



# In-School Student Revision Conferences

*Bringing GCSE & A Level success into your school*

## Benefits of In-School GCSE and A level Conferences...

- Bring expert examiners and leading practitioners into your school to give your students **vital insight** and **raise examination grades**.
- **Tailor** your chosen conferences to suit your student groups – grades 7/9, 4/5.
- Choose from over 40 GCSE and A level **exam board specific** conferences.
- Benefit from a **specially prepared workbook** designed by examiners to give students a fully interactive and engaging day.
- Achieve **excellent value for money** with no hassle, no booking of transport, or taking students out of school- everything is organised for your and comes direct to your school.

### Our Conference Speakers:

- Leading Senior Examiners
- Experienced practitioners
- High profile subject experts
- GCSE and A Level examination authors

### Multiple Student Conferences

Interested in booking in multiple conferences?

- If you book 3 or more we can offer a discount
- Please specify when enquiring
- Conferences can run simultaneously and also in holiday periods

# In-School Student Conferences

As a leading national provider of Student Revision Conferences for secondary students, Keynote can bring student success to your school through its highly renowned In-School student revision conferences.

With a strong focus on enhancing the examination performance of your GCSE and A Level students these conferences have witnessed considerable growth in the number of schools bookings with us. We now run over 1,500 in-school student conferences each year, with many schools repeating their booking year-on-year for the benefit of their students.

The conferences are especially designed to provide top level examiner advice and guidance from **senior examiners, lead subject practitioners, and examination authors**; they will give your students vital insight into what examiners expect from candidates, and how best students can prepare those key aspects for examination success.

## Benefits of In-School Conferences

- Gain **face-to-face guidance and advice** from examiners and practitioners into how to access the top grades
- Book your student conference/session **before the Mock exams**
- Arrange a **tailored follow-up** session to focus on key questions/topics
- Customise your student conference to focus on the key area of your choice ie: challenging areas, **getting top marks in the high mark questions**

## See what schools have said about our Student Conferences

“ The conference was excellent, all our students benefited from it, and met or exceeded their targets. The trainer was fabulous and gave both staff and students really good examination tips. ”

A Level Politics, Farnborough College

“ The speaker was inspiring and energetic; his approach was spot on to the brief and relevant to all. He was well received by students and staff alike and I would thoroughly recommend him to other establishments. ”

GCSE Music Conference Harlington School

“ Great speaker. Pupils loved the information on the structure of exam/grades/markings. ”

GCSE Maths grades 4/5, Fulwood Academy

“ It was brilliant to be able to tailor the session to suit our candidates – this was excellent and the conference speaker delivered it superbly. The materials for the students were extremely helpful, as was the accompanying PPT. The students were commenting on how useful they had found the afternoon – and that it was enjoyable (even after-school on a Friday). The delivery of the course was clear, well structured and engaging throughout. ”

GCSE English, Royal Masonic Schools for Girls

## Choose from our range of subjects

AQA, Eduqas, OCR, Pearson/Edexcel

### English

- GCSE AQA English & English Language: Reaching Grades 7-9
- GCSE AQA English & English Language: Reaching a Grade 4/5

### Mathematics

- GCSE Mathematics: Achieving a Grade 7-9
- GCSE Mathematics: Achieving a Grade 4/5

### Sciences

- Year 12 & 13 Biology
- Year 12 & 13 Chemistry
- Year 12 & 13 Physics
- GCSE Double & Triple Science

### PE

- A Level PE
- GCSE PE: Reaching Grades 7-9
- GCSE PE: Reaching a Grade 4/5

### Psychology & Sociology

- Year 12 & 13 Psychology or Sociology
- GCSE Psychology

### History

- A Level History Conferences – topic and exam board specific
- GCSE History: Topic based
- GCSE History: achieving a grade 7-9
- GCSE History: achieving a grade 4/5

### Languages

- A Level French
- A Level Spanish
- GCSE French
- GCSE German
- GCSE Spanish

### Performing Arts

- A Level Music
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Music

Please enquire about other subjects and levels

# In-School Day Examples: How your In-School Conference might look

## Example 2020 programme: AQA GCSE English Language: Achieving Grades 7-9

### 10.30 – 11.00am: Paper 1: Section A: Question 3 – Structure

- This isn't a language question!
- What is structure? A key list of terms you can use and look for

### 11.00 – 11.40am: Paper 1: Section A Question 4 – Evaluation

- Unpicking evaluative: What is it and how do you write it?
- What to look for in the question – do's and don'ts
- How do you structure your evaluative response – the use of impactful language

11.40 – 12.00pm: Morning break – Submit your questions for the question box

### 12.00 – 12.30pm: Paper 1: Section B: Question 5 – Narrative or Descriptive Writing for the 40-mark question

- Short cuts to excellent writing in the exam; and how to be original in your writing – grade 7-9 exemplar.
- How to plan your response and how to start with impact. Which question do you choose?
- What writing techniques are characteristic of an 8/9 answer?
- How to move from a 7 to an 8 and a 9

### 12.30 – 1.10pm: Paper 2: Section A: Question 2 Summary

- Reducing and refining – Bringing it all together but knowing they are different
- What is synthesis? How do I turn this skill into an effective exam answer

1.10 – 1.45pm: Lunch

1.45 – 2.00pm: Question Box – Speakers will answer the questions given by students

### 2.00 – 2.15pm: Punctuate to articulate: The importance of accuracy in your SPG

- Easy ways to raise your grade
- The importance of accuracy in your SPG

### 2.15 – 2.45pm: Paper 2: Section A: Question 4, the 16-mark Comparison question

- Same, but different. Method not content.
- How do 8/9 students compare effectively when answering this question – some tips

### 2.45 – 3.15pm: Paper 2: Section B: Question 5 – Writing to Present a Viewpoint

- What we want and how to do it! Sequencing your argument.
- Planning for these questions – how to ensure success. What sort of discussions can I have which will prepare me for the exam?
- How to start writing effectively – with some examples / students write their own.

### 3.15 – 3.30pm: Final Messages

- EXAMINERS' FINAL MESSAGES: key points from each of the presenters – how to be the grade 7-9 student we are looking for!
- 10 Examiners' Tips to ensure that Grade 8/9

## Example 2020 programme: AQA GCSE Maths: Achieving Grades 7-9

### 10.00 – 10.45am: Lessons from previous exams

- Quick wins, topics where easy marks are frequently lost, and how to avoid this in the exam.
- Looking at previous students exam answers, can you spot where they went wrong?
- Examples of perfect answers – the kinds of setting out that helps your examiner give you maximum marks

### 10.45 – 11.30am: Multi step questions in Number

- Strategies for 4 or 5 mark questions, how to decode the question
- Some effective tools and methods – ratio tables and calculator skills
- Fractions – spotting a fraction question
- Some efficient and effective non calculator methods

11.30 – 11.45am: Morning break – Submit questions about your most feared topics for the question box

### 11.45 – 12.30pm: All you need for Algebra

- Focus on the harder algebra topics, key ideas, top tips, knowing what to do and when – command words and other clues.
- Spotting the 'algebra question' in other topics – constructing equations.
- How to check your answers
- Formula, sequences and graphical representations

### 12.30 – 1.45pm: Geometry

- Importance of drawing diagrams
- Key terminology and how to present answers for 'show/explain' questions.
- Trig, Pythagoras or mensuration, spotting the right topic
- Harder volume questions, formulas you need to know

1.45 – 2.30pm: Lunch

2.30 – 2.45pm: Question Box – Speakers will help you overcome those terror topics!

### 2.45 – 3.10pm: Making the most of your Calculator

- Quick run through of everything your calculator can do
- Some hidden functions that are often missed
- Multiple uses for the table functions
- Calculator as your checking tool

### 3.10 – 3.30pm: Revision and approaching the exam

- Top revision strategies
- Examiners final tips and advice
- Q and A

All sessions involve hands on student activities involving previous assessment materials, and exemplars of previous exam responses

## Conference Structure Flexibility

Examples of ways to tailor your conference to meet your students' requirements.

### Option 1

## Off-the-Shelf

Choose one of our existing student conferences or tailor the content more specifically to meet the needs of your students, with one, two or three speakers.

### Option 2

## Split Day

Split your day: have a morning student session and an afternoon teacher session with your speaker on key examination areas to focus on.

### Option 3

## Differentiation

Adapt your chosen conference to include workshop sessions eg; Reaching a Grade 4/5 and Reaching a Grade 7-9.

## What to do next?

If you are interested in holding one or more student conferences in your school, please contact our **In-School Team** on **01625 532974** to discuss further, or email **online@keynote.org.uk** with some initial details, including your contact details and we will return your enquiry within 24 hours.

Alternatively, please complete the Contact Us section on our website **www.keynoteeducational.co.uk** using the details below for follow up discussions.

## What will it cost?

Prices start from £1,000+VAT, based on a one day conference, and includes:

- Full organisation
- Specifically selected expert speaker based on your requirements (fees, travel and associated expenses)
- Consultancy
- Course notes/resources printed and delivered to your school

## Enquiries and Bookings

In your enquiries please give the following information

- The subject, level (GCSE or A Level) and/or exam board that your enquiry relates to
- What options/tailoring requirements you may be interested in
- Your model for the day ie. full day, half day or after school, splitting your students according to level; groups ie 7/9, 4/5, breakout groups
- How many (approximate) students are likely to be attending
- Sharing with a neighbouring school
- When would you like the conference to be held eg; which term; month; specific day, weekends/holidays?



## Brand New On-line Student Webinars

Have you seen our new 60 minute webinars scheduled for this term?

To book your students onto a webinar of your choice just phone **01625 532974**, or email **online@keynote.org.uk** or book on the website **www.keynoteeducational.co.uk**

