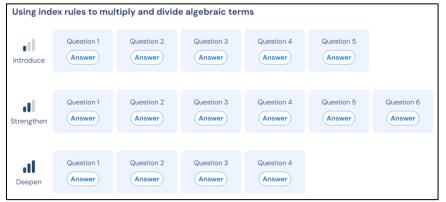
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GCSE Mathematics – Revision Resources

Sparx Maths – Question Level Analysis (QLA):

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Paper	Edexcel June 2023 F	aper 1H	+			sparx
Name			-			opui n
Teacher	Mr. Clark		+			
	Questions	Topic	Score			Sparx Code
	1	Using a written method to divide with decimals	0	/	3	U868
	2	Adding and subtracting mixed numbers	1	1	3	U793
	3	Find the surface area of cubes and cuboids, Find the volume of cubes and cuboids	4	1	4	U929, U786
	4	Drawing and interpreting frequency polygons	0	1	2	U840
	5a	Venn diagrams	2	1	3	U476
	5b	Venn diagrams with set notation	1	1	2	U748
	6a	Interpreting scatter graphs	1	1	1	U277
	6b	Using lines of best fit	2	/	2	U128
	7	Finding original values in percentage calculations	2	1	2	U286
	8	Finding the volume of cylinders, Calculating with pressure	3	1	3	U915, U527
	9	Solving simultaneous equations graphically	1	1	1	U836
	10	Angles in polygons, Constructing and solving equations	3	/	4	U427, U599
	11	Simplifying expressions using index laws	1	/	3	U662
	12	Tree diagrams for independent events	3	/	3	U558
	13	Constructing direct proportion equations	3	/	3	U407
	14a	Index rules with negative indices	1	/	1	U694
	14b	Indices of the form a/b	3	/	3	U772
	15	Interpret equations of straight lines, Equations of parallel & perpendicular lines	1	1	3	U669 U898
	16	Finding the surface area of spheres, Simplifying surds	2	1	4	U893, U338
	17	Changing the subjects of formulae	1	/	4	U556
	18	Calculating with ratios and algebra	4	/	4	U676
	19	Using the product rule for counting	2	1	2	U369
	20a	Finding inverse functions	0	/	2	U996
	20b	Finding composite functions	0	/	3	U448
	21	Circle theorems	0	1	4	U459, U489
	22	Trigonometry in 3D shapes, Using the exact values of trigonometric ratios (Higher)	0	1	2	U170, U319
	23	Rationalising denominators containing two terms	0	/	4	U281
	24	Solving quadratic inequalities	0	1	5	U133







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GCSE Mathematics – Paper Society

Every Monday 15:00-16:00 in the Radegund Hall.

GCSE past paper questions.

Teacher support.

Mark schemes.





GCSE Mathematics – Department Contact

Please contact me for any extra past papers or resources.

I will ensure the class teacher provides your pupil with paper copies.

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Post-16 Destinations

Mr Hibbert



Post 16 Application Process - Timeline

July 2025

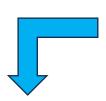
- Some providers host open events
- Coleridge Post 16 Day as part of Personal Best
 Week



September 2025

- Provider open events continue
- Work begins in tutor time to prepare your personal statements ahead of applications





November 2025

Applications for Post 16 Open



October 2025

- Post 16 Event at Coleridge. All of the providers are in attendance – last chance to get the info you need
- Work continues in tutor time to prepare your personal statements ahead of applications

Early January 2026

Applications for Post 16 Close



February 2026 - May 2026

- Guidance Meetings take place
- Students receive offers from providers



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The Application process

Process

- All applications for Colleges & Sixth forms in the Cambridge area is via the MyChoice16 website
- All students should apply for multiple colleges / sixth forms keep your options open
- School will ensure all students have applied on time
- **Do not start making applications now** the school will guide students through the process

Support in School

- Students are currently being supported to develop their personal statements. These need to be completed before October Half term.
- At the end of October, school will support students to make applications via MyChoice16



Coleridge Post 16 Progression Evening

Thursday 9th October

6pm – 8pm

In the Radegund Hall

All providers, including Hills Road, CAST, Chesterton, CRC, The Oakes, Long Road and others will be here to discuss your post 16 options with you.

The last chance for you to get the information you need to make an informed decision.

Formal invite to parents coming shortly.



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Thank You

Any Questions?

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