2026/27

Year 11 Mock Exams (Oct/Nov)

Student and Parent Preparation Booklet

Year 11 Exams

These exams will take place during the period

Monday 19 October 2026

to

Tuesday 3 November 2026

Mock timetable here

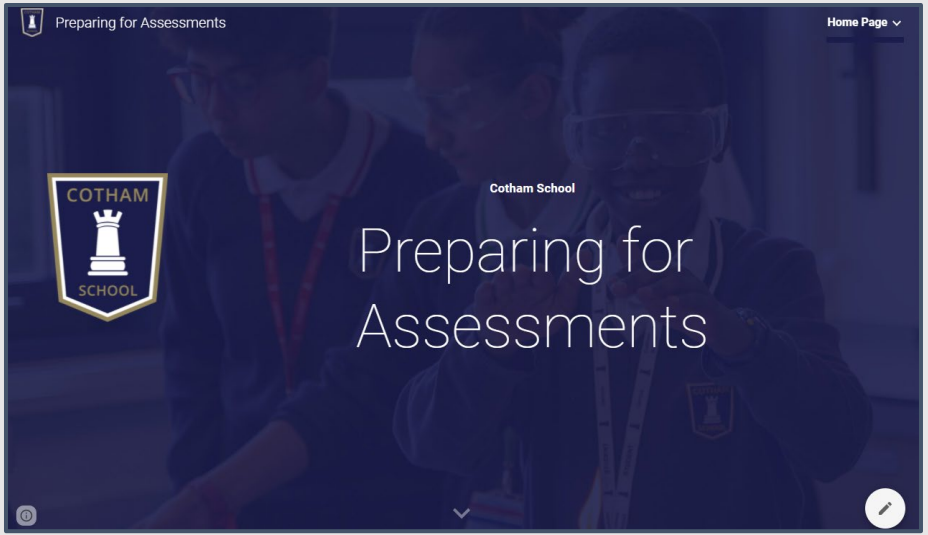
This document contains our subject specific preparation guidance for each subjects examination. Please use this guide to learn about how each subjects exam will run and what content will be covered and what resources are available for them to best prepare.

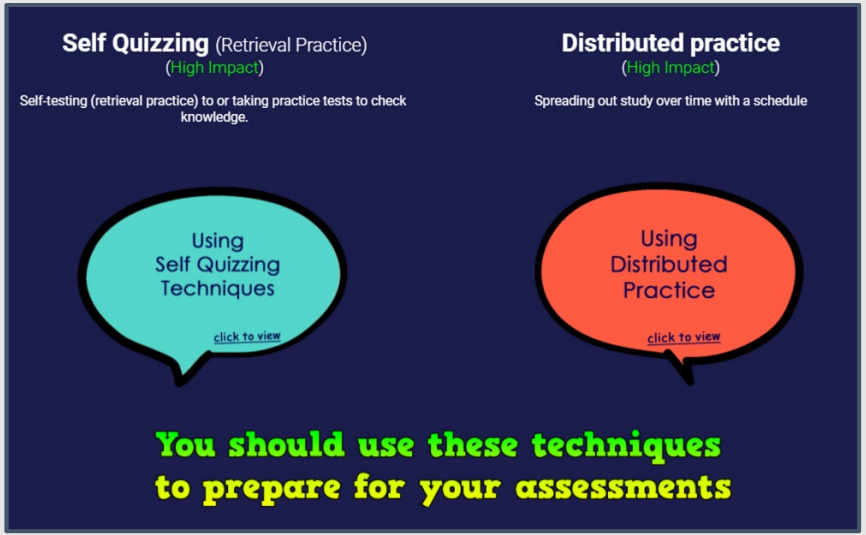
Plan your preparation with this free printable **Preparation Timetable**

Preparing for Assessment Portal

https://sites.google.com/cotham.bristol.sch.uk/preparing-for-assessments

- We have created an online portal to support students with their continued learning and preparation for exams and assessments.
- The portal draws upon the latest cognitive research on how people best learn and retain knowledge to highlight and recommend two main strategies to use when preparing for assessments and exams.
- For KS4 and KS5 the portal contains further links to the research, guidance on how to use exam papers, and on how to manage your well being during assessment periods.





Preparation Guides

English Language

English Literature

Maths

Separate Science

Combined Science

Ancient History

History

Geography

Religious Studies

French

German

Spanish

Computer Science

GCSE PE

iMedia

Business

Sociology

Drama

Art

Engineering

Dance

Food Science

Child Development

Subject	English Language	Length of Exam	1h 45mins
Content	**Language Paper 2 -** read two **non-fiction texts** and answer 4 questions. The question structure is: Q1: T/F - read and comprehend a short section of one source Q2: compare and infer details from both of the sources Q3: Language analysis ("How does the writer use language to …") in a section of one source. Q4: Compare and analyse the language used to present writers' views in both sources. The writing task is **persuasive writing** (a letter/speech/article) on the same topic as your sources.		
Preparation Resources	1. Look at the prep done this term in your exercise books ("Ragged Schools" practice paper) 2. Practise some persuasive writing 3. Use Seneca (Log in with 'Google') to help you prepare for Paper 2 4. There are past papers/ mark schemes/ exemplars on our weebly for you to practise from		
Additional Information	Please remember to bring a highlighter to your exam - there's LOTS of reading, so you need to select and retrieve the most valuable information to support you.		

Subject	English Literature	Length of Exam	1hr 45 mins
Content	One question on Macbeth: an extract from the play with the question “How has Shakespeare presented…”. Students will write a thesis and 4 What-How-Why paragraphs referring to the extract and the play as a whole. One question on ‘A Christmas Carol’: an extract from early in the novel with the question “How has Dickens presented…”. Students will write a thesis and 4 What-How-Why paragraphs referring to the extract and the novella so far.		
Preparation Resources	1. Use exercise books to revise the plot, characters, context, core vocab and a few key quotations. 2. The full texts (and simplified versions) are available for you to read on Sparx Reader 3. Revise key critical vocabulary and how to use it to discuss themes. 4. Try BBC Bitesize -there’s plenty there on ‘Macbeth’ and ‘A Christmas Carol’ 5. Sparknotes is a useful online revision resource: ‘Macbeth’ and ‘A Christmas Carol’ 6. Don’t forget the wealth of resources on Seneca (Log in with ‘Google’)		
Additional Information	We know you won’t have finished studying ‘A Christmas Carol’ - give it your best shot and refer to as much of the novel as possible. Don’t forget to refer to context, linked to every idea!		

Subject	**Maths**	Length of Exam	1 h 30 min - calculator exam
Content	Whole course (GCSE past paper)		
Preparation Resources	See revision list The revision list has detailed links to the textbook, mymaths and revision guide. Revision guides can be bought using Wisepay using the link here. Students can also use Sparxmaths for independent revision. They can retry questions they have found hard in previous homeworks using **XP boost** and **Target Practice**. They can also search and revise specific topics using **Independent Learning.** Students should be completing their fortnightly past paper homework. Feedback lessons will give students support with exam technique.		
Additional Information	Students can get extra help with revision in the Maths HW Club, on Mon or Thurs after school in room A209.		

Subject	**Separate Science**	**Length of Exam**	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry & Physics Each exam is 1 hour 45 mins
Content	Biology Paper 1 (B1 - B9) Chemistry Paper 1 (C1 - C7) Physics Paper 1 (P1 - P7)		
Preparation Resources	Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers and links by topic. Preparation document		
Additional Information	You can also use freesciencelesson videos on YouTube and Sparx and Seneca Ensure you bring the following **equipment:** pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator		

Subject	**Combined Science**	**Length of Exam**	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry & Physics Each exam is 1 hour 15 mins
Content	Biology Paper 1 (B1 - B9) Chemistry Paper 1 (C1 - C7) Physics Paper 1 (P1 - P7) Specification link here - (chemistry paper 1 p63-93, physics paper 1 p114-136, biology paper 1 p20-42)		
Preparation Resources	Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers and links by topic. Ensure you have found out from your teacher which tier you are sitting Preparation document - FOUNDATION Preparation document - HIGHER You can also use freesciencelesson videos on YouTube and Seneca/Sparx.		
Additional Information	Please ensure you bring the following equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator		

Subject	**Ancient History**	**Length of Exam**	1 hour 10mins
Content	Persia - Link to specification		
Preparation Resources	• Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you • **Use the revision techniques** *Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams [https://app.diagrams.net/] and Flash Cards (See end of this booklet)* with your notes in your exercise books **NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!)** • **Use the revision schedule so you are not leaving all your revision to the last minute** • Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found here		
Additional Information			

Subject	**History**	**Length of Exam**	1 hour
Content	Germany 1890-1945 Specification link		
Preparation Resources	• Use the revision techniques Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams [https://app.diagrams.net/] and Flash Cards (See end of this booklet) with your notes in your exercise books NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!) • Follow the revision guide schedule that is being set by your teachers. • Use the revision powerpoint as a way to structure your revision • Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc and select secondary – England – History – AQA – first few topics that we have studied (not the whole GCSE yet). • Use GCSEpod https://www.gcsepod.com (Students self-register through the website using name and school details) to catch up on any lessons missed throughout the course. • Use Seneca: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments • Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: https://classroom.google.com/u/0/r/MTc4NDM2MzA5ODM2/sort-last-name • Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found here		
Additional Information	• For any students aiming for a grade 7, 8 or 9 use the stretch and challenge activities on Google Classroom to enrich your understanding of key questions and topics already covered. https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/13wYJgCWZZMUrokLAoeDmrfqm5kfzLbIQ		

Subject	Geography	Length of Exam	1hr 30 mins

Content

Paper 1 Geography Link to specification

Section 1 Natural Hazards
Section 2 The Living World Section
Section 3 Physical Landscapes of the UK

Preparation Resources

- Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you - This is on the centralised Google Classroom here alongside a massive wealth of revision resources.
- *Use your class notes and the Purple CGP Revision Guide* **Start at the front and work through.**
- **Use the revision techniques** *Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams [https://app.diagrams.net/] and Flash Cards (See end of this booklet)* with your notes in your exercise books **NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!)**
- **Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc**
- **Use The Paper 1 NotebookLMs to revise each topic area: https://classroom.google.com/w/NTk3ODM5Mzk0NTFa/tc/ODg4Mjc3NTMzODEx**
- **Use Seneca: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments**
- Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: https://classroom.google.com/u/1/w/NTk3ODM5Mzk0NTFa/t/all
- Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found here

Additional Information

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Geography -https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1LrMMTYY-ZQpKbBnwtN-RV4bJGBkfScui Google Drive

Subject	**Religious Studies**	Length of Exam	1 hour 45mins
Content	The maximum mark for this paper is **102 Marks.** The paper is a combined paper. **Paper 2: Crime + punishment and Religion + Life (Mr Buchanan's side of the course)** **Paper 1: Buddhist Beliefs + Buddhists Practices (Mrs Crimmins' Side of the course)**		
Preparation Resources	● The Revision Schedule has been on google classroom since the start of September. Here is a copy. ● Your google classroom releases a revision post with activities and sources every week that matches the schedule. ● Use your Y10 Exercise books to help.		
Additional Information	Make sure you are using Lesson 1 of Y11 to revise the Exam structure.		

Subject	**French**	**Length of Exam**	3 papers Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H) Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 2.
Content	All three themes Theme 1: People and lifestyle Theme 2: Popular culture Theme 3: Education and work		
Preparation Resources	**MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan** Cotham French KS4 website Exercise books and CGP revision guides. **Other useful revision sites:** Kerboodle French GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline		
Additional Information	Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content. Ensure you are completing ALL homework tasks and check in with your teacher if unsure.		

Subject	**German**	**Length of Exam**	3 papers Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H) Speaking mock will take place towards the end of term 2.
Content	All three themes Theme 1: People and lifestyle Theme 2: Popular culture Theme 3: Education and work		
Preparation Resources	**MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan** Cotham MFL KS4 website Exercise books and CGP revision guides. **Other useful revision sites:** Kerboodle German GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline		
Additional Information	Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content. Ensure you are completing ALL homework tasks and check in with your teacher if unsure.		

Subject	**Spanish**	**Length of Exam**	3 papers Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H) Speaking mock will take place towards the end of term 2.
Content	All three themes Theme 1: People and lifestyle Theme 2: Popular culture Theme 3: Education and work		
Preparation Resources	**MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan** Cotham MFL KS4 website Exercise books and CGP revision guides. **Other useful revision sites:** Kerboodle Spanish GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline		
Additional Information	Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content. Ensure you are completing ALL homework tasks and check in with your teacher if unsure.		

Subject	**Computer Science**	**Length of Exam**	Paper 1 (45 mins) Paper 2 (60 mins) 1 hour 45 minutes
Content	All content studied up to that point: Covering content: Section 1 - Algorithms Section 2 - Programming (Pseudocode & Python) Section 3 – Data Representation Section 4 – Computer Systems Section 5 - Computer Networks Section 6 - CyberSecurity		
Preparation Resources	Course Teaching Website: www.mrahmedcomputing.co.uk Course Textbook Course revision guide Exam Questions on teaching website		

Subject	GCSE PE	Length of Exam	1hr 15mins
Content	**Sport Psychology** Lesson 1-10 Sports Psychology **Health, fitness and wellbeing** Lesson 1-7 Health, fitness and well being **Anatomy & Physiology** Lesson 1-5 Musculoskeletal systems **Physical Training** Lesson 1-17 Physical Training **Socio-cultural influences** Lesson 1-5		
Preparation Resources	Google classroom Lesson folders Work books Planet PE offers good videos on line which I recommend PLC cards Revision guide		

Subject	Interactive Media	Length of Exam	90 mins
Content	Content area 1 Types of interactive media products and their features Content area 2 Interactive media and the audience Content area 3 Software and hardware options for interactive media products Content area 4 Product proposals and planning for interactive media products Content area 5 Developing an interactive media product Content area 6 Promotion and presentation of interactive media products Content area 7 Review of production processes and final product		
Preparation Resources	Subject website for each of the content areas can be viewed here. Collection of quizzes including multiple choice and fill in the missing words to be linked here. Link to revision questions and exam checklist here.		
Additional Information	Mix of multiple choice and short paragraph answers.		

Subject	GCSE Business (Eduqas)	Length of Exam	1 hr 45mins
Content	Unit 1 Business Activity Unit 2 Influences on Business Unit 3 Business Operations Unit 4 Finance		
Preparation Resources	Students have access to the revision guide either in physical copy or via Google Classroom. The revision book answers are also on the Google class page. Google Classroom contains: Key terms lists by topic, glossary for all units, lesson slides/resources, revision videos, command word banks, video walkthroughs of past questions and tricky topics and links to revision websites. We have also made a checklist of revision topics for the mock, with linked videos and resources for each topic. This also includes the formulas sheet (students have to learn all of these).		
Additional Information	Students will need a **calculator** and **ruler** for the exam		

Subject	**Sociology**	Length of Exam	55 mins
Content	Social Stratification and research methods: Section of Paper 2.		
Preparation Resources	Revision Guide. AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology revision guide. Tutor2u Key studies booklet Seneca Further revision guidance		
Additional Information	Google Classroom contains lots of additional materials to help you revise. We have created a revision list containing everything students need.		

Subject	Child Development	Length of Exam	1 hour
Content	TOPIC 1 and TOPIC 2 (Preconception health, reproduction, antenatal care, birth) (All the exam content covered in Year 10)		
Preparation Resources	Everything that you need for TOPIC 1 and TOPIC 2 is linked into THIS DOCUMENT		

Subject	Food Science	Length of Exam	1 hour
Content	Areas of Content 1. Food commodities 2. Principles of nutrition 3. Diet and good health 4. The science of food 5. Where food comes from 6. Cooking and food preparation		
Preparation Resources	EDUQAS Independent Study Guide AREAS IN THE MOCK ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. This links all SENECA tasks. Highlighted information is content which is in the exam and states page numbers in text books. **EDUQAS Revision Guide** issued to students through the library please check you have a copy. **EDUQAS Text Book** Online access; www.illuminate.digital/eduqasfood **Username:** SCOTHAM4 **Password**: STUDENT4 SENECA Assignment for exam set.		
Additional Information	LINK TO KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER HERE Slide 5_1 FOOD COMMODITIES_*1e Soya Tofu Nuts Beans Eggs* Slide 6_2 PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION Macro Nutrients_*2a Protein* Slide 7_2 PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION Macro Nutrients_*2b Fat* Slide 8_2 PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION Macro Nutrients_*2c Carbohydrate* Slide 11_3 DIET AND GOOD HEALTH Slide 13_4 THE SCIENCE OF FOOD_*Food Spoilage* Slide 14_5 WHERE FOOD COMES FROM/FOOD PROVENANCE/FOOD MANUFACTURING_Food Poverty		

Subject	**Drama**	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their performance work for their final C3 assessment. Due to this, no mock exam will take place during this window.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			

Subject	**Art**	**Length of Exam**	N/A
Content	No Mock Examination is taking place as the All you Can Eat Project and Identity Project account for 60% of the final grade. A mock examination will take place in December and communication will be sent home regarding this.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			

Subject	Engineering	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	No Mock Examination is taking place due to Unit 1 Non Examined Assessment at 40% of the Final Grade.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			

Subject	Dance	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their performance work for their final C3 assessment. Due to this, no mock exam will take place during this window.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			