

# Preparation for GCSEs

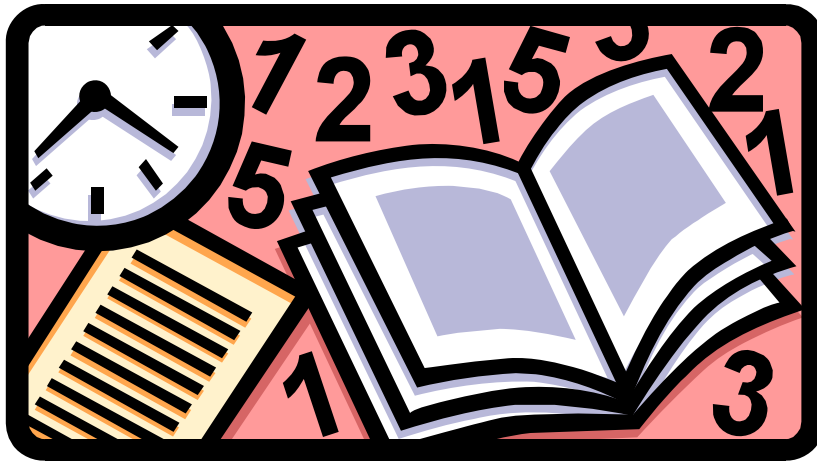
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## Examination period 2008

- Some practical and performance examinations are already taking place
- Most GCSE coursework is now handed in
- Main written papers are from 12 May until 20 June

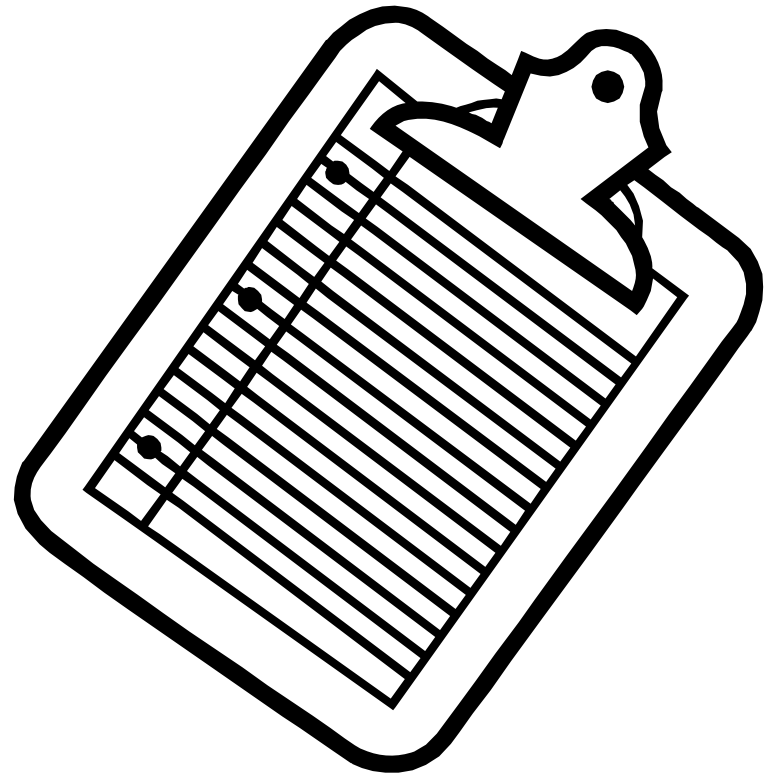
# Examination timings



- Morning examinations start at 09.00
- Afternoon examinations start at 13.30
- Most GCSE examinations are between 35 minutes and 2 hours long

# Individual candidate timetable

- All students receive an examination timetable as confirmation of entry.
- This lists their candidate number, when the exams they are entered for take place and how long they last. It will also give the Tier ( Higher / Foundation).



## Examination dates

- Some candidates may have more than one exam on the same day.
- They should take note carefully of the times in this situation and plan for both.

# Examination procedure

- All candidates have pre-arranged seats. There is a seating plan for each examination room.
- The examination procedures are overseen by Mrs Sandra Jaggars, who is the Examinations Officer at school.
- All examinations are staffed by invigilators.
- There are very specific rules which apply and must be adhered to.

# Final preparations

- Try to keep an overview of your exams in your head.
- Make certain that you revise for the correct paper and that you know how many questions you answer and how long you have.
- Get enough sleep and avoid last minute panics by being organised.

## Points to note

- Candidates must be on time for all examinations.
- Candidates do not leave examinations until the end of the examination.
- Candidates should not expect to be able to go to the toilet during an examination.
- Water only in a clear bottle may be supplied. No other drinks.
- No food
- Pencil cases must be small and transparent.

## Points to note

- Many listed items must not be taken into the examination room. This includes iPods, MP3s and mobile phones.
- Candidates must not use Tippex or correcting pens / fluid.
- No equipment is given out to individuals in an examination room. This includes calculators, rulers etc.
- Candidates may not borrow things from another candidate in an exam.
- Candidates should write in black or blue ink or ballpoint pen only.

## What to do if ...

- If you are ill before an examination starts you must telephone school.
- For an examination board to accept illness as a special consideration, you will usually need a doctor's medical certificate, which may incur a cost.
- If you think you will arrive late, please telephone school to tell us you are on your way. At the invigilators' discretion you should be allowed into the exam up to a certain point, and extra time will often be given, depending on the reason for lateness.

# Revision

- Students will attend lessons in school and take examinations when scheduled until the first week in June.
- During this time we will make some lesson adjustments to fit revision classes around exam dates and times....

## Example...

Thursday 22 May  
Registration  
AM EXAM FOOD TECH  
(AQA 120 mins)

Other students: lessons 1- 5 and PM registration  
as normal

# Example...

## Monday 2 June

AM EXAMS

DT PRODUCT DESIGN

DT RESISTANT MATERIALS

Last-minute technology drop-in 8am

All other students to lessons. Lesson 1 Maths (11.2, 11.4, 11AC)  
swap with PE teachers.

Lesson 2: 11D (Mr Ford's class): History revision in A7.

All students: Lesson 3 and 4 as normal.

PM EXAM MATHEMATICS (AQA 75/90 mins)

All students return to science rooms.

# Results

Thursday 21 August

Probably from 9.30 am