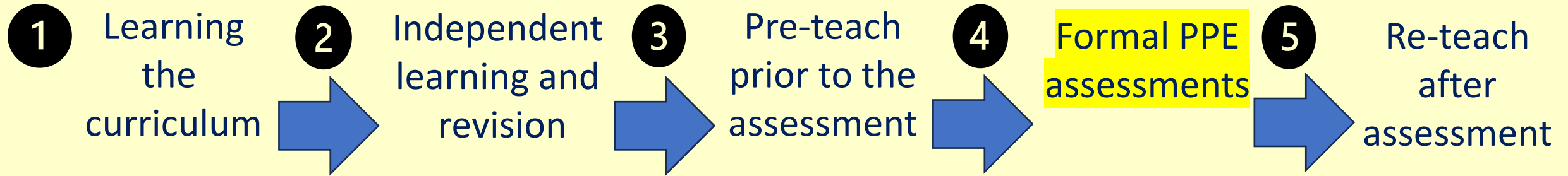


# Y10 PPE Preparation Session



# The assessment process



This cycle repeats itself across Y10 and Y11 with multiple different assessment points

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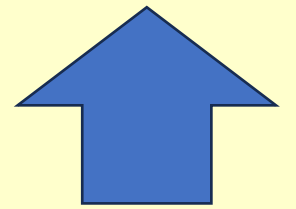
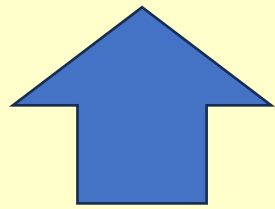
# When will students be assessed?

First PPE will assess core subjects only.

**PPE Dates - PPE 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Almost 5 teaching weeks away (7 weeks including the holidays)

W/C	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec	01 Jan	08 Jan	15 Jan	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan
			Christmas Holidays						Assessment Window



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# Y10 PPE Paper Contents

- **English Language**

- English Language: Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing
- 1 hour 45 minutes
- No English literature exam in this window

- **Science**

- 1 paper – Exam will include questions that cover a range of biology, chemistry and physics topics that students have studied so far in Science
- Foundation and Higher Tier - each paper using a mixture of recall questions as well as skills-based questions.
- 1 hour and 10 minutes / Maximum mark of 60

- **Maths: 2 adapted papers – combination of topics (more information to come through teachers)**

- Maths Paper 1 (adapted past paper) – **1 hour**
- Maths Paper 2 (adapted past paper and merge of paper 2/3) – **1 hour 30 minutes** / Calculator paper
- Tiers – Foundation and Higher

# Key Information

## **Where will students sit their PPEs?**

PPEs will be sat in the exam hall or small rooms/offices if they have the appropriate exam Access Arrangements (AA). The PPEs will run just like the real GCSE exams, so it is good practice. Normal timetabled lessons will run around the PPE exams in January.



## **How do students know if they have AA?**

Students can speak to their tutors; any member of the student support team or Miss Forster and they will be able to tell the student what AA they are entitled to.



# PPE Briefings

Every morning before each exam all students will meet in the main hall with Miss Forster and their tutors.


Miss Forster will give out any key notices for the day and then the appropriate Head of Faculty will carry out a PPE Briefing.

This is an opportunity for the students to hear any last-minute tips for the exam paper they are about to sit and any key reminders (e.g. use your formulae sheets, how to write a good paragraph, show your workings out etc.)



# PPE/GCSE Exam Rules and Regulations

It is important to follow all guidance in your exams and this includes the following outlined on these posters:



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**NO MOBILE PHONES  
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB  
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

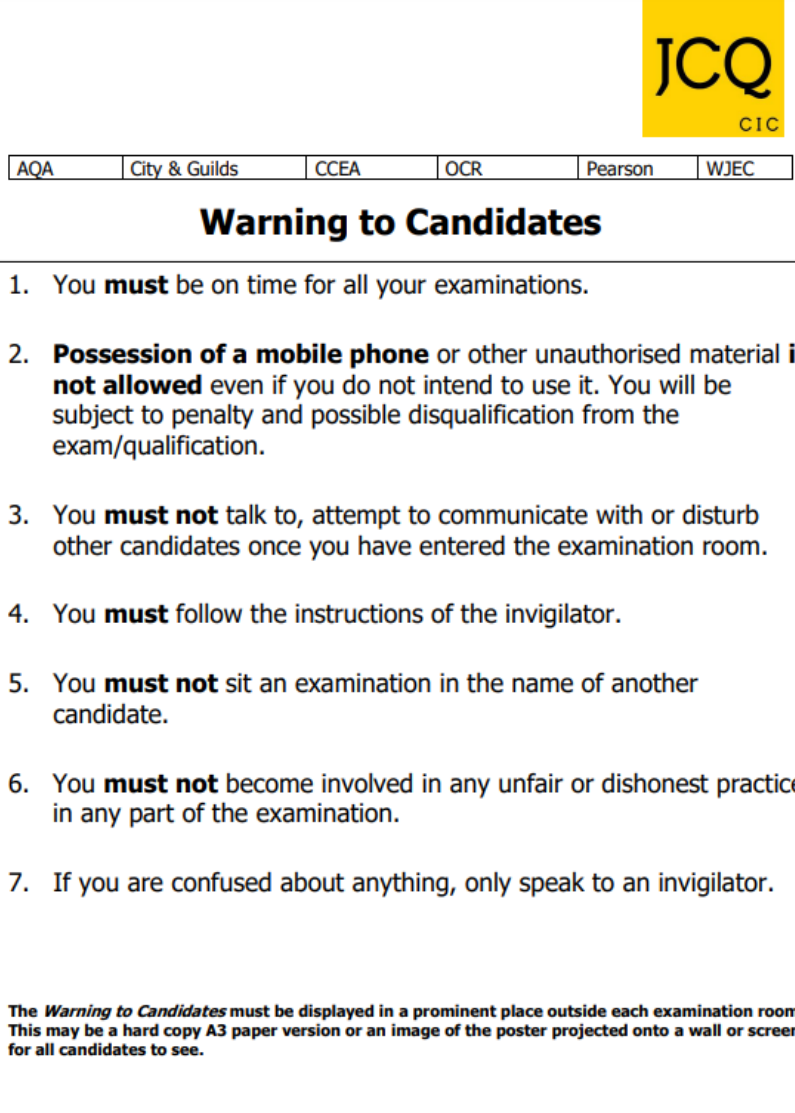
NO UNAUTHORISED ITEMS

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

**DISQUALIFICATION**

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.



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**Warning to Candidates**

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

# Exam Packs & Pencil Cases

## **Pencil Cases:**

On their desks students will be provided with an exam pack with all the necessary equipment for their exams. This will include:

- Black/Blue Pen
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Pencil
- Calculator
- Rubber

If they are missing any equipment, they can just ask the invigilators.

\*Water bottles: You are only allowed to bring in a clear water bottle in the exam with no label.

## **Candidate Cards:**

These have the school's Centre number and each student's unique exam number on. They also have your photograph on and will always remain on your exam desk so you can be clearly identified by the invigilators.

Students need to make sure that for **EVERY** exam they fill in the paper with their full name, the centre number and your unique exam number. This is essential so your papers can be marked correctly by exam board examiners and your teachers.

## **Exam Packs:**

If you have Access Arrangements, then you will be given an exam pack in your exam space which will include the pencil case /candidate card and your exam papers. This will be on the desk for them when they enter the room.

# Student Room and Seating Plan Lists

Lists of your examination room will be put up in tutor rooms and in the C-wing area and Dining Hall for you to see prior to your exams. Please ensure that you look at this carefully so that you are not arriving late to your exam and disrupting things for other students.

**DATE: XXXXX**

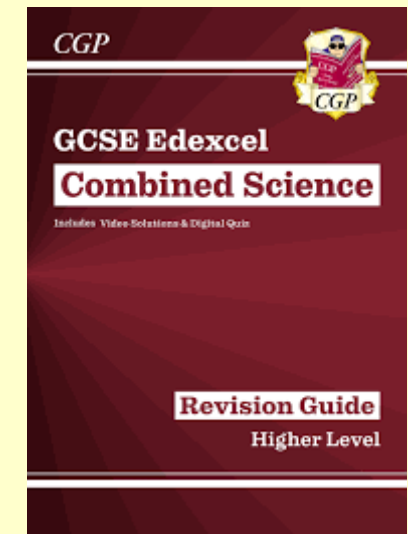
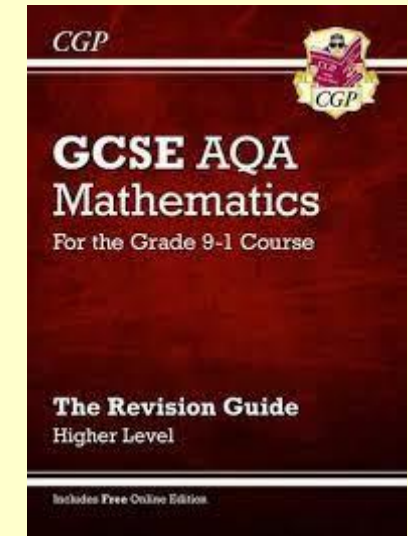
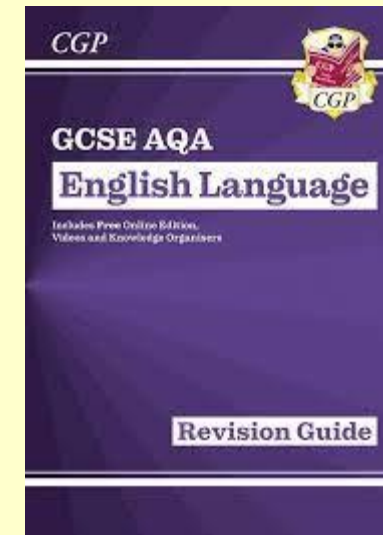
**SUBJECT & LENGTH:    MATHS - 1 HOUR**

**\*IF YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME – IT WILL HAVE BEEN ADDED TO YOUR FINISH TIME\***

Legal Surname	Legal Forename	Exam No	Start Time	Finish Time	Room	Seat
BLOGGS	JOE	6789	11:30	12:30	C3A	1
SMITH	EMMA	1234	11:30	12:45	C3A	2

## How can you prepare for the PPEs?

- Attend school everyday and attend every lesson! This is the best place for you to be to get good outcomes.
- Make use of the revision guides & revision materials provided by your teachers.
- Get your family/friends to support revision and independent learning where possible.
- Check you know when and what the assessments are and be ready for them!
- Ask if you need help.



# PPE Timetable

Please take a copy of this timetable.

It will be shared with your families and  
displayed in tutor rooms and key  
locations around the academy.



# Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or worries, please speak to your tutor, member of the student support team (key worker) or Miss Forster.