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# Year 11 QMA Parent Handbook 2024 - 2025



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# Year 11 QMA Calendar 2024 - 2025

School Week	Eng	Ma	Sci	His	Gg	RE	Fr	Sp	Ar	Dr	Mu	Co	DT	Fd	Bus	Me	PE
1	2 Sep																
2	9 Sep																
3	16 Sep		QMA1	QMA1	QMA1	QMA1	QMA1		QMA1					QMA1	QMA1	QMA1	
4	23 Sep	QMA1					QMA1	QMA1			QMA1	QMA1					
5	30 Sep									QMA1							QMA1
6	7 Oct												QMA1				
7	14 Oct					QMA2											
8	28 Oct							PPE			QMA2					QMA2	
9	4 Nov				QMA2			PPE			QMA2						
10	11 Nov			PPE				PPE	PPE								
11	18 Nov	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
12	25 Nov																
13	2 Dec																
14	9 Dec																
15	16 Dec												QMA2		QMA2		
16	6 Jan					QMA3											
17	13 Jan				QMA3					QMA2	QMA3						
18	20 Jan			QMA2				PPE								QMA3	QMA2
19	27 Jan		QMA2					PPE		QMA2							
20	3 Feb			PPE				PPE	PPE								
21	10 Feb	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
22	24 Feb																
23	3 Mar																
24	10 Mar																
25	17 Mar														QMA		
26	24 Mar												QMA3				
27	31 Mar				QMA							QMA3					QMA3
28	21 April																
29	28 April																
30	6 May																
31	12 May																
32	19 May																
33	2 June																
34	9 June																
35	16 June																
36	23 June																
37	30 June																
38	7 July																
39	14 July																

- QMAs will take place on the week shown or soon after. Revision or preparation materials available.
- QMA/PPEs shaded light blue will be reported home in the Achievement and Progress Reports.
- Year 11 Parents' Evenings take place in Week 7, 8 and 10.
- Year 11 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 7, 14 and 24.
- 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 2024 - 2025

English	Science Trilogy	Science Triple
<p><b>QMA 1: English Literature Component 1b</b> Students will be required to respond analytically to a named poem from the Eduqas Poetry Anthology, analysing the poet's language and structural choices and how they convey the poet's meaning and intentions to the reader. Responses will also refer to the poem's social and historical context to explore meaning.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: 3 x Written Examinations</b> Biology Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and part of 7 Chemistry Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Physics Topic 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 All exams will also require Maths skills and RPA material</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: 3 x Written Examinations</b> Biology Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 Chemistry Topic 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Physics Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and part of 5</p>
<p><b>PPE: English Language Component 1</b> A GCSE past paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Language Component 1 exam paper. The paper's contents are Reading 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fiction and Narrative Writing.</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: 3 x Separate Science Papers</b> 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</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: 3 x Separate Science Papers</b> 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</p>
<p><b>PPE: English Literature Component 1</b> A GCSE Past Paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Literature Component 1 exam paper. The paper's contents are 'Macbeth' and Anthology Poetry.</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: 3 x Separate Science Papers</b> Biology Topic 5, 7 and part of topic 6 material covered Chemistry Topic 6, 7 and 8 Physics Topic 5, 6 and part of 7 material covered</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: 3 x Separate Science Papers</b> Biology Topic 5, 7 and part of topic 6 material covered Chemistry Topic 6, 7, 8 and 9 material covered Physics Topic 5, 6 and 7 material covered</p>
<p><b>PPE: English Language Component 2</b> A GCSE past paper. Students will be required to tackle an English Language Component 2 exam paper. The paper's contents are Reading 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Non-fiction and Transactional Writing.</p>		
<p><b>PPE: English Literature Component 2 exam paper</b> 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', 'A Christmas Carol' and Unseen Poetry.</p>		

<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> Full calculator GCSE paper topics tested will be taken from the full Maths GCSE specification.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> 2.1 Growing a business</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> Health, Fitness &amp; Wellbeing and Commercialism in Sport</p>
<p><b>PPE: Written Examination x 2 GCSE past paper.</b> This is two full exam papers one full calculator paper and a non-calculator paper. A further calculator paper will be completed in class time the previous week, to provide the fullest GCSE experience possible.</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination</b> 2.1 Growing a business 2.2 Marketing 2.3 Operations</p>	<p><b>PPE Written Examination</b> Unit 1 GCSE past paper. Injury Prevention, Principles of Training, Components of fitness, Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Skeletal, Muscular systems and Movement Analysis</p>
<p><b>QMA2: Written Examination</b> One full calculator GCSE paper Combined with PPE2.</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past/ sample paper. GCSE Business Studies 9-1: Theme 1 1.1 Enterprise 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</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written examination</b> Engagement patterns and ethical issues in sport, with recap questions on Health, Fitness &amp; Wellbeing. and Commercialism in Sport</p>
<p><b>PPE: Written Examination x 2 GCSE past papers</b> This is two full exam papers. One full calculator paper and a non-calculator paper. A further calculator paper will be completed in class time the previous week as QMA2, to provide the fullest final GCSE experience possible.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> 1.1 Enterprise 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity 1.3 Putting an idea into practice 1.4 How to make a business effective 1.5 External influence</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> <b>Unit 2 GCSE past paper</b> Health, fitness &amp; wellbeing; ethical issues in sport; engagement patterns; commercialism in sport</p>
	<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past/ sample paper. GCSE Business Studies 9-1: Theme 2 2.1 Growing a business 2.2 Marketing 2.3 Operations 2.4 Finance 2.5 Human Resources</p>	<p><b>QMA3: Written Examination</b> Sports Psychology, with recap questions on Health, fitness &amp; wellbeing; ethical issues in sport; engagement patterns; commercialism in sport</p>

<b>Geography</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer GCSE questions. Assessing Urban Issues and Challenges (Unit 4).</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination:</b> Revision of the American West section of paper 2 with assessment focusing on exam questions such as the consequences and importance 8-mark questions.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination</b> A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer GCSE questions. Assessing Changing Economic World (Unit 5).</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination:</b> Content based revision of the Germany paper 3 unit up to and including Germany post WWI, German economic decline and recovery and the growth of the Nazi Party</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>PPE: Written Examination</b> A full Paper 1 GCSE out of 88 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 1 (Natural Hazards – Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Tropical Storms, UK Extreme Weather, Climate Change)</li> <li>• Unit 4 (Urban Issues and Challenges)</li> <li>• Unit 5 (Changing Economic World)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination:</b> A GCSE past paper. Paper 2 – American West/Anglo-Saxon/Norman England</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> A GCSE style assessment, with definition questions, multiple choice questions and longer GCSE questions. Assessing The Challenges of Resource Management (Unit 6).</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> Revision of Weimar/Nazi Germany paper 3. Students will be assessed on the skills of source analysis and interpretations.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>PPE: Written Examination</b> A full Paper 1 GCSE out of 88 marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 2 (Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts)</li> <li>• Unit 3 (Physical Landscapes in the UK – Coasts and Rivers)</li> <li>• Unit 6 (Challenge of Resource Management)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination:</b> A GCSE past paper. Paper 3 – Weimar/Nazi Germany</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> 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.</p>

French	Spanish	Media
<p><b>QMA 1: Writing and Translation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>QMA 1: Reading, Listening, Writing &amp; Translation Test</b></p> <p>Students will be assessed using exam-style questions on all topics covered so far.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b></p> <p>Extended 20-mark question focusing on the influences video games have on young people in society.</p>
<p><b>PPE 1: GCSE past paper - Reading, writing, listening and speaking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>QMA 2: Speaking Test</b></p> <p>Themes 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture), theme 2 (school) and theme 3 (holidays and local area). Students will also need knowledge of how to tackle the role-play and picture-based elements of the speaking exam. Note: the marks from this speaking assessment will also be combined with the PPE1 results to give a more accurate overall mock exam performance.</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b></p> <p>A GCSE past paper (paper 1).</p>
<p><b>QMA 2: Speaking (part of the PPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPE1</b></p> <p>A GCSE past paper from 3 key skills: listening, reading and writing. All themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul> <p>Note: students' overall PPE grade will also include the speaking test (QMA 2). All four skills are equally weighted &amp; make up 25% each.</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination</b></p> <p>20-mark extended writing question on OSP influence, with specific focus on Marcus Rashford</p>
<p><b>QMA 3: Speaking (part of the PPE 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>QMA 3: Reading, Listening, Writing &amp; Translation Test</b></p> <p>Students will be assessed using exam-style questions on all topics covered so far.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Analytical Essay</b></p> <p>TV analysis</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>PPE 2: A range of assessment formats</b></p> <p>GCSE past paper - Reading, writing, listening and speaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPE2: A range of assessment formats</b></p> <p>A GCSE past paper from all 4 key skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. All themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1 (free time, identity &amp; culture)</li> <li>• Theme 2 (school)</li> <li>• Theme 3 (holidays &amp; local area)</li> <li>• Theme 4 (world of work &amp; future aspirations)</li> <li>• Theme 5 (global issues &amp; environment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPE: Written Examination</b></p> <p>A GCSE past paper (paper 2)</p> <p>Includes unseen analysis of TV clip and multiple 20-mark questions.</p>

<b>Computing</b>	<b>Food and Nutrition</b>	<b>Design and Technology</b>
<p><b>QMA 1: Written Examination</b> Computer network connections and connections.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: NEA</b> Section A - Research</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Presentation</b> <b>NEA Section B</b> 1-page presentation detailing the design brief and specification formulated for the chosen NEA design context.</p>
<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past exam paper. Unit 1 (1.1 – 1.6 inclusive).</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE Past Paper Short and long answer GCSE questions</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Written Presentation</b> <b>NEA Section C</b> 3-page presentation evidencing the generation of design ideas for the NEA portfolio based on the design brief and specification.</p>
<p><b>QMA 2: Written Examination</b> Threats to Networks and Prevention methods Written assessment using past exam paper questions</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: NEA</b> Section B - Science Experiment</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past exam paper Section A – Core technical principles Section B – Specialist technical principles Section C – Designing and making principles</p>
<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> Sorting and searching algorithms.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Examination</b> Exam questions will focus on revision topics</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Presentation</b> <b>NEA Section D</b> 7-page presentation evidencing the development of design ideas towards a solution to the design brief and specification.</p>
<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past paper (paper 1). Computer Systems.</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past paper. Short and long answer GCSE questions.</p>	<p><b>QMA 4: Written Presentation</b> <b>NEA Section E</b> 2-page presentation evidencing the manufacture of a final practical prototype of the developed design solution.</p>
		<p><b>QMA 5: Written Presentation</b> <b>NEA Section F</b> 3-page presentation evidencing the testing and evaluation of the completed practical prototype.</p>
		<p><b>PPE 2: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past exam paper Section A – Core technical principles Section B – Specialist technical principles Section C – Designing and making principles</p>

<b>Art</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Music</b>
<p><b>QMA 1: Development Work</b> For the NEA project 'Celebration'. Linked to assessment objective 1: to develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Including artist analysis.</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Written Assessment</b> Practice exam paper section A &amp; B</p>	<p><b>QMA 1: Composition</b> Set brief composition. Students will compose a 2-minute piece linked to the set brief released by the exam board in September.</p>
<p><b>PPE 1: Practical Final Outcome</b> For the NEA Project 'Celebration'. Final piece of work linked to assessment objective 4: to present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language in reference to the final sustained project.</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written assessment</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Performing</b> Solo and ensemble performance recital Students perform the two pieces on their chosen instrument and are assessed with the GCSE performance criteria.</p>
<p><b>QMA 2: Research Practical and Written Task</b> Component 2 exam set assignment ESA linked to assessment objective 1: To develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. Focussing on sketchbook work.</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: Written assessment</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>PPE 1: Written Examination</b> A GCSE past exam paper</p>
<p><b>PPE 2: Development Work</b> For externally set assignment ESA component 2 linked to assessment objective 2: to refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.</p>	<p><b>QMA 2: Practical assessment</b> Scripted drama – 2 extracts from the same play. Specialism chosen by teacher. Visiting examiner sent by AQA examination board.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Listening</b> Listening set works and unheard listening Exam style question paper assessing listening technique and understanding of the set works and musical terminology.</p>
<p><b>QMA 3: Final Assessment of Personal Portfolio NEA</b> Completion of all project work for Unit 1 60% final grade.</p>	<p><b>QMA 3: Written Assessment</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>PPE 2: Listening Examination</b> A GCSE past exam paper. Listening question paper testing listening skills and knowledge of the set works.</p>



## **Personal Development**

### **QMA 1: Diagnostic Assessment**

Mid-Module assessment based on understanding of PSHE, Careers and Enterprise, Citizenship, Core RE and Computing content covered in the module.