



12th May '25

GCSE COUNTDOWN

WEEKS

COMING

5

SOON

PREPARE NOW!

French Speaking tests
begin **22nd April**.

Computing Exam 1st
May.

In addition,
coursework based
subjects have
individual deadlines
and exam
components.
Please check these
dates with your child!

Year 11 Achievement Evening

Thank you for being a part of our
biggest ever event!

We appreciate your support as
always at this key point in your
children's educational journey.
Please check the revision slide and
exam board guide for past papers.



EXAM PREP: REVISION

Easter sessions will be taking place during the holidays. Each student has a bespoke timetable so please refer to their letter for days and times.

If your child is due to stay at school over lunch, please be mindful that the kitchens are not open so they will need to bring a packed lunch.

There will be Saturday sessions too during Half-Term 5 and these will be communicated closer to the time.

We understand that not all students will be able to attend for genuine reasons but we can't stress enough how important these **free revision sessions** are with their class teachers who are expert in what each individual student needs.





All families and students are to know the GCSE exam boards they are studying to fully prepare.

- ENTRY LEVEL MATHS - AQA
- ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE - AQA
- ENTRY LEVEL GEOGRAPHY - OCR
- ENTRY LEVEL HISTORY - OCR
- STEP UP TO ENGLISH - AQA

- ART & DESIGN (ART, CRAFT & DESIGN) - AQA
- ART & DESIGN (PHOTOGRAPHY) - AQA
- BIOLOGY - AQA
- CHEMISTRY - AQA
- COMBINED SCIENCE TRILOGY - AQA
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA
- ENGLISH LITERATURE - AQA
- GEOGRAPHY - AQA
- MATHS (HIGHER) - AQA
- MATHS (FOUNDATION) - OCR
- PHYSICS - AQA
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES - AQA
- POLISH - AQA

- GERMAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- FRENCH - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- ARABIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- HISTORY - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- ITALIAN - AQA
- PERSIAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- SPANISH - AQA

- PERFORMING ARTS - WJEC
- COMPUTING (DIT) - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- MUSIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH LEVEL 2 - AQA
- BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE - NCFE
- HEALTH & FITNESS - NCFE
- FOOD & COOKERY - NCFE




STICK THIS TO YOUR FRIDGE DOOR AND BEDROOM WALLS!



GCSE COURSES

ALL Year 10/11 students should know what course they are studying – please keep pushing this at home. Ensure you use the online materials that are available to support your studies. Also use the next page to support your revision and studies.





Each subject area uses additional software to support learning - this provides learning outside the classroom...

Subject-Specific Software Packages to Support Study

<p>ENGLISH Mr Bruff's Video Guides (KS4) Spark Notes</p>	<p>MATHS Corbett Maths Sparx Maths</p>	<p>SCIENCE Educake</p>
<p>GEOGRAPHY GCSEPod</p>	<p>HISTORY GCSEPod</p>	<p>RE Seneca Learning GCSE Bitesize GCSEPod</p>
<p>LANGUAGES Active Learn Active Hub</p>	<p>MUSIC Music - BBC Bitesize BandLab: Make Music Online</p>	<p>VTC BFI iAchieve</p>

<p>GENERAL Oak National Academy GCSEPod BBC Bitesize Reading Plus</p>
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SUBJECT WEBSITES





We have researched the best apps that students can download to support their wellbeing...

MINDSHIFT

MindShift app is based on to help young adults cope with anxiety, by acting as a portable coach that guides users through challenging situations. Designed in collaboration with Anxiety Canada, this app teaches users how to relax and helps them identify active steps to directly face and take charge of their anxiety. The app provides a variety of methods for young people to respond to anxiety including; developing their knowledge of anxiety and symptoms, engaging in relaxation tasks, evaluating their level of anxiety in particular situations, developing realistic thinking patterns and changing behaviour.

Specific tools help users tackle issues such as improving their sleep quality, dealing with perfectionism, and handling conflict. These tools address everyday situations that contribute to increased levels of anxiety to help users change their overall relationship with anxiety. The goal is to help young people learn and practice anxiety coping skills.

HEADSPACE

Headspace: Guided Meditations and Mindfulness takes a calm, relaxed approach to bringing calm relaxation into the lives of adults and kids. Headspace app, aims to keep children “calm and focused” through short meditation exercises.

The app will help children fall asleep and wake up peacefully. It uses common meditation techniques like becoming aware of environmental sounds, breath awareness, breath counting, and more. Children can learn the basics of meditation and mindfulness. Children can follow the instructions and are reminded by the app to meditate each day. They can develop the habit of making time for personal growth and self-reflection in different situations, such as bedtime and waking up. It is also being used by mental health professionals and licensed therapists in medical sector.

MOODPATH

Moodpath is an interactive depression and anxiety screening program. This app tracks psychological, emotional and physical health over a two-week period in order to generate a personalised mental health assessment that users can discuss with their doctor or counsellor. The app also contains an educational component to teach users about the psychology behind their mood, signs of depression, and psychotherapy. It's one of the best apps that help youth and young adults with mental health struggles that include CBT and wellness.

SMILING MIND

Smiling Mind is designed to help people pressure, stress, and challenges of daily life. This app has a fantastic section on Mindfulness in the Classroom. An especially good choice for the younger users out there, as it was created specifically with students in mind. Smiling Mind offers programs for a variety of age groups, including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and adults. The app has an easy-to-use interface for keeping track of your progress over time, both in terms of how many sessions you complete and how your emotions change.



WELLBEING APPS



Top Revision Tips

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



1 
START EARLY
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.

2 
MAKE A PLAN
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.

3 
STUDY SPACE
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep everything all in one place.

4 
MIX IT UP
Use a mixture of revisions techniques for best results.

5 
TAKE BREAKS
It is possible to work too hard, make sure you take regular breaks.

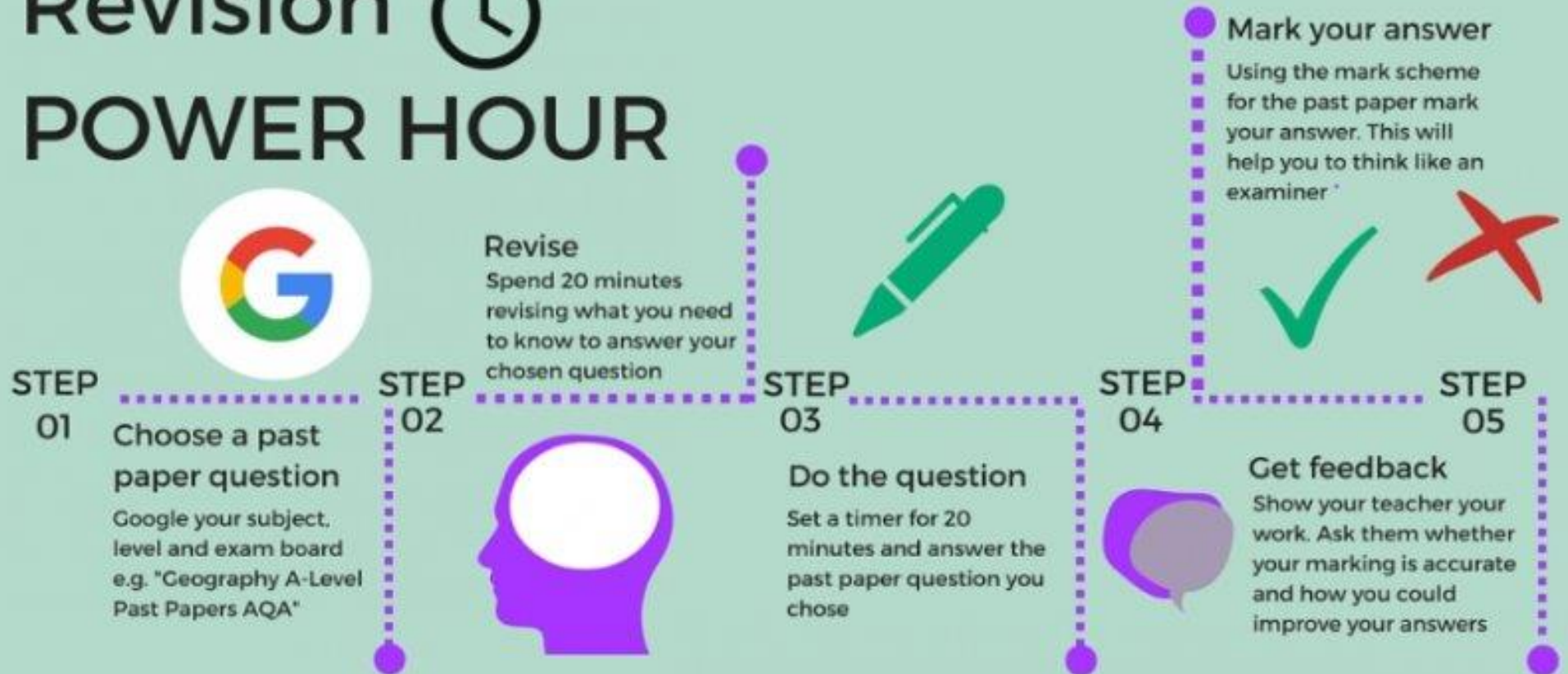
6 
GET TOGETHER
Meet with friends to chat through what you have learnt.

7 
USE PAST PAPERS
These are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.

8 
EAT HEALTHY
Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.



Revision POWER HOUR



WANT TO REMEMBER MORE?

Active Learning combines lots of methods together and is extremely effective at helping you to remember information faster and for longer.

GCSEPod combines **LISTENING, READING and SEEING.**

You can make your learning even more effective by adding some activities that get you **THINKING and DOING** as well.

Let's look at some examples...





HELP YOUR RESULTS SOAR!



We've invested in GCSEPod to help you reach your goals. Join the hundreds of thousands of students using GCSEPod for revision, independent learning and homework today.

"Happy with my results. Shout out to GCSEPod for getting me where I am!"

 Student Tweet

"I ♥ GCSEPod"

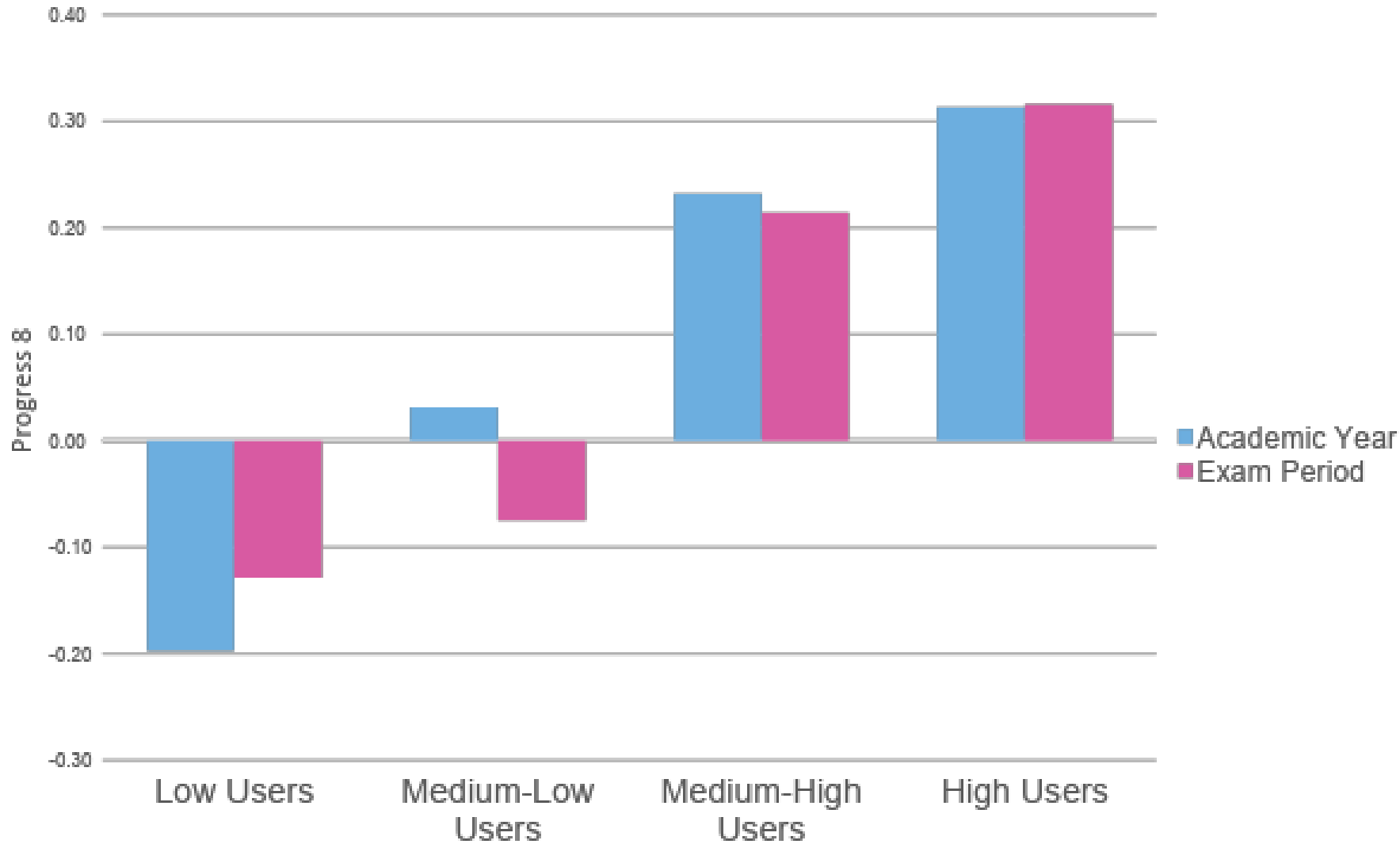
 Student Tweet

"All the revision worked then! Cheers GCSEPod for getting me to the next level."

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RESPECT | INTEGRITY | TEAMWORK | ASPIRATION

Average Progress 8 by Category of GCSEPod User



On average, the Best GCSEPod Users, achieved 0.51 progress 8 scores higher than the lowest users.



GCSE Summer Exam Calendar



Date	Morning Exam Start Time 9:00am	Length	Lunch	Afternoon Exam Start Time 1:00pm	Length
Thurs 1 st May				Pearson Edexcel Paper 3 Digital Information Technology Effective Digital Working Practices BIT03/01	1 hr 30 mins
Mon 12 th May	AQA English Literature Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19 th Century Novel 8702/1	1hr 45mins		AQA Computer Science Paper 1 Computational thinking and programming skills 8525/1B	2 hrs
Tues 13 th May	AQA Religious Studies Paper 1 The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices Christianity and Islam 8062/13&15	1 hr 45 mins		AQA Biology Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8461/1F & 1H	1 hr 45 mins
				AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 1 Trilogy Foundation and Higher 8464/B/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins
Wed 14 th May	AQA Geography Paper 1 Living with the physical environment 8035/1	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 15 th May	OCR Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation (calc) J560/1	1hr 30mins			
	AQA Mathematics Paper 1 Higher (Non calc) 8300/1H	1hr 30mins			
Fri 16 th May	Edexcel History Paper 1 Thematic study & historic environment 1H10 B1	1 hr 20 mins		NCFE Business & Enterprise	1 hr 30 mins

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Mon 19 th May	AQA Chemistry Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8462/1F & 1H	1 hr 45 mins		NCFE Food & Cookery	1 hr 30 mins
	AQA Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8464/C/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins			
Tues 20 th May	AQA English Literature Paper 2 Shakespeare & Unseen Poetry 8702/2	2 hr 15 mins		NCFE Health and Fitness	1 hr 30 mins
				AQA Computer Science Paper 2 Computing Concepts 8525/2	1 hr 45 mins
Weds 21 st May	Pearson Edexcel French Paper 1 Listening Higher & Foundation 1FR0 1H & 1 F	F = 35 mins H = 45 mins		AQA Religious Studies Paper 2 Thematic Studies 8062/2A	1 hr 45 mins
	Pearson Edexcel French Paper 3 Reading Higher & Foundation 1FR0 3H & 3F	F = 45 mins H = 1 hr			
Thurs 22 nd May	AQA Physics Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8463/1F & 1H	1hr 45mins	Pearson Edexcel Turkish Paper 4 Writing Higher 1TU0 4H	1 hr 25 mins	
	AQA Combined Science Physics Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8464/P/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins	Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 1 Listening Higher 1AA0 1H	45 mins	
			Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 3 Reading Higher 1AA0 3H	1 hr 05 mins	

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Fri 23 rd May	AQA English Language Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading & writing 8700/1	1 hr 45 mins			
Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	SPRING BANK HALF TERM			SPRING BANK HALF TERM	

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Mon 2 nd June	Pearson Edexcel Statistics Paper 1 Foundation 1ST0 1F	1 hr 30 mins			
Tues 3 rd June	Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 4 Writing Higher 1AA0 4H	1 hr 25 mins		AQA Panjabi Paper 1 Listening Higher 8683/LH	45 mins
	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 1 Listening Higher 1PG0 1H	45 mins		AQA Panjabi Paper 3 Reading Higer 8683/RH	1 hr
	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 3 Reading Higher 1PG0 3H	1 hr			
Wed 4 th June	AQA Mathematics Paper 2 Higher (calc) 8300/2H	1hr 30mins			
	OCR Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation (non-calc) J560/02	1 hr 30 mins			

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	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 3 Reading Higher 1PG0 3H	1 hr			
Wed 4 th June	AQA Mathematics Paper 2 Higher (calc) 8300/2H	1hr 30mins			
	OCR Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation (non-calc) J560/02	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 5 th June	Edexcel History Paper 2 Period study & British depth study 1 HI0 2A-2W	1hr 50 mins		Pearson Edexcel French Writing Higher and Foundation 1FR0 4H & 4F	F = 1 hr 15 mins H = 1 hr 20 mins
Fri 6 th June	AQA English Language Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 8700/2	1 hr 45 mins		AQA Geography Paper 2 Challenges in the human environment 8035/2	1 hr 30 mins

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Mon 9 th June	AQA Biology Paper 2 Foundation and Higher 8461/2F & 2H	1 hr 45 mins			
	AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 2 Foundation and Higher 8464/B/2F & 2H	1 hr 15 mins			
Tues 10 th June	AQA Spanish Paper 1 Listening Higher 8698/LH	45 mins		Edexcel History - Paper 3 Modern Depth Study 1HI0 31	1hr 30 mins
	AQA Spanish Paper 3 Reading Higher 8698/RH	1 hr			
Weds 11 th June	OCR Mathematics Foundation Paper 3 (calc) J560/03	1 hr 30 mins		Contingency Afternoon	
	AQA Mathematics Higher Paper 3 (calc) 8300/3H	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 12 th June	AQA Geography Paper 3 Geographical applications 8035/3	1 hr 15 mins		AQA Further Maths Paper 1 Level 2 Certificate 8365	1 hr 15 mins
				AQA Panjabi Paper 4 Writing Higher 8683/WH	45 mins
Fri 13 th June	AQA Chemistry Paper 2 Foundation and Higher 8462/2F & 2H	1 hr 45 mins		Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 4 Writing Higher 1PG0 4H	1 hr 20 mins
	AQA Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 Trilogy Foundation & Higher 8464/C/2F & 2H	1 hr 15 mins		Pearson Edexcel Statistics Paper 2 Foundation 1ST0 2F	1 hr 30 mins

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Mon 16 th June	AQA Physics - Paper 2 Foundation & Higher 8463/2F & 2H	1 hr 45 mins	Lunch			
	AQA Combined Science Physics Trilogy Foundation & Higher 8464/P/2F & 2H	1 hr 15 mins				
Tues 17 th June	AQA Spanish Paper 4 Writing Higher 8698/WH	1 hr 15 mins				
Wed 18 th June					AQA Further Maths Paper 2 Level 2 Certificate 8365	1 hr 45 mins
Wed 25 th June	Contingency Day				Contingency Day	