



Year 10 Information Evening

September 2021

Key Information

- Key dates for assessments, controlled assessments and examinations
- Resources and websites
- Pupil progress and reporting
- Outline of course structure – all core subjects



English Language GCSE

Unit 1- Oracy (20%)

- An individual talk (10%)
- Group discussion (10%)

Unit 2 – 40% (2 hours)

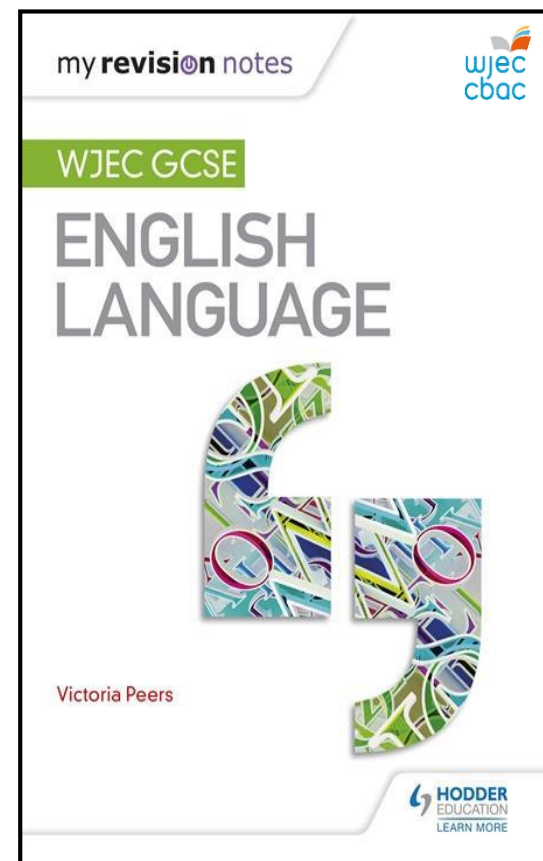
June Year 11

- Reading tasks – 20% (1 hour)
- **1** writing task and editing and proof reading tasks – 20% (1 hour)

Unit 3 – 40% (2 hours)

June Year 11

- Reading tasks – 20% (1 hour)
- **2** writing tasks – 20% (1 hour)



English Literature GCSE

Unit 1 Exam – 35% (2 hours)

Section A – *Of Mice and Men*

- Section B – unseen poetry comparison

Unit 2a Exam – 40% (2 hours)

June Year 11

- Section A – *An Inspector Calls*
- Section B – *Heroes*

Unit 3 Controlled Assessment – 25%

- Section A – *Romeo and Juliet* (completing at present)
- Section B – Welsh poetry





GCSE MATHEMATICS

GCSE MATHEMATICS-NUMERACY

There are **2 separate GCSEs** in Mathematics which pupils in Wales are required to study.

GCSE MATHEMATICS – NUMERACY

- Will build on and progress from the levels of numeracy expected at the end of KS3 through the LNF.
- Will assess the mathematics that learners will need in their everyday lives, in the world of work, and in other general curriculum areas.

(b) Gareth's luggage weighed 21.13 kg.
This was over the maximum of 20 kg allowed.

Gareth removed items from his luggage so that its mass was:

- as close to 20 kg as possible,
- **not greater** than 20 kg.

From the following list of items, which **two** items did Gareth remove?
You must show all your working.

[3]

Coat	Headphones	Jumper	Book	Hat
820 g	300 g	320 g	340 g	200 g

GCSE MATHEMATICS

- Will extend to aspects of mathematics needed for progression to scientific, technical or further mathematical study.

7. (a) Factorise $10a - 15$. [1]

(b) Solve the following equations.

(i) $\frac{x}{7} = 21$ [1]

(ii) $13f + 2 = 6f + 5$. [3]

STRUCTURE

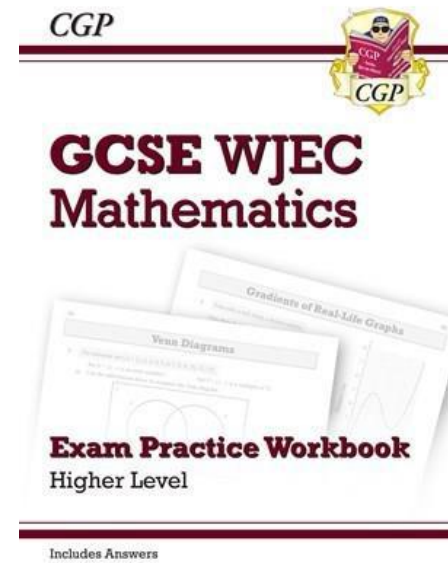
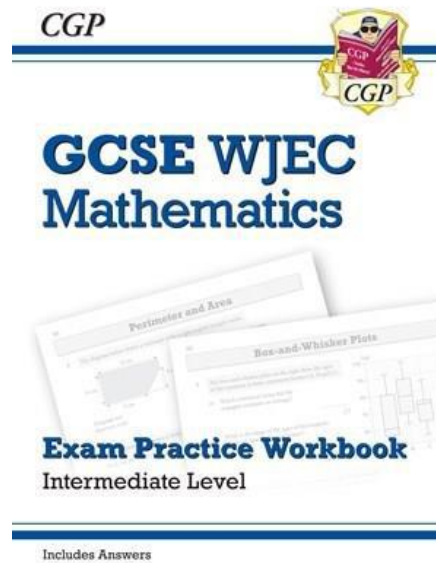
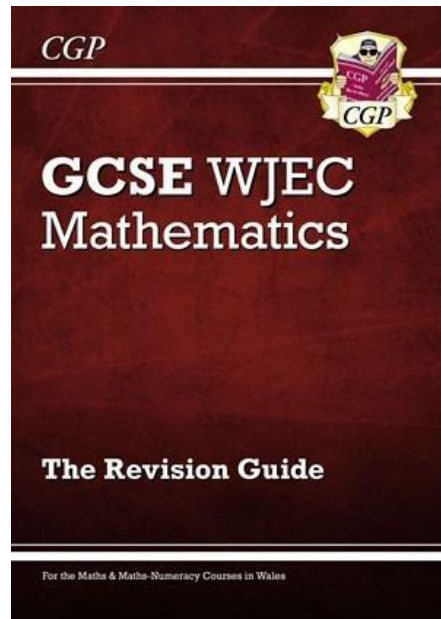
- 3 tiers of entry
(higher, intermediate and foundation)

Higher	A*	A	B	C				
Intermediate			B	C	D	E		
Foundation ^{II}					D	E	F	G

ASSESSMENT

- Pupils will sit:
 - **two** papers for the GCSE Maths – Numeracy
 - Unit 1: Non calculator (Written examination – 50% of qualification)
 - Unit 2: Calculator- allowed (Written examination – 50% of qualification)
 - **two** papers for the GCSE Mathematics
 - Unit 1: Non calculator (Written examination – 50% of qualification)
 - Unit 2: Calculator- allowed (Written examination – 50% of qualification)

RESOURCES





Controlled assessment in Spring 2022

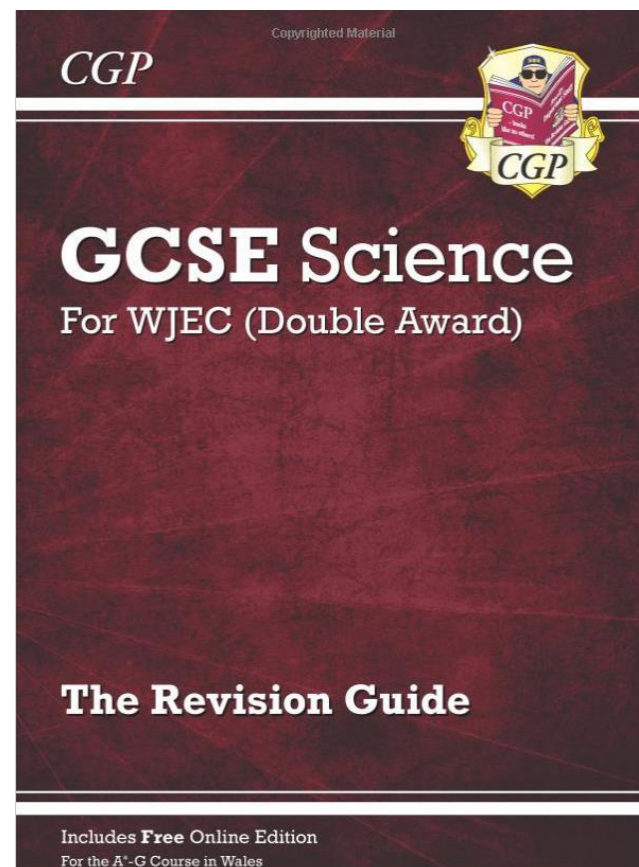
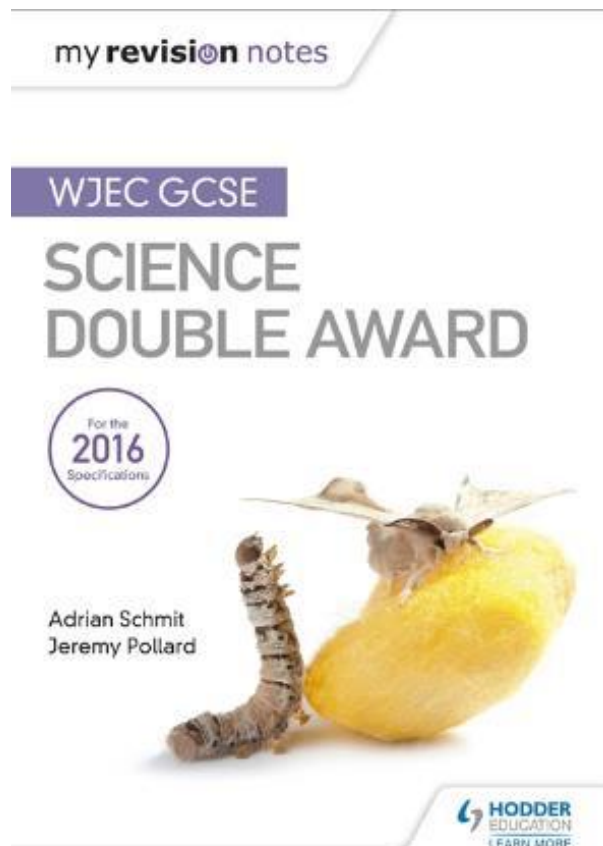
3 External GCSE examinations in Summer 2022

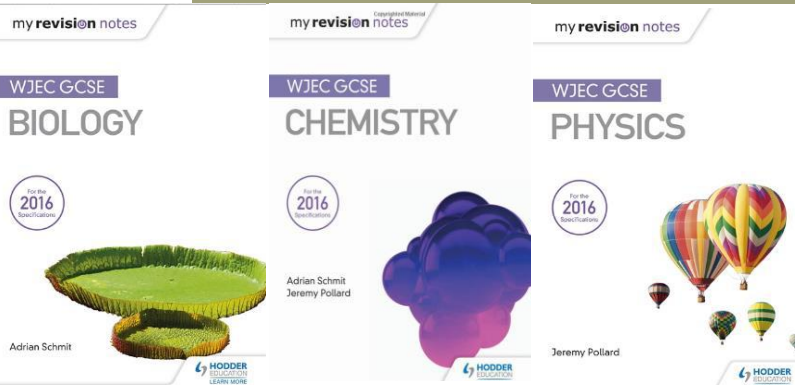
3 External GCSE examinations in Summer 2023

Double Award Science – 2 Science GCSE qualifications Higher A*-D, Foundation C-G

Subject	Unit	sections	Length of paper	date	% contributes to GCSE grade
Biology 1	Unit 1	1.1-1.6	1hr 15mins	TBC Summer 2022	15%
Chemistry 1	Unit 2	2.1-2.5	1hr 15 mins	TBC Summer 2022	15%
Physics 1	Unit 3	3.1-3.5	1hr 15mins	TBC Summer 2022	15%
Controlled assessment	Unit 7	NA	2 X 1hr 2 X 1hr	January 2022	10%
Biology 2	Unit 4	4.1-4.6	1hr 15mins	TBC Summer 2023	15%
Chemistry 2	Unit 5	5.1-5.5	1hr 15mins	TBC Summer 2023	15%
Physics 2	Unit 6	6.1-6.6	1hr 15 mins	TBC Summer 2023	15%

Double award Science Revision Resources



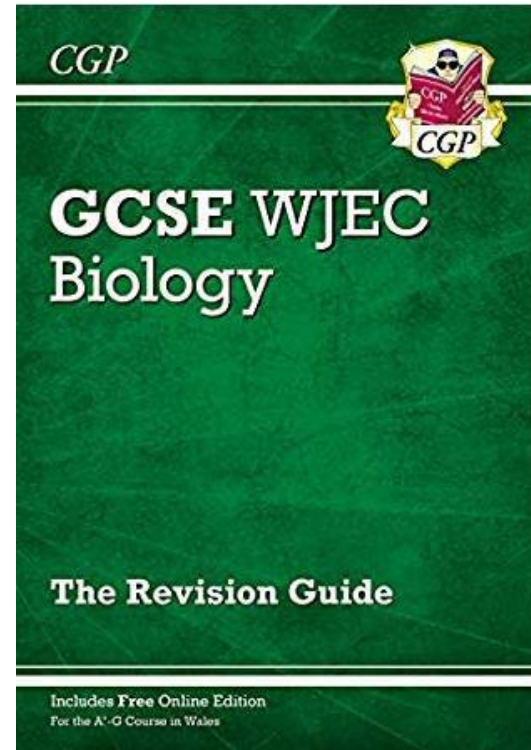


Controlled assessment in Spring 2022
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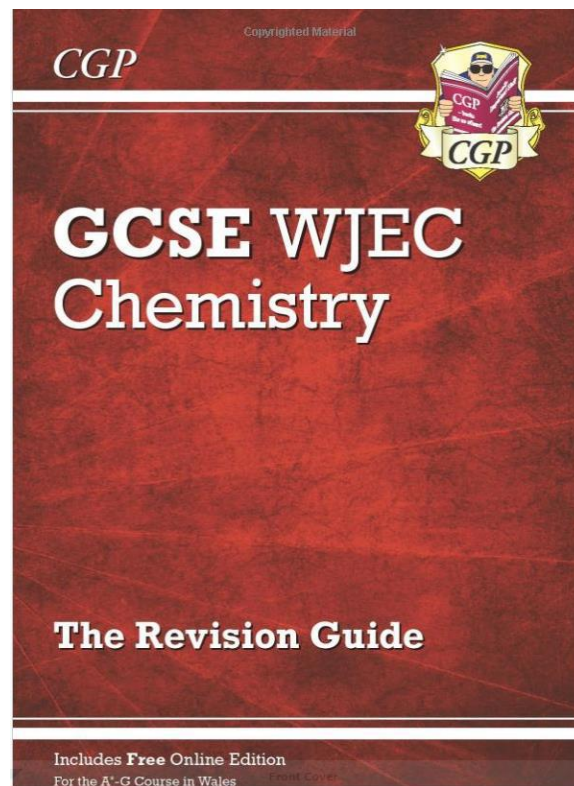
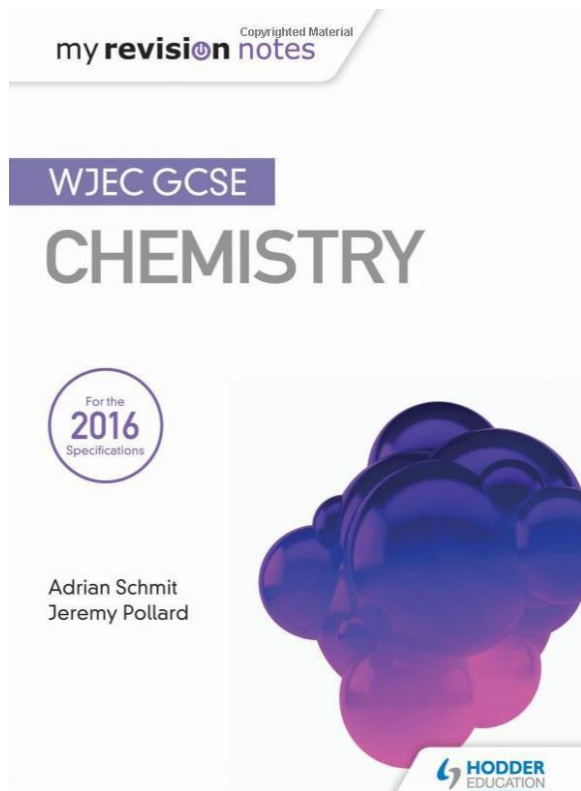
Triple Award Science – 3 Science
 GCSE qualifications – Higher A*-D,
 Foundation C-G

Subject	Unit	sections	Length of paper	date	% contributes to GCSE grade
Biology 1	Unit 1	1.1-1.6	1hr 45mins	TBC 2022	45%
Chemistry 1	Unit 1	1.1-1.6	1hr 45mins	TBC 2022	45%
Physics 1	Unit 1	1.1-1.9	1hr 45mins	TBC 2022	45%
Controlled assessment	Unit 3	NA	2 X 1hr in each Science – Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Jan 2022	10% X 3
Biology 2	Unit 2	2.1-2.8	1hr 45mins	TBC Summer 2023	45%
Chemistry 2	Unit 2	2.1-2.6	1hr 45mins	TBC Summer 2023	45%
Physics 2	Unit 2	2.1-2.9	1hr 45mins	TBC Summer 2023	45%

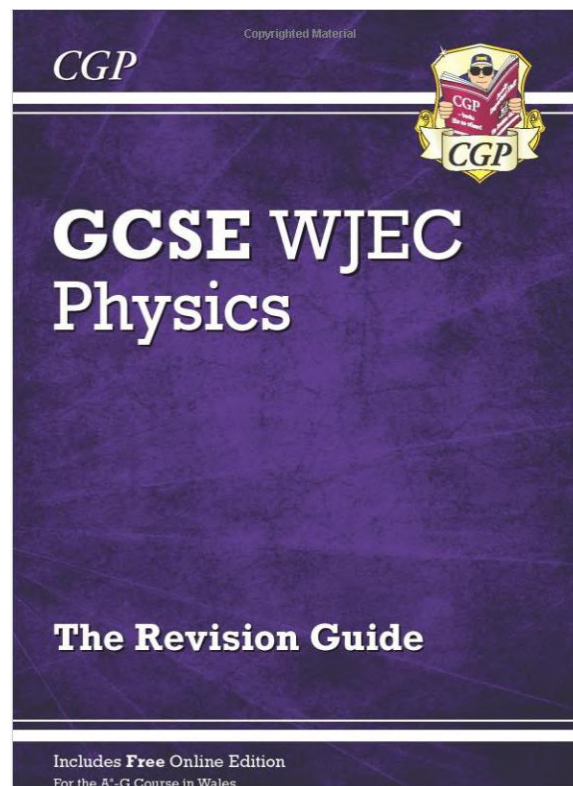
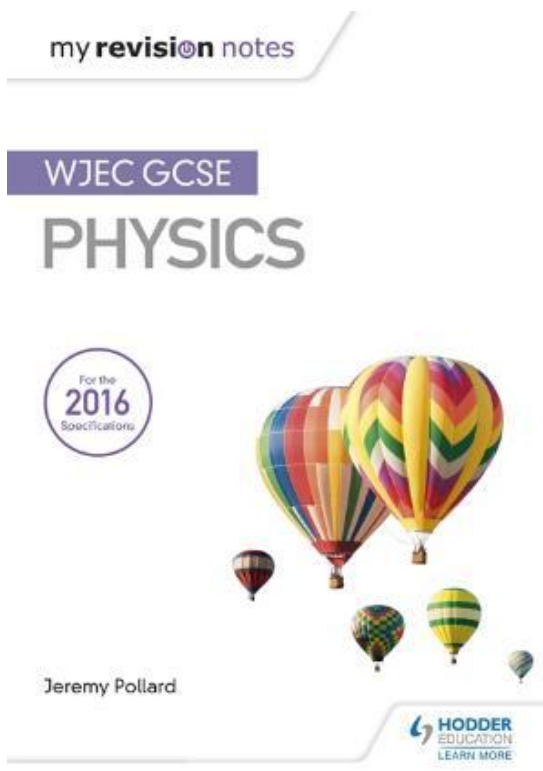
Triple Award Science - Biology Revision Resources



Triple Award Science - Chemistry Revision Resources



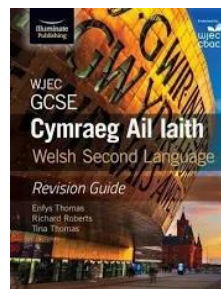
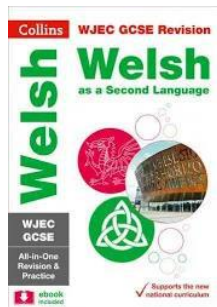
Triple Award Science - Physics Revision Resources



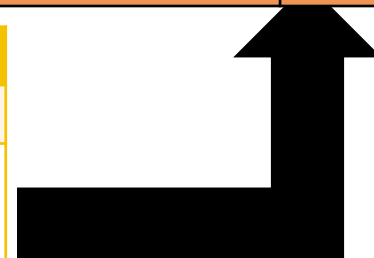
TGAU CYMRAEG AIL IAITH

Pwyntiau Pwysig:

- Cwrs dwy flynedd (2 year course)
- Gradd A* > G (A* > G grades)
- 4 uned (4 units)
- Pob uned = 25% (Every unit = 25%)



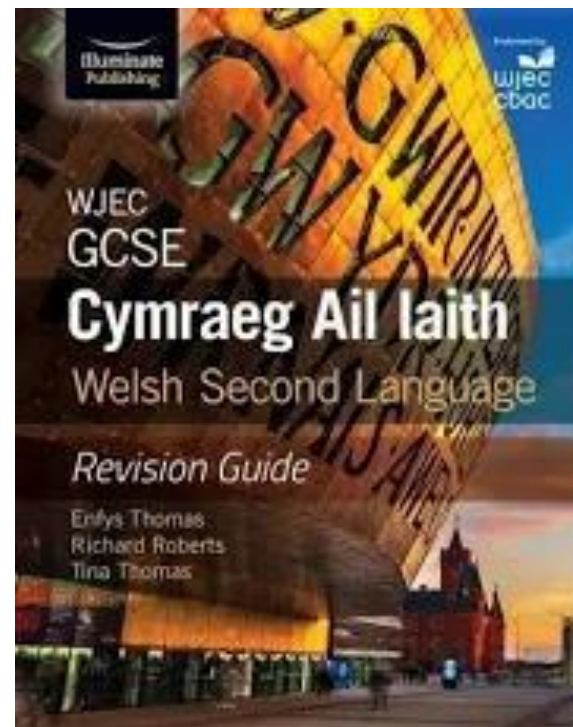
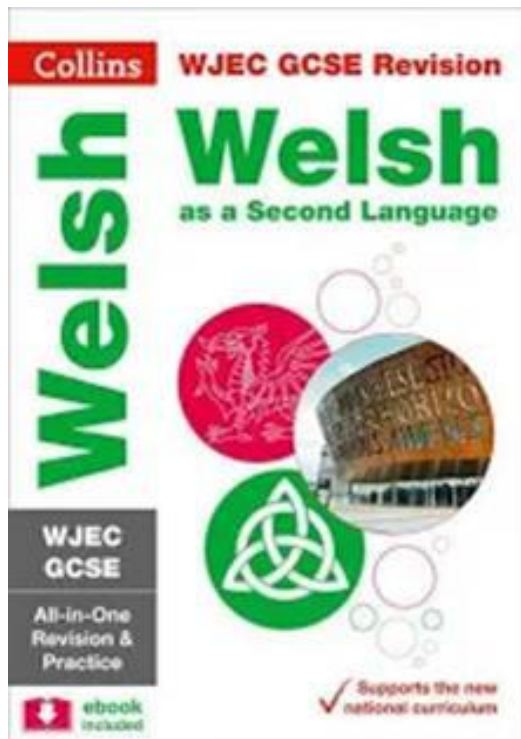
SIARAD a GWRANDO [Speaking & Listening]	50%
DARLLEN [Reading]	25%
YSGRIFENNU [Writing]	25%



UNED 1	UNED 2	UNED 3	UNED 4
25%	25%	25%	25%
Gwranddo 15% (Listening 15%) Siarad 10% (Speaking 10%)	Siarad 20% (Speaking 20%) Gwranddo 5% (Listening 5%)	Darllen 15% (Reading 15%) Ysgrifennu 10% (Writing 10%)	Ysgrifennu 15% (Writing 15%) Darllen 10% (Reading 10%)
Blwyddyn 10 (Year 10) TBC April 2022	Blwyddyn 11 (Year 11) TBC April 2023	Arholiad BI 11 Yr 11- Exam TBC Summer 2023	Arholiad BI 11 Yr 11- Exam TBC Summer 2023

THEMA 1 Cyflogaeth (Employment)		THEMA 2 Ieuenctid (Youth)		THEMA 3 Cymru a'r Byd (Wales & the World)	
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Welsh Second Language - Revision resources



Course Information

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Assessment Tasks, Controlled Assessments and Examinations 2021-2023

The table below is for guidance only. The information is accurate at the time of printing.

Subject	Year 10			Year 11		
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
GCSE English Language				Controlled Assessments Unit 1 Oracy (20%)		External GCSE exams Unit 2 (40%) Unit 3 (40%)
GCSE English Literature	Controlled Assessment Unit 3 - Shakespeare (12.5%)	Controlled Assessment Unit 3 - Poetry (12.5%)	External GCSE exam Unit 1 (35%)			External Exam Unit 2a (40%)
GCSE Maths						External GCSE exam 2 written papers (100%)
GCSE Maths - Numeracy						External GCSE exam 2 written papers (100%)
GCSE Science (Double Award)	* Controlled Assessment postponed for Year 10 (awaiting further guidance from WJEC).	Controlled Assessment Unit 7 (10%)	3 External GCSE exams: Biology 1 - Unit 1 Sections 1.1-1.6 (15%) Chemistry 1 - Unit 2 Sections 2.1-2.5 (15%) Physics 1 - Unit 3 Sections 3.1-3.5 (15%)		Controlled Assessment Unit 7 (10%)	3 External GCSE exams: Biology 2 - Unit 4 Sections 4.1-4.6 (15%) Chemistry 2 - Unit 5 Sections 5.1-5.5 (15%) Physics 2 - Unit 6 Sections 6.1-6.6 (15%)
GCSE Biology (Triple Award)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Biology 1 - Unit 1 Sections 1.1-1.6 (45%)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Biology 2 - Unit 2 Sections 2.1-2.8 (45%)
GCSE Chemistry (Triple award)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Chemistry 1 - Unit 1 Sections 1.1-1.6 (45%)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Chemistry 2 - Unit 2 Sections 2.1-2.6 (45%)
GCSE Physics (Triple award)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Physics 1 - Unit 1 Sections 1.1-1.9 (45%)		Controlled Assessment Unit 3 (10%)	External GCSE exam Physics 2 - Unit 2 Sections 2.1-2.9 (45%)
Welsh Baccalaureate	Controlled Assessment Global Citizenship Challenge (15%)	Controlled Assessment Enterprise and Employability Challenge (20%)	Controlled Assessment Community Challenge (15%)	Controlled Assessment Individual Project (50%)	Controlled Assessment Individual Project (50%)	

Reporting

Year 10

- ❑ Interim report – October 2021
- ❑ Interim report – January 2022
- ❑ Interim report – April 2022
- ❑ Full report – June 2022

Year 11

- ❑ Interim report – October 2022
- ❑ Full report – January 2023
- ❑ Interim report – April 2023

Pupil Progress Reporting to Parents/Carers

YEAR 10		
Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
October 2021 Interim reports issued (Progress Check 1)	January 2022 Interim reports issued (Progress Check 2) 7th-18th February 2022 Internal mock exams Monday 7th March 2022 Year 10 Parents' Evening April 2022 Interim reports issued (Progress Check 3)	June 2022 Full reports issued (Progress Check 4) May to June 2021 *GCSE external exams *External exam dates are provisional and are subject to change. Dates to be confirmed.

YEAR 11		
Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
October 2022 Interim reports issued (Progress Check 1) November 2022 Year 11 Parents' Evening December 2022 Internal mock exams	January 2023 Full reports issued (Progress Check 2) March 2023 Year 11 Parents' Revision Open Evening April 2023 Interim reports issued (Progress Check 3)	May to June 2023 GCSE external exams

Helping your child to cope with exam pressure and stress

Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for both children and parents but there are ways to ease the stress. Remind your child that feeling anxious is normal. Nervousness is a natural reaction to exams. The key is to put these nerves to positive use. Being reminded of what they do know and the hard work and time they have put into study can help them feel confident.

If your child is feeling stressed and anxious about exams please speak to their teachers, form tutor or Progress Manager. We have a team of staff who can help and support pupils through exam periods.
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/pages/coping-with-exam-stress.aspx>

Parents' Evenings

- ▣ **Monday 27th Sept 2021** – Year 10 Information Evening
- ▣ **Monday 7th March 2022** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- ▣ **Monday 28th March 2022** – Year 10 Revision Open Evening
- ▣ **November 2022** – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- ▣ **March 2023** – Year 11 Revision Open Evening

Controlled Assessments

- Controlled assessments contribute towards final GCSE grades in some subjects.
- The weighting of controlled assessments varies with each subject.
- Assessments are completed under teacher supervision and in exam conditions.
- They can be completed:
 - In a normal timetabled lesson
 - Controlled access to resources, e.g. Internet
 - Research and preparation under supervision

Internal & External Examinations

- ▣ Year 10 internal mock exams – February 2022
- ▣ Year 10 **GCSE external exams** – May/June 2022
- ▣ Year 11 internal mock exams – December 2022
- ▣ Year 11 **GCSE external exams** – May/June 2023

Preparing for exams

- ▣ Correct equipment
- ▣ Communication – dates of exams / timetable
- ▣ Revision sessions
- ▣ Examination Officer – Nicola Oulton
- ▣ GCSE Results day – Thursday 25th August 2022

How can you support your child?

- **Encourage your child** to attend all lessons and after school and extra revision sessions.
- Ensure your child comes **fully equipped** to ALL lessons and examinations.
- **Ask your child** how they are progressing, check on homework being done, use pupil planners to liaise with staff.
- Check that your child is accessing and using the **online revision resources** that are available for most subjects.
- **Attend Parents' Evening** in March – feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time with any questions or concerns.
- Ensure your child is eating a **healthy diet** and gets **enough sleep** during exams.
- Ensure your child is organised and prepared for exams. Help them plan a timetable to **organise their own revision**.

Further Information

If you require any further information about your child's progress, examinations or controlled assessments please contact the school.

- ▣ Nicola Oulton – Examinations Officer
- ▣ Andrew Owens – Deputy Headteacher (examinations/curriculum)
- ▣ Stuart Fletcher – Progress Manager for Year 10