



2024/25

Year 11 Mock Exams (Oct/Nov)

**Student and Parent Preparation Booklet**



# Year 11 Exams

These exams will take place during the period

**Monday 21 October 2024**  
**to**  
**Friday 8 November 2024**

This document contains our subject specific preparation guidance for each subjects examination. Please use this guide to learn about how each subjects exam will run and what content will be covered and what resources are available for them to best prepare.

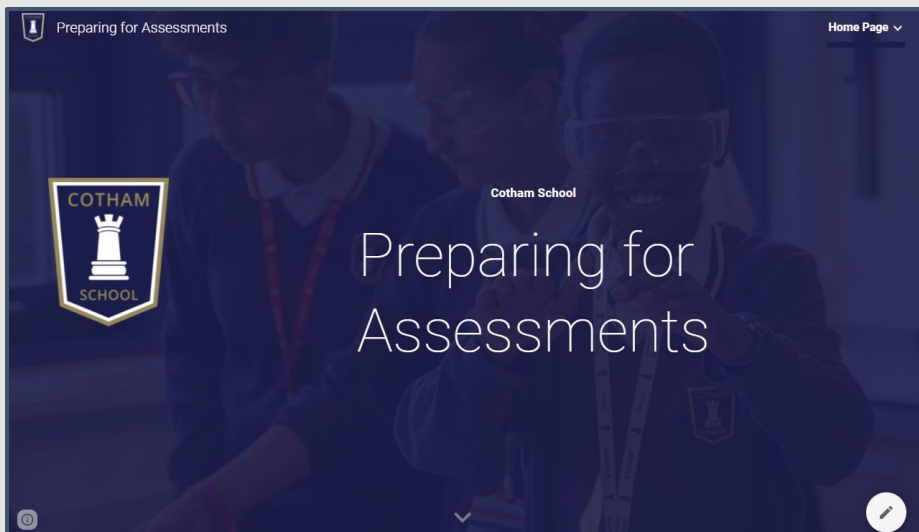
Plan your preparation with this free printable [Preparation Timetable](#)



# Preparing for Assessment Portal

<https://sites.google.com/cotham.bristol.sch.uk/preparing-for-assessments>

- We have created an online portal to support students with their continued learning and preparation for exams and assessments.
- The portal draws upon the latest cognitive research on how people best learn and retain knowledge to highlight and recommend two main strategies to use when preparing for assessments and exams.
- For KS4 and KS5 the portal contains further links to the research, guidance on how to use exam papers, and on how to manage your well being during assessment periods.



**Self Quizzing** (Retrieval Practice)  
(High Impact)

Self-testing (retrieval practice) to or taking practice tests to check knowledge.

**Distributed practice**  
(High Impact)

Spreading out study over time with a schedule

Using Self Quizzing Techniques [click to view](#)

Using Distributed Practice [click to view](#)

**You should use these techniques to prepare for your assessments**



# Preparation Guides

[English Literature](#)

[English Language](#)

[Maths](#)

[Separate Science](#)

[Combined Science](#)

[Ancient History](#)

[History](#)

[Geography](#)

[Religious Studies](#)

[French](#)

[German](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Art, Craft & Design](#)

[Computer Science](#)

[Food Science](#)

[Interactive Media](#)

[Business](#)

[Child Development](#)

[Sociology](#)

[Drama](#)

[BTEC Music](#)

[Art](#)

[Engineering](#)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>English Literature</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	<b>50 minutes</b>
<b>Content</b>	Students will analyse an extract from the Victorian text they're currently studying ('A Christmas Carol' or 'Jekyll and Hyde') and write an essay based on it. For example: 'How does Dickens present charity in this extract and the wider novel?'/ 'How does Stevenson present Hyde as a fearful character in this extract and the wider novel?'		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use your exercise books and copies of the novel to revise the plot, characters, context and a few key quotations.</li> <li>2. Revise key critical vocabulary and how to use it to discuss themes.</li> <li>3. Try BBC Bitesize -there's plenty there on '<a href="#">Jekyll and Hyde</a>' and '<a href="#">A Christmas Carol</a>'</li> <li>4. Sparknotes is a useful online revision resource: '<a href="#">Jekyll and Hyde</a>' and '<a href="#">A Christmas Carol</a>'</li> <li>5. Don't forget the wealth of resources on <a href="#">Seneca</a> and <a href="#">GCSE POD</a> (Log in with 'Google')</li> </ol>		
<b>Additional Information</b>			
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Tuesday 22 October - p3&4 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>English Language</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1h 45
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>Language Paper 1</b> - read an extract of <b>fiction</b> and answer 4 questions. You will be assessed on: <u>language analysis</u> (“How does the writer use language to ...”); <u>structural analysis</u> (“How has the writer structured the text to interest you as a reader?”) and <u>evaluation of a critical statement</u> (e.g. “A student said this was the most chilling part of the extract..., to what extent do you agree?”)</p> <p>The writing section is a piece of <b>narrative or descriptive writing</b> in response to an image.</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Look at the prep done this term in purple and yellow exercise books (Q3 and 4)</li> <li>2. Practise some creative writing</li> <li>3. Use <a href="#">Seneca</a> and <a href="#">GCSE POD</a> (Log in with ‘Google’) to help you prepare for Paper 1</li> <li>4. There are past papers/ markschemes/ exemplars on our <a href="#">weebly</a> for you to practise from</li> </ol>		
<b>Additional Information</b>			
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Monday 21 October - p1&2 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1 h 30 min - calculator exam
<b>Content</b>	Whole course (GCSE past paper)		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p>See <a href="#">revision list</a></p> <p>The <a href="#">revision list</a> has detailed links to the textbook, mymaths and revision guide. Revision guides can be bought using WisePAY using the link <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Students can also use <a href="#">Sparxmaths</a> for independent revision. They can retry questions they have found hard in previous homeworks using <b>XP boost</b> and <b>Target Practice</b>. They can also search and revise specific topics using <b>Independent Learning</b>.</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	Students can get extra help with revision in the Maths HW Club, on Mon or Wed after school in room A209.		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Tuesday 5 November - p3&4 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Separate Science</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry & Physics Each exam is 1 hour 45 mins
<b>Content</b>	<a href="#">Biology Paper 1</a> (B1 - B9) <a href="#">Chemistry Paper 1</a> (C1 - C7) <a href="#">Physics Paper 1</a> (P1 - P7)		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p>Ensure you have found out from your teacher which tier you are sitting. Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers and links by topic.</p> <p><a href="#">Foundation</a>                      <a href="#">Higher</a></p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>You can also use <a href="#">Kerboodle</a> (speak to your teacher if you don't know your log in), <a href="#">freesciencelesson</a> videos on YouTube and Seneca</p> <p>Ensure you bring the following <b>equipment</b>: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator (ideally scientific)</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>Biology - Monday 21 October - p3&amp;4 - Sports Hall  Chemistry - Monday 4 November - p3&amp;4 - Sports Hall  Physics - Tuesday 5 November - p1&amp;2 - Sports Hall</p>		





<b>Subject</b>	<b>Combined Science</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	3 exams: Biology, Chemistry & Physics Each exam is 1 hour 15 mins
<b>Content</b>	Biology Paper 1 (B1 - B9) Chemistry Paper 1 (C1 - C7) Physics Paper 1 (P1 - P7) <a href="#">Specification link here</a> - (chemistry paper 1 p63-93, physics paper 1 p114-136, biology paper 1 p20-42)		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	Follow the links below to the preparation guidance. Includes past papers, knowledge organisers and links by topic. Ensure you have found out from your teacher which tier you are sitting <a href="#">Foundation</a> <a href="#">Higher</a>  You can also use <a href="#">Kerboodle</a> (speak to your teacher if you don't know your log in), <a href="#">freesciencelesson</a> videos on YouTube and Seneca.		
<b>Additional Information</b>	Please ensure you bring the following equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator (ideally scientific)		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Biology - Monday 21 October - p3&4 - Sports Hall Chemistry - Monday 4 November - p3&4 - Sports Hall Physics - Tuesday 5 November - p1&2 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ancient History</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1 hour
<b>Content</b>	Persia - <a href="#">Link to specification</a>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you</li> <li>● <b>Use the revision techniques <i>Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams</i> [<a href="https://app.diagrams.net/">https://app.diagrams.net/</a>] and <i>Flash Cards</i> (See end of this booklet) with your notes in your exercise books <b>NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!)</b></b></li> <li>● <b>Use the revision schedule so you are not leaving all your revision to the last minute</b></li> <li>● Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Additional Information</b>			
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Wednesday 23 October P1		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1hr 30 mins
<b>Content</b>	Paper 1 Geography <a href="#">Link to specification</a> Section 1 Natural Hazards Section 2 The Living World Section 3 Physical Landscapes of the UK		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the revision schedule that has been prepared for you</li> <li><i>Use your class notes and the Purple CGP Revision Guide</i> Start at the front and work through. FYI: You can either use the Case Examples (studies) we did in class OR what's in the guide, it doesn't matter which as long as you can remember the <b>specific details</b> e.g. date of event, death toll (social impact), cost of repair (economic impact) etc.</li> <li>Use the revision techniques <i>Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams</i> [<a href="https://app.diagrams.net/">https://app.diagrams.net/</a>] and <i>Flash Cards</i> (See end of this <i>booklet</i>) with your notes in your exercise books <b>NEVER EVER JUST READ</b> (this rarely cements new content in your head!)</li> <li>Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc</a></li> <li>Use GCSEpod <a href="https://www.gcsepod.com">https://www.gcsepod.com</a> to catch up on any lessons missed throughout the course.</li> <li>Use Seneca: <a href="https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gg28c/assignments">https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gg28c/assignments</a></li> <li>Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: <a href="https://classroom.google.com/u/1/w/NTk3ODM5Mzk0NTFa/t/all">https://classroom.google.com/u/1/w/NTk3ODM5Mzk0NTFa/t/all</a></li> <li>Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	For any students aiming for a grade 7, 8 or 9 use the stretch and challenge activities on Google Classroom to enrich your understanding of key questions and topics already covered. <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1LrMMTY-YZQpKbBnwtN-RV4bJGBkfScui">Geography -https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1LrMMTY-YZQpKbBnwtN-RV4bJGBkfScui</a> <a href="#">Google Drive</a>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Tuesday 22 October - p1&2 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1 hour
<b>Content</b>	Germany 1890-1945 <a href="#">Specification link</a>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the revision techniques Brainstorming, Spider Diagrams [<a href="https://app.diagrams.net/">https://app.diagrams.net/</a>] and Flash Cards (See end of this booklet) with your notes in your exercise books NEVER EVER JUST READ (this rarely cements new content in your head!)</li> <li>• Follow the revision guide schedule that is being set by your teachers.</li> <li>• Use the revision <a href="#">powerpoint</a> as a way to structure your revision</li> <li>• Use the text, videos and quizzes on BBC Bitesize <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc</a> and select secondary – England – History – AQA – first few topics that we have studied (not the whole GCSE yet).</li> <li>• Use GCSEpod <a href="https://www.gcsepod.com">https://www.gcsepod.com</a> (Students self-register through the website using name and school details) to catch up on any lessons missed throughout the course.</li> <li>• Use Seneca: <a href="https://app.senecalarning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments">https://app.senecalarning.com/dashboard/class/mu125gq28c/assignments</a></li> <li>• Use the dedicated Google Classroom revision page: <a href="https://classroom.google.com/u/0/r/MTc4NDM2MzA5ODM2/sort-last-name">https://classroom.google.com/u/0/r/MTc4NDM2MzA5ODM2/sort-last-name</a></li> <li>• Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For any students aiming for a grade 7, 8 or 9 use the stretch and challenge activities on Google Classroom to enrich your understanding of key questions and topics already covered. <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/13wYJgCWZZMUrokLAoeDmrfqm5kfzLbIQ">https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/13wYJgCWZZMUrokLAoeDmrfqm5kfzLbIQ</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	Monday 4 November - p5 - Sports Hall		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Religious Studies</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	1 hour
<b>Content</b>	<p>The maximum mark for this paper is 51.</p> <p>Islamic Beliefs (all content) Islamic Practices (all content)</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use your revision schedule and attached methods to revise specific content.</li> <li>● See Google classroom for live SENECA assignments that correspond to your revision guide.</li> <li>● Use your copy of the revision guides.</li> <li>● Use the following link to go to BBC bitesize and revise.</li> <li>● Practise applying your knowledge against exam questions found <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>Wednesday 23rd October P4 - in class Thursday 24th October P2 - in class</p>		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	<p>3 papers          Listening 35/45 mins (F/H)          Reading 45/60 mins (F/H)          Writing 60/75 mins (F/H)</p> <p>Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 2.</p>
<b>Content</b>	<p>All three <a href="#">themes</a>          Theme 1: Identity and culture          Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest          Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p><a href="#">MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan</a>  <a href="#">Cotham French KS4 website</a>          Exercise books and CGP revision guides.</p> <p><b>Other useful revision sites:</b>          Kerboodle French GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>ALL <b>Reading</b> exam: Monday 21st Oct p5 - SPORTS HALL          ALL <b>Writing</b> exam - Tuesday 5 November - p5 - SPORTS HALL          X group: <b>Listening</b> F Wed 6th Nov / <b>Listening</b> H Thurs 7th Nov - in class          Z group: <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 23rd Oct / <b>Listening</b> H: Monday 11th Nov* - in class</p>		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	<p>3 papers          Listening 35/45 mins (F/H)          Reading 45/60 mins (F/H)          Writing 60/75 mins (F/H)</p> <p>Speaking mock will take place towards the end of term 2.</p>
<b>Content</b>	<p>All three <a href="#">themes</a>          Theme 1: Identity and culture          Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest          Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p><a href="#">MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan</a>  <a href="#">Cotham MFL KS4 website</a>          Exercise books and CGP revision guides.</p> <p><b>Other useful revision sites:</b>          Kerboodle French GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>ALL <b>Reading</b> exam - Monday 21st October - p5 - SPORTS HALL          ALL <b>Writing</b> exam - Tuesday 5 November - p5 - SPORTS HALL          X group: <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 6th Nov / <b>Listening</b> H: Thurs 7th Nov - in class          Y group: <b>Listening</b> H Thursday 24th Oct / <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 6th Nov - in class</p>		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	<p>3 papers          Listening 35/45 mins (F/H)          Reading 45/60 mins (F/H)          Writing 60/75 mins (F/H)</p> <p>Speaking - mock will take place towards the end of term 2.</p>
<b>Content</b>	<p>All three <a href="#">themes</a>          Theme 1: Identity and culture          Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest          Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p><a href="#">MFL Cotham School Home Learning Revision Plan</a>  <a href="#">Cotham MFL KS4 website</a>          Exercise books and CGP revision guides.</p> <p><b>Other useful revision sites:</b>          Kerboodle French GCSE 9-1; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Quizlet; GCSE Pod; Languagesonline</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Ensure you are using your Y10 books and knowledge organisers to revise thoroughly all content.</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>ALL <b>Reading</b> exam- Monday 21st October p5 - SPORTS HALL          ALL <b>Writing</b> exam - Tuesday 5 November - p5 - SPORTS HALL          X group: <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 6th Nov/ <b>Listening</b> H: Thursday 7th Nov - in class          Y group: <b>Listening</b> H Thursday 24th Oct / <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 6th Nov - in class          Z group: <b>Listening</b> F: Wed 23rd Oct / <b>Listening</b> H: Mon 11th Nov* - in class</p>		





<b>Subject</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	Paper 1 (45 mins) Paper 2 (60 mins) 1 hour 45 minutes
<b>Content</b>	<p>All content studied up to that point:  Covering content:  Section 1 - Algorithms  Section 2 - Programming (Pseudocode &amp; Python)  Section 3 – Data Representation  Section 4 – Computer Systems  Section 5 - Computer Networks  Section 6 - CyberSecurity</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p>Course Teaching Website:  <a href="http://www.mrahmedcomputing.co.uk">www.mrahmedcomputing.co.uk</a>  Course Textbook  Course revision guide  Exam Questions on teaching website</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>			
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>11Y/CO1 FA P3 + P4 - 23/10/2024 - in class  11X/CO1 SR P1 + P2 - 08/11/2024 - in class</p>		



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Food Science</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	45 mins
<b>Content</b>			
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	No Mock Examination is taking place due to Non Examined Assessment at 15% of the Final Grade.		
<b>Date of Exams</b>			



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Interactive Media</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	90 mins
<b>Content</b>	<p>Content area 1 Types of interactive media products and their features</p> <p>Content area 2 Interactive media and the audience</p> <p>Content area 3 Software and hardware options for interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 4 Product proposals and planning for interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 5 Developing an interactive media product</p> <p>Content area 6 Promotion and presentation of interactive media products</p> <p>Content area 7 Review of production processes and final product</p>		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p>Subject website for each of the content areas can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Collection of quizzes including multiple choice and fill in the missing words to be linked here.</p> <p>Link to revision questions and exam checklist <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Mix of multiple choice and short paragraph answers.</p>		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	<p>11Z/IM AK - Tuesday 12 November - p1&amp;2 - IN CLASS</p>		



Subject	<b>GCSE Business (Eduqas)</b>		Length of Exam	1 hr 45mins
<b>Content</b>	Unit 1 Business Activity Unit 2 Influences on Business Unit 3 Business Operations Unit 4 Finance Unit 5 Marketing			
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	<p>Students have access to the revision guide either in physical copy or via Google Classroom. The revision book answers are also on the class page.</p> <p>Google Classroom contains: Key terms lists by topic, glossary for all units, lesson slides/resources, revision videos, command word banks, video walkthroughs of past questions and tricky topics and links to revision websites.</p> <p>We have also made a checklist of revision topics for the mock, with linked videos and resources for each topic. There is one for <a href="#">Y10 content</a> and one for <a href="#">Y11 content</a>.</p>			
<b>Additional Information</b>	Students will need a <b>calculator</b> and <b>ruler</b> for the exam			
<b>Date of Exams</b>	All classes: Monday 4 November - p1&2 (Sports Hall)			



Subject	Child Development	Length of Exam	n/a
Content			
Preparation Resources	There will be no mock exam for CD due to NEA completion.		
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Length of Exam</b>	55 mins
<b>Content</b>	Crime and Deviance: Section of Paper 2.		
<b>Preparation Resources</b>	Revision Guide. AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology revision guide. <a href="#">Tutor2u Videos</a> Key studies booklet Seneca Further <a href="#">revision guidance</a>		
<b>Additional Information</b>	Google Classroom contains lots of additional materials to help you revise.		
<b>Date of Exams</b>	11Y (AA) Weds 13th Nov (P3/4) - in class 11Z (SC/DT) Tues 12th Nov (P1/2) - in class		



Subject	Drama	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their performance work for their final C3 assessment. Due to this, <b>no mock exam will take place during this window.</b>		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			



Subject	BTEC Music	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	Students will be in the process of developing their final C3 assessment. Due to this, no mock exam will take place during this window.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			





Subject	Art	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	No Mock Examination is taking place as the All you Can Eat Project and Identity Project account for 60% of the final grade. A mock examination will take place in December and communication will be sent home regarding this.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			



Subject	Engineering	Length of Exam	N/A
Content	No Mock Examination is taking place due to Unit 1 Non Examined Assessment at 40% of the Final Grade.		
Preparation Resources			
Additional Information			
Date of Exams			

