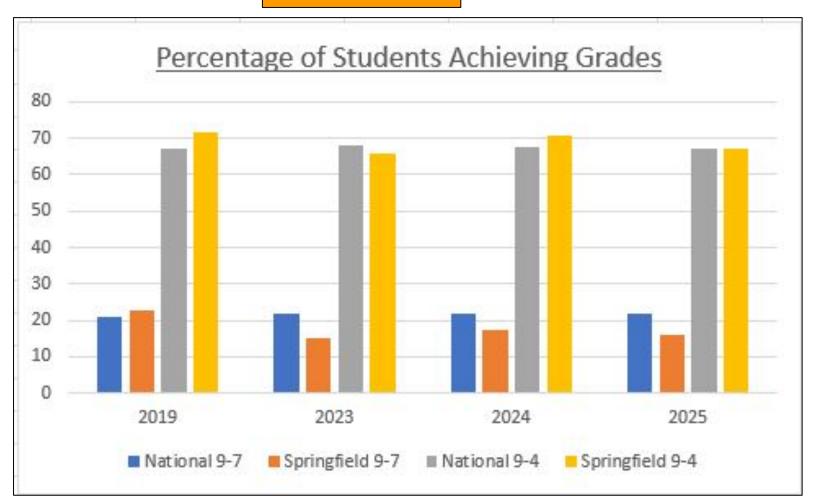
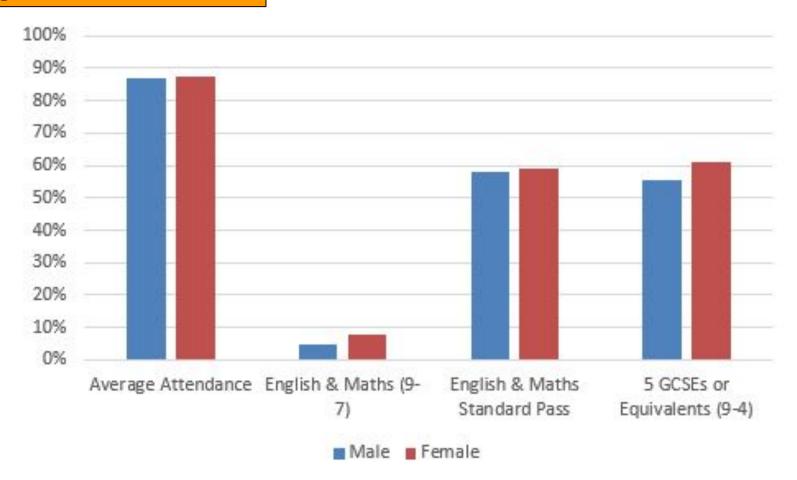


National v Springfield



The gender imbalance?



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

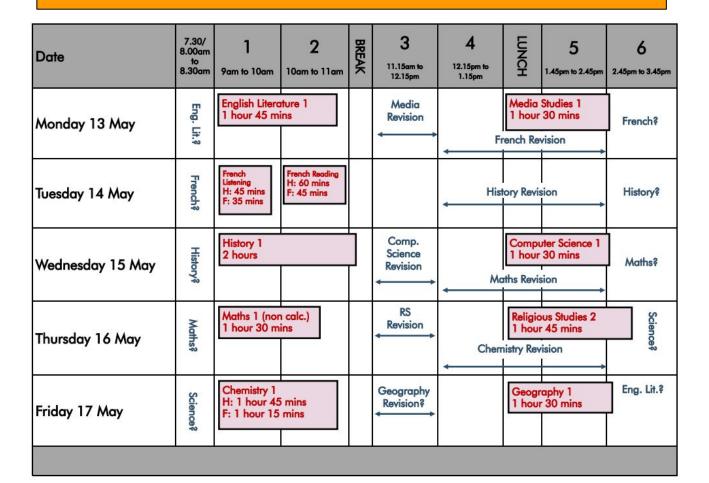
A lot of work, therefore, in KS4, is the teaching of, and remembering new learning...

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

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 7th - June 17th 2026



Past papers are easily available online - and markschemes



Find past papers and mark schemes

Find past papers and mark schemes to help you prepare for exams.

Select a subject to start your search.



Exam boards used

AQA	English/English Literature/Art/Photography/ Science/MFL/Ethics and Philosophy/Sociology/History/Music/PE/Geography
EdExcel	Computer Studies/Digital IT/Drama/Travel and Tourism
OCR	Maths Child Development/Health and Social Care
WEJC/Eduqas	Media Studies/Design Technology

Lesson 0 and Lesson 6

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

Monday: Art/Photography/MFL

Tuesday: English Wednesday: Maths Thursday: Science

Friday: History/Sociology/Geography/Music/PE

• What about lessons 1 - 5....?

 There will be revision workshops in the October/February/Easter/May holidays



What do parents need to know..?

- There is <u>never</u> a time when 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

Y11 Parents' Evening: 4th Dec Year 11 Mocks (2): 9th Feb - 27th Feb Y11 reports issued: 23rd March Y11 Parents' Evening: 24th March GCSE end: 17th June 2026 Leavers' assembly: 25th June Prom: 10th July

Y11 reports issued/Mock results assembly: 2nd Dec GCSE start: 7th May 2026 (but...Drama/Art/MFL before this)

Year 11 Mocks: 3rd Nov - 14th Nov (already in planning...!)

Life after Springfield:

- Applications for colleges will open October 2025
- 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 Wednesday and Thursday

College	Open Evening	Application deadline
Barton Peveril Sixth Form	Wed 24th Sept 1630-2030	Mid Jan/Feb
Sparsholt College	Saturday 27th Sept 1000- 1400	
HSDC - Havant	Wednesday 1st Oct	
Peter Symonds	Wed 1st Oct 1730-2030 Thursday 2nd Oct 1730-2030	Monday 15 th Dec
UTC Portsmouth	Wed 1st Oct 1645-1930 Wed 15th Oct 1645-1930	Saturday 10 th Jan
HSDC - Southdown's	Tuesday 7th Oct	
Chichester College	Tuesday 7th Oct 1630-1900	
Itchen Sixth Form College	Thursday 9th Oct 1700-2000 Saturday 11th Oct 100-1300	Easter Holidays
Fareham College	Tuesday 14th Oct 1700-1900	
COPC: Highbury Portsmouth Sixth Form North Harbour	Wednes 15th Oct 1630-1930 Thurs 16th October 1630- 1930	
Oaklands Sixth Form	Thurs 16th October 1730- 2000	Thursday 18 th Dec
Bishop Luffa Sixth Form	Thursday 23 rd Oct 1730- 2000	
Chichester College	Saturday 8th Nov 1000-1300	
HSDC – Havant and Southdown's	Saturday 8th Nov	
UTC	Saturday 8th Nov 0900-1200	Saturday 10 th Jan
CETC CEMAST	Wednesday 19th November	

MATHS IN YEAR 11

- Changes for 2025/26
- Journey to the exams
- How to help your child



CHANGES IN 2025/26

We have changed Exam Board to OCR

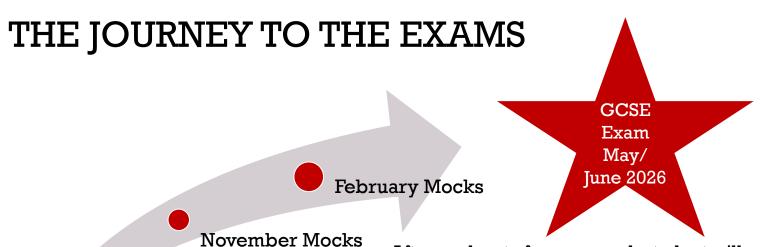
There are more marks per paper, with a similar amount of questions, therefore there are more marks awarded for method and process.

Historically the Grade Boundaries have been slightly kinder than Edexcel due to fewer schools taking the exam.

There are NO EXTRA TOPICS, there are actually fewer.

We will provide plenty of opportunity for exam practice.

Every student will receive a Revision Guide



Year 10 Mocks

- After each set of exams, each student will receive QLA sheets with analysis of where their strengths and weaknesses lie.
 - Period 6 will be every Wednesday and the topics covered published on Tutor group Google Classroom
 - Homework will be both Sparx Maths and Graded Focus Tasks (with exam style questions) THIS COUNTS AS REVISION AND MUST BE COMPLETED FOR FRIDAY EVERY WEEK

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Ensure your child is completing their homework each week.
- Maths is all about application of skills and knowledge, so encourage practice. Here are some useful websites:

https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/

https://www.onmaths.com/

- Equipment is essential!



Year 11 English

How to support your child in their English Revision

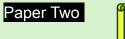
Overview of Exams:



19th Century Novel (either Jekyll and Hyde OR Frankenstein)

AND

Shakespeare (either Macbeth or Romeo and Juliet.)



19th May

Modern text: An Inspector Calls

Cluster Poetry: (Power and Conflict or Love and Relationships)

Unseen poetry

Unseen poetry comparison



Explorations in creative reading and writing.

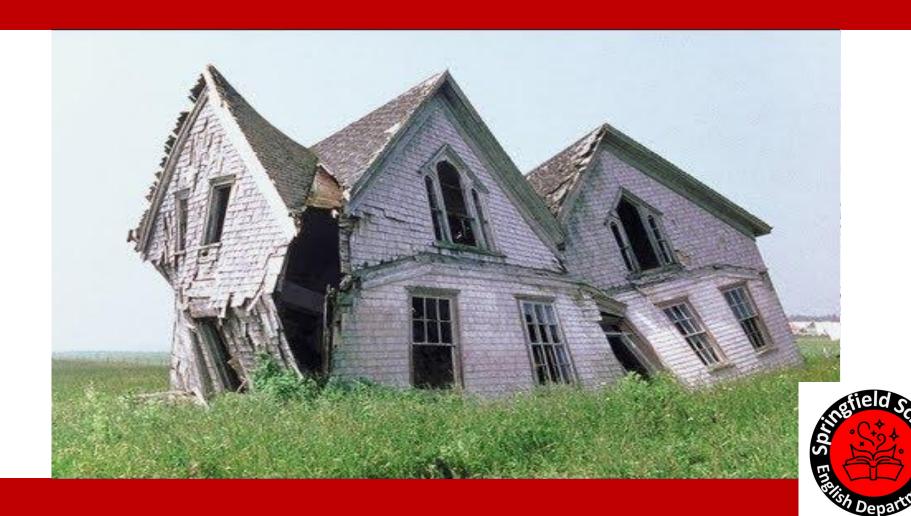
4 Reading comprehension and analysis questions and one creative writing question.





Writers Viewpoints and Perspectives.

4 Reading comprehension and analysis questions and one creative writing question.



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"I don't play golf"		+reject +denounce +bourgeoisie	Calls Eric a "silly boy" and Sheila a "hysterical child"		+infantilising +controlling +policing	"a man has to look after himself and his own"		+selfish +individualist +capitalist	
"chain of events"		+responsibility +socialism +collectivism	Calls Eva Smith a "girl of that class / that sort"		+dehumanising +inferior +proletariat	Interrupted by a "sharp ring of the door bell"		+interrupt +disrupt +status quo	
"millions and millions and millions of Eva Smiths and John Smiths"		+proletariat +suffering +oppressed	Inspector Goole says Mrs Birling metaphorically "slammed the door" in Eva's face		+rejecting +ignoring +proletariat	Calls Sheila and Eric "child"		+infantilising +controlling +policing	
People who don't learn their "lesson" will be taught it in "fire and blood and anguish"		+punishment +inevitable +unavoidable	Calls the inspection and Eva's death "silly" and "nonsense"		+trivialising +callous +hubristic	Calls the Inspection a "joke"		+trivialising +callous +hubristic	
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Calls her mother "mummy"		+infantilising +controlling +policing	Called "squiffy" by Sheila		+aggressive +volatile +violent	Says to the inspector "we're respectable citizens, not criminals"		+division +bourgeoisie +proletariat	
"we must not build a wall"		+division +barrier +exclude	Infantilised by his parents, who call him a "silly boy"		+infantilising +controlling +policing	Is mocked by Sheila for his foolish and ignorant hubris when she calls him a "fairy Prince"		+foolish +ignorant +hubris	
Both Sheila and Eric begin to speak +disrupt		+interrupt +disrupt +status quo	Says he was in a state where a chap "easily turns nasty"		+aggressive +volatile +violent	Thinks the inspection was a "bluff" and a "hoax"		+trivialising +callous +malevolent	
criticise their parents for "pretend[ing]" +co		+conceal +dogmatic		een told about the of his actions, Eric realises lined to kill her"	+responsibility +shared +collectivism		ys "everything's what about this		+cyclical +dogmatic +patriarchal





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How to know if you are completing effective and meaningful revision for English:

You should be producing something. With our subject, it is not enough to read through informationit's the practise that improves the responses. English is about the application of the skill, not the memory of facts.

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≰year 11 Language Exam Prep≥





Paper 2: Viewpoints and Perspectives. Practice question booklet.

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Pupils:

- Check Google classroom for any homework set.
- Complete any homework set each week.
- Attend period 6/0 sessions
- Complete any practice papers given to you by your teacher
- Upgrade your mock responses
- Proof read any written work in ANY SUBJECT and SPAG correct the errors.
- Take a look at the unseen texts booklets and practise any relevant mock question
- Watch Mr Bruff for Language revision- AQA
- Watch Mr Bruff for Literature Revision-AQA
- •Brush up on subject terminology- you may want to make flash cards.
- Watch Grammar Rock on YouTube to brush up on word classes
- Email any exam responses to your teacher
- Find relevant Kahoot quizzes for you to practise your knowledge.
- •Read the Guardian or Telegraph and work out the TAP of the text. Use two articles of a similar nature to have a go at paper 2 style questions.
- •Use revision guides to practise questions and email them to your teacher.

Adults:

- Check your child has everything they need to revise: access to the revision guides on Google Classroom or physical copies, knowledge organisers, vocabulary grids, highlighters if necessary.
- Ask your child (and test them!) about their knowledge of Versatile Vocabulary.
- Engage in conversations around their texts. You don't have to be the expert. In teaching you about them, they secure their knowledge.
- Ask them about why they think characters behave in the ways they do.
- Allow them access to the news- ask them about what the writer of the article thinks about the subject they are writing on and how they know.
- Test their knowledge of subject terminology with flash cards.
- Give them a timed session to practise papers at home.





Science

Science Assessments

The whole course is assessed at the end of year 11 with **SIX** exam papers

Separate scientists will sit six 100 mark papers that are 1 hour 45 minutes

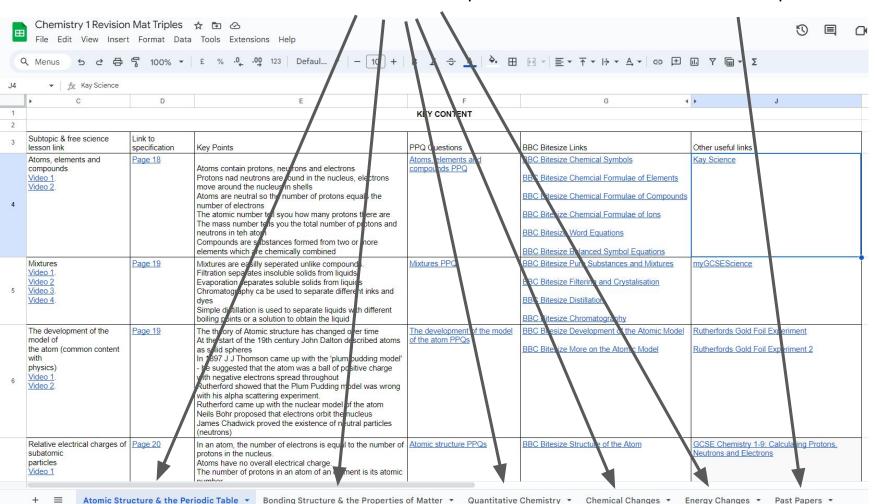
Combined scientists will sit six 70 mark papers that are 1 hour 15 minutes long

First mocks - Physics 1 and Biology 2 after October half term

40% Knowledge 40% Application 20% Analysis

Different tabs for each topic

Extra tab for whole topic revision







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Flash cards

Linked on the revision maps for you to print and enjoy!

4.4 Chemical changes Chemistry Higher only

97. As the pH decreases by one unit, the hydrogen ion concentration of the solution increases by a factor of what?

A: 10

4.4 Chemical changes Chemistry Higher only

98. Explain the difference between the terms dilute and concentrated, and weak and strong in relation to acids

A:

Dilute and concentrated describes the amount of OH- and H+ ions in a solution

weak and strong is the degree of ionisation (ability of the compound to separate into ions in a solution)

4.4 Chemical changes

99. When an ionic compound is melted or dissolved in water these liquids and solutions are able to conduct electricity and are called electrolytes. Why do they conduct electricity?

A: the ions are free to move about within the liquid or solution



4.4 Chemical changes

100. Positively charged ions move to the negative electrode (the cathode), and negatively charged ions move to the positive electrode (the anode). What process does this describe?

A: Electrolysis

4.4 Chemical changes

101. When a simple ionic compound such as lead bromide is electrolysed in the molten state using inert electrodes, what is produced at the cathode (negative electrode) and anode (positive electrode)?

A: The metal, lead (Pb), is produced at the cathode and the non-metal, bromine (Br), is produced at the anode.

4.4 Chemical changes

102. Aluminium is manufactured by the electrolysis of a molten mixture of aluminium oxide and cryolite using carbon as the positive electrode (anode). Why is cryolite used?

A: To reduce the amount of energy needed to liquidise the aluminium oxide

4.4 Chemical changes

 What products are formed at the cathode (negative electrode) and the

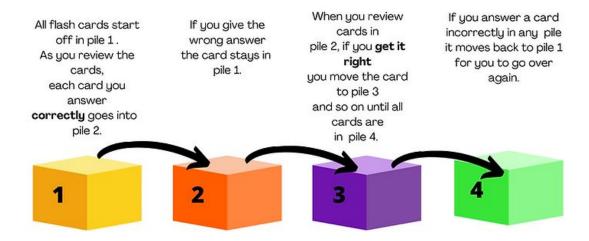
4.4 Chemical changes Higher tier only

104. During electrolysis, at the cathode (negative electrode), do

4.5 Energy changes

105. A reaction that transfers energy to the surroundings so the temperature of the surroundings

Leitner System



The whole idea behind the system is that flashcards you answer incorrectly are revised more frequently. This is the perfect way to

You can choose the frequency that you revise each pile however, a suggestion is: Pile 1: Every day

Pile 2: Every 2 days

Pile 3: Every 3 days

Pile 4: Every 4 days

Physics Equations

13 to use for Physics paper 1

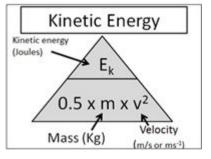
8 to use for Physics paper 2

Plus 2 extra for Separate Sciences

You need to know the correct units and how to convert to them e.g. from g to kg or from minutes to seconds

You need to be able to rearrange the equations and convert the units

Practise finding the correct equation from the 2-sided sheet provided



kinetic energy = $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$	$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m \iota$
elastic potential energy = 0.5 × spring constant × (extension) ²	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e$
gravitational potential energy = mass × gravitational field strength × height	$E_p = m g h$
change in thermal energy = mass × specific heat capacity × temperature change	$\Delta E = m c \Delta c$
power = energy transferred time	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
$power = \frac{work done}{time}$	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
$efficiency = \frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$	
$efficiency = \frac{useful power output}{total power input}$	
charge flow = current × time	Q = It
potential difference = current × resistance	V = IR
power = potential difference × current	P = VI
power = (current) ² × resistance	$P = I^2 R$
energy transferred = power × time	E = P t

Required Practicals

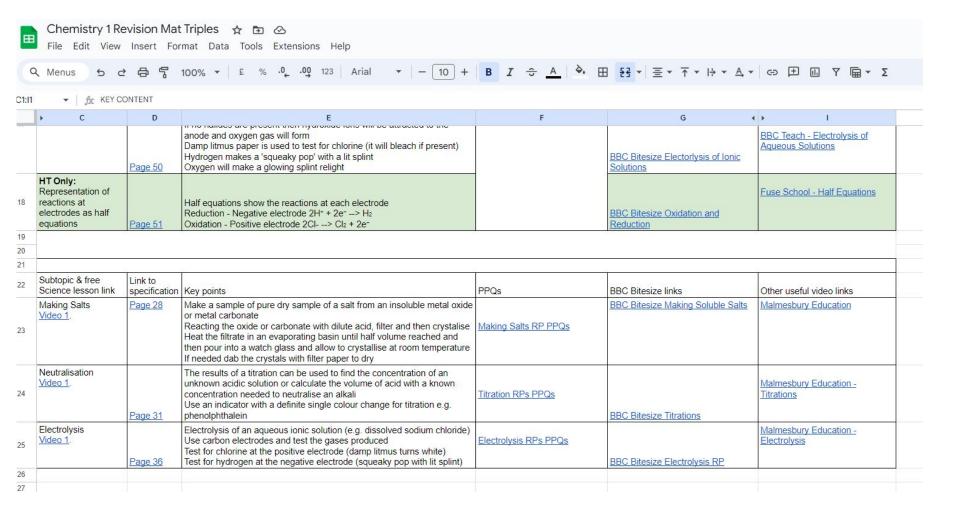
You will be assessed on your understanding of the practicals as part of your final exams

Required practicals

Use the Springfield Revision Maps

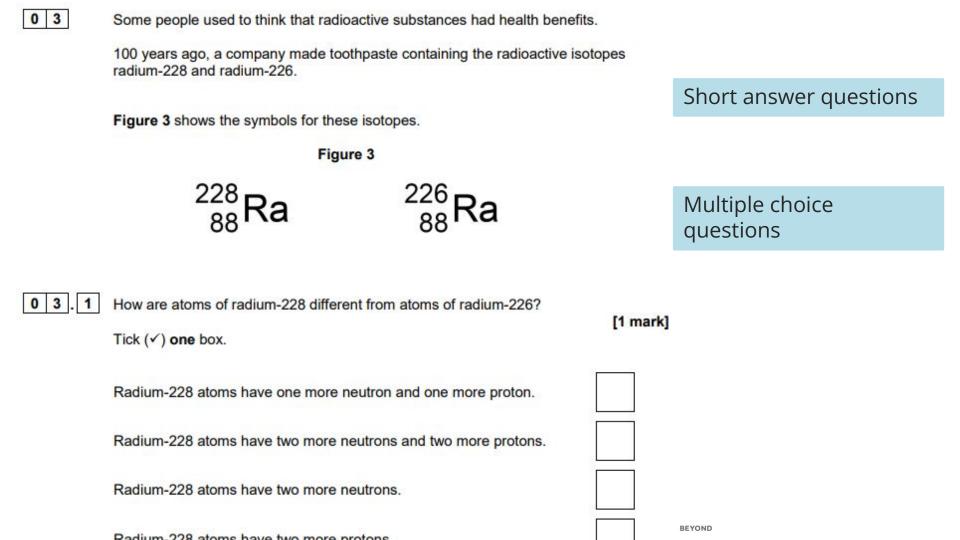
Videos of all the practicals needed for the course. Watch videos and make method notes Identify independent, dependent and control variables

Microscopy Osmosis Food tests **Enzymes Photosynthesis** Reaction times Field investigations Making salts Neutralisation **Electrolysis** Temperature changes Rates of reaction Chromatography Water purification Specific heat capacity Resistance I-V characteristics Density Force and extension Acceleration Waves Radiation and absorption



0 7	Last century, scientists used evidence from the alpha particle scattering experiment to develop a new model of the atom. In the experiment, alpha particles were directed towards a piece of gold foil.
0 7.1	What does an alpha particle consist of? [1 mark]
0 7.2	A gold atom has the symbol $^{197}_{79}$ Au. How many neutrons are there in this gold atom? [1 mark]
	Number of neutrons =

Short answer questions



0 4 . 4	For one value of potential difference, the measurements of current were:							
	0.27 A 0.32 A 0.31 A	0.31 A						
				Short answer questions				
	Calculate the mean current.		[2 m	arks]				
	Mean current =			Multiple choice questions				
				A				
				Calculate questions				

Describe how the actual results led to the plum pudding model of the atom being replaced by the nuclear model.

Figure 11 shows the results predicted by the plum pudding model and the actual results from the alpha particle scattering experiment.

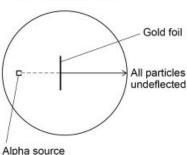
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You should include details of the plum pudding model and the nuclear model of the atom.

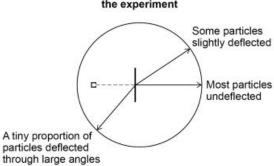
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Results predicted by plum pudding model



Actual results from the experiment



expected to write an extended response.

Answers need to be

question. Pupils are

This is a **6 mark**

[6 marks]

Answers need to be logically sequenced and links made



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We all know some of the best ways to revise, from getting lots of sleep and giving yourself enough time. But what about sniffing lemons and tweaking your ear?