



# Year 11 2018 - 2019

Parents Survival Guide

Wk.	M	Event
1	3rd Sept	
3	17th Sept	Faculty Nights Start: English Monday, Maths Tuesday, Science Wednesday, Options Thursday and Friday
5	1st Oct	Assessment & Target Setting Evening (venue: Septimus Hall) (NC)
	22nd Oct	<b>HALF TERM</b>
9	5th Nov	<b>Data Capture 1 Solo Performance GCSE Examination Year 11 GCSE Music &amp; early entrants</b>
11	19th Nov	Mock Exams
12	26th Nov	Mock Exams
13	3rd Dec	Mock Exams
	24th Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
	31st Dec	
16	7th Jan	Y11 & Y13 mock certificate assemblies
17	14th Jan	<b>Data Capture 2</b>
19	28th Jan	<b>Year 11 Reports Issued and Parent/Carers' Evening (venue: Septimus and sports hall)</b>
20	4th Feb	AM Intervention Sessions / Mentoring Starts
	18th Feb	<b>HALF TERM</b>
22	25th Feb	Revision in Lessons Starts
26	25th Mar	<b>Data Capture 3 - Final Indicator. Super Revision Week</b>
	8th Apr	<b>EASTER</b>
	15th Apr	
31	13th May	GCSE Exams
32	20th May	GCSE Exams
	27th May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
33	3rd Jun	GCSE Exams
34	10th Jun	GCSE Exams
35	17th Jun	GCSE Exams



Art and Design Exams are Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April!

# The Exam / Assessment System – what to expect



- Assessment continues in Y11 using the 9 to 1 grading system, with three data capture points. Targets will be updated in the next few weeks.
- Mock exams are w/c 19<sup>th</sup> of November, followed by a full report and a parents evening
- Exams start w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and last for approximately 4 weeks for most Y11 students
- Most students can expect 20 plus examination; however they soon settle into the routine of the examinations, and we really look after the candidates during their examination series
- Students will receive their examination timetable in good time prior to the examinations, along with information about equipment etc.

# GCSE Exam Schedule snapshot

GCSE Exams Timetable Summer 2018

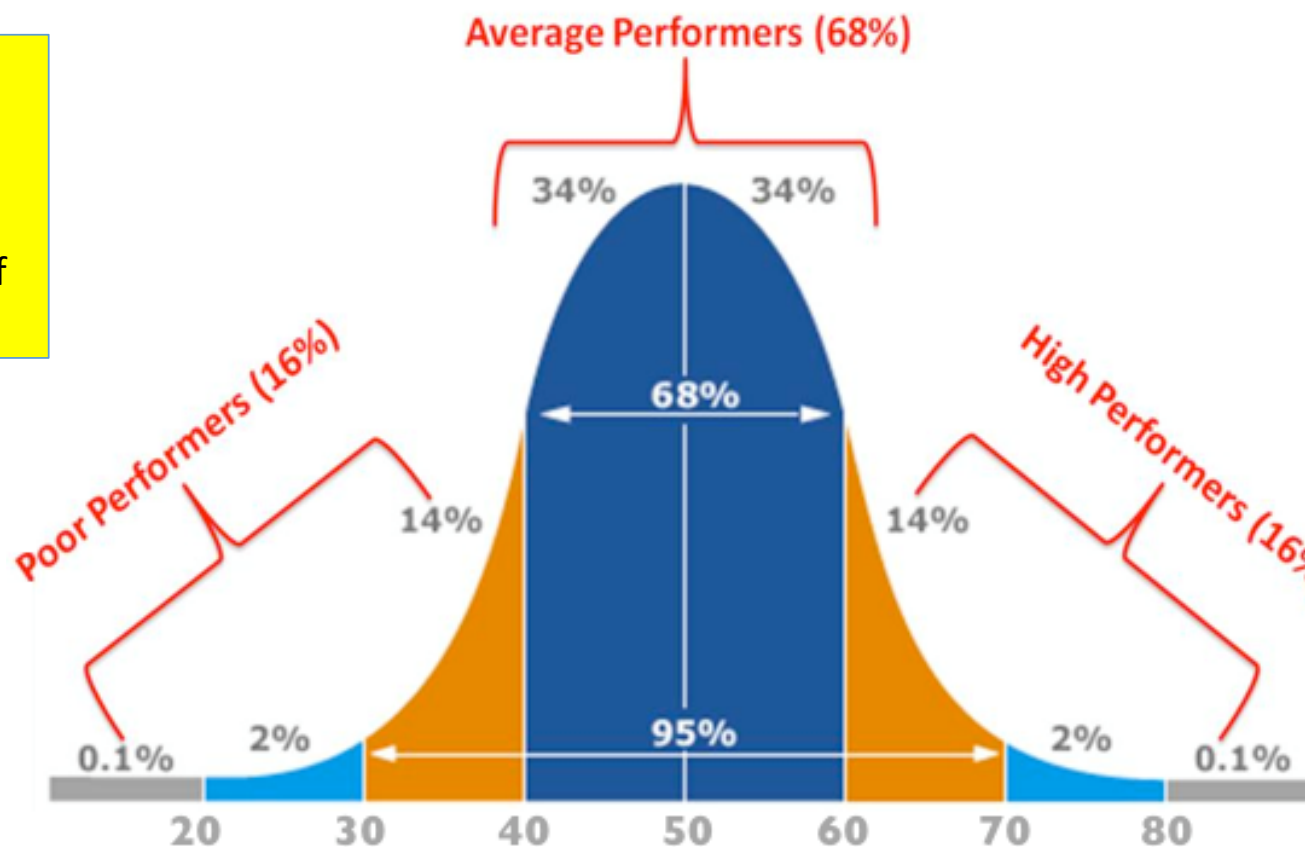
Awarding Body	Title	Exam Code	Duration	Date	Start Time
AQA	Art and Design (externally set assignment)	8202/X	10 h	Tue 17 - Wed 18 April	
AQA	French Speaking	8658/SF, 8658/SH		Mon 30 April - Wed 2 May	
AQA	Spanish Speaking	8698/SF, 8698/SH			
AQA	Computer Science - Computational thinking and problem-solving	8520/1	1h 30m	Mon 14 May	9 a.m.
Edexcel	ICT Unit 1: Living in A Digital World	5IT0101	1h 30m	Mon 14 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Religious Studies Paper 1 The Study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices	8062 paper 1	1h 45m	Mon 14 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	French Listening (F)	8658/LF	35m	Tue 15 May	9 a.m.
AQA	French Listening (H)	8658/LH	45m	Tue 15 May	9 a.m.
AQA	French Reading (F)	8658/RF	45m	Tue 15 May	9 a.m.
AQA	French Reading (H)	8658/RH	1h	Tue 15 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Biology Paper 1 (F)	8461/1F	1h 45m	Tue 15 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Biology Paper 1 (H)	8461/1H	1h 45m	Tue 15 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Biology Paper 1 (F) - Trilogy	8464/B/1F	1h 15m	Tue 15 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Biology Paper 1 (H) - Trilogy	8464/B/1H	1h 15m	Tue 15 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	PE Paper 1 The human body and movement in physical activity and sport	8582/1	1h 15m	Wed 16 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Religious Studies Paper 2 Thematic studies	8062 paper 2	1h 45m	Wed 16 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Chemistry Paper 1 (F)	8462/1F	1h 45m	Thu 17 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Chemistry Paper 1 (H)	8462/1H	1h 45m	Thu 17 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Chemistry Paper 1 (F) - Trilogy	8464/C/1F	1h 15m	Thu 17 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Chemistry Paper 1 (H) - Trilogy	8464/C/1H	1h 15m	Thu 17 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Computer Science - Written assessment	8520/2	1h 30m	Thu 17 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	French Writing (F)	8658/WF	1h	Fri 18 May	9 a.m.
AQA	French Writing (H)	8658/WH	1h 15m	Fri 18 May	9 a.m.
AQA	PE Paper 2 Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport	8582/2	1h 15m	Fri 18 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	English Literature Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th century novel	8702/1	1h 45m	Tue 22 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Geography Paper 1: Living with the physical environment	8035/1	1h 30m	Tue 22 May	1.30 p.m.
Edexcel	Business Studies Unit 1: Introduction to Small Business	5BS0101	45m	Wed 23 May	9 a.m.
AQA	Physics Paper 1 (F)	8463/1F	1h 45m	Wed 23 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Physics Paper 1 (H)	8463/1H	1h 45m	Wed 23 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Physics Paper 1 (F) - Trilogy	8464/P/1F	1h 15m	Wed 23 May	1.30 p.m.
AQA	Physics Paper 1 (H) - Trilogy	8464/P/1H	1h 15m	Wed 23 May	1.30 p.m.
Edexcel	Mathematics: Paper 1 Non-Calculator (F)	1MA1 1F	1h 30m	Thu 24 May	9 a.m.
Edexcel	Mathematics: Paper 1 Non-Calculator (H)	1MA1 1H	1h 30m	Thu 24 May	9 a.m.
AQA	English Literature Paper 2 Modern texts and poetry	8702/2	2h 15m	Fri 25 May	9 a.m.
AQA	D & T: Textiles - Written	45701	2h	Fri 25 May	1.30 p.m.

Two exams in one day is quite common



# Target and predicted grades – beware!

Grade Boundaries can change from year to year depending on the level of difficulty of the paper.



Final grades are based on the *relative position* against all other entries for that paper and exam board.

Only the top 3% of grades will receive a level 9 in any year



# How you can support your child's revision

The purpose of revision is to embed in students' long term memory the knowledge and techniques / skills that they will need to reproduce in their exams.

This can only be done through ***repeated, purposeful practise***

You can support this through by ensuring that your child's revision is:  
***Organised, Purposeful and Active***



# Practical Suggestions for parents / carers

## *Organised*

- Make a revision timetable with them, have copies pinned up in strategic locations in the house
- Ensure there is a **quiet** place to do revision and materials eg pens/ highlighters / paper / texts / revision guides are available
- Ensure there are proper rest breaks (10 - 15 minutes per each hour)
- Build in time off for friends, but enforce the agreed schedule
- Be prepared to take phones / devices off them



# Practical Suggestions for parents / carers

## *Purposeful*

- Get them to start NOW
- Make sure their revision is **goal orientated** (this topic, 3 mind maps, that page in the revision guide, etc)
- Make sure it includes practising the skills / techniques of answering GCSE level questions
- Get actively involved / ask what they are doing
- Reinforce the idea that revision is never 'done'





# Practical Suggestions for parents / carers

## *Active*

- Reading a website / revision notes / text book is **not effective**
- Students must translate the information they read into another (visual) form e.g. Mind Map, Sketch, Flash Cards etc
- Get them to explain concepts / ideas to you. Ask to see their revision materials. Time their practice questions (1 mark per minute)



# How we support our students

- In lesson, Quality First teaching – complete curriculum by February Half Term
- Faculty Nights / lunchtimes
- Library at Lunch
- Homework Club
- Collapsed Registration groups
- Revision Notebook
- Super revision week
- Pastoral support

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# Next Steps....LC

- Entry requirements...they are there for a reason!
- Careers Information Advice and Guidance
- Study 'habits' developed will support at the next stage.
- 17.5-22.5 timetabled hours in Sixth Form should be topped up to up to 40 with independent study.
- Pupils' independent study skills, capacity for sustained hard work, ability to avoid distraction, self-discipline, time-management skills are often poor on entry.
- It all goes back to study habits.....





## Top tips

- Start Early!
- Talk to them about revision but avoid ‘high stakes’ conversations
- Make sure they get fresh air and exercise
- Agree the schedule – make it a routine
- Praise effort – ‘I know you have worked hard’
- Don’t replay exams