

GCSE Information evening - Y10/11

Thursday 28th September 2023



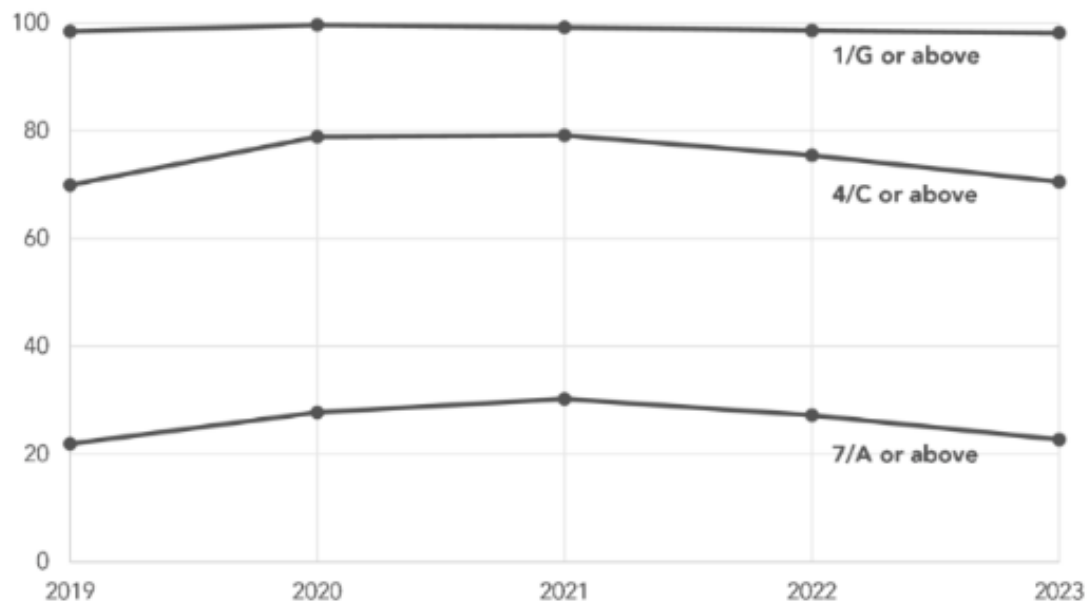
2023 GCSE results

National Picture

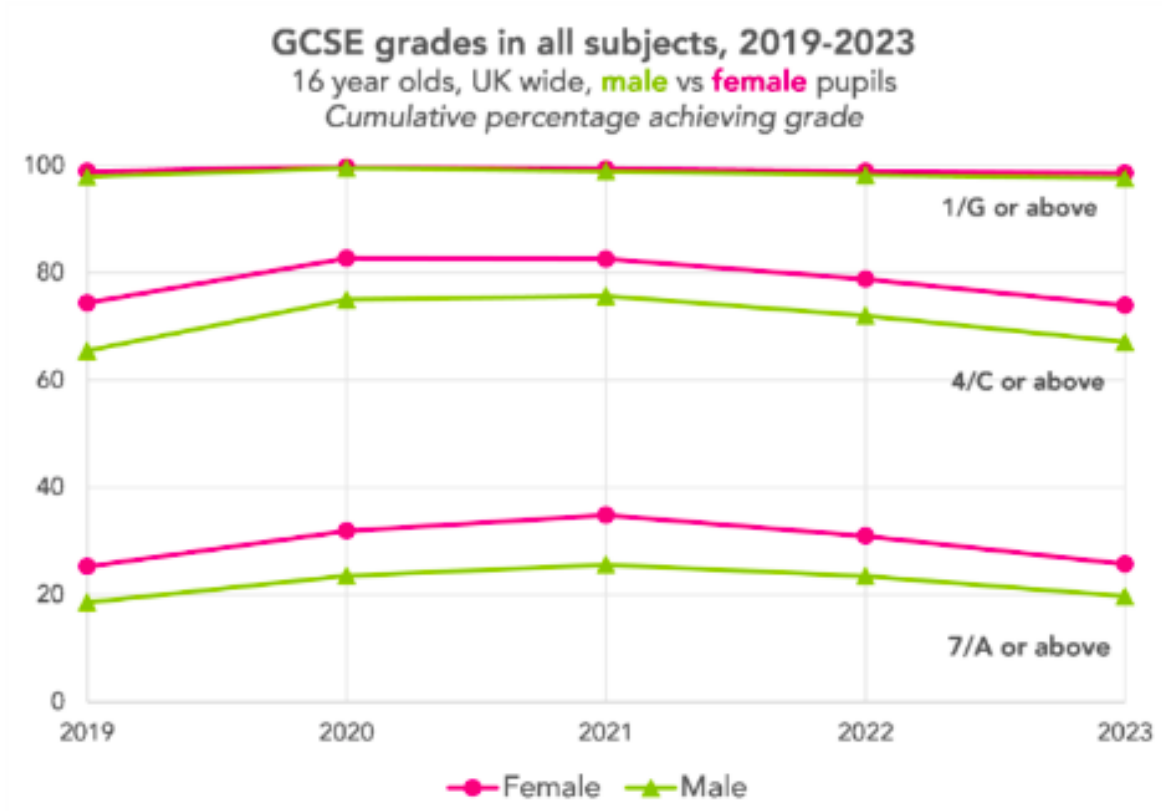


GCSE grades in all subjects, 2019-2023

16 year olds, UK wide, selected grades
Cumulative percentage achieving grade



The gender imbalance



'Newish' GCSE grade changes

Grade:

'old money'

A couple of notes:

9

A**

- A 9 is supposed to apply to the top three to four % of the country's Y11 pupils

8

A*

7

A

6

B

5

C+

4

C-

3

D

2

E/F

1

G

- Last year we achieved over 100 as a school - this year because of higher boundaries, over 30
- Pupils sometimes see the 4 as the Holy Grail and settle for aiming for it = dangerous strategy
- A 3 is NOT a fail

Government's underlying principle affecting the study and assessment of GCSE

'Learning has been described as ... an alteration in long term memory. Progress, therefore, means knowing more, (including knowing how to do more) and remembering more'

Education Inspection Framework



A lot of work, therefore, in KS4, is remembering new learning...

- Quizzes
- Memory games
- Flashcards
- Interleaving practices
- Frequent mini assessments
- Practising key skills over and over

Interleaving practice

Massed Practice



Interleaved Practice



Interleaved practice vs massed practice

So, in GCSE Literature ...



‘Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent underneath.’

GCSEs can be daunting:

- There are no longer unit tests during the course of the year that can be 'chunks' of the GCSE.
- There are very few Controlled Assessments left - apart from more practical subjects such as Design Technology or Media Studies
- There are no modular re-sits so that you can 'bank' a proportion of the final Grade
- The majority of GCSE subjects are based on 100% final examinations - you work in class and at home up to May of Year 11 and then sit all the exams over a 5 - 6 week period











Exam period - 9th May - 19th June 2024

Date	7.30/ 8.00am to 8.30am	1 9am to 10am	2 10am to 11am	BREAK	3 11.15am to 12.15pm	4 12.15pm to 1.15pm	LUNCH	5 1.45pm to 2.45pm	6 2.45pm to 3.45pm
Monday 15 May		Religious Studies 1 1 hour 45 mins			Drama Revision		Drama 1 hour 45 mins		
Tuesday 16 May	Biology	Biology 1 H: 1 hour 45 mins P: 1 hour 15 mins			Media/German Revision		Media Studies 1 hour 30 mins	German (Writing) H: 45 mins P: 35 mins	German (Reading) H: 40 mins P: 45 mins
Wednesday 17 May	Eng Lit	English Literature 1 1 hour 45 mins			PE Revision		Physical Education 1 1 hour 15 mins		
Thursday 18 May	History	History 1 2 hours					History Revision		
Friday 19 May		Maths 1 (non calc.) 1 hour 30 mins			Computer Science Revision		Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins		
					Chemistry Revision for those not taking Comp. Science				

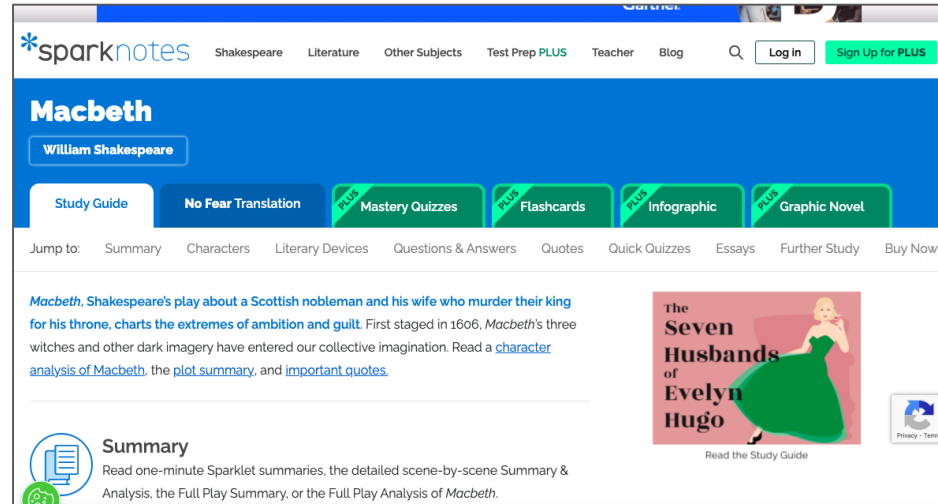
Sounds daunting ...but there is a wealth of resources...

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English Language: AQA A Level - Standardised Assessments		English Language: AQA A Level Preparation - Summer 2021	
English Language: AQA GCSE		English Language: AQA GCSE - Diagnostic Misconceptions	
English Language: AQA GCSE - Standardised Assessments		English Language: CIE iGCSE	
English Language: CIE iGCSE - Standardised Assessments		English Language: Edexcel GCSE	
English Language: Edexcel GCSE - Standardised Assessments		English Language: Edexcel iGCSE - Specification B	

Sparknotes

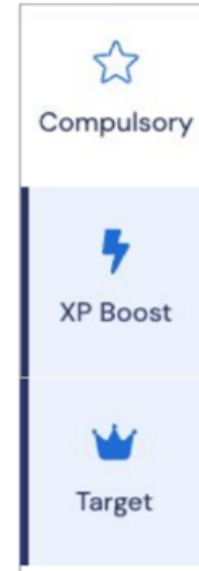


The screenshot shows the Sparknotes website interface for the play Macbeth. The page features a blue header with the Sparknotes logo and navigation links for Shakespeare, Literature, Other Subjects, Test Prep PLUS, Teacher, Blog, and a search bar. Below the header, the title "Macbeth" is prominently displayed, followed by "William Shakespeare". A navigation bar offers options like "Study Guide", "No Fear Translation", "Mastery Quizzes", "Flashcards", "Infographic", and "Graphic Novel". The main content area includes a "Jump to:" section with links to Summary, Characters, Literary Devices, Questions & Answers, Quotes, Quick Quizzes, Essays, Further Study, and Buy Now. A descriptive paragraph about the play is provided, along with links to character analysis, plot summary, and important quotes. A featured graphic for "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" is also visible on the right side of the page.

Why Sparx Maths?

- Homework is personalised to pupils' ability and adapts overtime
- Sparx Maths keeps learning from their attempts to create challenging yet achievable problems each week
- Homework follows the scheme of work

- Optional homework is automatically set each week:
 - **XP boost** - refines skills from the compulsory homework
 - **Target homework** - 6 questions created to challenge pupils



Independent Learning - Taking Control of your Learning and Revision

- Access to every single question - clip numbers are on GCSE and assessment revision lists
- Choose one of the 3 levels for questions:



Introduce - basic skills



Strengthen - improve understanding



Deepen - problem solving

- Sparx Maths should be used to **support** revision and should not be the only source used
- Ideally Sparx Maths should be used to recap the topic and followed up with exam questions

Knowledge recall in Science

40% of each paper requires pupils to recall information

Interleaving aids retention of information

Homeworks designed to help pupils with knowledge recall

'Give Me 5' knowledge recall multiple choice questions



Useful websites

- BBC Bitesize
- 'Free science lessons' on youtube- syllabus covered in short video clips
- Primrose kitten - science revision videos and resources
- AQA - GCSE - Science - check out the specification
- Springfield revision maps

Springfield Revision Maps

KEY CONTENT

Subtopic & free science lesson link	Link to specification	Key points	PPQ Questions	BBC Bitesize	Other useful links
Homeostasis Video 1	Page 40	<p>Homeostasis is the regulation of internal conditions inside cells or organisms, to create the optimum conditions for biological function. The nervous system and hormones are responsible for controlling this. The body control systems are all automatic, and involve both nervous (nervous system) and chemical responses (endocrine system). In the human body, these include the control of: Blood Glucose Concentration, Body Temperature & Water Levels.</p> <p>Neurones: Nerve cells that are specialised to transmit electrical impulses: - Sensory Neurone: The nerve cell that transmits electrical impulses from receptors in the sense organs to the CNS. - Relay Neurone: The nerve cell that transmits electrical impulses from sensory neurones to motor neurones. - Motor Neurone: The nerve cell that carries electrical impulses from the CNS to effectors such as muscles or glands</p> <p>Neurotransmitter: Chemical that passes nerve impulses from one nerve cell to the next across a synapse (A tiny gap at the junction between two nerve cells, which nerve signals must cross).</p>	Homeostasis PPQs	BBC Bitesize Homeostasis	Cognito Primrose Kitten - Whole Homeostasis
Structure and function (human nervous system) Video 1	Page 42	<p>CNS: Central Nervous System Key important parts of this system: 1. Receptors - detect a stimulus, which is a change in the environment, such as temperature change. 2. Coordination Centres (found in the brain, spinal cord and pancreas) - receive information from the receptors, process the information and instigate a response. 3. Effectors - such as muscles or glands create the response. 4. Glands often also release a hormone, which would restore the optimum condition again.</p> <p>Understanding how the nervous system enables humans to react to their surroundings and coordinate their behaviour (response): Stimulus -> Receptor -> Coordinator -> Effector -> Response [EXAMPLE: Hot pan -> Skin -> Neurones (sensory, relay, motor) -> Muscle -> Move hand away]</p> <p>Structure of the Reflex Arc - understanding that reflex actions are an automatic and rapid response to a stimulus, and do not involve the subconscious part of the brain.</p>	Nervous System PPQs	BBC Bitesize Structure and Function (Human Nervous System)	myGCSEscience Cognito
Human endocrine system Video 1	Page 45	<p>The endocrine system secretes hormones into the bloodstream from glands throughout the body. Hormones produce an effect on specific target organs in the body (for example: adrenaline). Note: Once a hormone has been used, it is destroyed by the liver. Note: Hormones have slower effects, however last longer than effects produced by</p>	Endocrine System PPQs	BBC Bitesize Human Endocrine System	Cognito

Reminder: Google Classrooms - useful 2 way resource

The screenshot displays the Google Classroom interface. At the top left is the 'Classroom' logo with a plus sign to its right. The main area contains a grid of six assignment cards, each with a header, a title, a due date, and a description. Each card also features a 'share' icon (a line graph) and a 'folder' icon (a document) at the bottom right.

Card	Header	Title	Due Date	Description
1	9Q Media			
2	English CPD gems an... CPD			
3	9B2		Due tomorrow	Two mini sagas/Lamb to the Slaughter (Part ...
4	11R Media 11r/ ME2			
5	11R		Due Tuesday	Two camera shots in Luther
6	Functional Skills			

Past papers are easily available online - and markschemes



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English



Qualification

GCSE



Specification

English Language (8700)



Series

June 2022



Lesson 0 and Lesson 6

- Pupils, especially Year 11, are keen to know when lesson 0 and lesson 6 take place:

Tuesday: Maths

Wednesday: English

Thursday: Science

- What about lessons 1 - 5....?
- There will be revision workshops in the February/Easter/May holidays



What do parents need to know..?

- There is never a time when Y10 or Y11 can't be doing something
- It is definitely a marathon not a sprint
- Working steadily over the two years is key, not a mad dash at the end (does not work for these GCSEs)
- Parents should be benign monitors - most pupils know what they need to do = work with their teachers, turn up to lessons and put the effort in

Important markers

Year 11

Year 11 Mocks: 30th Oct - 14th Nov

Y11 reports issued: 5th Dec

Y11 Parents' Evening: 7th Dec

Year 11 Mocks (2): 19th Feb - 1st March

Y11 reports issued: 19th March

Y11 Parents' Evening: 26th March

GCSE start: 9th May 2024

GCSE end: 19th June

Leavers' assembly: 27th June/Prom: 28th June

Year 10

Year 10 assessment week: Mon 2nd Oct - Fri 6th Oct

Y10 Parents' Evening: 16th Nov

Y10 assessment week: 22nd Jan 2024

Y10 reports issued: 26th Feb

Y10 Mocks fortnight: 24th June - Fri 5th July

Work Experience week: w/b 8th July

Y10 reports issued: 22nd July

Y10 beginning to think about Prom outfits: all the time



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