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Shevington High School





# **Year 11 GCSE Support Evening - Head of Year Introduction**

## **The Purpose of this Evening**

- **To ensure that parents feel supported and informed about the challenge ahead.**
- **To provide guidance and support about preparing for the GCSE exams beginning in May.**

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## Key Dates:

- **First exam** start on Thursday 8th May (Drama) - this is in **5 weeks time!**
- **Final exam** - Wednesday 18th June (Further Maths).
- 1/2 term - week beginning 26th May.
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June – All day (Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom)
- We advise that all students are available until the 25th June

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# Revision - the rules....

- No more than 45 minutes of non-stop revision at a time!
- Don't overdo it! Revising solidly from 4pm until midnight will exhaust you and your brain! A tired brain can't learn! Make sure you get plenty of sleep and have a proper break for meals.
- Take a 15-minute break in between sessions; get a drink, stretch your legs and give your brain a break!
- Be proactive! **Simply reading notes is no help to you** – do look, cover, write, check, produce mind maps and practice past paper questions! Keep your brain busy! Don't let it switch off!
- Spread your subjects out too. Don't choose to revise all three sciences one after the other on the same day. You will get bored! And make sure you use a variety of revision techniques.
- Lastly, don't panic! If you are organised, you will be fine! Lots of regular revision, slotted into your normal routine, is a hundred times better than manic swotting the day before the exam!

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# Easter Break

Study Times and Subjects							
Day	Subject 1 45 mins	Rest 15	Subject 2 45 mins	Rest 15	Subject 3 45 mins	Rest 15	Subject 4 45 mins
Monday	English		Option A		Option B		Maths
Tuesday	Science		Option C		Option D		English
Wednesday	Maths		Option A		Option B		Science
Thursday	English		Option C		Option D		Maths
Friday	Science		Option A		Option B		English
Saturday	Maths		Option C		Option D		Science
Sunday	Rest Day						

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# Easter Break

- Make sure to include time for both fun and revision during your Easter break. Aim for at least four 45-minute revision sessions each day. You can schedule these sessions all at once or spread them throughout the day.
- **Plan your timetable**
- Remember to take a 10-15 minute break between each session if you are studying for an extended period.
- Use your mock exams to help **target your weaker areas!**

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# How to support your child in English Language

Know the dates/times/topics:

**Ask them about it!**

- Monday 12th May 2025 - AM - Literature Paper 1
- Tuesday 20th May 2025 - AM - Literature Paper 2
- Friday 23rd May 2025 - AM - Language Paper 1
- Friday 6th June 2025 - AM - Language Paper 2

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# How to support your child in English Literature

Literature Paper 1: 1 hour 45 mins

Section A - Shakespeare

‘Romeo and Juliet’ Essay – 30 marks + 4 marks for written accuracy

Section B - The 19th Century Novel

‘Sign of Four’ Essay – 30 marks

Literature Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins

Section A:

‘Inspector Calls’ essay – 30 marks + 4 marks for accuracy

Section B:

‘Power and Conflict’ Poetry Essay - 30 marks

Section C

Unseen Poetry Analysis – 24 marks

Unseen Poetry Comparison – 8 marks



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# How to support your child in English Language

Language Paper 1: 1 hour 45 mins

Explorations in creative reading and writing

Section A - Reading

Q1 - Find 4 things [4 marks]

Q2 - Language analysis [8 marks]

Q3 - Structure analysis [8 marks]

Q4 - Evaluate a statement [20 marks]

Section B - Writing

Q5 - Descriptive or narrative writing [40 marks]

Language Paper 2: 1 hour 45 mins

Non Fiction Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Section A - Reading

Q1 - Find 4 true statements [4 marks]

Q2 - Summary and synthesis skills [8 marks]

Q3 - Language analysis [12 marks]

Q4 - Comparison skills [16 marks]

Section B - Writing

Q5 - Non-fiction writing (letter, speech, essay, leaflet or article) [40 marks]



# How to support your child in English Literature and Language

Every mark counts:

English Language

Ask them about it!

English Literature

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
73/160	82/160	92/160	102/160	111/160	121/160

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
58/160	74/160	90/160	106/160	121/160	137/160



# How to support your child in English Literature and Language

- Encourage Active Reading
- Support with Quotations
- Practise Essay Writing
- Revise Poetry
- Support with Exam Techniques
- Practise Analytical Skills
- Keep Motivation High
- Support with Writing Tasks
- Build Confidence in Exam Techniques

**Ask them about it!**

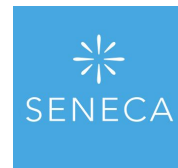
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# How to support your child in English Literature and Language

## Useful Learning Tools:

- GCSE Pod
- Seneca Learning
- Mr Bruff Youtube videos
- York Notes Revision Guides
- Physics and Maths Tutor Website
- AQA website for past papers



**Ask them about it!**

Talk to your child about their learning, what they know, how they are trying to secure their knowledge into long-term memory.

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# **How to support your child in English Literature and Language**

## **Easter Homework based on Student Feedback**

**All students have been set a booklet online TODAY!**

**SENECA assignments have been set too.**

**Ask them about it!**

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# Support your child in Mathematics



**As of tomorrow there are 42 days left to make a difference! Take advantage of the support on offer from The Maths Department.**

## **Easter Homework**

**Exam Paper to complete**

**This will be given out tomorrow in lesson and due on Thursday 24th April.**

**Supporting Mathswatch Tasks also available.**

# **Exam Dates**

**Paper 1 - Thursday 15th May**

**Paper 2 - Wednesday 4th June**

**Paper 3 - Wednesday 11th June**



# 3 GCSE Mathematics Exam Papers



Higher and Foundation tests are on the same days for same length of time.  
All papers are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length and are out of 80.

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Non Calculator	Calculator	Calculator

Pupils will not know the content that is to be tested on each paper so should be fully prepared for any topic to come up.  
Some topics can be tested on more than one paper.

# Topic Frequencies

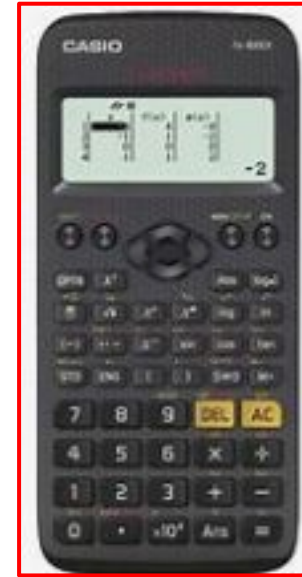


GCSE Maths Topic Appearance % | 1st Class Maths



# Essential Equipment Required

- Scientific Calculator (Casio preferred)
- Black pen, pencil, ruler
- Maths Set - protractor/pair of compasses



# Practical Tips to support your child...

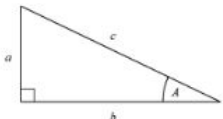
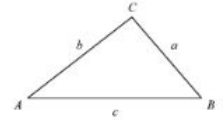


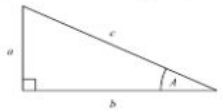
When your child is completing exam practice at home. Check that they:

- Highlight Keywords
- Read the question twice (especially the last part)
- Read a sentence -try to do some maths
- Write what they type (Paper 2 & 3)
- Use estimation to see if their answer seems logically correct
- Check their answers - if they have time at the end
- Have clear working and the final answer on the answer line
- Attempt ALL questions (The difference between one grade and the next is 1 mark)

# Practical Tips to support your child...

- Your child will be given a formula sheet - ask them to start using it now!

Higher Tier Formulae Sheet	
<b>Perimeter, area and volume</b> Where $a$ and $b$ are the lengths of the parallel sides and $h$ is their perpendicular separation: Area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$ Volume of a prism = area of cross section $\times$ length Where $r$ is the radius and $d$ is the diameter: Circumference of a circle = $2\pi r = \pi d$ Area of a circle = $\pi r^2$	<b>Quadratic formula</b> The solution of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
<b>Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry</b> 	In any right-angled triangle where $a$ , $b$ and $c$ are the length of the sides and $c$ is the hypotenuse: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ In any right-angled triangle $ABC$ where $a$ , $b$ and $c$ are the length of the sides and $c$ is the hypotenuse: $\sin A = \frac{a}{c} \quad \cos A = \frac{b}{c} \quad \tan A = \frac{a}{b}$
	In any triangle $ABC$ where $a$ , $b$ and $c$ are the length of the sides: sine rule: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$ cosine rule: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$
<b>Compound Interest</b> Where $P$ is the principal amount, $r$ is the interest rate over a given period and $n$ is number of times that the interest is compounded: Total accrued = $P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$	<b>Probability</b> Where $P(A)$ is the probability of outcome $A$ and $P(B)$ is the probability of outcome $B$ : $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \text{ given } B) P(B)$

Foundation Tier Formulae Sheet	
<b>Perimeter, area and volume</b> Where $a$ and $b$ are the lengths of the parallel sides and $h$ is their perpendicular separation: Area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$ Volume of a prism = area of cross section $\times$ length Where $r$ is the radius and $d$ is the diameter: Circumference of a circle = $2\pi r = \pi d$ Area of a circle = $\pi r^2$	
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# Mathswatch Tasks...

Assignments		
Create	Edit	Delete
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Exams ▾		View ▾
Corbett		
Assignment Title	Created By	Created
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Foundation Day 46	Louise Holcroft	28/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Foundation Day 47	Louise Holcroft	27/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Foundation Day 48	Louise Holcroft	26/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Foundation Day 49	Louise Holcroft	25/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Foundation Day 50	Louise Holcroft	25/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 46	L Atherton	24/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 47	L Atherton	24/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 48	L Atherton	24/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 49	L Atherton	24/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 50	L Atherton	24/03/2025
Corbett Maths 100 Day Countdown Higher - Day 51	L Atherton	24/03/2025

# Mathswatch Tasks...



Assignments		
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Y11 REVISION GRADE		
Assignment Title	Created By	Created
Y11 REVISION GRADE 1/2	Louise Holcroft	09/02/2023
Y11 REVISION GRADE 8/9	Louise Holcroft	09/02/2023
Y11 REVISION GRADE 7	Louise Holcroft	09/02/2023
Y11 REVISION GRADE 3	Louise Holcroft	12/10/2022
Y11 REVISION GRADE 6	Louise Holcroft	10/05/2017
Y11 REVISION GRADE 5	Louise Holcroft	10/05/2017
Y11 REVISION GRADE 4	Louise Holcroft	10/05/2017



# Free Tuition...

@HannahKettleMaths - on TikTok, revising from past papers every Thursday night - Free tuition!



## Useful Website Links

[www.mathswatch.co.uk](http://www.mathswatch.co.uk)

[www.drfrust.org.uk](http://www.drfrust.org.uk)

[www.1stclassmaths.com](http://www.1stclassmaths.com)

[www.mathsgenie.co.uk](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk)

[www.bbcbite-size.co.uk](http://www.bbcbite-size.co.uk)



# How to support your child in Science

## Key Dates:

Paper	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
1	13th May	19th May	22nd May
2	9th June	13th June	16th June

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# What to revise

Week	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
1	P2 Topics: Homeostasis, Inheritance and selection	P2 Topics: Rates, Organic Chemistry	P2 Topics: Forces
2	P2 Topics: Ecology	P2 Topics: Chemical Analysis, Evolution of the Atmosphere, Using Resources	P2 Topics: Waves, magnetism and Electromagnetism
3	P1 Topics: Cell biology, Organisation	P1 Topics: Atomic Structure, Bonding	P1 Topics: Energy
4	P1 Topics: Infection and response	P1 Topics: Quantitative Chemistry, Energy changes	P1 Topics: Electricity
5	P1 Topics: Bioenergetics	P1 Topics: Chemical Changes	P1 Topics: Particle model of matter, Atomic Structure

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# How to support your child in Science

## How to revise:

To increase subject knowledge - use the seneca app (hyperlearning) and cognito

To practice questions - use the cognito app - watch the video and then answer the questions (from past papers).

Use the revision guides provided which have sections on knowledge recall and then exam style question practice.

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# How to support your child in Science

## **The night before:**

### **Active Recall:**

Test yourself on key concepts and definitions using flashcards or by summarizing notes in your own words.

### **Practice Questions:**

Work through past papers or practice questions to simulate the exam environment and identify areas where you need further review.

### **Focus on Weak Areas:**

Don't try to cover everything, instead, concentrate on the topics or concepts you find most challenging.

### **Don't Skip Practical Experiments:**

If your exam includes practical questions, review the experiments and procedures you've learned.

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