

Year 11 Progress Evening Thursday 12th September

Ruth Cull Vice Principal (Quality of Education)

#WeAimHigh

#WeWorkHard

#WeCare

#WeAreVale













Aim of the evening



To work together to support your child to be successful in Year
 11

Parental Support is **eight times** more effective in determining a child's academic success.

Vision



Students at Darwen Vale High School will achieve academically beyond personal expectations and prior attainment.

They will experience an outstanding and enjoyable education.











Headline measures – Year 11 class of 2024



	Mock 2	Actual
4+ English	55%	66%
4+ Maths	40%	64%
4+ in English and Maths	46%	57%
5+ English	53%	55%
5+ Maths	33%	49%
5+ in English and Maths	29%	42%
Progress 8	-0.85	-0.34
Attainment 8	37.24	42.41

Attendance is key



- Students above 90% attendance beat their A8 target.
- Students above 80% very close to it.
- Students above 90% virtually meet 9-4 target and beat 9-5 target.
- Students above 80%, 12% off 9-4 target and 7% off 9-5 target.
- We had 48 students with lower than 80% attendance

Impact of attendance on Exam Results



- Students who have a positive Progress 8 score
 - average attendance of 95.7%
- Students who have a negative Progress 8 score
 - Average attendance of 78.4%
- Top 10 students
 - average attendance of 98.1%
- Bottom 10 students
 - average attendance of 20.8%

I can't stand the arguments and stress when I tell him exams are important and try to make him work. It always ends up with him saying it's his life and slamming the door.

I didn't even do GCSEs – how can I help him?

Surely she shouldn't be going out **again** when she's got exams coming up?



She's always got an excuse - I don't know what to believe.

He always leaves everything to the last minute – one moment he has all the time in the world – the next it's all stress and stropping because it has to be in tomorrow and he hasn't got the stuff he needs to do it.

What is your role?





Banker

Go-between

Study Buddy

Provider of tools

Project manager

Attendance officer

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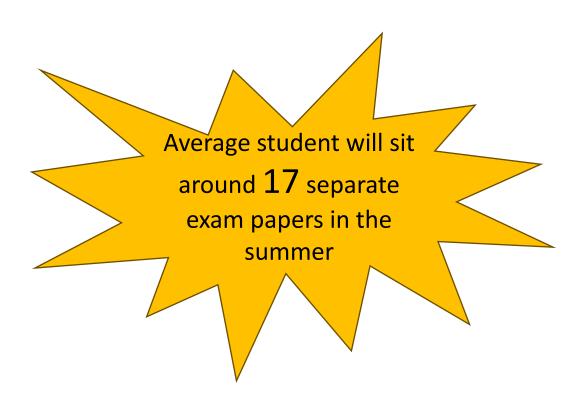




Fiction: I don't need to start revising yet

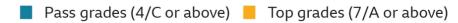


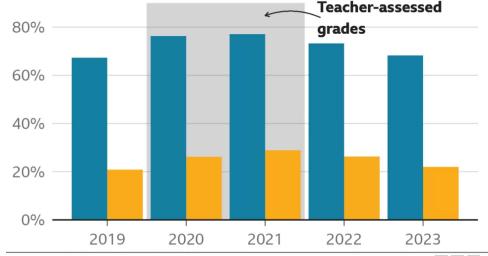
3. Tens of thousands more students will have to resit



GCSE grades almost back to pre-pandemic results

Percentage of grades at GCSE, England, Wales and Northern Ireland





Source: Joint Council for Qualifications



You can remember more the earlier you start

Review after



35 school days

7 school weeks



Review after

Review after

Review after

Plan your revision







	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Plan your revision



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Monday

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Sunday

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	Section 1

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	French: Verbs	English: Blood Brothers	French: Vocab	Sport: Injuries	Maths: ratíos	revised this week	revised this week	

Take breaks in between

Key dates:

Year 11 Dates for the diary



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Year 11 Event	Date
Year 11 Progress Evening	12 th September
Saturday Schools Commence	Saturday 14 th September
Year 11 Business Pitches (Business students only)	7 th – 11 th October
Year 11 Revision Bootcamp weekend @ Winmarleigh Hall	18 th – 20 th October
October half term holiday revision clubs	21st – 25th October
Year 11 mock 1	11 th – 22 nd November
Year 11 Mock Interview Day	Thursday 28 th November
Year 11 Parents Evening	12 th December, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Year 11 Practical Food Exam (H&C students only)	8 th – 22 nd January 2025
DVHS Careers Fair	Wednesday 12 th February 2025
February half term holiday revision clubs	17 th – 21 st February 2025
Year 11 mock 2	24 th February – 3 rd March 2025
Final Year 11 Parents Evening	20 th March 2025
Easter holiday revision clubs	7 th April – 18 th April 2025
GCSE examinations	8th May – 25th June 2025
May half term revision clubs	26 th – 30 th May 2024
Year 11 Prom	Date TBC
GCSE results day	21st August 2025



28 School weeks





140 school days

1120 lessons



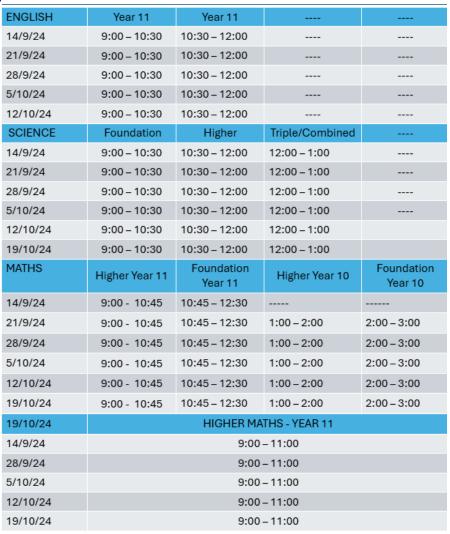


3:00 till 3:45

Every Monday – English Every Tuesday – Maths Every Thursday – Science

Saturday School











Rewards



- Weekly assembly prizes for good attendance, punctuality, behaviour
- Golden ticket wheel of names
- Prom







Revision bootcamps

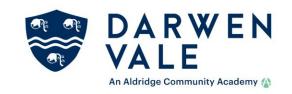


English & Maths @ Winmarleigh Hall, Preston

- 18th 20th October
- Places remaining
- Includes:
 - 2 night accommodation
 - All outdoor activities
 - All food and drinks
 - Transport to the venue

Careers advice and guidance

- •One to one careers advice meeting by a trained careers advisor New Directions.
- •College Open Days visit as many as you can
- Mock Interviews November of Year 11
- D6 Taster Day
- Go to work days
- •Apprenticeships- links on the careers page of our website.
- •CV and personal statement help guies on our website





How the school can support you WA

- DARWEN VALE

 An Aldridge Community Academy
- Speak to your child's teacher(s) to find out what revision techniques they recommend.
- If your child is struggling with a specific subject, talk to the relevant teacher and explore whether they can provide additional help.
- Form tutors can help with practical steps including revision timetables.
- If your child has additional learning or developmental needs, speak to the school SENDCO (Mr Broderick) and establish what specialist provision they can put in place.

Virtual Aldridge



Virtual Aldridge is an online English and maths GCSE tutoring service run by Aldridge Education. The main aim of the programme is to provide students with the necessary tools to achieve the best possible grades in their GCSEs.

At Virtual Aldridge:

- Students will receive **weekly one-hour tutoring** sessions in English and/or Maths throughout the academic year
- Sessions are delivered virtually to small groups of three students
- Sessions take place outside of the school day, in the evenings and at weekends
- Sessions are taught by **expert subject specialist** Virtual Aldridge tutors who receive **high quality training** and development, including in safeguarding
- Tutors and schools communicate frequently about the learning progress of each student
- All Virtual Aldridge online tutoring sessions are **FREE** to students.
- Please contact: Leanne.Fitzsimmons@darwenvale.com



How to support your child in the Core Subjects

English, Maths and Science



GCSE English Language and Literature

Miss Ashcroft – Head of English

English GCSE overview at DVHS



- •2 GCSEs for English in May/June
- 4 papers overall
- English Language (2 papers)
- English Literature (2 papers)

English Language GCSE:



ridge Community Academy (A)

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

1 hour 45 mins 50%

Reading - 40 marks 15 mins read

and plan

- 1. Find four... 4 marks 5 mins
- 2. Language 8 marks 10 mins
- 3. Structure 8 marks 10 mins
- 4. Evaluate 20 marks 20 mins

Writing – 40 marks

5. Describe or narrate : choice from two questions 24 content 45 mins 16 accuracy

Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives

1 hour 45 mins 50%

Reading – 40 marks 15 mins read and plan

- 1. Select four... 4 marks 5 mins
- 2. Comprehension 8 marks 8 mins
- 3. Language 12 marks 12 mins
- 4. Compare 16 marks 20 mins

Writing - 40 marks

5. Write in a viewpoint

24 content 45 mins 16 accuracy

English Literature GCSE:

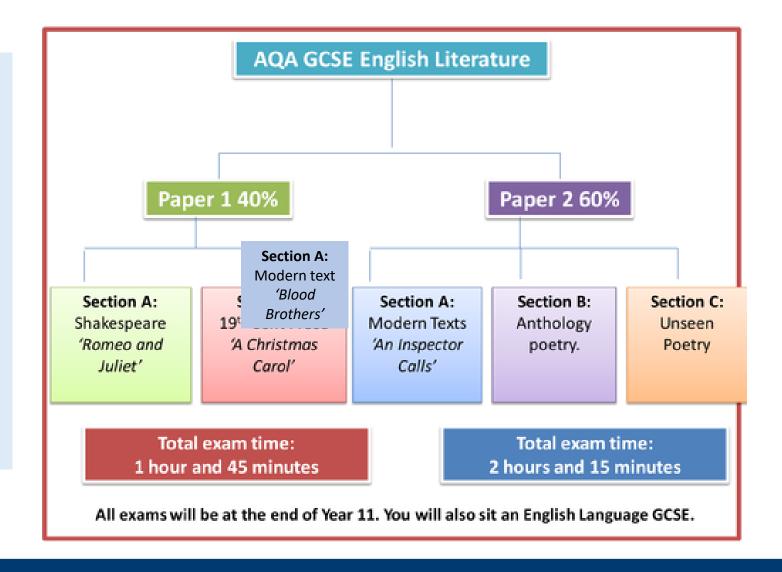


Paper 1:

- Romeo and Juliet
- A Christmas Carol

Paper 2:

- Blood Brothers
- Power and Conflict Poetry
- Unseen Poetry





"You can't revise for English"

You wouldn't believe the amount of times we've heard this said. It simply isn't true.

How to revise English Language DARWEN 1. Learn Stock Phrases

- This creates an image in the reader's head of...
- This makes the reader feel a sense of...
- This shocks the reader because...
- This makes the reader feel a personal connection with the writer because...
- This makes the reader trust the article because...
- This informs the reader and helps them to understand because...
- This has connotations of...

How to revise English Language DARWEN VALE Learn Stock Phrases

Note of Caution: Only use the verbs you're familiar with unless you take the time to examine the definition in the dictionary. This is **not** a list of synonyms. Each word has specific uses that are unique to its meaning.

Active verbs for writing about texts...

Advises	Criticises	Exemplifies	Implies	Recognises
Affects	Deepens	Exhibits	Indicates	Refers
Alludes to	Denotes	Expands	Informs	Reinforces
Amplifies	Depicts	Explains	Intensifies	Reiterates
Argues	Describes	Explores	Introduces	Relates
Articulates	Determines	Exposes	Juxtaposes	Remarks
Builds	Demonstrates	Expresses	Manifests	Represents
Clarifies	Displays	Forces	Means	Reveals
Compels	Echoes	Foreshadows	Mentions	Shows
Confirms	Embodies	Foretells	Narrates	Signifies
Connotes	Emphasises	Forms	Perceives	Symbolises
Considers	Encourages	Highlights	Personifies	Suggests
Constructs	Establishes	Heightens	Persuades	Supports
Contradicts	Evokes	Hints	Portrays	Tells
Conveys	Exaggerates	Illustrates	Presents	Typifies
Creates	Examines	Impacts	Promotes	Underlines

ZOOM OUT to show you have an idea what **EVALUATE** the writer's intentions might have been The writer may have done this because... ZOOM IN on individual words or phrases to **ANALYSE** say how and why they are effective. The word '...' is effective because... Offering an alternative explanation; saying what else the quotation might tell us. Use EXPLORE tentative words like could or might It could also mean.... because... Explain how and why the quotation **EXPLAIN** supports your opinion. This shows.... because.... Giving your opinion about a text and using a IDENTIFY quotation to support your view. I think... because it says, "quotation"

How to revise English Language? PRACTICE, PRACTICE



GCSE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

. Source A - provided as a separate insert.

Instructions

- · Answer all guestions.
- . Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- . Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- . You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank page.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you
 You must refer to the insert booklet provided.
- . You must not use a dictionary.

Information

- . The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- . The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for Section A and 40 marks for Section 3
- . You are reminded of the need for good English and clear pre
- . You will be assessed on the quality of your reading in Section A
- . You will be assessed on the quality of your writing in Section 8

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the source and all five questions you have to answer.
- . You are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.
- . You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.

- Timed practice
- Past exam papers
- A mark a minute



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For Examiner's Use

Question

Mark

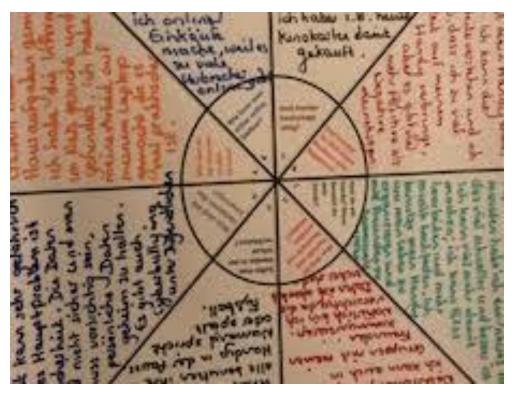
How to revise English Literature?



Spider Diagrams & Mind-maps



Revision Wheels



How to revise English Literature?





Watching the film adaptations











How to revise English Literature?





the english teacher

















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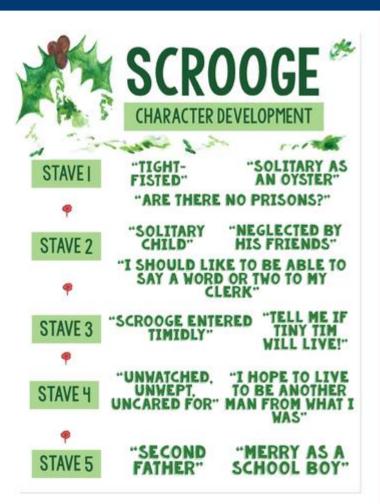
Revise the plot

- Revise the plot (the storyline)
- Context and background information
- Key quotations
- Characters
- Themes

What's the message or moral of the

story/play/poem?





Use all revision resources — paper based DARWEN VALE An Aldridge Community Academy &

- Revision guides for BOTH Language & Literature
- Spotify podcast GCSE English Revision Pod
- Youtubers Mr Bruff, Stacey Reay
- Century Online Learning
- Complete homework set by English teachers







GCSE Mathematics

Mr Bennett – Head of Maths

Exam Structure



Tier	Topic area	Weighting
Foundation	Number	22 - 28%
	Algebra	17 - 23%
	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	22 - 28%
	Geometry and Measures	12 - 18%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%
Higher	Number	12 - 18%
	Algebra	27 - 33%
	Ratio, Proportion and Rates of change	17 - 23%
	Geometry and Measures	17 - 23%
	Statistics & Probability	12 - 18%

tion and Higher.

5 strands of mathematics assessed:

- Number
- Algebra
- Ratio & Proportion
- Geometry
- Statistics & Probability

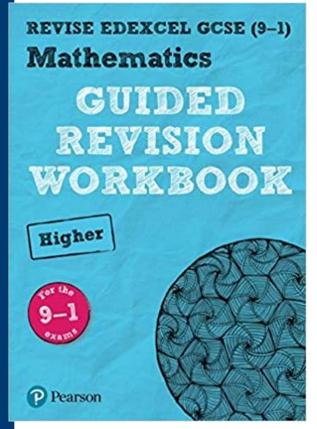
What will we be learning?



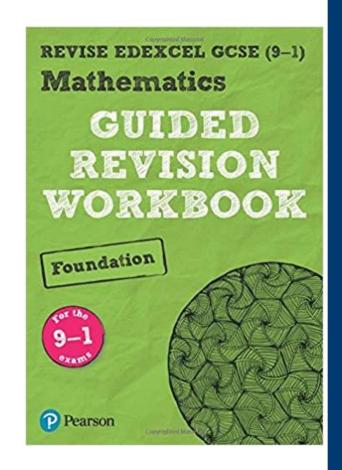
- A scheme of work created by the exam board that we follow
- Adapted by the Maths leaders within the trust
- Focusing on depth of understanding
- A topic-by-topic breakdown of our scheme of learning can be found on the school website.

Useful revision materials





- Exam board revision workbooks
- 10-minute maths tests
- Practice papers
- Bootcamp



Sparx Maths



The new way to do homework!

- Compulsory homework is personalised to each individual student
- There is an independent learning section that includes videos, which model the method/process for each topic
- There are other sections; XP boost and target which focus on the topics that students have struggled with



Online revision



• www.sparx.uk

• www.mathsgenie.co.uk

Maths Genie GCSE Revision

www.corbettmaths.com



Mocks



- Will follow the same format as an exam series, so **3 papers** to complete.
- The grade you attain gives you your starting point, most students will make another 1-2 grades of progress from Y11 mock 1 to the actual GCSE's

 QLA – will be produced to help students to revise for Mock 2 and GCSE's



GCSE Science

Mr Tattersall – Head of Science

What are we facing...?



- 6 exams
- Spread across the whole exam period
- Science will be one of the first exams you sit and for most it will be the last
- Lots to learn!!!



Biology Paper 1

What's assessed

Biology topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.

How it's assessed

- · Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- · Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



Biology Paper 2

What's assessed

Biology topics 5-7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- · Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



Chemistry Paper 1

What's assessed

Chemistry topics 8–12: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.

How it's assessed

- · Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- · Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



Chemistry Paper 2

What's assessed

Chemistry topics 13–17: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.

Questions in Paper 2 may draw on fundamental concepts and principles from Sections 5.1 to 5.3.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



Physics Paper 1

What's assessed

Physics topics 18–21: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.

How it's assessed

- · Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- · Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



Physics Paper 2

What's assessed

Physics topics 22–24: Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism

How it's assessed

- · Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
- · Foundation and Higher Tier
- 70 marks
- 16.7% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.



The good news...



We still have loads of time!

243 days until Biology Paper 1

- There are loads of easy ways to improve your grade
- Your teachers are also working very hard to make sure this is as easy as possible for you!



Lesson time



 Every Year 11 Science lesson has been carefully planned to make sure as much science can be covered in the time we have

Your teachers are the experts

 You need to be working hard in lesson time now and pushing for 100% attendance to all lessons



Additional booster sessions during An Aldridge Community Academy An Aldridge Community Academy (An Aldridge Community An Aldridge Community An Aldridge Community Academy (An Aldridge Community An Aldridge Community An

Core PE

Additional P6 sessions

Saturday schools

Form time intervention



AQA Specification



4.1.1.3 Cell specialisation

Content

Students should be able to, when provided with appropriate information, explain how the structure of different types of cell relate to their function in a tissue, an organ or organ system, or the whole organism.

Cells may be specialised to carry out a particular function:

- sperm cells, nerve cells and muscle cells in animals
- root hair cells, xylem and phloem cells in plants.

Your own revision time



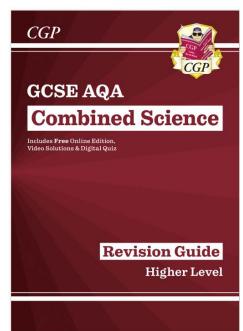
You should have:

- Revision timetable that includes time for all your subjects
- A list of where you need to focus your revision
- A list of what is on the exam
- Revision guides
- Notes from class
- Past paper questions



Revision Guides & Workbooks







These can be ordered from school at a discounted rate.

How to revise GCSE Science



Learn the content you don't know



Test your knowledge



Fill the gaps

The more past paper questions you can complete, mark and learn from your mistakes the higher your grade will be!

Using what's available...



n Aldridge Community Academy 🧥

I need 5 questions on GCSE AQA combined science on forces aimed at foundation students



Sure, here are five questions on forces for GCSE AQA Combined Science, designed for foundation students:

- 1. What is the definition of force?
 - Answer: A force is a push or pull that can change the motion of an object or cause it to deform.
- 2. What unit is used to measure force?
 - Answer: The unit of force is the Newton (N).
- 3. If you apply a force of 10 Newtons to a stationary object, what will happen to the object if the force is not opposed?
 - Answer: The object will start to move in the direction of the applied force.
- 4. What is the term for the force that opposes the motion of an object sliding on a surface?
 - Answer: The force that opposes motion is called friction.
- 5. If a car is accelerating, what type of force is acting on it to cause the acceleration?
 - **Answer:** The force causing the acceleration is the driving force or thrust provided by the engine.

I need 5 questions on aqa gcse combined science bonding topic aimed at higher students



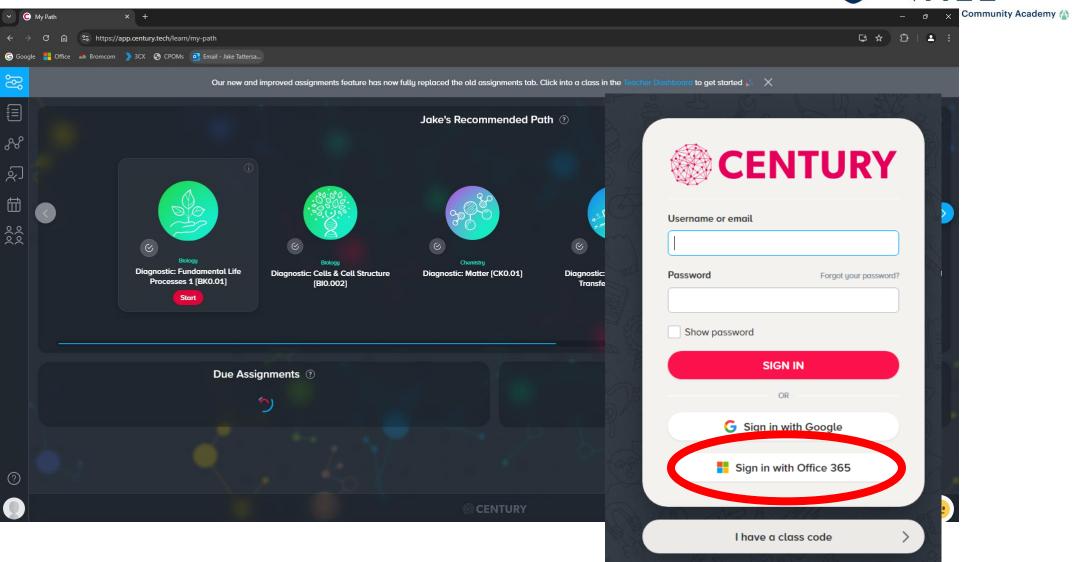


Certainly! Here are five higher-level questions on bonding for GCSE AQA Combined Science:

- Explain the difference between ionic and covalent bonding in terms of electron transfer and sharing.
 - Answer: In ionic bonding, electrons are transferred from one atom to another, resulting in the formation of positively charged cations and negatively charged anions. In covalent bonding, electrons are shared between atoms to achieve a full outer electron shell for each atom involved.
- Describe how the structure of a metal contributes to its properties, such as electrical conductivity and malleability.
 - Answer: Metals have a lattice structure of positively charged metal ions surrounded by a
 'sea' of delocalized electrons. The free-moving electrons allow metals to conduct electricity.
 The layers of metal ions can slide over each other, making metals malleable and ductile.
- Compare the melting and boiling points of ionic compounds and covalent molecules, providing reasons for the differences.
 - Answer: Ionic compounds generally have high melting and boiling points because of the strong electrostatic forces between oppositely charged ions, which require a lot of energy to overcome. Covalent molecules typically have lower melting and boiling points due to weaker intermolecular forces (such as van der Waals forces) compared to the ionic bonds in ionic compounds.

Century learning





Useful links



BBC Bitesize

Combined: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h

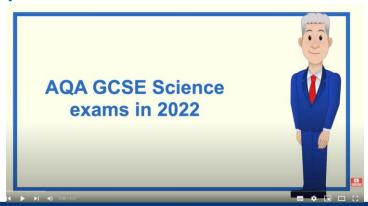
Triple Biology: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7

Triple Chemistry: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb

Triple Physics: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm

Free Science Lessons







Darwen Aldridge Sixth Form

Your new D6

What is D6?

AD6

- D6 is your new collaborative Darwen sixth form
- Partnership between Aldridge schools in Darwen Vale, DACA, Studio.
- Idea is that we're creating a local sixth form so you don't have to travel to Blackburn or elsewhere for your sixth form experience





Further info

- You'll be based on the campus where most of your subjects are taught
- Depending on the options and qualifications you choose, you'll move between sites to take lessons at the campus which specialises in each subject – making the most of each sixth form's expertise
- General idea is that this will create a university-style approach, and you can move between campuses at breaktimes where needed
- We'll assist where necessary with transport most likely, a school minibus will get you where you need to be

Courses - what and where



DACA

A Level Art and Design - Fine Art

A Level Computer Science

A Level English Language

A Level English Literature

A Level French

A Level Geography

A Level Philosophy and Ethics

A Level Psychology

A Level Sociology

A Level Spanish

Applied A Level Criminology

BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science

BTEC Extended Certificate in Business

BTEC Extended Certificate in Information Technology

BTEC Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism

BTEC National Diploma in Sport (triple and single)

Extended Project Qualifications (half an A-Level)

DARWEN VALE

A Level Mathematics

A Level Further Mathematics

A Level Physics

A Level Biology

A Level Chemistry

A Level History

STUDIO

BTEC National Diploma, and BTC Level 3 National Extended Certificate, in Health and Social Care

BTEC Children's Play, Learning & Development

BTEC E Sports – Competitive Computer Gaming

Film Production - Creative Media

BTEC Game Design – Creative Media

A Level Art and Design – Graphic Design

A Level Art and Design – Photography



What your week might look like...



 We've spoken to a couple of you about what options you might choose – so let's chat through what your week might look like as a student at D6



Grace is studying ...

- 1. Photography—DAES
- 2. English A-Level DACA
- 3. Graphic Art DAES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Photo A- Level DAES	English A- Level DACA	Graphic Art A-Level DAES	Photo A- Level DAES	English A- Level DACA
Graphic Art A-Level DAES	Photo A- Level DAES	FREE	English A-Level DACA	Graphic Art A-Level DAES FREE

Football Academy





- D6 is working with Pro-Elite United founded in 2021, it's the fastest growing premier elite football club
- Offers high-level competition, skills development, and a values-driven approach to sportsmanship and belonging to a team
- Provides opportunities for next generation of talented young men in junior football - and plan to introduce a women's team too!
- First team trials in October & December
- Focus on teamwork and resilience. Aim to create inclusive and supportive environment for growth and success on / off the pitch
- Supported by Stephen Sama, retired ex-professional footballer
- Complemented by the BTEC L3 Sport Triple Award at DACA



Pro-Elite Football Academy



Extensive Leadership Programme



1. Formal Student leadership with Student council

2. Subject leadership

3. Super-curriculum leadership

4. Pastoral leadership (including Wellbeing and anti-bullying ambassadors)

5. Community and Charitable Leadership

Opportunities













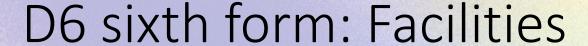














- Pool table
- Gaming stations
- Table tennis
- Sixth form kitchen, fridge, microwave and kettle
- Sixth form canteen facilities with fresh coffee station.
- Library space for independent quiet work
- Computer area
- Bursaries (special criteria)

Further information



- Ruth.Cull@darwenvale.com Vice Principal
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- Claire.McKenna@darwenvale.com Head of Year 11
- <u>Leanne.Fitzsimmons@darwenvale.com</u> Assistant HOY 11

https://www.darwenvale.com/year-11