

The De Montfort School

**Welcome to the
Year 11 Parents'
Information
Evening**



The evening will enable us to:

- Explain how we are reassuring and preparing your son/daughter for their examinations
- Explain very clearly our expectations of conduct during examinations
- Provide extra ideas on revision techniques and other ways in which you can support your son/daughter
- Address any concerns



Why do many students not spend enough time preparing for exams?

Are they lazy? Demotivated? Lack ambition?

A survey revealed that the answer is **no**

They simply misunderstand the purpose of exam preparation



Over 70% can be
forgotten in 24
hours unless it is
reviewed



One of your child's biggest barriers;

Lack of EQUIPMENT

Control the controllables!!!!

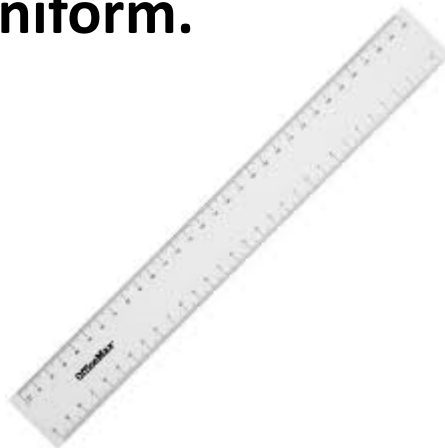


EXAM PROTOCOL



Key Information

- **Come prepared with a ruler, spare pens, pencils, maths equipment and a scientific calculator.**
- **You must write in black ink (biro).**
- **Any bottles or pencil cases must be transparent (no labels).**
- **No web enabled or data storage devices – including wrist watches.**
- **Mobile phones will be collected before the exam.**
- **Wear full school uniform.**



Key Information

- **Arrive ready to line up 10 minutes before the start.**
- **Arriving late disrupts others.**
- **You cannot leave the exam room early.**
- **If you are going to be absent, contact school immediately.**
- **Do not take any materials (including rough paper) out of the exam room.**
- **There must be no communication, verbal or non-verbal.**
- **Any issues, raise your hand and speak to an invigilator.**
- **Any inappropriate behaviour or malpractice has to be recorded and reported to the exam board.**



Who sets the rules?

- **The JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) administer testing standards.**
- **We do not set the rules.**
- **Any instances of malpractice (breaking the rules) are recorded and is passed onto the exam board; they then decide on the outcomes.**
- **We will be inspected at least twice during our summer exam series.**



**Joint Council for
Qualifications**



Results & Certificates

- **GCSE results will be available for students to collect between 9am and 11am on Thursday 22nd August 2019.**
- **Exam Board Results Certificates will be available for collection from December 2019. You will need these for future employers or further education.**



Exam Timetables

- **Your child will receive a provisional timetable at the start of April.**
- **Your child will then receive their final timetable at the end of April.**
- **In the meantime, you can access the general GCSE timetable and other information via the school website.**



Revision Timetable

- Due to the large number of exams in the last two weeks of May we will be running an augmented timetable to normal
- Students will have a mixture of lessons and targeted revision sessions when not in exams
- After May half term students are only required in for their exams



GCSE MATHEMATICS



Exam Board:

AQA (8300)

2 Tiers

- *Higher Tier (9-5)*
- *Foundation Tier (5-1)*

3 Exam Papers

- **Paper 1** : *Non-Calculator* (1Hr 30 mins)
21st May 2018 AM
- **Paper 2** : *Calculator Paper* (1Hr 30 mins)
6th June 2018 AM
- **Paper 3** : *Calculator Paper* (1Hr 30 mins)
11th June 2018 AM



Supporting your child in maths

- **Be Positive**
- **Equipment**
- **Ask questions**
- **Help with revision**
 - **Exam Papers**
 - **Websites**
 - **MyMaths.co.uk**



What we are expecting

- Students must have all of their equipment ready for the exam
(Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Protractor, Compass, scientific calculator {for the calculator papers})
- Attend the booster/revision sessions
- Students to maximise their remaining lesson time, 100% effort!
- Students should have the maths workbooks
- **EXAM PAPERS**, students should be doing exam papers as part of their revision.



Revision

- Exam Papers
- Work Books
- MyMaths
- Other revision websites (eg Bitesize)





Assessment Manager

Help

Log out

My portal

- GCSE exams 2017, ▾
- Statistics
- Booster packs >**
- GCSE booster 4 and 5
- GCSE booster 6 and 7
- GCSE booster 8 and 9
- Games
- Toolkit

OXFORD

Booster packs

Are you taking GCSE maths in 2017 or later? If so you've come to the right place.

These booster packs have been written to help progress to a higher level or grade. You will need to find out from your teacher which pack is best for you.

The booster packs have easy-to-navigate lessons to help you revise and online worksheets to test you.

If your teacher has given you your own login and password, then make sure you are logged in to My Portal. MyMaths can then record your scores.

You can view work that has been set and monitor your progress at any time using My Portal.

Choose your booster pack on the left then use the main page to choose a topic.



Bitesize

Primary | Secondary | All subjects

3rd level | 4th level | CA3 | KS3 | **GCSE** | National 4 | National 5 | Naiseanta 4 | Naiseanta 5 | TGAU | Higher

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Home / GCSE

Maths (2015 onwards)

Topics

Number

10 Learner Guides

Whole numbers



**Maths Booster
Sessions
EVERY WEDNESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL
3.30- 4.30pm
MU1 and MU3**



GCSE ENGLISH



Exam board

Exam board – AQA

Two exams for English Language
50% reading and 50% writing

Two exams for English Literature



So what does English Language GCSE look like?

Paper 1

4th June (am)

1 hour 45

- Explorations in creative reading and writing
- Response to literary text
- Production of creative text

50% of GCSE

Paper 2

7th June (am)

1 hour 45

- Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- Comparison of non fiction
- Production of writing to express a viewpoint

50% of GCSE

**Spoken Language
non-examined
assessment**

- Pass/Merit/
Distinction
- Certificate awarded
- No weighting towards
GCSE



English Literature

Paper 1
15th May (pm)
1 hour 45

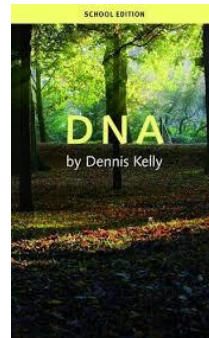
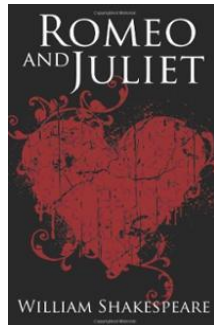
**Shakespeare and
19th Century Novel**

- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *A Christmas Carol*

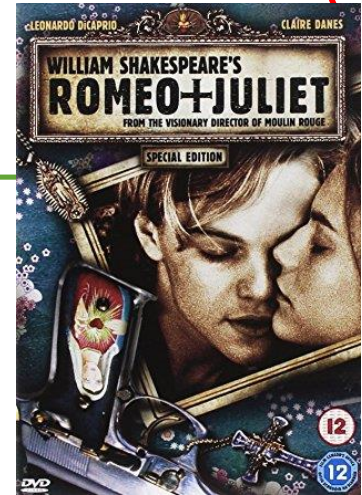
Paper 2
23th May (am)
2 hours 15

Modern Texts and Poetry

- *DNA*
- *AQA Poetry Anthology*
- *Unseen poetry*



Supporting your Child in English



- Read the texts or watch adaptations and discuss characters/events.
- Revision guides are useful but workbooks even more so.
- There are lots of useful resources online: BBC Bitesize, Sparknotes.
- Check written accuracy



How do I support revision?

- Language – past papers and question style and structure.
- Exam technique – Paper 1 - 5,1,4,2,3
Paper 2 – 5,1,4,3,2

Homework since Christmas has been targeted at ALL skills.

Literature: Revision is ESSENTIAL. Re-read texts.
Complete past papers.



English Exam Experts

- We currently have 3 experienced GCSE examiners teaching Y11
- We have a Team Leader for Literature
- Our specification and exam knowledge is current and practical – trust us.



Supporting your Child in English

Booster sessions in *both*
Language *and* Literature

Every Monday

3.30 – 4.15 pm

LU2 and LU5



I LIKE COOKING, MY FAMILY
AND MY PETS.

DON'T BE A PSYCHO.
USE COMMAS.

GRAMMAR MATTERS.

“Eat your dinner.”
is not the same as
“Eat. You’re dinner.”

Spelling and punctuation matter.



Dr Katie Blissard Barnes



Confidence

- Studies have shown that confidence in yourself/ your outcome or your knowledge can have up to a 12% increase on your test score



Parental support

- Ensure they are on time, fed and watered
- Familiarise yourself with their exam timetable
- Actually talk about how they and you feel, it's not just the child who is under pressure
- There's nothing wrong with a kick-a-bout!
- You get out what you put in



Parental support

- Plan- put times together for work, family, fun, exercise and whatever else is important to your family
- Dinner time conversation
- Don't bribe but reward
- Promote parity between subjects
- Do you Know what they are REALY doing?



School work and life
is their responsibility
but you can help
them along the way

