Parent Information Webinar Exams

February 2025



Carrington School Grand National RACE BEGINS IN MAY



Carrington School Grand National Why this analogy?

- We predict the outcome of GCSE's much like someone predicts the outcome of the Grand National
- Predications are based on form in smaller races/tests taken in the lead up to the big race/GCSE
- Not all favourites win
- You might face trouble in running
- We don't know what the fences/questions look like. We prepare for all eventualities



"Training a horse is like preparing for exams; both require patience, consistency, and a belief in the journey. Success comes from the hard work you put in every day."



MOCK EXAMS / SKI 2 Monday 10 March – Friday 15 March

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENGLISH LITERATURE 3 MATHS PAPERS 3 SCIENCE PAPERS History Geography

All other subjects may sit some tests with you in class over this period to help prepare you for your final exams





A big thank you to parents and students who provided feedback and joined our focus groups.

Year 11 Mock Exams

- Priority for EBACC bucket
- Open bucket to complete in lesson times
- Options all have option of contact to reduce non contact time
- English 2, Maths 3, Science 3, Hist & Geog 1
- Options have 1 safeguarded lesson slot in the week
- External invigilation + support staff
- Two week turn around until SKI data due

Session	Monday 10 March	Tuesday 11 March	Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 13 March	Friday 14 March
1 Period 1+2	English Paper 1 Start 08:30 Finish 10:45	Normal Lesson — 08:30-10:20 Art Business Computing Geography History Digital Info Tech Acting — Assessment in class Hosp & Catering — Onscreen Mock Psychology — In-class mock Spanish — Past Paper Practice	Maths Paper 2 Start 08:30 Finish 10:45	Geography Start 08:30 Finish 10:00	Maths Paper 3 Start 08:30 Finish 10:00
Break	10:45 - 11:30	10:20 - 11:00	10:45 - 11:30	10:00 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:50
2 Period 3+4	Science Paper 1 Start 11:30 Finish 13:00	Maths Paper 1 Start 11:00 Finish 12:30	History Start 11:30 Finish 13:00 Some students on English trip, if not in History exam	English Paper 2 Start 10:30 Finish 13:00	Normal Lesson- 10:50-12:30 Business Engineering History Continue assessment in class Dance Product Design Music Assessment Football Media Academy Studies Spanish – Past Paper Practice
Lunch	13:00 - 13:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:00 – 13:30	13:00 - 13:30	12:30 – 13:00
3 Period 5+6	Year 10 R.E Exam Economics Start 13:30 Finish 15:00	Science Paper 2 Start 13:30 Finish 15:00	Exam Prep 13:30 – 15:00 Some students on English trip, if not in Geography exam on Thursday	Normal Lesson 13:30-15:00 Future Learning History Geography Psychology – In class mock Spanish – Past Paper Practice Sport BTEC – Assessment Textiles – Continue in-class assessment	Science Paper 3 Start 13:00 Finish 14:30



Active Revision - Training

- Mind maps or knowledge organisers on large paper
- Display pictures and posters around the house
- Make and use revision cards
- Work through revision guides and workbooks
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- Highlighting (some individual subjects have individual highlighting tips)
- Listen to podcasts GCSE Pod
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Revision Tips from our Student Leaders

List of Revision Websites – Mock Exam Week Revision

General – All Subjects

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3

https://members.gcsepod.com/podauth/login/office365

https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Your Sets | Quizlet

GCSE Revision | Revision World

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/

Maths

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-maths/

Sparx Maths

Maths Genie • Learn GCSE Maths for Free

corbettmaths - YouTube

The GCSE Maths Tutor - YouTube

Edexcel GCSE Maths Practice Papers Sets 1-24 - MyMathsCloud

Science

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/

https://app.tassomai.com/dashboard/learner/quiz/1

https://cognitoedu.org

Focus eLearning by Focus Educational Software Itd.

History

https://mmerevise.co.uk/gcse-history-revision/gcse-history-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-history-past-papers/

https://carringtonschool.sharepoint.com/sites/CarringtonHistory

Geography

Edexcel B GCSE Geography Revision

Edexcel GCSE Geography B Revision Notes 2016

English

https://www.youtube.com/@MrEverythingEnglish/videos

https://www.youtube.com/@MrSallesTeachesEnglish

Mr Bruff - YouTube

AQA GCSE English Section B: Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology - PMT

https://www.educake.co.uk/

AQA GCSE (9-1) English Revision - PMT



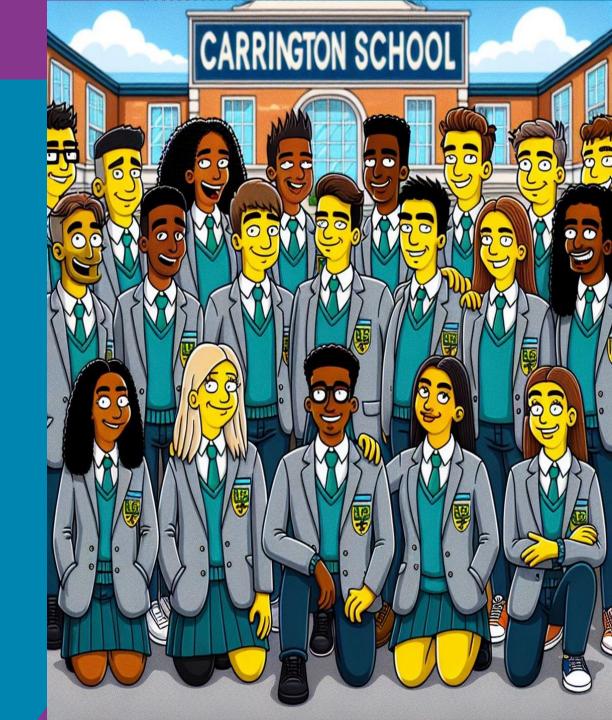
Requests from our Student Leaders

- Reduce the amount of homework over half-term or change to revision-based tasks (no sparx maths for the week)
- Revision sessions before the mocks in lessons going over topics that most students find difficult
- More revision resources shared with students (PowerPoint and worksheets- via teams?)
- Recap of effective revision strategies in lessons/PD
- Test/results given back quickly to act on feedback
- Complete topic list of all the topics that will be in the exam
- Exam timetable given out earlier, physical copy?
- Getting the lanyard to work letting students in at different times
- Having classrooms students can use before and after their exam
- Clear information on what topics or papers we will have for each subject



TOP TIPS

- Ensure that you have all the equipment you need.
- Have breakfast before school to ensure you have energy.
- Read through the questions properly.
- Check your answers after to ensue they make sense.
- Keep writing until the end, don't give up.
- Try your best on every paper.
- Prepare by doing some independent study or revision.
- Be on time
- Be in school



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GCSE Exams 2025 - they're on their way May/June 2025

- GCSE arrangements
- Individual exam timetables
- **Planning**
- Revision
- Success











Rise and shine

Starting your revision by 9am will help you get into a routine that you can stick to.



Having breakfast before revising is vital as it helps you to concentrate for

Breakfast

Log off

Switch off all devices, a five minute peek at Facebook turns into an hour so easily. Use internet time as a reward on a break





Get colourful



Past papers

Past exam papers are a perfect way to get used to organised and bright. Use exam pressure. Time yourself different fonts, pens and and use past papers to improve your confidence.

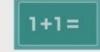
Keep your notes

diagrams. Colour codina your areas also helps.

Stick to the plan

Make a revision timetable, it will help you prioritise your areas. Plan for different ways of learning (mind maps, essays, fact cards)







Take breaks

Take a short break (5-10 minutes) after every half hour - It's important to aet away from your work area. Adding breaks into your timetable is vital.

Teach

If you are confident with a subject, teach it to your friends and they can do the same for you.

No last minute revision

Cramming 10 minutes before an exam doesn't work. planning your time and working hard



You'll be great!

GCSE arrangements Thursday 8 May* – 23 May

- Lessons continue as normal
- You will be provided with Exam Preparation time immediately before exams
 - a) For a morning exam, this will be from lunch time the day before
 - b) If you have an afternoon exam and no morning exam, you will be able to come into school for the exam at 12.30pm
 - c) If you have exams in both the morning and afternoon, you will be able to use the Observatory study area for independent revision between the exams.
- If you are on site and don't have an exam, you will go to your normal lessons
- You must wear school uniform whenever you are on the school site
- Following an afternoon exam, students can go home immediately after the exam



GCSE arrangements Monday 2 June – 25 June

- Normal lessons continue until Friday 6 June
- You will be provided with Exam preparation time immediately before exams.
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 - b) If you have exams in both the morning and afternoon, you will be able to use a study area for independent revision between the exams
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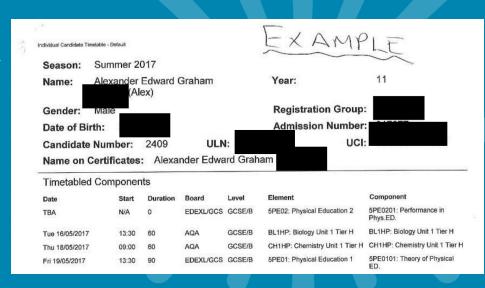


Exam Timetable

- General timetable is available on the school website: Exams Carrington School
- Your individual timetable will be available in Arbor

Check:

- 1. All the exams you are expecting to take are on your timetable
- 2. You have been entered for the correct tier in Maths, Science and French and Spanish
- 3. You do not have any exam entries you are not expecting
- 4. For any clashes. If you think you have an exam clash go and see Mr David
- 5. Check the "Name on certificates". If this is not correct notify Mr David ASAP (This is the name you will have on your certificates for the rest of your life).





GCSE's

- Start (for year 11) AM exams start at 9am, be in school for 8.30am
- PM exams start at 1pm, be in school for 12.30pm
- Exam timetable on the school website

Session	Monday 2 June	Tuesday 3 June	Wednesday 4 June	Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June
AM	Italian Listening: 45 mins Reading: 1hr	Portuguese Listening: 45 mins Reading: 1hr	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) 1hr 30	History Paper 1 1hr 50 mins	English Language Paper 2 1hr 45
PM		Polish Listening: 45 mins Reading: 1hr			Geography Paper 2 1hr 30

Session	Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June
АМ	Biology Paper 4 Triple: 1hr 45 Combined: 1hr 10	Spanish Listening: F Tier 35 mins H Tier 45 mins Reading: F Tier 45 mins H Tier 1hr	Maths Paper 3 (<i>Calculator</i>) 1hr 30	Geography Paper 3 1hr 30	Chemistry Paper 5 Triple: 1hr 45 Combined: 1 hr 10
PM	Italian Writing	Italian History Writing Paper 2 1hr 15 1 hr 30 Contingency Afternoon	Hospitality and Catering Onscreen 1hr 20	Portuguese Writing 1hr 20	
FIVI			Contingency Afternoon	Further Maths Paper 1 1hr 45	Polish Writing 1hr 20

All students should check the seating plans in the Observatory and be ready to enter the exam hall 10 mins before the start time (i.e. have been to the toilet, filled water bottles, have everything they need for the exam)



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In school preparation



- ✓ You have had exam specific lessons in:
- **✓** Planning
- **✓** Online revision
- ✓ Offline revision
- ✓ Managing stress
- ✓ Success in exams

1. Planning

- > Plan by session (about half an hour a tir
- > Plan subjects for revision
- Plan topics to revise (your weakest)
- Set up a working area
- Carry out your plan

Revision	& Exam	Planner	2023
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	7 T	7 F Good Friday		ind these on the exams page	of the school
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L	9 T	9 S Easter Sunday		-	
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L	14 T	14 F	*	14 S	14 W Maths Paper 3 All
L	15 W	15 S		15 M	15 T
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L	17 F	17 M		17 W English Lit Paper 1 AN	17 S
	18 S	18 T		18 T	18 S
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	21 T	21 F		21 S	21 W
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	23 T	23 S		23 T	23 F
L	24 F	24 M		24 W English Lit Paper 2 AN	24 S
	25 S	25 T		25 T Physics Paper 1 AM	25 S
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	31 F			31 W Hall	



<u>www.getrevising.co.uk</u>

Online revision

1. Useful websites

www.gcsepod.com

www.aqa.org.uk

Pearson qualifications | Edexcel, BTEC, LCCI and EDI | Pearson qualifications (EDEXCEL

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/

www.Tassomai.com (English maths and science)

a) GCSEpod

- A full set of revision audiopods, with question banks
- GCSEPod Student Site Tour YouTube

Exclusive Parent Webinars

Join a GCSEPod webinar and find out how you can use GCSEPod to support your child's learning plus get tips and guidance on effective home learning practices.

BOOK FOR 9TH MAR @ 5PM

BOOK FOR 23RD MAR @ 5PM

Exclusive Student Webinar

How to Fail, Successfully

Effective Techniques to Succeed with GCSEPod

This webinar will cover:

- Forgetting Why do we forget and how does this help us remember?
- Procrastinating Should we procrastinate and how does this help us learn?
- Failing Is failing bad and how does it help us succeed?

30 mins

BOOK FOR 23RD MARCH @ 9AM

BOOK FOR 24TH MARCH @5PM



Online revision contd.

AQA and Pearson

- ✓ Can access past paper and mark schemes
- ✓ Can access advance information
- ✓ Can access subject specifications
- ✓ Can access other support materials

BBC bitesize

- ✓ Revision and quick tests for GCSE subjects
- ✓ Register to personalise subjects
- ✓ And to get feedback

Tassomai

- ✓ Multiple choice questions in science, maths and **English**
- ✓ Helps memory recall for key facts



Maximise your science revision time

Answer 20 questions and we'll suggest what to study



All GCSE subjects

These subjects may contain both Guides for students and Classroom videos for use by teachers.













Art and Design

Science)

Business

Science)

Combined Science Computer Science













Technology

Digital Technology (CCEA)

Enalish Language

Enalish Literature







Home Economics: Food and Nutrition



Hospitality (CCEA) ICT



















Journalism (CCEA)

Learning for Life and Work (CCEA)

(CCEA)

(WJEC)















Moving Image Arts Music (CCEA)

Physical Education

Physics (Single

Religious Studies









Spanish

Welsh Second Language (WJEC)

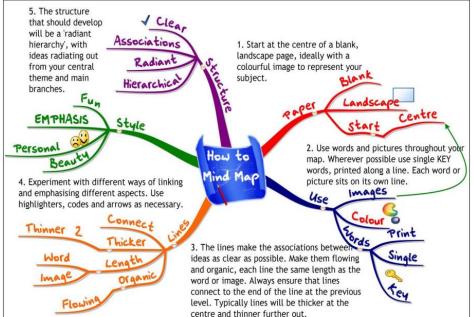


Offline revision

☐ 3 simple techniques – adaptable for a number of subjects **Revision Guidance - Carrington School**

- 1. Effective note taking (including flash cards)
- Mind maps
- **Mnemonics**

Yr.11: Revision Skill Focus of the Week 5. The structure



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RULE 2: MIX PICTURES & WORDS - IT WILL INCRAESE YOUR BRAIN'S ABILITY TO RECALL

a card containing a small amount of information to help aid active recall

RULE 4: FOCUS ONE FLASHCARD ON ONE ASPECT OF THE TOPIC = YOU WILL HAVE A COLLECTION OF FLASHCARDS FOR EACH TOPIC.



RULE 3: USE MNEMONIC DEVICES TO CREATE MENTAL CONNECTIONS

Power and Conflict Poetry: Compare HOW the poets do 'X'. HOW = techniques/strategies poets use: SITUATION LANGUAGE STRUCTURE

Yr.11: Revision Skill Focus of the Week

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Similar Traits Technique:

Two words you would like to remember and link in your mind:

RICHMOND - VIRGINIA Find things they have in common (e.g., second letter "j"; eight letters) Find smaller words within the words: RICH MAN - VIRGINIA

Make up a sentence or short visual/story:

"The rich man drinks gin and lives in Virginia"

Peg Systems

- · Uses something you know (and won't forget) to "hang" new information on;
- · Pairs old information with new information in a visual format;
- · Good for remembering items in order;
- · Common pegs: the alphabet; numbers; furniture in your house

Mnemonics

A pattern of letters, ideas, or associations which assists in remembering something.

Forming Sentences with First Letters

In this technique, which most students have learned in school, the first etters of a list of words that need to be remembered are taken out to form a silly sentence or another word that is easy to remember

For example, if one is trying to remember the planets of the solar system:

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto "My very extravagant mother just sent us nine pizzas"

Take the letters M,V, E, M, J, S, U, N and P and form a sentence:

The Link & Story Method

The counties of England: Avon, Dorset, Somerset, Cornwall, Devon,

- An AVON (Avon) lady knocking on a heavy cak DOoR (Dorset)
 The DOoR opening to show a beautiful SulfmRR landscape with a SETting sun (Somerset)
 The setting sun shines down onto a field of CORN (Cornwall)
 The Villing stalks slowly droop onto the tail of the sleeping DEVII

- (Devon)

 On the DEVil's horn a woman has impaled a GLOSsy (Gloucestershire HAM (Hampshire) when she hit him over the head with it

 Now the Devil feels soRRY (Surrey) he bothered her.

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In tutor time and PD

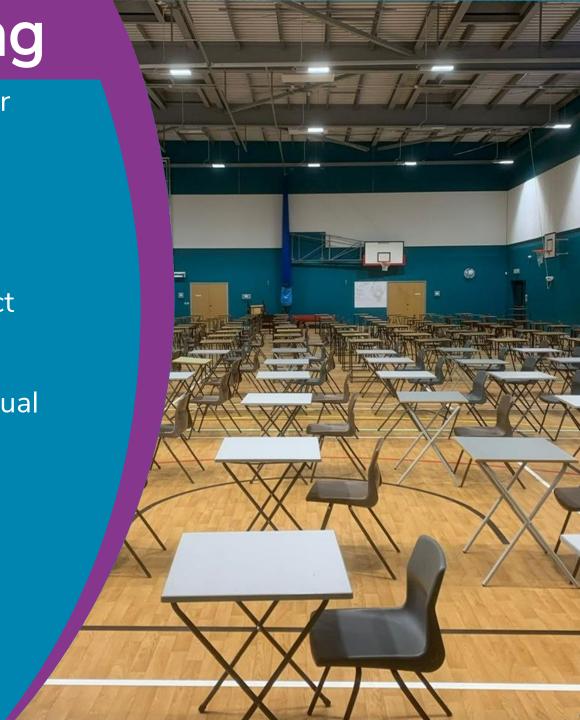
- Use the time for independent revision
- Use the offline strategies in the previous slide
- Plan your own revision and bring your resources
- Or complete Independence booklets, designed to be completed without teacher input
- Mark your own work, using the answer booklet
- If you finish all the topics in your tutor room, let your tutor know



Revision Structure - Planning Set an aim for each session Set a time for each session Break each topic into chunks Produce notes or mind maps containing key ideas Test yourself Have a way to check progress Revisit revision

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Achieving Success

Students who do well:

- Are self motivated
- 2.3. Develop resilience
- Are organised
- 4. Are independent workers
- 5. Plan their time over a long period
- 6. Understand the exam requirements
- 7. Plan and carry out revision
- 8. Perfect exam technique



Useful contacts

- Mr David Examinations Officer:
- Mr Lockhart Deputy Headteacher:
- Mr Wren Head of Year 11:
- Mrs Lawrence— Hub Coordinator Year 11:
- Mr Mitchell Senior tutor:

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