



Patchway
Community School

Y11 Parents Learning Evening

Thursday 10th September 2026

Year 11 Parent Learning Evening

The aim this session is to explore the following:

- ▶ To understand the support available for year 11 students
- ▶ An outline of the plan for the year ahead
- ▶ Examinations (including mocks)
- ▶ Effective strategies for revision
- ▶ English and Maths specific guidance
- ▶ How parents can support students

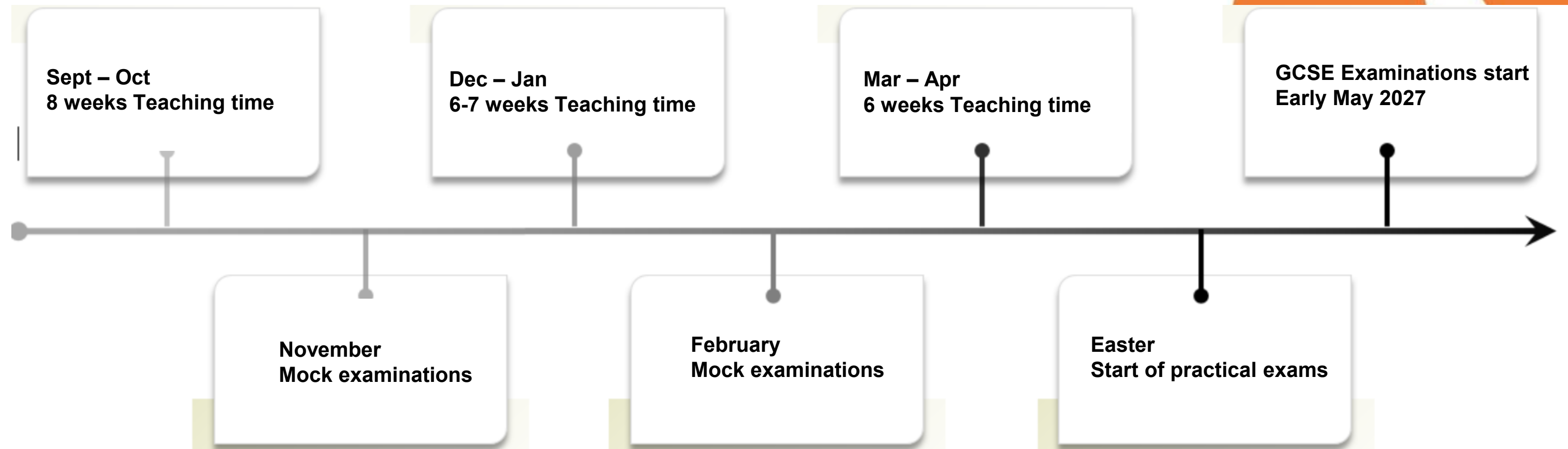
Team to support in Year 11

- ❖ Ms M Haines (11P)
- ❖ Miss E Warren (11A)
- ❖ Mr D England (11T)
- ❖ Mr D Jones (11C)
- ❖ Mr A Gregory (11H)
- ❖ Miss O Mills – Year Leader
- ❖ Ms A Cornish – KS4 RSL

Their contact details are on school website –

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Road to Success



Dates for your diary:

The last examination is scheduled for **Friday 25th June**
GCSE results day is scheduled for **Thursday 19th August**.



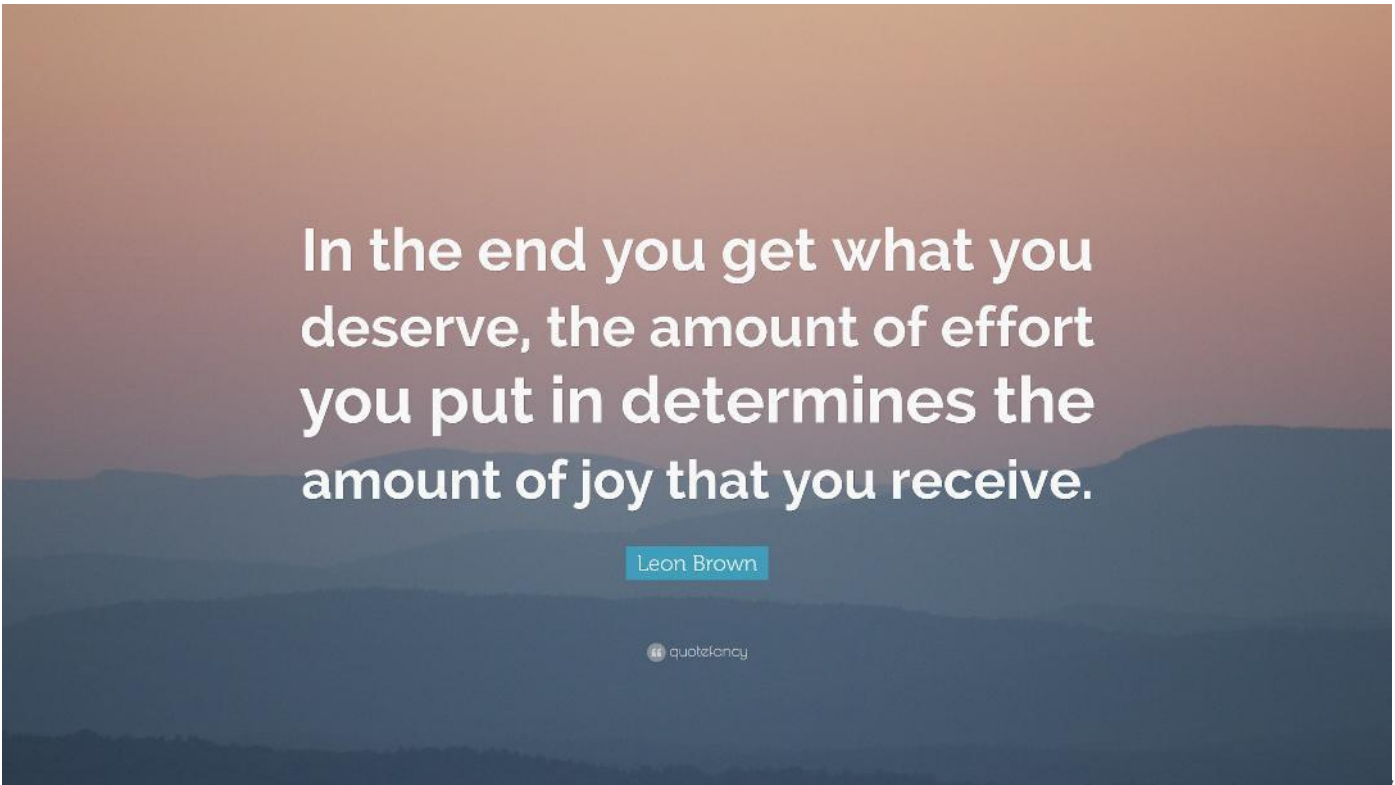
GCSE results: Attendance & Punctuality

		Year 11		Impact of attendance			
		Results 2026	Results 2025	95+%	90-95%	80-90%	50-80%
A8	ALL	40.71	37.10	47.64	46.99	35.32	21.56
	Girls	41.56	38.09	44.22	48.58	37.67	25.28
	Boys	39.71	36.12	51.73	44.69	32.98	17.38
5+	ALL	29.9%	27.06%	39%	32%	17%	12%
	Girls	27.4%	23.53%	38%	26%	17%	11%
	Boys	32.8%	30.59%	40%	41%	17%	13%
4+	ALL	48.2%	45.88%	70%	52%	33%	12%
	Girls	45.2%	48.24%	68%	43%	25%	11%
	Boys	51.6%	43.53%	73%	59%	42%	13%

Students who achieved top grades

We compared the amount of preparation and planning with those students who achieved the higher grades.

An hour a day for 4 weeks
Months!
2 hours every other night for 3 weeks
At least an hour a night for 4 weeks
3 weeks every other night
Most nights for 6 weeks
An hour a night for 3 weeks
Hours – with lots and lots of questions
8 hours
Lots over many weeks
An hour a night for 14 nights
An hour a night for "ages". 4hrs in one day.
9 hours total



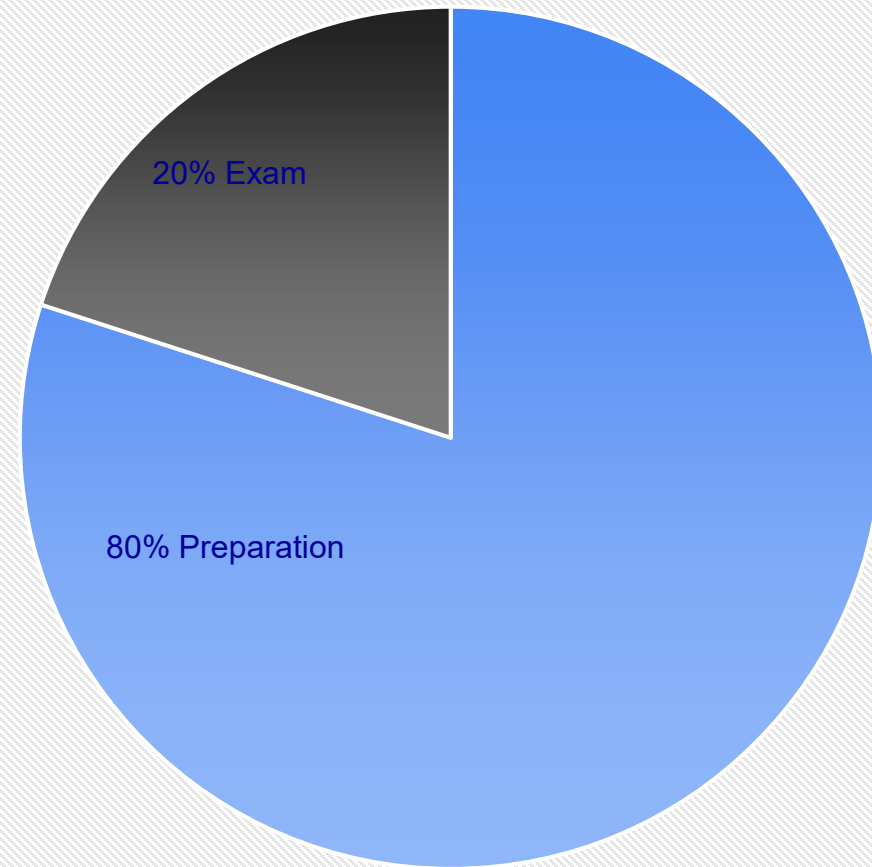
Students with lower grades...

We conducted student voice with students who achieved grades at the lower end about how much preparation and revision they did in the weeks leading up to the exams.

3 nights revision
None
None
None
4 hours total
4 hours total
None
A bit - not much
Only in class revision
A bit
None
None



The key to exam success



Homework

Independent revision

Period 7

Preparation is the key and this needs to start now!

Homework

Your child will have homework set from every subject they take every week.

In addition to the homework that is set it is important that your child takes time to reflect and revise what they have learnt that day/week/term.

It is the daily habits of taking quiet time away from other distractions to focus on learning that are crucial to future success.



WHY ATTEND PERIOD 7?

MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED



PREPARE FOR MOCKS

Extra revision, exam practice and teacher support



CATCH UP ON YEAR 10 LEARNING

Revisit missed knowledge and close gaps



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Regular attendance helps you feel more prepared and ready to learn

EVERY PERIOD 7 HELPS YOU MOVE FORWARD.



WINTER WONDERLAND

REWARD TRIP

FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Excellent attendance to lessons

Active engagement with P7s

Positive attitude to learning

**ACHIEVE THESE
TO JOIN THE FESTIVE FUN!**



Year 11 Maths

Please contact your child's Maths teacher if you have any questions.

Homework

Sparx and past paper homework set regularly.

Revision

Regular revision of topics students find difficult.
Use SPARX, Maths Genie or CorbettMaths

Attendance

Good attendance is really important in Year 11.

What can parents do?

- Check Sparx and past paper homework has been completed.
- Encourage regular revision and ask which topics they need to work on.

Calculator needed

Casio fx-83GTCW



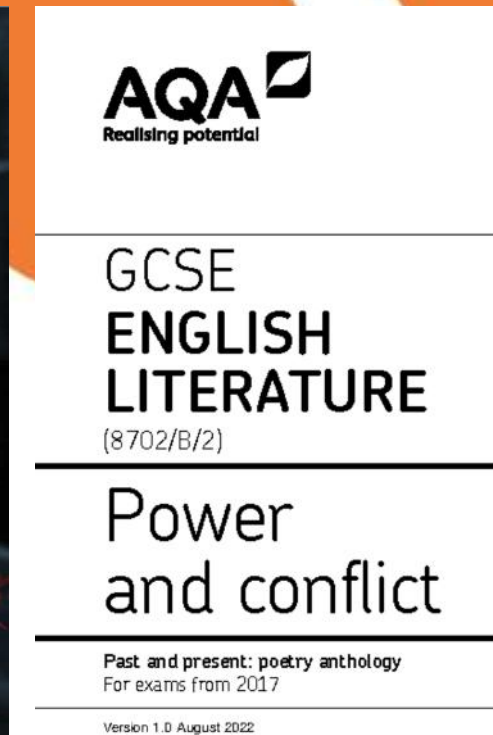
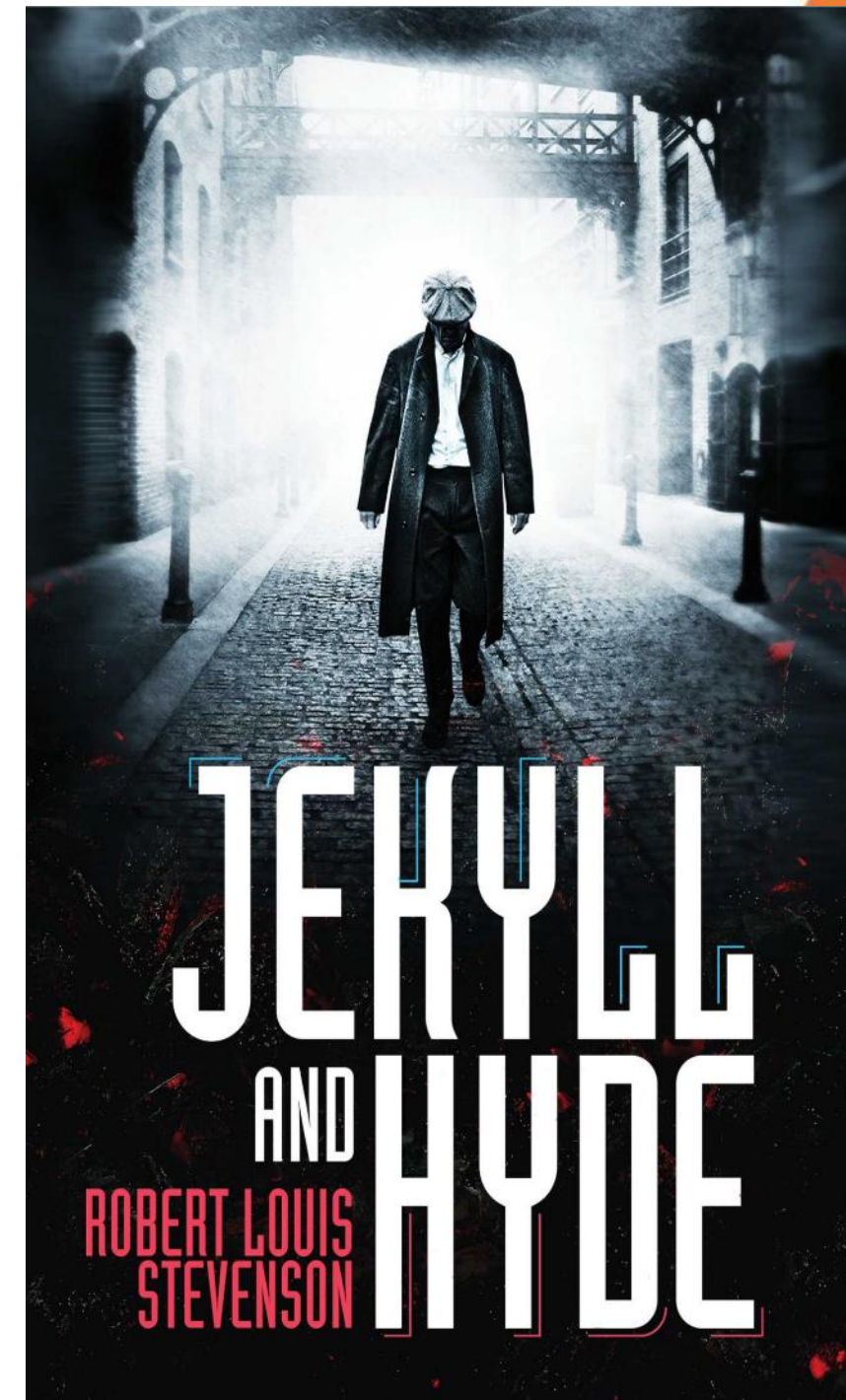
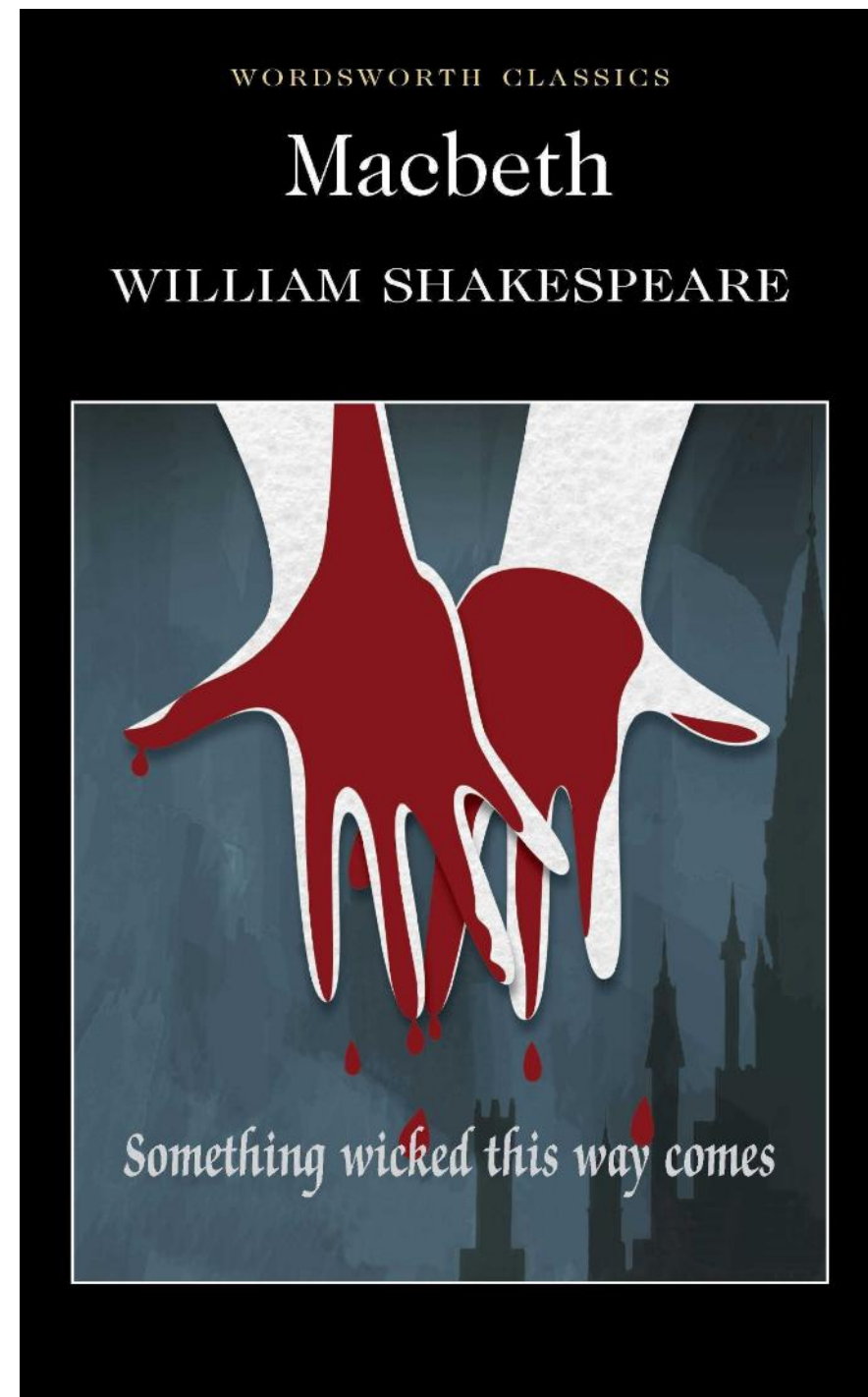
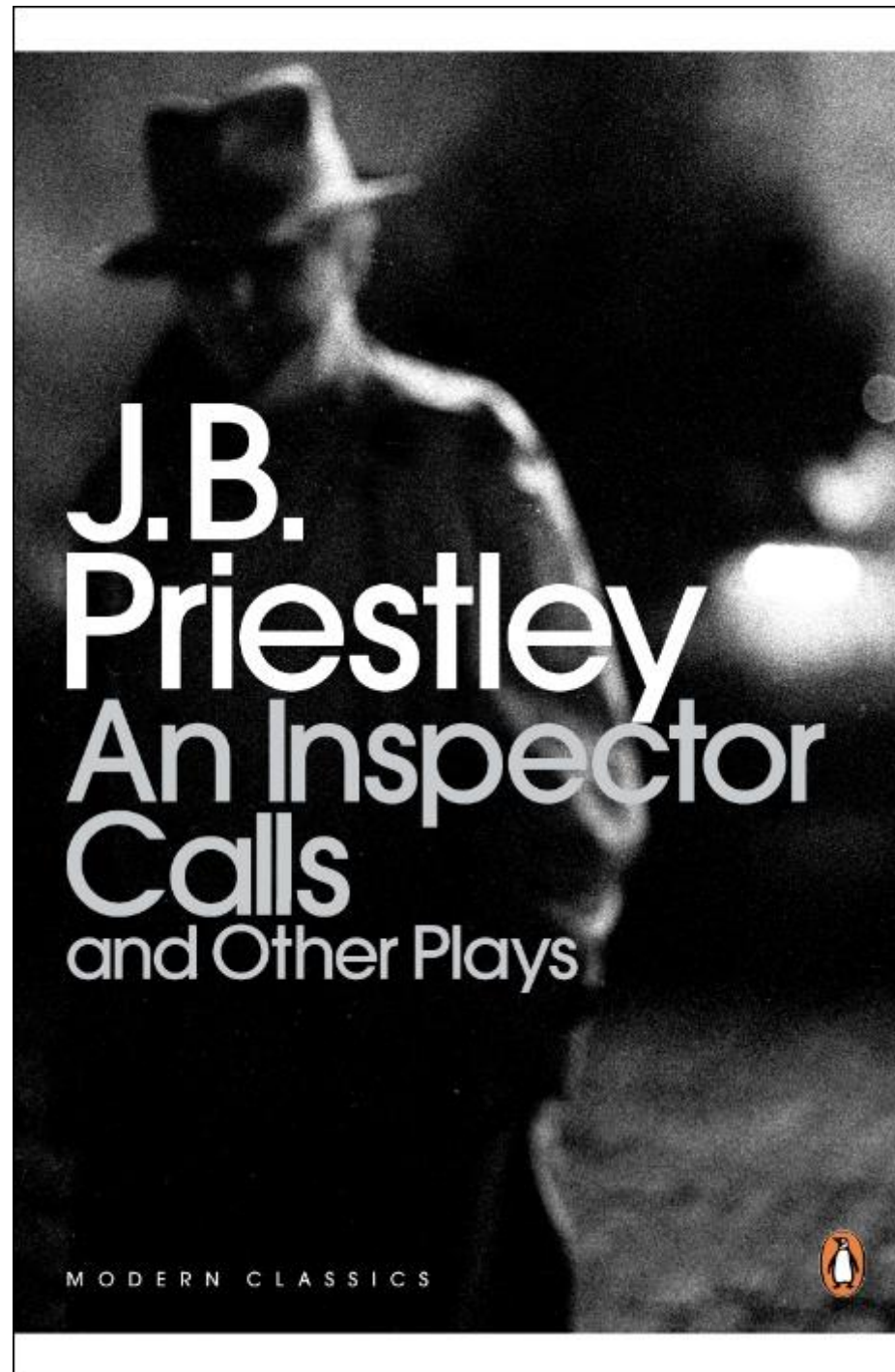
Students need this for lessons and exams.

AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature

What you can do to help

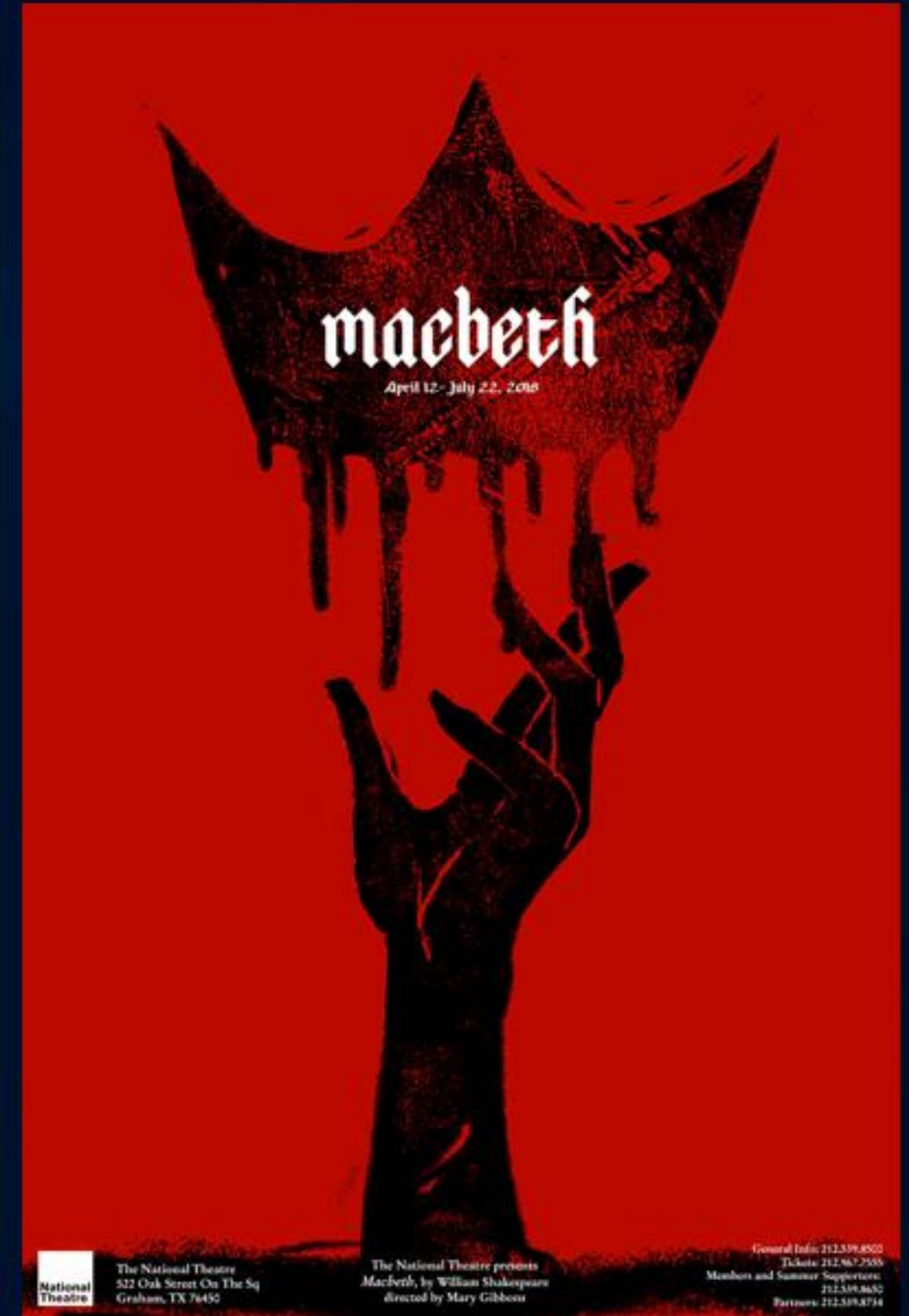
- ▶ Homework Booklets for term 1 have been given to students. Please support completion of English homework at home.
- ▶ Encourage reading (novels, newspapers, magazines, non fiction texts etc.)
- ▶ Supporting revision for exams, particularly with English Literature texts.

English Literature Texts



MACBETH AT THE THEATRE

All students will have the chance to watch Macbeth.



Year 11 Science

Please contact your child's Science teacher if you have any questions.

Course	Homework	Revision	Attendance
OCR Gateway GCSE Science.	Past papers are set regularly.	Little and often: flashcards, retrieval, exam questions, mark schemes.	Every lesson now <u>counts</u> : practice, feedback and fixing gaps.
Know the paper, know the question style.	They must be completed before class review.		

Essential: complete every past paper homework — we go through them together in class.

What can parents do?

- Check past paper homework is completed.
- Ask which topic feels hardest this week.
- Encourage short, regular revision and exam-question practice.
- Help them attend every possible lesson and revision session.

**Success in Science =
practice + feedback +
attendance**



Changes to GCSE Grading

New	Old	Vocational grades
9	A*+	
8	A*	D2*
7	A	D2
6	B	
5	C+/B-	2M
4	C	2P
3	D/E	1D
2	E/F	1M
1	F/G	1P
U	U	

Considered a good pass

Considered a standard pass

Parental support: Working with the school

- ▶ Check your child is aware of **deadlines** and is regularly meeting them.
- ▶ Make sure that they are using Arbor or Google classroom regularly.
- ▶ Check your child knows when **exams, mock exams, tests** or **controlled assessments** are.
- ▶ Encourage regular and structured **revision**.
- ▶ Check they are fully **equipped** for school.
- ▶ Make sure your child is **attending** fully and on time.
- ▶ Sending your children in with the correct **uniform** so that our time can be spent on ensuring they do their best academically.

Key Dates

November 2026 – Mock examinations 1

February 2027 – Mock examinations 2

May/June 2027 – GCSE examinations

Year 11 Parents evening – Wednesday 6th January 2027

GCSE results day – Thursday 19th August 2027

Careers and next steps...

- ▶ All pupils must stay in education or training until they are 18 years old.
- ▶ Open events for P16 providers are starting next month.
- ▶ Application deadlines vary; some are before Christmas so look and apply early
- ▶ We advise apply for multiple courses including a back up and a stretch
- ▶ Student 1:1s are starting next week. All students will be invited to a meeting with a qualified careers advisor.
- ▶ Parent/ carers can contact Anna Shute, our careers advisory. All details are on the website under curriculum>careers.

Careers and next steps...

POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE

Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.



Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

Year 11 crossroads



Which direction will you take?

