

Year 10 QMA Parent Handbook 2026 - 2027

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Year 10 QMA Calendar 2026 - 2027

	Eng	Ma	Sci	His	Gg	RE	Fr	Sp	Ar	Dr	Mu	IT	DT	Fd	Bus	Flm	Me	PE	H/C	Eng
3 Sep																				
7 Sept																				
14 Sep				QMA													QMA			
21 Sep		QMA	QMA						QMA				QMA	QMA						
28 Sep	QMA		QMA			QMA	QMA				QMA				QMA	QMA			QMA	QMA
5 Oct					QMA			QMA		QMA		QMA						QMA		
12 Oct																				
19 Oct																				
2 Nov				QMA																
9 Nov																				
16 Nov																				
23 Nov												QMA						QMA		
30 Nov	QMA		QMA		QMA				QMA											
7 Dec			QMA								QMA			QMA		QMA			QMA	
14 Dec		QMA		QMA			QMA						QMA				QMA			QMA
6 Jan								QMA							QMA					
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4 May								QMA						QMA			QMA		QMA	
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7 June					QMA	QMA														
14 Jun		QMA																		
21 Jun	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
28 Jun																				
5 July									QMA											
12 July																				
19 July																				

- QMAs will take place on the week shown or soon after.
- Teachers will make revision or preparation materials available before QMAs.
- QMA will be reported home in the Achievement and Progress Reports.
- PPEs – Pre-Public Exams (full GCSE mock exam week) take place in week 36 (grades reported start Year 11)
- Year 10 Parents Evenings' take place in Week 7, 23 and 24.
- Year 10 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 8, 20 and 34.

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Year 10 QMA Task Descriptions 2026 - 2027

English	Mathematics	Science Triple
QMA 1: English Literature Component 2b Students will answer one question comparing 2 poems from the Power and Conflict Cluster. They will be required to write in detail about the poem printed with the question and a suitable poem choice to compare it to. The possible poems will be 'London', 'Ozymandias' and 'My Last Duchess'.	QMA 1: Written Examination Edexcel past paper but with any topics previously untaught between Y7 and the QMA removed. A topic list will be provided.	QMA 1: 3 x Written Examinations Biology topic 1 and part of topic 2 material covered Chemistry topic 1 and part of topic 2 material covered Physics topic 3 and part of topic 1 material covered
QMA 2: English Literature Component 1b Students will answer one question on the novel: 'A Christmas Carol'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.	QMA 2: Written Examination Edexcel past paper but with any topics previously untaught between Y7 and QMA 2 removed. A topic list will be provided in advance.	
QMA 3: English Language Component 1b Students will produce a creative and narrative piece of between 450 and 600 words.	QMA 3: Written Examination A <u>FULL Edexcel GCSE experience</u> . All students regardless of set will be assessed on a Foundation tier paper. With the exception of Sets 1 and 2, where there are some additional higher paper questions in the exam.	QMA 2: 3 x Written Examinations Biology topic 1, 2 and part of topic 3 material covered Chemistry topic 1, 2, and 3 material covered Physics topic 1, 2, and 3 material covered
PPE: English Language Component 1 A GCSE past paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Language Component 1 exam paper. The paper's contents are reading 20 th Century Fiction and Narrative Writing.	QMA 4: Written Examination This is the first FULL Edexcel GCSE experience There will be one examination a full calculator paper The topics will be from ANY from the GCSE specification. It is therefore important to note that the exams may contain content not yet covered in class time. Students need to be aware of this and tackle all the questions they recognise and can deduce. There are many reasons for tackling a full paper at this point, the main one being to start to look at which would be the most appropriate tier of entry. This then gives the Year 11 PPEs as an opportunity to test these tiers of entry and make any changes required.	QMA 3: 3 x Written Examinations Biology topic 1, 2, 3 and 4 material covered Chemistry topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 material covered Physics topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and part of topic 5 material covered
PPE: English Literature Component 1 A GCSE past paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Literature Component 1 exam paper. The paper's contents are 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol'.	PPE: 2 x Written Examination 1.5 hours non-calculator exam 1.5 hours calculator exam	PPE: 3 x Written Examinations Biology Topic 1, 2, 3 and 4 material covered Chemistry Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 material covered Physics Topic 1, 2, 3, and 4 material covered

Science Trilogy	Geography	History
QMA 1: 2 x Written Examinations Chemistry topic 1 and part of topic 2 material covered Physics topic 3 and part of topic 1 material covered	QMA 1: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing only the tectonic hazards (earthquakes and volcanoes) elements of unit 1 Natural hazards.	QMA 1: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the unit of the American West unit. It will assess subject knowledge and producing PEE paragraphs when explaining why an event in the unit led to significant importance or consequence.
QMA 2: 2 x Written Examinations Biology topic 1 and 2 material covered Physics topic 1, 2 and 3 material covered	QMA 2: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing part of Unit 1 Natural Hazards and Unit 3 UK Landscapes (Coasts).	QMA 2: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the study of Anglo Saxons. It will assess subject knowledge and producing PEE paragraphs when explaining why an event in the unit had a significant impact.
QMA 3: x Written Examinations Biology topic 1, 2, 3 and 4 material covered Chemistry topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 material covered	QMA 3: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing Unit 3 UK Landscapes (Coasts and Rivers).	QMA 3: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the study of Norman England. It will assess subject knowledge and producing PEE paragraphs when explaining why an event in the unit had a significant impact.
PPE: 3 x Written Examinations Biology Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 material covered Chemistry Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 material covered Physics Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 material covered	QMA 4: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing Unit 2 Living World (Ecosystems, Hot Deserts and Tropical Rainforests).	PPE: Written Examination: A GCSE Past Paper. Paper 2 American West/Anglo-Saxons/Norman England
	QMA 5: Written Examination A knowledge assessment helping students prepare for their upcoming PPE and receive feedback on any knowledge gaps before completing a full GCSE paper. Will assess knowledge from Unit 1 (Natural Hazards), 2 (Living World), and 3 (Physical Landscapes in UK).	QMA 4: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the unit of Medicine Through Time. The QMA will assess subject knowledge and change and continuity in medicine across various time periods
	PPE: Written Examination A full Paper 1 GCSE (Physical Geography) • Unit 1 (Natural Hazards – Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Tropical Storms, UK Extreme Weather, Climate Change) • Unit 2 (Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts)) • Unit 3 (Physical Landscapes in UK – Coasts/Rivers).	

Religious Education	French	Spanish
QMA 1: Written Examination Revise all topics studied so far, for a test of knowledge and focus will be on answering exam style questions in the correct way and showing the correct exam technique for each question type.	QMA 1 – Reading, Translation and Listening Module 1 – places in town / relationship with friends and family / making arrangement to go out / role models	QMA 1: Listening, Reading & Translation Test Content of the exam will focus on module 1 of Viva GCSE
QMA 2: Written Examination Revise all topics studied so far for a test of knowledge and focus will be on answering exam style questions in the correct way and showing the correct exam technique for each question type.	QMA 2 – Speaking Module 1 Module 2	QMA 2 – Speaking, Reading and Translation Students will be required to complete a Speaking QMA answering questions in Spanish & will be assessed on the answers they give. They will also need to read a passage out loud and will be given a score for their pronunciation. The students will also complete a Reading and Translation test on Modules 1 & 2.
QMA 3: Written Examination Revise all topics studied so far, for a test of knowledge and focus will be on answering exam style questions in the correct way and showing the correct exam technique for each question type.	QMA 3 – Listening and Translation Module 1 Module 2	QMA 3 – Reading and Translation Test Students will complete a reading & translation paper covering the key vocabulary & grammar from module 4 (health & wellbeing topic).
QMA 4: Written Examination Revise all topics studied so far, for a test of knowledge and focus will be on answering exam style questions in the correct way and showing the correct exam technique for each question type.	QMA 4 – Writing Module 1 Module 2 Module 7	QMA 4 – Listening, Reading and Writing Test Content of the exam will focus on: Module/chapter 1-4 of GCSE Viva textbook (higher) – holidays
QMA 5: Written Examination Revise all topics studied so far, for a test of knowledge and focus will be on answering exam style questions in the correct way and showing the correct exam technique for each question type.	QMA 5 – Listening (part of the PPE) Module 1 Module 2 Module 7 Module 5	PPE: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing, This test will cover the topics that students have covered in lessons throughout Y10. Students will be assessed in all four key skills on the vocabulary & grammar covered throughout the four modules they have completed in Y10.
PPE: Written Examination A GCSE past paper. Revision will be focused on 4/8 topic areas from the GCSE course and these should be intensively revised so all 16 questions can be completed in the designated time and with the correct exam technique required.	PPE – Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking Module 1 Module 2 Module 7 Module 5 Module 4	

Film Studies	Business Studies	Media Studies
QMA 1: Written Examination Component 2, Section C (Contemporary UK Film): This assessment evaluates students' ability to analyse how technical codes are used to construct a film's specific aesthetic or 'look'	QMA 1: Written Examination 1.1: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity	QMA 1: Written Exam Key terms assessment for framework, magazine and film units.
QMA 2: Component 2, Section A (Global English Language Film): This assessment tests students understanding of narrative techniques and how they effectively communicate social and cultural contexts within a film.	QMA 2: Written Examination 1.1: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity. 1.3: Putting an idea into practice.	QMA 2: Written Examination Extended 12-mark question on the unseen magazine cover focusing on analytical skills.
QMA 3: Written Examination Component 2, Section B (Global Non-English Film): This assessment measures student skills in using technical codes to interpret character representation and the cultural atmosphere of a non-English language film.	QMA 3: Written Examination 1.1: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity. 1.3: Putting an idea into practice. 1.4: Making the business effective.	QMA 3: Analytical Essay Analytical Essay TV analysis. Paper 2 practice of watching a clip from one of the 2 CSPs and writing an 8 mark and 12-mark question about the clip.
QMA 4: NEA Practical Component 3 (NEA – Pre - Production): This practical assessment assesses students planning for their original screenplay or filmed sequence within a chosen genre.	QMA 4: Written Examination 1.1: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity. 1.3: Putting an idea into practice. 1.4: How to make a business effective.	QMA 4: Written Examination Extended 20-mark question focusing on the influence pirate radio had on the development of Radio 1 and Kiss FM.
PPE: Written Examination This final formal assessment provides a comprehensive check of student's cumulative knowledge and exam technique across all sections of Component 2 and your practical progress	PPE: Written Examination A GCSE past/ sample paper. GCSE Business Studies 9-1: Theme 1. Topics include: 1.1: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity. 1.3: Putting an idea into practice. 1.4: How to make a business effective. 1.5: External influences on Business	PPE: Written Examination Content of the exam will focus on the 6 topics done in Year 10.

Food Preparation and Nutrition	Design and Technology	Physical Education
QMA 2: Written Examination Range of exam style questions based on fruits and vegetables.	QMA 1: Theory test Written test with exam questions covering timber theory taught so far	QMA 1: Written Examination Skeletal System. With recap questions selected from Components of Fitness and Principles of Training
QMA 2: Written Examination Range of exam style questions based on milk and dairy.	QMA 2: Practical outcome – Wooden box Wooden box project to practise different box jointing techniques	QMA 2: Written Examination Muscular System and Movement Analysis. With recap questions selected from components of fitness; principles of training & skeletal systems.
QMA 3: Written Examination Range of exam style questions based on cereal products.	QMA 3: Theory test Written test with exam questions focusing on exam technique ahead of Year 10 PPE	QMA 3: Written Examination Cardiovascular system, with recap questions selected from components of fitness, training principles; skeletal and muscular systems; movement analysis.
QMA 4: Written Examination Range of exam style questions based on meat, eggs and fish.	QMA 4: Design portfolio – Board game project NEA-style feedback for the board game project folder and practical outcome	QMA 4: Written Examination Respiratory System & Injury Prevention, with recap questions selected from components of fitness, training principles; skeletal and muscular systems; movement analysis; cardiovascular system
PPE: Written Examination A GCSE past paper. A range of short and long answer GCSE questions.	PPE: Written Examination R038 practice exam paper Section A - Multiple choice questions Section B - Short answers questions followed by longer, essay style questions.	PPE: Written Examination Unit 1. A past exam paper with questions on: principles of training; components of fitness; respiratory, cardiovascular, skeletal and muscular systems; movement analysis and injury prevention.

Art	Drama	Music
QMA 1: Practical Drawing Task Linked to assessment objective 3: Produce a selection of studies recording ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions.	QMA 1: Practical Assessment Devising Drama – Introduction to GCSE Drama, assessment of performance skills based on AQA criteria, in preparation for Component 2 examination later in the year. Students explore the topic using non-naturalistic and stylised performance.	QMA 1: Performance Solo performance recital Students perform a piece on their chosen instrument and are assessed with the GCSE performance criteria.
QMA 2: Research Task Demonstrate understanding of assessment objective 1: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Including artist	QMA 2: Written assessment Section A and B of the written exam practice paper. Theatre role and responsibilities, stage configurations and stage positions. Also includes set text Willy Russell’s ‘Blood Brothers’.	QMA 2: Composition Free Composition Students will be assessed with the GCSE composition criteria. This piece can be any style/genre chosen by the student.
QMA 3: Research Task Demonstrate understanding of assessment objective 1: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Including artist analysis.	QMA 3: Practical Assessment Devising Drama – assessment of performance skills based on AQA criteria, in preparation for Component 2 examination later in the year.	QMA 3: Listening Listening Exam paper including Toto - Africa
QMA 4: Practical Drawing Task Linked to assessment objective 3: Produce a selection of studies recording ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions.	PPE: Practical Assessment Marked by external examiner. Devising component (40% of final grade with accompanying coursework).	QMA 4: Performance Ensemble performance Students perform a piece from the ensemble criteria as part of a group performance.
QMA 5: Research Task New Year 11 NEA Project. Demonstrate understanding of assessment objective 1: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Artist analysis.		PPE: Listening Examination A GCSE past paper. Listening exam paper covering the set works studied and unheard listening questions.
PPE: 3-hour Practical Examination Linked to assessment objective 3: record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses for the project coursework.		

Hospitality and Catering	Engineering Design	Personal Development
QMA 1: Written assessment Exam Questions based on unit 1.4	QMA 1: Drawing test - Engineering Drawing techniques Evidence of a range of specific 2D and 3D sketching skills taught so far	QMA 1: Diagnostic Assessment Mid-Module assessment based on understanding of PSHE/RSHE, CEIAG and Enterprise, Citizenship, Core RE and Computing content covered in the PD curriculum.
QMA 2: Written assessment Exam Question based on unit 1.3	QMA 2: Manual production of freehand sketches R039 Task 2 – Design Development Freehand sketches developing the chosen design for the NEA	QMA 2: Diagnostic Assessment Mid-Module assessment based on understanding of PSHE/RSHE, CEIAG and Enterprise, Citizenship, Core RE and Computing content covered in the PD curriculum.
QMA 3: Written assessment Exam Question based on unit 1.2	QMA 3: Design Presentation R039 NEA Task 3 – Presentation drawings Formal engineering drawings of the developed final design.	
QMA 4: Written assessment Exam Question based on unit 1.1	QMA 4: Computer aided design task R039 NEA Task 4 – 3D Virtual CAD modelling Using 3D modelling software to create a virtual model of your final design.	
PPE: Written Assessment Past H&C GCSE paper	PPE: Written assessment See Google Classroom for revision list	