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Year 11 QMA Parent Handbook 2026 - 2027



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Year 11 QMA Calendar 2026 – 2027

	Eng	Ma	Sci	His	Gg	RE	Fr	Sp	Ar	Dr	Mu	Co	DT	Fd	Bus	Me	PE	HC	Eng
3 Sep																			
7 Sept																			
14 Sept																			
21 Sept				QMA		QMA		QMA				QMA	QMA				QMA		
28 Sept							QMA									QMA			QMA
5 Oct		QMA																	
12 Oct					QMA				QMA										
19 Oct							PPE				QMA			QMA	QMA			QMA	
2 Nov							PPE												QMA
9 Nov			PPE				PPE			QMA									
16 Nov	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
23 Nov																			
30 Nov																			
7 Dec																			
14 Dec							QMA	QMA					QMA						
6 Jan						QMA													
11 Jan					QMA														
18 Jan				QMA					QMA	QMA							QMA		
25 Jan							PPE												
1 Feb		QMA	PPE				PPE												
8 Feb	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
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- QMAs will take place on the week shown or soon after. Revision or preparation materials available.
- PPEs will be reported home in the Achievement and Progress Reports.
- The additional QMAs will provide class based opportunities to practise exam skills for final GCSE/Vocational exams.
- Year 11 Parents' Evenings take place in Week 7, 17 and 18.
- Year 11 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 2, 14 and 25.
- Week 30 onwards: the examination season begins, therefore no further QMAs take place.
- PPE – Pre-Public Examinations (full GCSE mock exam weeks): Week 11 and 21.

Year 11 QMA Task Descriptions 2026 - 2027

English	Science Trilogy	Science Triple
PPE 1: 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.	PPE 1: 3 x Separate Science Papers 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	PPE 1: 3 x Separate Science Papers 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
PPE 1: English Literature Component 2 A GCSE Past Paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Literature Component 2 exam paper. The paper's contents are 'An Inspector Calls', Power and Conflict Cluster poems and Unseen Poetry.	PPE 2: 3 x Separate Science Papers Biology Topic 5, 7 and part of topic 6 material covered Chemistry Topic 6, 7, 8 and part of topic 9 material covered Physics Topic 5, 6 and part of topic 7 material covered	PPE 2: 3 x Separate Science Papers Biology Topic 5, 6 and 7 material covered Chemistry Topic 6, 7, and part of topic 8 material covered Physics Topic 5, 6 and part of topic 7 material covered
PPE 2: English Language Component 2 A GCSE past paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Language Component 2 exam paper. The paper's contents are Reading 19 th and 21 st Century Non-fiction and Transactional Writing.		
PPE 2: 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'.		

Mathematics	Business Studies	Physical Education
QMA 1: Written Examination Full calculator GCSE paper topics tested will be taken from the full Maths GCSE specification.	QMA 1: Written Examination 2.1 Growing the business. 2.2 Marketing decisions	QMA 1: Written Examination Health, Fitness & Wellbeing and Commercialism in Sport
PPE 1: Written Examination x 2 GCSE past paper. This is two full exam papers one full calculator paper and a non-calculator paper.	PPE 1: 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 Unit 1 GCSE past paper. Injury Prevention, Principles of Training, Components of fitness, Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Skeletal, Muscular systems and Movement Analysis
QMA2: Written Examination One full calculator GCSE paper Combined with PPE2.	QMA 2: Written Examination 2.1 Growing the business. 2.2 Marketing decisions 2.3 Making Operational decisions. 2.4 Making Financial decisions.	QMA 2: Written examination Engagement patterns and ethical issues in sport, with recap questions on Health, Fitness & Wellbeing. and Commercialism in Sport
PPE 2: Written Examination x 2 GCSE past papers This is two full exam papers. One full calculator paper and a non-calculator paper.	PPE 2: Written Examination A GCSE past/ sample paper. GCSE Business Studies 9-1: Theme 2. Topics include: 2.1 Growing the business. 2.2 Marketing decisions 2.3 Making Operational decisions. 2.4 Making Financial decisions. 2.5 Making human resource decisions	PPE 2: Written Examination Unit 2 GCSE past paper Health, fitness & wellbeing; ethical issues in sport; engagement patterns; commercialism in sport

Geography	History	Religious Education
QMA 1: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing Unit 4 Urban Issues and Challenges (Lagos).	QMA 1: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the sub-unit of WWI Medicine that assesses subject knowledge and the skill of source utility	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.
PPE: Written Examination A full Paper 1 GCSE out of 88 marks. • Unit 1 (Natural Hazards – Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Tropical Storms, UK Extreme Weather, Climate Change) • Unit 4 (Urban Issues and Challenges) • Unit 5 (Changing Economic World)	PPE 1: Written Examination: GCSE past paper. Paper 1 – Medicine Through Time with WWI Historical Environment	PPE 1: 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. RE teachers to confirm topic areas.
QMA 2: Written Examination A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer level marked responses, assessing Unit 5 Changing Economic World (Nigeria and UK) and part of Unit 6 Resources.	PPE 2: Written Examination: GCSE past paper. Paper 3 – Weimar/Nazi Germany	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.
PPE: Written Examination A full Paper 1 GCSE out of 88 marks. • Unit 2 (Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts) • Unit 3 (Physical Landscapes in the UK – Coasts and Rivers) • Unit 6 (Challenge of Resource Management)	QMA 2: Written Examination Students will be assessed on the unit of Weimar/Nazi Germany that will assesses subject knowledge and interpretation/source utility skills.	PPE 2: 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. RE teachers to confirm topic areas.

French	Spanish	Media
QMA 1 – Writing and Translation Module 6	QMA 1: Listening, Reading & Translation Test Content of the exam will focus on module 5 of GCSE textbook.	QMA 1: Written Examination Extended 20-mark question focusing on the influences video games have on young people in society.
PPE 1 - GCSE past paper - Reading, writing, listening and speaking Modules 1 - 7	QMA 2: Listening, Reading & Translation Test Content of the exam will focus on modules 6 & 7 of GCSE textbook (my neighbourhood topic).	PPE 1: Written Examination A GCSE past paper (paper 1). Section A: Adverts, Magazines Section B: Film, Online Social Media
QMA 2 – Listening, Reading Higher (part of the PPE) Modules 1 - 7	PPE1: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing Four separate exam papers. All themes / topic areas will be tested. All four skills are equally weighted & make up 25% each of overall PPE grade. • <i>Media & Technology</i> • <i>My Personal World</i> • <i>Travel & Tourism</i> • <i>Lifestyle & Wellbeing</i> • <i>Studying & my Future</i> • <i>My Neighbourhood</i>	QMA 2: Written Examination Extended 20-mark question focusing on the influences social media stars have on young people
QMA 3 – Listening, Reading Higher (part of the PPE 2) Modules 1 - 7	PPE2: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing Four separate exam papers. All themes / topic areas will be tested. All four skills are equally weighted & make up 25% each of overall PPE grade. • <i>Media & Technology</i> • <i>My Personal World</i> • <i>Travel & Tourism</i> • <i>Lifestyle & Wellbeing</i> • <i>Studying & my Future</i> • <i>My Neighbourhood</i>	PPE: Written Examination A GCSE past paper (paper 2) Includes unseen analysis of TV clip and multiple 20-mark questions.
PPE 2 - GCSE past paper - Reading, writing, listening and speaking Modules 1 - 7		

Computing	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Design and Technology
QMA 1: Written Assessment Unit 1.3 summary assessment including Network Structures, Topologies, Protocols and the Internet	QMA 1: Written Examination GCSE Past paper questions	QMA 1: Written Presentation NEA Sections A and B Portfolio evidence of the initial investigation, brief and design specification for the chosen NEA design context.
QMA 2: Written Assessment Searching and Sorting Algorithms and Computational Thinking past exam questions	PPE 1: Written Examination A GCSE Past Paper Short and long answer GCSE questions	PPE 1: Written Examination A GCSE past exam paper Section A – Core technical principles Section B – Specialist technical principles Section C – Designing and making principles
PPE 1: Written Examination A GCSE past exam paper. Unit 1 (1.1 – 1.6 inclusive).	QMA 2: Written Examination GCSE past paper questions	QMA 2: Written Presentation NEA Section C and D Portfolio evidence of the generation and development of design ideas for the NEA portfolio based on the design brief and specification.
PPE 2: Written Examination A GCSE past paper (paper 1). Computer Systems.	PPE 2: Written Examination A GCSE past paper. Short and long answer GCSE questions.	PPE 2: Written Examination A GCSE past exam paper Section A – Core technical principles Section B – Specialist technical principles Section C – Designing and making principles

Art	Drama	Music
QMA 1: Research Task Demonstrate understanding of assessment objective 1: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Including artist analysis. Practical Drawing Task Linked to assessment objective 3: Produce a selection of studies recording ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions.	QMA 1: Written Assessment Practice exam paper section A & B	QMA 1: Composition Set brief composition. Students will compose a 2-minute piece linked to the set brief released by the exam board in September.
PPE 1: For the NEA project. Linked to assessment objective 1, 2 and 3: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.	PPE 1: Written assessment Section C of exam paper: Live theatre evaluation. Billy Elliot live recording. Describing how one or more performers have used their physical and vocal skills on stage.	QMA 2: Performing Solo and ensemble performance recital Students perform the two pieces 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 analysis.	PPE 2: Written assessment Section A theatre knowledge Section B Blood Brothers, set text study. Exam style questions using past AQA papers. Understanding how theatre is created and exploring key contexts of the text. Section C live theatre evaluation.	PPE 1: Written Examination A GCSE past exam paper
PPE 2: Practical Drawing Task Linked to assessment objective 3: Produce a selection of studies recording ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions.	QMA 2: Practical assessment Scripted drama – 2 extracts from the same play. Specialism chosen by teacher. Visiting examiner sent by AQA examination board.	PPE 2: Listening Examination A GCSE past exam paper. Listening question paper testing listening skills and knowledge of the set works.

Personal Development	Engineering Design	Hospitality and Catering
QMA 1: Written 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 1: Written report – product analysis R040 Task 2 – Product disassembly Undertaking detailed analysis of a product, its components and the materials and manufacturing techniques involved in its production.	QMA 1: Written Examination A range of exam style questions based on nutrition linking to Unit 2
	QMA 2: Computer aided design task R040 Task 3 – Virtual CAD 3D Producing an accurate 3D model to working drawings provided and documenting the process of the model's creation.	QMA 2: Practical Assessment Practical based QMA
	PPE 1: Written Examination R038 practice exam paper Section A - Multiple choice questions Section B - Short answers questions followed by longer, essay style questions.	PPE1: Written Examination Past paper for this qualification
	PPE 2: Written Examination R038 practice exam paper Section A - Multiple choice questions Section B - Short answers questions followed by longer, essay style questions.	PPE2: Written Examination Past paper for this qualification