



**YEAR 10 MATHS AND ENGLISH
INFORMATION EVENING**

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CAMBRIDGE IGCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND EDUQAS LITERATURE

THE EXAMS INFORMATION



LANGUAGE PAPER 1 – READING PAPER

- **2 hours 50% - 80 marks**
- **Question 1 a-e – short answer comprehension questions
15 marks**
- **Question 1 f – a summary task 15 marks**
- **Question 2 a-c – short answer language questions 10
marks**
- **Question 2 d – Language analysis question 15 marks**
- **Extended response task 25 marks**

PAPER 2 – WRITING PAPER

- 2 hours 50% - 80 marks
- Directed writing task 40 marks
- A choice of narrative or descriptive writing 40 marks

Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry

Written examination: **2 hours**

40% of qualification

Section A (20%) Shakespeare

Romeo and Juliet; OR *Macbeth*; OR *Othello*; OR *Henry V* (for assessment until 2024, when it will be replaced by *Henry VIII* for assessment from 2025); OR *The Merchant of Venice*.
One extract question and one essay question based on a prescribed text from the above prescribed list.

Learners are not permitted to take copies of the text into the examination.

Section B (20%) Poetry from 1789 to the present

Two questions based on poems from the WJEC Education Poetry Anthology, one of which involves comparison.

Learners are not permitted to take a copy of the anthology into the examination.

**We will study
Macbeth in this
section.**

Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry
Written examination: **2 hours and 30 minutes**
60% of qualification

Section A (20%) Post-1914 Prose/Drama

Lord of the Flies (Golding); OR *Anita and ...* (Ishiguro)
(for assessment until 2024, when it will be replaced by *...* (Korman), for
assessment from 2025); OR *The ...* (the Only
Fruit (Winterson); OR *The Curious ...* (script)
(Stephens); OR *A Taste of Honey* (will
be replaced by *Leave Taking* (Pinn)
Calls (Priestley); OR *The History B ...* (ector)
One source-based question on a poem from the
prescribed list.

Learners are not permitted to take copies of the set texts into the examination.

Section B (20%) 19th Century Prose

A Christmas Carol (Dickens); OR *Silas Marner* (St); OR *Pride and Prejudice*
(Austen); OR *War of the Worlds* (Wells); OR *Jane Eyre* (Brontë); OR *The Strange*
Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (Stevenson)

One source-based question on a 19th century prose text from the above prescribed
list.

Learners are not permitted to take copies of the set texts into the examination.

Section C (20%) Unseen Poetry from the 20th/21st Century

Two questions on unseen poems, one of which involves comparison.

**Section A: An
Inspector Calls
Section B: Dr Jekyll
and Mr Hyde**

THIS GCSE IN ENGLISH LITERATURE ENABLES STUDENTS TO:

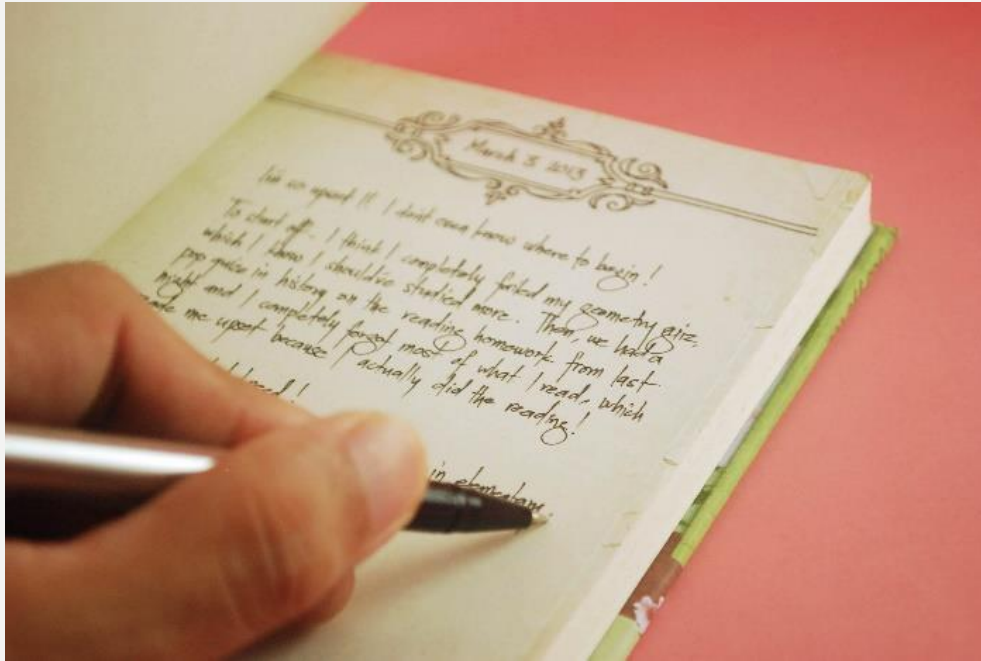
- Read a wide range of classic literature fluently and with good understanding, and make connections across their reading
- Read in depth, critically and evaluatively, so that they are able to discuss and explain their understanding and ideas
- Develop the habit of reading widely and often
- Appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage
- Write accurately, effectively and analytically about their reading, using Standard English
- Acquire and use a wide vocabulary, including the grammatical terminology and other literary and linguistic terms they need to criticise and analyse what they read.

How can you help?



Read. Have books around the house. Take your teenager to the library. Be seen reading. Nothing will prepare your child better for the English exams than reading daily for at least 20 minutes.

And if you can find books that interest your child, all the better!



Encourage your child to keep a diary. No one has to read it. A daily exercise in writing, even without feedback or 'marking' will improve a student's style greatly.

There are plenty of writing prompts online if your child suffers from writer's block!



Does your child know the basics? Good punctuation, varied vocabulary and using subordinating conjunctions? These three skills are key focuses in the Language exam.

Consider purchasing a 'basics' revision workbook for your child and work through once a week.

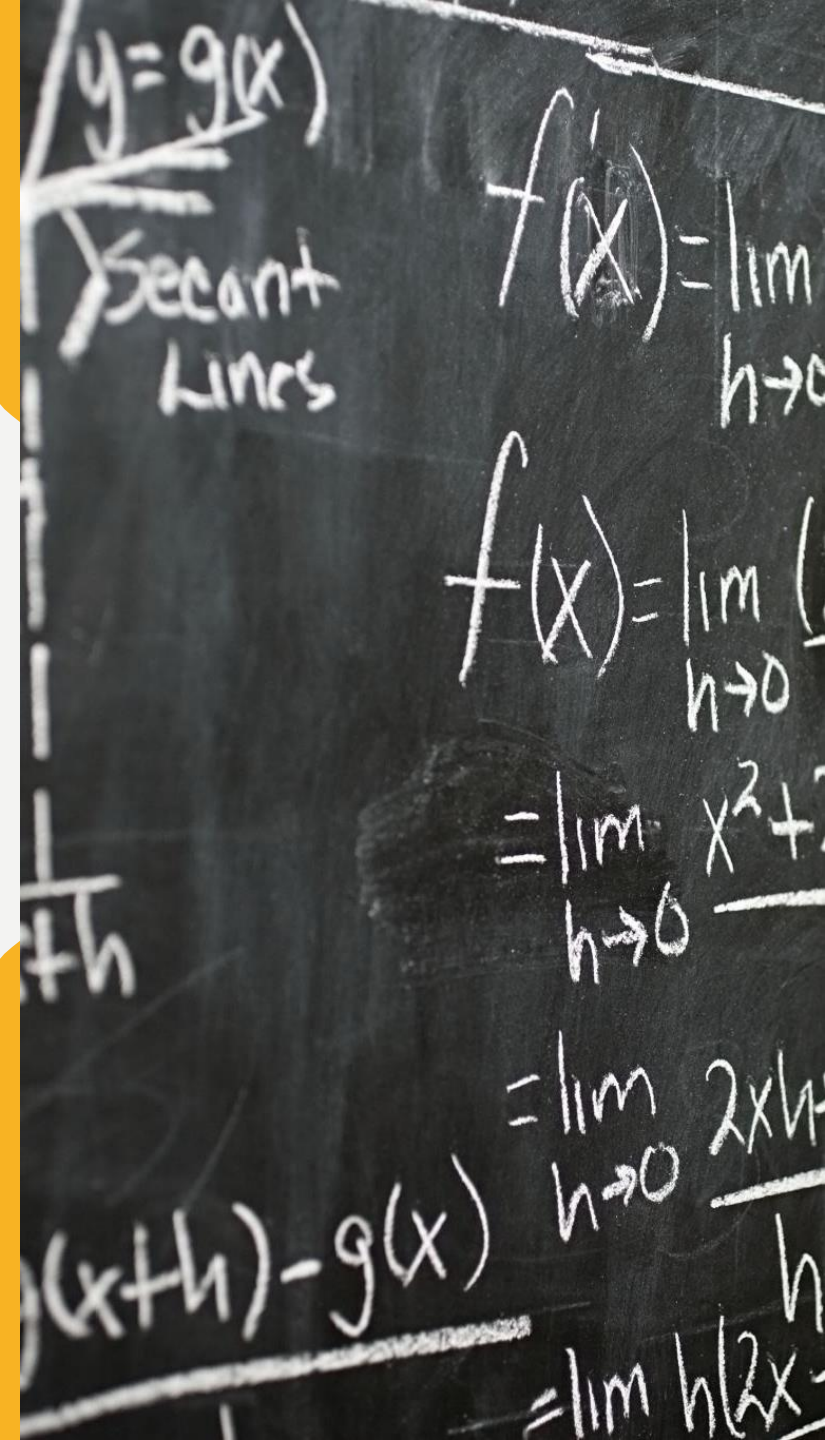
RESOURCES:

- It is often helpful for students to have their own copies of the texts so they can annotate them and take them home for revision. As a school we are able to access texts at a reduced price and are therefore offering you the opportunity to purchase all the texts for £14.00. The texts included in this bundle are: **Macbeth, An Inspector Calls and Jekyll & Hyde** and are all annotation friendly to ensure your child has enough room to make notes. Should you wish to purchase the bundle, you can do so via ParentPay and add Year 10 GCSE Literature Text Bundle to your basket.
- Please note that this isn't compulsory – students will have access to school copies in lessons, they just won't be able to write in them or take them home.

MONDAY LUNCH: GCSE ENGLISH DROP IN.

1-1:30pm in room D22
with Miss Nickson

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GCSE MATHS



WJEC

WJEC is the Welsh Exam Board and is graded A* to G.

This summer students achieved a brilliant set of results of 86.3% A*- C grades with our top sets achieving 28 A*'s.

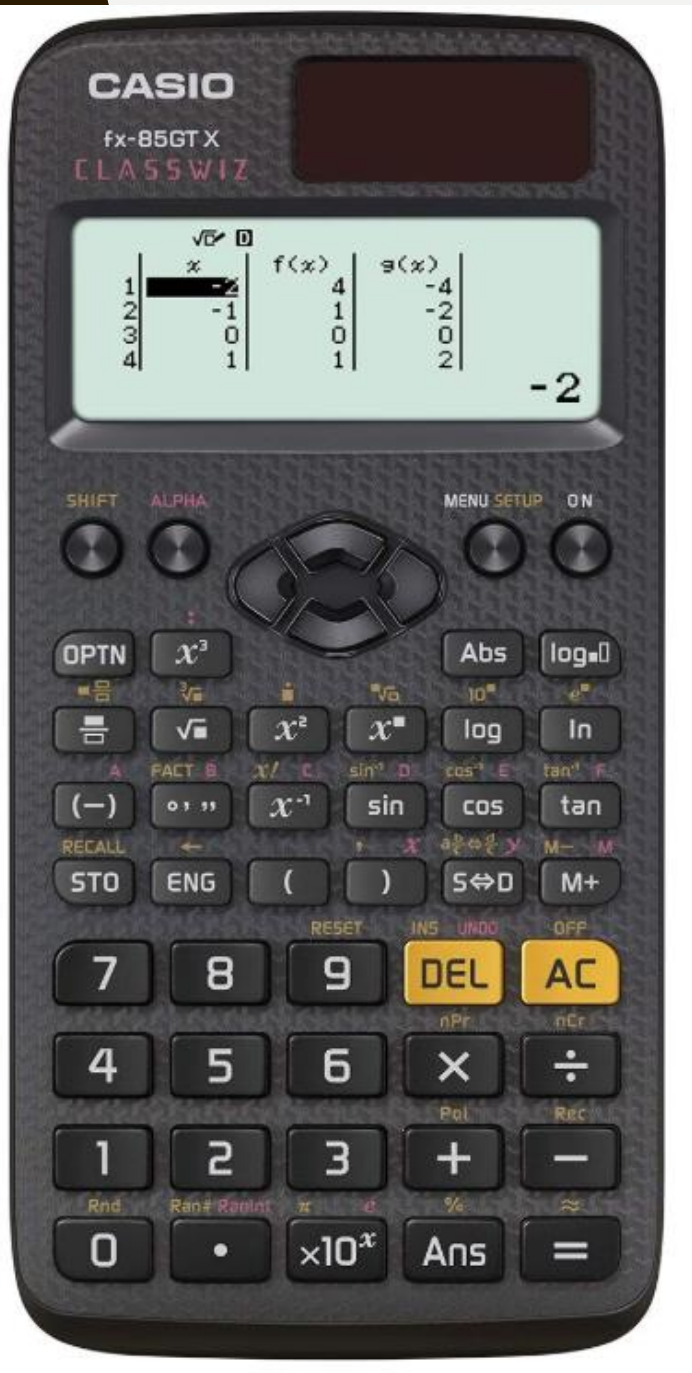
THE OPTIONS

- Currently we have 6 Sets studying the Welsh Exam Board WJEC. This allows for us to continue with lettered grades (A*-G) instead of numbered grades.
- Set 7 are focusing on Entry Level Qualifications at this year with a view to sit their GCSE once completing the Entry Level

THE TIERS

There are 3 tiers in WJEC Mathematics:

- Higher (Grades A*-C) Sets H1, H2, H3
- Intermediate (Grades B-E) Sets I1, I2, I3
- Foundation (D-G) Set EP (once Entry Level is completed)



EQUIPMENT

Students will need the following equipment in order to be successful in both lessons and during exams.

- Black Pen (Ball-point for exam requirement)
- Pencil
- Ruler (30cm)
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator (Recommended a CASIO FX – 83GT – X)

It is important that students are regularly attending lessons with the correct equipment so they know how to use it in the exam.

Scientific calculators and full geometry kits can be bought from the school reception.

THE PAPERS

For all tiers there are 2 papers to sit.

Higher/Intermediate are each 1 Hour and 45 minutes long.

Foundation are each 1 Hour and 30 minutes long.

There is a non-calculator and a calculator paper.

Each paper is worth equal marks.

All papers have a formula page on the second page and one question will also have 2 marks awards for Quality of Written Communication (QWC).

QWC

There are 2 marks available in WJEC for Quality of Written Communication (QWC).

QWC marks are awarded for how the students have explained their answers. Examiners are not looking for paragraphs but they will be focusing on how they have presented the answers (logical manner, correct use of mathematical symbols, all workings shown) and how they have explained their steps (have they made it clear what they are doing, have they used correct punctuation and spellings)

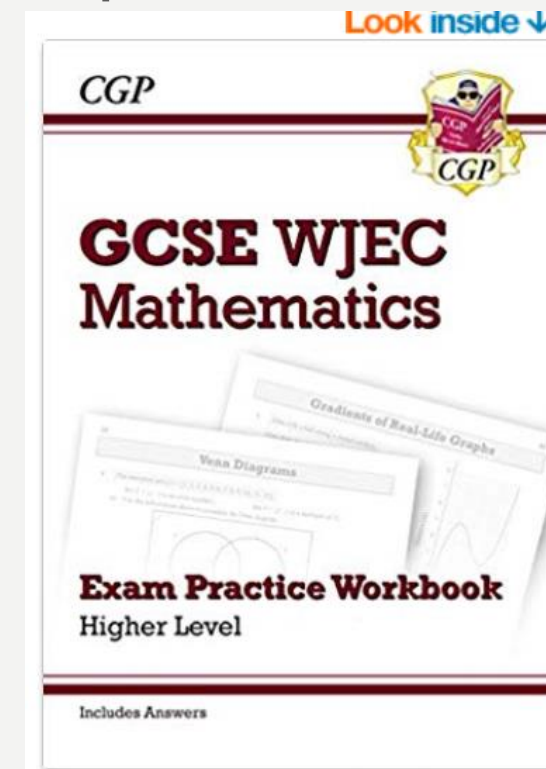
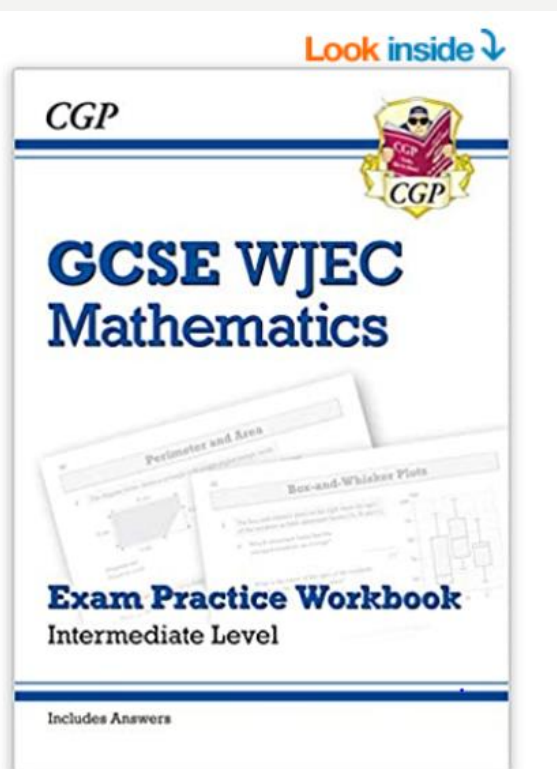
MOCK EXAMS

Pupils will sit a mock (non-calculator and calculator) in March of Year 10 and again in November of year 11 to ensure they are sitting the correct tier. This will not be a full paper but will only include content covered so far.

SUPPORT

- Maths homework club on a Monday after school run by Miss Chen
 - Sparx Maths using the independent learning button
- Revision Workbooks can be found in most book shops and on

Amazon



ANY QUESTIONS?

We will be around for a short time to take any questions you have.

Thank you!