

Key Stage 4 - Supporting your Child

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Information for Parents and Guardians

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Especially when it is difficult.

100% all the time



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Standards at Key Stage 4 have continued to improve at KHS. Our pupils reflect the ethos of the school demonstrating high levels of engagement and motivation in their learning. The school continues to develop a positive learning culture -with consistently high quality teaching and learning, enabling pupils to make excellent progress.

During Key Stage 4, parents and carers will be kept up to date with their child's progress through interim reports, full reports and parents' evenings. Pupils will have many different assessments throughout Key Stage 4, including internal and external examinations and controlled assessment tasks. The school will keep parents/carers and pupils updated of any unforeseen alterations to the assessment process throughout the year.

This booklet aims to...

- Explain key dates and advice for parents and carers
- Outline sources of further support and information



What we do to support revision in school

- Pupils will be provided with advice regarding revision techniques by their subject teachers. They will also be provided with some revision materials, where appropriate, and directed to helpful resources.
- Subjects will provide additional revision sessions which pupils are encouraged to attend. These can take place at lunchtime, after school or even during the holidays. Subject teachers will make pupils aware when they are taking place.
- We provide additional revision support to certain pupils at risk of under achievement when necessary. This takes a variety of forms. Some pupils/classes may receive support during their lessons via an additional adult who may be a teacher or teaching assistant. Another form of support is when pupils are withdrawn from lessons to be taught by a teacher or a specialist teaching assistant in small groups.
- Prior to examinations the school will be planning to run Walking Talking Mocks (WTM). These will take place during the school day for all core subjects prior to exams.
- In addition to this, the Post 16 Resource Area in Upper School is available from Monday to Thursday for an hour after school to support pupils independent learning.



Assessment tasks, controlled assessments and examinations 2023-24

Subject	Year 10			Year 11		
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
English Language & English Literature	Welsh Poetry Non-Examination Assessment Poetry comparison on the theme of relationships (12.5%) <i>October 2023</i>	Shakespeare Non-Examination Assessment Macbeth On the theme of Change (12.5%) <i>March 2024</i>	English Literature Unit 1 Exam Of Mice and Men & Unseen Poetry (not all pupils) (35%) <i>Monday 13 May 2024</i>	English Language Unit 1 Group Discussion – Speaking and Listening Assessment (10%) <i>Week beginning 20 November 2023</i>	English Language Unit 2 internal mock exam <i>An Inspector Calls</i> (40%) <i>February 2023</i>	English Language WTM units 2 and 3 May 2024
		English Literature Unit 1 internal mock exam Of Mice and Men & Unseen Poetry (not all pupils) (35%) <i>April 2024</i>	English Language Unit 1 Individual Presentation - Speaking and Listening Assessment (10%) <i>Week beginning 1 July 2023</i>	English Language Unit 3 internal mock exam <i>December 2023</i>	English Language Unit 2 internal mock exam (40%) <i>April 2024</i>	English Language Unit 2 Exam Heroes <i>An Inspector Calls</i> (40%) Monday 20th May 2024 English Language Unit 2 Exam (40%) Thursday 23 May 2024

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Maths			Year 10 internal exam Year 10 2023-24 Some identified pupils have will Maths GCSE	Year 11 2023-24 Mathematics and numeracy internal exam November 2023. For identified pupils GCSE numeracy Unit 1 (non-calculator) Tuesday 7 November 2023 Unit 2 (Calculator) Thursday 9 November 2023 GCSE Maths Unit 1(non calculator) Monday 13 November 2023 Unit 2 (Calculator) Wednesday 15 November		GCSE Numeracy Unit 1 (non-calculator) Unit 2 (Calculator) GCSE Maths Unit 1 (non-calculator) Unit 2 (calculator) For identified pupils Additional Maths
Science			Unit 1 Biology Unit 2 Chemistry Unit 3 Physics	Applied science task based exam	Practical examinations	Unit 4 Biology Unit 5 Chemistry Unit 6 Physics
Skills Challenge Certificate (WBQ)	Global Citizenship Challenge (15%)	Individual Project (50%)		Enterprise and Employability Challenge (25%) Completion of all coursework		

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Art	Coursework Deadline Unit 1 Researching and Planning, Design and making	Coursework Deadline Unit 1 Researching and Planning, Design and making	Coursework Deadline Unit 1 Researching and Planning, Design and making	Coursework Deadline Unit 1 Researching and Planning, Design and making	Unit 2 Researching and Planning, Design and making in prep for 10 hour exam April 2023	
ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness Level 1/2	Completion of Coursework Developing Performance	Completion of coursework Problem Solving	Completion of coursework Working with others	Completion of coursework Individual Research Project		
BTEC Business	Introduction to Business assignment 1A - What makes a business successful?	Assignment 1B – Market Research	Assignment 1C - The Marketing Mix	Unit 2 Business Finance Section B - Cashflow & Budgeting, Section C - Profit & Loss, Section D - Balance Sheet Unit 2 Finance on- screen exam – November Assignment 4A – Exploring Brand Marketing	Assignment 4B – Creating a Brand Assignment 3A - External Factors and Trends	Assignment 3B and 3C – Planning a Business Idea

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D&T WJEC Engineering Level 1/2	Unit 1: Producing Engineered Products Internal Practical Assessment 48 Guided Learning Hours (40%) Completed by March 22nd 2024			Unit 2: Designing Engineered Products Internal Practical Assessment 24 Guided Learning Hours (20%) Completed by December 22nd 2023	Unit 3: Solving Engineered Problems External Examination (40%) Exam: June 2024	
D&T WJEC Construction for the Built Environment Level 1/2	Unit 2: Practical Construction Skills Internal Practical Assessment 60 Guided Learning Hours (50%) Completed by June 2024		Unit 1: Safety and Security in construction External Examination (25%) Exam: June 2024	Unit 3: Planning Construction Projects Internal Assessment 30 Guided Learning Hours (25%) Completed by December 2024	Unit 1: Safety and Security in construction External Examination Resit (25%) Exam: June 2025	
D&T Food & Nutrition				Unit 2 Non Exam Assessment Task 25 Hours Assessment 1 – Food Investigation (20%) Assessment 2 – Food Preparation (40%)		Unit 1 Written Exam 1 Hour 30 Minutes (40%) Principles of Food & Nutrition

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D&T Product Design				Unit 2 Non Exam Assessment Task 35 Hours (50%) (100 Marks) Design and Make Task Deadline: 12th April 2024		Unit 1 Written Exam 2 Hours (50%) (100 Marks) To be sat May 2024
GCSE Digital Technology (WJEC)				Unit 2: Digital Practices Non Exam Assessment (NEA) (40%) Unit 3: Communicating in the digital world Non Exam Assessment (NEA) (20%)		Unit 1: The Online World online exam is assessed through an on screen external examination (40%)
Drama			Begin work on Unit 1: Devising Theatre (40%) Performance	Unit 1: Devising Theatre (40%) Performance Controlled Assessment (Evaluation)	Unit 2: Performing Theatre (20% practical)	Unit 3: Interpreting Theatre (40% exam)

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Equality and Diversity (NCFE)			Coursework deadline 2-3 units Units tbc		All coursework to completed by Easter holidays (3 units)	
Geography				Unit 3 (Fieldwork Exam)		Unit 1 examination Unit 2 examination
GCSE Health & Social Care and Childcare (HSCCC)			Unit 1 -Human Growth and development and wellbeing Exam May 2024	Unit 2 -Promoting and maintaining health and wellbeing Coursework 1	Unit 2 -Promoting and maintaining health and wellbeing Coursework 2	Possible resit unit 1 exam

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History	Unit 3 – Changes in Crime & Punishment c1500 to present day: 30% of qualification - 1 hour 15-minute walking talking mock (completed in class)		Unit 1 – Depression war and recovery: 25% of qualification – 1 hour walking talking mock (completed in class)	Unit 4 – Controlled assessment Two assignments set by the WJEC completed in class 20% of qualification – marked internally		Unit 2 - The USA: A Nation of Contrasts 1910-1929 : 25% of qualification – 1 hour walking talking mock (completed in class) Formal external exams for Unit 1, 2 and 3
ICT BTEC Level 1/2	The Online World External examination (Duration - 1 hour online) 25% Digital Graphics. Internal assessment		Digital Graphics Internal 25%	Digital Animation - Internal exam 25% Digital Portfolio - Internal exam 25%		

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MFL French, German and Spanish			Reading exam Listening exam Writing exam Speaking exam	Mock reading Mock listening Mock writing Mock oral	French GCSE Unit 1 Oral Examination to take place between 23rd March – 8th May 25% of final grade	Reading paper Listening paper Writing paper
Music	Performance assessment internal exam between October half term and Christmas Composition 1 (for submission at the end of year 10) begins in November	Performance assessment internal exam between March and May Completed first draft composition 1	Performance assessment in June internal exam and first draft of programme note completed. Deadline for Composition 1 - end of June Summer internal exam on all of year 10 work	Performance assessment internal exam in October. 2 nd draft of programme notes to be completed Composition 2 set	Final performance recordings between March and May. Programme notes (final) to be submitted Composition 1 and 2 submitted to examiners before Easter. Internal examination	Final examination (appraising)

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GCSE Physical Education	Unit 1 – Health, training and exercise Personal Survival	Personal Fitness Programme Badminton	Unit 2 – Exercise physiology Rounders	Unit 3 – Movement analysis Team Games Collection of off-site activity marks and video evidence	Unit 4 – Psychology of sport and physical activity Unit 5 – Socio-cultural issues in sport and physical activity Preparation for Practical Moderation	Examination Preparation
Public Services BTEC Level 1/2	Assignment 5A The Effect of Nutrition and Lifestyle Factors on Health & Fitness Unit 1 Section A Exploring the Public Services and their Work	Assignment 5B Exploring the Health & Fitness Requirements of Different Public Services Unit 1 Section B Understand How Public Services are Delivered	Assignment 5C Taking Part in Public Services Fitness Tests Unit 1 Revision and Exam Preparation Unit 1 Exam May	Assignment 3A Understand Employment Roles and Conditions of Service in the Public Services Assignment 3B Explore Employment in the Public Sector	Unit 1 Exam Resit Jan Assignment 2B Demonstrate Working Skills in the Public Service Sector Assignment 2A Explore Working Skills in the Public Service Sector	All Coursework to be completed Unit 1 Exam Resit May

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GCSE Religious Studies Full Course	December series-internal exam of work completed so far	Internal exam-Christianity and Hinduism	Internal exam-Theme 1 and 2	December series-Internal exam of work completed so far		Unit 1 examination 2 hours (50%) Core Christianity 1 Core Hinduism 1 Issue of life & death Issues of Good & evil Unit 2 examination 2 hours (50%) Core Christianity 2 Core Hinduism 2 Issues of relationships Issues of Human Rights
Sociology	End of term assessment – internal exam	Internal assessment	Final revision focus for lessons end of year 10 Internal assessments	Transition classroom based assessments	3 timed writing assessments	Unit 1 examination Unit 2 examination

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Sport BTEC Level 1/2	Unit 3 – Technical Skills and Tactical awareness for sport Coursework Assignment	Unit 1 – Planning and Leading Sports Activities Coursework Assignment	Unit 8 – Planning and Running a Sports Event Coursework Assignment	Unit 3 – Applying the Principles of Personal Training Coursework Assignment	Unit 2 – Practical Performance in Sport Coursework Assignment	Unit 1 -Resit opportunity Unit 2 and 3 improvement
Welsh Second Language			Unit 1 Oral Examination W/B 15th April 2024 All pupils in year 10 will sit this examination. Group response to visual stimulus. Listening 15% Speaking 10% 25% Overall 50 Marks		Unit 2 Oral Examination Date to be confirmed Group response to visual stimulus. Speaking 15% Listening 10% 25% Overall 50 Marks	Unit 3 Reading and Writing Examination Reading 15% Writing 10% 25% Overall 100 Marks Unit 4 Reading and Writing examination Reading 10% Writing 15% 25% Overall 100 Marks
Welsh second language AS	Mock language exam Mock oral exam Unit 2 NEA deadline 60 marks	Unit 2 oral exam Pupils work in groups to discuss a previously seen film in detail and discuss the work produced for unit 2 60 marks	Unit 3 language and poetry written exam 120 marks	Mock language exam Mock oral exam	Unit 4 oral exam Pupils work in groups to discuss the play Crash which is studied in class 60 marks	Unit 5 translanguaging and Welsh in society Unit 6 language and short stories exam

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Publications and Websites

Subject	Publication / Website
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WJEC Website GCSE English Language WJEC resources • Blended Learning – interactive revision resources of key reading and writing exam paper skills GCSE English Language Blended learning • WJEC GCSE Past papers GCSE English Language past papers • BBC Bitesize GCSE English Language Bitesize • University of Bristol - http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/exercises/grammar/grammar_tutorial/index.htm • Google Scholar and Google Books • http://www.revisioncentre.co.uk/gcse/english/ • http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ - great for revising the writing part of the Unit 02 exam. Look at the grammar, spelling, punctuation and writing articles areas of the website. • http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english.html - has good sections on writing to describe and writing to persuade, argue and advise. Don't worry about the other sections. • englishplus.com - site on English grammar; try the grammar slammer to help pupils gain full marks on the spelling/punctuation and sentence structure marking criteria. • WJEC Website GCSE English Literature resources - ko-wjec-of-mice-and-men.pdf , ko-wjec-unseen-poetry.pdf • Resource WJEC Educational Resources Website
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corbettmaths - https://corbettmaths.com • Mathswatch - this is to be started in September up to date link will be sent out. • BBC Bitesize - http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z6pfb9q • Mr Barton maths - http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/ • PiXL MathsApp

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Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KHS science revision website - www.tinyurl.com/sciencepassgcse • Bangor University GCSE revision guides - https://www.bangor.ac.uk/ccm/gcserevision.php.en • GCSE Bitesize - http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv • Educake and Google classroom • WJEC past papers and mark schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualification ◦ resources.html?subject=Science&level=GCSE&pastpaper=true • WJEC KS4 Science resources - http://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subid=27&lvlid=2
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://sarahgraham.info/ • https://www.paul-cezanne.org/ • http://lichtensteinfoundation.org/ • http://www.theartstory.org/artist-warhol-andy.htm • http://joelpenkman.com/ • http://www.hollylevell.com/ • https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/138626494756767129/?lp=true
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zpsvr82 • Tutor2u https://www.tutor2u.net/business/topics • BusinessEd https://www.businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/gcse/edexcel-gcsetheory • BeeBusinessBee - You Tube - BTEC First Award in Business Playlist https://www.youtube.com/user/beebusinessbee/playlists
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs • Book: ISBN 9781908682888 'WJEC/Eduqas GCSE DRAMA - Garry Nicholas
D&T Product Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/design-and-technology/ There are links to recommended websites and publications identified on these pages.
D&T Food & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/food-and-nutrition/ There are links to recommended websites and publications identified on these pages.

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D&T BTEC Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/engineering-2012-nqf.html There are links to recommended websites and publications identified on these pages.
Digital Technology (GCSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.wjec.co.uk/ • Unit 1: The Online World - https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rld=5041 • Unit 2: Digital Practices and Unit 3: Communicating in the digital world. Video resources for GCSE Digital Technology. These are intended to show the basic skills required for completing the NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) units for the GCSE Digital Technology qualification. They are intended for use by teachers but may be useful for candidates too. https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rld=4876
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs • Book: ISBN 9781908682888 'WJEC/Eduqas GCSE DRAMA - Garry Nicholas
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/www.edmodo.com • Revision Guide - My Revision Notes: WJEC GCSE Geography. ISBN 9781471887406
ICT BTEC Level 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/information-and-creative-technology-2012-nqf.html <p>Websites for Unit 4 – Creating an Animation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Own-Animation - Step-by-step help on how to make your own animation. <p>Websites for Unit 3 – Creating a digital Portfolio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.wix.com – Use this online free resource to create websites • w3.org - A website providing protocols and guidelines for web development. • w3schools.com - Tutorials on how to make your own website. • wikihow.com/Make-a-Website - Step-by-step help on how to make your own website.

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MFL	<p><u>Exam boards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/past-papers - 2012-2014 French/German/Spanish Listening and Reading papers but no audio. • https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/assessment-resources - AQA GCSE French/German/Spanish Past Papers with the audio (the topics are very similar to WJEC) 01- Listening 02 – Reading. • https://resources.wjec.co.uk - Educational resources including a summary of each GCSE subtheme in French/ German/ Spanish. <p><u>Other websites</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize - French/German/Spanish Excellent website provided by the BBC, organized by skill (e.g. Reading or Listening) and then by topic. • https://www.senecalearning.com/ - Vocabulary and grammar tasks on all of the GCSE themes. Ask your languages teacher which course to sign up to. • http://zut.languageskills.co.uk/intermediate/year10.html - French/German/Spanish GCSE revision practice available after 4pm for free. • http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ - French/German/Spanish : grammar, topics and vocabulary practice. • https://quizlet.com/en-gb/content/gcse French/German/Spanish vocabulary revision - just type in the topic you need to revise for a variety of games. • Don't forget to speak to your class teacher to make sure you have your own login details for https://uk.language-gym.com/ and https://www.sentencebuilders.com/
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WJEC Website http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/physical-education/r-gcse-physical-education-from-2016/wjec-gcse-physical-education-spec-from-2016-e.pdf?language_id=1

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Religious Studies	<p>Books New Specification (Year 10 pupils)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In house text book available on Edmodo / books • WJEC Religious Studies Unit 1 Religion and Philosophical themes –Hodder education (be aware this does not cover Hinduism) <p>Books New Specification (Year 11 pupils)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In house notes/ booklets also available on Edmodo • WJEC Religious Studies Unit 2 Religion and Ethical themes- Hodder education (be aware this does not cover Hinduism) <p>Teacher revision and lesson resources notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available on Edmodo • https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z3xvfcw (Christianity and Hinduism)
Skills Challenge Certificate (WBQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBQ bitesize - http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z9wtgdm • Pupil Handbook – WJEC website - https://www.wjec.co.uk/umbraco/surface/blobstorage/download?nodeId=26003
Welsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WJEC Website - http://resources.wjec.co.uk (Select Welsh Second Language: KS4) • Revision book: available to purchase from the welsh department • Apps: Duolingo, Saysomething in Welsh, HWB, Apgeiriaduron (dictionary), www.clwb.org • BBC bitesize: Welsh Second language GCSE

Pupil Progress and Reporting

Year 10		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<p>Thursday 23 November Personal Development Session 1.</p> <p>21 December interim report issued.</p>	<p>Thursday 8 February Personal Development Session 2.</p> <p>Thursday 14 March full school report issued.</p> <p>GCSE Welsh Orals - Unit 1 Date to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Thursday 16 March Parents' Evening</p> <p>External National GCSE examinations commence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English Literature ✓ Science <p>For a few pupils we may enter for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English Language, ✓ Maths and Numeracy GCSE examinations. <p>Thursday 20 June Personal Development Session 3.</p>

Year 11		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<p>Wednesday 17 October Introduction to Post 16.</p> <p>Tuesday 8 November and Thursday 10 November External National GCSE examinations –Numeracy.</p> <p>Thursday 23 November Personal Development Session 1.</p> <p>Thursday 9 November Year 11 taster day.</p> <p>Internal English Language examinations - Dates to be confirmed.</p> <p>Other internal examinations commence Monday 27 November to Monday December 11.</p> <p>Thursday 7 December full school report issued.</p>	<p>11 Jan Mock examination results</p> <p>18 Jan Parents' Evening</p> <p>Thursday 8 February Personal Development Session 2.</p> <p>21 March interim report issued</p> <p>Oral and practical examinations including Welsh orals Unit 2 – Dates to be confirmed.</p>	<p>External National GCSE examinations commence.</p>

There is only one tier of entry for English Language – everyone does the same exam.

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- Research a theme and give a presentation to the class;
- The presentation should last between 5 – 7 minutes including questions;
- Themes:
 - Wales
 - Leisure
 - The World of Work
 - The World of Science/Technology
 - Citizenship

Task 2 (10%) – Responding and Interacting

- One group discussion based on the pre-published resources.
- The discussion should last for about 10 minutes per group

Both tasks will be recorded by your son / daughter's teacher.

Half of the marks available will be awarded for **spoken accuracy**.

Pupils have **one week** to prepare the presentation and **one week** to prepare for the discussion.

How you can help your child with oracy

- Make sure you know the dates for the two tasks.
- Help them to research and find additional resources on the set themes / topics.
- Listen to your son / daughter as they rehearse their presentation.
- Go through the suggested questions to help your son / daughter develop ideas on the themes.
- Look at BBC bitesize with them (Spoken Language section for Wales):
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z3ydv4j/revision>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z8ydv4j/revision>
- Make sure that they can back up their opinions with a wide range of evidence

Unit 2 Exam 40% 2 hours Reading and Writing Description, Narration and Exposition

Section A (20%) – Reading (40 marks) (1 Hour)

- Answer questions on different extracts;
- There will be at least five texts;
- This section will also include an editing task focusing on understanding short texts (2.5% of qualification total).

Section B (20%) – Writing (40 marks) (1 Hour)

- One writing task from a choice of three: description (describe a moment in time or a travelogue), narration (story) or exposition (discursive essay);
- This section will also include one proofreading task focusing on writing accurately (2.5% of qualification total);
- 20 marks for this section will be awarded for content (meaning, purpose, readers and structure) and 15 marks for writing accurately (language, grammar, punctuation and spelling).

Unit 3 Exam 40% 2 hours Reading and Writing Argumentation, Persuasion and Instruction

Section A (20%) Reading (1 Hour)

- Answer questions on different extracts;
- There will be at least five texts.

Section B (20%) Writing (1 Hour)

- Two writing tasks (Letter/article/speech/review etc.)
- No choice;
- Linked thematically to Section A;
- 10 + 10 for each task;
- Half of the marks for this section will be awarded for content (meaning, purpose, readers and structure) and the other half for writing accurately (language, grammar, punctuation and spelling).

Accuracy

Half of the marks for the oracy and the writing sections are for accuracy;

Pupils must be able to write in full sentences and spell words correctly;

They must be able to shape sentences for effect.

How can you support this?

- Proof reading activities;
- Editing tasks;
- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences.

Support we offer

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As a department we are keen to provide as much support as we can to pupils. Staff provide revision sessions at lunchtime and after school closer to exam periods. These will be updated regularly and posted on the English office door and near form rooms. We also record revision sessions on key exam skills, which can be accessed by pupils at any time on Google classroom. We use the school's In Touch system to regularly send out information to parents. Please ensure that the school has a current valid email address so that we can contact you in this way.

Pupils say they can't revise for English ... they can!

Encourage your child to read. This does not have to be novels but could be articles about things in which they are interested:

- Newspapers;
- On-line/Articles;

How can you help with revision?

Ask questions about their reading of newspaper and magazine articles:

- What does [this word] mean?
- What is the article about?
- Who is the audience and how do you know?
- What is the attitude of the writer to the topic and how do you know?
- Does the article show bias? How?
- What is the purpose of the article?

What does revision look like?

- Pupils might make revision 'how to videos' on specific question types (Explain Everything, Snitch);
- Record success criteria / writing layout on a mobile phone / tablet and play back when doing something else;
- Peer tutoring work with a partner and teach them the success criteria for different question types;
- Complete practice papers / questions - electronic and paper form
- BBC Bitesize;
- Completion of proof reading tasks;
- Short burst tasks making use of provided GCSE Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar books (CGP) and other commercially available revision guides;
- Examine modelled answers for D/C and A/A* grades;
- Summarise success criteria for various reading questions;
- Summarise formats for different types of writing;
- Highlight key facts from articles;
- Learn key words or phrases for responses.
- Use spider diagrams, mind maps or make revision cards;
- Use mnemonics to remember information.



Mathematics

Qualification information

Your child will take two mathematics qualifications. These are GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy.



The examination board is WJEC.

Each qualification has two examinations, one is taken without a calculator and a calculator is allowed for the other. For the two qualifications, pupils will take four examinations in total.

There is no coursework and no controlled assessment.

There are three tiers of entry. These grades available for each tier are shown below.

Higher	A*	A	B	C				
Intermediate			B	C	D	E		
Foundation					D	E	F	G

We may enter different qualifications at different tiers e.g. higher for mathematics, intermediate for mathematics-numeracy. Your child will know their tier of entry.

Support we offer

As a department we are keen to provide as much support as we can to pupils. Staff provide after school revision sessions and a timetable detailing when these are available is earlier in this document.

Some of the maths department have twitter accounts, which can be followed at @KHSMrsCMaths @KHSMrsCTMaths, @KHSMrsT, which tweet general revision tips and occasional questions. In addition, we use the school's In Touch system to regularly send out information to parents. Please ensure that the school has a current valid email address so that we contact you in this way.

What you can do to help your child?

Helping your child take a positive approach to mathematics will be beneficial. In the UK many people lack confidence in this key subject but being negative and making statements such as "I don't like maths" or "I was never any good at maths" makes it difficult for children to understand why they need to learn the subject.

In addition to the general revision advice provided you can also encourage your child to:

- Spend time on their mathematics homework ensuring they complete and understand the tasks set;

- Seek support when necessary. If they are struggling in class or with homework they should ask their maths teacher for help. If homework is proving challenging they should see their teacher before it is due to be handed in, if possible;
- Come well equipped to their mathematics lessons and tests. They will need a pen, pencil, ruler, a pair of compasses, an angle measurer or protractor and a scientific calculator. We recommend the Casio Scientific calculators that are available to buy in school or most supermarkets as the screen allows the user to see the entire calculation entry, thus reducing the chance of errors;
- Pay attention to and act on the advice of their teacher's feedback. Feedback may be verbal or written. If they have missed work or not completed tasks this will be identified in their exercise books and should be completed as soon as possible. They should always try to correct any incorrect work and ensure they understand where they have gone wrong.

Sources of further support

Revision Guides

It is not essential to buy a revision guide but some pupils find them helpful. Hodder Education produce the only revision guide associated with the WJEC qualifications your child is sitting and these are available in shops or online. If you have mathematics revision guides already that you have purchased for older children these will still be useful but be wary that there are now different tiers and additional content on the GCSE so these should be used in conjunction with the revision list for the correct tier.



Science GCSE

Qualification information

There are two main pathways that pupil can follow in studying GCSE Science.



Triple Science

If your child is sitting triple science, they will sit three examination courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Each course has three elements of assessment.

Assessment	% of overall examination	Year in which assessment takes place
Unit 1 Exam	45%	Year 10 (June)
Unit 2 Exam	45%	Year 11 (June)
Unit 3 (Practical exam)	10%	Cancelled by exam board

- The examination board is WJEC;
- Calculators are allowed in all examinations;
- For each series:
 - weighting for the assessment of practical skills will be a minimum of 15%.
 - Weighting for the assessment of mathematical skills will be a minimum of 20%
- There are two tiers of entry. These grades available for each tier are shown below;

Higher	A*	A	B	C				
Foundation				C	D	E	F	G



Double science

If your child is sitting Double Award Science they will attain two GCSEs at the end of Year 11 through a mixture of Chemistry, Biology and Physics assessment.

Assessment	% of overall examination	Year in which assessment takes place
Unit 1 Biology	15%	Year 10 (June)
Unit 2 Chemistry	15%	Year 10 (June)
Unit 3 Physics	15%	Year 10 (June)
Unit 4 Biology	15%	Year 11 (June)
Unit 5 Chemistry	15%	Year 11 (June)
Unit 6 Physics	15%	Year 11 (June)
Unit 7 Practical exam	10%	Year 11 (January)

- The examination board is WJEC;
- Calculators are allowed in all examinations;

Higher	A*	A	B	C	D			
Foundation				C	D	E	F	G

Support we offer

As a science faculty we offer a range of lunchtime and after school sessions which help pupils improve their knowledge, understanding and exam technique. We provide digital materials for home learning which include revision material, past paper questions and model answers. These are given in bite size chunks to pupils prior to internal tests so that pupils can prepare thoroughly for internal tests. Mr Hebert-Jones runs extra tutorial sessions for pupils identified in needing further help and support during registration. Resources for independent learning and revision can be found on Google classroom and Educake platforms. If pupils are absent then work can be accessed through these sites.

What you can do to help your child?

- Provide a structure and routine for your child to enable their independent learning. Pupils must produce revision notes throughout the year, which should be short summaries of key words and key concepts. These could be done weekly at a regular time;
- Science homework are usually past paper questions requiring concise responses. Often pupils need help in summarising their answers and including all key words;
- Provide written feedback in your child's books of concerns regarding their learning and understanding;

- Ensure that your child is well equipped for the lesson. Most science lessons require access to a calculator, 30cm ruler, pen, pencil and glue;
- Read the feedback provided by the classroom teacher. This will provide information for targeted support;
- Check that your child has copied up any missing work as a result of absences;
- Practice past paper questions. These are available on the WJEC website as are the answers. Those pupils who regularly do this soon realise they are only a finite number of questions that can be asked and this produces confidence and improvements in exam technique;
- Mathematics and interpretations of patterns in graphs form a large proportion of the marks available in the exams. Focused practice and support here could gain valuable marks.



Key Contacts

We welcome contact from parents/guardian when you have any questions or issues you need to discuss. For subject specific matters we ask that you contact your child's teacher through your child in the first instance, where possible, before contacting the KS4 Leaders.

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