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# **CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Y10 GCSE**

### **Revision Planner 2023**

*This booklet has been designed to help you plan your revision effectively. A timeline shows you when your exams are and allows you to create your own personal revision timetable. Subject specific revision advice is also provided. The booklet contains contact details for all departments and also for key people in the KS4 achievement team.*

**VERY IMPORTANT :**

**Please use this booklet in alongside your official exam timetable - if you are unsure of the timing of an exam, make certain you ask about this BEFORE the day of the exam.**



# Year 10 External GCSE Exams

For some subjects it is permitted and appropriate for pupils to sit some exams at the end of year 10, obviously the advantage being that they will then have fewer exams to sit at the end of Y11. For other subjects, exams are not available at the end of year 10, or pupils are not yet ready to take them. We have carefully planned for the exams which it is most beneficial for Y10 to undertake this summer.

## **Y10 External GCSE Written Exams - Summer 2023**

- **All** pupils will sit two Numeracy papers which will give them a whole GCSE qualification in Numeracy
- **All** pupils will sit three Science exams, one in Biology, one in Chemistry & one in Physics. For Double Award Science, each exam will count for 15% - a total of 45% of their final grade. For Triple Award Science, each exam will count for 45% of their individual Biology, Chemistry and Physics final grades
- **Pupils studying GCSE History** will sit one module which counts for 25% of their final grade
- **All** will sit one English Literature module. This contributes 35% to their final grade

**So, Y10 pupils will sit a maximum of 7 external written examinations spread over a period of 6 school weeks.**

Normal lessons will continue around these exams with revision taking place during lessons and in extra revision sessions.

Summary of External Written Exam Dates			
Numeracy Paper 1	Fri 19th May - 9am	Biology	Tue 13th June - 9am
Numeracy Paper 2	Wed 7th June - 9am	Chemistry	Fri 16th June - 9am
English Lit Unit 1 Module	Wed 17th May - 9am	Physics	Mon 19th June - 1.30pm
History Unit 2 Module	Wed 7th June - 1.30pm		

## **GCSE English Language Presentations**

All pupils will complete their **Individual Researched Presentation** controlled assessment (worth 10% of English Language GCSE) during the week beginning 3rd July. English teachers will support pupils to prepare for this in lessons and will inform students of the arrangements and exact date of their assessment.

## **Assessments in Other Subjects**

Depending on the subjects they take, pupils may be completing on-going controlled assessment work as part of their normal lessons and preparation throughout Y10 and Y11.

Pupils in Y10 may also sit internal school assessments in some subjects before the end of the summer term. These do not contribute to their actual GCSE grades, but provide valuable information about progress made and help to inform next steps in learning. Further details about these will be shared with pupils directly by their teachers.

## Y10 Exams Overview 2023

			Morning Exam 9am	Afternoon Exam 1.30pm
<b>EXAM WEEK 1</b>				
Mon	08/05/2023	B	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tue	09/05/2023	B		Entry Level Numeracy (1 Hr)
Wed	10/05/2023	B	Entry Level English (1 Hr)	
Thu	11/05/2023	B		
Fri	12/05/2023	B		
<b>EXAM WEEK 2</b>				
Mon	15/05/2023	A		
Tue	16/05/2023	A		
Wed	17/05/2023	A	English Lit Unit 1 (2 Hrs)	
Thu	18/05/2023	A		
Fri	19/05/2023	A	Numeracy Non Calculator Paper <small>(Foundation 1 Hr 30 : Int &amp; Higher 1 Hr 45)</small>	
<b>EXAM WEEK 3</b>				
Mon	22/05/2023	B		
Tue	23/05/2023	B		
Wed	24/05/2023	B		
Thu	25/05/2023	B		
Fri	26/05/2023	B		
Half Term: Sat 27th May - Sun 4th June				
<b>EXAM WEEK 4</b>				
Mon	05/06/2023	A		
Tue	06/06/2023	A		
Wed	07/06/2023	A	Numeracy Calculator Paper <small>(Foundation 1 Hr 30 : Int &amp; Higher 1 Hr 45)</small>	History Unit 2B (1 Hr)
Thu	08/06/2023	A		
Fri	09/06/2023	A		
<b>EXAM WEEK 5</b>				
Mon	12/06/2023	B		
Tue	13/06/2023	B	Biology <small>(Triple 1 Hr 45 : Double 1 Hr 15)</small>	
Wed	14/06/2023	B		
Thu	15/06/2023	B		
Fri	16/06/2023	B	Chemistry <small>(Triple 1 Hr 45 : Double 1 Hr 15)</small>	
<b>EXAM WEEK 6</b>				
Mon	19/06/2023	A		Physics <small>(Triple 1 Hr 45 : Double 1 Hr 15)</small>
Tue	20/06/2023	A		
Wed	21/06/2023	A		
Thu	22/06/2023	A		
Fri	23/06/2023	A		

# Numeracy GCSE

## What should I do in school?

- Make the most of every Maths lesson - write good notes and ask for help if you are stuck
- Attend Past Paper Society every Thursday after school
- Ask your teacher for extra help at break or lunchtime
- Keep working on your past papers

## What resources are available?

- Past papers, mark schemes & other resources on Google Classroom
- Online resources:-
  - For past papers and solutions  
⇒ [MathsDIY.com](https://www.mathsdiy.com)
  - For interactive lessons and online homework tasks  
⇒ [Mymaths.co.uk](https://www.mymaths.co.uk)

## Top 5 Tips For Success

1. Set up a Maths revision schedule starting now and work in 45 minute sessions
2. Attend Past Paper Society and complete your past paper homework packs
3. Identify which topics you find difficult and use the websites above to target those topics and practise them until you can do them well
4. Make sure you know how to use your scientific calculator and remember to bring all your maths equipment to the exams
5. Don't struggle alone - if you are stuck, see your maths teacher for help

## Key Dates

Revision Sessions	After school every Thursday
Numeracy Exam Paper 1	Fri 19th May - 9am
Numeracy Exam Paper 2	Wed 7th June - 9am

# Science GCSE

## What should I do in school?

- Make the most of every Physics, Chemistry and Biology lesson. Remember for double award your progress in each of the three separate sciences will add up to two overall science grades, so it is important to balance your efforts across them all
- Participate in the Science Surgery sessions via Google Classroom (released every Tuesday) to develop your subject knowledge and exam technique
- Mark the sessions at home using the webinars/powerpoints and see your class teacher if you are struggling
- Use the detailed feedback provided after each assessment to improve for next time

## What resources are available?

- If you've missed a surgery, don't panic, all surgeries are still available via Google Classroom so you can watch, pause, re-watch as many times as you want
- Powerpoints, checklists, revision guides and worksheets are on Google Classroom and are updated regularly. All pupils have had the class link emailed to them.
- BBC Bitesize has revision pages specifically for WJEC. Enter: <https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zrkw2hv> (Ensure that you select WJEC as the exam board)
- Packs of past papers for the Science Surgeries or independent revision can be purchased from Miss Isaac for £5
- Revision guides and workbooks (published by Hodder) can be purchased from Amazon. Search for:
  - ✓ My Revision Notes: WJEC GCSE Science Double Award.
  - ✓ My Revision Notes: WJEC GCSE Chemistry (or Biology or Physics) for Triple Award
  - ✓ WJEC GCSE Physics (or Chemistry/Biology) Workbook.

## Top 5 Tips for Success

1. Revise little and often. Build up your subject knowledge over time rather than trying to cram it in the week or night before
2. Use the revision materials available to you in addition to your class books to help you revise
3. Ensure that you have your own scientific calculator for science lessons and the exam. Make sure you know how to use it (e.g. entering standard form, etc)
4. Don't struggle alone. If you are stuck, come and see a science teacher- it doesn't have to be your own teacher
5. Practise QER questions. These are worth 6 marks and require 6 clear, articulately expressed points. You should plan your responses carefully before writing them in the exam paper. Try not to be repetitive and take care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar. These can be a mini essay, can include calculations, or be a method for carrying out an experiment (such as a specified practical)

## Key Dates

<b>Biology Exam</b>	Tuesday 13th June (9am)
<b>Chemistry Exam</b>	Friday 16th June (9am)
<b>Physics Exam</b>	Monday 19th June (1.30pm)

# KS4 SCIENCE SURGERY 2022-23

## Each week we will:

- Focus on a different topic
- Provide opportunities for you to apply your knowledge
- Model answers and exam technique



## What do you need to do?

- Ensure that you are signed up to the right Google Classroom:
  - Y10 GCSE Science Support: **2qceyah**
  - Y11 GCSE Science Support: **g3rs3dp**
- **Download and print** the surgery booklets at home or **buy a full science pack for £5** from Miss Isaac/Dr Henry/Mrs Grennan
- Check the timetable to see when the virtual sessions will be uploaded and complete them in your own time
- **If you need further help on one of the sessions:**
  - Attend one of the **live** drop in sessions throughout the year with a specific question
  - Send a message /question via Google Classroom
  - Speak to your class teacher

DATE	SESSION
25/10/22	BIO 1
08/11/22	CHEM 1
15/11/22	PHYS 1
22/11/22	BIO 2
	<b>LIVE DROP IN (\$15)</b>
29/11/22	CHEM 2
06/12/22	PHYS 2
13/12/22	BIO 3
20/12/22	CHEM 3
10/01/23	PHYS 3
11/01/23	<b>LIVE DROP IN (\$15)</b>
17/01/23	BIO 4
24/01/23	CHEM 4
31/01/23	PHYS 4
07/02/23	BIO 5
14/02/23	CHEM 5
28/02/23	PHYS 5
07/03/23	BIO 6
14/03/23	CHEM 6
21/03/23	PHYS 6
28/03/23	BIO 7
18/04/23	CHEM 7
25/04/23	PHYS 7
	<b>LIVE DROP IN (\$15)</b>

# History GCSE

## What should I do in school?

Every minute matters, so ensure you are on time to lessons, are settled to learn as soon as possible and that you approach all learning activities with focus. Take time to reflect after a lesson on what you learned. Don't forget your teacher is there to help you, so if you have any questions just come and ask.

## What resources are available?

- Google Classroom has revision notes and exam guidance
- Your teacher will have example exam questions so make use of these
- HWB and BBC Bitesize is great for factual knowledge
- Follow us on Twitter



@HistoryCHS

## Top 5 Tips For Success

- 1) Structure your revision so you focus on one topic at a time
- 2) Remember the phrase, "thinking is learning"; if you can revise in a way that makes you think, then you'll remember more. For example, categorising and summarising your notes into mind maps, writing yourself tests based on revision notes then completing the test without notes. Simply reading notes is less effective than doing some of these activities
- 3) Use Google Classroom revision resources or see your teacher for notes
- 4) Timing in this exam is key, so make sure you know how to break down the timings before you go into the exam hall
- 5) Practise exam questions and follow the feedback given. You can't improve if you don't try

## Key Dates

Drop In Surgery

Every Monday Lunchtime in G3

Exam

Wednesday 7th June 1.30pm



# English Literature GCSE

## What should I do in school?

- Make the most of your Literature lessons - all of the skills you are using are relevant to the exam, even though the texts are different
- Use your book, your peers or your teachers for help and advice
- Attend the after school revision sessions for first sitters/re-sitters
- Ask your teacher for extra help or to mark work you have completed as part of your revision

## What resources are available?

- Links to the text and audiobook versions of the novel, webinars, revision guides and past paper questions are on the whole year group Google Classroom. Join using the code: 7o3nsc

Online resources:

- ✓ Sparknotes on *Of Mice and Men*;
- ✓ BBC Bitesize for both the novel and comparing unseen poetry

## Top 5 Tips For Success

- 1) Re-read *Of Mice and Men*, or listen to the audio book
- 2) Set up a revision schedule - look at the resources available to you on Google Classroom and plan when you will access them
- 3) Revise the skills you used to complete your poetry controlled assessment and apply them to how to approach the unseen poetry component of the exam
- 4) Ask someone to test you on the quotations you have learnt for *Of Mice and Men*
- 5) Look back over any feedback you have been given in English Literature and follow the advice

## Key Dates

<b>Revision Sessions</b>	Revision sessions run every Wednesday in S11 at 3.15pm Tuesday 16th May - Drop in session prior to the exam
<b>Exam</b>	<b>Wed 17th May - 9am</b>

# EFFECTIVE REVISION

*How can you maximise the impact of your revision?*

- Eat breakfast 
- Sleep 8-10 hours a night 
- Have regular bed times 
- Get fresh air each day 
- Exercise regularly 
- Revise in a quiet environment 
- Drink water regularly 
- Put their phone away during revision 

**CHUNK YOUR TIME INTO MANAGEABLE PIECES**

= 30 MINUTES = 25 MINS. REVISING + 5 MINS. BREAK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

## DO NOT....

- Re-read your notes or a revision guide
- Highlight your notes or a revision guide
- Copy out your notes or a revision guide

THESE STRATEGIES ARE NOT EFFECTIVE AS THEY DO NOT MAKE YOU THINK!

## DO ....

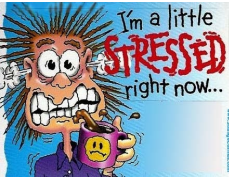
- **Consolidate**
  - What do you need to know? How much do you remember?
  - Mind maps: Brain Dump vs Structured - FROM MEMORY
- **Self-Test**
  - LEARN THE KNOWLEDGE
  - Flash cards: Questions on one side, answers on the other – SHUFFLE
- **Practise**
  - Once you have retrieved and relearnt the knowledge – THEN practise
  - Elaboration: Speak or write about everything you know – FROM MEMORY
  - Past Papers: MAKE IT REAL (timer, no notes, only correct equipment etc)

**FOR FULL DETAILS, SEE 'EFFECTIVE REVISION' WEBINAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**



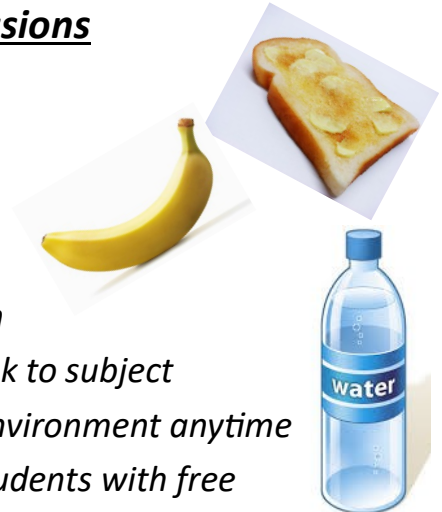
## **Results Day - 24th August 2023**

# Other Information



## Breakfast Last Minute Q&A Sessions

The morning immediately before an exam can be particularly stressful. Often pupils will want to check key points, ask specific questions or simply get some reassurance from their teachers. With this in mind, we will arrange for our canteen to be open from 8am. Pupils can meet their friends and speak to subject specialists and the achievement team in a calm supportive environment anytime in the hour before their exam. In addition, we will provide students with free water, fruit and toast for that last minute rehydration and energy boost.



Where exams take place in the afternoon, we will make alternative arrangements to allow the Y10 students involved to have lunch early.

# Exam Rules

The poster features the JCQ CIC logo at the top right. Below it is a navigation bar with the following text: AQA, City & Guilds, CCEA, OCR, Pearson, WJEC. The main text reads: "NO MOBILE PHONES", "NO WATCHES", "NO MP3/4 PLAYERS", "NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION". Below this is an illustration of a smartphone, a MP3 player, a watch, and a smartwatch, all crossed out by a red diagonal line with the text "NO UNAUTHORISED ITEMS". At the bottom, it states: "Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from your examination and your overall qualification." A small note at the very bottom says: "This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room."



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## Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.



# USEFUL CONTACTS



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. If you have not already done so, please sign up for ParentPay to get instant updates of important school information or details about school events. (email [syoung@cardiffhigh.co.uk](mailto:syoung@cardiffhigh.co.uk) for further details).

The emergency exam mobile number shown below can be used the night before or on the morning of an exam.

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