Year 10 - Supporting Success at GCSE
October 1st 2026

'The summit is what drives us, but the climb itself is what matters.'

Conrad Anker



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- General information about GCSEs
- What are the ***real*** keys to success?
- What does effective preparation look like?
- What support is available?

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YEAR 10

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	'Keeping Up Assessments'		*'Keeping Up Assessments'*		End of year 10 Exams

YEAR 11

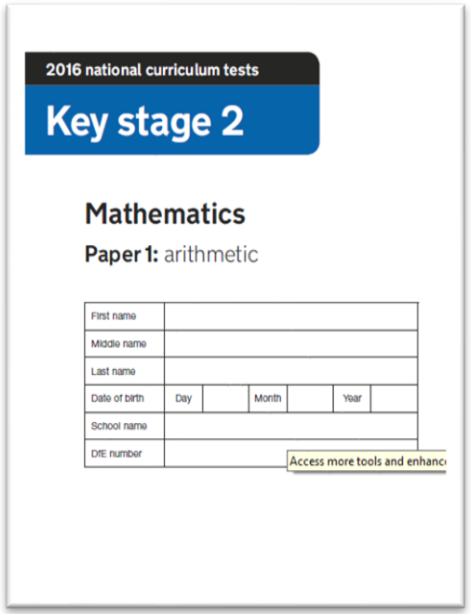
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2		
	Mock Exams 1		Mock Exams 2	*EXAMS*	*EXAMS*

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Target Grades

- Not hugely reliable
- Better than nothing
- Not an indication of how well you will do
- We are happy to raise them if you want us to



Scaled score

Generate a GCSE Target

TARGET GRADES
English = 6
Maths = 5
Science = 6

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Target Grades: Caution

Qualification Name	Target Grade	Grade
English Language	6	3
Maths	7	5
Combined Science	66	43
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Geography	6	3
Computer Science	6	2
English Literature	6	2
French	5	2
iMedia	L2D	L1M
PE GCSE	6	2

Qualification Name	Target Grade	Grade
English Literature	5	8
Maths	5	6
History	5	7
Biology	5	6
Chemistry	5	5
English Language	5	6
Philosophy & Ethics	5	6
Art	5	5
French	4	5
Physics	5	5

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What does it take to be successful?

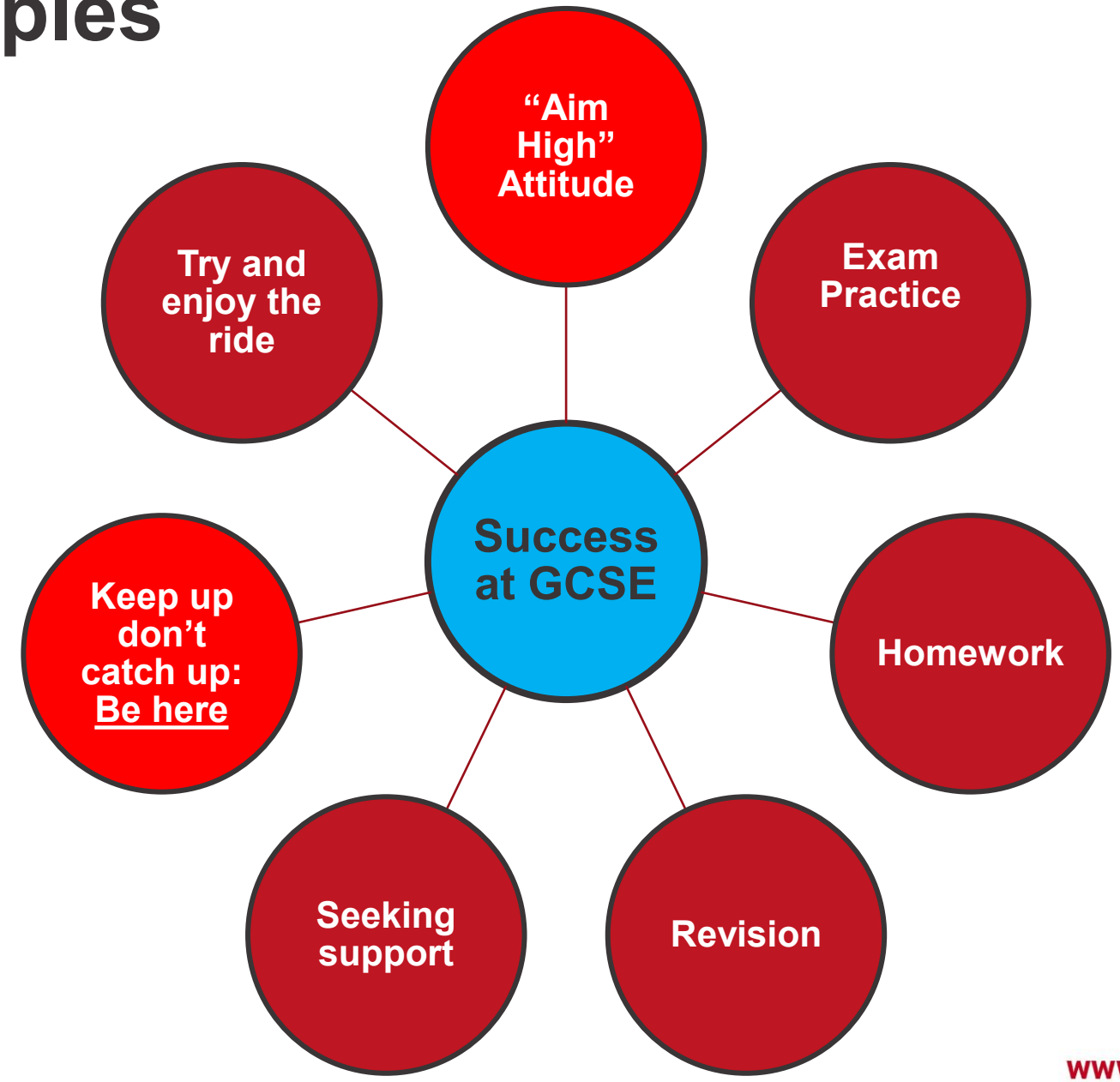
How did this student do this?

Qualification Name	Target Grade	Grade
English Literature	5	8
Maths	5	6
History	5	7
Biology	5	6
Chemistry	5	5
English Language	5	6
Philosophy & Ethics	5	6
Art	5	5
French	4	5
Physics	5	5

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7 Principles



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Dangerous territory

"Aim High" Attitude

- "I only need a 4 to get to college"
- "I am just going to concentrate on the subjects I enjoy"
- "I'm not good at English so I'm not going to try“
- “Sir, please can I drop Maths?”
- "Geography isn't anything to do with my future career ambition"

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Real student – the power of aiming high

Qualification Name	Target	Y10 Summer Exams	Final GCSE
Business Studies	4	4	6
Combined Science	4	3 2	9 9
Economics	5	4	6
English Language	4	4	5
English Literature	4	X	5
Geography	5	4	8
History	4	4	7
Maths	4	2	5

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Aiming High

- Protects you against **grade deflation**
- Protects you against **exam anxiety** and silly errors

There is **no glass ceiling** on any child, so don't create one for yourself.

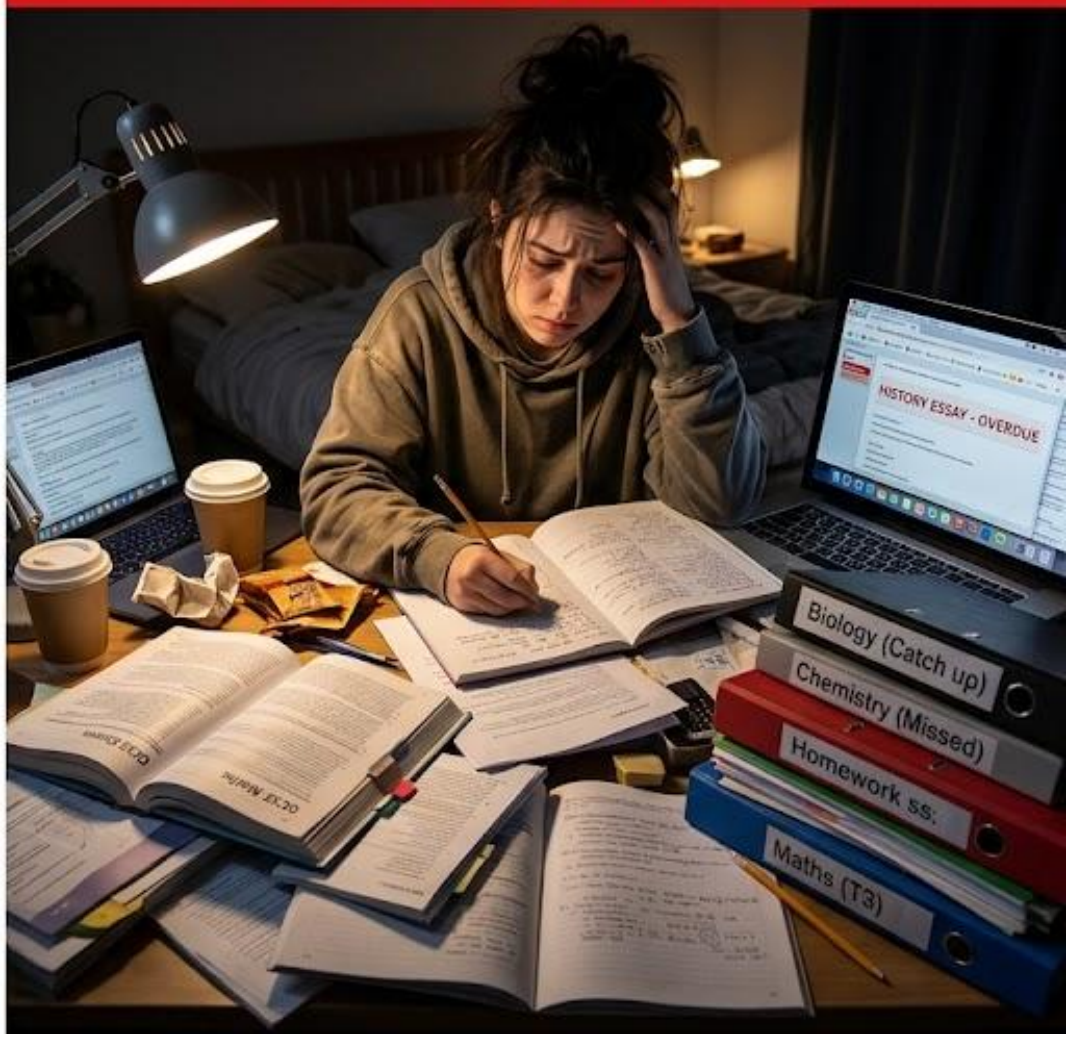
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KEEPING UP



CATCHING UP

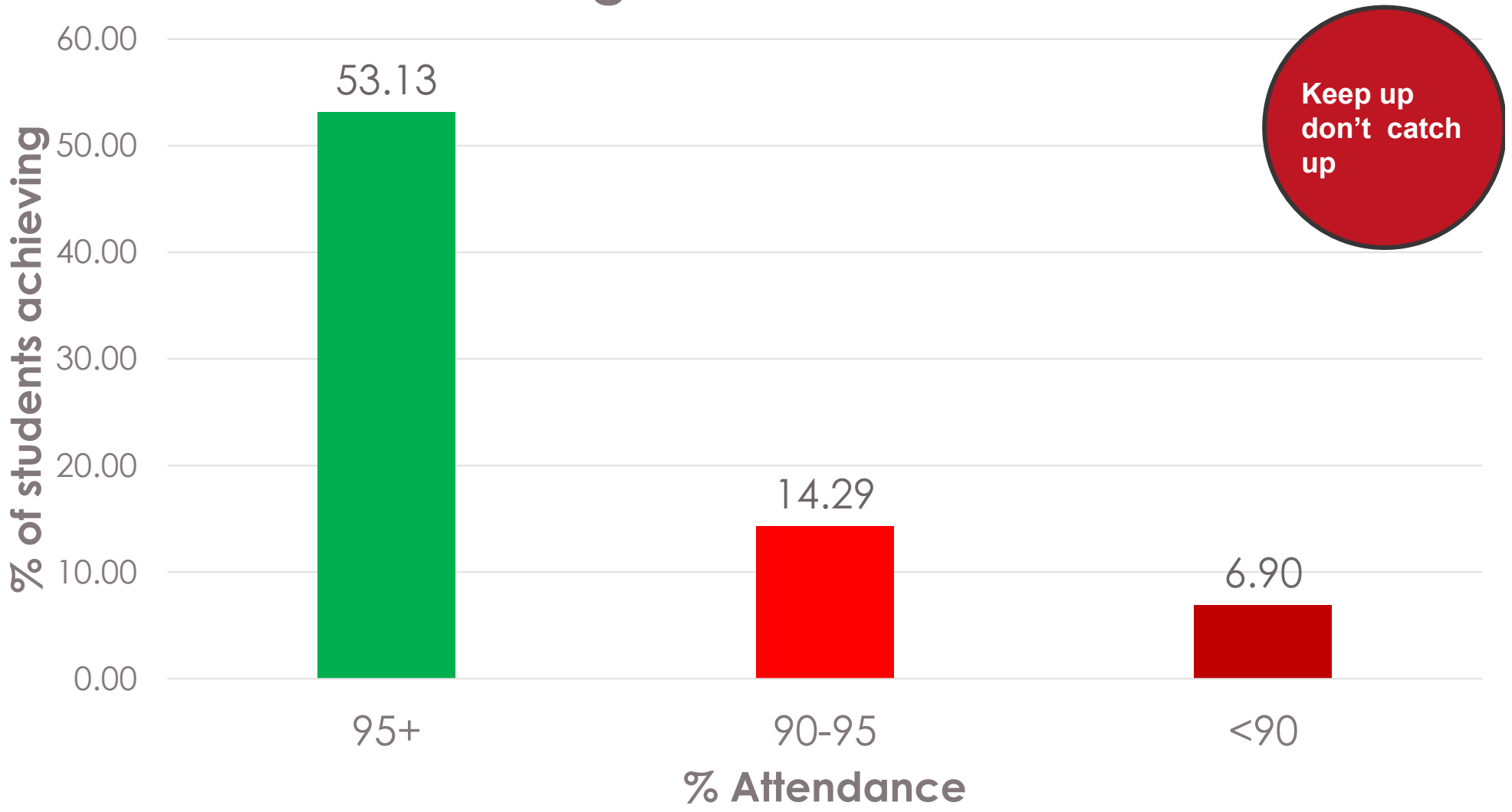


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Chances of 5+ Grade 9-5 GCSEs including English & Maths



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First 10 minutes of every lesson

Students pull out what they know with **retrieval** practice



Keep up don't catch up

This builds memory for the exams

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Keep up don't catch up

Just 3 minutes late to every lesson

= 15 minutes per day

= 75 minutes per week

= **48 hours per year**

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Keep up don't catch up

Just 5 minutes late to every lesson

= 25 minutes per day

= 2 hours and 8 minutes per week

= **81 hours per year (10 school days)**

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Check your child's books



"Aim High" Attitude

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Extra: Urban sprawl; houses need to be built, so they are built on the edges of cities, so areas of rainforest have to be cut down. [2]

3 Outline **one** positive economic impact of deforestation.

It is a source of money for [illegible] places/governments can invest in infrastructure, such as schools & hospitals. [1]

When trees are cut down, CO_2 is released into the atmosphere. The CO_2 traps the sun's heat causing global warming.

4 Outline **two** environmental impacts of deforestation.

Impact 1: Trees absorb CO_2 and [illegible] greenhouse gases. they also release oxygen, however, when a tree is cut down, it releases the stored CO_2 into the atmosphere, this leads to global warming.

Impact 2: Soil erosion - as there are no longer trees to protect the soil from wind and rain, it loses the last of its nutrients, then over time dries up and cracks, so its no longer fertile, so the process of deserti[illegible] place.

[illegible] the extent to which deforestation

Model answer:

"Aim High" Attitude

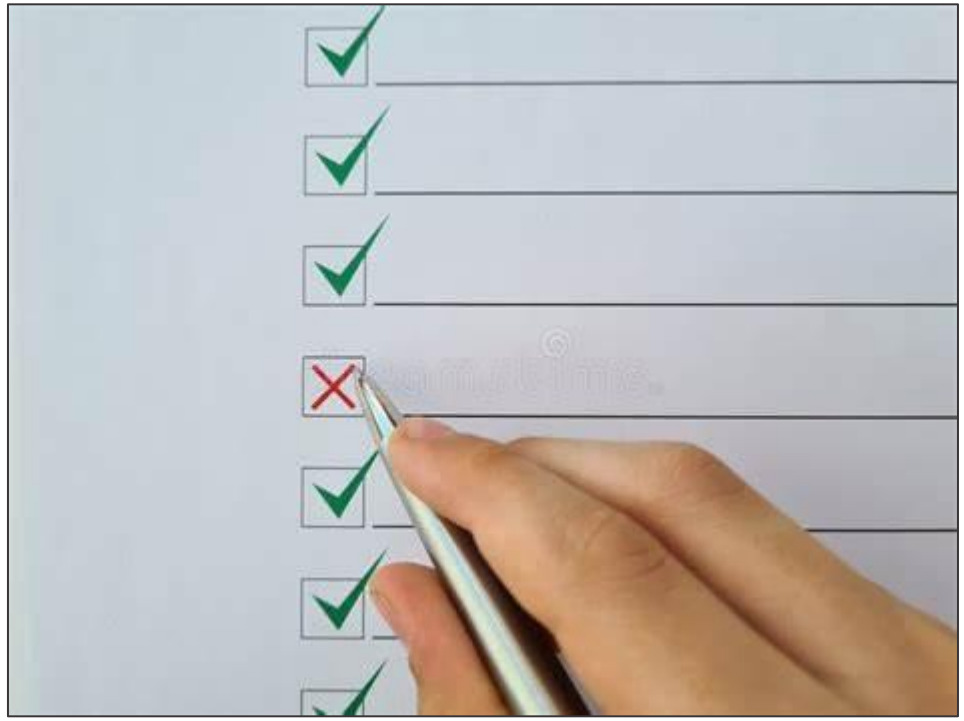
Firstly, 16a has a higher peak discharge and a shorter lag time because it would likely be in an urban area with lots of impermeable concrete, leading to increased surface run off. Whereas 16b will more likely be surrounded by permeable surfaces such as grass, soil and soft rock allowing most water to infiltrate.

Secondly, there is likely to be more trees in 16b to intercept the rainfall and elongate the lag time, however, in 16a, there will be less vegetation so

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Success rate in daily quizzes

"Aim High" Attitude





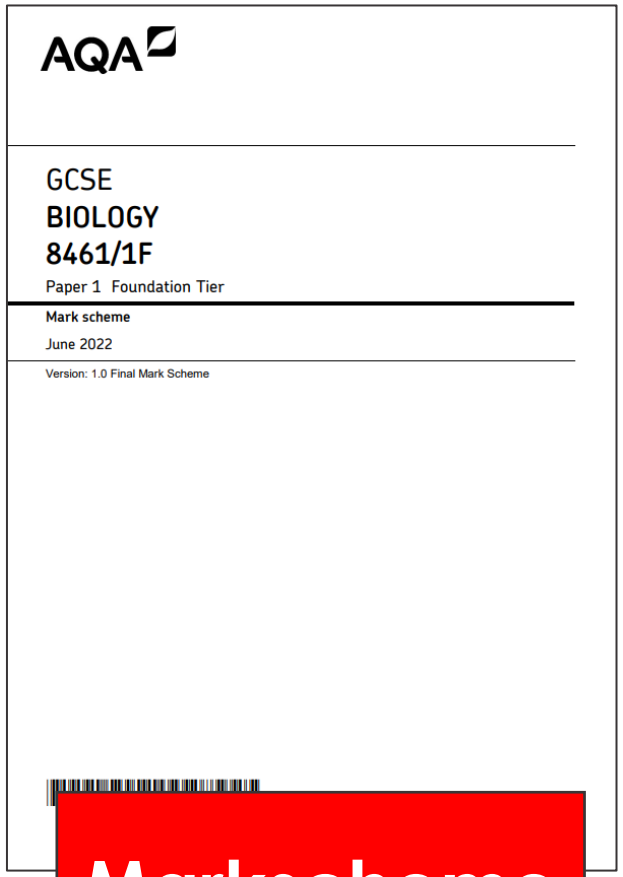
This is as important as end of unit tests.
It shows how well your child is mastering the GCSE curriculum

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Past papers

Exam Practice

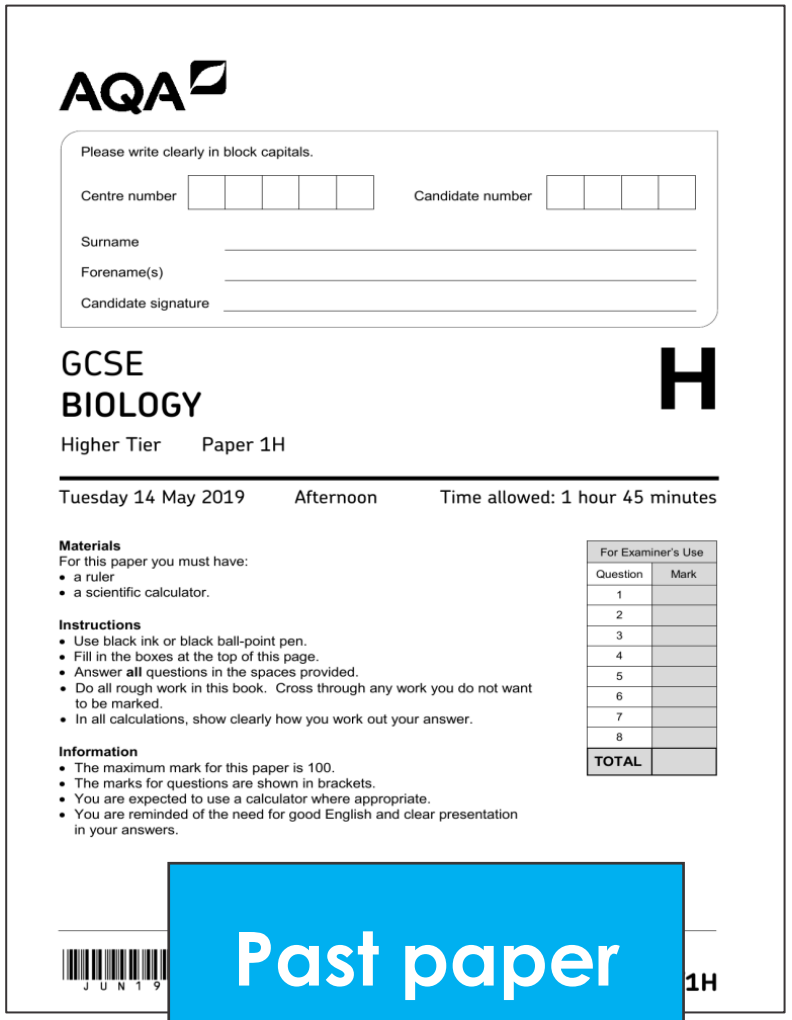

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BIOLOGY
8461/1F
Paper 1 Foundation Tier

Mark scheme
June 2022

Version: 1.0 Final Mark Scheme

Markscheme


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Please write clearly in block capitals.

Centre number | Candidate number

Surname

Forename(s)

Candidate signature

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Higher Tier Paper 1H

Tuesday 14 May 2019 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
- a ruler
- a scientific calculator.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

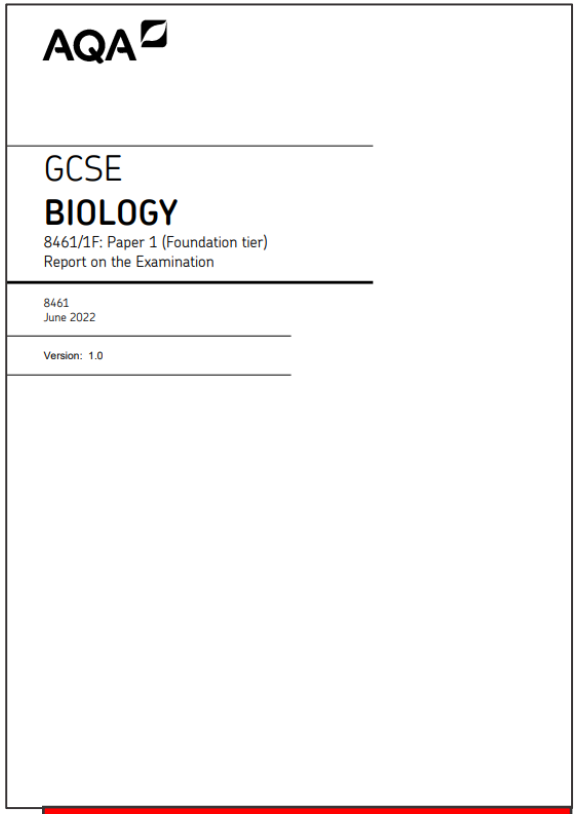
Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

For Examiner's Use	
Question	Mark
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
TOTAL	

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Past paper


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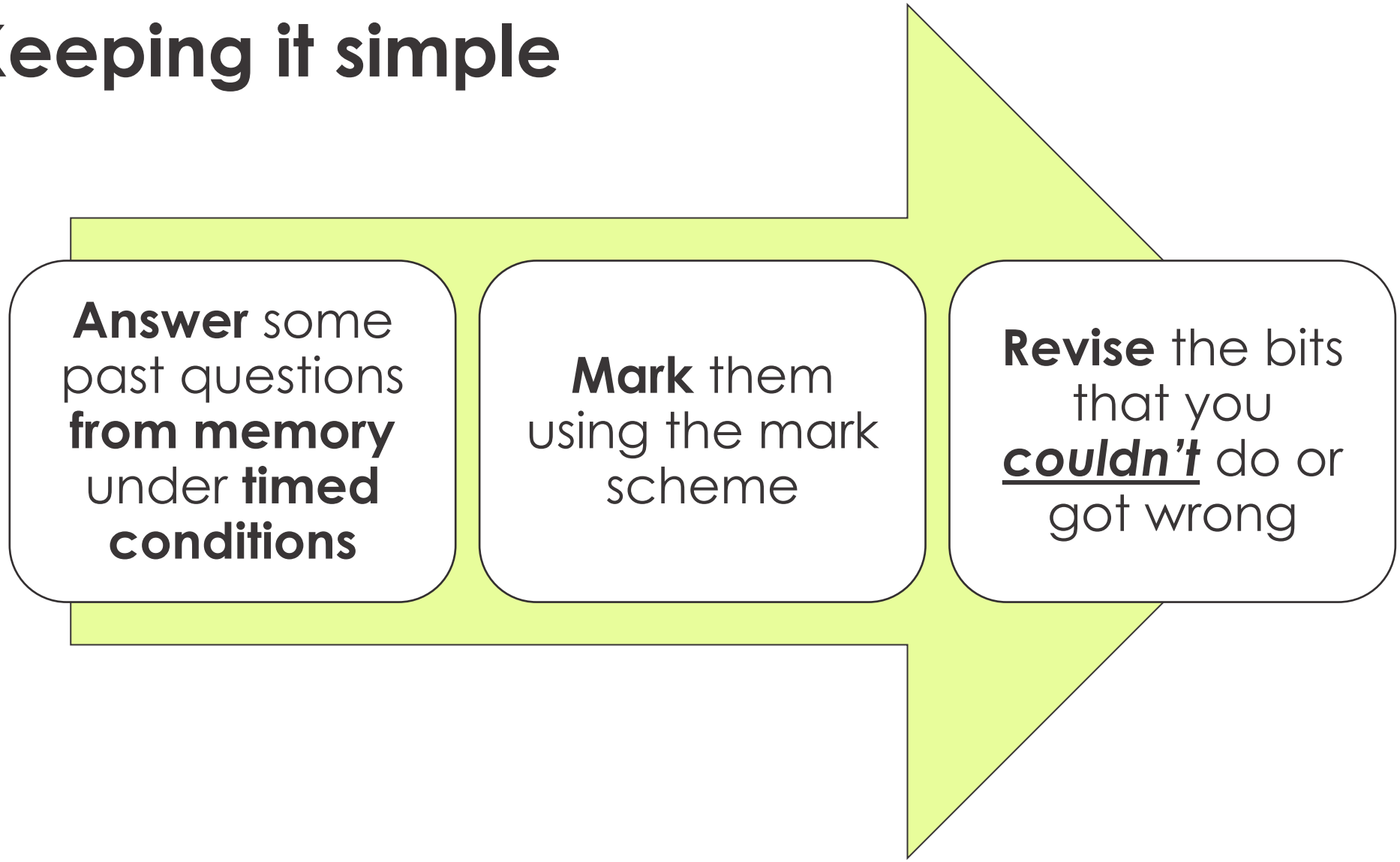
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Examiner's Report

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Keeping it simple



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Distractions

Revision



Listening to music during revision prevents knowledge retention



Mobile phones and social media will destroy knowledge retention and retrieval ability

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EDEXCEL

- Paper 1 – **Non**-calculator (1hr 30mins)
- Paper 2 – Calculator (1hr 30mins)
- Paper 3 – Calculator (1hr 30mins)

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About 223,000 results

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Maths Genie offers video tutorials, practice questions and answers for GCSE and A Level maths exams. Find past papers, mark schemes, scheme of learning and upcoming exam dates for ...

Gcse Revision

Free online GCSE video tutorials, notes, exam style questions, worksheets, ...

KS2 SATS Revision

The Maths Genie Key Stage 2 SATs revision page featuring past papers, video ...

Edexcel Exam Papers

Maths GCSE past papers (Foundation and Higher) for the Edexcel exam board with ...

A Level Exam Papers

Edexcel A Level and AS Level past exam papers, in PDF and Word formats, worked ...

A Level Revision

Maths Genie - AS and A Level Maths revision page including revision videos, ...

Scheme of Work

The Maths Genie Scheme of Learning..Mathematics Learning Journey ...

AQA Exam Papers

AQA Maths revision past exam papers for the new 1-9 GCSE Specification.

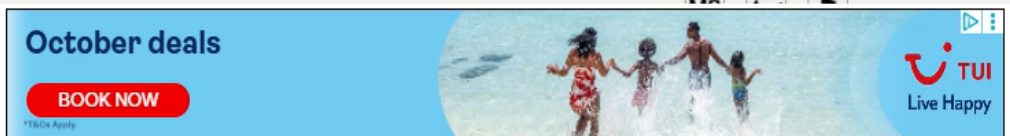
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Maths Genie resources include schemes of work, target tests and predicted GCSE ...

Related Searches for math...

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- maths **gcse**
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- maths genie **as level**

November 2018 Paper 1	MS Ans ▶
November 2018 Paper 2	MS Ans ▶
November 2018 Paper 3	MS Ans ▶
June 2018 Paper 1	MS Ans ▶
June 2018 Paper 2	MS Ans ▶
June 2018 Paper 3	MS Ans ▶
November 2017 Paper 1	MS Ans ▶
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ENGLISH



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AQA ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (1hr 45 mins)
Focuses on a fiction text for reading and a descriptive or narrative writing task.

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (1hr 45 mins)
Focuses on two non-fiction or literary non-fiction texts for reading and a writing task to present a viewpoint.

AQA ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel (1hr 45 mins)
Macbeth
Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (2hrs 15 mins)
An Inspector Calls
Power and Conflict
Unseen Poetry

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Revision Guides and workbooks for sale

- They are cheaper to buy through us, you can order them on Arbor

Revision



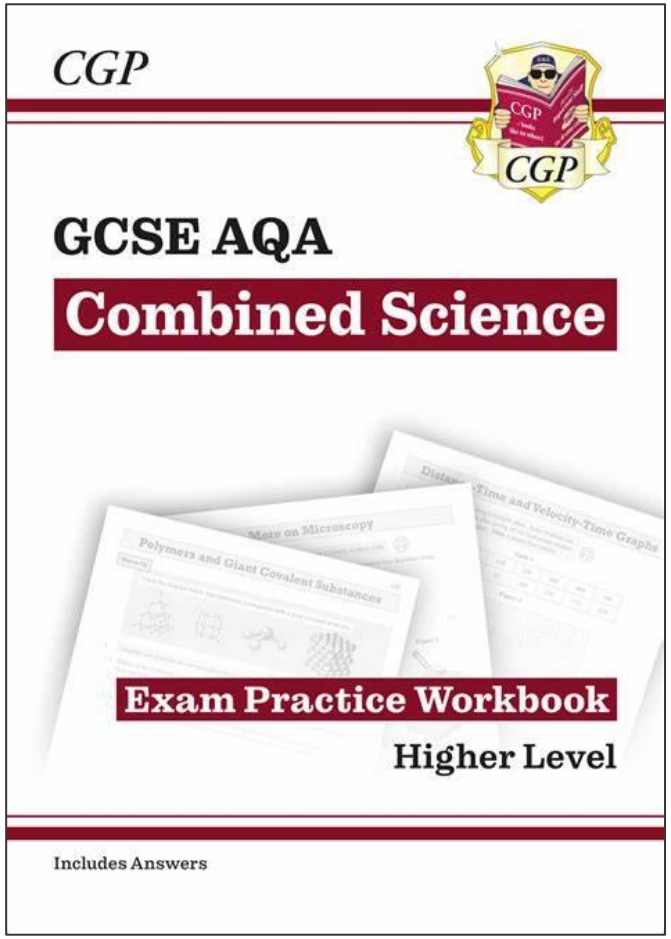
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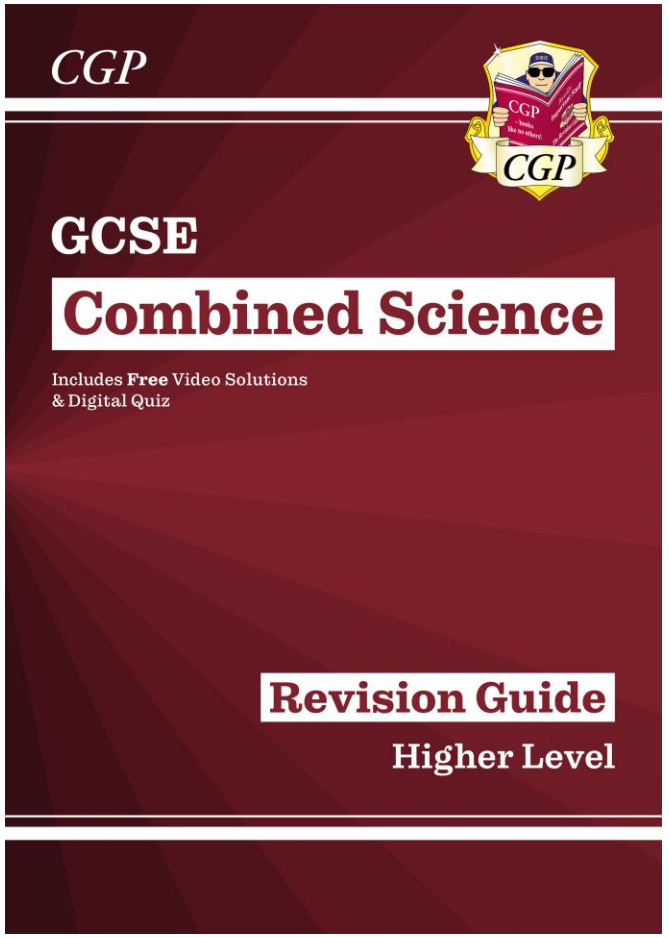
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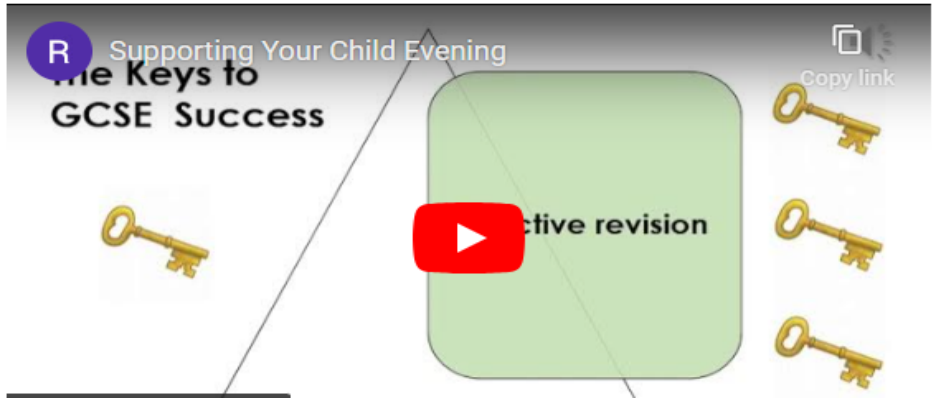
GCSE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

This page has been created to host a range of different presentations, useful links, and information about support available to your child during their GCSE course.

The Key to GCSE Success

Please see the presentation that Mr Saunders gave to Year 11 parents, carers, and students on Thursday 19th October 2023. The presentation covers:

- Information about GCSE assessments
- Strategies for effective revision
- Support available to your child.



Seeking support

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AQA GCSE Geography

Revision Support
- Business Studies
- Design & Techn
- English
- Food Preparatio
- French
- Geography
- Health & Social
- History
- Hospitality & Co
- Maths
- Music
- Physical Educati
- Philosophy & Et
- Science
- Spanish

Revision Strategi

Please click **HERE** for helpful tips and inforr

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Exam Structure

At Rossett we follow the AQA course. In this course students will sit three written exams. Each exam is 1hour and 30 minutes.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

Natural hazards (Plate tectonics, Weather and Climate Change), The Living World (Rainforests, Deserts and Ecosystems), UK Landscapes (Coasts and Rivers)

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

Urban Issues (Urbanisation, Lagos and Leeds) Economic World (Development gap, Nigeria and UK Economy), Resource Management (Food, water and energy)

Paper 3: Geographical applications

Issue evaluation (pre-exam booklet), Fieldwork, Geographical skills

Quizlets

The Geography department has a range of Quizlets for self-quizzing. If you spend your time learning these key facts using the 'Learn' function of Quizlet, you will have an excellent basis of knowledge that you can build on. Flashcards can also be downloaded and printed from Quizlet

To have access to allof the premium features of Quizlet, you will need a join a class. You can use one your teacher has given and/or this one:
https://quizlet.com/join/bvCnuN9kF

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Checklists

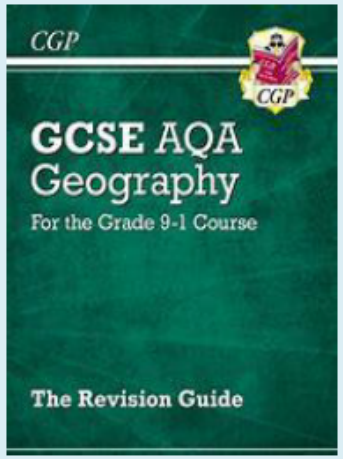
Topic checklists can be found in the relevant folder on the link here

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QU3J1Py6AARN1zco6oV7YX4kBq_2i8eg?usp=sharing

Look at for information about our remote revision sessions on Teams, closer to the exams

Knowledge

Use a **revision guide** or the information on the **Geography department website** to try to memorise key content. Revision guides and exam workbooks are **available to purchase from School.**



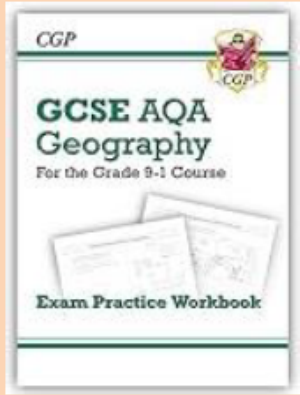
Case study summary documents can be found on the link.

Use strategies such as: read, cover, write check, brain dumps and making flash cards/ mind. maps as part of this process.

Key Revision Resources - ROSSETT GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT (weebly.com)

Practice Questions

There are a range of example questions with example answers and tips available here.
Suggested strategy: revise the key content required, attempt the question, check using the example answer and improve where necessary. Repeat.
An exam practice booklet is also available to purchase from school



Exam Paper Practice

Once you have revised all of the content you now need to practice a full paper under timed conditions.
Past Papers and march schemes can be found here: AQA | GCSE | Geography | Assessment resources

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Guidance

Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students

Updated 24 October 2023

Applies to England

Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students



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How can you help?

- ✓You know your child better than anyone
- ✓Keep telling them you are proud of them
- ✓Focus on the positives
- ✓Be a motivator, avoid talking about ‘failure’
- ✓Test them on **key words**, which **sections** they need to answer
- ✓help them make sense of **mark-schemes,**
- ✓use **flashcards** to test them,
- ✓help them **organise** their time.



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Keeping Up Assessments

- After October Half Term
- Tests in each subject
- We expect students to revise what they have learnt in the first half term
- We will report to you whether your child is:

Above Track	On Track	Below Track	Well Below Track

- Relative to their target grade

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GCSE
August 17th, 2028