

# Y9 End of Year Exams Preparation



Subject	What will be in the exam?	How can I revise?
Maths	<p>There will be 2 exams, one non-calculator and one calculator paper. Both will be 1 hour and 60 marks. It could contain any of the content learned in lessons this year, or the core skills learned across Year 7 and 8.</p> <p>These papers will play a significant part in decisions around whether you are likely to be grouped into Higher or Foundation tier classes in Year 10.</p>	<p><b>How can I revise?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the notes in your blue book revision guide; this should contain all the key methods you have recorded this year.</li> <li>2. When revising, it can be hard to know which topics you find more challenging. Using <a href="#">this Mathsgenie link</a>, work through the stage 1 and stage 2 assessments (using the “Mathsgrader” assessment) to help with those trickier topics. Then use the videos and practice questions above to improve those topics before reattempting the next assessment. Work through the various stages – making flashcards on those weaker skills can help you to practice and retain this knowledge.</li> <li>3. Review previously set homework (e.g. on mymaths), starting with those tasks that were below 100% or took multiple attempts to complete.</li> <li>4. Use the <a href="#">Maths revision website</a> to review older topics. The completed “Key Stage 3 – Green Guides” section will show key notes from previous years, or you could use the Maths Memory//practice websites to help.</li> </ol>
English	<p>You will have one exam which is split into two sections. It is 1hr 30mins long. You should aim to spend 45mins on each section.</p>	<p><b>10 Ways to Revise for English: Poetry</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use your flashcards – test yourself on your key technical terms.</li> </ol>

The first section will provide you with one of the five poems from your GCSE anthology 'Worlds and Lives' and ask you to compare it with another poem of your choice from the five you have studied. These poems are: 'A Portable Paradise'; 'A Wider View'; 'Homing'; 'In a London Drawing Room'; 'Like an Heiress'. You will be expected to quote from the second poem from memory.

The second section will give you a choice of two creative writing tasks. You will only be required to choose one to complete. The tasks will be to write a description or the opening of a story based on a prompt. This might be an image, a theme or a title.

2. Re-annotate your poems – print out blank copies and annotate them from memory, then check against your book.
3. Create a mindmap about a poem – put the poem title in the centre of a page and write down everything you can remember about it.
4. Create theme mindmaps – put a theme in the centre of a page and write down every idea you can think of related to that theme from lots of different poems.
5. Create context revision cards – write down key facts on post-it notes or flashcards and revisit them.
6. Practise planning answers – get a practice question and create a list or mindmap essay plan.
7. Write practice answers – get a practice question and write an essay. Give it to your teacher for some feedback.
8. Quotation explosions – choose key quotations from each poem and write your analytical ideas around the edge.
9. Look, say, cover, write, check – write out your quotations, say them aloud, then cover them up and write them from memory. Check how well you got on and repeat until you get them completely right!
10. Test a friend on quotations – ask your friend to give you a test on the quotations you are learning. How many can you say correctly?

### 5 Ways to Revise for English: Creative Writing

1. Prepare a list of excellent descriptive lexical choices that you plan to use. They'll need to be about fairly generic things, e.g.:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. verbs to describe ways characters might move</li> <li>b. adjectives to describe characters' appearances</li> <li>c. ways to describe weather, time of day, or temperature, to create atmosphere</li> </ul> <p>Then test yourself: look, say, cover, write, check / flashcards as above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Make sure you know how to use a semi-colon, colon, and dash. If you're not sure, try using Educake to help you practise. You could also prepare a set of sentences, or sentence structures, that you intend to use.</li> <li>3. Practise planning pieces – use Google images to generate pictures, and give yourself 10 minutes to plan the beginning, middle, and end of your piece in response.</li> <li>4. Practise writing pieces. Use your plans as above, and spend 45 minutes writing an answer. You could use the guide sheet to help you do this.</li> <li>5. Create a self-check list – and commit it to memory – of things that you know you absolutely must include in your piece in the exam. You could put this on a card ready to look at just before you go into the hall. When you get into the exam, you could then 'brain dump' this at the top of the question page, and tick things off as you include them.</li> </ol>
Science	You will have one exam which is one hour long The exam will contain questions from the Biology, Chemistry and Physics content that you have studied this year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the selection of revision resources on BBC Bitesize. Make sure you select GCSE, AQA for each of the sciences. <a href="#">GCSE Science - BBC Bitesize</a></li> <li>2. Use Educake revision quizzes</li> </ol>

The **Biology** questions will assess the topics of cell structure and division, organisation and digestion and the heart and the circulatory system.

The **Chemistry** questions will assess the topics of atoms, the periodic table and structures and bonding.

The **Physics** questions will assess the topics of energy and energy resources and the particle model of matter.

3. Use your exercise book and class notes.

