

GCSE English and Maths

Online Parents' Information Evening

EXAM DATES:

GCSE MATHS

- FRIDAY 19th MAY- Paper 1 Non-Calculator
- WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE- Paper 2 Calculator
- WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE- Paper 3 Calculator

GCSE ENGLISH

- MONDAY 5TH JUNE- Paper 1
- MONDAY 12TH JUNE- Paper 2

AWARDING BODIES

- **GCSE MATHS**

AQA GCSE Mathematics 8700F (Foundation Tier)

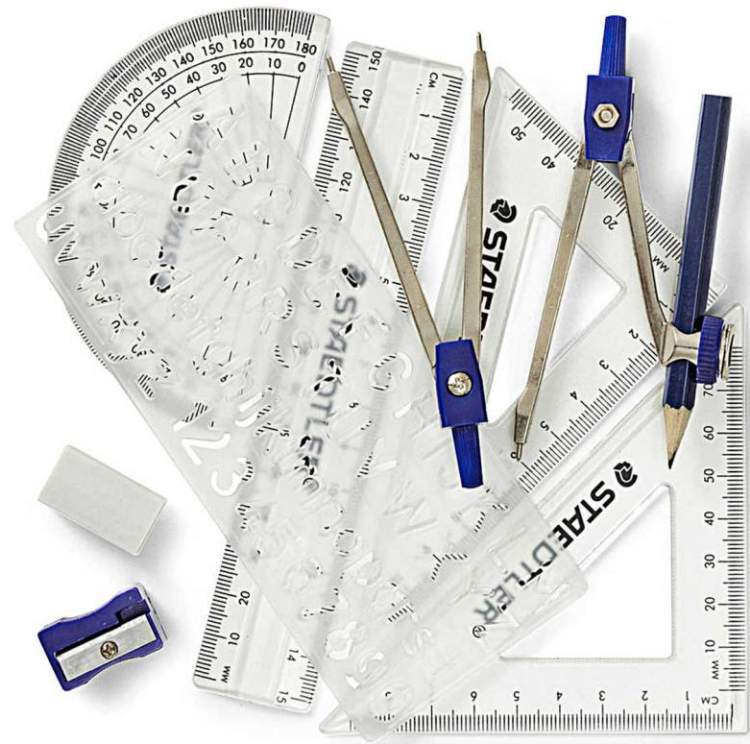
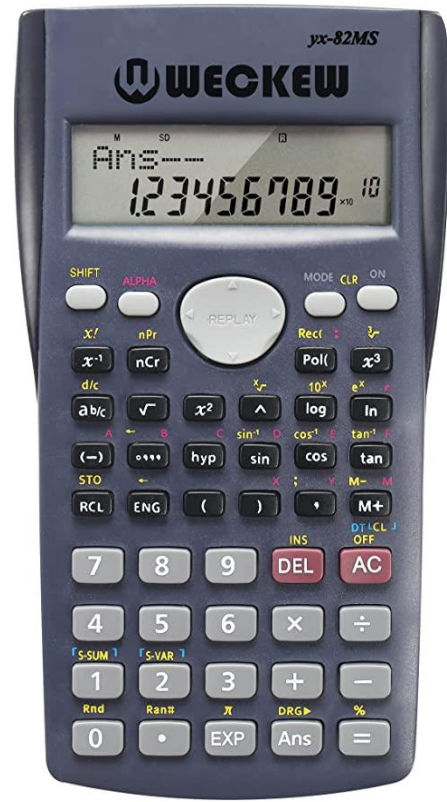
Learners can achieve up to a grade 5.

- **GCSE ENGLISH**

Pearson Edexcel (9-1) English Language 2.0

Learners can achieve up to a grade 9.

A grade 4 is a **‘standard’** pass.



GCSE MATHS

DURATION-1 hour 30 mins per exam paper

EQUIPMENT- require a scientific calculator and a maths set and ID/lanyard

FORMULA SHEET- JCQ and the awarding bodies have agreed to provide a formula sheet for the summer 2023 series of mathematics exams.

[Insert \(Foundation\) : formulae sheet - for exams in 2023 \(aqa.org.uk\)](https://www.aqa.org.uk/examinations/gcse-maths-formula-sheet)



GCSE ENGLISH

DURATION- 1hour 55 mins per exam **paper**

EQUIPMENT- Pen (black ink), highlighter (optional) and ID/lanyard

Paper 1-Non- Fiction Texts

19th century non-fiction extracts and transactional writing task.

Paper 2-Contemporary Texts

20th-21st century fiction and literary non-fiction and imaginative writing task.

EXAM DAYS

- **ALL EXAMS** are in the **morning**.
- Learners need to register between **8-8:30AM** at a room given to them by their personal tutors and curriculum areas.
- Breakfast (toast and juice) will be available in key locations between 7:45-8:15AM on the morning of each GCSE exam.
- English and maths staff will be at the key locations to answer any last-minute questions.
- If your son/daughter/young person is going to be absent on the day of an exam please contact college as soon as possible on the day, ensuring you speak to a member of our team.

NB. In some cases, we may be able to apply for special consideration for that exam. Relevant evidence may be required depending on the situation.

FAQs

What happens if I am ill on the day of the exam?

It would be expected that learners still come and complete exams even with mild/moderate illnesses such as coughs, colds etc.

If a learner is too ill to sit an exam, JCQ guidance states that a grade can still be issued for that qualification provided that **at least one** other component for that subject has been completed. This means at least one exam paper per subject.

In order for this to occur a letter from a doctor who examined that learner on the day of the missed exam must be provided in evidence.

It is unlikely that any grade issued in these circumstances will be as high as if the full complement of exams has been sat. As such this is a last resort when students are seriously ill.

FAQs

What happens if we have booked a holiday on exam dates? Can they sit at a later date?

It is vitally important that learners are present for all exams wherever possible. There is **NO** opportunity to sit an exam paper at a later date if it is missed. Their grade will be calculated based on the marks gained in the remaining paper(s).

If I miss the exams, can I resit in November?

There is a college resit policy that allows learners within a certain number of marks of a grade 4 to retake.

Can I do it again next year if I miss the exams?

If you are enrolled onto a study programme/course at college next year, then you will continue to study English/maths as part of this.

NB. If you are 19 as of 31st August 2023 you will not be automatically allowed to.

FAQs

When will we get the exam results?

Results day is Thursday 24th August.

Are you able to forecast a learner's potential result?

Learners are currently completing final mock papers in both maths and English. This is their last opportunity before the exam to practise and will highlight any areas for improvement.

Are you aware my child has extra-time in exams. Has the exam SENCO let you know?

Learners are asked about previous EAA and ALS at enrolment but do not automatically get EAA just because they had it at school.

English and maths teachers then carry out 'normal way of working' forms for those who need something additional to support them in exams, e.g., reader, extra-time, laptop. ALS also assess where appropriate and the exams department then apply for EAA.

General Information

- Learners will receive a postcard prior to the exams with their seat number and room.
- Revision sessions will take place for both English and maths over May half-term, **Wednesday 31st May- Friday 2nd June.**
- Additional resources/support are available to all learners in the lead up to the exams, via Yipiyap sessions and Yipiyap On Demand.
- Learners must not have any personal electronic devices on their person during any exam. These include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, watches (of any kind) and earphones. The consequence of being found with such items in an exam will likely involve the disqualification from one or more exam papers.

Contingency Days

We are optimistic the exams will run smoothly, however, every year the exam boards publish contingency sessions so exams can be rescheduled if any national incidents prevent an exam taking place. This year the final contingency day is **Wednesday 28th June**. As such, learners must remain available up until this date should any exams need to be rescheduled.

Thank you
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