



# Y13 Public Examinations

2025/26

Preparation Booklet

Subject	English Literature	Length of Exam	See below
Content	<p><b>Paper 1 Drama</b> (2 hrs 15 mins, 2 essays, <i>Othello</i> and <i>Streetcar</i>)</p> <p><b>Paper 2 Prose</b> (1 hr 15 mins, 1 essay, <i>ICB</i> and <i>LAS</i> comparison)</p> <p><b>Paper 3 Poetry</b> (2 hrs 15 mins, 2 essays, <i>POTD</i>/unseen comparison &amp; <i>Romantics</i>)</p>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam board: Pearson Edexcel</li> <li>• Revision resources on Google Classroom</li> <li>• Answering past/mock exam questions (planning, writing, <b>both!</b>) is the best form of revision</li> <li>• Re-read the texts</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise context for all texts except Modern Poetry</li> </ul>		
Date of Exam	<p>Wednesday 13th May (AM) – Paper 1 (Drama)</p> <p>Monday 1st June (AM) - Paper 2 (Prose)</p> <p>Wednesday 10th June (AM) - Paper 3 (Poetry)</p>		

Subject	<b>English Lit/Lang</b>	Length of Exam	See below
Content	<b>Paper 1- Voices in Speech and Writing</b> <b>Paper 2 - Varieties in Literature and Language</b>	<b>2 hours 30 minutes</b> <b>2 hours 30 minutes</b>	
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision resources on Google Classroom</li> <li>• Answering past/mock exam questions (planning, writing, <b>both!</b>) is the best form of revision</li> <li>• Re-read the texts</li> <li>• Critical material on the texts on separate Google Classrooms</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	Exam board: Pearson Edexcel <a href="#">Past papers</a>   <a href="#">Past exam papers</a>   <a href="#">Pearson qualifications</a> You will have an unseen text on both papers, practice by reading lots of different types of non-fiction E.g. <a href="#">Opinion</a>   <a href="#">The Guardian</a>		
Date of Exam	Paper 1 - Mon 11th May 2026 Paper 2 - Fri 22nd May 2026		

Subject	A-Level Mathematics	Length of Exam	3 x 2hr (see below)
Content	<p>There are three papers <b>all calculator</b>:</p> <p>Paper 1 <b>Pure 1 (2 hours)</b></p> <p>Paper 2 <b>Pure 2 (2 hours)</b></p> <p>Paper 3 <b>Statistics and Mechanics ( 2 hours split equally between the two sections)</b></p> <p>You will be provided with a formula booklet for all three papers</p> <p>Any of the Pure content from both year 12 and 13 can be assessed in either of the Pure papers, there are no specific topics that come up in specific papers. We will have some idea of the Paper 2 content once you have sat paper 1, so make sure you attend as many lessons as possible in between the two exams as you can. Any of the year 12 and year 13 statistics and mechanics content can be assessed in paper 3, you also need to ensure you are familiar with the large data set!</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p><b>Past Papers</b> – Edexcel 9MA0 – papers can be found on PMT or Maths Genie or posted on google classroom by your teacher</p> <p><b>UP Learn</b> – if you complete the course online, they guarantee an A/A*! (The 6th form subscribes to this, so you all have access to it.)</p> <p>The <b>mixed exercises</b> in the textbook and the <b>review exercises</b> offer topic focussed revision.</p> <p><b>Revision Guides</b> – CGP A-level Maths can be bought on Amazon etc – just make sure you pick Edexcel</p> <p>Web sites – eg. <a href="#">Maths Genie - A Level Maths Revision</a>, <a href="#">Edexcel A-level Maths Revision - PMT</a>, <a href="#">A Level Maths Worksheets   MME</a>,</p> <p><b>Maths Club</b> – runs after school every Thursday in H14. This is a time for you to do past papers; ask for help on specific things you are stuck on and nearer the exams might involve specific topic revision.</p> <p><b>Teams</b> – keep an eye on teams for updates on revision sessions running just before the exams, we will hope to run some extra revision sessions the morning of the exams.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Mr McDonald runs year 13 intervention sessions on Wednesdays during the school day which some of you have been invited to. If you would like to attend one of these and have not already been invited, please speak to Mrs Taylor and she will sort this out.</p>		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1 – Wednesday 3rd June (pm)</p> <p>Paper 2 –Thursday 11th June (pm)</p> <p>Paper 3 Stats and Mechanics – Thursday 18th June (pm)</p>		

Subject	Further Maths	Length of Exam	4 x 1.5 hours
Content	<p><b>Paper 1:</b> Core Pure 1 – 1.5 hours  <b>Paper 2:</b> Core Pure 2 – 1.5 hours  <b>Paper 3:</b> Further Pure 1 - 1.5 hours  <b>Paper 4:</b> Further Pure 2 – 1.5 hours</p> <p>Any of the content you have been taught in each module can be assessed in each respective paper. Core Pure content from either book can be in either paper.</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Past papers – Edexcel 9FM0  The <b>mixed exercises</b> in the textbook and the <b>review exercises</b> offer topic focussed revision. There are also some practice papers in the books.  Revision Guides – CGP  Website: PMT.com , Bicenmaths – you tube videos, Madasmaths.com, Hinds Maths YouTube videos</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Mr MacDonald is available for help – please ask Mrs Roberts for further information.  Mrs Roberts is available during her non-contact lessons (you have a copy of these)</p>		
Date of Exam	<p><b>Paper 1: Core Pure 1 – Thursday 14th May (pm)</b>  <b>Paper 2: Core Pure 2 – Thursday 21st May (pm)</b>  <b>Paper 3: FP1 – Friday 19th June (pm)</b>  <b>Paper 4: FP2 - Monday 22nd June (pm)</b></p>		

Subject	<b>Biology</b>	Length of Exam	Paper 1: 2 hr 15 Paper 2: 2 hr 15 Paper 3: 1 hr 30
Content	<p><b>A level biology (OCR A) assesses content across the following six modules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Development of practical skills in biology, 2: Foundations in biology, 3: Exchange and transport, 4: Biodiversity, evolution and disease, 5: Communication, homeostasis and energy and 6: Genetics, evolution and ecosystems</li> </ul> <p>The modules are divided across 3 papers as below:</p> <p><b>Paper 1 – Biological processes – Modules 1,2,3 and 5 (37% of grade, 100 marks)</b></p> <p><b>Paper 2 – Biological diversity – Modules 1,2,4 and 6 (37% of grade, 100 marks)</b></p> <p><b>Paper 3 – Unified biology – All modules (1 to 6) (26% of grade 100 marks)</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Specification</a></li> <li>notes, flashcards, past papers, past paper questions by topic including answers on <a href="#">physics and maths tutor</a></li> <li>Revision notes on <a href="#">Savemyexams</a></li> <li><a href="#">BioRach</a>- excellent OCR specific videos</li> <li><a href="#">Home   Up Learn</a> for retrieval practice</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<p>Mr Ayles runs weekly after school sessions every Thursday</p> <p>All year 13 pupils can drop in to year 12 lessons (timetable on Microsoft teams)</p>		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1 – Thursday 4.06.26 (PM)</p> <p>Paper 2 – Friday 12.06.26 (AM)</p> <p>Paper 3 – Wednesday 16.06.26 (AM)</p>		

Subject	<b>Chemistry</b>	Length of Exam	Paper 1: 2 hr 15 min Paper 2: 2 hr 15 min Paper 3: 1 hr 30min
Content	<p><b>OCR A level Chemistry has 6 modules:</b>  Module 1 – Development of practical skills in chemistry; Module 2 – Foundations in Chemistry;  Module 3 – Periodic table and energy; Module 4 – Core organic chemistry;  Module 5 – Physical chemistry and transition elements; Module 6 – Organic chemistry and analysis.</p> <p><b>Module are assessed as follows:</b>  Paper 01 – modules 1, 2, 3 and 5; 100 marks, 37% of total  Paper 02 – modules 1, 2, 4 and 6; 100 marks, 37% of total  Paper 03 – all modules 1-6; 70 marks, 26% of total</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>All students have free access to UpLearn <a href="#">Home   Up Learn</a>  <a href="#">MaChemGuy</a> for a range of resources including useful videos  <a href="#">Physics &amp; Maths Tutor</a> for revision materials and past paper questions by topic  <a href="#">AS and A Level - Chemistry A - H032, H432</a> exam board site for whole past papers and specification</p>		
Additional Information	<p>After school session with Miss Edwards on Wednesdays in Sc4  Open invitation to email / drop in to see Miss Edwards or Mrs Brammeld for 1:1 support  Students welcome to attend year 12 lessons</p>		
Date of Exam	<p>H432/01 Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry: Tuesday 2nd June AM  H432/02 Synthesis and analytical techniques: Tuesday 9th June AM  H432/03 Unified chemistry: Monday 15th June AM</p>		

Subject	<b>Physics</b>	Length of Exam	2 Hours 15 mins P1&2 1 Hour 30 mins P3
Content	<p><b>Paper 1: Modelling Physics:</b> Practical skills, units, making measurements, analysis of data, quantities, forces, motion, work, energy, power, materials, newton's laws, momentum, thermal physics, circular motion, oscillations, gravitational fields, astrophysics and cosmology.</p> <p><b>Paper 2: Exploring Physics:</b> Practical skills, units, making measurements, analysis of data, quantities, charge, current, energy, power, resistance, electrical circuits, waves, quantum physics, capacitors, electric fields, electromagnetism, nuclear physics, particle physics, and medical imaging</p> <p><b>Paper 3: Unified Physics:</b> Synoptic paper covering all the topic from above.</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>In addition to your exercise books, the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/</a></li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<p>Practical endorsement: Minimum of 12 practical tasks must be completed</p>		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1: Wed 20 May pm          Paper 2: Mon 1 Jun am          Paper 3: Mon 8 Jun am</p>		

Subject	<b>Art and Design</b>	Length of Exam	15 hours
Content	<p>Students will be working on a final piece. This can be painting, drawing or mixed media and will reflect their sketchbook ideas. The idea should be their own personal work and not a copy of work by an artist.</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>A sketchbook of ideas and artist studies, with some development drawings and thoughts, this is being produced currently. Examples of materials and techniques that they have tried.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Photographs that support their ideas or that they can work from to develop their project will boost their marks.</p>		
Date of Exam	<p><b>Tuesday 12 May, Weds 13 May, Thursday 14th May</b> You <b>MUST</b> hand in all preparatory work and sketchbooks at the start of the 15-hour exam or it will not be marked</p>		

Subject	<b>Business</b>	Length of Exams	2 Hours
Content	<p><b>3 x Papers, each paper provides 33.3% of the final grade. Each paper has a maximum of 100 Marks.</b></p> <p><b>Questions across the 3 papers consist of multiple choice, calculation, knowledge, analysis and evaluation questions.</b></p> <p>Paper 1 – MCQs, essay questions, including 2 x 25-mark questions students choose from 2 options for each 25 mark question.  Paper 2- two x case studies given in the examination booklet, must be used to support, 9-, 16- and 20-mark questions.  Paper 3- one large case study provided as a separate booklet, 12-, 16-, 20- and 24-mark questions.</p> <p><b>Students are expected to use context from case studies provided in their examinations and their own business knowledge examples to enrich their responses.</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>TEAMS has past papers, model answers and revision resource.  Revision guides should be AQA specific.  Seneca learning can support with knowledge testing.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Each exam paper is structured differently. Students have been given the breakdown of the questions and the techniques to answer each style of question. Using PECAN/PEAN PIE and DISCOM to support them. These techniques can be reviewed online or on the students' exam technique mats.</p>		
Date of Exams	<p>Paper 1 – Wednesday 13th May 2026 - PM  Paper 2 – Tuesday 19th May 2026 - AM  Paper 3 – Tuesday 9th June 2026 - PM</p>		

Subject	<b>Computer Science</b>	Length of Exam	2 x 2.5 hours
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 x 2.5-hour paper completed on computer (40% of A Level)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tests content from units 4.1-4.4</li> <li>○ Tests understanding of the preliminary material; and skeleton Python program</li> <li>○ Contains generic programming tasks and programming tasks based on the skeleton program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>1 x 2.5 hour written paper (40% of A Level)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tests content from units 4.5-4.12</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>1 x Non-examined assessment (20% of A Level)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applies the principles from 4.13</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Smart Revise</b> – contains multiple choice and free-text questions that cover the whole specification, as well as links to video explanations for each part of the course: <a href="https://smartrevise.online/">https://smartrevise.online/</a></li> <li>• <b>Ada Computer Science</b> – Contains summary notes and videos for the whole specification: <a href="https://adacomputerscience.org/">https://adacomputerscience.org/</a></li> <li>• <b>Google Classroom</b> – Contains all lessons from the course as well as notes and resources for completion of the NEA</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	Mr Coldicott is available after school on Thursdays and in non-contact sessions if you need additional help or support.		
Date of Exam	<p><b>Paper 1</b> – 10th June 2026, pm session  <b>Paper 2</b> – 17th June 2026, am session  <b>NEA deadline</b> – Wednesday 1st April 2026</p>		

Subject	<b>Criminology Yr 13</b>	Length of Exam	1 Hour 30 minutes
Content	<b>UNIT 4 – Crime and Punishment</b>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students sit a mock examination on the week of their return after Easter</li> <li>• Past papers: <a href="http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3">www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3</a></li> <li>• Tutor2U videos: Search "Youtube Criminology Unit 4 Tutor2u"</li> <li>• Completing workbook (accompanying textbook online)</li> <li>• Extension materials on Google Classroom</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<p>In the higher bands students are expected to draw from previous content – especially criminological theories from Unit 2 Yr 12</p> <p>Students in yr 13 have already completed 75% of assessment for this qualification. The final paper is worth 25% of final grade</p>		
Date of Exam	<b>Thursday June 4th - PM</b>		

Subject	Drama	Length of Exam	2 hours 30 mins
Content	<p><b>Section A – Live Theatre Review (1 question, choice of 2) 45 mins</b></p> <p><b>Section B – Machinal (2 questions) 1 hour</b></p> <p><b>Section C – Woyzeck (1 question, choice of 2) 45 mins</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	All Prep and Revision resources under Materials on your google classroom page - 'Year 13 Drama Exam Prep'		
Additional Information	<p>A copy of Woyzeck will be provided for you</p> <p>Your final 500 words for Lost Atoms (<i>diagrams can be added then you can have 500 words on top. Don't f the actor and design credits</i>) needs to be submitted via the google classroom assignment</p>		
Date of Exam	Thursday May 21st 2026		

Subject	<b>DT Product Design</b>	Length of Exam	Paper 1 – 2 hours 30 minutes Paper 2 – 1 hour 30 minutes
Content	<p><b>Paper 1</b> – Technical Principles – 2 hours 30 minutes</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> – Designing and Making Principles – 1 hour 30 minutes</p>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use ANKI revision deck from Mr Walker</li> <li>• Revision resources &amp; text book on MS Teams</li> <li>• Answering past/mock exam questions (available from AQA site or class teacher upon request)</li> <li>• Focus Elearning on the pupil portal</li> <li>• <a href="#">AQA   Design and Technology   A-Level   A-level Design and Technology</a></li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure you have a good grasp of the <b>command words</b> and have learned the <b>Materials Mechanical &amp; Physical Properties</b></li> </ul>		
Date of Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 1 22 May 2h 30</li> <li>• Paper 2 10 June 1h 30</li> </ul>		

Subject	<b>Art and Design - Textiles</b>	Length of Exam	15 Hours (over 3 days)
Content	Using the A level component 2 – Externally set assignment choose ONE QUESTION to make a personal response.  You must show evidence across <u>all of the assessment objectives A01 through to A04.</u>		
Preparation Resources	Complete a learner statement to explain the creative process through which you have developed your work. This <b>must</b> be handed in with your finished work and is requirement from the exam board.		
Additional Information	The schedule and learner statement template can be found on your Teams page		
Date of Exam	Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th April In H8		

Subject	Economics	Length of Exams	2 hours
Content	<p><b>Paper 1: Markets and market failure</b>  <b>Paper 2: National and international economy</b>  <b>These papers consists of the following format:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A: data response questions requiring written answers, choice of one from two contexts worth 40 marks</li> <li>• Section B: essay questions requiring written answers, choice of one from three worth 40 marks</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 3: Economic principles and issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A: multiple choice questions worth 30 marks</li> <li>• Section B: case study questions requiring written answers, worth 50 marks</li> </ul> <p><b>Each paper has maximum of 80 marks and fulfils 33.3% of the final grade.</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Revision guides as recommended eg RAG for Micro and Macro all topics  Tutor2U website and support guides from revision conference.  Team postings plus KO's for Micro and Macro  Up Learn exam practice material</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Students must develop their chains of analysis  Students will need to relate their answers to real world and from the case study examples.</p>		
Date of Exam	<p>11 MAY AM   Duration: 2h  18 MAY PM   Duration: 2h  4 JUN AM   Duration: 2h</p>		

Subject	<b>Geography</b>	Length of Exam	All papers are 2 hours and 15 minutes
Content	<p><b>Paper 1:</b> Physical Geography covering tectonics, coasts, water and energy</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> Human Geography covering globalisation, superpowers, migration and regeneration</p> <p><b>Paper 3:</b> Synoptic paper – students get a unseen booklet of resources on a topic and answer questions based on the booklet</p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>All students have been given a revision guide by the department</p> <p>Seneca is good for practising knowledge</p> <p>All students have structure sheets with advice on how to answer and structure the different types of question.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Students have also completed coursework worth 20% of their grade</p>		
Date of Exam	<p><b>Paper 1:</b> 12<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> 21<sup>st</sup> May</p> <p><b>Paper 3:</b> 8<sup>th</sup> June</p>		

Subject	<b>History</b>	Length of Exam	Paper 1 – 1 hour 30 mins Paper 2 – 1 hour Paper 3 – 2 hours and 30 mins
Content	<p><b>Paper 1 – Britain 1930-1997</b></p> <p><b>Paper 2 – Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany, 1919-1963</b></p> <p><b>Paper 3 – Popular culture and the witchcraze of the 16th and 17th centuries</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	Revision guides, textbooks available to loan (see the department) and banks of past exam questions on Google Classroom.		
Additional Information			
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 3 – Popular culture and the witchcraze of the 16th and 17th centuries, 19th May 2026</p> <p>Paper 1 – Early Stuarts and the Civil War, 2nd June 2026</p> <p>Paper 2 – French Revolution, 11th June 2026</p>		

Subject	<b>Philosophy</b>	Length of Exam	2 x 3hours
Content	<p><b>Paper 1 – Epistemology and Moral Philosophy</b>  <b>Paper 2 – Metaphysics of God and Metaphysics of Mind</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key revision resources are linked in Google classroom</li> <li>• Feast textbook / website and youtube channel help understanding the key arguments to grade C</li> <li>• Philosophy Gets Schooled Podcast – detailed overview of ALL topics specifically aimed at A Level revision</li> <li>• Past papers and sample responses</li> <li>• Quizlet Flashcards</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	Students have been given tailored advice on what type of revision approach they should take		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1: Epistemology and moral philosophy 3h 12th May 2026 am  Paper 2: The metaphysics of God and the metaphysics of mind 3h 19th May 2026 am</p>		

Subject	<b>Photography</b>	Length of Exam	15 hours
Content	Students will be working on a final piece. This can be photography, film or mixed media and will reflect their sketchbook ideas. The idea should be their own personal work and not a copy of work by an artist.		
Preparation Resources	A sketchbook of ideas and studies, with some development drawings and thoughts, this is being produced currently. Examples of materials and techniques that they have tried, work shows progression of ideas.		
Additional Information	Photographs can be taken before the start of the 15 hours and worked on during that time.		
Date of Exam	You <b><u>MUST</u></b> hand in all preparatory work and sketchbooks at the start of the 15 hour exam or it will not be marked. Wednesday 6th May, Thurs 7th, Friday 8th May		

Subject	<b>Psychology</b>	Length of Exam	3 x 2 hrs
Content	<p>Paper 1: <b>Introductory topics in Psychology- Social Influence, Memory, Attachment &amp; Psychopathology</b></p> <p>Paper 2: <b>Psychology in context- Approaches, Biopsychology &amp; Research Methods</b></p> <p>Paper 3: <b>Issues &amp; options in Psychology- Issues &amp; Debates, Gender, Schizophrenia &amp; Aggression</b></p>		
Preparation Resources	<p>Lesson resources and revision materials on Google Classroom.</p> <p>AQA Past Exam Papers.</p> <p>Notes packs for each topic.</p> <p>UpLearn- online learning platform.</p>		
Additional Information	No coursework		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1: 15th May (AM)</p> <p>Paper 2: 20th May (AM)</p> <p>Paper 3: 5th June (AM)</p>		

Subject	<b>Sociology</b>	Length of Exam	3 x 2 hrs
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3 papers</b></li> <li>• <b>Each paper has 6 questions with 5 different question stems; Paper 1 &amp; 3 follow almost identical formats; Paper 2 is in two sections, each section has the same format</b></li> <li>• <b>Paper 1 – Education with Theories and Methods</b></li> <li>• <b>Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology – Families &amp; Household/The Media</b></li> <li>• <b>Paper 3 – Crime &amp; Deviance with Theories and Methods</b></li> </ul>		
Preparation Resources	<p>AQA Students have access to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision guides</li> <li>• Revision workbook created by RJ</li> <li>• Signposted to Tutor2U revision blasts</li> </ul>		
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No coursework</li> <li>• All prior exam questions already shared through delivery of the course</li> <li>• Revision in class focusing on exam skills</li> <li>• Students have topic checklist for revision with RAG status – there are suggested revision tasks in their revision workbooks</li> </ul>		
Date of Exam	<p>Paper 1 – 18 May am Paper 2 – 3 June am Paper 3 – 12 June pm</p>		