

Upton-by-Chester High School

Year 11 Assessment

Half-term 2

Pre Public Exams

17th November – 28th November 2025



'Learning to shape the future'

The purpose of pre-public (mock) examinations is to help prepare learners for their GCSE examinations. It is a significant opportunity for learners to familiarise themselves with the exam environment and develop their exam time management skills and technique. Thorough revision and preparation for these exams is vital and will help to prepare learners for the GCSE Examinations in 2026, building momentum for learners up to this important period.

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Important dates:

PPE 1 (Mock 1)	PPE 2 (Mock 2)
17th November to 28 th November	23 rd February to 6 th March

Year 11 PPE Assessments Half-Term 2

Details for all PPE assessments, in half term 2, for each subject are in the table below.

Subject	Topics to be covered during PPE	Suggested Revision Material, and Links.
Art	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Business	Full Paper 1 (Theme 1) including the following Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship • Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity • Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice • Topic 1.4 Making the business effective • Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business 	Please see the PowerPoints and PDFs on Google Classroom CGP revision Guide (Can be bought on Scopy) BBC Bitesize and SENECA learning
Computer Science	Mock is a combination of Paper 1 and Paper 2. Covering the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1 Algorithms, - 3.2 Programming Theory (including Search and Sort), - 3.3 Data Representation, - 3.4 Computer Systems, - 3.6 Cyber Security - 3.7 Database and SQL 	SENECA Revision Set PMT Notes available on Google Classroom https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/computer-science-revision/ CGP Revision Guide: Section 1 - Algorithms Section 2 - Programming Section 4 - Data Representation Section 5 - Computer Systems and Databases (SQL) Section 6 - Cyber Security
Dance	Component 1 - Exploring the Performing Arts: Written Coursework worth 30% of final mark. Critical appreciation and evaluation of the professional repertoire Dust by Akram Khan. This includes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explore the theme, purpose, styles and features of the piece. 2) What are the roles and responsibilities of practitioners when creating the piece 3) How is the piece created 4) Practical exploration. 5) Rehearsal techniques 	Google Classroom - ppts/links included. First Draft is used for PPE and is due 14th Nov
Design & Technology	Component 1: 1. D&T and our world Revision guide pages 1-10. 2. Smart Materials, composites and technical materials revision guide pages 10-14. 3. Mechanisms, components and devices revision guide pages 18-21. 4. Materials and their properties revision guide pages 22-33. 5. Timber revision guide pages 68-80.	Eduquas website resources - http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2016-17/16-17_1-4/website/index BBC bitesize website resource html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty Revision book https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Ed-uqas-Technology/dp/1510471693 and CPG https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-Design-Technology-Revision-Guide/dp/1782947523/ref=sr_1_4?dc_hlid=1&keywords=cpg+revision+guide+aq&qid=1

		600786017&s=books&sr=1-4 (AQA pupils friendly book that pupils sometime prefer to Eduqas version, same content covered)
Design & Technology - Textiles	Component 1: 1. D&T and our world Revision guide pages 1-10. 2. Smart Materials, composites and technical materials revision guide pages 10-14. 3. Mechanisms, components and devices revision guide pages 18-21. 4. Materials and their properties revision guide pages 22-33. 5. Textiles revision pages	Eduqas website resources - http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2016-17/16-17_1-4/website/index BBC bitesize website resource html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfw Revision book https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Eduqas-Technology/dp/1510471693 and CPG https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-Design-Technology-Revision-Guide/dp/1782947523/ref=sr_1_4?dc_hild=1&keywords=cpg+revision+guide+aga&qid=1600786017&s=books&sr=1-4 (AQA pupils friendly book that pupils sometime prefer to Eduqas version, same content covered)
Drama	Actual Exam - 1. Component 1 Devising Practical Exam 5th November 2. Written evaluation exam in controlled conditions in lessons. 3. Creative Log	All required materials are on Google Classroom
English Language	AQA Language Paper 2	Seneca Learning, CGP Revision guides, BBC Bitesize and AQA website for past papers. Revision planner tasks are available in learners' Google Classrooms. They also have been given a Learner Handbook and a Daily Revision planner with tasks included.
English Literature	English Literature: Paper 2 Section B - 'Power and Conflict Poetry'	Seneca Learning, CGP Revision guides, BBC Bitesize and AQA website for past papers (for Literature, past papers would be Paper 2 under 2018 specification). Revision planner tasks are available in learners' Google Classroom along with the printed copies of the Learner handbook and the Daily Revision planner
Food - Hospitality & Catering	Unit 1 - Theory exam 40% 90 minutes. The hospitality & catering industry, Job requirements & working conditions, Factors affecting success in hospitality, Operation in front of house & back of house, Meeting customer requirements, Personal safety, Food poisoning, Food Safety legislation, Environmental health officer,	Class notes, Google Classroom materials in revision section, past papers on Google Classroom. BBC bitesize, EDUQAS website for blended learning resources
Food & Nutrition	Unit 1 - Theory exam 50% 1 hr 45 mins -Topics - Food Nutrition & health, Food Science, Food Safety, Food Choices, Food Provenance	Class notes, Seneca Learning , BBC bitesize, Google Classroom materials in revision section, past papers on Google Classroom, Revision book Collins (collins.co.uk/ebooks) and CGP revision booklet
Geography	Paper 1 - Natural Hazards includes Tectonic Hazards, Weather Hazards and Climate Change, Ecosystems and Cold environments, Coastal landscapes in the UK. Paper 2 - Changing Urban Environments including Liverpool and Rio, Changing Economic World - UK Economy, Resource Management Overview	Oxford Revision Guide use relevant chapter for each topic available via Scopay. Google classroom for lesson materials.

Graphics	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Health and Social Care	PSA - Prepared in class	All work on Google Classroom
History	<p>The November mocks for Year 11 can draw on the following topics:</p> <p>Medicine through time (not including unit 4 Modern Medicine) (not inc. WWI section at all Unit 5)</p> <p>American West, 1-3.</p> <p>Weimar and Nazi Germany topics 1 & 2 (e.g. Weimar Germany, 1918-32, Rise of the Nazis 1918-32)</p>	<p>Learners can buy Edexcel revision guides (e.g. the four shown below. They are available to buy at a much better price from the school on ScoPay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-History-Edexcel-Topic-Guide/dp/1789082897/ 2. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-History-Edexcel-Topic-Guide/dp/1789082935/ 3. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-History-Edexcel-Topic-Guide/dp/1789082870/ 4. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-History-Edexcel-Topic-Guide/dp/1789082919/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3QDKZWNB99ZYC&keywords=GCSE+History+Edexcel+Topic+Guide+-+american+west&qid=1695626771&s=books&sprefix=gcse+history+edexcel+topic+guide+-+american+west%2Cstripbooks%2C68&sr=1-1 <p>Revision materials will also be found on their google classroom</p> <p>Assignments will be set using SENECA & GCSEPod which are very well sourced for all three topics.</p> <p>Weekly materials are on Google Classroom to support learners .</p>
Information Technology	<p>Length - 45 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAI - TA3 • Design Tools • HCI • Data & Testing 	<p>E-Revision Topics are encouraged to boost revision, this is an online platform learners have access to to complete extra challenges</p> <p>IT Revision Book available to purchase</p>
Mathematics - Foundation	Paper 1 Non-Calculator and Paper 2 Calculator at both tiers of entry. The exams will cover modules 1-7.	<p>The Edexcel revision guides are available to purchase from school at both higher and foundation tier. Each module is linked to the appropriate pages from the revision guide. This can be found on the school website. The link for both is</p> <p>https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/page/?title=GCSE+Revision&pid=187</p>
Mathematics - Higher	Paper 1 Non-Calculator and Paper 2 Calculator at both tiers of entry. The exams will cover modules 1-7	<p>The Edexcel revision guides are available to purchase from school at both higher and foundation tier. Each module is linked to the appropriate pages from the revision guide. This can be found on the school website. The link for both is</p> <p>https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/page/?title=GCSE+</p>

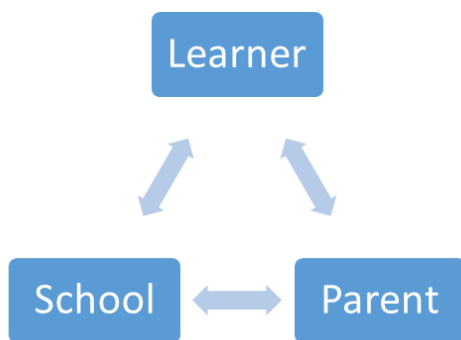
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Mathematics - Further	Content shared through Google Classroom	Instructions shared through Google Classroom
Media	Mock Exam Paper in the hall will be Paper 2 Music & News. We will include your NEA Grade (30%) for a realistic result.	A school Revision Guide/Workbook will be issued to all learners. Revision homework set this term on Show My Homework/Google Classroom. Lessons and Materials all on Google Classroom. Official Exam Board Text Book for OCR Media available from ScoPay.
MFL French	Listening, Reading and Writing paper = family, relationships, festivals, new technologies, free time activities, food, healthy eating, sports, home, local area, charity work, social issues, environment, holidays, school, future education plans, future career plans, celebrity culture	Learners have links to past papers, Seneca assignments and quizlet vocabulary revision in their Google Classroom www.seneca.com www.kerboodle.com www.quizlet.com CGP practice papers Links to all materials https://docs.google.com/document/d/10O9Jaxg_qCBVWYP3nVaLKtH4nKaPgwy0jn2IXIjik4A/edit
MFL Spanish	Listening, Reading and Writing paper = family, relationships, festivals, new technologies, free time activities, food, healthy eating, sports, home, local area, charity work, social issues, environment, holidays, school, future education plans, future career plans, celebrity culture	Learners have links to past papers, Seneca assignments and quizlet vocabulary revision in their Google Classroom www.seneca.com www.kerboodle.com www.quizlet.com CGP practice papers Links to all materials https://docs.google.com/document/d/10O9Jaxg_qCBVWYP3nVaLKtH4nKaPgwy0jn2IXIjik4A/edit
PE	The mock exam will be a Paper 1 exam on-Unit 1 Anatomy and Physiology, Unit 2 Movement Analysis and Unit 3 Physical Training.	Use CGP revision guide for revision and application for the appropriate chapter. The A3 notes provided by school and the material on Google Classroom (power points and past papers). Use the link to quizlet where there are fun games to help you revise.
Photography	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Religious Studies	OCR - Christianity, beliefs and practices (J625/01)	Revision guide page numbers 1-35. OCR Website past papers and mark schemes. Plus extra revision and class materials available on Google Classroom. https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/
Science-Biology Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology Topic 2 – Cells and control Topic 3 – Genetics Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines	Please follow the revision planner

Science- Biology Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology Topic 2 – Cells and control Topic 3 – Genetics Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Chemistry Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures Topic 3 – Chemical changes Topic 4 – Extracting Metals and Equilibria	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Chemistry Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures Topic 3 – Chemical changes Topic 4 – Extracting Metals and Equilibria Topic 5 – Separate Chemistry 1	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Physics Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics Topic 2 – Motion and forces Topic 3 – Conservation of energy Topic 4 – Waves Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum Topic 6 – Radioactivity	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Physics Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics Topic 2 – Motion and forces Topic 3 – Conservation of energy Topic 4 – Waves Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum Topic 6 – Radioactivity Topic 7 – Astronomy - Separates Only	Please follow the revision planner
Science AQA	AQA Combined Science paper 1; Life and environmental sciences Paper 3; Topics 4.5–4.8: Building blocks for understanding; Interactions over small and large distances; Movement and interactions and Guiding Spaceship Earth towards a sustainable future. Topics 4.1– 4.4: Building blocks; Transport over larger distances; Interactions with the environment and Explaining change.	Please follow the revision planner

Wednesday 5.11.25		Drama 11 Option All Day External GCSE Component 1						
w/c 10th Nov		French & Spanish Listening Examinations in class						
w/c 17th Nov		1	2	Break	3	PLaN	4	5
	Mon	English Language 1hr 45			Normal lesson		Mathematics 1hr 30	
	Tue	Option A			Normal lesson		Option B	
	Wed	Option C			Normal lesson		Option D	
	Thur	Science Combined Biology (1 hr 10)			Normal lesson		English Literature 50 min	
		Science Biology Triple (1hr 45)						
		AQA Science Biology Paper 1 (1hr 15)						
	Fri	Mathematics (1hr 30)			Normal lesson		Science Combined Chemistry 1 hr 10	
							Science Chemistry Triple 1hr 45	
							AQA Science Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 15	
w/c 24th Nov		1	2	Break	3	PLaN	4	5
	Mon	Physics Triple 1hr 45			Normal lesson		French or Spanish Reading Paper	
		Science Combined Physics 1 hr 10 Science						
		AQA Science Physics Paper 1 1hr 15						
	Tue	History (1hr 50)			Normal lesson		Geography (1hr 30)	
	Wed				Normal lesson			
	Thurs	Food and Nutrition			Food and Nutrition		Food and Nutrition	
	Fri				Normal lesson			
w/c 1st Dec		1	2	Break	3	PLaN	4	5
	Mon	Art Graphics / Art Photography / Art			Art Graphics / Art Photography / Art		Art Graphics / Art Photography / Art	

What is My Role as a Parent/Carer?

Success in assessments is a team effort, which involves you, the school, and learners working together and so there are many things you can do to support learners at home.



There is no correct way to parent learners when preparing for assessments. Choose the approaches that work best for you, your family, and your situation. Below are a few suggestions you may wish to trial.

- **Talk** to your child about their upcoming assessments.
- If you are in doubt about anything to do with the assessments contact iqbald@uptonhigh.co.uk who will pass your query to the relevant member of staff.
- Try to provide a **quiet space** for learners to complete homework/revision.
- Learners should put their mobile phone in another room when completing homework/revision. Even phones 'on silent' cause distraction.
- We recommend approximately **20-30 minute sessions** on a **targeted topic** with short breaks in between starting the next session.
- Encourage them to **attend any available revision** sessions or **intervention** sessions
- Ensure that learners have all the required textbooks, revision guides and resources ready for revision.
- Ensure learners **get enough sleep**. Regular bedtimes, and wake times, will benefit learners.
- Set learners' challenges. For example, you could ask them to revise a short topic; using the revision resources, you could then 'test' them on what they have just revised.
- Encourage them to **exercise**.
- Encourage them to drink lots of water.
- Think about whether rewards and incentives would work for your child.
- Stay positive. Look for ways in which you can help them to believe in themselves by reminding them of the successes they have had. It will help if they focus on the short-term task of revising rather than thinking about the final results.
- Remind learners that the **purpose of assessments is to practise**, and to inform their teacher of what they do and do not know. We can then work together to improve their performance.

To help:

- Teachers will set homework tasks that will count towards preparation/revision for the assessment. **Encourage learners to complete and hand in all homework** on time. All homework can be monitored by the Show My Homework (Satchel One) App
- Learners should avoid 'just' reading a revision guide. The trick is to **do something with what has been read**. For example: summarise in their own words, draw and label diagrams, get someone to test them.
- Encourage them to **use the electronic platforms** that the school has to offer. Sparx Maths, QUIZLET, Seneca learning, Educake- to name a few!
- Encourage attendance at afterschool revision sessions available to learners.