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Year 11 Expectation Evening



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Mrs S Jones

Head of Year 11

Attendance



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Raise Your Attendance, -Raise your Chances!

What does **"Good attendance"** mean?





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Every Day Counts

Support your child to achieve their best.

Pupils should aim
to have **96% or
above** attendance

90% is **not** good!

1 School Year @
90%

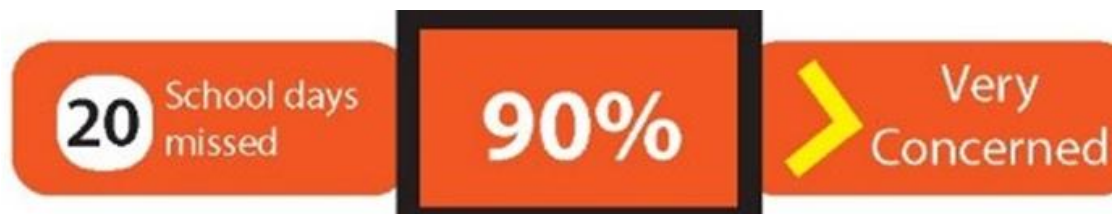
attendance=**4**
**whole weeks of
lessons missed!**

That's **100**
HOURS OF
LEARNING

Attendance Ladder

Equates To:





20 School Days Missed

4 Weeks

100 Hours

100 Lessons



The link between attendance and attainment

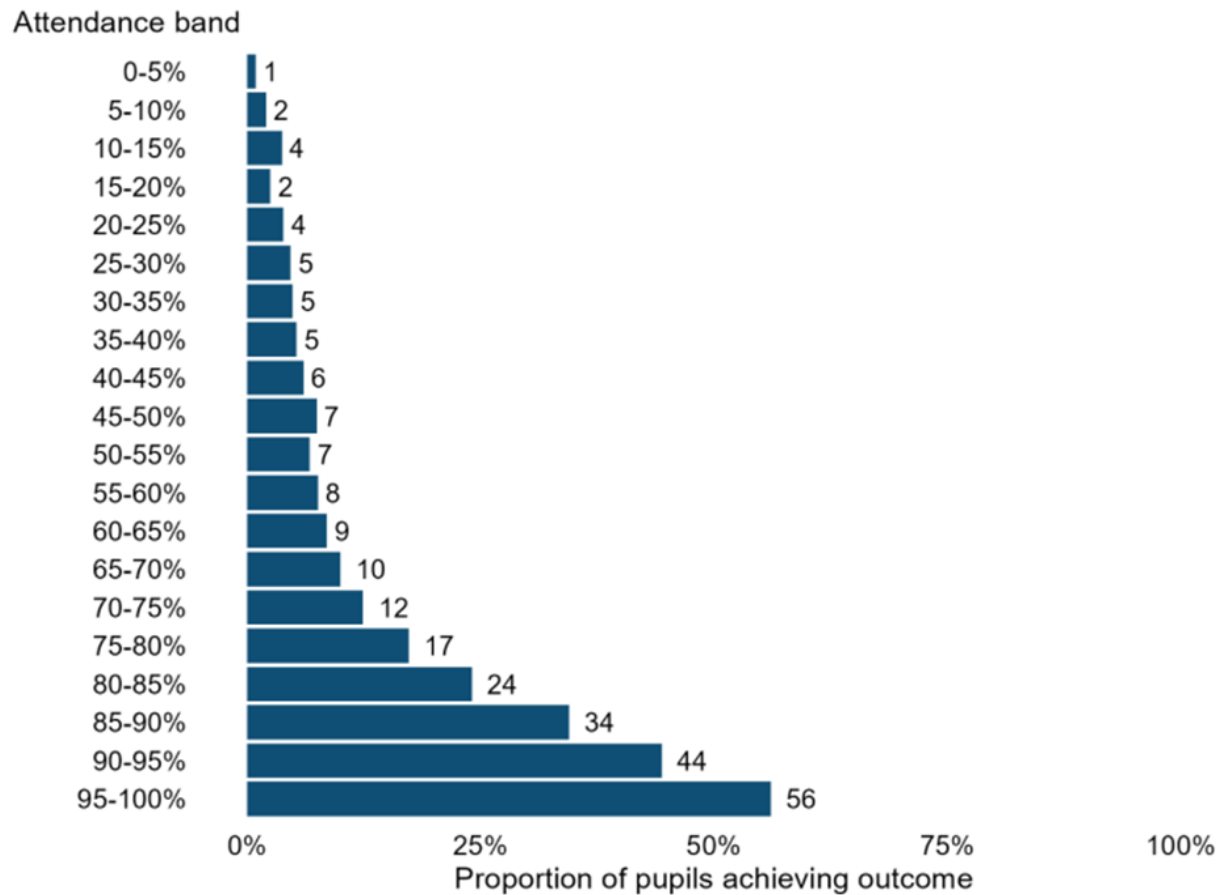
At KS4, pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 11 (with an attendance rate of 95-100% - 0-9 Days off) were:

- **1.9 times more likely to achieve Grade C in English and Maths at GCSE compared to those who attended 90-95% (10-19 Days off) of the time.**
- **3 times more likely than those who attended 85-90% (20-29 Days off) of the time.**

This means that missing just 10 days of year 11 reduced the likelihood of achieving Grade C in Maths and English by 50%.



The link between attendance and attainment





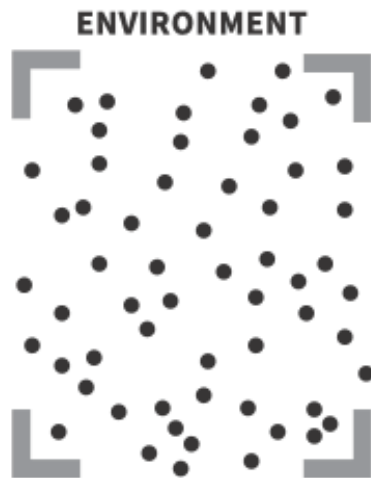
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Revision and Memory Skills

Mr Ball



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Memorise this list of numbers...

14 95 76 74 30

01495 767 430



HOW THE TECHNIQUES FARED

- **Elaborative interrogation** - being able to explain a point or fact - **MODERATE**
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- **Re-reading** - **LOW**
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- **Distributed practice** - spreading out study over time - **HIGH**
- **Interleaved practice** - switching between different kinds of problems - **MODERATE**



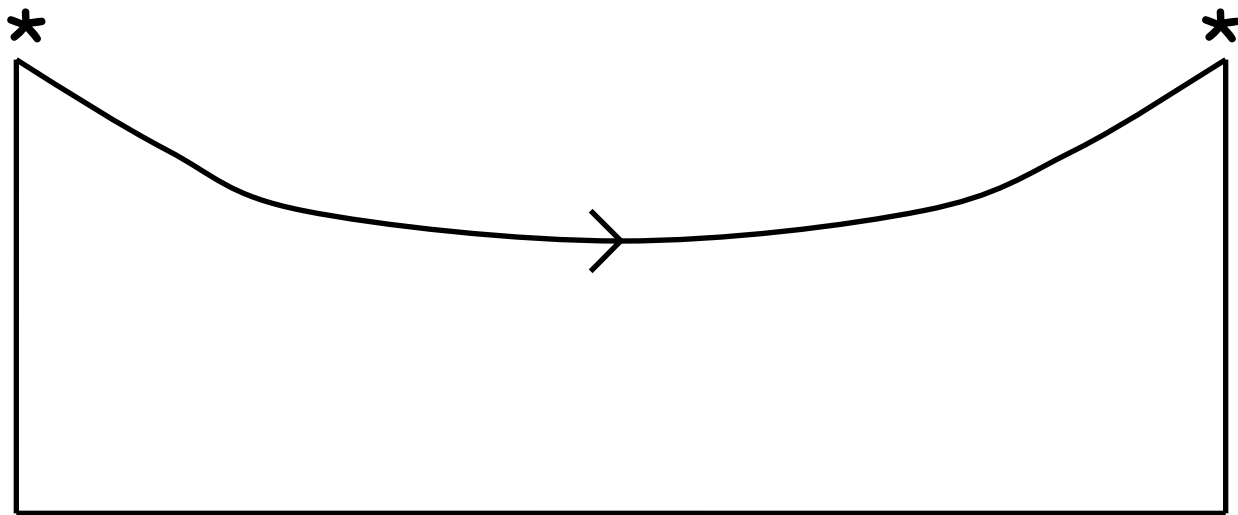
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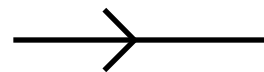


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This is what happens if you work for one hour



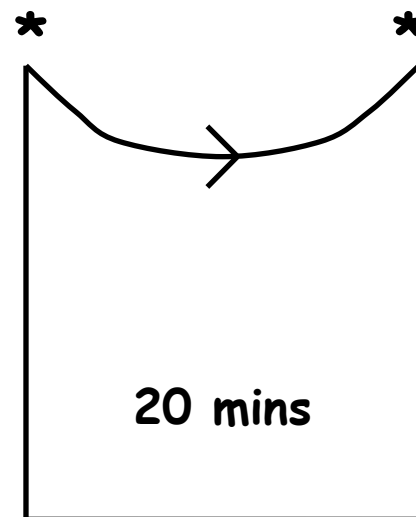
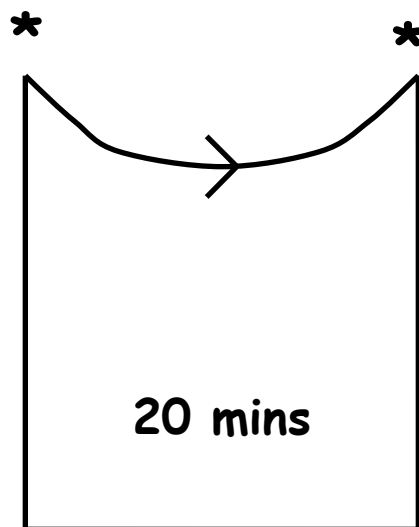
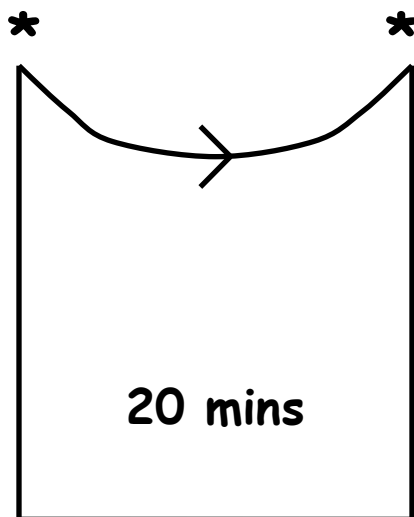
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Brain energy level



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GCSEPod covers a broad range of subjects

The subjects are filtered on your child's account to what they study and their exam boards





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Countdown to Exams

Mrs McNeil



Examination Information

- All pupils will be given a personalised page with their summer examinations dates in **March**.
- WJEC exam dates are in the examination section of the website.
- The website will be used to for examination details
- Any queries about exams can be directed to
Mrs S Lampard (examination officer) LAMPARDS6@torfaenschools.wales



Year 11 November GCSE External Examinations

- **Tuesday 20th October – Drop-down revision day - English revision** (Unit 3 & 4) (X band – Lesson 3 & 4, Y Band - Lesson 1 & 2)
- **Friday 23rd October – Drop-down revision day - Mathematics** (Unit 2) (Z Band Lesson 1 & 3)

	Lesson 1 & 2		Lesson 4		Lesson 5
Monday 2nd November	GCSE English Unit 1 Exam		Maths Revision X & Y Band	L u n c h	Maths Revision X & Y Band
Tuesday 3rd November	GCSE Maths Unit 1 Exam		English X Band Revision		English Y Band Revision
Wednesday 4th November	English X Revision Lesson 1 English Y Revision Lesson 2		English X Band Revision		English Y Band Revision
Thursday 5th November	GCSE English Unit 4 Exam		Maths Revision X & Y Band		Maths Revision X & Y Band
Friday 6th November	GCSE Maths Unit 2 Exam				



It is important that pupils revise thoroughly for their mock examinations, as the results will help inform decisions regarding the most appropriate tier of entry.

Mock exams are 23rd November – 3rd December 2026

Summer Examinations Start - 10th May - 23rd June 2027

Results day - Thursday 19th August 2027



Examination Timeline

Many subjects will have deadlines in advance of the main examination session

NOV 2026 2		English Language and Literature Monday 2nd November 2026 – Unit 1 resit
NOV 2026 3		Math and numeracy exams Tuesday 3rd November 2026
NOV 2026 5		English Language and Literature Thursday 5th November 2026 – Unit 4 (Double award only)
NOV 2026 6		Math and numeracy exams Friday 6th November 2026
NOV 2026 30 – 3 DEC		Welsh oracy exams Unit 2 – Monday 30th November – Thursday 3rd December 2026 (Oracy exam)
DEC 2026 w/c 7		English Language and Literature W/C 7th December 2026 – Unit 5 group discussion (Double award only)
DEC 2026 19		Art practical exam Unit 1 – Saturday 19th December 2026
JAN 2027 11 – 15		Science practical exams W/C Monday 11th – Friday 15th January 2027
FEB 2027 8		English Language and Literature W/C 8th February 2027 – Unit 5 Shakespeare NEA (Double award only)
FEB 2027 5		Skills Challenge First draft – Friday 5th February 2027
FEB 2027 23 – 26		Welsh oracy exams Unit 1 – Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th February 2027 (Oracy exam)
MAR 2027 5		Skills Challenge Final version – Friday 5th March 2027
MAR – MAY 2027		French oracy exam Unit 2 – NEA March – May 2027 (Reading and Writing)
MAR – APR 2027		Drama Unit 2 Practical – March / April 2027 (date TBC by WJEC)
APR – MAY 2027		French oracy exam Unit 1 – NEA April – May 2027 (Oracy exam)
APR 2027 26 & 27		Art practical exam Unit 2 – Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th April 2027 (10-hour practical exam)
JUN 2027 7		English Language and Literature Monday 7th June 2027 – Unit 6 (Double award only)

Many subjects will have deadlines in advance of the main examination session next May/June



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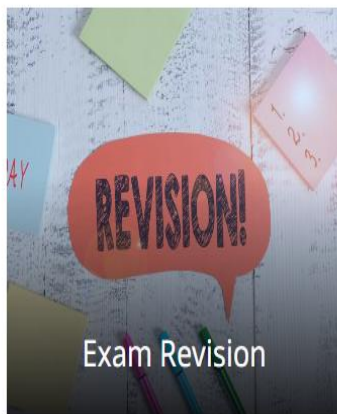
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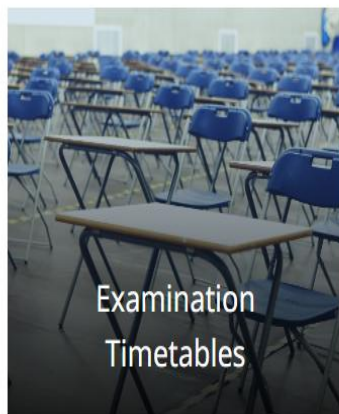
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Revision Tips And Techniques

Positively You hub link - hub.positivelyyou.org.uk

Username – Studyhub

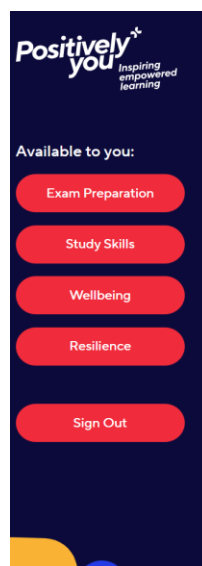
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Revision skills and techniques 2 hours session – 7th January 2027



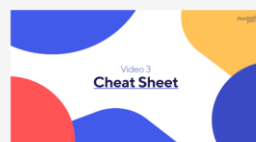
Exam Preparation Technique Videos:



Exam Preparation – Mnemonics



Exam Preparation – Numbers = Letters



Exam Preparation – Cheat Sheet



Exam Preparation – Physical Journey



Exam Preparation – RICE Exam System



Exam Preparation – Revision Jigsaw



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Please be aware these are case sensitive.



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Mrs Chadwick

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 2026-2027



Nearly all learners are following the double award English Language and Literature course which will allow them to earn two grades for English.

All learners sit the same papers.

Nearly all learners have already completed Units 1, 2 and 3 and have therefore completed 35% of their final qualification.



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In November this year (5th), nearly all learners will complete Unit 4B (An Inspector Calls and Creative Writing) exam.

There is also an opportunity for those learners who did not complete Unit 1 in May, or are resitting, to complete this exam on November 2nd.



Still to come:

- Week beginning 7th December Double Award learners will complete their Unit 5 poetry Group Discussion, worth 10% of their final qualification. They will complete this instead of a mock exam.
- Before February half term, learners will complete their final piece of NEA, a Shakespeare essay, also worth 10% of the Double Award qualification.
- We will then begin preparation for the final component of the course, an exam on the 7th June based on an anthology of non-fiction writing.



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Revision sessions are held weekly on Wednesdays after school in HB3 and Tuesday lunchtimes in HB2.

Revision resources are also available on the Year 11 Team.



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How can I support my child when preparing for their English Language and Literature GCSE?

Revision Resources:

English Language and Literature | Educational Resources | WJEC



<https://www.gcsepod.com/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpr639q>



BITESIZE



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GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy Double Award

Mrs N Bartle



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GCSE Double Award Mathematics and Numeracy Qualification

The new WJEC GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy (Double Award) replaces the previous separate Mathematics and Mathematics-Numeracy GCSEs. Students will now study one integrated course that is worth two GCSEs and will receive a double grade at the end of Year 11, for example AA, AA, CC, or GG

Assessment Structure

The qualification is assessed through three examination units:

Unit 1: Financial Mathematics and Other Applications of Numeracy (30%)

Unit 2: Non-Calculator Assessment (30%)

Unit 3: Calculator Allowed Assessment (40%)

All assessments are externally examined.



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Tiers of Entry

Foundation Tier

Available grades: **C to G**

Focuses on core mathematical skills and applications.

Higher Tier

Available grades: **A to D***

Includes more demanding mathematical content and problem-solving.

Students can be entered for different tiers across the three units if this best suits their strengths and progress.



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GCSE Plans for Year 11

Tuesday 3rd November

Year 11 WJEC Unit 1 Exam

Mock Year 11 Exams

2026

2027

Friday 18th September

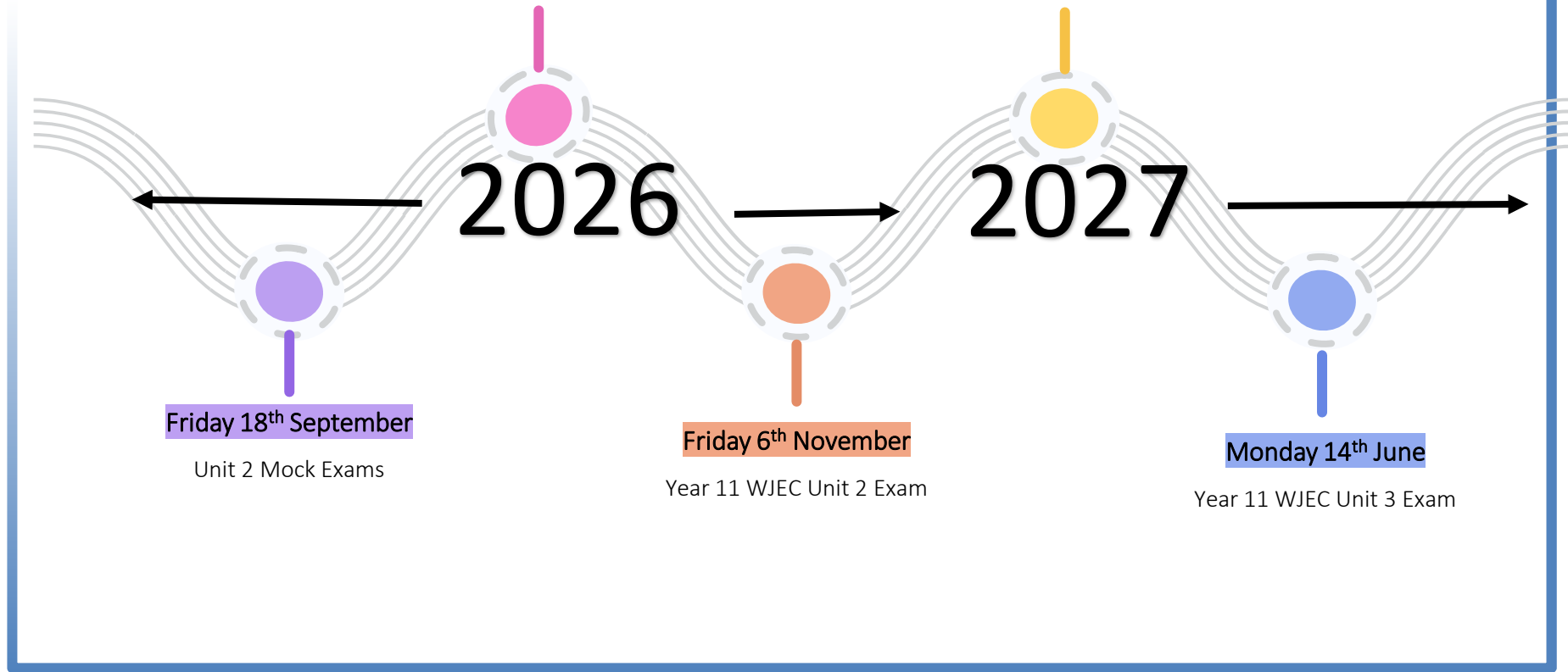
Unit 2 Mock Exams

Friday 6th November

Year 11 WJEC Unit 2 Exam

Monday 14th June

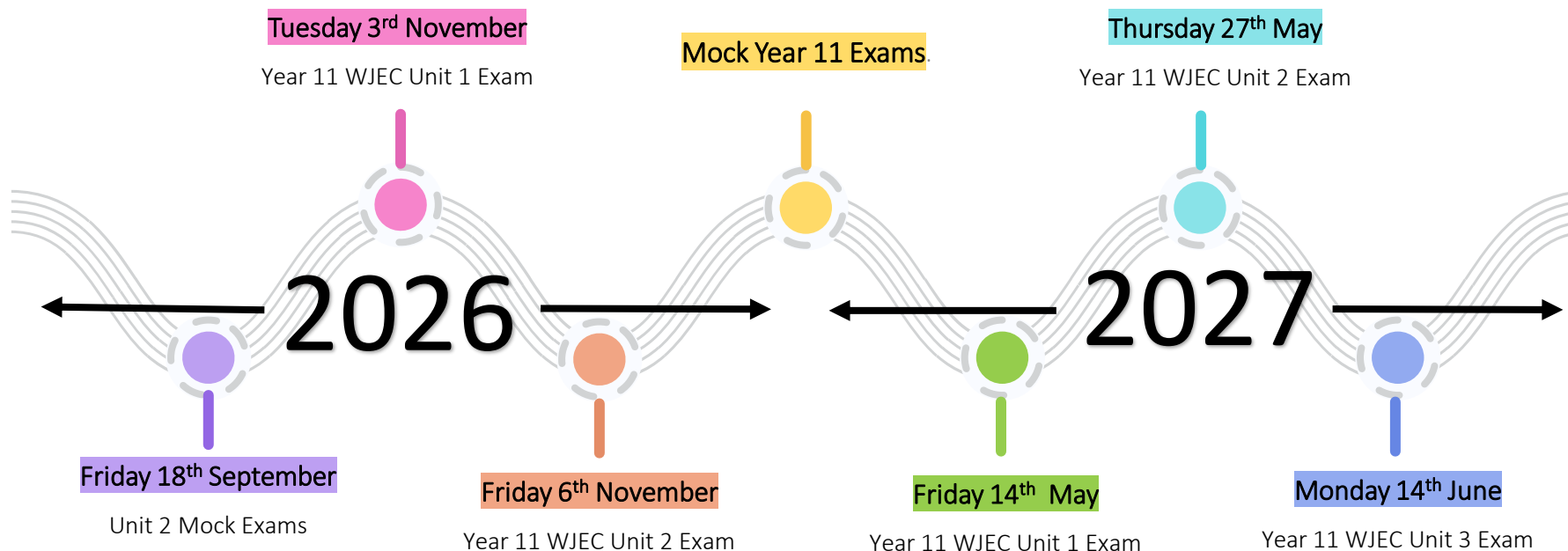
Year 11 WJEC Unit 3 Exam





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GCSE Plans for Year 11





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Additional Maths GCSE

Mr Johnson every Wednesday 3-5pm from 11th November.

Unit 1 — Algebra

Mandatory · 5322U1

- 50 minutes · 40 marks
- 33⅓% of the qualification
- NO calculator permitted
- Surds, indices, proof, quadratics, sequences and series

Unit 2 — Calculus

Mandatory · 5322U2

- 50 minutes · 40 marks
- 33⅓% of the qualification
- Calculator required
- Differentiation, stationary points, tangents, integration, area

Unit 4 — Statistics

Optional · 5322U4

- 50 minutes · 40 marks
- 33⅓% of the qualification
- Calculator required
- Probability, data representation, discrete distributions

- **Unit 1 (5322U10-1) ALGEBRA:** Tuesday, 15 June 2027 (Duration: 50 minutes)
- **Unit 2 (5322U20-1) CALCULUS:** Wednesday, 16 June 2027 (Duration: 50 minutes)
- **Unit 4 (5322U40-1) STATISTICS:** Thursday, 17 June 2027 (Duration: 50 minutes)



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How can parents support learning at home?

Parents can help by encouraging students to:

- ✓ Attend lessons regularly and engage fully in class.
- ✓ Complete 'practice papers' consistently.
- ✓ Complete Sparks homework consistently.
- ✓ Make use of revision resources provided by the school.
- ✓ Use the 5 week revision guide to help pupils plan their revision.



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Revision Resources : SPARX

Sparx Maths

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Teachers & Leaders

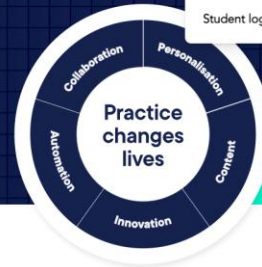
Sparx Curriculum **New!**

News & Updates

Register interest

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The power of Sparx
Maths for you and
your students



Teacher login

Student login

Sparx Maths



Compulsory



XP Boost



Target



Independent
Learning

Hey Liam,

This is your personalised Compulsory h

Introducing Sparx Maths

1. Personalisation

- All pupils are been given access to the Sparx Maths VLE. These are a series of lessons that can be used for homework and revision sessions.
- All homework questions should be answered along with the "Bookmark code" that is displayed on the screen for each question.
- In case of problems accessing the internet, staff will be available to supervise pupils after school. Please inform your child's maths teacher.



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SPARX Revision Guide

Foundation Revision Guide

Week 1

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Unit	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 1	Unit 2
Strand	Number	Algebra	Geometry	Probability	Number
Topic	Place Value & Rounding	Algebra Basics & Like Terms	Angle Basics	Bar Charts & Pie Charts	Negative Numbers
Sparx Codes	U600,U435,U480,U298,U731,U965	U613,U662,U179,U768,U105	U447,U730	U653,U506,U363,U557,U590,U193,U508,U172	U947,U742,U548

Week 2

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Unit	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2
Strand	Number	Algebra	Geometry	Probability	Number
Topic	Four Operations & BIDMAS	Substitution	Angles in Triangles & Quadrilaterals	Probability Basics	Fractions & FDP
Sparx Codes	U417,U478,U735,U127,U293,U453	U201,U585,U144	U628,U732,U329	U408,U803,U510,U714	U163,U704,U746,U736,U88

Week 3

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Unit	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2
Strand	Number	Algebra	Geometry	Probability	Number
Topic	Ratio & Proportion	Expressions & Single Brackets	Parallel Lines & Polygons	Sample Space Diagrams	Percentages
Sparx Codes	U687,U753,U176,U577,U921,U676,U721,U357	U179,U365	U826,U655,U427	U104	U773,U286,U278

Week 4

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Unit	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 1
Strand	Number	Algebra	Geometry	Probability	Number
Topic	HCF, LCM & Prime Factors	Forming & Solving Equations	Area & Perimeter	Relative Frequency	Exchange Rates & Money
Sparx Codes	U739,U250,U751,U529	U599,U755,U325,U870	U993,U424,U265,U343	U166	U610

Week 5

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Unit	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 1 & 2
Strand	Number	Algebra	Geometry	Probability	Mixed
Topic	Squares, Cubes & Roots	Coordinates, Graphs & Sequences	Circles, Volume & Prisms	Venn Diagrams & Review	Foundation Mock Review
Sparx Codes	U851,U985	U789,U741,U315,U498,U213,U680	U767,U604,U950,U786,U929,U174,U259	U476	Revisit weakest Sparx tasks



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Revision Resources : Corbett maths



Corbettmaths

Welcome Videos and Worksheets Primary 5-a-day ▾ More ▾ Revision Cards

Videos and Worksheets

Videos and Worksheets

Click here for answers

2D shapes: names [Video 1](#) [Practice Questions](#) [Textbook Exercise](#)

2D shapes: quadrilaterals [Video 2](#) [Practice Questions](#) [Textbook Exercise](#)



Examples



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2D Shapes

Video 1 on www.corbettmaths.com

Answers



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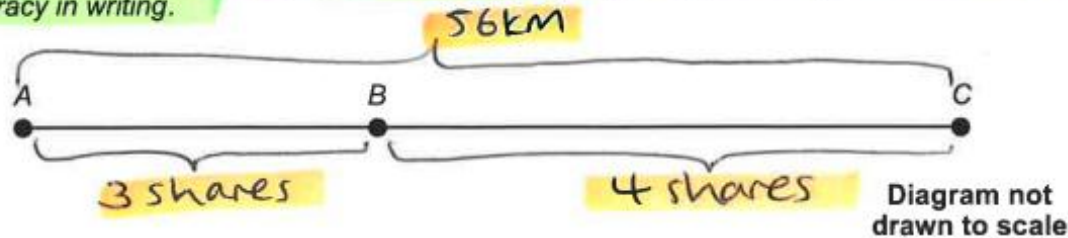
Before a test a list of topics to revise will be issued to pupils.



Revision Resources : Maths DIY

Must show full method

1. In this question, you will be assessed on the quality of your organisation, communication and accuracy in writing.



ABC is a straight road, where the ratio $AB : BC = 3 : 4$.
 $AC = 56\text{ km}$.

Calculate the length of BC.
Give your answer in **miles**.
You must show all your working.

[4 + 2 OCW]

$$\text{Total shares} = 3 + 4 = 7$$

$$1 \text{ share} = 56 \div 7 = 8$$

$$BC = 4 \text{ shares} = 8 \times 4 = \underline{32\text{ km}}$$

$$8\text{ km} \approx 5 \text{ miles}$$



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Our Expectations

Success in Mathematics and Numeracy comes from regular practice, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning. We encourage all students to seek help when needed, complete independent study regularly and take every opportunity to develop their confidence and problem-solving skills.

Teacher Support

If any pupil is struggling with the work, all the maths staff are available to support them at break time, lunchtime, or after school. The pupil just needs to have a chat with their teacher to arrange a time.

Any queries you can contact me via email

BARTLEN10@torfaenschools.wales

By working together, students, parents and school staff can help ensure that every learner achieves their full potential in these important qualifications.



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Science

Mr Jones



Science

The Course

- The majority of pupils have already sat their assessment for 45% of course in their Year 10 exams.
- The Practical exam element of all courses makes up 10% of the final grades for both the Separate Science and Double Award courses.
- This is slightly different for pupils sitting the Applied Science GCSE courses.
- This means that both the Separate Science and Double Award Classes will sit 3 exams in May / June, one for each of the Sciences and the Applied Science classes will be sitting 1 exam in May / June as well as a Task Based Assessment in class.
- For the Separate Scientists, each exam will give them a GCSE and for the Double Award and Applied Science pupils, the exams will be collated to give an overall double grade.



The Course

- All pupils who failed to gain a C grade in an exam at the end of Year 10 will automatically be entered to re-sit that exam in year 11.
 - Pupils who achieved at least a C grade, but wish to try and improve on their score will be given the opportunity after discussion with their science teachers.
 - For re-sits it's the best mark that counts towards the final grade.
- Two possible tiers of entry
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Higher Tier – Possible A* - E grade | |
| Foundation Tier – Possible C- G grade | |
- Pupils can sit different tiers for different individual exams.



Science

Tracking of Progress

- Pupils will have booklets for each topic containing the notes needed for that topic. This allows us to focus on application of the knowledge. These booklets will also contain a bank of past paper questions for both classwork and revision.
- End of unit test after every topic – Based on past paper questions and exam grading criteria
- A couple of times every half term – Teams or GCSE Pod set quizzes as homework – allow us to track understanding
- The more complete a picture, the better the prediction and the more focussed revision can be



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Science

For Success

In lessons

Listen and ask questions – Understanding in Science is built understanding gradually more and more complex ideas – if you miss out on the foundations, I will make the rest a lot harder – ASK QUESTIONS if you don't understand.

In Booklets

The Spec sheets at the start of a topic and the revision maps at the end are excellent resources for exam revision – make sure they're as complete and concise as possible.



Science

Past Paper Questions

Answer all past paper questions in class and in end of topic tests to the absolute best of your ability – These will be one of your most useful revision tools.

Equipment – Needed every lesson!

- CALCULATOR – needed every lesson. Doesn't have to be expensive, but does need to be scientific.
- Basic Pencil and Ruler – Can't properly draw graphs without – this is often up to 10% of a paper!

Learn from your mistakes

Make sure that all comments and corrections are acted upon – getting something wrong is ok now – so long as you learn from it and don't make the same mistake in the summer.



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Skills Challenge

Mrs Taylor



What does Skills Challenge look like?

There are three challenges that need to be completed to pass the Skills Challenge GCSE.

- Individual Project (Year 11) 50%
- Enterprise & Employability Challenge (Year 10 -completed) 25%
- Global Citizenship (Year 9 - Completed) 25%

This is equivalent to 1 GCSE and must be passed to achieve the Welsh Baccalaureate.





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INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

DEADLINES

First DRAFT = Friday 5th February 2027

FINAL VERSION = Friday 5th March 2027

- The project title is chosen by the pupil but must have a career focus.
- The title must be a question (so that they can carry out an investigation)
- They are required to do secondary and primary research.
- The primary research must include a survey, interviews are encouraged but not compulsory.
- The **EXPECTATION** is that it is worked on at home as well as in timetabled lessons. All work is on Google Classroom so can be logged into on any device with an internet connection.

The project is worth **50%** of the final grade.

Any questions please e-mail me on TaylorB139@torfaenschools.wales



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More Able & Talented

Mr Ball & Mrs Taylor



What does it mean to achieve at least 5 A*/A grades?

- Places you in the top 19.2% of learners in the whole of Wales.
- It will determine the further education course you take
- It is used as a predictor for A level results e.g. 5 A*/A grades could be predicted as CCD at A level while 10 A*/A grade could suggest AAA.



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What does it mean to achieve at least 5 A*/A grades?

- **Medicine** – competitive courses may ask for top GCSEs across the board for English, maths and science subjects.
- **Social work and teaching**
- **Nursing & Midwifery**



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How will we **support** you to get there?

- Subject masterclasses aimed at top grades
- Raising aspirations with external speakers
- Seren Academy
- Early entry for some GCSEs
- Additional qualifications