



Year 11 Curriculum Evening
October 7th 2021

POST-16 OPTIONS

research

- websites
- Next Steps booklet (UCAS)
- asking questions: form tutors, Careers Interviews, **Open Days**, Careers Fair... and **this evening**

apply

- use online application forms
- school references (including punctuality and attendance information)
- two applications by end of term*
 - to ensure applications meet provider deadlines
 - to focus on Year 11

secure

- chase – emails/phone calls
- attend interviews
- confirm acceptance of offer

* apprenticeships

Watching a child go through exams 'as stressful as moving house or separating from a partner,' new research reveals

By Drew Craythorne - 15th August 2019



RESULTS DAY STATS



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

One in ten students have no source of external support during their pre-university exams



74% of students feel their future depended on their exam results



Feelings towards the exams/university selection period

NERVOUS	71%
SCARED	36%
FEARFUL	34%
PESSIMISTIC	24%
OPTIMISTIC	24%
EXCITED	12%



92% of students think it is important for school or college teachers to be trained in mental health

92% of female students use negative words to describe how they felt during their exams

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Consultation outcome

Decisions: proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022

Updated 30 September 2021

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Introduction

In 2020 and 2021 it was, regrettably, necessary to cancel national exams because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is the government's policy that exams and assessments for GCSEs, AS and A levels (as well as for vocational and technical qualifications) should go ahead in summer 2022. We know that, all other things being equal, exams and other formal assessments are the best and fairest means of assessment. However, we recognise that students in the 2022 cohort have had their education disrupted, and that exams and assessments taken in summer 2022 should be adjusted to take this into account.

Parent Information

Support for students during the pandemic...

After school drop ins...

- Maths every day but **Thursday** is Year 11 only
- English drop ins with individual teachers on various days and poetry (Lockdown 3) on **Wednesdays**
- Science drop in is on **Wednesdays**

Mock exams

- before Christmas allows more time for progress checks and interventions

Key Dates

Mock Exams

December 6th – 17th 2021

Parents' Evening

January 20th 2022

(with mock exam results)

Year 11 Prom

June 24th 2022

Parent/Carer Guide

- Subject information.
- Mock exam revision guidance.
- Revision planning template.



Queensbridge School

A specialist college in visual and performing arts



Subject – English Language



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
English Language GCSE	AQA	8700
Examination element	100% Un-tiered	

Examination Overview

Paper 1

This will include a series of Reading questions which will all relate to a 20th/21st Century fiction source that you are given. You will also be asked to write a narrative or descriptive piece based on an image that is given to you.

Paper 2

This will include a series of Reading questions which will all relate to two non-fiction sources from the 19th Century. You will also be asked to write an extended piece which presents a strong viewpoint.

Notes

- This is a time pressured exam, so make sure that you are aware of how long you have to answer each question, and stick to these timings as closely as possible in order to give yourself the best chance of achieving the maximum amount of marks
- In the run up to the exam, you should be working on practice questions at home (and timing yourself!) as well as revising key information such as language features
- Read as much modern fiction as you can so that you are familiar with this type of text

Exam Strategy

Paper 1 (1hr 45 minutes)

1. A short form question = 4 marks (List four things...)
2. A longer form question = 8 marks (How does the writer use language to...)
3. A longer form question = 8 marks (How has the writer structured...)
4. An extended question = 20 marks (Express your opinion on someone else's opinion about the text)
5. Writing: write a narrative or descriptive piece based on an image that is given to you = 40 marks

Paper 2 (1hr 45 minutes)

1. Reading: A short form question (Source A) = 4 marks (multiple choice)
2. Reading: A longer form question (Source A+B) = 8 marks (summary of the differences)
3. Reading: A longer form question (Source B) = 12 marks (language)
4. Reading: An extended question (Source A+ B) = 16 marks (compare attitudes)
5. Writing: An extended piece to present a viewpoint = 40 marks

Revision Resources

- Class exercise books and purple revision folders, in which you will have completed a series of past exam questions. Reread your answers and attempt them again in order to achieve higher marks
- Bespoke pack of revision materials

Revision Websites

- BBC Bitesize
- GCSE Pod
- MrBruff.com

Past Papers

- You will be given the chance to attempt all available specimen papers for this brand new specification. Teachers will also provide exam style extracts and questions for further practice

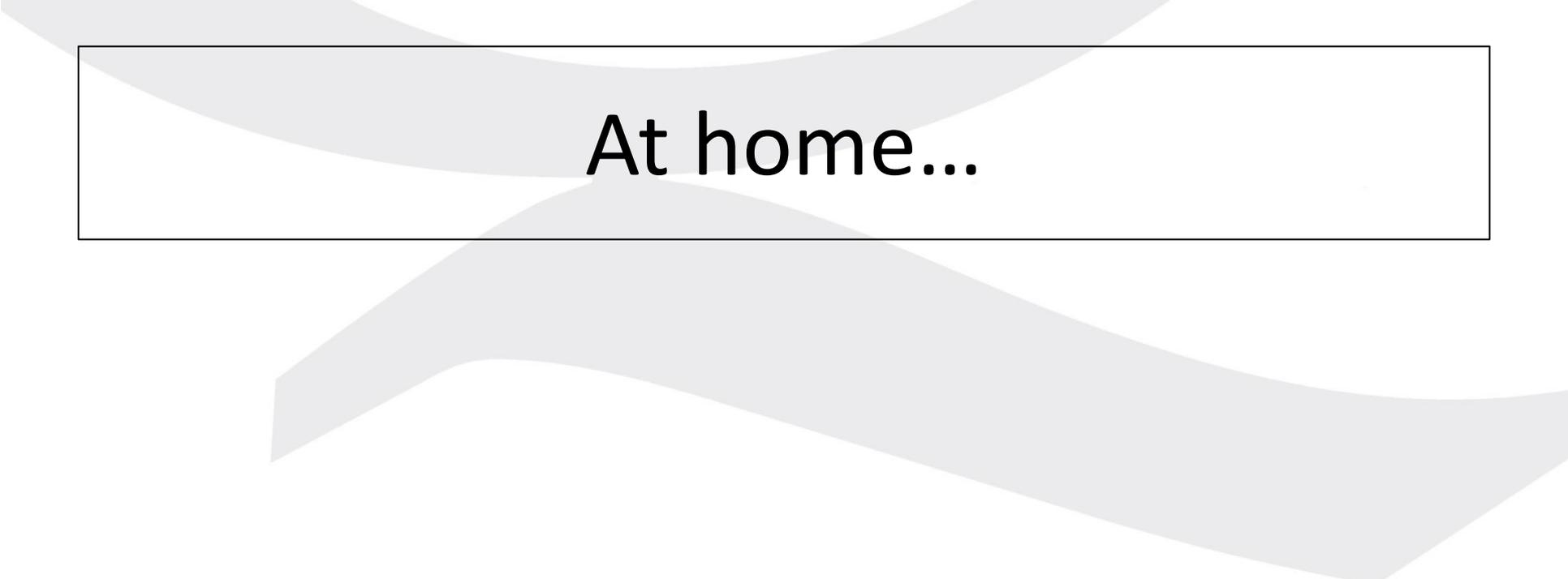
Subject Information

September Report

Year 11
September 2021
Attitude to Learning

SUBJECT	TARGET	ATL
English Literature	7	Excellent
Mathematics	7	Excellent
Religious Studies	7	Excellent
Biology	7	Excellent
Chemistry	7	Excellent
Physics	7	Excellent
Dance	Level 2 Distinction	Excellent
French	7	Excellent
Geography	7	Excellent





At home...

	4 - 5	5 - 6	6 - 7	7 - 8	8 - 9
Monday					
Tuesday	<p>At least 2 hours a night.</p> <p>Create the right environment.</p> <p>Be clear about what you will do to cover all of the content.</p> <p>Discuss with your family.</p>				
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday	<p>Revision guides are available via ParentPay.</p>				
Saturday/ Sunday					



All students have an account for Edulink, which is where we are setting homework, in addition to homework planners.

Due Date ↕	Name ↕	Subject & Class ↕	Available ↕	Submission ↕	Completed	Received
Today 29/09/2021	Vocabulary	French	22/09/2021 00:00 7 days ago	Not submitted	✗	
In 5 days 04/10/2021	Practice paper	Maths	27/09/2021 00:00 2 days ago	Not submitted	✗	
In 5 days 04/10/2021	Weekly quotation quiz	English	27/09/2021 15:30 2 days ago	Not submitted	✗	
In 6 days 05/10/2021	D) Question essay	Religious Education	28/09/2021 00:00 yesterday	Not submitted	✗	



HOMEWORK DETAIL ✕

Vocabulary
29/09/2021
French

Set by:
D. Rees

Submission type:
Not submitted

Description:
Dear pupils,

Please complete the vocabulary learning on Textivate and log on using the sticker in your planner. Please complete ALL tasks.

A separate message is coming out around reading/listening homework.

Here is the link <https://www.textivate.com/sequence-ivhmn1>

Any questions, let me know on Monday.

Mr Rees

Completed

Students can see more detail about each task by clicking on the task.

They can then mark each task as complete so that families and teachers know that homework is being done.

edulinkone



- Parents can access pupil homework through the app or webpage. There is a handout in your packs to explain this.
- Login information was sent via text last academic year.
- If you do not have login details, contact school to resolve this.

GCSE Pod



Year 11 Impact Analysis

On average, regular users of GCSEPod achieved

0.7 more **Progress 8** points than non-users

On average, the highest users achieved

20 **Attainment 8** points more than non-users

Regular users of GCSEPod achieve, on average,

1 grade higher per subject than non-users

Data collected from 3,528 Yr. 11 students, across 24 schools

Parents of Queensbridge School have access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series this year. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

Independent Learning: How to Turn Your Child into an Independent Learner

12th October @ 6:00pm

In ***Independent Learning***, Elevate will show you:

- What effectively formatted notes look like;
- Effective strategies for learning and revising those notes;
- How the top students move beyond note-taking when preparing for exams.

The registration details will be in this week's QB Newsletter.



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