## Welcome









### Why are we here?

To inform all of the current changes to education and how this will effect your child

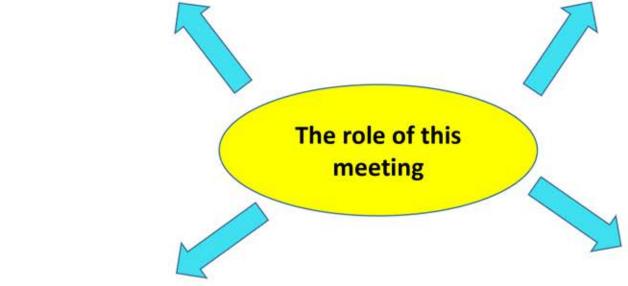
To allow you the

opportunity to ask

questions

To help explain a students day to day PCSA experience





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To explain the actions we can do to help achieve best possible outcomes for our children



# Not just academic – getting ready for the life after school



## Careers info evening for Years 10 & 11 parents on Oct 3rd

#### When you complete year 11, you will have-

Attended at least 2 College or 6th Form open evenings.

Attended an assembly to learn about college, Apprenticeships and University.

Attended an assembly to meet some employers and previous students.

Attended College Taster day.

Have the opportunity to visit at least 2 6th Forms of you are interested in 'A' Levels.

Visited the careers office for a progression meeting and handed in applications for your next step beyond school.

Attended application interviews at Colleges and/or 6th Forms with places offered.

Have a general plan of your career pathway.

Have the opportunity to visit a Careers convention.

Have the opportunity to visit a University.



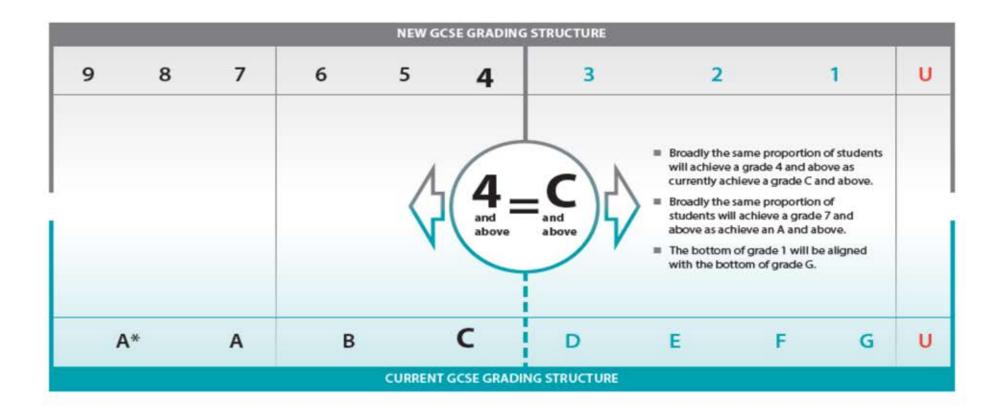


### **But GCSEs have changed**



**Grading the New GCSEs in 2017** 









### But GCSEs have changed More exams





ASCL said it was concerned the new, more challenging GCSEs are already causing increased stress and

The reformed qualifications involve less coursework and more exam papers, with the latter concentrated

anxiety, and that this will intensify next year".

Young people taking a typical set of new reformed GCSEs will sit about eight hours more of exams than under the old system, analysis by the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) has found.

#### Coursework sidelined

"Universities should not consider the distinction between an 8 and a 9 worth making until they have evidence that it does indicate something," Mr Lenon writes in an article to be published later this week.

"After all, 95% might get you a grade 8, 96-to-100% a grade 9. Does the grade 9 student have greater intellectual ability and academic potential or are they simply better at writing fast, or better at checking for silly errors?

"Only time, and analysis of results, will tell."



The new-style exams, beginning with English and maths, will no longer use coursework or modules, but will be graded on final exams.





# But GCSE's have changed Maturity



#### 2012 GCSE Question

(e) 'Married couples should never divorce.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]



#### **Sample 2018 GCSE Question**

(b) How do Christians contribute to interfaith dialogue in the UK?

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian.





### The 9 week curriculum



Super

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Week 9

We explain to the students what they are learning and how week 8

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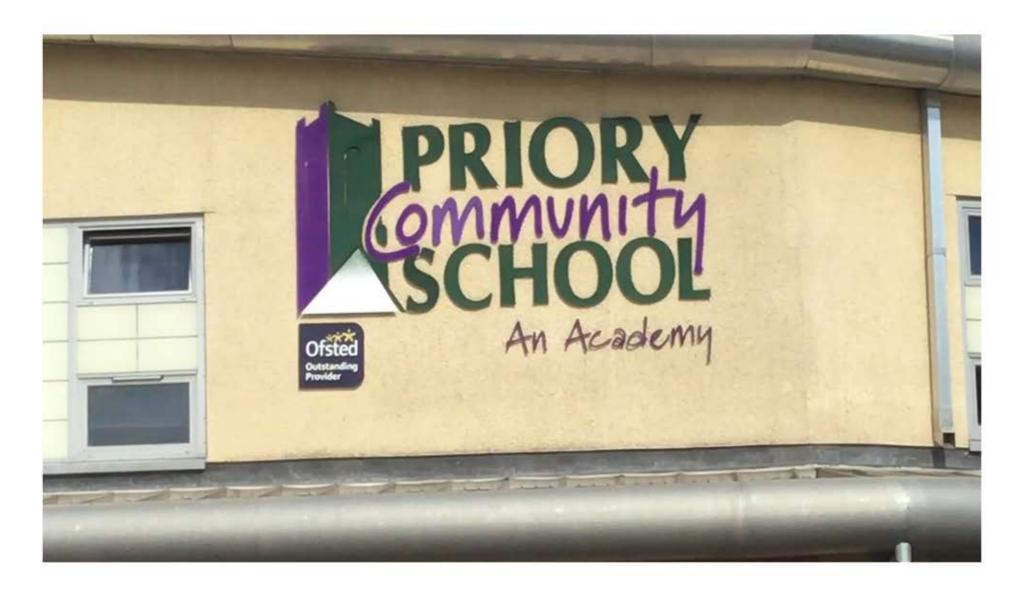
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### The 9 week modular curriculum











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### **Being Prepared**



#### Week 8 Assessment Planner





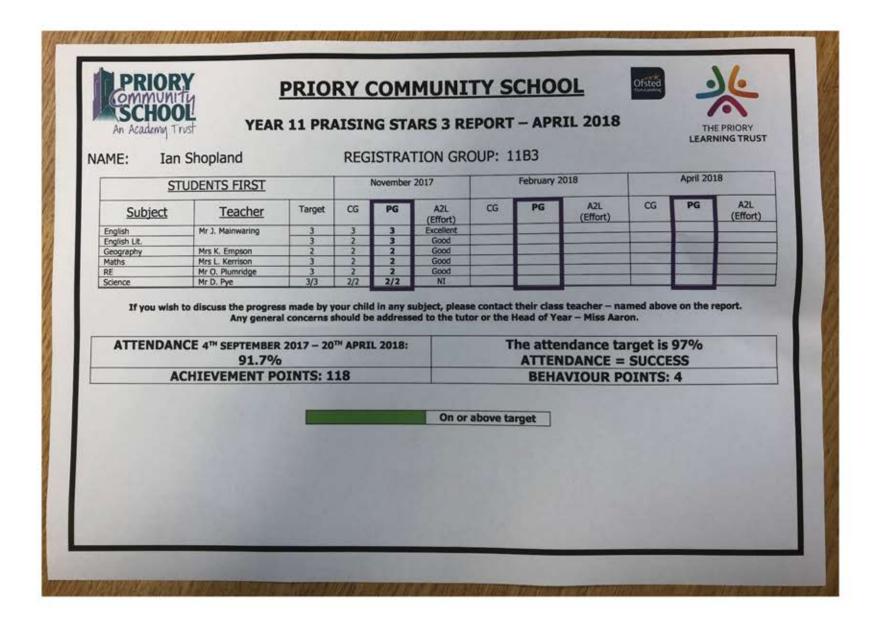
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject
Period 2	Subject	_ Subject	_ Subject	Subject	_ Subject
Period 3	Subject	_ Subject	_ Subject	Subject	Subject
Period 4	Subject	_ Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject
Period 5	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject





### How do you know how your child is doing?









# Where can my child receive additional support?



- Their tutor
- Student Services
- School Counsellor
- The Red Coats
- SEND team
- Bespoke programs







## Safeguarding@pcsa.org.uk





# Being ready to learn – Prepared for success







- A pencil
- A purple pens
- •Ruler
- ·Pencil case
- •Rubber
- Sharpener

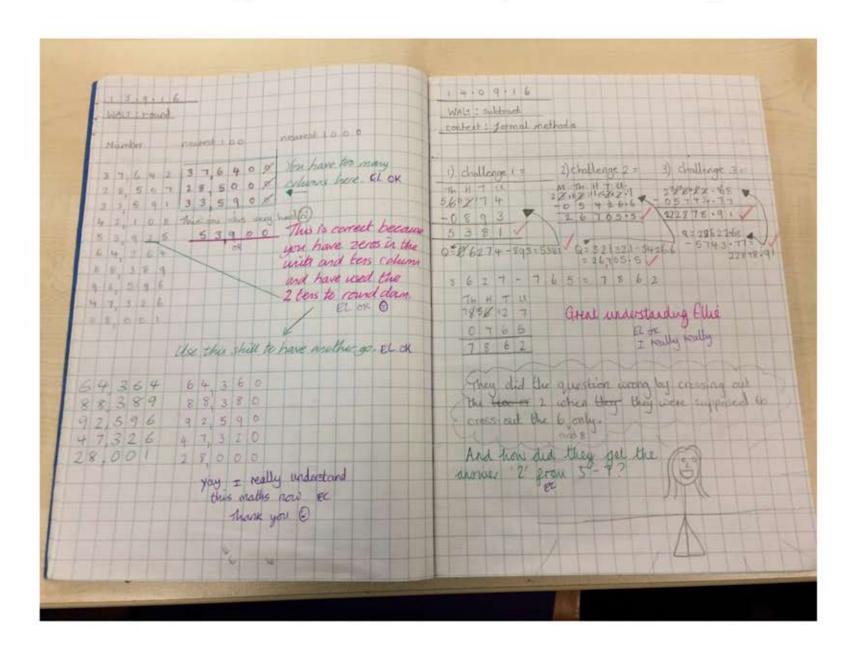








### **Pride in learning = Above expectation performance**









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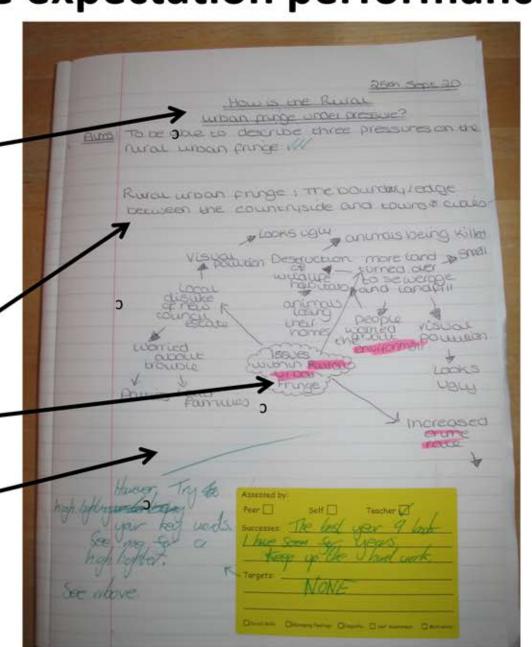
Why is this book such a good example?

Title and date clearly written and underlined with a ruler

Learning objective copied into book and ticked to indicate level of understanding

Key words highlighted

No wasted space









### **Homework – The power of practice**

	Maths	English	Science	Humanities	Languages	Creative	Design	ICT	PE
Year 7	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Twice every two weeks	Weekly	1 project for each subject	4 tasks during the cycle	4 tasks during the cycle	
Year 8	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Twice every two weeks	Weekly	1 project for each subject	4 tasks during the cycle	4 tasks during the cycle	
Year 9	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Once every two weeks per subject	Weekly	Weekly per subject		Once per week	4 tasks during the cycle
Year 10	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Once every two weeks per subject	Weekly	Weekly per subject	4 tasks during the cycle	Once per week	
Year 11	Weekly past papers	Weekly 20 minute workouts	Weekly	Weekly per subject	Weekly	Weekly per subject	4 tasks during the cycle	Weekly per subject	

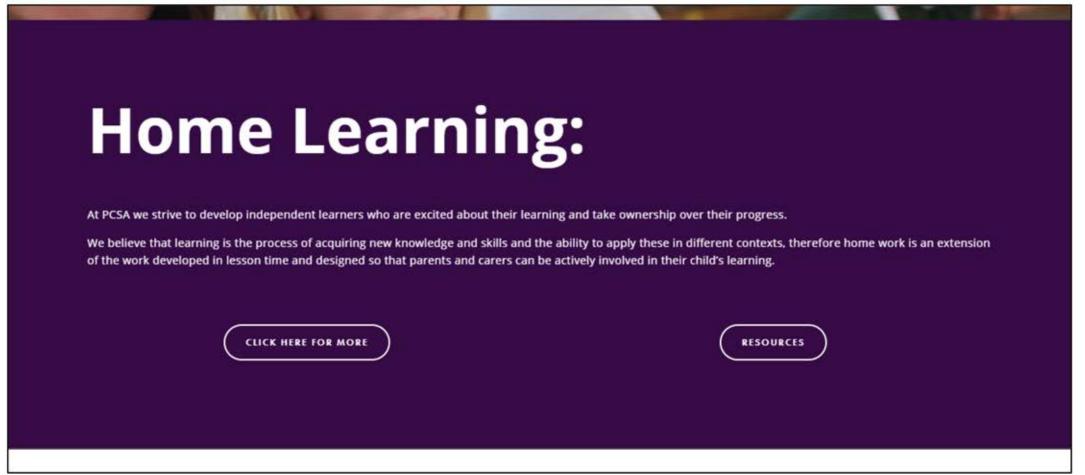






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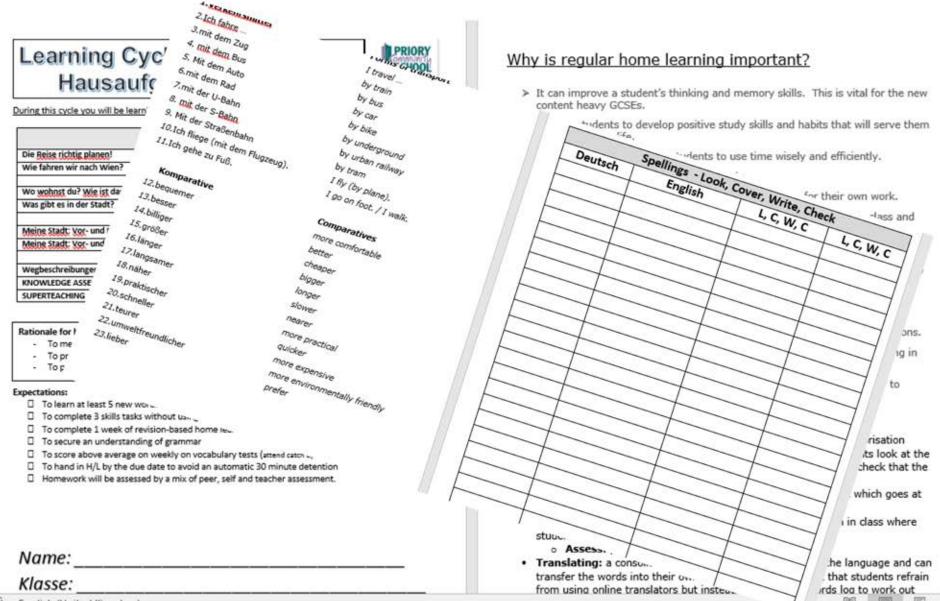








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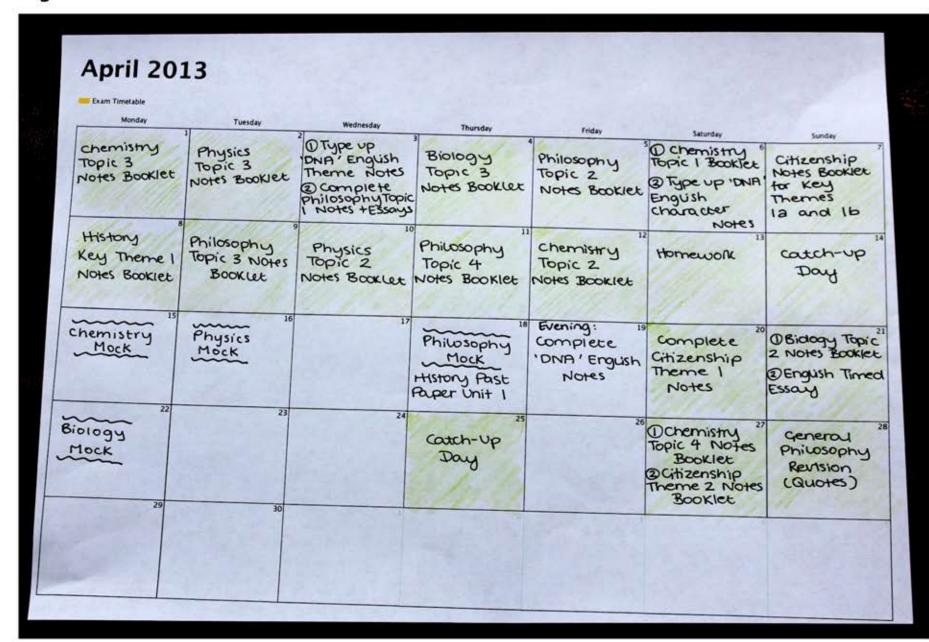








### Has you child created a revision timetable?









### Languages @LGUatPCSA

- Key vocabulary to learn on a weekly basis
  5 A DAY
- Extra tasks introduced gradually to encourage spontaneity.
- ➤ Avoid online translators (use wordreference.com instead).
- ➤ Have positive conversations with your child about the value of languages.
- Encourage them to have a go and to embrace mistakes and challenges.







### Maths at PCSA

#### Year 10

- Topic assessments
- 1 GCSE Paper at end of cycle 1,2 & 3
- All three papers at the end of year 10

#### Year 11

- GCSE papers throughout the year
- Nov PPE and Feb PPE
- GCSE June







#### **Homework Booklets Year 10:**

- Expectation weekly homework
- Marked and reviewed in lesson
- Intervention session on Tuesday P6 M4
- 6 weeks of 20 questions
  - Hegarty maths clips to help
- 4 revision home works using Hegarty Maths
  - Homework booklet has revision topics









### Friday Homework – Year 11

- Hand out and in during assembly
- Topic based GCSE questions
- Hegarty maths and Method Maths homework
  - Hegarty maths is revision of individual topics
  - Method Maths is completion of a past paper
- Past papers







#### **Progress Programme**

- Year 10 revision sessions Thursday after school
- Year 11 Intervention Wednesdays after school
- Invited tutor time sessions
- Monitoring and tracking of progress
- Year 11 2 hour sessions









#### GCSE Science



To understand the how best to approach the 9-1 Combined and Triple Science GCSE

Combined Science (2 GCSEs)biology, chemistry and physics

6x 1 hour 10 minute exams

2 biology, 2 chemistry and 2 physics

Paper 1- Units 1-3

Paper 2- Units 4-6

Triple Science (3 GCSEs)- biology, chemistry and physics

6x 1 hour 45 minute exams

2 biology, 2 chemistry and 2 physics

Paper 1- Units 1-3 (physics is 1-4)

Paper 2- Units 4-6 (physics is 5-8)

#### Revision

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- CGP revision guides sold from science prep room- £5.50 for combined science, £2.75 each for biology, chemistry and physics triple.
- CGP revision workbooks (issued this month) used for homework and can be used additionally at home.
- Doddle access for questions, quizzes, presentations, animations.
- Kerboodle access for questions, presentations and digital book access.
- GCSE pod access for podcasts on specific topic areas.

#### CGP Revision Guides and Workbooks

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In Y11 students are given revision workbook to use for homework each week. Revision guides can also be purchased alongside these.

- Students in Y11 are following the OCR Gateway 9-1 exam board
- Students in Y9 and Y10 are following the AQA Trilogy 9-1 exam board

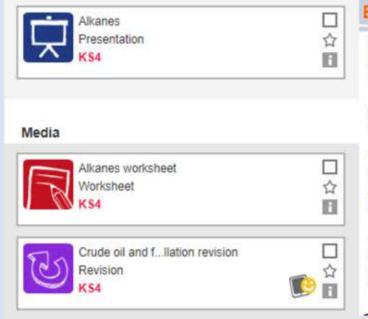




### Doddle (doddlelearn.co.uk)

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#### Early stages of oil and gas formation

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Crude oil is biological in origin. Millions of years ago, plankton, algae and other very small animals died and

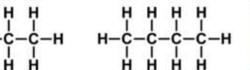
collected in the sediment on the seafloc \*\* The hydrocarbons separated by fractional distillation can be categorized as either alkanes or alkenes. Click on the display formula for the name of each compound.

As more layers of sediment formed abo remains of these animals were compact

The heat and pressure turns the sediment into

rocks, known as sedimentary rocks.

The heat and pressure from the sediment causes the animal remains to turn into crude oil.



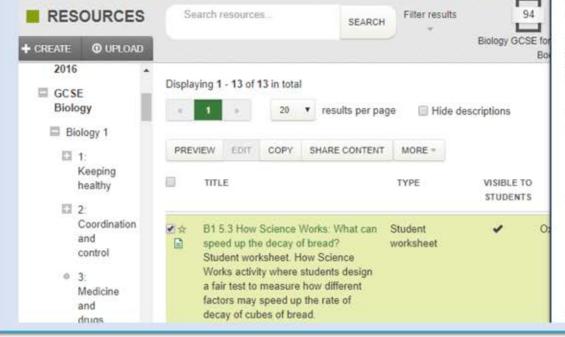
Alkanes are chains of carbons bonded to hydrogen atoms, connected by single, covalent bonds.

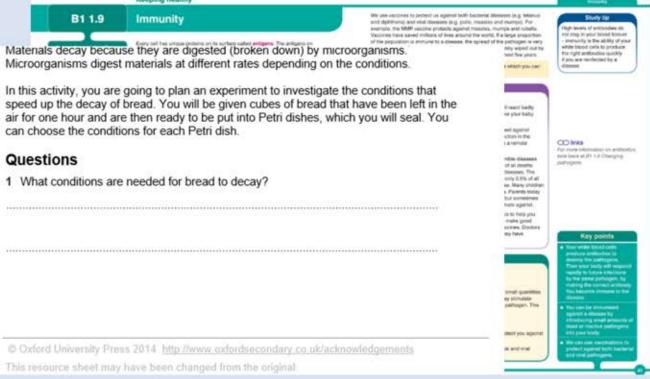
The other molecules are alkenes. Alkenes are similar to alkanes. but they have one or more double bonds. This makes the molecule unsaturated.

### Kerboodle (kerboodle.com)

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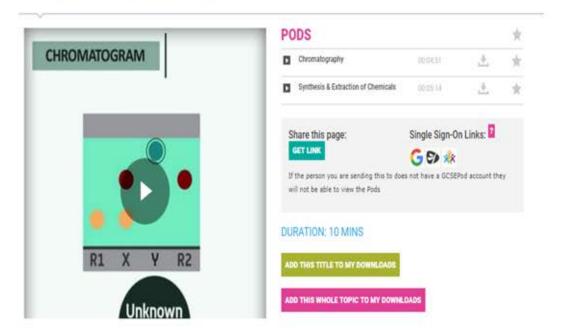




### GCSE pod

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### COMBINED SCIENCE / CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES



This website requires students to sign up independently free of charge.

Students can stream podcasts using the internet or download them to listen to at a later date.

Each podcast is approximately 3 minutes in length

### Thank you

To understand the how best to approach the 9-1 Combined and Triple Science GCSE



#### English in Year 8

#### Main aims of the year:

- To build on Year 7 and develop the analysis and interpretation skills needed for GCSE
- · To expose students to viewpoints, cultures and ideas different from their own
- · To foster and develop a life long love of literature

Cycle	What is covered
1: Dystopian Literature	<ul> <li>Extracts from a variety of classic literature</li> <li>Creative writing skills</li> </ul>
2: Poetry from Other Cultures	<ul> <li>The cultural importance of poetry around the world</li> <li>Analytical and comparative writing</li> <li>How writing reflects the values of the culture it comes from</li> </ul>
3: Trash	<ul> <li>How to study a novel</li> <li>Analytical writing and use of quotations</li> <li>Links between context and text</li> </ul>
4: Much Ado About Nothing	<ul> <li>Analysing Shakespeare's language</li> <li>Historical context of love and marriage (important for Romeo and Juliet)</li> <li>The nature of Comedy and Tragedy</li> </ul>







#### English in Year 9

#### Main aims of the year:

- To give an introduction to the key skills in GCSE English
- To foster and develop a life long love of literature

Cycle	What is covered
1: Descriptive Writing	<ul> <li>Creative writing skills</li> <li>Writing as a reader and reading as a writer</li> <li>Extracts from a variety of writing</li> </ul>
2: Macbeth	<ul> <li>Analysing Shakespeare's language and dramatic techniques</li> <li>Historical context of honour in a male-dominated society (important for Romeo and Juliet)</li> <li>GCSE essay writing</li> </ul>
3: Poetry	<ul> <li>How to study poetry at a GCSE level</li> <li>Analytical and comparative writing</li> <li>First key poems for GCSE exam</li> </ul>
4: Of Mice and Men	<ul> <li>How to study a novel at GCSE level</li> <li>Analytical essay writing about a whole text</li> <li>The effect of whole text structure</li> </ul>







#### Keep Them Reading!

Years 8 and 9 are the 'danger years' for reading, the key is to keep them at it and engaged with it.

#### We help in lots of ways:

- A well stocked, varied library and expert librarians who can recommend a book to anyone
- Weekly reading lessons (Y8)
- A reading passport program to monitor and encourage reading at home (Y8)
- Accelerated Reader quizzes -the more you read, the more prizes you get (Y8)
- Weekly silent reading in tutor time

#### What you can do:

- Buy them books/take them to the library
- Be seen reading yourself -make time to do it as a family
- Recommend them books you liked at their age and read them at the same time
- Have regular 'no phone' or 'no technology' times
- Remove phones from bedrooms and encourage reading for half an hour before sleeping







## Thank you for listening



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