

# **Year 9 Information Evening**

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# Year 9 Curriculum

English	GCSE	4 hours
Maths	GCSE	4 hours
Science	GCSE	5 or 6 hours
Options x 4	GCSE/BTEC	2/3 hours each
PE	Core	2 hours
Citizenship/Ethics	Core	1 hour



# 3 Year Key Stage

## Subjects on 5 year Pathway ( no distinct change)

Maths

English Language and Literature

## Subjects Following a foundation skills programme transferring to GCSE content in 2018

Science/Triple Science

German

Travel and Tourism

Dance

Music

Drama

Food Nutrition

Art

Design Technology

History





## Subjects already completing GCSE units

Geography  
Business  
Computing  
I media  
PE  
French



# Qualifications

- **GCSE** – written examinations at the end of Year 11 with some controlled assessments.
- **BTEC** (Level 2 BTEC Firsts) - equivalent to 1 GCSE – some examined modules.
- **Cambridge National Award**- equivalent to 1 GCSE

# New grading system for GCSE

1 = GCSE grade F/G

2 = GCSE grade E

3 = GCSE grade D

4 = GCSE grade C

5 = GCSE grade C+ or B-

6 = GCSE grade B

7 = GCSE grade A

8 = GCSE grade A\*

9 = Exceptional standard above GCSE A\*



# Online Information pack

- Contains information on all courses
- Key dates for progress checks, reports, parents' evening and exam week





## Year 9 History

### Exam Board – OCR B: Schools History Project

#### Autumn – Overview

In the Autumn Term students study early-mid Twentieth Century history including Democracy vs Dictatorship from 1917-1939, World War Two and the Cold War. These topics are not included in the specification for their GCSE course, but are used as a 'vehicle' to reinforce their learning skills and prepare them for the demands of the step-up to Key Stage 4. Depending upon whether students have 2 or 3 lessons per week on their timetable this might be taught up until February half-term.

#### Spring – Overview

In the second half of the Spring Term students will begin to study the content which they will be examined on in external exams at the end of Year 11. They will start with 'Crime and Punishment, 1250 – the Present'. This unit will make up 20% of their final GCSE marks. It is a breadth study with knowledge-based questions about the changing nature of crime, law enforcement and punishment across the period.

#### Summer – Overview

Once again, depending on whether their group has 2 or 3 lessons per week, they may start a second topic during the Summer Term. This will be 'The Elizabethans, 1580-1603', a depth study which is examined on interpretation skills and also makes up 20% of their final mark. This involves investigations of how various aspects of Elizabethan life have been interpreted, including Elizabeth's personal power, the Catholic threat, popular culture, and adventurers such as Walter Raleigh and Francis Drake.

#### Homework:

Homework is set as appropriate to the lessons being delivered. Students should expect a homework task each week. Most will be directly linked to their class work but some will be stand-alone tasks developing wider subject knowledge. On occasions homework might require independent research to strengthen knowledge gained in lessons, or to investigate a particular case study. They will also be set creative, empathic tasks. In the build up to mock exams, homework is more likely to be revision and realistic timed exam practice.

#### Assessment:

Students will be given regular feedback based on their coursework in lessons, with a focus on how to improve their learning skills. Homework will be graded on the JMHS 1-8 scale, except that all exam work will be marked to realistic GCSE standards.

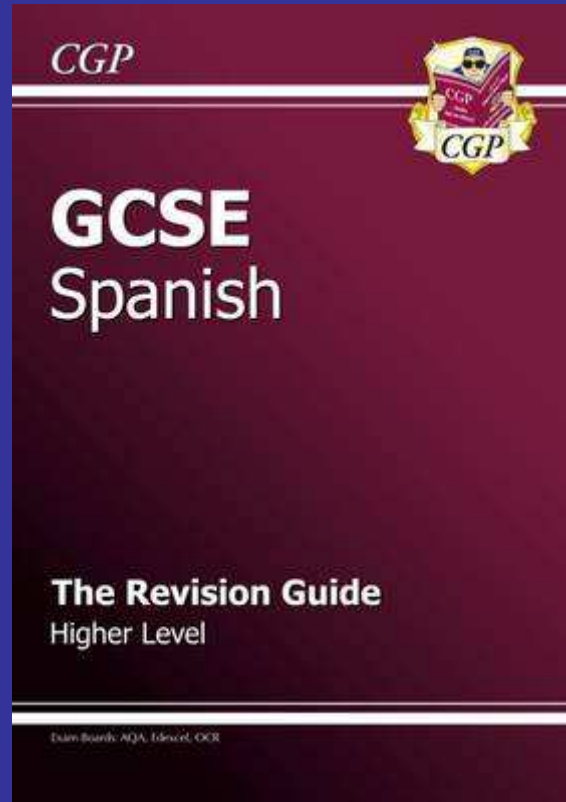
#### Top Tips for support in Year 9

- Use the revision booklets and notes to test students on their understanding of topics they are covering.
- Provide realistic conditions for all exam-style work (no mobiles, etc).
- Take an interest in TV documentaries (and discuss) about relevant topics.





# Revision texts



Please check  
before you buy!





Available via school in Year 9

French  
German





Available in YR 10/11

Geography  
English Language  
English Literature  
Design  
Science  
Food and Nutrition  
PE  
Business  
History







# Kerboodle for Geography and PE





# PASS CLUB

PASS club operates in the school library as a scheduled and registered session for students to complete homework in a supported environment with access to ICT.

Please contact tutor or particular subject teacher if you want to “refer “



# English GCSE “Language”

- every student sits the same exams –  
no tiered papers

- **Paper 1 Creative Reading & Writing**

Reading questions which mainly require extended answers, testing students' ability to comment on writers' use of language & structural devices and to give a personal response to a text.

Creative writing task.

- **Paper 2 Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives**

Reading questions which mainly require extended answers, testing students' ability to comment on writers' use of language, compare two writers' attitudes towards a topic and write a summary.

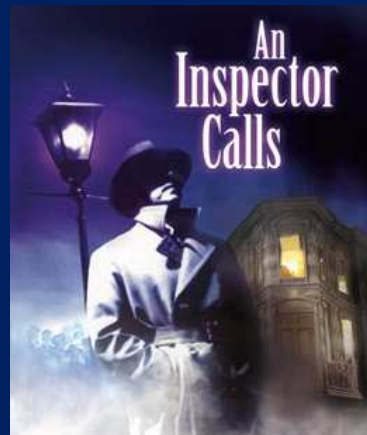
Non-fiction writing task.

- **Separate Speaking & Listening assessment**

# English Literature GCSE

2 examination papers covering:

- 1 novel ( currently Jekyll and Hyde)
- 1 play ( currently Macbeth)
- 1 modern text (currently An Inspector Calls)
- A series of set poems
- Unseen poetry





- English Literature and English Language will be taught simultaneously over the three years
- Most students will be entered for both subjects.
- No tiers of entry

# GCSE Maths

**Exam board : AQA (Two tiers)**

**Foundation (Grades 1 – 5)**

**Higher (Grades 4 – 9)**

- **3 Papers of equal weighting, paper 1 is non-calculator.**
- **All papers must be sat at the same level.**
- **The content covered can appear on any paper.**

# GCSE Maths

**Students continue to study Number, Algebra, Shape Space and Measures and Data Handling. These are applied to daily life situations and involve more problem solving, financial and scientific scenarios.**

**Homework will be set every week and should be completed to the high standards we expect in class.**

**Maths club runs after school on a Monday where a number of teachers are available to support independent study or help with problems or questions.**

**Students will benefit from having their own scientific calculator to use in lessons and at home. (These are available through Parentpay).**

# GCSE Maths

**Students will sit end of term tests at Christmas 2017 and Easter 2018.**

**First full mock – June 2018**

**Second full mock – Nov 2018**

**Final full mock – Feb/March 2019**

**The November mock will aid us in deciding which tier each student will enter**

# Science

Your child will eventually be following one of these courses at KS4:

- Combined Science

resulting in the award of 2 GCSEs

- Separate Sciences

resulting in the awards of GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

## Assessment for both GCSE Combined and Separate Science course:

- 6 structured exams all sat in Summer term 2019
- 2 papers for each Science (Paper 1 and Paper 2)
- Content for Paper 1 is covered during Year 10.
- Content for Paper 2 is covered during Year 11.
- Students following the separate science pathway cover additional content compared to the combined science course.

**Positive Discipline at  
JMHS**

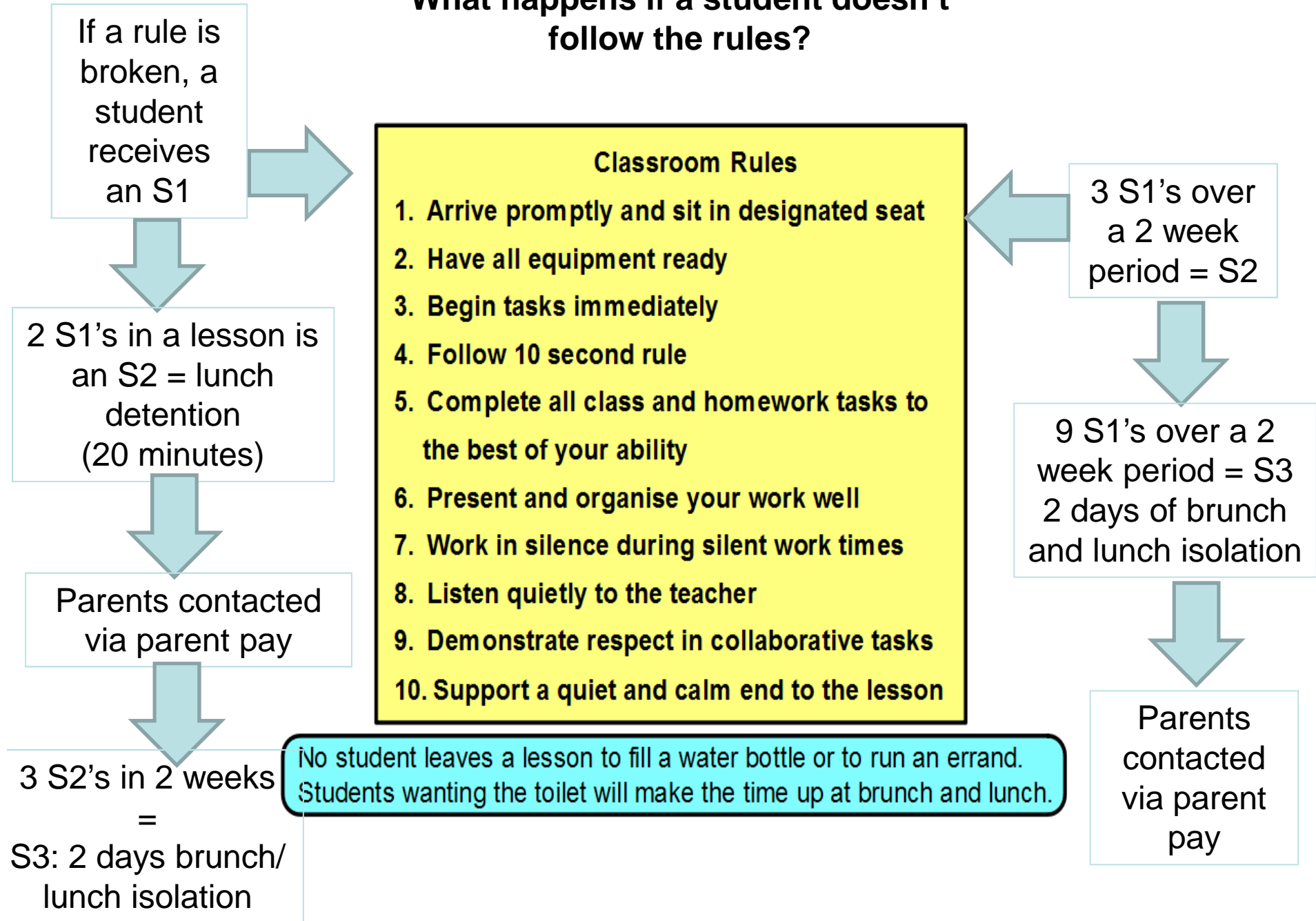
## **Classroom Rules**

- 1. Arrive promptly and sit in designated seat**
- 2. Have all equipment ready**
- 3. Begin tasks immediately**
- 4. Follow 10 second rule**
- 5. Complete all class and homework tasks to the best of your ability**
- 6. Present and organise your work well**
- 7. Work in silence during silent work times**
- 8. Listen quietly to the teacher**
- 9. Demonstrate respect in collaborative tasks**
- 10. Support a quiet and calm end to the lesson**

No student leaves a lesson to fill a water bottle or to run an errand.  
Students wanting the toilet will make the time up at brunch and lunch.



# What happens if a student doesn't follow the rules?

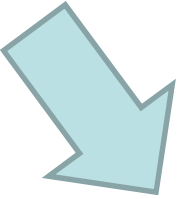


## What can a student expect an automatic S2 detention?


- Lateness to lessons/ school
- Dropping litter
- Breach of uniform
- Eating or chewing in class/ corridors
- Dangerous Horseplay

## Mobile Phones

Should be switched off and inside bags from 8.30am until 3.15pm.

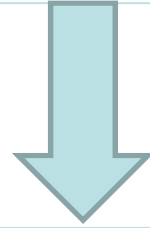


A student with a mobile phone will receive an  
S4 = 1 week of brunch/ lunch  
isolation



Students needing to contact home  
can do so from the House Office

**Students who receive no S1's  
in a week**



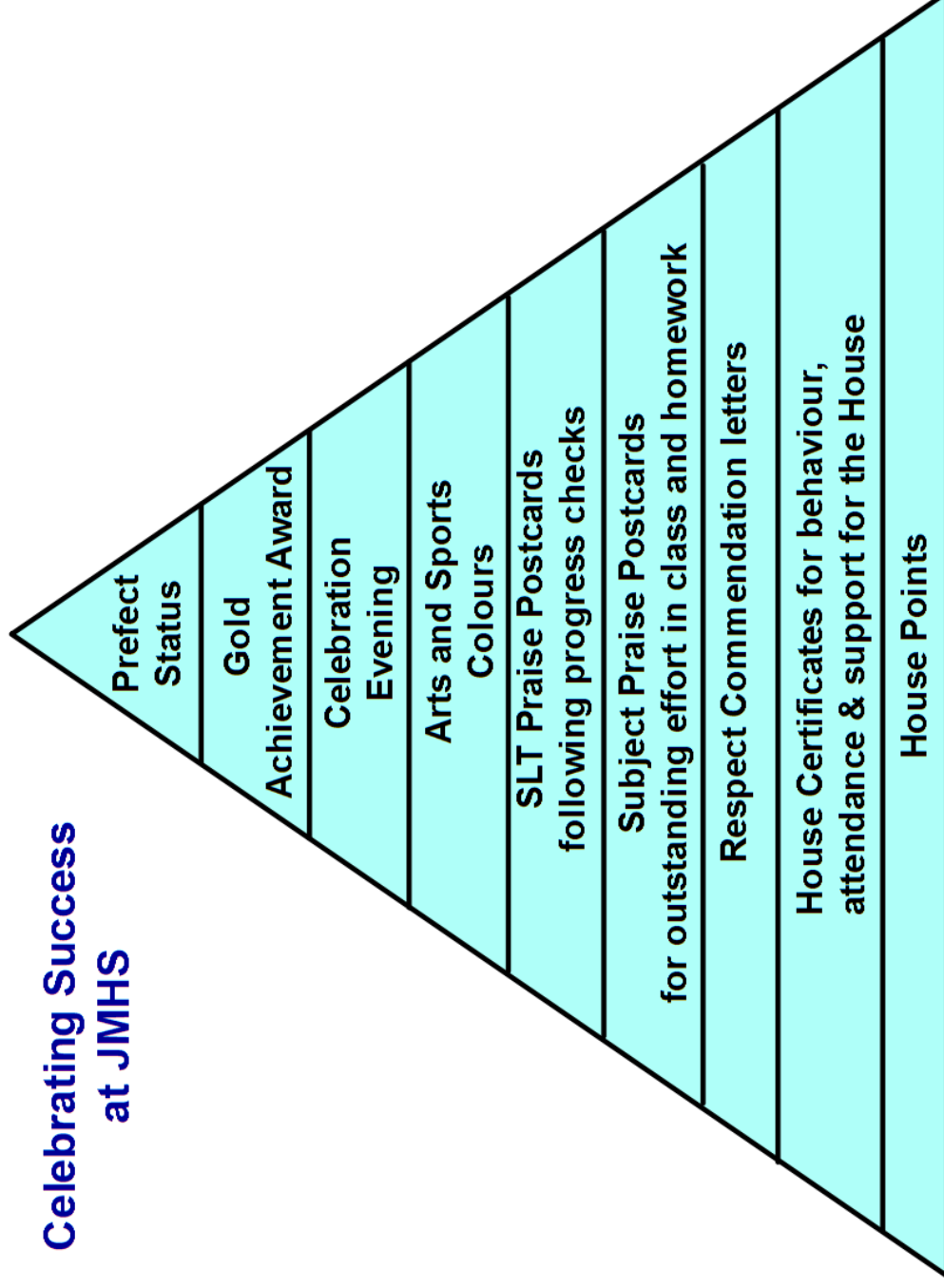
1 HP = clean slate

**Students who have 100%  
attendance each week**



1 HP

## **Celebrating Success at JMHS**



# Prefect Applications in Year 10

- For students who demonstrated that they are conscientious and considerate
- Excellent attendance, punctuality and uniform
- Excellent behavior record
- All grades good or better on progress check with an average grade of very good or higher
- Willingness to contribute through service to the school and leadership

# Prefect Applications

- Written applications before the end of this term endorsed by form tutor and house leader
- Applications e-mailed to Mrs Disney
- Interviews with Mr Evans, Mr Collard or Mr Hawksworth
- New prefects commence role in the Spring Term
- Prefects contribute to at least one team- arts, sports, reading buddies, maths buddies or primary transition
- All prefects support major school events
- All prefects support the ethos of the school- conscientious, considerate and co-operative

# Mr Evans' Top Tips for Revision & Homework

1. Revise as you go along
2. Cover all topics
3. Make notes & draw diagrams
4. Use revision cards
5. Do timed practice questions





# Year 9 Geography

- As Part of the GCSE Students have to complete 2 full days of fieldwork (18% of total GCSE exam)
- Sites already used cannot support 106 students.
- Problems with access to river and questionnaire data.
- Continuing to improve learning experience and quality of the fieldwork





# 3 day fieldwork Residential

- Nettlecombe Court field studies centre, Taunton.
- Residential
- Fieldwork in the day, write up results during evenings
- Cost Approx £200-£250



- Deposit of £25.00 Feb.
- Save £15pm over 15 months.
- Any worries please see me afterwards or email [mavis.hughes@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:mavis.hughes@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)





# Questions?

