

Welcome to Dixons City Academy

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Our Vision

At Dixons City Academy, our purpose is excellence. We focus on being the best version of ourselves to change our world for the better.

We will consistently be in the top 1% of schools nationally.

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Three-way Partnership



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Important Dates

- October holidays: 18 October – 2 November
 - Targeted revision during the holidays
- Mock exams: 7 – 21 November
 - Training days: 13 and 14 November
- Year 11 Data afternoon – 4 December
- Mock results – 11 December
- Year 11 Consultation Evening – 11 December

Mock plan

	Friday 07 November	Monday 10 November	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November
8:30am	Computer Science Paper 1 1 hour 30 minutes DIT 1 hour 30 minutes	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes	Science Paper 1 Biology Combined - 1 hour 15 minutes Triple - 1 hour 45 minutes	Spanish Reading paper Foundation (F) 45 minutes Higher (H) 1 hour Spanish Listening paper F 35 minutes H 45 minutes
11:00am	Drama 1 hour 30 minutes Sport Studies 1 hour 15 mins	English Literature booster session	Health & Social Care 1 hour 15 mins Geography/History split booster session	Chemistry booster session
1:20pm	Health & Social Care 1 hour 15 mins Music – A27 1 hour 45 minutes	English Literature Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes	Geography Paper 1 1 hour 30 minutes History 1 hour 45 minutes	Science Paper 1 Chemistry Combined - 1 hour 15 minutes Triple - 1 hour 45 minutes

Mock plan

	Monday 17 November	Tuesday 18 November	Wednesday 19 November	Thursday 20 November	Friday 21 November
8:30am	English Language Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes	Geography Paper 2 1 hour 30 minutes History Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes	English Language Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes	RE 1 hour 45 minutes	DT 2 hours
11:00am	Maths booster session	Physics booster session	Maths booster session	Spanish booster session	Computer Science booster session
1:20pm	Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes	Science Paper 1 Physics Combined - 1 hour 15 minutes Triple - 1 hour 45 minutes	Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes	Spanish Writing paper F – 1 hour H – 1 hour 15 minutes	Computer Science Paper 2 1 hour 30 minutes

Exam booster sessions

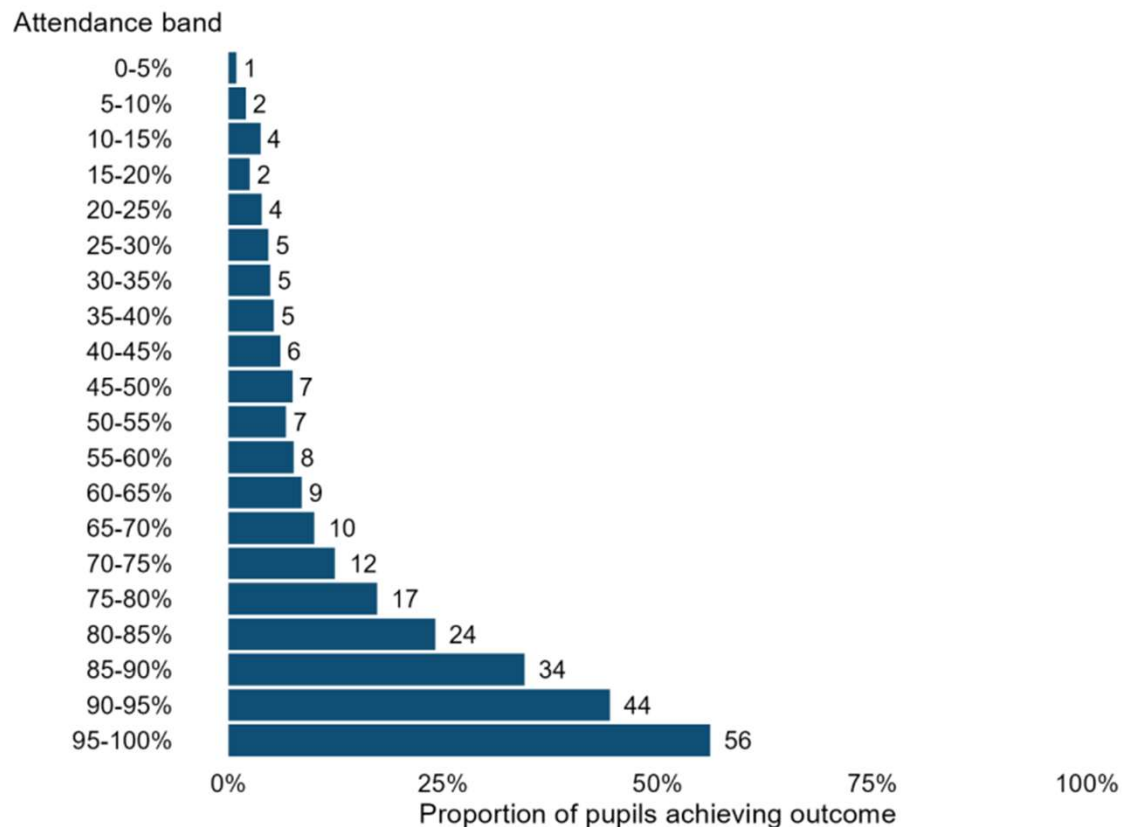
- There will be an exam booster session before each exam.
- The purpose of these is for final reminders of exam technique and to support students, before they go into exams.
- These will start at 8:15am for morning exams and 11:55am for afternoon exams.

Exam equipment

- **Exam Equipment** *will be provided*
- Calculator needed for Maths P2, P3, Science, DT and Geography exams
- **Spanish Speaking Exams**
- Spanish teachers will inform students about timings.
- **Drama Controlled assessment**
- Thursday 6 November
- **Art Exam**
- Art teachers will inform students about dates.

Attendance ~ Attainment

Figure 6 Proportion of pupils in each 5% attendance band for Year 11 achieving Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE at the end of KS4



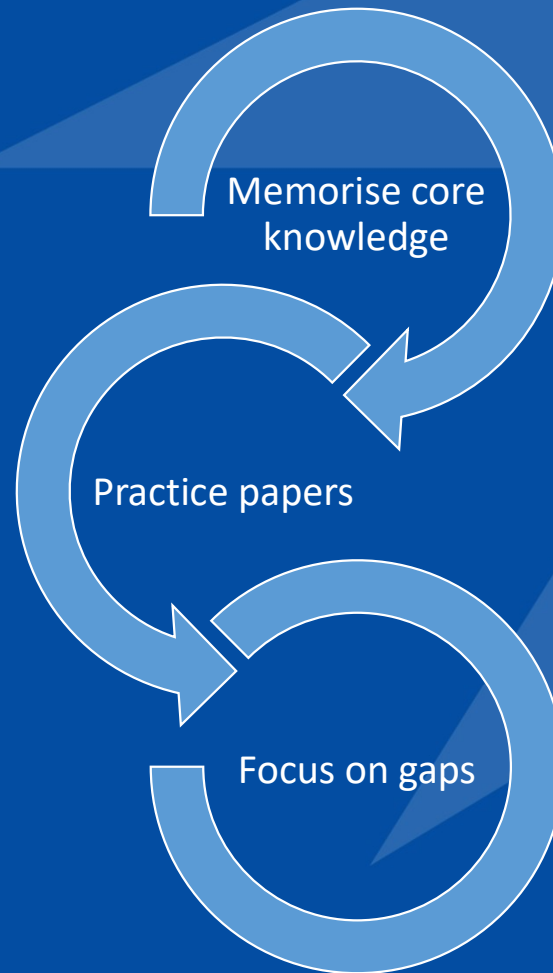
Revision and intervention

- Morning Meeting
- Lessons
- Study Prep
- After school revision / intervention (Monday-Wednesday)
- October revision / intervention
- **At home** – students have more days off school than at school before the mocks
 - 16 school days
 - 22 at home

Supporting your child

- Insist they follow their revision timetable (as closely as possible)
- Provide a quiet space to work
- Remove distractions
- Regular sleep routine
- Healthy eating
- Exercise
- Find a study group





English Language and Literature

- Students sit 2 English GCSEs; English Language and English Literature.
- Each GCSE is made up of 2 papers meaning every student will sit 4 English papers in the summer.
- There are no differing entry levels, all students sit the same exam papers.
- For the November mocks, students will do both the Language papers and Literature Paper 1.



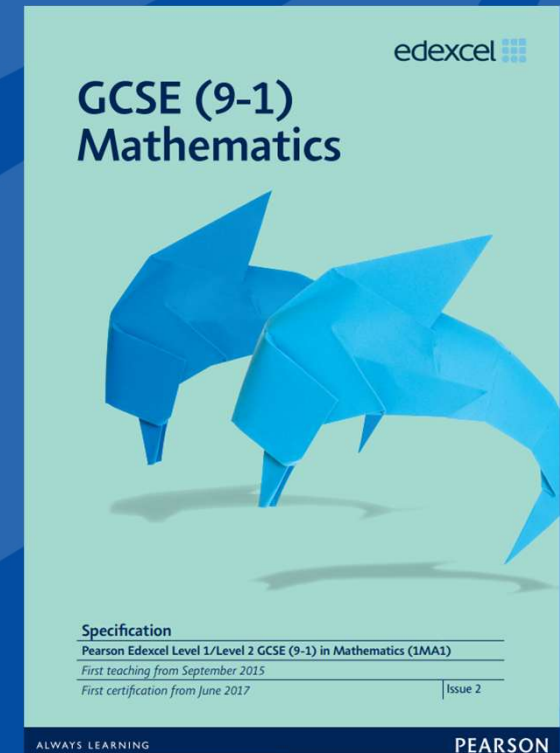
Resources

- Success in English is about timed practice
- Weekly homework is set in Thursday's morning mastery and should be handed to English teachers the following week.
- Daily 20 minutes revision as outlined in the Y11 revision booklet.
- 100% Book – learning key quotes and context by heart.
- Seneca contains English Language and Literature revision drills.
- The most effective strategy for English revision is timed practice of papers (planning and writing).



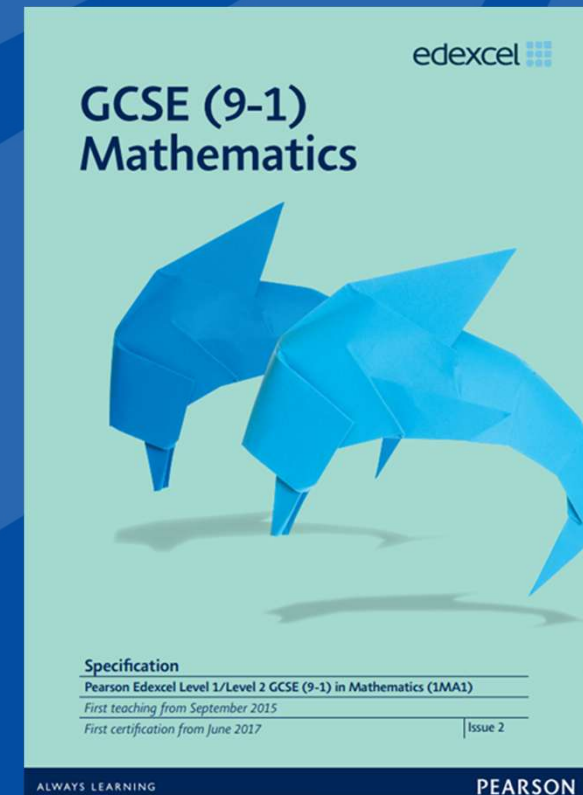
Mathematics

- GCSE Maths has three examination papers. Students will take the three papers (one without a calculator, two with) at the end of Year 11. Each exam is 1 hours 30 minutes in length.
- There are two levels of entry: Higher and Foundation.
- The Higher tier is graded from Grade 4 to 9.
- The Foundation tier is graded from 1 to 5.
- Exam entries and tiers are determined in January, although we can make changes after the second set of Mock exams if necessary.



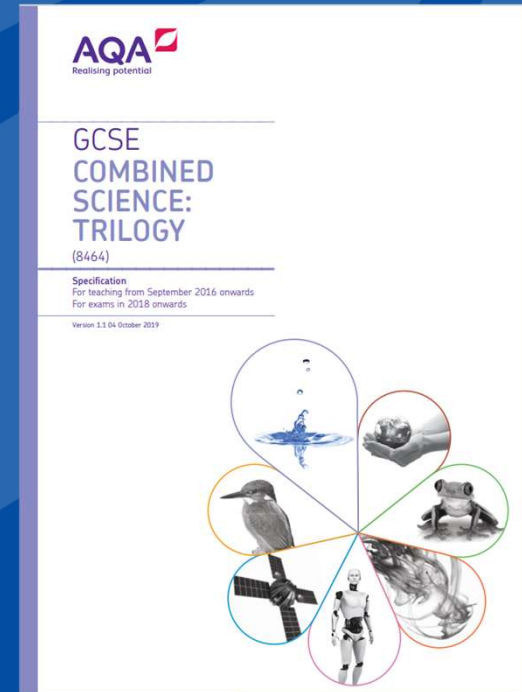
Resources

- Maths is all about practice!
- Sparx – HW and video explanations
- Weekly exam papers are available from the maths department answers are posted on Teams.
- 20-minute a day revision questions are being provided by the DMAT.
- 100% Book Pages 25 and 26 Formulas and Geometrical Reasoning to be learnt by heart.
- CGP or Pearson revision workbooks.
- Mathsgenie.co.uk – website with revision by grade (questions and videos), 45 minute exam papers and full past papers.
- Hannah Kettle Maths – Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm a live walk through of half an exam paper. Students can watch this at a later day/time as these are also recorded.



Science

- Combined science has 6 examination papers.
- There are two levels of entry: Higher and Foundation.
- The Higher tier is graded from Grade 4 to 9.
- The Foundation tier is graded from 1 to 5.
- Exam entries and tiers are determined in January, although we can make changes after the second set of Mock exams if needed.
- For Cycle 1 mock exams students will only do 3 exams - paper 1 exams.



Resources

- 100% books have all the powerful knowledge and practice exam papers.
- AQA website has many past exam papers students can use to test their knowledge
- Youtube - Malmesbury education channel
- BBC bitesize
- Youtube channels- Cognito or freescience lessons
- Collins revision guides can be purchased from the science department for £3.50.
- Collins workbooks will be provided to students for free in January.



Careers advice and guidance – Post 16

- Open evening at D6A - Thursday 9 October 5:00-7:30pm.
- Karen Hodgson (Careers Advisor) or Mr Yale (Vice Principal) are available for support.
- All students will have a 1 to 1 appointment with the Careers Advisor.
- Students also have access to Unifrog which is great for looking at post 16 options and career choices.



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