



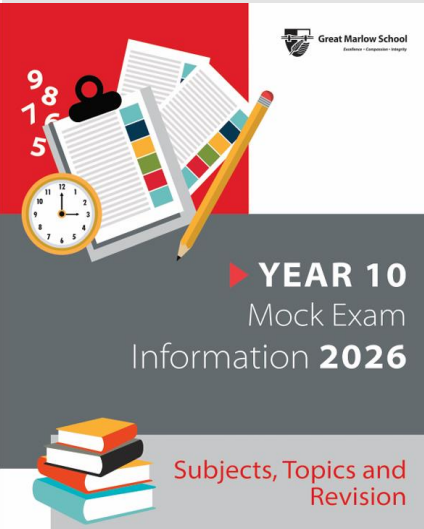
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# Year 10 Mock Exam Information Evening

Thursday 23rd April  
2026

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# Headline News

## Key Stage 4 Summer 2025 results

- % 9-7 = 19.2% (Nat Av 21.8%)
- % 9-5 = 60.5% (Nat Av 51.9%)
- % 9-4 = 76.2% (Nat Av 67.1%)



# Core Subjects



## In Summer 2025

- English – 78% of students gained Grade 4 or above
- Maths – 76.6% of students gained Grade 4 or above
- Science – 74.1% of students gained 2 Grade 4s or above

# Timeline



Year 10 Mocks are **8<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June – no study leave**

In exam rooms under exam conditions

Real experience of the revision and exam process.

**Results given out by teachers in class.**

If a student misses a "mock" they *may* be able to retake in class. The class teacher will advise.

More mocks in **Year 11 – in January in the hall – no study leave**

This year, Year 11 had mock results given to them in an envelope. May repeat this idea.

Ongoing regular "smaller" assessments in lessons in the classroom.

**Summer 2027 exams – timetable tbc.**

**This is the link to this year's summer exam timetable to give you an idea for next year.**

[Summer-2026 External-Exam-Timetable.pdf](#)

It lasts for 7 weeks and starts the first week in May.

Schools have no control over the dates. There is no flexibility. Exam boards set the dates. Students are likely to have more than one exam on a day at some point during the season.

**If a student misses an exam, they lose the marks for that paper.**

*(NB: it was only during Covid, that we submitted grades instead of students sitting exams)*



# Parent questions about Target Grades



The targets (on the progress reviews) are based on estimates generated from Fischer Family Trust (FFT). FFT looks at a **student's prior attainment at Key Stage 2 (plus gender / birth month)** and the **national performance of students with similar profiles, across different subjects**. GMS staff use FFT estimates as a benchmark for setting targets.

Targets **can be increased** during Key Stage 4 but are only lowered in exceptional circumstances.

Targets should be ***aspirational*** but ***realistic***.



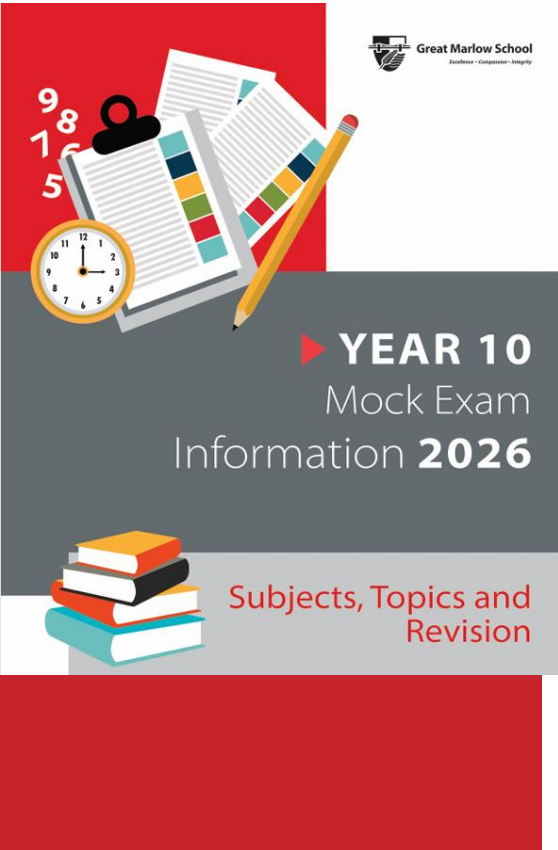
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# Exam Preparation



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- Please refer to this booklet on our website!

- Revision tips
- Revision strategies
- Exam boards and spec numbers
- Every subject: what the Summer 2027 exam looks like and what Year 10 exam will look like.
- Ideas for revision guides and useful links.
- Tutors will be using it with the students.
- One session a week in tutor time.
- **We are encouraging students to keep a sense of perspective – these are practice exams. We learn from them!**

# Tutor time sessions

Every Monday, tutors will be delivering a revision programme with Year 10 and will cover the following:

- Revision strategies
  - Making a weekly plan
  - Tips for success
  - Silent revision
  - Visit from 6th form – "what worked for us"
  - Managing exam stress
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- Please remind them on Sunday night to bring in their revision resources for Monday in tutor time.



# An unsuitable revision area..



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- What is wrong with this bedroom/study area?
- How could you improve it to help this student with their revision?

**What tutors are  
discussing with  
your children!**





# How much revision should they be doing?

We want to  
establish good  
habits now ready  
for Summer 2027



Start small then increase. Eg 20 minutes a day, they will still be getting homework.

30 minute chunks. Quick break

Build up to 2 hours a day.

Make sure they try a mixture of strategies.

We are teaching them HOW to revise.

They need to try the different methods.

Parents/cares can test them.

Past papers.

Whiteboards.

Flashcards – take in the car on the way to sports fixtures.

Really good resources online.

**BUT, ultimately they need to be able to work at a desk with a pen and revise independently..**

# Exam Routines in School



We want to establish good habits now ready for Summer 2027. We will have a practice before the mocks!

- **Students gather in canteen or G block covered area**
- Students will know which, based on access arrangements
- **Students place phones, watches, Airpods in wallets (collected by staff)**
- Consequences beyond school if these are taken into the exam hall
- **Student names called out in order of seating**
- **Students move towards the exam room, place belongings outside and head to assigned seat**
- **Students to remain under exam conditions until they are back in the canteen after the exam**
- Parents / Carers will be emailed with relevant exam rules – important to go through these with the students - consequences beyond school if they are not followed.



# Supporting from Home

Remember to use this:  
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An illustration of school supplies including a clock, papers, a pencil, and a stack of books.

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# Finding Information



1. **Revision Page** [here](#) (School Website)

Revision Guide, Top Tips, Y11 GCSE Information Booklet

2. **Learning ladders**

Curriculum – [departments AZ](#) - Link to departments

3. **MS Teams**

4. **School Google** [Calendar](#)

5. **Examination Info** [Examinations Information - Great Marlow School](#)



# Exam anxiety



- As your children prepare to sit their upcoming exams, many may be feeling anxious or overwhelmed. We want to reassure you that feeling nervous before an exam is completely normal. In fact, a certain level of anxiety can even help students stay focused and alert.
- What matters most right now is helping them feel supported. You can encourage them by:
  - Reminding them that their best effort is enough
  - Helping them keep a balanced routine of rest, healthy meals, and breaks
  - Creating a calm environment at home
  - Continue with sports and hobbies
  - Reassuring them that one exam does not define their worth or future
- Please remind your child that their feelings are valid and shared by many others. We believe in them, and we are here to support them every step of the way.
- If you have any concerns or feel your child needs additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out.



# Access Arrangements

[sen@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:sen@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Any questions, please contact the SEN team by the end of Year 10.





# Subject Information

The next slide explains the sets for Core Subjects and gives the email addresses for Heads of Department. Any queries about sets/exams to them please.



## ENGLISH

Mrs Burke is Head of **English** (CBK)

[cburke@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:cburke@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

1 top set in each House and 2 mixed/middle sets.

No Bottom set

The sets will be reviewed after every main assessment point so students will be able to move up or down during Year 10 should their assessment data support it

## MATHS

Mrs Guy is Head of **Maths** (MGU)

[mguy@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:mguy@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Set 1 for grades 9-7. (higher paper) Set 1 students will be given the opportunity to do the Extended Maths certificate which is a bridge between GCSE and A-level.

Set 2 for grades 6-5 (higher paper) Set 3 for grades 5-4

Set 4 for aspiring Grade 4 and may be offered Functional skills alongside this.

Sets are NOT FIXED, students can move up or down if there is data to support this.

## SCIENCE

Mrs Webster is Head of **Science** (JWE)

[jwebster@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:jwebster@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Top set in each house, others all mixed ability.

All classes will have higher tier and foundation tier students. All classes are taught the same content, top set in each house taught the additional separate science content also in case they are selected for the Separate Sciences exams in Y11.

This selection does not happen until after Y11 mocks.

# English

Head of English - Mrs Burke  
[cburke@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:cburke@gms.bucks.sch.uk)



For the Mock exams in Year 10, students will do ONE Language paper and ONE Literature paper.

In 2027, they will do TWO Language and TWO Literature Papers:

**4 GCSE EXAM PAPERS in 2027:**

Language Paper 1 – 1 hr 45 mins

Language Paper 2 – 1 hr 45 mins

Literature Paper 1 – 1 hr 45 mins

Literature Paper 2 – 2 hrs 15 mins

# English Overview for Year 10 mock

## 2 Papers (not tiered)

### Language Paper 1 – 1 hr 45 mins

#### Fiction focus

- 1 extract
- 4 questions on *reading comprehension*
- 1 question on *writing a description/ story*

### Literature Paper 1 – 2 hrs 15 mins

- An Inspector Calls (34 marks)
- Love and Relationships Poetry (30 marks)
- Unseen Poetry (32 marks)



# Maths

Head of Maths - Miss Guy  
[mguy@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:mguy@gms.bucks.sch.uk)



For Year 10 mocks, there will be 2 papers:  
A calculator paper  
A non-calculator paper  
All content taught to date could appear

**In Summer 2027, there are 3 GCSE exam papers for Maths: 2 calculator, 1 non-calculator.  
Exam Spec - Edexcel 9 - 1 GCSE Maths**

# Science

Head of Science: Mrs Jen Webster  
[jwebster@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:jwebster@gms.bucks.sch.uk)



For the Year 10 Mock exam, students will do 3 papers:

- 1 Chemistry paper
- 1 Biology Paper
- 1 Physics paper

# Science Overview



## AQA Trilogy

Combined Science course

6 exams to be taken Summer 2027  
(2 per Science)

75 minutes each

No coursework

## AQA Separate Science

Select E1, H1 and K1 students

Communicated home via email

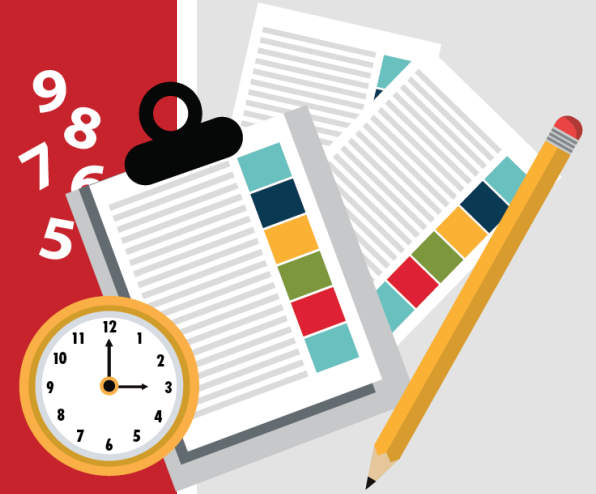
6 exams to be taken Summer 2027 (2  
per Science)

105 minutes each

No Coursework



# Contacting us



# Form Tutors

<b>10K1</b>	Mrs Brazier/Mrs Cristinziano
<b>10K2</b>	Mr Day
<b>10K3</b>	Mr Bradley
<b>10H1</b>	Mr Higgins
<b>10H2</b>	Mrs Griffith/Mrs Simon
<b>10H3</b>	Mrs Bird
<b>10E1</b>	Mrs Joseph-Stewart/Mrs Simon
<b>10E2</b>	Mrs Beswick
<b>10E3</b>	Mrs Babes



Email addresses: [Initial][Surname]@gms.bucks.sch.uk

# Key Staff

**SENCO:** Mrs V Todd

**SEN Exam Access Arrangements:** Miss K Burnard

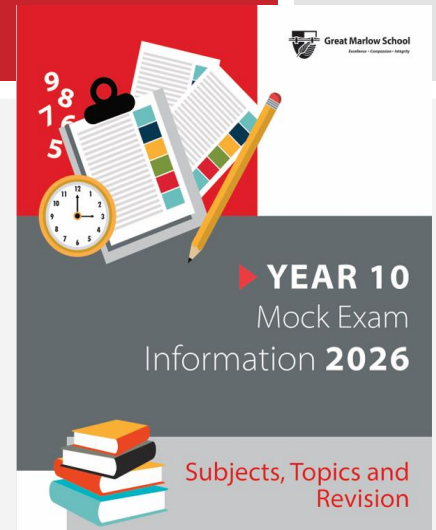
**Attendance Officer:** Mrs S Radnedge

**Pupil Premium Coordinator:** Mrs A Gifford

**Careers Officer:** Mrs M Brunt


**Exams Officer:** Mrs A Smith

**Mental Health Support:** Mrs S Paul



Email addresses: [Initial][Surname]@gms.bucks.sch.uk

# Points of Contact



**Concern about a subject specific issue** – Subject Teacher- if you are unsure who this is, please email [info@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:info@gms.bucks.sch.uk) and this can be forwarded to the relevant teacher

**Concern about setting/classes** – Head of Department

**Personal or Social difficulties** – Form Tutor, Student Support Officer, Director of Learning

**Concerns across a range of subjects, attitude to learning** – Mrs Pendlebury (Director of Learning Year 10) - I am happy to be copied in to correspondence!