



How we use Isaac Physics

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Who uses it?

- A Level
 - Physics (75)
 - Chemistry (80)
 - Biology (80) – not yet
- GCSE Physics, (500)
- Year 8 & 9 Physics, (300)
 - GCSE quizzes with Y9 very useful
- Maths and GCSE Science use Sparx
- Some Physics students use Isaac Maths



Mark book structure

- Each class has **two worksheets in excel**

5	10c	s	10t	b	11b	c	11c	h	11h	t	11t	3	122	4	124	1	131	2	132

- The first of each pair is the **Isaac download** worksheet
- The second is the **main mark-book** worksheet where all class and homework and tests (etc) are recorded



The Isaac download worksheet

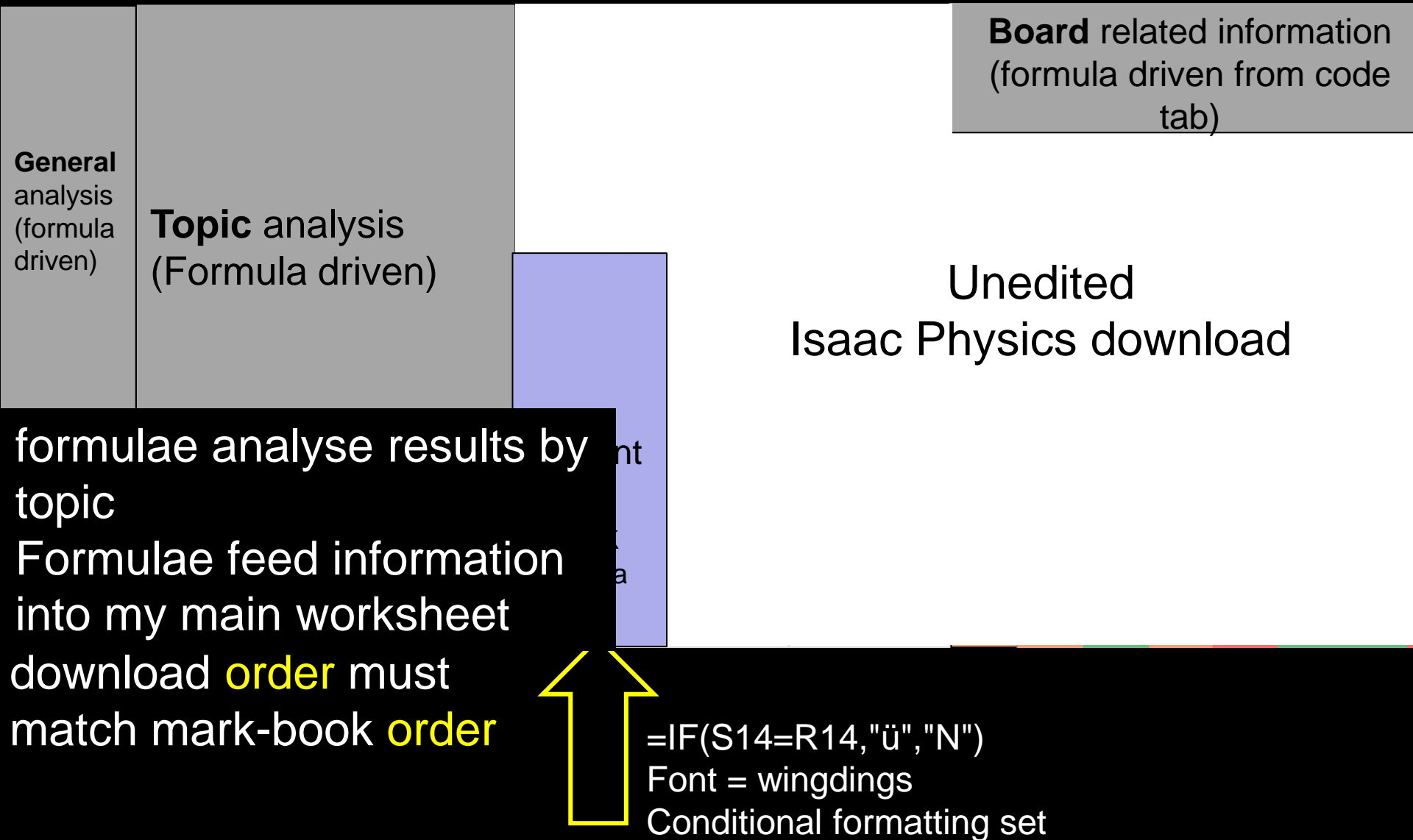
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Smith	Dick	100	100	100	12	100
Smith	Harry	99	100	100	100	100
ZDavies	Nick	95	92	91	100	100



Isaac download worksheet structure





How does the Isaac download worksheet work?

Not started?	6	4	7	1	3	13	3	0	boards on each topic				Enter the topic area using the dropdown				Skills	Skills	Forces											
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boards on topic															Topic area ⇒		all	Mechanic	Thermal	Thermal		
Source, AL / GCSE/ PS (problem solving) ⇒															all		PS	GCSE	GCSE			
class average															class average ⇒		85.8	81.9	79.4	76.9		
Y12-4															All		L12 Res Forces	SHC & LH	GCSE Gas			
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4	Student 3	✓	Student 3		Thomas		92		100		100		100									

Bold boxes are late submissions

A level boards have a second categorisation



The 'Isaac download worksheet'

boards on topic										Topic area ⇒				
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class average										class average ⇒				
Y12-4										All				
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18	4	46	4	11	5	15	14	36	59
97	97	85	93	62	84	89	84	90	81
Skills	Errors	Mechanics	Materials	Waves	Quantum	Circuits	GCSE Book	from AL Book	Problem solving
96	98	85	97	78	58	85	88	92	80

all	Mechanic	Thermal	Thermal	Mechanic
all	PS	GCSE	GCSE	PS
85.8	81.9	79.4	76.9	79.9
L12 Res Forces	SHC & LH	GCSE Gas	proj 1D	
80	100	100	80	

MASTERING ESSENTIAL PRE-UNIVERSITY PHYSICS

isaac Physics Skills

2 books in 1

How many **boards** are set on **each topic**

class **averages**

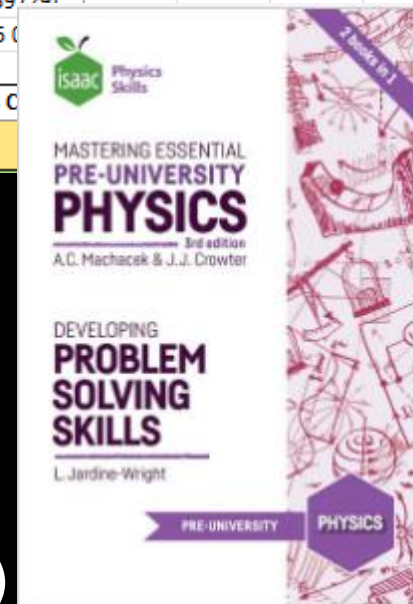
boards complete, **not started**, below thresholds

Performance **topic by topic**

Performance on **GCSE** questions (easier)

Performance on A Level **skills** questions ('the' book)

Performance on **problem solving** questions (harder)





Main mark-book worksheet

Shared with TA												27-Jan	27-Feb	31 days	13-Sep	20-Sep						
Not started?	Boards < 60	Boards < 80	Boards < 90	IP Rank	48%	D	65%	C	61%	C	57%	B	class average →			88.1	87.9	-0.1	87	98		
					Dec 21 Mock	Jun 22 Mock	Jan 23 Mock	Apr 23 Mock	13-1 TH7DF3		Target band	IP old	IP new	Inc	IP23,24/25							
12	38	54	64	15	21%	U	39%	E	36%	E	71%	A	s2	B-C	79	78	-1	84	93			
0	0	0	0	1	43%	D	59%	C	53%	D	31%	E	s3	A	100	99	-1	100	100			
1	10	26	33	6	40%	E	53%	C	65%	C	42%	D	s4	A	94	93	-1	32	100			

I add **class code** to class name.



Rank within class



How many un-started boards does each student have?
Student #20 has 5 boards with **zero progress**.
and 6 boards < 60% (trilogy group)



I also like to know who is doing the minimum*.

Student #20 has 6 boards with **insufficient progress** (threshold < 60%).



Main mark-book worksheet

Shared with TA		27-Jan	27-Feb	31 days
class average →		88.1	87.6	-0.5
13-1 TH7DF3	Target band	IP old	IP new	Inc
s2	B-C	79	72	-7
s3	A	100	99	-1
s4	A	94	93	-1
s5	B-C	80	92	12

⇐ Class average score

⇐ issue?

⇐ needs recognition

About once a month, I manually cut and paste the overall% scores for each student – and add the date



Year 9 boards

<u>Key board</u>	9	A Bold year indicator on the year group means that this is one of the 'key boards' to be set							
<u>Step Up to GCSE</u>		<u>GCSE Trilogy</u>		<u>Separates only</u>		<u>Quiz</u>		<u>Y7&8 board</u>	
Skills		Energy		Electricity		Particles		Mechanics	Waves & Optics
<u>1. units (Y9, Y10F)</u>	9	<u>Energy Stores</u>	9	<u>Potential and Circuits Notes</u>	9	<u>Density</u>	9	<u>Weight Notes</u>	9
<u>2 standard form F</u>	9	<u>Energy Stores Practice</u>	9	<u>Potential and Circuits A</u>	9	<u>Density practice</u>	9	<u>Weight A</u>	9
<u>5 Var & constants</u>	9	<u>Work Done B KS3</u>	9	<u>Potential and Circuits B</u>	9	<u>Density Expt</u>	9	<u>Weight B</u>	9
<u>6 straight line graphs F</u>	9	<u>Work Done Practice</u>	9	<u>Potential and Circuits Practice A</u>	9	<u>Density Quiz a</u>	9	<u>Weight Practice A</u>	9
<u>9-19 Large/small Nos</u>	9	<u>Work done Quiz A</u>	9	<u>Potential and Circuits Practice B</u>	9	<u>9-30 Density</u>	9	<u>Weight Practice B</u>	9
		<u>9-24 Work Y9</u>	9	<u>Current and Circuits Notes</u>	9	<u>9-31 Floating</u>	9	<u>Weight Quiz A</u>	9
		<u>9-26 Power Y9</u>	9	<u>Current and Circuits Gentle A</u>	9	<u>Pressure</u>	9	<u>9-11 Weight & F-res</u>	9
		<u>9-27 Energy flow & eff</u>	9	<u>Current and Circuits B</u>	9	<u>Pressure practice</u>	9	<u>Calculating Speed Notes</u>	8
		<u>Power & Energy Quiz A</u>	9	<u>Current and Circuits Practice A</u>	9	<u>9-34 Pressure</u>	9	<u>Calculating Speed A</u>	8
				<u>Current and Circuits Practice B</u>	9			<u>Calculating Speed B</u>	8
				<u>22 Q=It F</u>	9			<u>Calculating Speed Practice A</u>	8
				<u>Q & I Quiz A</u>	9			<u>Calculating Speed Practice B</u>	8
				<u>9-18 Q=It 1</u>	9			<u>8 s, v, t F</u>	9
				<u>9-21 Resistance</u>	9			<u>9-2 Units of distance</u>	9
								<u>Speed Quiz A</u>	9



I will never set all these boards! I pick and choose.

						<u>Force and Motion B</u>	8		
				too hard for GCSE		<u>Force and Motion Practice A</u>	8		
				<u>9-18 Q= It 2</u>	9	<u>Force and Motion Practice B</u>	8		
						<u>Force and Acceleration Notes</u>	8		
						<u>Force and Acceleration A</u>	8		

Not all GCSE boards are in this selection




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Boards with **F suffix** are the **easier** questions - an alternative to the **quick boards** available on the Isaac Physics website. Boards are all hyper-linked in the spreadsheet. I avoid setting **B quizzes** for mixed ability groups.

Not all GCSE boards are in this selection



GCSE Higher students

Step Up to GCSE		GCSE Trilogy		Separates only		Quiz		Y7&8 board							
Skills		Energy		Electricity		Particles		Atomic Structure		Mechanics		Waves & Optics		Magnetism	
1 units	9	Work done Quiz A	9	22 Q=It	9	Density Quiz a	9	51 atomic numbers	10	Weight Quiz a	9	Waves Quiz a	9	F = BIL Quiz A	11
2 standard form	9	9-24 Work	9	Q & I Quiz A	9	Density Quiz b	9	52 rad. decay	10	Weight Quiz b	9	9-35 T & f	9	F = BIL Quiz B	11
5 Variables & constants	9	9-26 Power	9	Q & I Quiz B	9	9-30 Density	9	53 half life	10	9-11 Weight & F-res	9	9-36 λ, $v = f\lambda$	9	28 EM ind'n & gen (H)	S
9-5 Re-arr equations	9	9-27 E flow & eff	9	9-18 Q=It 1	9	9-31 Floating	9	Half life Quiz A	10	8 s, v, t	9	38 wave props	10	29 transformers	S
1A add. units	10	Power & Energy Quiz A	9	9-20 Current	10	9-34 Pressure	9	Half life Quiz B	10	9-2 Units of distance	9	38A add. wave props	10		
6 straight line graphs	10	Power & Energy Quiz B	10	9-17 V in circuits	10	SHC Quiz A	10	55 fission reactor	S	Speed Quiz A	9	Waves Quiz B	10		
7 proportionality	10	work done Quiz B	10	22A add. Q & I	10	9-29 Energy & Temp	10			9-28 moments	9	9-46.1 Waves SQ	10		
7A add. proportionality	10	33 work PE, power	11	23 circuit rules	10	30 thermal energy	10			8A addl s, v, t (H)	10	9-46.2 Waves SQ	11		
Practical skills GCSE	11	GPE Quiz a	11	Series res. Quiz A	10	SHC Quiz B	10			Springs Quiz A	10	9-37 Echoes	11		
3 rearr. equations	11	9-25 GPE	11	24 resistance	10	30A add. Th. energy	10			9-33 Springs	10	39 reflection plane	S		
9-47 challenge Qs	11	GPE Quiz b	11	Resistance Quiz A	10	31 latent heat	10			37 springs	10	45 seismic waves	S		
9-48 Dimens. Anal	11	34 kinetic energy	11	9-21 Resistance	10	Latent heat Quiz A	10			Springs Quiz B	10	48 convex lenses	S		
9-20 Large/small Nos	9	KE Quiz a	11	9-23 Sharing p.d.	10	Latent heat Quiz B	11			10 s-t graphs	10	49 concave lenses	S		
		KE Quiz B	11	9-16 E=QV	10	59 Boyle's law	11			9-3 s-t graphs	10				
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Track each class - GCSE

Step Up to GCSE		Y9-11 Trilogy		Separates only		Quiz									
Skills		Energy		Electricity		Particles		Atomic Structure		Mechanics		Waves & Optics		Magnetism	
1 units	9	Work done Quiz A	9	22 Q=It	9	Density Quiz a	9	51 atomic numbers	10	Weight Quiz a	9	Waves Quiz a	9	F = BIL Quiz A	11
2 standard form	9	9-24 Work	9	Q & I Quiz A	9	Density Quiz b	9	52 rad. decay	10	Weight Quiz b	9	9-35 T & f	9	F = BIL Quiz B	11
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1A add. units	10	Power & Energy Quiz A	9	9-20 Current	10	9-34 Pressure	9	Half life Quiz B	10	9-2 Units of distance	9	38A add. wave props	10		
6 straight line graphs	10	Power & Energy Quiz B	10	9-17 V in circuits	10	SHC Quiz A	10	55 fission reactor	S	Speed Quiz A	9	Waves Quiz B	10		
7 proportionality	10	9-29 Energy & Temp	10	22A add. Q & I	10	30 thermal energy	10			9-28 moments	9	9-46.1 Waves SQ	10		
7A add. proportionality	10	work done Quiz B	10	23 circuit rules	10	SHC Quiz B	10			8A addl s, v, t (H)	10	9-46.2 Waves SQ	11		
Practical skills GCSE	11	33 work PE, power	11	Series res. Quiz A	10	30A add. Th. energy	10			37 springs	10	9-37 Echoes	11		
3 rearr. equations	11	GPE Quiz a	11	24 resistance	10	31 latent heat	10			Springs Quiz A	10	39 reflection plane	S		
9-47 challenge Qs	11	9-25 GPE	11	9-21 Resistance	10	Latent heat Quiz A	10			Springs Quiz B	10	45 seismic waves	S		
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		34 kinetic energy	11	9-18 Q=It 1	10	59 Boyle's law	11			9-3 s-t graphs	10	49 concave lenses	S		
		KE Quiz a	11	Resistance Quiz A	10	17 pressure	S			9-4 Velocity	10				
		KE Quiz B	11	25 IV graphs	11	17A Add Pressure	S			9-6 Calc velocities	10				

Allows me to keep a **track** of what I have **set** for classes



Track each class – A Level

out of spec	AL book	GCSE board	Quiz	PS boards							
Skills	Mechanics	Materials	Circuits	Waves	Particles/ quantum	Periodic M	Gases & thermal	Fields	Capacitors	Nuclear Physics	Astrophysics
A1 re-arranging equations	9 displacement	Density	22 Charge & Current	38 wave props	D6 photoelectric effect	18 moving in circle	G1 Kelvin scale of temperature	F5 newtonian gravity	I1 Charge and energy stored	51 atomic numbers	Telescope
A2 derived and base SI units	13 Fres & acc	37 Springs	23 circuit rules	39 reflection plane mirrors	The Photoelectric effect	Radians and Geometry	30A additional thermal energy	F6 Gravity & Orbits	I2 Capacitor networks	52 radioactive decay	D1 Amp Inten As
A3 standard form and prefixes	14 terminal V	B7 Springs	24 resistance	40 reflection concave	D7 quantum calculations	F3 units of rotary motion	31 latent heat	Gravitational Fields L4	I3 Discharge of a capacitor	53 half life	Star cla
A4 converting units	15 stopping	B6 stress, strain & Young's mod	25 IV char	42 refraction	Quantum Calculations	Circular mtn & ang vel ND	G3 Heat Capacity	Gravity and orbits	Charging capacitors	Half life Quiz B	Spectro qu
A5 Gradients & graph intercepts	17 pressure	B9 Energy, Springs, mats	IV characteristics	Wave motion	D9 Energy levels	F4 centripetal acceleration	G4 Latent heat and heat cap	H1 uniform electric fields	Discharging a capacitor	J1 Nuclear equations	L7 S
A6 Equations of graph	B1 components of a vector	Materials 345	26 power	Electromagnetic spectrum	L2 Fundamental particles & inter.	Centripetal force	59 Boyle's law	H2 E field near point charges	Capacitor ac	J2 Activity and decay	K1 red Hubbl
A7 area under a graph	B2 adding vectors		27 R & P	D3 path difference	L6 MRI & PET scanning	F7 oscillators	60 pressure law	H3 speed of electron in E field	Capacitors in series & parallel	J3 Nuclear decay with time	Dopple (ha
A8 area under a graph II	Resolving vectors		Electrical power	wave equation		SHM time period	61 Charles' law	Electrons in E field		K2 Exponential extrapolation	L8 Histo univ
A9 Factor & % Changes	Adding Vectors ND v2		GCSE Hard Electricity	D4 interference		SHM2	62 general gas law	Properties E fields		J4 Energy in nuc. reactions	Stars ar



Main mark-book worksheet



Parental contact (2)

if more detailed information needed

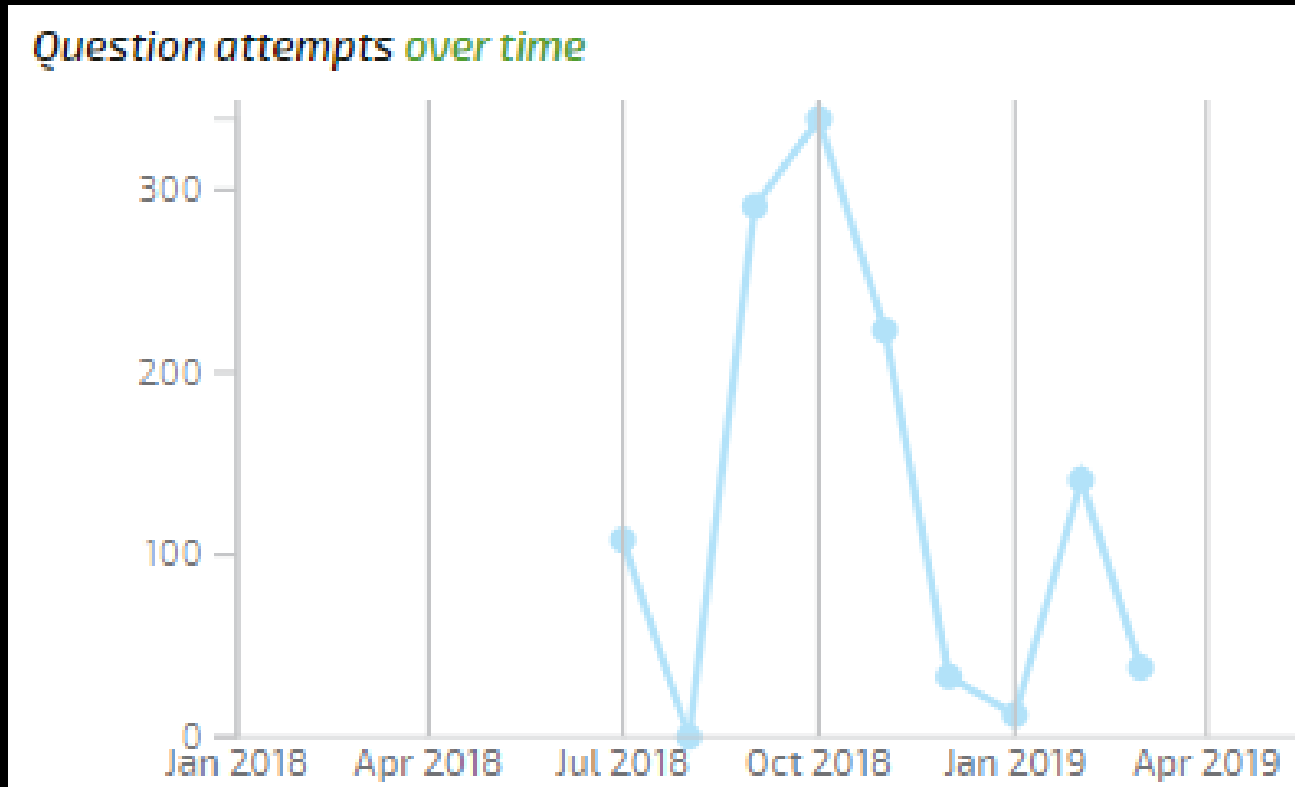
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1. Compare student's overall% (All) with class average
2. Compare student's Particle% with class average

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Trend analysis

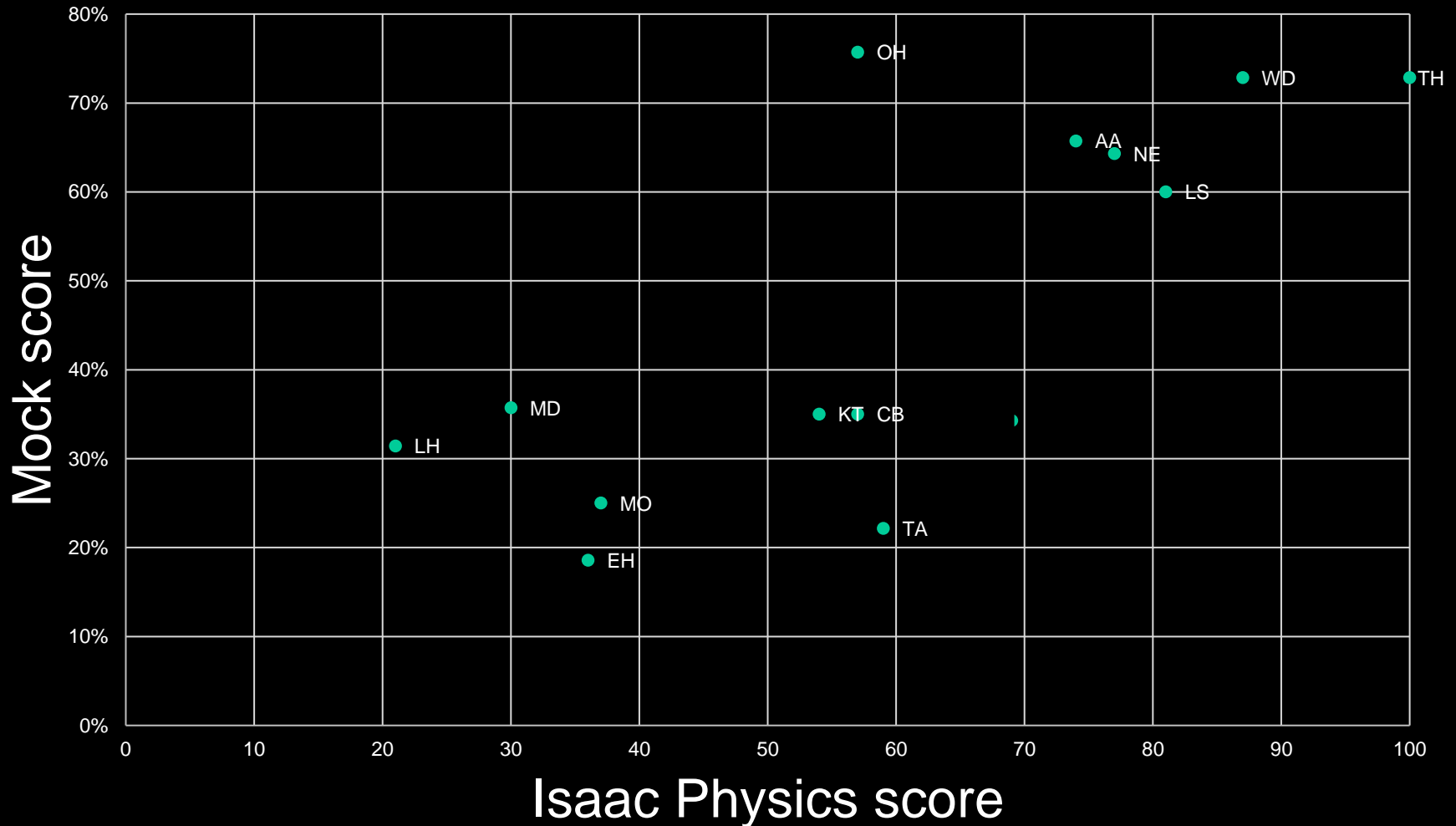


Go to **Manage Groups** on Isaac, select relevant **class** and then click on the student's name and scroll down.



Graphs for leadership

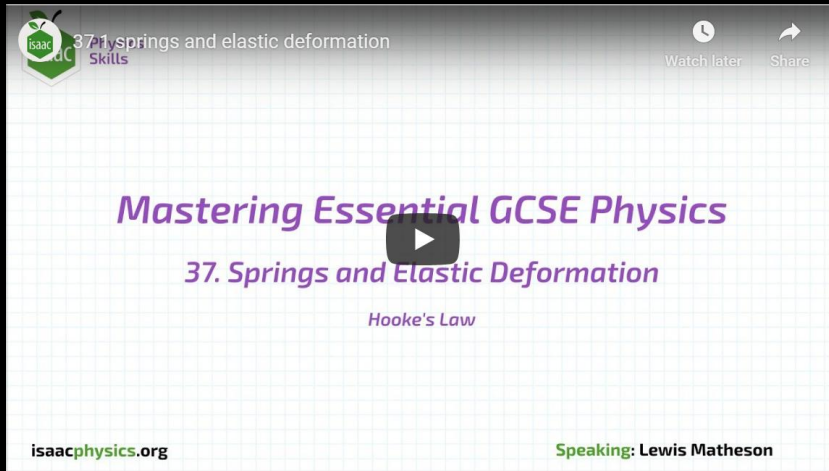
Isaac Physics vs examination%



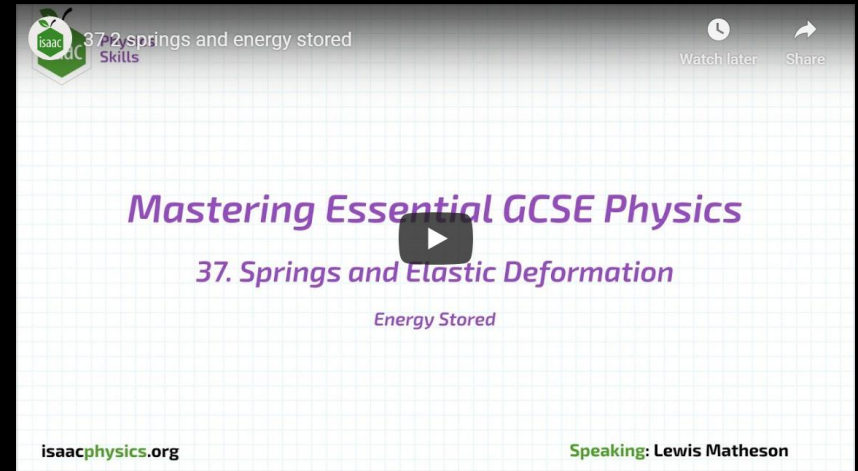


Relevant Isaac Physics questions

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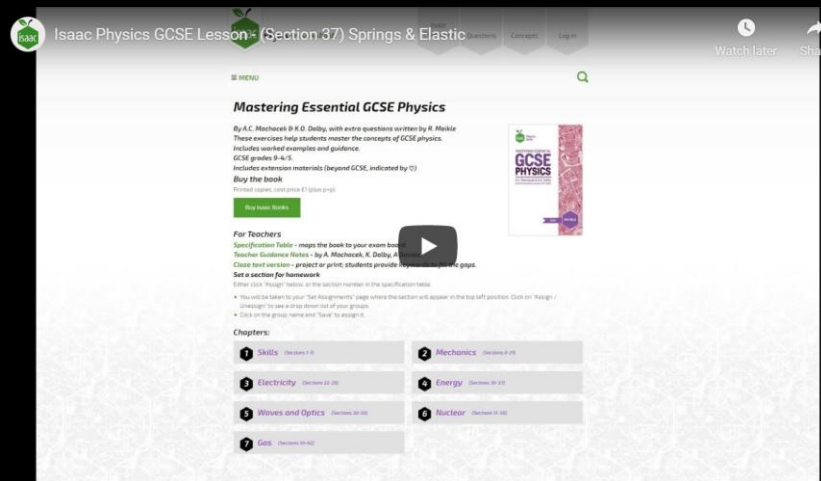


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Isaac Physics is fully **integrated** into how we teach Physics here.



(Tutorial
27:13)



My view of



- ✓ Helps my understanding of students' **strengths & weaknesses**
- ✓ Saves huge amount of **time**, *(without it, I retire tomorrow)*
- ✓ I re-invest this time into **formative** assessment etc.
- ✓ Harder for students to copy work (in registration)
- ✓ Improves my **subject knowledge**
- ✓ Isaac Physics at WHS:
 - ✓ Physics - fully **integrated**
 - ✓ Chemistry – A level Physical chemistry only
 - ✓ Maths – only really used by Physics dept.
- ✓ Useful for **spaced learning**.



(minor) Issues with



- ☹ Start with numeric boards
 - ☹ **Must** demonstrate **equation editor** to class first.
 - ☹ Equation editor on 'phones is challenging
- ☹ Don't set boards you **can't do!**
- ☹ Many students, initially, did not like it.
 - ☹ Parents wrote, asking to **go back** to paper.
 - ☹ IP is hard to **copy** in morning registration.
 - ☹ Don't like **lack of feedback** about what is wrong.
 - ☹ Some struggle to understand that they need to **learn to struggle!**



Exam analysis tool

Nothing to do with Isaac Physics*

Enter maximum marks for question part ➡		85			37			25		23		31		3		11		11		20		9									
SET N ^o	Jan 2020 Y13 A level mock	Total		Grade	Calc	Desc	Recall	Mech	Mat	elec	Part	Waves	Per	Multiple Choice		Silly errors	SE%	% with no SE	grade no SE												
2	Student X	61	71.8%	B	81%	56%	74%	90%	67%	36%	91%	60%	56%	16	64%	10	12%	84%	A												
	Cohort average	49.7	58.5%	C	66%	44%	63%	63%	68%	39%	71%	55%	56%	16	65%	8.8	10%	71%	B												
					B	D	B	B	B	D	B	C	C	B		Add up silly errors	% SE	Add SE% to %score													
	Recall = things to LEARN	Grade distribution			Grade Boundaries															Grade distribution											
	Desc = describe / explain	A*	4		A*	84%														A*	4										
	Calc = calculation questions	A	4		A	72.4%														A	15										
		B	13		B	60%														B	2										
		C	4		C	49%														C	10										
		D	6		D	37%														D	1										
		E	5		E	26%														E	0										
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	Part = Particles, quantum																														
	Atom = atomic structure																														
	Per = circular motion, SHM																														
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	Mag = magnetism																														
	Space = Space physics																														
	HSW = practicals																														

* Other than the fact that Isaac buys me the time to do this.

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