

# Making a difference

Key Stage 4 Learning Evening  
Supporting Your Child with their exams



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LIST



	Year 11		Year 11
Autumn Term 1  2024	Y11 Data Entry 1 – reports given to students and parents during this half term Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November – Y11 Face to Face Parents’ Evening 4.15 to 8.00pm Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> or Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 1 day Geog rivers fieldwork visit day	Spring Term 2  2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Art 2 day practical exam – real one  Y11 drama performance day date tbc by exam board
Autumn Term 2  2024	Y11 Btec C/work write up either 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> or 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> Nov WB 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec and WB 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Y11 Mocks in all subjects sat in main hall and sports hall Art Mock Practical 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Summer Term 1  2025	29th April – 1st May – MFL orals  May 2023 – Real External Exams begin 6 <sup>th</sup> May until Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June with the GCSE exam contingency day is Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Spring Term 1  2025	27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Jan MFL Mock Orals 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> or 7 <sup>th</sup> March GCSE Food Practical (real one) 10 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Y11 for all subjects in class assessments – important preparation for real exams Y11 Data Entry 2 – reports February	Summer Term 2  2025	GCSE Results Day Thursday 21st August 2025



	Year 10		Year 10
Autumn Term 1	Year 10 students start their new option subjects December – Y10 Data Entry 1 – report will come out	Spring Term 2	
Autumn Term 2	Continue with core and new option subject work	Summer Term 1	Y10 Work Experience – 12 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May End of May - Year 10 Data Entry 2 report will come out for parents and students
Spring Term 1	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y10 Parents’ Evening – Face to Face in school Y10 Btec C/work write up/ Btec construction practical either 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> Feb or 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Feb (or 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> March Btec Construction)	Summer Term 2	Y10 Core Subject Mocks in Main Hall/Sports Hall/Access will be confirmed when we have GCSE exam timetable but likely to be 12 <sup>th</sup> June and 16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Y10 in class assessments for option subjects 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July – Y10 food practical (1 day) 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> July – Y10 MFL mock orals and mock food practical (1 slot)



# Reports – ATL and HW and CW scores

<b>ATL 5-1</b>	<b>Attitude to learning – 5 being excellent and showing independence in work and 4 being good with 3 having developments needed to 1 being real cause for concern</b>
HW 5-1	Homework – 5 where deadlines consistently met and excellent standard showing independence
CW 5-1	Coursework – they are given a 5-1 grading with 5 being excellent down to 1 being incomplete and not at the standard it should be
WAG	Working At Grade – what their data is currently showing them to be achieving
CEG	Current Expected Grade – if they keep working as they are and continue to progress this is the grade we believe they are capable of getting at end of course
TARGET	This is created based on your child’s KS2 SATs scaled score (for Y10 and Y11 CATs) score as no SATs

# The Grange School Y11 Exam Boards



EXAM BOARD	SUBJECT	CODE	EXAM BOARD	SUBJECT	CODE
EDEXCEL	Art & Design	1AD0 <b>QAN: 601/8069/9</b>	AQA	Geography	8035 <b>QAN: 601/8410/3</b>
EDUQAS	Business Studies	C510QS <b>QAN: 603/0305/0</b>	AQA	History	8145 <b>QAN: 601/8092/4</b>
EDEXCEL	Computer Science	1CP2 <b>QAN: 601/8058/4</b>	EDEXCEL	Maths	1MA1 <b>QAN: 601/4700/3</b>
AQA	D&T: Food Tech	8585 <b>QAN: 601/8421/8</b>	EDUQAS	Music	C660QS <b>QAN: 601/8131/X</b>
AQA	Design & Technology	8552 <b>QAN: 603/0984/2</b>	OCR	Physical Education	J587 <b>QAN: 601/8442/5</b>
EDEXCEL	Drama	1DR0 <b>QAN: 601/8491/7</b>	OCR	Religious Studies	J625AA <b>QAN: 601/8594/6</b>
AQA	English Language	8700 <b>QAN: 601/4292/3</b>	AQA	Science Trilogy	8464 <b>QAN: 601/8758/X</b>
AQA	English Literature	8702 <b>QAN: 601/4447/6</b>	EDEXCEL	Spanish	1SP0 <b>QAN: 601/8710/4</b>
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# Y11 BTEC

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EDEXCEL	BTEC NEW Tech Award in Construction	RCB3 <b>QAN: 603/7051/8</b>
EDEXCEL	BTEC NEW Tech Award in Digital Information Technology	RIT3 <b>QAN: 603/7050/6</b>
EDEXCEL	BTEC NEW Tech Award in Enterprise	REN3 <b>QAN: 603/7063/4</b>
EDEXCEL	BTEC NEW Tech Award in Health & Social Care	RHS3 <b>QAN: 60/7047/6</b>
EDEXCEL	BTEC NEW Tech Award in Sports	RSP3 <b>QAN: 603/7068/3</b>

# The Grange School Y10 Exam Boards



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In English, students will do two GCSEs:  
English Language and English Literature.

Exam board for both the English  
qualifications is AQA.

English GCSE is 100% exam.

Students no longer do coursework or  
controlled assessment in English.

Spoken Language is the endorsed spoken  
exam. This is conducted in classrooms with  
English teachers. This is submitted to the  
exam board in the form of audio-visual  
recordings.

**AQA GCSE English  
Language 8700  
AQA GCSE English  
Literature 8702**

# AQA GCSE English Language

**Paper 1**

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

**Section A: Reading**

one literature fiction text

**Section B: Writing**

descriptive or narrative writing

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
80 marks  
50% of GCSE

**Paper 2**

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

**Section A: Reading**

one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

**Section B: Writing**

writing to present a viewpoint

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
80 marks  
50% of GCSE

**Non-examination Assessment**

Spoken Language

Presenting

Responding to questions and feedback

Use of Standard English

Set and marked by teachers



AQA GCSE  
English  
Literature

**Paper 1**

Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Shakespeare play

The 19<sup>th</sup> century novel: A Christmas Carol

written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks

40% of GCSE

**Paper 2**

Modern texts and poetry

Modern play: An Inspector Calls

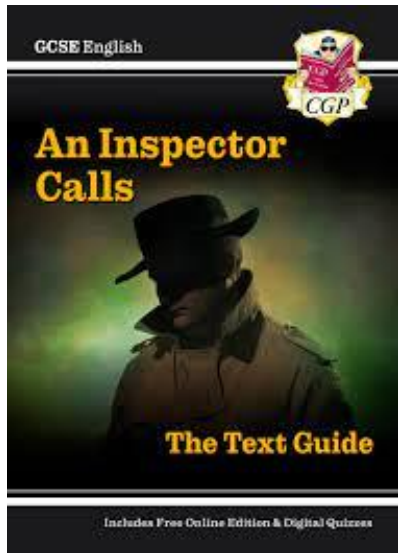
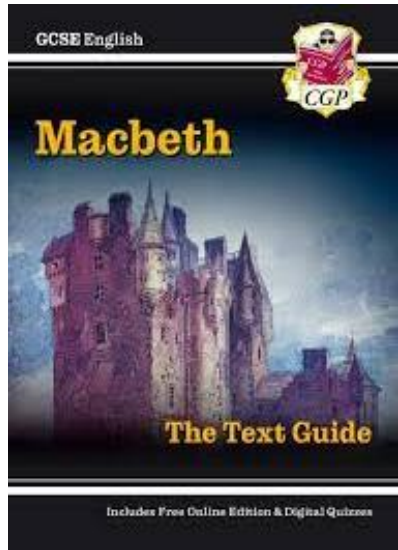
The poetry anthology

Unseen poetry

written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes

96 marks

60% of GCSE



Collins  
English  
Dictionary  
& Thesaurus

FOUNDED BY DICTIONARY PUBLISHERS

# Guidebooks for exam practice for English

# Online resource: GCSE English Mr Bruff





Purchase the recommended guide books.

Get a thesaurus for your child.

Encouraging your child to read.

Support with homework.

Online revision – GCSE English Mr Bruff.

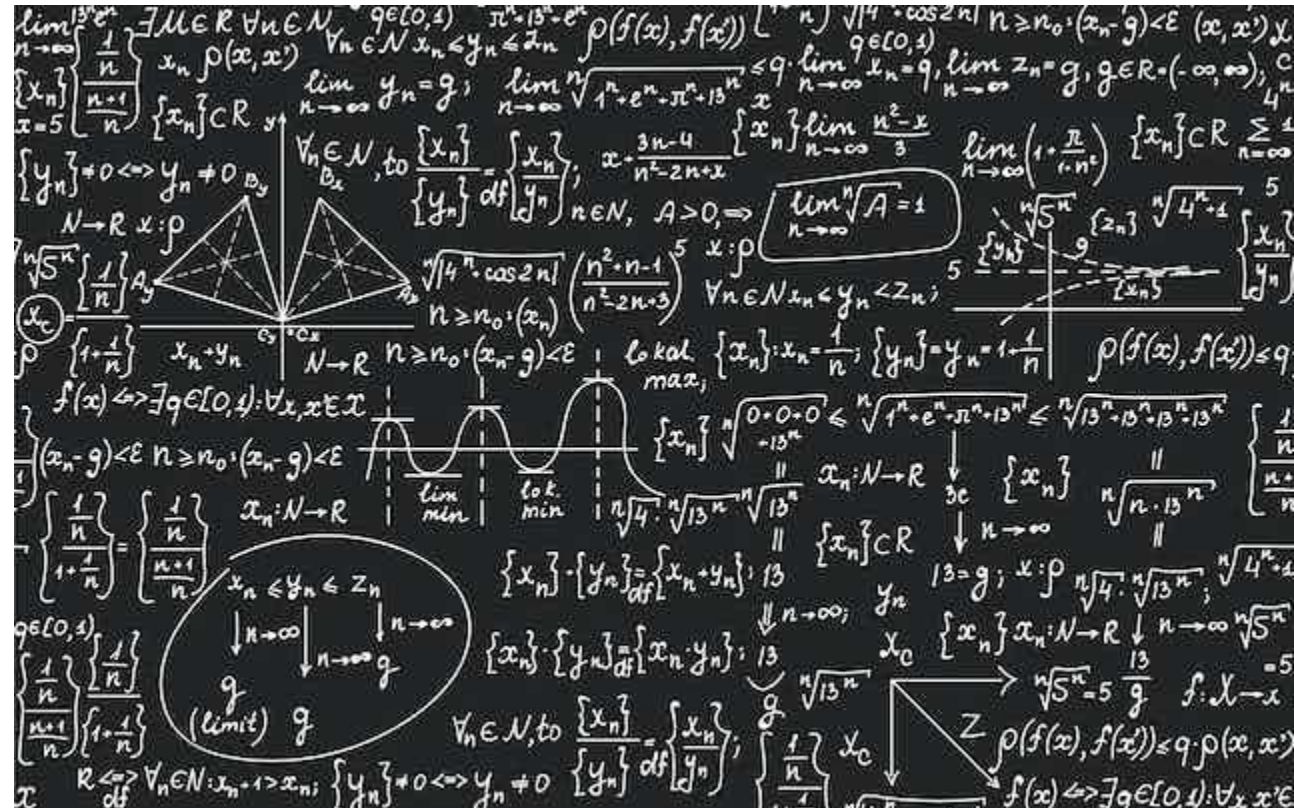
Help them to devise a revision timetable.

Encourage them to solve past exam papers.

ENGLISH  
How can you help as  
parents?

# Edexcel GCSE Mathematics

Course Code is 1MA1





## EXAMINATION OVERVIEW

- GCSE Mathematics is an **exam only** subject (Exam Board: Edexcel)
- Students are assessed in **three 90 minute papers** at the end of Y11:
  - *Paper 1*: Non-Calculator (80 marks)
  - *Paper 2*: Calculator (80 marks)
  - *Paper 3*: Calculator (80 marks)
- **Pass grade is a 4**, some sixth form options require a 5. In 2024, 59.6% of students achieved a grade 4 or above nationally. At The Grange, 68.94% of students achieved this.



## TIERED ENTRY

There are **two tiers: Foundation and Higher.**

Students are streamed based on prior attainment in KS3.

- Sets 1 to 3 follow the Higher curriculum.
- Sets 4 follow the Foundation curriculum

Both	Foundation			Both	Higher				
U	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
U	F	E	D	C	B		A	A*	

Tier	Topic area	Weighting
Foundation	Number	22 - 28%
	Algebra	17 - 23%
	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	22 - 28%
	Geometry and Measures	12 - 18%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%
Higher	Number	12 - 18%
	Algebra	27 - 33%
	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	17 - 23%
	Geometry and Measures	17 - 23%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%

## HOMEWORK

- **Weekly** homework for all students is set on **Sparx Maths** – an online homework platform.
- In KS4, the expectation is **1 hour per week**.
- **100% for every student, every time.** This is because Sparx personalises each student's homework to their level based on their previous performances.
- Sparx is also used for students to close skills gaps. **Question Level Analysis** from summative assessments provides individual topic list and codes for students to use on Sparx.

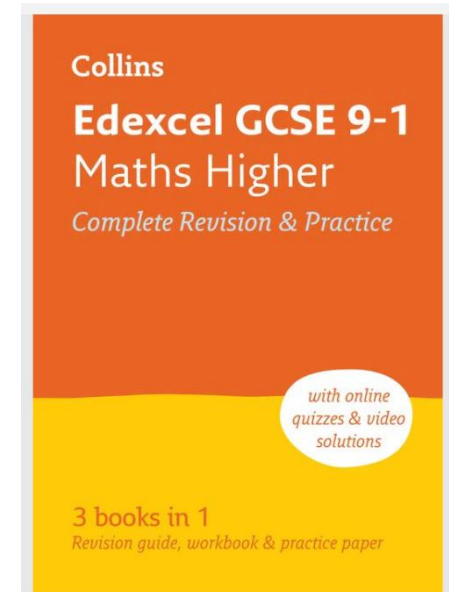
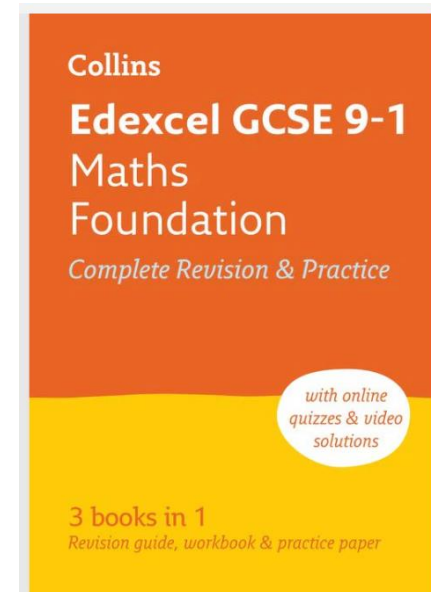
## REVISION RESOURCES

### Online Resources:

- Past Papers - [www.mathsgenie.co.uk](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk)
- Exam Practice - [www.onmaths.com](http://www.onmaths.com)
- Consolidation - [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

### Recommended Revision Guide:

- Collins - 3 books in 1



## PARENTAL SUPPORT

- **Be positive about mathematics** – no matter what your own experience.
- **Support your child with their home learning and revision.**
- Ensure your child has the right equipment. The right type of **scientific calculator is important**. Casio *fx-83-CTWC*
- **Talk to us and work with us.** We share a common aim of wanting your child to achieve the highest grade possible!



# AQA Combined Trilogy GCSE Science

2 GCSE Grades  
Course Code is 8464



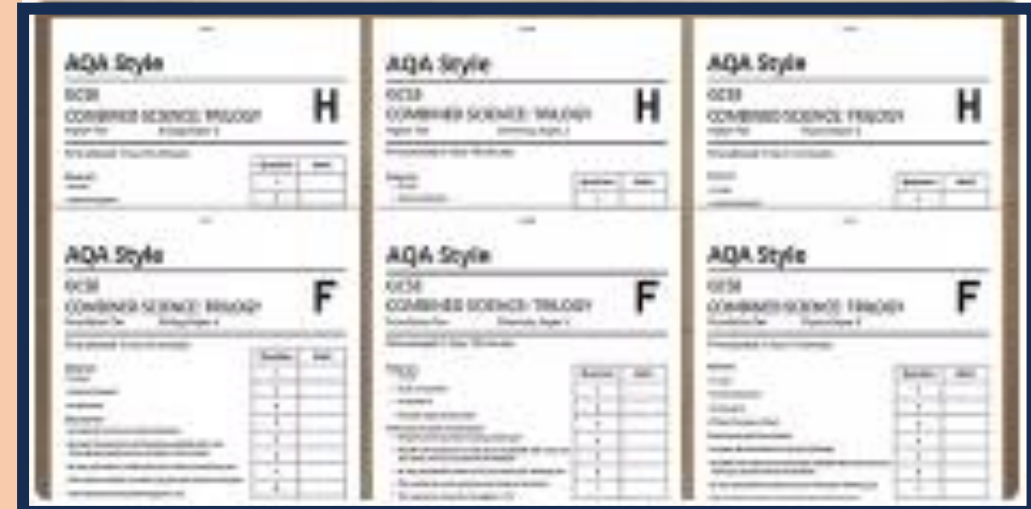
# The Exam Papers

- 6 papers, 2 Biology, 2 Physics and 2 Chemistry
- 1 hour 15 minutes long
- 70 marks
- Foundation or Higher Tier

Each exam weighting is 16.7 % of the overall grade

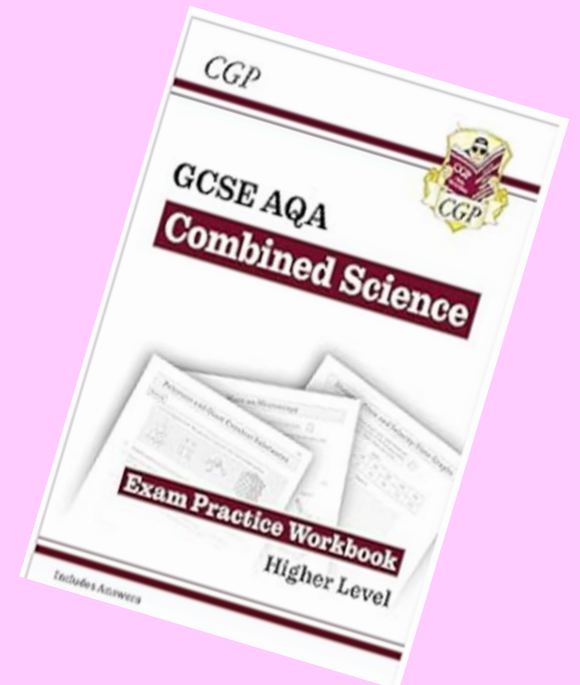
Question types range from:

- Subject Knowledge
- Investigation Skills
- Application



# Resources

1. Online textbook is available for all students  
[www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) (reset your password if needed)
2. CGP workbook of questions with answers at the back  
Higher- ISBN: 9781789087543  
Foundation- ISBN: 9781789087536
3. Seneca Learning
4. Cognito Science Lessons



# FAQ: What does my child need to do to get good grades in Science?

Your child needs to be an independent learner who is ambitious and resilient especially if they are taking the Higher paper.

They need to;

- ✓ Know their definitions
- ✓ Work on Essay (must retain subject knowledge well)
- ✓ Link ideas and concepts across Biology, Chemistry and Science in all 6 papers
- ✓ Be good at calculations and rearranging equations accurately-  
Higher paper
- ✓ Get above 50% in class tests

# How can parents get involved?

- ✓ Equipment: Calculators are very important for all lessons.
- ✓ Glossary
- ✓ Homework
- ✓ Tests: Written every 6 weeks please ask your child about their progress.
- ✓ Understand why your child is taking the Higher or Foundation paper. Discuss at Parents Evening.

Thank you 😊



**Wellbeing**

**Attendance**

**Revision  
timetable**

**Rewards**

**How can  
parents help?**

**Regular  
monitoring –  
using satchel**

**Useful  
equipment**

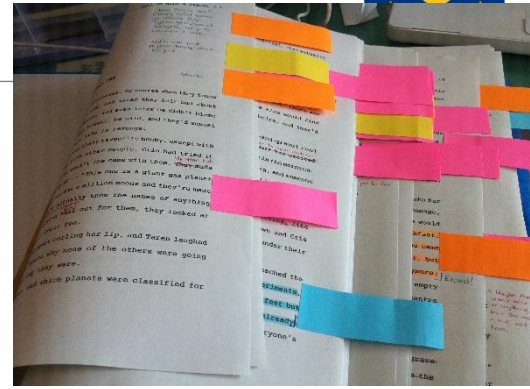
**Revision area:  
Quiet Zone**

STUDY TIMETABLE

SCHOOL  
FREE TIME

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9-4	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL		
4-5	CHEM	BAND	BAND	ENGLISH	BAND		
5-7							
7-7:30	BIOLOGY	TRUMPET	ENGLISH		MATHS	HISTORY	
7:45-8:15	GEO	CHEM	MUSIC		ENGLISH	MUSIC	
8:30-9	HISTORY	MATHS	BIOLOGY		BIOLOGY	MATHS	
9-9:30							

# Reading is not enough



*They need to make brief notes either in words and/or pictures, and use other methods to help them remember.*

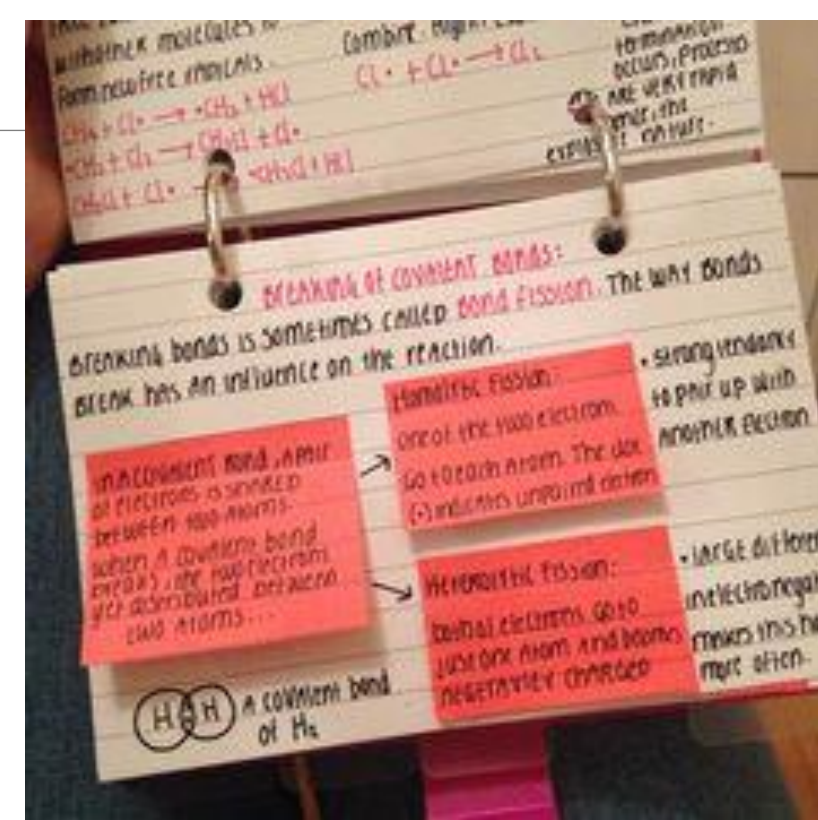


## Flashcards

Many pupils find these an effective revision aid to break down information into smaller chunks under key headings.

Pupils write a key word or topic on one side and an explanation on the other side. This allows them to read through the key points using them to trigger memory before checking accuracy of recall on the other side.

Index cards make it easy for other people to test pupil knowledge.





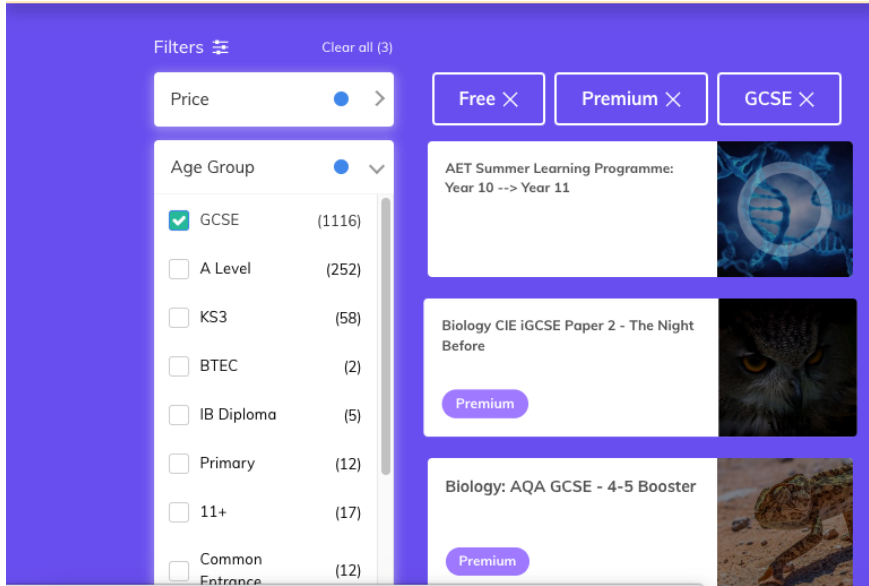
# Students with a Special Educational Need

If you are a parent of a child with a Special Educational Need you will find additional support on our website

<https://www.grange.bucks.sch.uk/pastoral-care/support-for-learning>

## USEFUL RESOURCES

 [Revision Strategies and Tips for Students With Additional Needs](#)



## senecalearning.com

As a school we have invested in Seneca Learning premium, an online revision site.

Students can revise GCSE and A level courses, both independently and also by being set assignments by their class teacher to complete.

**Parents can link to child's account – you will be sent an email to do this.**

How to log into Seneca?

1. Go to the senecalearning.com website login page
1. Click onto continue with Microsoft
2. Child enters their school Email
3. Child enters their school Password



## **The Grange Sixth Form**

STEP 1 – beginning of Nov students will have an assembly outlining the application process and subject offering at The Grange

STEP 2 – The Grange 6<sup>th</sup> Form OPEN EVENING – THURS 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec presentation to parents on 6th form and chance to speak to subjects and prospectus available

STEP 3 – The Grange Sixth Form application deadline is Jan 26th

STEP 4 - - Offer letters sent out based on grades needed

STEP 5 - 6<sup>th</sup> Form enrolment on Y11 results day and the following day

## **Career Team support:**

**Year 10** Summer Term 2023 – Options 16+ - session looking at **all** options and qualifications including technical levels and apprenticeships. Survey students to identify options being considered.

**Year 10** Summer Term – start 1:1 interviews

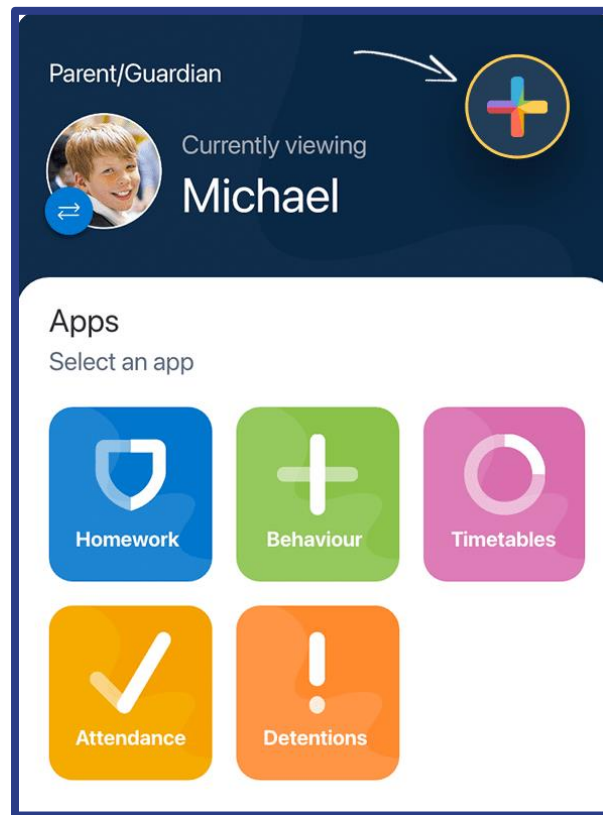
**Year 11** – Autumn Term – Large and Small Groups – Grammar Schools, Other Schools, Training Provider sessions involving a range of local destinations

**Year 11** – 1:1 interviews Autumn and Spring Terms, Careers Fair

**Year 11** – Spring/Summer Term follow-up interviews

**Intensive support** where needed to make choices, applications.

# Keeping up to date using Satchel One



## Features and apps built with parents in mind

- ✓ Homework
- ✓ Timetable
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Detentions
- ✓ View important notices
- ✓ Support multiple children
- ✓ Alerts & Reminders
- ✓ Download the app!

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### Forgotten your details?

Log into your Satchel account, please go onto the Satchel website or App and where it requires you to log in please click on 'Forgot Password' and follow the instructions.

Alternatively contact the office on 01296 390900 who can generate these details for you and email them to you



# Importance of Reading

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.

We do know how hard it can be to keep young people reading but the diagram on the left shows how it can help improve vocabulary. If all students have a book in school for DEAR time it can help (we have a great library)



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