



2025 - 2026

Year 11 Formal Mock Exams

Student and Parent Preparation Booklet



Year 11 Exams

These exams will take place during the period

Monday 02 February 2026
to
Friday 13 February 2026

This document contains our subject specific preparation guidance for each subjects examination. Please use this guide to learn about how each subjects exam will run and what content will be covered and what resources are available for them to best prepare.

Plan your preparation with this free printable [Preparation Timetable](#)

Mock Exams

Monday 02 February to Friday 13 February 2026

Exams P1&2 Students do not go to tutor time go to the KBlock Dining Hall.

Where to drop your bags for exams in Sports Hall

Exams P1&2 go to K block, this is where you will drop your bag

For Science Exams P3&4 you will use the changing rooms for bag drops

If you do combined science go into 1/2/3

If you are combined science with XT go into 4

Separate science go into changing room 5

Where to drop your bags if you have an arranged smaller room

Please take your bags with you.



Mock exams timetable and seat number/row

Be prepared when entering the sports hall

It's really important that all students check the timetables that are sent to them **and know where they're sitting** in the sportshall / other room so that they do not crowd around the seating plan etc.

Please check students' individual timetables and look for your seat and row number.

Example: English C11, A4, D8

The hall will be set up in rows and they are all marked ABC etc

Seats: 1 - 11 (1 is at the front - 11 at the back)

There will also be a timetable displayed on the PE doors looking out on the MUGA.



Mock Exams 1: Punctual, uniform, lanyard



- Commence Monday Most exams will take place in the Sportshall
- Make sure you arrive **15 minutes before** the exam start time. You must be **ready** at 8.30am and 1.30pm
- Make sure that you're **wearing correct uniform**
- Make sure that you have your **Lanyard** with you (for identification during the exam). If you forget it, ask reception for a Y11 Exam Sticker and wear this on your T-shirt or jumper.

Be equipped

- Clear pencil case
- Clear bottle of water (no label)
- 2 black pens (**they must be black**)
- 2 pencils
- Rubber / ruler / sharpener
- Compass / Protractor (for Maths)
- Calculator (for Maths / Geography / Science/Business)

- [Exam Timetable](#)
- Check your individual exam timetable carefully
- Know which room you're in and where you sit in the exam hall.
- It is your responsibility to know this: you can check with tutors, on your email and on the seating plan.

GCSE Exams: Resilience and finishing



- **Check** that the paper you've been given is the correct one (typically check the tier or combined biology / separate biology)
- Attempt **every** single question
- Make sure that you leave **nothing blank**
- Always write inside the lines for answers. If you make a mistake, ask for more paper and write your correct answer on that (labelling it clearly with your name / candidate number)
- If you **finish early**, re-read your answers and make any amendments.

GCSE Exams: Mobile Phones & Smart Watches



- We suggest that you leave these at home during exam season.
- They **must not** be taken into the exam room and must be locked away in your Yondr pouches. Invigilators will not accept them to look after.
- We cannot be responsible for them if they go missing from the bag drop area.
- If you take them into the exam room and they go off, or it's spotted you have one, **YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

GCSE Exams: Exam board rules



- Once in the exam room, follow all of the rules and make sure you **face forward and are silent.**
- If you're spotted communicating the invigilator will make a note and it will be reported to the exam board. There is no discussion around why this happened; the exam board simply make a decision and you'll be told when you receive your results
- We have had cases of students being disqualified - it does happen. **Don't let it happen to you!**

What your grade



The grade that you will achieve will depend on the...

Period 6

Classwork

Home Learning

Revision

Exam Preparation

that you

depends on...

The grade that you will achieve will depend on the...

Classwork

Home Learning

Revision

Exam Preparation

AND

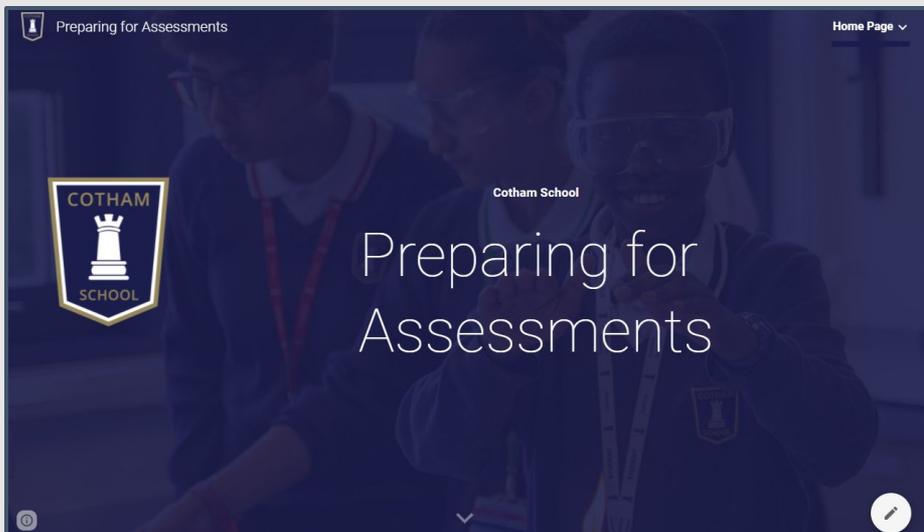
that other students
in the UK complete



Preparing for Assessment Portal

<https://sites.google.com/cotham.bristol.sch.uk/preparing-for-assessments>

- We have created an online portal to support students with their continued learning and preparation for exams and assessments.
- The portal draws upon the latest cognitive research on how people best learn and retain knowledge to highlight and recommend two main strategies to use when preparing for assessments and exams.
- For KS4 and KS5 the portal contains further links to the research, guidance on how to use exam papers, and on how to manage your well being during assessment periods.



Self Quizzing (Retrieval Practice)
(High Impact)

Self-testing (retrieval practice) to or taking practice tests to check knowledge.

Distributed practice
(High Impact)

Spreading out study over time with a schedule

Using Self Quizzing Techniques [click to view](#)

Using Distributed Practice [click to view](#)

You should use these techniques to prepare for your assessments



Preparation Guides

[English Literature](#)

[English Language](#)

[Maths](#)

[Separate Science](#)

[Combined Science](#)

[Ancient History](#)

[History](#)

[Geography](#)

[Religious Studies](#)

[French](#)

[German](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Computer Science](#)

[Food Science](#)

[Business](#)

[Child Development](#)

[Sociology](#)

[GCSE PE](#)

[CNAT Sports Science](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Interactive Media](#)

[Drama](#) (no mock exam)

[Music](#) (no mock exam)

[Art](#) (no mock exam)

Subject	English Literature		Length of Exam	2hr 15 m
Content	<p>Students will complete a full Literature Paper 2, which is their longest exam: 2hr 15mins. Each section is 45mins and students need to write full analytical essays on the texts they have studied.</p> <p>Section A: ‘An Inspector Calls’ - choose from 2 questions to answer a question about the presentation of characters/themes in the play, linking to the context of 1945 England.</p> <p>Section B: Power and Conflict poetry. Students will compare 2 poems from their anthology. One poem will be provided in the paper, which they must refer to, while the second poem is their choice. They will not have a copy of the second poem.</p> <p>Section C: Unseen Poetry: Students will analyse an unseen poem and compare it to a second poem, linked by theme (for example age/ love/ nature/ isolation)</p>			
Preparation Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know your poems, writer’s methods and the plot/characters/themes of the play. 2. Learn 10 quotations for each section: use exercise books and anthologies to revise 3. Revise key critical vocabulary, including technical terms (e.g. simile, alliteration, rhythm) 4. Use Seneca, Sparknotes and Mr Bruff’s videos on An Inspector Calls and the Power and Conflict poems to revise core knowledge, as well as exam technique. 5. Attend Period 6! 6. English teachers will post revision resources on Google Classroom to support you 			
Exam Board	AQA			



Subject	English Language	Length of Exam	1h 45
Content	<p>Language Paper 1: Section A: an extract of unseen fiction from the 20th/21st Century and 4 questions to assess reading skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehension and retrieval - Language analysis - Analysis of whole-text structure - Evaluation <p>Students will need to read the text, annotate and plan their answers carefully. Marks are achieved by using references and quotations from the text and exploring the writer's intentions and the impact on the reader with specific technical analysis and effective vocab.</p> <p>Section B: Choose between 2 prompts to write a piece of creative writing. Students need to demonstrate effective SPaG, vocab, creativity and control of whole-text structures.</p>		
Preparation Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use your exercise books from Y10 and Y11, as well as your Y10 mock to see model responses, examples and personalised targets. 2. Practise some creative writing 3. Read a bit every day, and pause to think about why the writer made those specific choices. 4. Use Seneca and GCSE POD to help you prepare for Paper 1 5. Access past papers/ markschemes/ exemplars on our weebly and Google Classroom 		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	Maths	Length of Exam	Paper 1 (Non-calculator) - Weds 4th Feb 2026 Paper 2 (Calculator) - Weds 11th Feb 2026 Both papers are 1 hour 30 mins
Content	Whole course (GCSE past paper) One Non-calculator paper, One Calculator paper.		
Preparation Resources	See revision list The revision list has detailed links to the textbook, mymaths and revision guide. Revision guides can be bought using Wisepay using the link here . Students can also use Sparx Maths for independent revision. They can retry questions they have found hard in previous homeworks using XP boost and Target Practice . They can also search and revise specific topics using Independent Learning .		
Additional Information	Students can get extra help with revision in the Maths HW Club, on Mon or Thurs after school in room A209. Ensure you have full mathematical equipment for both exams: pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, compasses. For the calculator paper you will need a scientific calculator.		
Exam Board	AQA		

Subject	Separate Science	Length of Exam	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry, Physics Each exam is 1h45
Content	Biology Paper 2 (B10 onwards) Chemistry Paper 2 (C8 onwards except C15 and C12.1 Pure Substances and C12.2 Chromatography Required Practical as this will not have been taught yet) Physics Paper 2 (P8 onwards except P12 Waves, P14 Light as this will not have been taught yet)		
Preparation Resources	Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers, glossaries and links by topic. Higher You can also use kerboodle (speak to your teacher if you don't know your log in), freesciencelesson videos on youtube and seneca		
Additional Information	Please ensure you bring the following equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator (ideally scientific)		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	Combined Science	Length of Exam	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry, Physics Each exam is 1h15
Content	Biology Paper 2 (B10 onwards) Chemistry Paper 2 (C8 onwards) Physics (P8 onwards)		
Preparation Resources	Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers and links by topic. Ensure you have found out from your teacher which tier you are sitting Foundation Higher You can also use kerboodle (speak to your teacher if you don't know your log in), freesciencelesson videos on youtube and seneca		
Additional Information	Please ensure you bring the following equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator (ideally scientific)		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	Ancient History	Length of Exam	70 minutes
Content	Foundations of Rome - Link to specification		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you ● Use the revision techniques <i>Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams</i> [https://app.diagrams.net/] and <i>Flash Cards</i> (<i>See end of this booklet</i>) with your notes in your exercise books NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!) ● Use the revision schedule so you are not leaving all your revision to the last minute ● Practice applying your knowledge against exam questions. Download the past papers (with mark schemes!) available from the OCR exam board website: GCSE - Ancient History (9-1) - J198 (from 2017) - OCR 		
Exam Board	OCR		



Subject	History	Length of Exam	1 hour
Content	Cold War Specification link		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the revision techniques Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams [https://app.diagrams.net/] and Flash Cards (See end of this booklet) with your notes in your exercise books NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!) • Follow the revision guide schedule that is being set by your teachers. • Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6 and select secondary – England – History – AQA – first few topics that we have studied (not the whole GCSE yet). • Use Seneca: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments • Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: https://classroom.google.com/u/0/r/MTc4NDM2MzA5ODM2/sort-last-name • Practice applying your knowledge against exam questions. Download the past papers (with mark schemes!) available from the AQA exam board website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/assessment-resources 		
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any students aiming for a grade 7, 8 or 9 use the stretch and challenge activities on Google Classroom to enrich your understanding of key questions and topics already covered. https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/13wYJgCWZZMUrokLAoeDmrfqm5kfzLbIQ 		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	Geography	Length of Exam	1hr 30
Content	<p>Paper 2 Geography</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: Urban issues and challenges Section B: The Economic World <p>Paper 1 Geography</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section C: Physical Landscapes in the UK <p>Link to specification</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you <i>Use your class notes and the Purple CGP Revision Guide</i> Start at the front and work through. FYI: You can either use the Case Examples (studies) we did in class OR what's in the guide, it doesn't matter which as long as you can remember the <u>specific details</u> e.g. date of event, death toll (social impact), cost of repair (economic impact) etc. Use the revision techniques <i>Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams</i> (https://app.diagrams.net/) and <i>Flash Cards</i> (See end of this booklet) with your notes in your exercise books NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!) Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc Use Seneca: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: https://classroom.google.com/u/1/w/NTk3ODM5Mzk0NTFa/t/all Practice applying your knowledge against exam questions. Download a the past papers (with mark schemes!) available from the AQA exam board website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources</p>		
Additional Information	<p>For any students aiming for a grade 7, 8 or 9 use the stretch and challenge activities on Google Classroom to enrich your understanding of key questions and topics already covered. Geography -https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1LrMMTY-YZQpKbBnwtN-RV4bJGBkfScui Google Drive</p>		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	Religious Studies	Length of Exam	1 hour 45 Minutes
Content	<p>1hr 45 minute RS paper The maximum mark for this paper is 96 plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar. Paper 2: Thematic Studies only. Students should revise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Religion Crime and punishment● Human rights and social Justice● Religion and life.● Arguments for the existence of God.		
Preparation Resources	<p>Use your revision schedule and attached methods to revise specific content. See Google classroom for powerpoints + resources for all lessons covered since year 10 . Your feedback from your November mocks - please read this and act on feedback given in dIRT lessons to improve your response. Text books AQA BBC bitesize Revision</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
Exam Board	AQA Exam Board		



Subject	AQA French	Length of Exam	<p>Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H)</p> <p>Second Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 3.</p>
Content	<p>All three themes Theme 1: People and Lifestyle Theme 2: Popular Culture Theme 3: Communication and the World around us</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>www.kerboodle.com BBC Bitesize Seneca Quizlet GCSE Pod Languagesonline: https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html#gsc.tab=0 Exercise books and CGP revision guides. Cotham MFL website</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 and Y11 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
Exam Board	<p>AQA - Link to exam specification CLICK HERE</p>		



Subject	AQA German	Length of Exam	Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H) Second Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 3.
Content	All three themes Theme 1: People and Lifestyle Theme 2: Popular Culture Theme 3: Communication and the World around us		
Preparation Resources	www.kerboodle.com BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr Seneca Quizlet GCSE link: CLICK HERE Languagesonline: https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html#gsc.tab=0 Exercise books and CGP revision guides. Cotham MFL website		
Additional Information	Ensure you are using your Y10 and Y11 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content. Writing booklet for practice: Click here .		
Exam Board	AQA - Link to exam specification - CLICK HERE		



Subject	AQA Spanish	Length of Exam	Listening 35/45 mins (F/H) Reading 45/60 mins (F/H) Writing 70/75 mins (F/H) Second Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 3.
Content	All three themes Theme 1: People and Lifestyle Theme 2: Popular Culture Theme 3: Communication and the World around us		
Preparation Resources	www.kerboodle.com BBC Bitesize Seneca Quizlet Languagesonline Exercise books and CGP revision guides.		
Additional Information	Ensure you are using your Y10 and Y11 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.		
Exam Board	AQA - Link to exam specification - CLICK HERE		



Subject	Computer Science	Length of Exam	Paper 1 (90 mins) Paper 2 (90 mins) 3 hours
Content	<p>All content studied up to that point: Covering content: Section 1 - Algorithms Section 2 - Programming (Pseudocode) Section 3 – Data Representation Section 4 – Computer Systems Section 5 - Computer Networks Section 6 - Databases Section 7 - Technology & Society</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Course Teaching Website: https://www.mrahmedcomputing.co.uk/ Course Textbook Course revision guide Exam Questions on teaching website</p>		
Exam Board	OCR		



Subject	Food Science	Length of Exam	1 hr 30 mins
Content	<p>Areas of Content</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food commodities 2. Principles of nutrition 3. Diet and good health 4. The science of food 5. Where food comes from 6. Cooking and food preparation 		
Preparation Resources	<p>EDUQAS Independent Study Guide this links all GCSE PODS and SENECA tasks. Highlighted information is content which is in the exam and states page numbers in text books.</p> <p>EDUQAS Revision Guide issued to students through the library please check you have a copy.</p> <p>EDUQAS Text Book Online access; www.illuminate.digital/edugasfood Username: SCOTHAM4 Password: STUDENT4</p> <p>SENECA Assignment for exam set.</p> <p>GCSE POD Exam Paper: Playlist containing all Food Preparation and Nutrition content.</p>		
Exam Board	EDUQAS		



Subject	GCSE Business (Eduqas)	Length of Exam	P1 - 1hr 45m P2 - 1hr 30m
Content	<p>Unit 1 Business Activity Unit 2 Influences on Business Unit 3 Business Operations Unit 4 Finance Unit 5 Marketing</p> <p>Students will sit both Paper 1 and Paper 2. Each paper examines content from units 1 to 5. We will learn the sixth and final unit (Human Resources) in class after the mock exam.</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Students have access to the revision guide either in physical copy or via Google Classroom. The revision book answers are also on the class page. Google Classroom contains: Key terms lists by topic, glossary for all units, lesson slides/resources, revision videos, command word banks and links to revision websites. We have also made a checklist of revision topics for the mock, with linked videos and resources for each topic.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Students will need a calculator and ruler for the exam.</p>		
Date	<p>TBC</p>		



Subject	Child Development		Length of Exam	60 mins
Content	<p>Unit R057 - Health and Well-Being for Child Development</p> <p>Topic Area 1 (Preconception Health and Reproduction)</p> <p>Topic Area 2 (Antenatal Care and Preparation for Birth)</p> <p>Topic Area 3 (Postnatal Checks, Postnatal Care and the Conditions for Development)</p> <p>Topic Area 4 (Childhood Illnesses and a Child-Safe Environment)</p>			
Preparation Resources	<p>Topic Checklist</p> <p>We have also made a Revision List with linked videos and resources for each topic. Lesson resources are on Google Classroom and students have a revision guide to help them revise and then practice the exam questions.</p>			
Additional Information	<p>The question paper consists of two sections, comprising short answer and extended response questions. Questions will be set in a context (for example a hospital or a nursery).</p>			
Exam Board	OCR (Cambridge National)			



Subject	Sociology	Length of Exam	1hr 45mins
Content	Paper 1 Families and Households and Education (including Research Methods)		
Preparation Resources	<p>There is a revision pack to help students prepare. We have made a revision list for students with linked resources for each topic.</p> <p>Students also have access to revision guides. There is a bank of Tutor2u Videos for students to watch and they have also been given a key studies booklet. Seneca is also very useful for revising Sociology.</p>		
Exam Board	AQA		



Subject	GCSE PE	Length of Exam	1 hour
Content	<p>Students will sit two 1 hour papers:</p> <p>Paper 1: (The human body and movement in physical activity and sport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatomy and Physiology - Movement analysis - Physical Training <p>Paper 2: (Socio-cultural influences and wellbeing in physical activity and sport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sport Psychology - Socio cultural influences - Health, fitness and well being 		
Preparation Resources	<p>PLC cards on google classroom</p> <p>Past paper questions on google classroom</p> <p>Reflections from October mocks</p> <p>Command word booklets</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Each exam will have a 6 and 9 mark question to finish and each test will be out of 60 raw marks.</p>		



Subject	CNAT Sports Science	Length of Exam	1 hour 15
Content	<p>R180 Content</p> <p>Topic Area 1 - Different factors which influence the risk and severity of injury</p> <p>Topic Area 2 - warmup and cool down routines</p> <p>Topic Area 3 - Different types and causes of sports injuries</p> <p>Topic Area 4- Reducing risk, treatment and rehabilitation of sports injuries and medical conditions</p> <p>Topic Area 5 -Causes, symptoms and treatment of medical conditions</p> <p>Full paper 70 marks available 1hr 15 mins</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Past papers uploaded onto google classroom</p> <p>Scanned pages of CNAT sport science book</p> <p>Revision cards created in lessons</p> <p>CNAT revision book</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Section A – short answer questions</p> <p>Section B – includes short and medium answer questions, with final question requiring an extended response.</p>		



Subject	Engineering	Length of Exam	1 hour 30 minutes
Content	Unit 3 Solving Engineering Problems Full Paper 1 hour 30 minutes 80 marks available.		
Preparation Resources	Knowledge Organisers here Scanned in text book is uploaded to G Classroom		
Additional Information	You will require a calculator and ruler.		



Subject	iMedia		Length of Exam	1hr 30
Content	<p>Content area 1 Types of interactive media products and their features</p> <p>Content area 2 Interactive media and the audience</p> <p>Content area 3 Software and hardware options for interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 4 Product proposals and planning for interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 5 Developing an interactive media product</p> <p>Content area 6 Promotion and presentation of interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 7 Review of production processes and final product</p>			
Preparation Resources	<p>Subject website for each of the content areas can be viewed here.</p> <p>Collection of quizzes including multiple choice and fill in the missing words to be linked here.</p> <p>Link to revision questions and exam checklist here.</p>			
Additional Information	<p>Mix of multiple choice and short paragraph answers.</p>			



Subject	Drama	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their performance work for their final C3 assessment. Due to this, a MOCK exam will not take place during this window		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			



Subject	Music	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their performance work for their final C3 assessment. Due to this, a MOCK exam will not take place during this window		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Exam Board			



Subject	Art	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	No mock exam		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			

