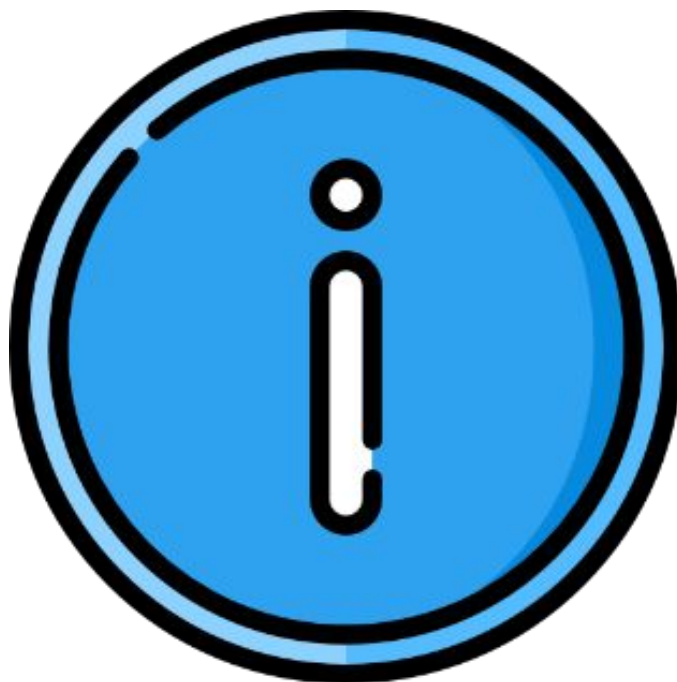


Year 11 Parent GCSE Exam Information 2023-24



Co-op Academy
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Qualifications and the future

- These GCSE exams are particularly important for your child, as the results they get will determine their options for College or Further Education
- ALL students need at least grade 4 in Maths & English.
- If they do not get this in year 11, they will have to retake their Maths & English GCSEs at College.

Levels of GCSE qualifications

- Level 1: D – G or 3 -1 grades
- Level 2: A* – C or 9 - 4 grades



The level achieved determines what they can do next. To move on to Level 3 qualifications like A levels you need to have completed Level 2.

English Language - EDUQAS



Non-Exam assessment

Achievement only reported.

Paper 1: 20th Century Prose and Creative Writing

Written Exam: 1hr 45mins

Section A - Reading

Understanding of one prose extract with structured questions

Section B – Creative Writing

One creative writing task from a choice of 4 titles

Paper 2: 19th & 20th Century Non fiction and Persuasive writing

Written Exam: 2hrs

Section A - Reading

Understanding two extracts with structured questions

Section B – Writing

Two compulsory writing tasks

English Literature - AQA



Paper 1 - 1 hour 30 minutes

Section A - Romeo and Juliet, extract to essay question

Section B - A Christmas Carol extract to essay question

Paper 2 - two hours 15 minutes

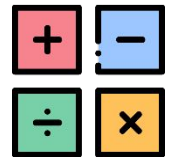
Section A - Blood Brothers, one essay from a choice of two questions

Section B - Power and Conflict Anthology poetry. One comparative essay from a printed poem chosen by the exam board to link with another from your memory.

Section C - Unseen poetry. An essay response to a main poem and a comparison of methods with a second poem.

- There is no coursework in this subject

Maths



OCR - Foundation

Grades 1 - 5

Paper 1: (1hr 30) calculator

Paper 2: (1hr 30) non-calculator

Paper 3: (1hr 30) calculator

OCR- Higher

Grades 4 - 9

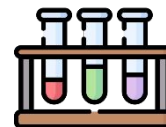
Paper 1: (1hr 30) calculator

Paper 2 (1hr 30) non-calculator

Paper 3 (1hr 30) calculator

- There is no coursework in this subject
- The schools offers an ELC (Entry Level Certificate) to those students who will not achieve a GCSE grade

Science



Combined Science

Graded 1-1 to 9-9

Each paper 1hr 15mins – 6 papers in total

Biology – Paper 1

Biology – Paper 2

Chemistry – Paper 1

Chemistry – Paper 2

Physics – Paper 1

Physics – Paper 2

- There is no coursework in this subject
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Other subjects



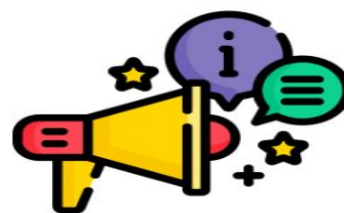
- Typically students will take at least another 3 subjects
- This year will be exams only or non examined assessments
- Please ask subject teachers what will be included in the exam
- There is also useful exams information on the schools website, including the A-Z guide to exams. Search "a to z of exams"

Students have all received a copy of our Mock Exam Information booklet.

Inside here you will find details about each subject; the mock exam timetable, and a copy of the revision timetable.



Year 11 Student
Mock Exam
Information
2023



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Helping your Year 11 prepare for exams

Some factors can play a HUGE role in how well your child performs at school. These are the areas you can focus on improving ahead of the Mock exams coming up to help them be the best they can be.

1. Getting plenty of sleep - Teenagers need between 8 and 10 hours sleep a day!



2. Eating well - Try and eat lots of fruit and vegetables - The vitamins and minerals help their brain concentrate and they learn more effectively.



3. Staying hydrated - Water is the best way to stay hydrated and it also helps your brain function properly! We have several water fountains around school to refill their bottles.



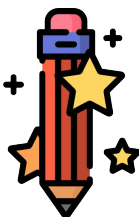
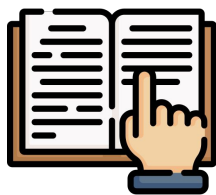
4. Distraction free - tell them to put their phone on silent mode when revising so they don't get distracted - they can warn their friends first if they must!



Fail to prepare, prepare to fail.

Extra support in exams

Some students require extra support during exams, these are known as Access Arrangements. This includes things like being given extra time; rest breaks; readers; scribes and the use of a laptop. This will be your normal way of working in lesson time.



Students who have this support will usually take their exams in a classroom and not the main hall. This is to make sure they have a quieter space, and the exam can run for the extra time they may need.

Name		Candidate number
Arrangement		
Exam		Date
Signed		

Red Form - Access Arrangements

Each student who has an access arrangement in place will have a red form for each of their exams to remind them and the invigilators of the support they have access to.



Notice to all students: Room changes during exams

JCQ regulations state:

"14.18 A candidate may only take their examinations under separate invigilation within the centre where he/she has an established difficulty - see section 5.16 of the JCQ publication Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023"

You cannot move rooms because you don't feel well or you do not want to sit in the main hall.

You may be allowed to move seats in the main hall, but this decision can only be made by the Exams Officer. Invigilators will make the Exams Officer aware of the request, but until permission is granted you must sit in your given seat.

Exam expectations



Students must sit all their GCSE exams - Appointments should not be scheduled during exams periods. Please speak to the Academy's attendance team if this will be an issue.

If students are going to be late or absent from an exam please make the Academy aware as soon as possible by ringing the absence phone line: 0113 380 7940



It is the students responsibility to check the exam notice boards located on the BL corridor for exam information - this will tell them where they are seated for the exam and the times of the exams.

A paper copy of the exam timetable will be given to students before the exams start. Replacements can be requested from the Exams Officer, and a general exam timetable will be posed on the Academy website.



The exam hall will be entered in silence at the back of the building. Students must ensure that they are fully prepared for the exam; remember to eat before the exam and visit the bathroom before the exam starts.

Some items are not allowed in exams. Items that are not allowed include: Food; phones; headphones; music players; watches (analogue and digital); revision notes; sunglasses and hoodies/coats. Students are allowed a clear pencil case and a clear water bottle, with water in only.



Students must listen to and follow all instructions given to them by the Exams Officer and the exams Invigilators.



The Academy does not set the rules regarding exams. Rules are set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). If the exam rules are broken then a malpractice form will be submitted to the JCQ and they will decide if a student will be disqualified from their exams.

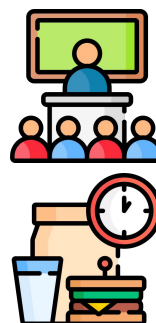
A day of exams...

Mock exams:

During mock exams you may have 2 or 3 exams each day. This is to fit them in over a shorter amount of time; so you do not miss out on learning time.

If you do not have an exam you will attend your normal lessons.

Break and lunch times will be rearranged to make sure you still get a rest in between exams. Information about this will be given out daily.



Summer GCSE exams:

During the summer exams you will usually only have 2 exams each day.

AM 

8:45 am

Exam will start promptly at 9:00 am

You will need to be in school for **8:25**-Revision sessions will be run before your exams

PM 

1:15 pm

Exam will start promptly at 1:30 pm

Break times will be rearranged to accommodate the exams, and a later finish time may be needed for longer exams

EXAM CLASHES- May mean you have to sit your exams at different times. You will be told about these and have letter explaining how your exams will be rearranged.



Mock exams

Mock exams will take place from Monday 13 November 2023 to Friday 1 December 2023. Students have been given a timetable for these exams, and exam information is posted on the exams notice board in school. These are very important, they will be used to make predictions which will be taken to college when students go to interview.

We expect the following from students:

- Outstanding effort and behaviour in lessons
- 'Switched on' in lessons and *thinking* about their learning.
- Homework completed to a high standard
- Additional revising at home



Revision sessions

Since September there have been extra revision sessions for year 11 students. Details of these have been shared with students and can also be found on the Academy's website.

The library is open until 4pm daily, and year 11 are granted priority access to complete work, or as a quiet space for revision.

The exams notice boards are updated regularly to show the revision sessions on offer.

Next steps



Careers advice and career events offered in school with our Careers and Enterprise Coordinator Miss Williams.

START– is the portal online applications to college. Forms will be online in November.

Smartprofile.com

Students can start to look at the following:
College, Sixth forms and course providers
Levels and pathways
Completing START
Apprenticeships



How can parents support at home?



- Provide a quiet space/time for them to work if possible
- Make sure they have the revision materials necessary, you can get these from individual departments. Revision materials are given out by most subjects, please ensure that students are using these when revising.
- Test them on what they have learnt! Recall! Recall! Recall!
- Understand the pressures that they are under, especially when it comes to the exams in the summer.
- Contact Progress Leaders, Year Managers, Subject Leaders or teachers if you have any concerns.

Revision tips



Make plans



Start early



Know your stuff



Stay focused



Take breaks



Find your way



Take care



Try not to worry

Revision offer

Monday



French
BG4 After School



Spanish
BG5 After School



Creative iMedia & Computer
Science
CG5 After School

Tuesday



Maths
BF11 Before School
BF15 & BF16 After School



Hospitality and Catering
CL7 Lunchtime



Science
BG16 After School



Creative iMedia & Computer
Science
CG5 After School



Heritage Language Exam Skills
BG1 After School

Wednesday



Maths
BF11 Before School



Drama
CL21 Lunchtime



Creative iMedia & Computer
Science
CG5 After School

Friday



Maths
BF11 Before School



RE
BL5 Lunchtime



Urdu
BG6 After School



iMedia & Computer Science
CG5 After School



BTEC Sport
CG3 After School

Thursday



Maths
BF11 Before School
BF15 & BF16 After School



Creative iMedia & Computer
Science
CG5 After School



Music
CL3 After School



English
BF After School



Malpractice

Sanctions against candidates

This document has been produced for students to understand the JCQ regulations surrounding malpractice in exams, and the sanctions that can be expected if regulations are broken.

A full list of sanctions can be found on the JCQ website in the following document:



Suspected Malpractice Policies and Procedures

As an Academy if a student is suspected of malpractice it is our duty to inform the student how they have breached regulations, and what action the Academy will take for minor incidents. However, if a decision is made to report the malpractice to the exam board we shall inform the student and their parents/carers, and inform them of the exam boards decisions.



Using own blank note paper (not exam stationary)

Warning (1) Loss of marks if used for final answers (2-4)

Using calculators or dictionaries (When prohibited)

Warning (1) if not used or Loss of marks if used (2-4)



Unauthorised notes or revision materials

Warning (1) Loss of marks (2-4)
Loss of certification (5-9)

Unauthorised electronic devices *

Warning (1) Loss of marks (2-4)
Loss of certification (5-9)



Breach of instructions given by an invigilator (for example, refusing to move seat when asked to, due to disruption)

Warning (1) Loss of marks for major non compliance (2-4)
Loss of certification for repeated non compliance (5-9)

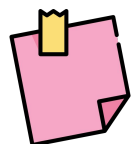
Failing to abide by the conditions of supervision (for example, leaving the exam before the exam time has finished)

Warning (1) if the student is accompanied out of the room by an invigilator or Loss of marks (2-4) Loss of certification (5-9)



* Mobile phones; iPod; MP3/4 players; Memory sticks; Tablets; Smart phone; Smart watch; Digital watch; Air pods; Headphones; Digital translators or dictionaries

Verbal communication	Warning (1) Loss of marks (2-4) Loss of certification (5-9)
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Communication - Written	Warning (1) Loss of marks (2-4) Loss of certification (5-9)
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Disruptive behaviour within an exam room	Warning for minor disruption (1) Loss of marks for major/ continued disruption (2-4) Loss of certification for repeated disruption throughout an exam series (5-9)
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Copied or plagiarised work (including coursework)	Warning (1) Loss of marks for copied answers (2-4) Loss of certification for submitting copied or plagiarised work (5-9)
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Damage (graffiti) or destruction of exam work	Warning for minor damage or graffiti (1) Loss of marks for defacing students own exam script (2-4) Loss of certification for the destruction of another candidates exam script (5-9)
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Use of social media for the exchange and circulation of fake or real assessment materials	Warning for attempting to source or share information (1) Loss of marks for accepting or distributing fake or real assessment materials without reporting it to the awarding bodies (2-4) Loss of certification for attempting to gain knowledge of live assessment materials, or distributing live assessment materials (5-9)
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Sanction descriptions given by the JCQ:

- (1) Warning
- (2) Loss of all marks gained for a section
- (3) Loss of all marks gained for a component
- (4) Loss of all marks gained for a unit
- (5) Disqualification from the unit

- (6) Disqualification from all units in one or more qualifications taken in the series
- (7) Disqualification from the whole qualification
- (8) Disqualified from all exams in the series
- (9) Barred from entering exams for a set period of time