

Important Dates

Subject Consultation Evenings

- Napier & Trenchard– 16th January.
- Henning & Stratford – 23rd January.

This evening's presentation is available on the school website.

Tutor Consultation Day

- Friday 17th July.

Mocks

- Fortnight from 29th June - 10th July for all subjects.



Aims of this evening

- To outline key aspects of the core GCSEs.
- To lay out expectations of GCSE study.
- To advise you on how best to support your son/daughter.
- To give key information about the core subjects.



GCSE grades

- GCSE grades are awarded between 1-9.
- A grade 4 is considered a 'standard pass' and 5 is considered a 'strong pass'.
- A grade below a 4 will mean a re-sit in maths and/or English.



How do we support students?

- Outstanding learning in the classroom.
- Opportunity to extend and consolidate learning through subject specific homework clubs.
- Focused homework.
- Revision material (revision guides).
- Revision strategies.
- Tracking their progress and communicating with you.
- Support and targeted intervention from tutor through academic tutorials.
- College team intervention.



Successful students

- Have their planner in every lesson and are writing down all homework (including revision).
- Always have the correct books and equipment.
- Show a positive attitude towards learning, including wearing consistently correct uniform and demonstrating excellent behaviour.
- Take pride in their class work.
- Have a structured routine and space to work at home.
- Build revision up over time.
- Active revision – **doing** not reading or being passive.
- Have a clear vision of what lies beyond GCSE.



How can you support your child?

- Be aware of what subjects/topics your child is studying.
- Look at their planner regularly and ask questions like “what homework have you got tonight?” or “What are you going to study this evening?”.
- Be aware of what is going on in school (including clubs and opportunities).
- Ensure they have a suitable place to work – free from distraction.
- Help them to manage their routine (sleep, meals, exercise)
- Open conversation about post-16 options.
- Test them and let them teach you.



Revision material

GCSE Revision Materials

The following resources are available to purchase to support your child's learning.



Subject	Exam Board	Resource(s)	Cost	Available from
Business	EDEXCEL	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide.	£5.99	Teachers, Online.
Computer Science	AQA	AQA GCSE Computer Science My Revision Notes or GCSE (9-1) Computer Science Textbook.	£9 / £17	Online.
Creative iMedia	OCR	My revision notes - Creative iMedia L1/L2 (Hodder).	£7.20	Teachers (via ParentPay).
D&T: Food	OCR	OCR GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition – My Revision Notes.	£8.99	Online.
D&T: Graphics	AQA	Collins Revision Guide – Design & Technology	£4.00	Teachers.
D&T: Resistant Materials	WJEC/EDUQAS	Pocket posters – GCSE Design and Technology..	£4.00	Teachers.
D&T: Systems and Control	EDUQAS	Collins Revision Guide – Design & Technology.	£4.00	Teachers.
D&T: Textiles	AQA	GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Guide.	£10.00	Teachers.
Dance	AQA	No materials available – a Monday lunchtime revision club is available.	-	-
Drama	WJEC	CGP GCSE revision guide and DNA specific revision guide	£5.95 each	Online (CGP books)
English Language	AQA	A range of resources are available. Please consult their English teacher directly, as texts vary between classes.	Varies	Teachers, English staff base.
English Literature	AQA			
French	AQA	CGP revision guide and CGP workbook.	£3 each	Teachers.
Geography	AQA	Oxford AQA GCSE revision guide (9-1).	£6.00	Teachers.
German	AQA	CGP revision guide and CGP workbook.	£3.00 each	Teachers.
Health and Social Care	OCR	Cambridge National level 1/2: Health & social care (Judith Adams).	£8.99	Online.
History	AQA	Oxford AQA GCSE History revision guides (one for each topic).	£6.00 each	Teachers, Online.
Maths	EDEXCEL	CGP Revision Guide / Workbook / Exam Workbook. Students also need a calculator (£8) and geometry set (£1).	£2.85 each	Teachers, Maths Office.
Media	PEARSON	<i>All materials are provided in class.</i>	-	-
Music	EDEXCEL	Blue Rhinegold Revision guide.	£9.95	www.musicroom.com
PE	OCR	<i>Students order these at the start of the GCSE course.</i>	-	-
Science	AQA	CGP revision guides for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Workbooks for Biology, Chemistry and Physics (£4 each) or Combined Science (£6.50).	£5.00 (revision guide)	Teachers, Science prep room.
Spanish	AQA	CGP revision guide and CGP workbook.	£3.00 each	Teachers.
Theology & Ethics	AQA	Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide.	£9.99	Online.

Please collect a list at the end if you didn't get one on the way in!



English

Rachel Glennie



English

- 2 GCSEs (English Language and English Literature)
- 4 exams – English Literature is always first
- 1 Spoken Language Endorsement (as part of the Language GCSE)



English Literature

- Takes the majority of class time – analytical skills are honed with this GCSE.
- They need to be able to talk about 'the big ideas' in the texts. What's the author's message?
- You can help by talking to them about the texts. What do they think about characters and themes? What is the author trying to say? How can you tell? What are the pivotal moments of the texts and why?
- You can help by testing them on quotations to do with characters, settings and themes and by making sure that they begin revision early. What does the text / language make them think / feel / imagine?



English text books

- We're not able to provide students with personal copies of the literature texts to take home anymore.
- There are class copies of the texts available for use in lessons. Each class teacher also has a bundle of the texts on ParentPay if you wish to purchase them. Students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with the books.
- Electronic versions of the texts are available on the T drive for students to access when completing homework and revision. T:\English\5. ELECTRONIC GCSE TEXTS. This is for all texts apart from 'DNA'.
- We've chosen these versions of the texts because we think they are the most useful for students.



English Club

- Students are welcome to come and receive support in English every night after school between 3.30 and 4.30 in C25 in the English block.
- Students need to bring work with them, or something that they would like to be clarified.
- Different teachers are there on different nights.



Reading

Teenagers who choose to pick up a book for pleasure are more likely to succeed in life.

- It helps children to do better at school.
- It improves concentration.
- It improves imagination.
- It increases vocabulary.
- It helps teenagers develop empathy.



Revision Guides

- Revision guides can be useful to help students to focus their revision. Most will contain self test questions to check their understanding.
- We have guides available in the English dept. if students wish to buy them for both Literature and Language.
- Your son / daughter should check with their class teacher about the appropriate guide for them.



Maths

Claire Tanner



Maths (Higher\Foundation)

- Know which formulae need to be remembered.
- Have calculator (not a phone) and geometry set.
- Maths clubs.
- Revision Guides and Workbooks.
- **corbettmaths.com/5-a-day and mathsgenie**



In an office there are twice as many females as males.

$\frac{1}{4}$ of the females wear glasses.

$\frac{3}{8}$ of the males wear glasses.

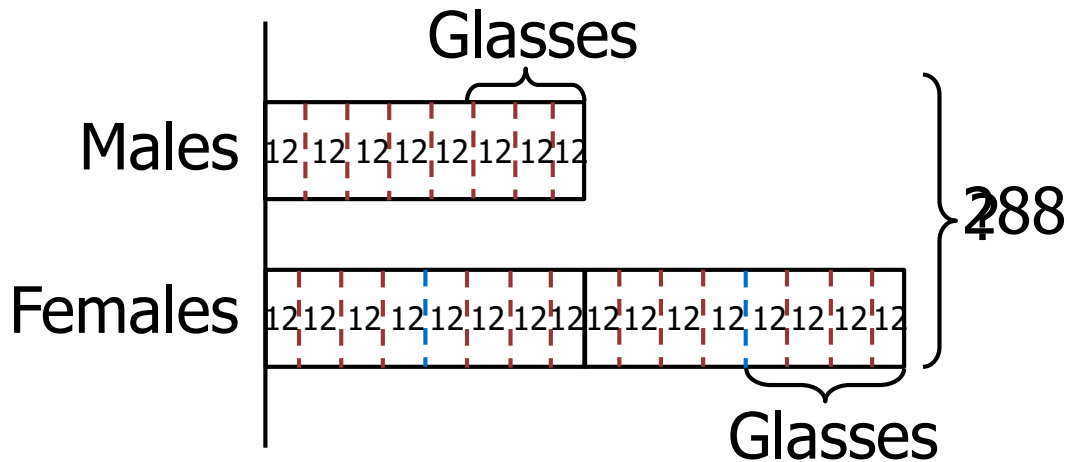
84 people in the office wear glasses.

Work out the number of people in the office.



$$12 \times 24 =$$

Model



Calculations

$$84 \div 7 = 12$$

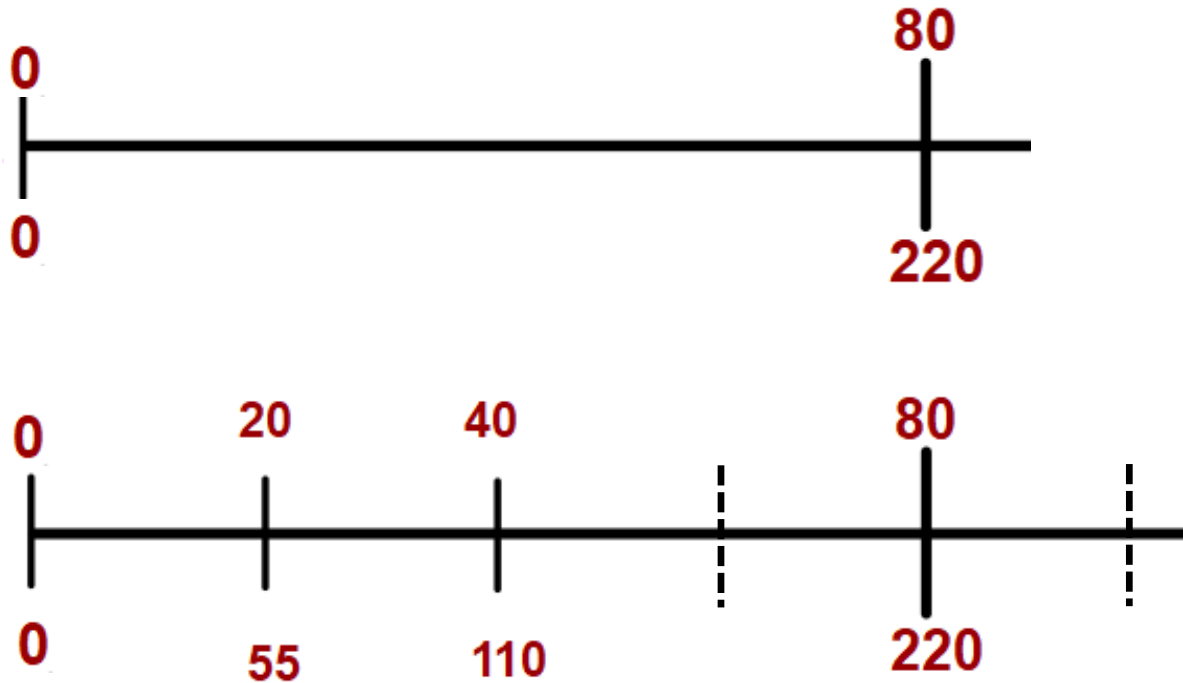
$$12 \times 24 = 288$$

There are 288 people in the office.



In a '20% off' sale, a bicycle costs £220.

How much was the full price of the bicycle?



Science

Andrew Ellison



Science

- Sets 1-4 are following Triple Award (Biology, Chemistry, Physics).
- Sets 5-9 follow Double Award Combined Science (mixed ability).
- Students have tests at the end of each ½ term. Your support with students preparing for these tests is appreciated.
- STEM clubs after school to join. Curriculum support happens closer to exams in Year 11.



Science

- <http://www.passmyexams.co.uk/>

Pass my ex(A)ms

- <https://www.doddlearn.co.uk/>

DODDLE

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>



Thank you

The college leaders and heads of department
will be available for questions.

