



Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we move towards the end of what has been an extremely challenging academic year, I wanted to write to Year 10 parents to explain the approach we will take as a school to supporting your son in his preparations for his GCSE examinations next year. These approaches are designed to ensure that he has the best possible preparation, managed in such a way as to support him both emotionally and academically. They will be more important next year than ever before.

For the first time in 2018-19 we organised revision sessions slightly differently. In order to try to avoid clashes between revision sessions, each subject has identified a revision day in line with the fortnightly timetable. This worked extremely well and we will continue this in 2020-21. These are shown in the table below.

DAY	SUBJECT
1	Art, PE
2	English, DT, Computing
3	Biology
4	Chemistry, Art
5	Physics, Music
6	French, Spanish and Latin, Art
7	Economics, DT, Computing
8	Maths
9	History, Geography, Art
10	Drama, Music

There are a number of observations that need to be made alongside this. Firstly, I am very grateful to my colleagues for giving up additional time to make this possible, the majority of the sessions will run after school. In terms of what it means for students, not every student will need to attend every subject that they study. Departments will vary the target audience for their revision through the year. For example, in term 1 a subject might focus on students at risk of not getting a grade 5, whereas in term 4 it may be those pupils targeting a grade 9. This means students will not need to attend revision every night. Departments will communicate directly with pupils and parents about who should be attending. However, we felt it would be helpful to both pupils and parents to know the revision day for each subject. Where there are multiple subjects on the same day students may wish to seek the advice of their form tutor or pastoral staff to help them decide what to attend. As a school we would be very grateful to parents for their support in encouraging their sons to attend appropriate revision sessions.

The last aspect of revision support to touch upon at this time is with regard to revision guides. In the past, departments have contacted parents separately to offer the opportunity to purchase revision guides through the school. This has led to multiple letters and transaction fees which is detrimental to both parents and the school. Therefore, this year we have gathered all the information together and will be offering parents the opportunity to purchase revision guides for their sons, for all their subjects in one go. The list of revision guides available is below.

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Subject	Revision Guide	ISBN	Supplier
Combined Science	Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: Edexcel Revision Guide with Online Edition - Higher (SEHR45)	ISBN: 9781782945741	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	Grade 9-1 GCSE Combined Science: Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook - Higher (SEHQ41)	ISBN: 9781782944980	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE Combined Science: Edexcel Answers (for Exam Practice Workbook) - Higher (SEHQA41)	ISBN: 9781782945031	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Physics	Grade 9-1 GCSE Physics: Edexcel Revision Guide with Online Edition (PER45)	ISBN: 9781782945734	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	Grade 9-1 GCSE Physics: Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook (PEQ41)	ISBN: 9781782944973	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE Physics: Edexcel Answers (for Exam Practice Workbook) (PEQA41)	ISBN: 9781782945024	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Biology	Grade 9-1 GCSE Biology: Edexcel Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition) (BES41)	ISBN: 9781782948803	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	Grade 9-1 GCSE Biology: Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook (BEQ41)	ISBN: 9781782944959	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE Biology: Edexcel Answers (for Exam Practice Workbook) (BEQA41)	ISBN: 9781782945000	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	New GCSE Biology Grade 8-9 Targeted Exam Practice Workbook (includes answers) (BE9Q41)	ISBN: 9781789080759	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Chemistry	Grade 9-1 GCSE Chemistry Edexcel: Complete Revision & Practice with online edition (CES41)	ISBN: 9781782948810	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
English	Frankenstein - York Notes for GCSE (9-1)	ISBN: 9781447982142	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
	An Inspector Calls - York Notes for GCSE (9-1)	ISBN: 9781447982166	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
	Macbeth - York Notes for GCSE ((9-1)	ISBN: 9781447982203	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
	New GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Guide: Power & Conflict Anthology for the Grade 9-1 course (ACHR43)	ISBN: 9781782943617	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	New Grade 9-1 GCSE English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide – Book 1 (EUAR42)	ISBN: 9781782943648	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE English Language AQA Complete Revision and Practice – Grade 9-1 Course (with online edition) (ENAS42)	ISBN: 9781782944140	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Spanish	GCSE Spanish AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with CD & Online Edition) - Grade 9-1 Course (SPAS41)	ISBN: 9781782945482	www.cgpbooks.co.uk

PE	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Practice Papers Plus+	ISBN: 9781292213224	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
PE	GCSE Physical Education All-In-One Revision and Practice, Collins	ISBN: 9780008166281	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
Geography	New GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Complete Revision and Practice (w/online edition) New for 2021 exams and beyond (GAS42)	ISBN: 9781782946137	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
History	Conflict and Tension between East and West 1945-1972 Revision Guide, Aaron Wilkes, published October 2018	ISBN: 9780198432883	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
Music	GCSE Music Edexcel Complete Revision and Practice (with Audio CD) for the Grade 9-1 Course (MUES41)	ISBN: 9781782946151	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Drama	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide (DMR41)	ISBN: 9781782949626	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Maths	GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide Higher – for the Grade 9-1 Course (with Online Edition) (MXHR46)	ISBN 9781782944041	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE Maths Edexcel Complete Revision and Practice: Higher Grade 9-1 Course (with Online Edition) (MXHS43)	ISBN: 9781782944058	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
	GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook: Higher for the Grade 9-1 Course (includes Answers) (MXHQ42)	ISBN: 9781782944034	www.cgpbooks.co.uk
Technology	Revise AQA GCSE Design & Technology Revision Guide	ISBN: 9781292191584	www.brownsbfs.co.uk
French	GCSE French AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with CD & Online Edition) - Grade 9-1 Course (FAS41)	ISBN: 9781782945390	www.cgpbooks.co.uk

This list is now available on WisePay and parents can select and pay for any revision guides they would like for their son. Orders need to be placed on WisePay by **Friday 18th** September. This is so that the order can be placed and pupils can receive their revision guides in time for their Mock exams which begin on Monday 16th November 2020. This is the only opportunity each year to purchase revision guides in this way, so please make the most of it.

The cost of each revision guide is identified on WisePay. This cost is the published price for schools and is likely to be cheaper than retail prices. It is possible where the school makes a large order that we may obtain a further discount. If this is the case, it will not be practical to return this to individual parents and so any savings will be used to provide additional study skills input and resources to year 11.

Finally, I would remind parents of the importance of accepting any invites their child has received for the summer school provision. As previously stated, these sessions are invite only, but if you are not taking your place it is very important that you let us know so we are able to invite another student.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter or the approach to revision, please do not hesitate to contact the middle school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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