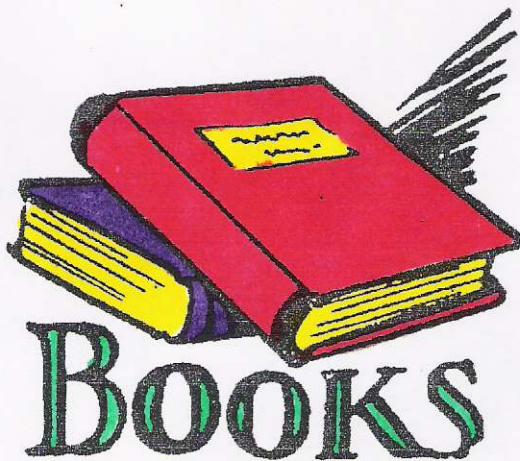
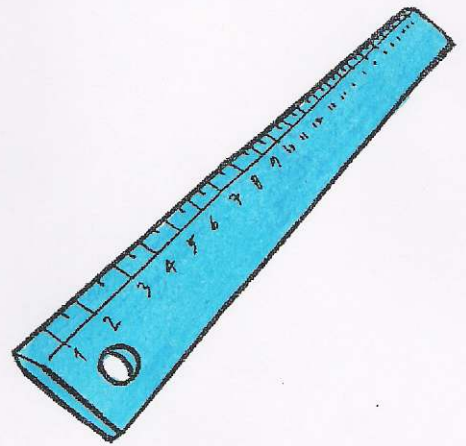


- ⓐ Obligatory secondary education lasts for **5 years**.
- ⓐ Pupils **start** at the age of **12** in **year 7**, and **finish** at **16** in **year 11**.
- ⓐ In **year 9**, the pupils do another **Key Stage test**.
- ⓐ At the end of the **5 years**, they take exams called **GCSEs**. Pupils can take as many as 10 GCSEs but most **only take 5**.
- ⓐ Each GCSE exam is **based on a subject** area (History, Biology, English, Maths...).
- ⓐ The **last two years** of secondary education are not compulsory.



- ⓐ Pupils study **1 or more subjects**. It is very unusual to study more than 4 subjects.
- ⓐ **At the end** of these two years, pupils take exam called **A levels**.
- ⓐ Entrance to **university depends on the results** of these exams.