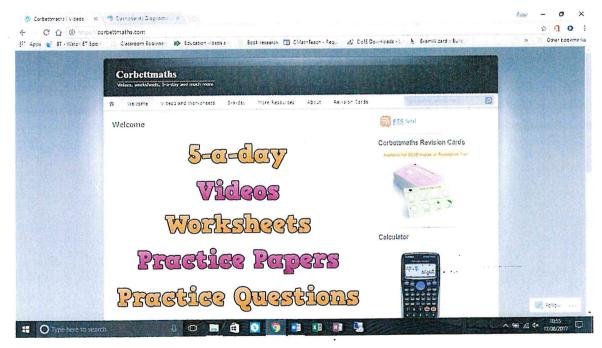
Supporting your child with GCSE Maths



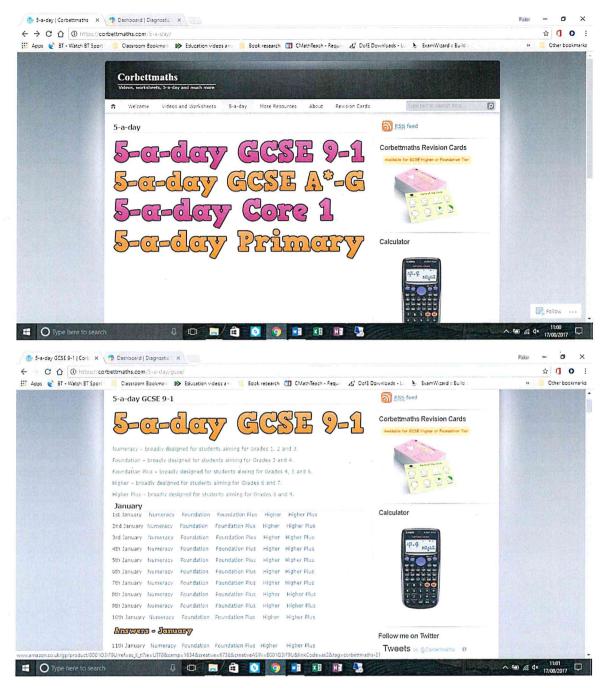


Dear Parent/Carer, Studying for GCSE Maths is demanding for many pupils. Lots of hard work both in and out of school is required for pupils to be successful and for some pupils managing this and knowing where they can access support can be challenging enough even before they actually do the work. This guide is designed to allow you to know some of the support avenues that are available so that you can assist your child in managing their out of school work and revision over the GCSE years.

Corbett Maths (https://corbettmaths.com/) – Corbett Maths is a free site that your child can access that provides a great deal of supporting material and question practice. Teachers at Brockington use a lot of Corbett Maths worksheets and practice questions; they are particularly used a lot in our after-school and holiday revision sessions.

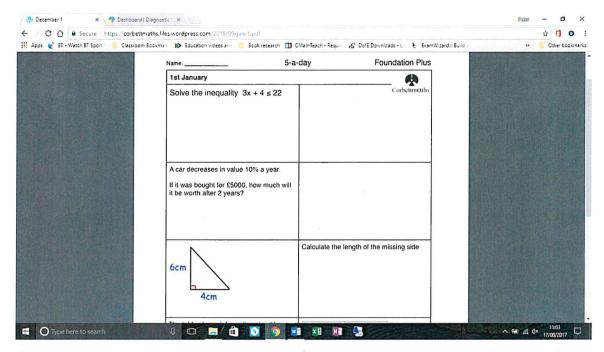


The key area that your child may find useful are the 5-a-day questions alongside the videos. Your child needs to be sure to select the 5-a-day GCSE 9-1 to ensure they are getting suitable questions.

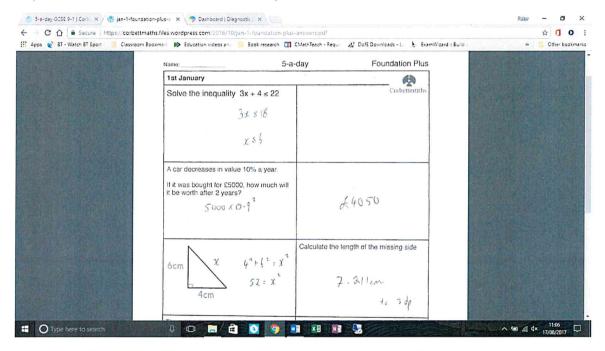


Depending on the tier and set your child is working in, they will find different questions suitable.

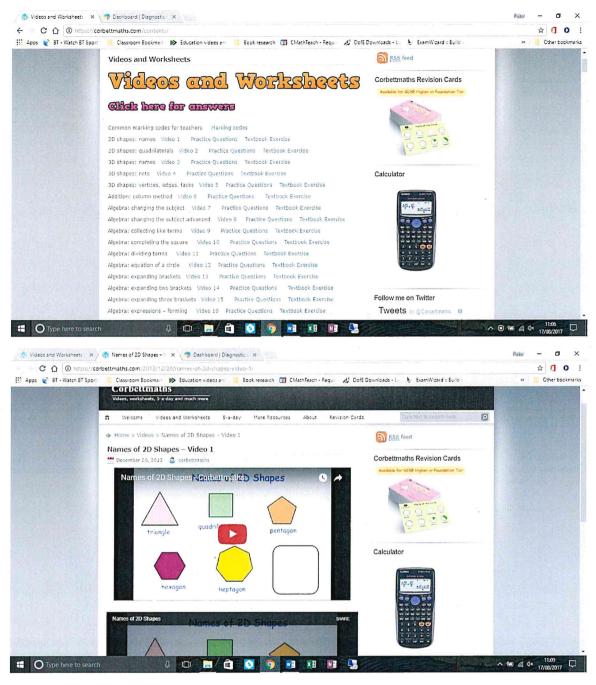
The 5-a-day is designed to give pupils 5 questions for each day of the year to practice different areas of the maths GCSE. They come complete with answers by clicking on the answers link on the page.



The answers are particularly beneficial as they are model answers that show the calculations required to arrive at the answers rather than just the answer itself.



The videos, along with further practice questions and worksheets are designed to support your child with areas they may find difficult. Whilst not as well broken down as the videos from Hegarty Maths they can nonetheless be useful particularly as they are immediately accessible without logging in and also all listed on one page and so more easily searchable.

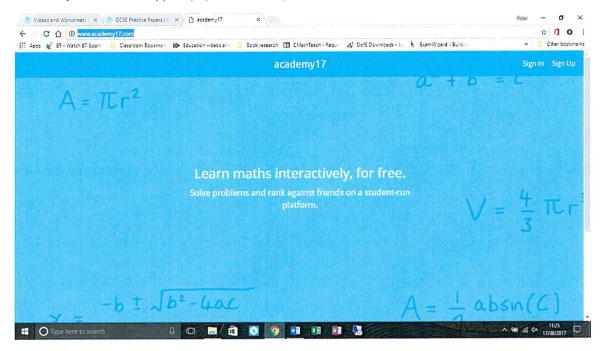


Please note that the practice papers listed on the site are currently still papers for the older legacy GCSE rather than the current 9-1 GCSE, although I understand there are plans to update this at some point.

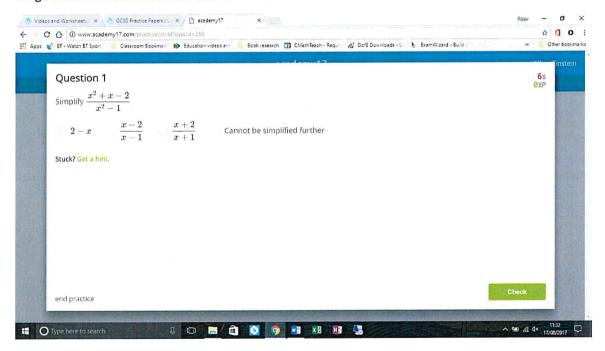
Corbett Maths will also produce practice papers available for pupils once the first paper has been sat, i.e. they will analyse the first paper of the GCSE and produce a paper that will practice the outstanding topics. Similarly once two papers have been sat they will produce a practice paper geared towards topics that are more likely to appear on the final GCSE paper. These final practice papers will be invaluable to support Year 11 pupils revision once exams have started.

Corbett Maths also make revision cards available for purchase. These are very high quality and well worth purchasing for your child to support their GCSE.

academy17 (http://www.academy17.com/) – Academy 17 is a new site that has been designed by university students to support pupils in working on GCSE Maths.

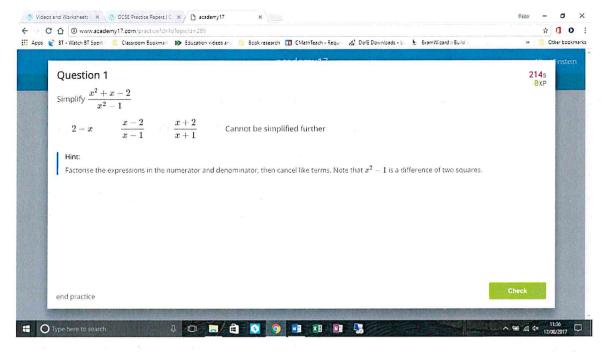


As the site is not written by teachers or people experienced in the classroom (as the other sites all are) caution must be exercised in its use. In particular the question style may not reflect the full range of practice that might be required for the GCSE. However as extra practice questions in a range of skills the site could be useful.

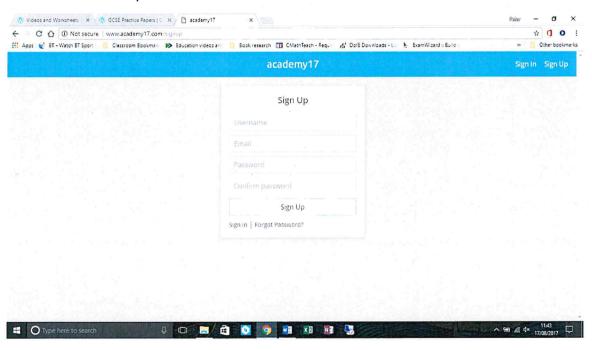


The questions are all timed and multiple choice, with pupils earning 'XP' (a popular gaming concept) and then ranked against other users.

Whilst there are no video supporting materials, the site does provide hints to help pupils who may be struggling with particular questions.

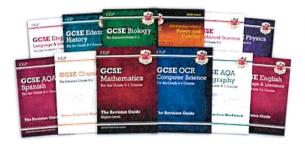


Your child will need to sign themselves up to use the site – we would suggest they use their school email address rather than a personal one as this will mean that your child will stop receiving emails from the site once they leave school.



Workbook and Printed materials Support

There are now a number of revision guides available for use with the 9-1 Maths GCSE. Whilst most of these will be suitable, the one we recommend is produced by CGP.

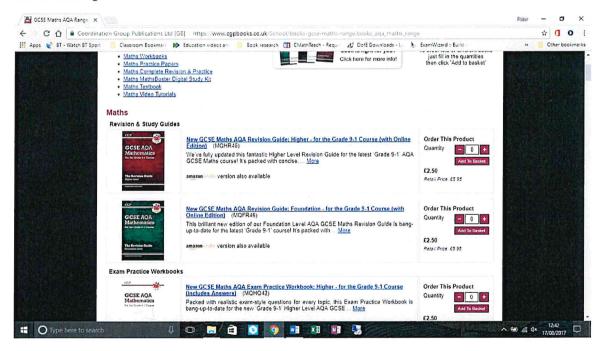


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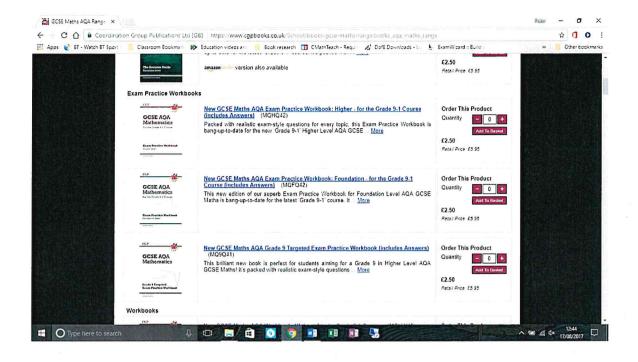
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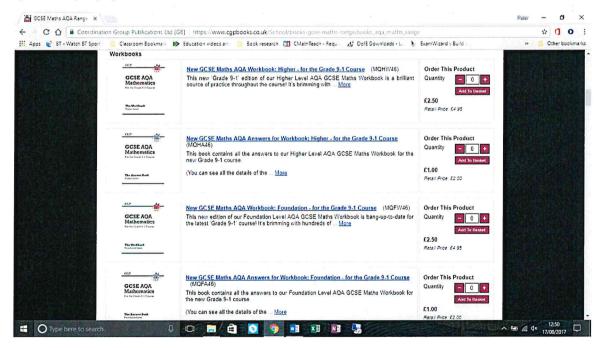
CGP offer a good revision guide at both Foundation and Higher tier. This is designed to have materials to support pupils in revision and learning of material, with explanations and worked examples. There are also a limited number of questions on each topic to help check and test understanding.



In addition to the revision guide, CGP also produce an exam practice workbook, with exam style questions that have been specially designed to mirror the style of the 9-1 GCSE assessment. As well as exam practice workbook for Foundation and Higher, there is also a special 'Grade 9 targeted' workbook which is intended for to provide extra support for those pupils attempting to secure the very top grades.



Finally, CGP produce a standard workbook. This book is designed to provide basic practice questions rather than the more exam style questions, but consequently have a larger number of questions to practice when compared to the exam practice workbook, which typically only have one or two questions per page.



The board specific workbooks have separate answer booklets, however CGP do also sell a generic workbook designed to cover all boards. The benefit of this book is that the answers are included, so everything required is contained within a single book.

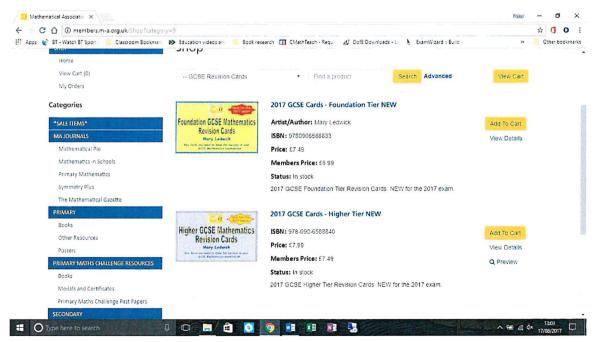
These books can be purchased from most good book shops, or directly from the CGP website (www.cgpbooks.co.uk). The maths department will also order these books from CGP to supply to pupils in Year 11. We sell these books at the cost price of £2.50 (correct at time of writing) which represents a significant saving on the retail price of £5.95. If your child is in Year 11 they will be able to add their name to the order request list by telling their teacher. ParentPay will then be opened in batches for the books to be paid for, and then ordered when a group of parents have paid.

CGP do offer further materials, mainly textbooks, but also copies of practice papers, digital study materials, and alternative revision guides and questions. The school doesn't order these resources but parents can also order these materials directly from the website.

Corbett Maths revision cards (https://corbettmaths.com/revision-cards/) – In addition to the online materials Corbett Maths also has printed 'flash' revision cards for sale through their website. These cards can be an excellent resource to support revision in the build-up to the exam. The major benefit of these cards is that they contain QR codes which can be scanned by most mobile devices which link directly to the video, practice questions and answers related to particular card or topic.



Mathematical Association revision cards (http://members.m-a.org.uk/Shop?category=9) – If the Corbett Maths revision cards are not to your child's taste, then they may wish to consider the cards from the Mathematical Association. There are fewer cards (78) and the notes section on the back of the card is larger. If purchasing these do make sure you purchase the new 2017 GCSE version.



Pearson Revision Cards (https://goo.gl/ucpDpZ) – The educational publisher Pearson also produce a set of revision cards. This pack is slightly larger with 100 cards, and comes complete with dividers and topic summary cards. The cards contain multiple choice questions with answers, as well as worked examples. Each pack also includes access to a digital copy of the associated revision guide (Foundation or Higher) from Pearson. These can be ordered directly from the Pearson website, or through Amazon.

