

A photograph of a space shuttle launching from a launch pad. The shuttle is white with a large orange external tank and two white boosters. It is ascending vertically, leaving a large plume of white smoke and fire at its base. The launch pad structure is visible on the left side of the frame. The sky is a clear, bright blue. In the top center, there is a red circular logo containing the text 'BCHS with Crosshill'. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text.

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**Launch Pad to Success
Exam Preparation**

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Basic Training

Raising Achievement Evening

**October:
Start College applications**

4

Familiarisation

**Half Term:
Revision for Pre Public Exams**

**16th November:
Parents' Evening**

3

Live Simulation

**23rd November:
Pre Public Exams**

**December:
College application deadline**

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**Evaluation
(know your gaps)**

**January:
Start revision**

**22nd March:
Parents' Evening**

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**Consolidation
(plug your gaps)**

**April:
Final preparations**

**Easter Holiday:
Revision sessions**

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**LIFT
OFF!**

**May &
June
EXAMS**

Examination Timetable



Date	Examination
23/11/17	Pre Public Exams
24/11/17	Pre Public Exams
27/11/17	Pre Public Exams
28/11/17	Pre Public Exams
29/11/17	Pre Public Exams
30/11/17	Pre Public Exams
1/12/17	Pre Public Exams
2/12/17	Pre Public Exams
4/12/17	Pre Public Exams
5/12/17	Pre Public Exams
6/12/17	Pre Public Exams

9/1/18	Creative iMedia: Pre-production skills
9/1/18	Health and Social Care: Human Lifespan
10/1/18	Music: The Music Industry

w/c 5/2/18	Fitness in Exercise and Sport
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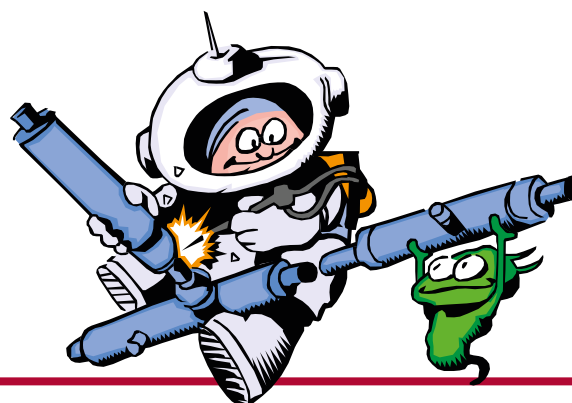
26/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
27/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
28/2/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
1/3/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)
2/3/18	Pre Public Exams (Maths & English)

14/5/18	Health and Social Care: Human Lifespan
14/5/18	Music: The Music Industry
14/5/18	Computer Science: Computer systems
14/5/18	Religious Studies Component 1
15/5/18	Biology Paper 1
15/5/18	Combined Science: Biology Paper 1
16/5/18	Urdu: Unit 1 Listening and Understanding
16/5/18	Urdu: Unit 3 Reading and Understanding
16/5/18	Religious Studies Route A Component 2
17/5/18	Chemistry Paper 1
17/5/18	Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 1
17/5/18	Computer Science: Computational

Date	Examination
22/5/18	Geography Paper 1: Environment
22/5/18	English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare
23/5/18	Physics Paper 1
23/5/18	Combined Science: Physics Paper 1
24/5/18	Maths Paper 1: Non-Calculator
24/5/18	Religious Studies Route A Component 3
25/5/18	Design and Technology : Textiles Unit 1
25/5/18	English Literature Paper 2: Modern Texts

4/6/18	History Paper 1D: Paper 1D America,
5/6/18	English Language Component 1: Literary
5/6/18	Geography Paper 2: Human environment
6/6/18	Creative iMedia: Pre-production skills
6/6/18	Spanish Paper 1 Listening
6/6/18	Spanish Paper 3 Reading
7/6/18	Maths Paper 2: Calculator
8/6/18	English Language Component 2: Non-Lit
8/6/18	History Paper 2B: Power and the People

11/6/18	Geography Paper 3: Applications
11/6/18	Biology Paper 2
11/6/18	Combined Science: Biology Paper 2
12/6/18	Maths Paper 3: Calculator
13/6/18	Chemistry Paper 2
13/6/18	Combined Science: Chemistry Paper 2
14/6/18	Spanish Paper 4 Writing
14/6/18	Food Prep and Nutrition Component 1
15/6/18	Physics Paper 2
15/6/18	Combined Science: Physics Paper 2



Maths - Edexcel exam board

We use the CPG Edexcel revision guides - which we sell for £2.50.

There is a site called Corbett Maths that the students can use, which contains nearly 400 videos, textbook exercises and exam questions.

Students can also log onto Hegarty Maths.
GCSE Pod.

English Literature - AQA exam board

There are a number of text guides available. Students will need the guide for the books they are studying.

CGP A Christmas Carol - The Text Guide

CGP Blood Brothers - The Text Guide

CGP An Inspector Calls CGP - The Text Guide

CGP Macbeth - The Text Guide

CGP Romeo and Juliet - The Text Guide

CGPAQA Poetry Guide: Power & Conflict Anthology

CGP AQA Poetry Guide: Love & Relationships Anthology

CGP English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide
GCSE Pod.

English Language - AQA exam board

WJEC Eduqas English Language book 1 and 2

Collins AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature All-in-One Revision and Practice

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Science - AQA exam board

School sell the revision guides:

Combined science - £5.

Triple science - £3 per book (3 needed).

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Geography - AQA exam board

Students have all received a revision guide from school.

GCSE Pod.

History - AQA exam board

School will provide revision materials as there is no official revision guide that covers all of the topics.

GCSE Pod.

RE - Eduqas Exam Board

School will provide revision materials as there is no official revision guide yet.

Computer Science

GCSE Pod.

PE

Coursework based assessment in BTEC sport students do not require revision guides.

Design Technology

GCSE Pod.

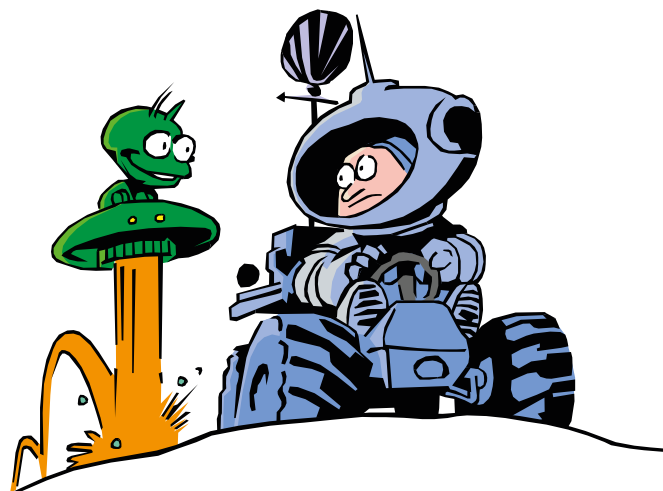
Spanish - AQA exam board

AQA GCSE Spanish: Higher/Foundation: Grammar, Vocabulary & Translation.

Viva! AQA GCSE Spanish Grammar and Translation Workbook.

Students can use Linguascope with the school's login.

GCSE Pod.



How to Support your Child using GCSEPod



What is GCSEPod?

GCSEPod is an award-winning expert in Subject Knowledge. We provide 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons.

Experts read and explain everything clearly including all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and diagrams on screen.

Tips & Tricks

- Watch **online** or **offline!** Ask your child to **download** some Pods to their mobile device, this way they are free expand their knowledge wherever they go.
- Create **Playlists!** Use the **My Playlist** area to create bespoke playlists on topics that they may find challenging. Having a personalised playlist means your child has fast access to Pods that will help to fill in knowledge gaps.
- Use **Favourites!** Challenge your child to a **favourite 10 Pods** on topics they find difficult/challenging. Watch the Pods together and use one of our other suggested learning techniques to help simplify what it is they're struggling with.
- **Memory Cards!** Watch the Pods and then together write **key facts, dates, diagrams** and **quotes**. Then test their knowledge to see how much they remember. *Top Tip* Turn it into a competition and reward your child for correctly answered questions. If you're stuck on what questions to ask your child then head over to our 'Quiz your Child' document.*
- **Support Homework!** GCSEPod isn't just for revision, it's to **help expand your child's subject knowledge**. If your child is struggling with a piece of homework, you can search for the topic on GCSEPod and use the Pods as an additional resource.

Does your child know they have access to GCSEPod?

If your son or daughter have already activated their account, they simply need to log in with the username and password they've created.

If they've not yet activated their GCSEPod account, simply follow these simple instructions:

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com
2. Click **Login**
3. Click **New Here? Getting Started**
4. Ensure they've selected they are a **Pupil**
5. Enter their personal details as requested
6. Create a Username and Password



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Quiz your Child!



Test your child on their pod knowledge with some of these general questions!

General Questions

1. What did you learn from watching the pod?
2. What will you remember?
3. Tell me 3 key words you have learnt from the pod.
4. Tell me everything you know on the topic.
5. How confident do you feel on the subject?
6. Do you think you need to learn more on that subject?
7. What part of the pod interested you the most?
8. What was your favourite part of the pod?
9. Teach me what you've learnt?
10. Where you surprised by what you've learnt?
11. What was your least favourite part?

Character Questions

1. Who are the 3 main characters of the book/play?
2. What are their relationships with each other?
3. Which social class do they belong to?
4. Do the main characters change by the end of the book/play? How?
5. If you had the chance to talk to each character a question - what would you ask them and why?

Tip: Print out this page, take it everywhere you go and ask questions when you're in the supermarket, in the car, cooking dinner...

English Literature Questions

1. What's the book/play about?
2. Can you give me a plot overview?
3. Where is the book/play set?
4. How does the setting reflect the book?
5. Who are the main characters in the book/play?
6. What genre is the book?
7. Do you know any important quotes?
8. What is the structure of the book?
9. What are the book/plays themes?
10. Does the story interest you? Why?

Tip: Think of some specific questions on other subjects, like photosynthesis, algebra or WWI.

