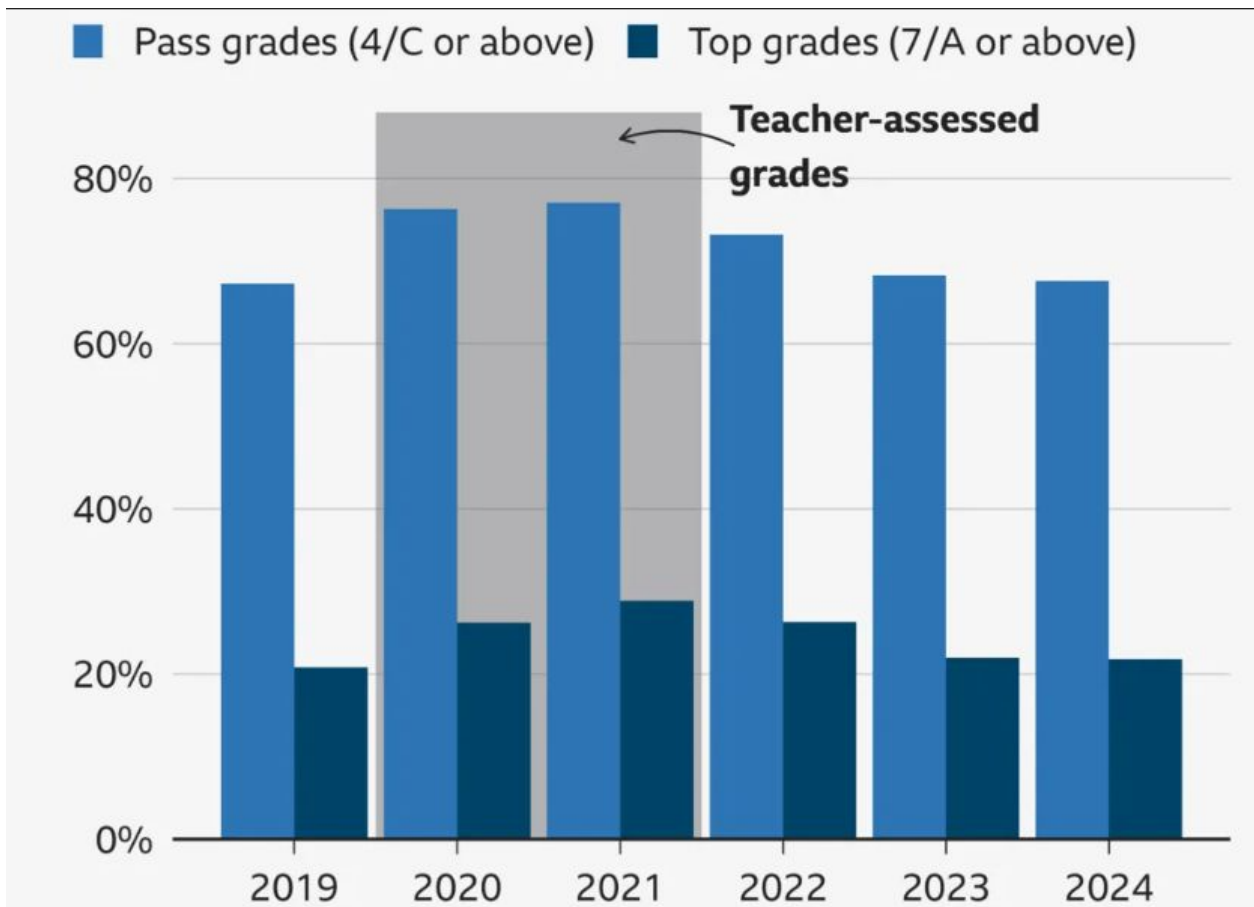


GCSE Information evening - Y10/11

Wednesday 18th September 2024

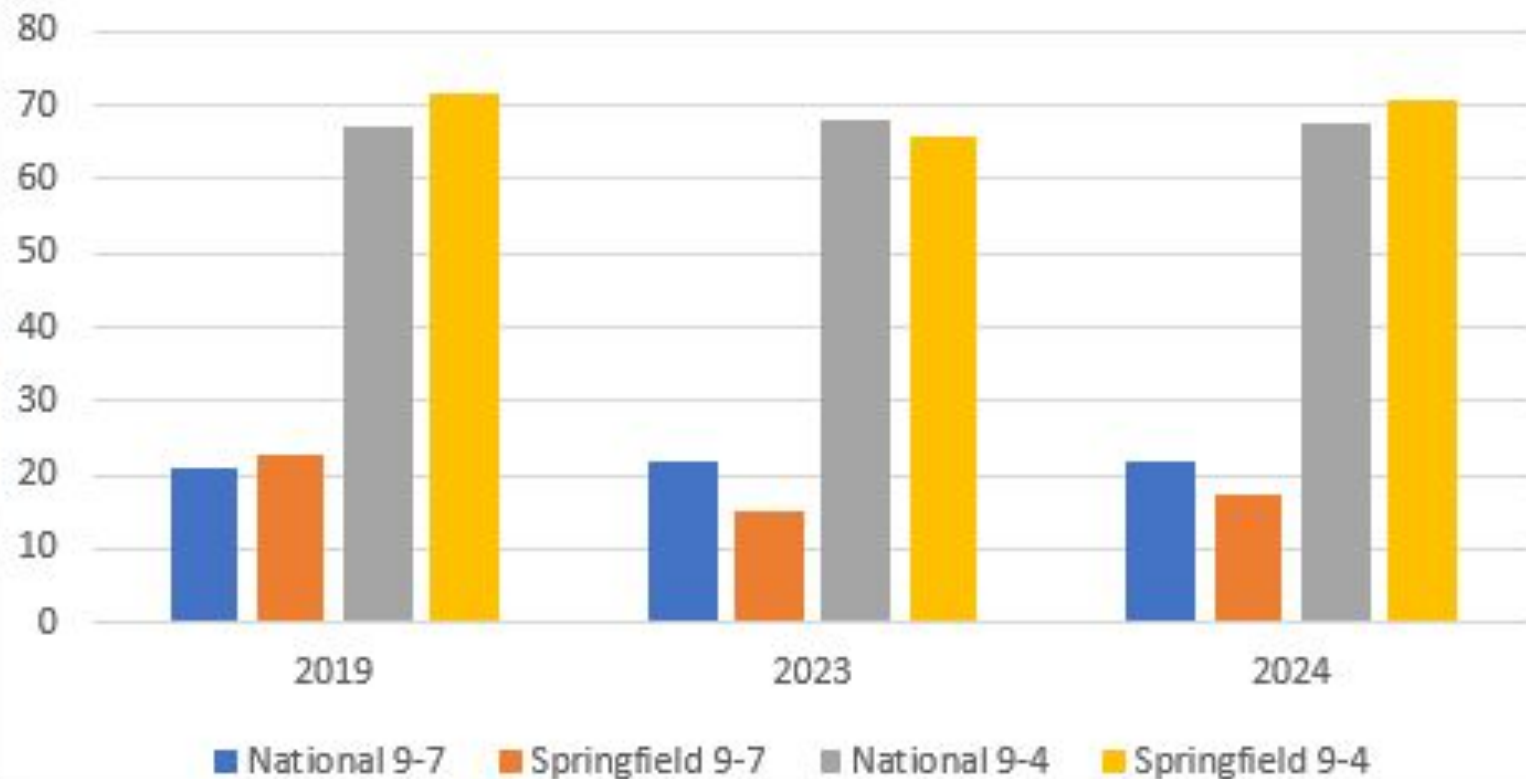


2024 GCSE results-nationally

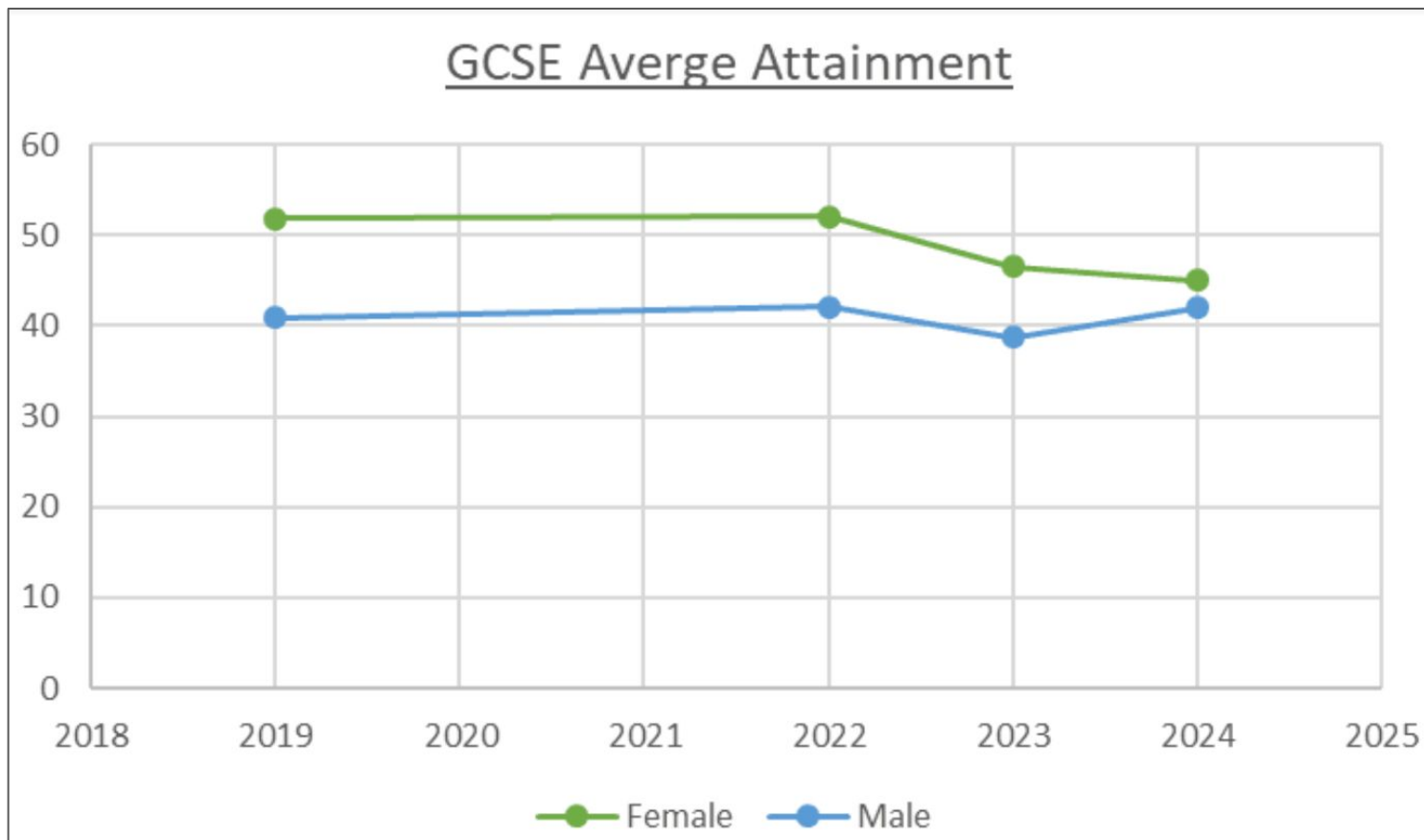


National v Springfield

Percentage of Students Achieving Grades



The gender imbalance



'Newish' GCSE grade changes

| Grade: | 'old money' |
|--------|-------------|
| 9 | A** |
| 8 | A* |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | C+ |
| 4 | C- |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E/F |
| 1 | G |

A couple of notes:

- A 9 is supposed to apply to the top three to four % of the country's Y11 pupils
- Last year we achieved over 30 individual grade 9s as a school
- Pupils sometimes see the 4 as the 'Holy Grail' and settle for aiming for it = dangerous strategy
- A 3 is NOT a fail

Government's underlying principle affecting the study and assessment of GCSE

'Learning has been described as ... an alteration in long term memory. Progress, therefore, means knowing more, (including knowing how to do more) and remembering more'

Education Inspection Framework



A lot of work, therefore, in KS4, is the teaching of, and remembering new learning...

- Quizzes
- Memory games
- Flashcards
- Interleaving practices
- Frequent mini assessments
- Practising key skills over and over

Interleaving practice

Massed Practice



Interleaved Practice



'Like a satellite wrenched from its orbit'



So, in GCSE Literature

GCSEs can be daunting:

- There are no longer unit tests during the course of the year that can be 'chunks' of the GCSE.
- There are very few Controlled Assessments left - apart from more practical subjects such as Design Technology/Media Studies/Food
- There are no modular re-sits so that you can 'bank' a proportion of the final Grade
- The majority of GCSE subjects are based on 100% final examinations - you work in class and at home up to May of Year 11 and then sit all the exams over a 5 - 6 week period
- There *are* Functional Skills exams during the course in Maths and English (Level 1 and Level 2) which can be taken at various times of the year

Exam period: May 8th - June 18th 2025

| Date | 7.30/ 8.00am to 8.30am | 1 9am to 10am | 2 10am to 11am | BREAK | 3 11.15am to 12.15pm | 4 12.15pm to 1.15pm | LUNCH | 5 1.45pm to 2.45pm | 6 2.45pm to 3.45pm |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 13 May | Eng. Lit.? | English Literature 1 1 hour 45 mins | | | Media Revision ↔ | | | Media Studies 1 1 hour 30 mins | French? |
| | | | | | | | | French Revision ↔ | |
| Tuesday 14 May | French? | French Listening H: 45 mins F: 35 mins | French Reading H: 60 mins F: 45 mins | | | | | History Revision ↔ | History? |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 15 May | History? | History 1 2 hours | | | Comp. Science Revision ↔ | | | Computer Science 1 1 hour 30 mins | Maths? |
| | | | | | | | | Maths Revision ↔ | |
| Thursday 16 May | Maths? | Maths 1 (non calc.) 1 hour 30 mins | | | RS Revision ↔ | | | Religious Studies 2 1 hour 45 mins | Science? |
| | | | | | | | | Chemistry Revision ↔ | |
| Friday 17 May | Science? | Chemistry 1 H: 1 hour 45 mins F: 1 hour 15 mins | | | Geography Revision? ↔ | | | Geography 1 1 hour 30 mins | Eng. Lit.? |

Sounds daunting ...but there is a wealth of resource...

SENECA

English Language: AQA A Level - Standardised Assessments



English Language: AQA A Level Preparation - Summer 2021



English Language: AQA GCSE



English Language: AQA GCSE - Diagnostic Misconceptions



English Language: AQA GCSE - Standardised Assessments



English Language: CIE IGCSE



English Language: CIE IGCSE - Standardised Assessments



English Language: Edexcel GCSE



English Language: Edexcel GCSE - Standardised Assessments



English Language: Edexcel iGCSE - Specification B



Sparknotes

The screenshot shows the Sparknotes website interface for the play Macbeth. The page has a blue header with the Sparknotes logo and navigation links for Shakespeare, Literature, Other Subjects, Test Prep PLUS, Teacher, and Blog. There are 'Log In' and 'Sign Up for PLUS' buttons. The main content area is titled 'Macbeth' and features a 'William Shakespeare' dropdown menu. Below this are several tabs: 'Study Guide', 'No Fear Translation', 'PLUS Mastery Quizzes', 'PLUS Flashcards', 'PLUS Infographic', and 'PLUS Graphic Novel'. A 'Jump to:' section lists links for Summary, Characters, Literary Devices, Questions & Answers, Quotes, Quick Quizzes, Essays, Further Study, and Buy Now. The main text describes Macbeth as a play about a Scottish nobleman who murders his king for his throne, mentioning the three witches and dark imagery. It includes links for character analysis, plot summary, and important quotes. On the right, there is a graphic for 'The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo' by Taylor Jenkins Reid, with a 'Read the Study Guide' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Summary' section with a 'Sparklet' icon and text about one-minute summaries, detailed scene-by-scene summaries, and full play summaries and analyses.

Why Sparx Maths?

- Homework is personalised to pupils' ability and adapts over time
 - Sparx Maths keeps learning from their attempts to create challenging yet achievable problems each week
 - Homework follows the scheme of work
-
- Optional homework is automatically set each week:
 - **XP boost** - refines skills from the compulsory homework
 - **Target homework** - 6 questions created to challenge pupils



Independent Learning - Taking Control of your Learning and Revision

- Access to every single question - clip numbers are on GCSE and assessment revision lists
- Choose one of the 3 levels for questions:



Introduce - basic skills



Strengthen - improve understanding



Deepen - problem solving

- Sparx Maths should be used to **support** revision and should not be the only source used
- Ideally Sparx Maths should be used to recap the topic and followed up with exam questions

Knowledge recall in Science

40% of each paper requires pupils to recall information

Interleaving aids retention of information

Homeworks designed to help pupils with knowledge recall

'Give Me 5' knowledge recall multiple choice questions



Useful websites

- BBC Bitesize
- 'Free science lessons' on youtube- syllabus covered in short video clips
- Primrose kitten - science revision videos and resources
- AQA - GCSE - Science - check out the specification
- Springfield revision maps

Springfield Revision Maps

KEY CONTENT

| Subtopic & free science lesson link | Link to specification | Key points | PPQ Questions | BBC Bitesize | Other useful links |
|--|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Homeostasis Video 1 | Page 40 | <p>Homeostasis is the regulation of internal conditions inside cells or organisms, to create the optimum conditions for biological function. The nervous system and hormones are responsible for controlling this. The body control systems are all automatic, and involve both nervous (nervous system) and chemical responses (endocrine system) In the human body, these include the control of: Blood Glucose Concentration, Body Temperature & Water Levels.</p> <p>Neurons: Nerve cells that are specialised to transmit electrical impulses: - Sensory Neuron: The nerve cell that transmits electrical impulses from receptors in the sense organs to the CNS. - Relay Neuron: The nerve cell that transmits electrical impulses from sensory neurones to motor neurones. - Motor Neuron: The nerve cell that carries electrical impulses from the CNS to effectors such as muscles or glands</p> <p>Neurotransmitter: Chemical that passes nerve impulses from one nerve cell to the next across a synapse (A tiny gap at the junction between two nerve cells, which nerve signals must cross).</p> | Homeostasis PPQs | BBC Bitesize Homeostasis | Cognito Primrose Kitten - Whole Homeostasis |
| Structure and function (human nervous system) Video 1 | Page 42 | <p>CNS: Central Nervous System Key important parts of this system: 1. Receptors - detect a stimulus, which is a change in the environment, such as temperature change. 2. Coordination Centres (found in the brain, spinal cord and pancreas) - receive information from the receptors, process the information and instigate a response. 3. Effectors - such as muscles or glands create the response. 4. Glands often also release a hormone, which would restore the optimum condition again.</p> <p>Understanding how the nervous system enables humans to react to their surroundings and coordinate their behaviour (response): Stimulus -> Receptor -> Coordinator -> Effector -> Response [EXAMPLE: Hot pan -> Skin -> Neurones (sensory, relay, motor) -> Muscle -> Move hand away]</p> <p>Structure of the Reflex Arc - understanding that reflex actions are an automatic and rapid response to a stimulus, and do not involve the subconscious part of the brain.</p> | Nervous System PPQs | BBC Bitesize Structure and Function (Human Nervous System) | myGCSEscience Cognito |
| Human endocrine system Video 1 | Page 45 | <p>The endocrine system secretes hormones into the bloodstream from glands throughout the body. Hormones produce an effect on specific target organs in the body (for example: adrenaline). Note: Once a hormone has been used, it is destroyed by the liver. Note: Hormones have slower effects, however last longer than effects produced by</p> | Endocrine System PPQs | BBC Bitesize Human Endocrine System | Cognito |

Reminder: Google Classrooms - useful 2 way resource

Classroom +

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <p><u>9Q Media</u></p> | <p>English CPD gems an... CPD</p> | <p>9B2</p> <p>Due tomorrow Two mini sagas/Lamb to the Slaughter (Part ...</p> |
| <p>11R Media 11r/ ME2</p> | <p>11R</p> <p>Due Tuesday Two camera shots in Luther</p> | <p>Functional Skills</p> |

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Series

June 2022



Lesson 0 and Lesson 6

- Pupils, especially Year 11, are keen to know when lesson 0 and lesson 6 take place:

Monday: Drama/MFL/DT/Art/Photography/Computer Science

Tuesday: Maths

Wednesday: English

Thursday: Triple Science

Friday: Geography/History/Double Science/Music/PE

- What about lessons 1 - 5....?
- There will be revision workshops in the
- October(Drama/Music)/
February/Easter/May holidays



What do parents need to know..?

- There is never a time when Y10 or Y11 can't be doing something
- It is definitely a marathon not a sprint
- Working steadily over the two years is key, not a mad dash at the end (does not work for these GCSEs)
- Parents should be benign monitors - most pupils know what they need to do = work with their teachers, turn up to lessons and put the effort in

Important markers

Year 11

Year 11 Mocks: 4th Nov - 15th Nov (already in planning...!)

Y11 reports issued: 3rd Dec

Y11 Parents' Evening: 5th Dec

Year 11 Mocks (2): 10th Feb - 28th Feb

Y11 reports issued: 24th March

Y11 Parents' Evening: 25th March

GCSE start: 8th May 2025

GCSE end: 18th June 2025

Leavers' assembly: 26th June/Prom: 4th July 2025

Year 10

Year 10 assessment week: Mon 30th Sept - 4th Oct

Year 10 work experience evenings: 23rd/24th October

Y10 reports issued: 7th Nov

Y10 Parents' Evening: 19th Nov

Y10 assessment week: 20th Jan 2025 - 24th Jan 2025

Y10 reports issued: 24th Feb/Parents' evening: 3rd March

Y10 Mocks fortnight: 20th June - 3rd July

Work Experience week: w/b 14th July

Y10 reports issued: 21st July

Y10 beginning to think about Prom outfits: all the time...!

Life after Springfield:

- Work experience - 14th-18th July 2025 - feedback from last year's cohort was very positive!
- College taster days - July 2025 (Y10)
- Post-16/careers assemblies and events run throughout the year



Life after Springfield:

- Applications for colleges will open October 2025 (Y10)
- Pupils should explore all their options but make more than one application (e.g. for apprenticeships and a college, or two colleges)
- The careers adviser is available Thursdays and Fridays

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