



EXAM SUPPORT

Mock Exams March 2020

Introduction

Year 11 is a very important year. Exams, college applications and decisions about the future all come around quicker than you might expect. Mock exam marks will be used by teachers to make predictions about final grades. Colleges and 6th forms will want to know them.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with essential information about how to prepare for your mock exams. To achieve well in your GCSEs you need to make the most of the mock experience

The key messages are:

1. Get organised! If you can't do it on your own, get help. Balance your subjects.
2. Start early – there is lots to do, the earlier you start, the more manageable it is, cramming your revision is stressful and not as effective.
3. Make use of all the things the school provides – we only recommend things that make a big difference!

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Where can I get resources to revise for my subjects?

The following pages contain the key revision information from every subject. Find your subjects and take note of them!



Subject: English Language

Number of mock exams in March and length:

One paper: English Language exam – 1hr 45mins

Component 1 (only) – reading and writing fiction

Revision session – **3pm to 4:30pm on Monday 16th March**

Topics that may come up in the mock:

Section A – Reading (40 marks)

This section will test through structured questions the reading of an unseen extract from one 20th century literary prose text (about 60-100 lines). This section assesses AO1, AO2 and AO4.

Section B – Writing (40 marks)

This section will test creative prose writing through one 40-mark task. Candidates will be offered a choice of four titles giving opportunities for writing to describe and narrate, and imaginative and creative use of language. This response should be a narrative (story) / recount.

This section assesses AO5 and AO6.

Recommended resources to use to revise and where they can be found:

- Practice papers will be given to students.
- Language revision workbooks are available from the Finance Office. Students should complete all the activities from page 6 to page 66.
- The following links may also be useful:

BBC GCSE Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zps3mnb>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zpr7xsg/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z9tg4j6/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z3qsv4j/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zq2tk7h>

Eduqas – Improving Written Accuracy

http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_1-3/_eng/unit5/1-varying-the-way-you-start-sentences.html

http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_1-3/_eng/unit5/02-the-right-word-in-the-right-place.html

http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_1-3/_eng/unit5/04-punctuation.html

http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_1-3/_eng/unit5/05-somethings-not-quite-right.html

http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_1-3/_eng/unit5/06-choose-the-right-spelling.html

Subject: Double Science

Number of mock exams in March and length:

Three exams, each 1 hour and 15 minutes

Topics that may come up in the mock:

Trilogy biology paper - 1 hour 15 mins [Biology paper 2 topics]

Trilogy chemistry paper - 1 hour 15 mins [Chemistry paper 2 topics]

Trilogy physics paper - 1 hour 15 mins [Physics paper 2 topics]

Recommended resources to use to revise and where they can be found:

Revision guide - The contents section in the front of the book lists the topics by paper.

Google classroom – A variety of revision materials for different learning styles. The login details will be released via the student bulletin and Parent Mail.

YOU will need to make sure that you are familiar with the **required practicals** for paper 2, as these **will be a key focus**.

Additional revision materials – These are available for purchase via the finance office. A letter will be sent home advising you of the materials we have available, the resources will be sold at cost price which is significantly cheaper than on the 'high street'.

Lunchtime revision sessions – We will focus on the four key topic areas for the exam, starting **Monday 10 February** through to **Friday 13 February**. Details of the topics to be covered will be published shortly. You will need to **sign up in advance** for each session using the same method as for parents evening.

Subject: Separate Sciences (students who chose science as an option)

Number of mock exams in March and length:

3 exams, each 1 hours and 45 minutes

Topics that may come up in the mock:

Chemistry - 1 hour 45 mins [Chemistry paper 2 topics]

Biology - 1 hour 45 mins [Biology paper 2 topics]

Physics - 1 hour 45 mins [Physics paper 2 topics]

Recommended resources to use to revise and where they can be found:

Revision guide - The contents section in the front of the book lists the topics by paper.

Google classroom – A variety of revision materials for different learning styles. The login details will be released via the student bulletin and Parent Mail.

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Subject: Maths

Number of mock exams in March and length:

2 papers, 1.5 hours each (P1 is non-calculator, P2 is calculator allowed).

Please ensure you have the correct equipment with you for each exam: *Calculator (P2 only!), pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, compasses.*

Topics that may come up in the mock:

Everything! Please refer to the revision checklists issued in class which can also be found on the maths page of the VLE.

Recommended resources to use to revise and where they can be found:

- Past papers will be given out to be used in class and at home.
- Extra set of past papers will be available on the maths page of the VLE.
- Mymaths www.mymaths.co.uk
- Corbettmaths videos www.corbettmaths.com
- PiXL Maths App

How do I revise?

The key message when revising is that it must be **active** and not passive. Passive would be just reading the revision guide then finishing and going to watch TV. Active revision is anything that involves thinking, making a decision or doing.

Instead of just reading it and then having a cup of tea...

- ***Can you reduce the information down to half the size in note form? Can you reduce it further down to just keywords?***
- ***Can you draw pictures to help you remember it?***
- ***Can you summarise the information in 5 key points then put them in order of importance?***
- ***Can you draw a mind map and link the information on a topic together?***
- ***Can you turn the page of information into a 10 question quiz that you can get someone to test you on?***
- ***Can you make flash cards with keywords on one side and definitions on the other?***
- ***Can you make a podcast about the thing you are learning about?***



How do I revise?

Once you feel like you've revise a topic, you need to **test yourself** to see if you really have and practice applying that knowledge. If the subject you are revising for involves writing them you must practice writing your answers

You can do this by answering questions in the revision guides, or by answering the relevant pages in a workbook or internet site.

It is extremely important that you mark the questions yourself – there is no point in doing questions if you don't know if they are right or not

Exam practice – build up to trying exams, there are not many practice papers so use them wisely! Make sure you mark them afterwards – get help from someone if you struggle. If you can't help looking at the answers, give them to someone responsible!

For more details about study skills, please see the 'Study Support' booklet on the website at:
<https://www.sohamvc.org/page/?title=Homework+%26amp%3B+Study+Skills&pid=1049>



Date – Week commencing	What subjects will I revise and what activities will I do?				
	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject
3 rd February					
10 th February					
17 th February (Half term week)					
24 th February					
2 nd March					
9 th March					
16 th March Core mocks begin					

