



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Year 10 Revision Guide

The aims of this booklet are to:

- Prepare you thoroughly for your GCSE examinations, coursework and controlled assessments.
- To support you in achieving your potential.
- To ensure you know the examination demands of every subject you take.
- To equip you with a wide range of revision strategies.
- To ensure you “Let Your Light Shine”



#1: MNEMONICS

Description:

First letter triggers are a quick and easy way to remember short lists of words. You take the first letter of each word in the list and use them as the first letters of words in an imaginative sentence. The first letter then triggers (reminds you of) the original word when you need to remember it.

Example:

This is a mnemonic to help you remember the correct order of the planets:

'Many Vile Earthlings Munch Jam Sandwiches Under Newspaper Piles'
'Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto'

#2: FLASH CARDS

Description:

- (1) A flashcard is a small card bearing information, as words or numbers, on one or both sides. One possible use is writing a question on one side and the answers on the other side.
- (2) Another use is for self-testing.
- (3) Another use is for breaking down a lot of content into smaller chunks and using one card per chunk.

#3: Complete Past

Papers:

Exams are like anything else – the more you do, the better you get.

Get to know:

- Their layout, names/numbers of questions?
- The format of instructions?
- The range of questions: multiple choice, short answers, essays?
- The marking scheme?
- The pace of the paper, how should you allocate time?
- *Practice different types of questions rather than mastering one type and then move on.

#4: Elaboration

- This is the process of finding additional layers of meaning in new material.
- Concepts
- Structures
- Interrelationships
- How does it relate to life outside of school and the 'real world'?



#5: Make your revision subject specific:

Scan the QR Code below and it will direct you to the revision Directory.

This has information about every subject you study. It includes the following.

- Course Overview and Format.
- Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes
- Top websites for Revision.
- Top 5 Subject Specific Revision Strategies.



#6: Create ACRONYMS:

History Example: For the 'How useful question' use DAMIT:
Date/Author/Motive/
Information/Tone

#7: Test Yourself (Evidence says this is the most effective way to revise)

Description:

This means self-testing and retrieving knowledge AND skill from memory. Use these tests to identify areas of weakness. They stop you forgetting and help you avoid the "illusion of knowing". It stops you 'cramming' for the tests and revising huge chunks of content. Remember every time you work hard to recall a memory you strengthen it. The best way is to mix up the content of the quizzes from different topics. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT ANSWERS.**

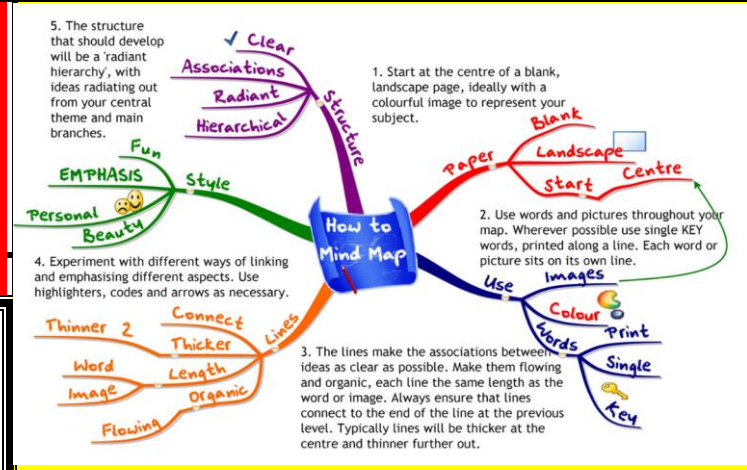
Example of a good 'Quick Quiz'

- Q1: Material from the previous lesson
- Q2: Previous lesson
- Q3: Previous lesson
- Q4: Material from two weeks before
- Q5: Two weeks before
- Q6: Material from five weeks before
- Q7: Five weeks before
- Q8: Material from the previous half term
- Q9: Previous half term
- Q10: Make a connection with what they are currently looking at with something previously studied

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8 General Advice: Start this revision from the moment you get this guide.

- ✓ Plan for hour sessions at the most.
- ✓ Take a short break in between sessions
- ✓ In the evenings after school plan to revise for one or two subjects only
- ✓ Plan to revise specific topics in each subject, not everything at once
- ✓ Ensure that each session starts with tackling the most difficult bits
- ✓ Plan to cover each subject several times and revisit each one nearer to the exams
- ✓ Try to find a suitable place to revise.



#9: Killer Revision Apps



#10: Scan the QR code below and it will take you directly you to some excellent revision videos and websites.



Year 10 Revision Skills



Examples

- For example...
- For instance...
- Such as...
- ...as can be seen
- ...as is shown by
- Take the case of...
- This can be proven by...

Changing the topic

- Turning to...
- As regards...
- With regard to...
- Concerning...
- As far as...is concerned...
- Moving on to...
- Now to consider...
- By contrast...

Contrasting

- However...
- On the other hand...
- ...although...
- Despite this...
- On the contrary...
- Instead...
- As for...
- ...whereas...
- ...while...

Emphasising

- Mainly...
- Mostly...
- Usually...
- Unfortunately...
- Most often...

Re-phrasing

- In other words...
- That is...
- To put it more simply...

Cause and effect

- ...so...
- As a result of...
- ...because...
- This means that...
- Due to the fact that...
- ...due to...
- ...therefore...
- ...caused...
- This caused...

#11 SPAG: Spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This is sometimes worth 5% in some exams.

It is vital your exam work builds on all the Literacy strategies you use in class.

Use the Literacy Guide to help you.

Listing points

- Firstly, secondly, finally...
- To being with...
- In addition to this...
- More importantly...
- Addition...
- ...and...
- ...also...
- ...as well...
- Furthermore...
- Another...
- Not only...but also...

Comparison

- Compared with...
- Similarly...
- In the same way...
- Likewise...
- Equally...
- As with...
- ...are similar in that...

Improve your extended writing

REMEMBER TO PEEC in every paragraph
 P point
 E evidence
 E explain
 C conclude

Concession

- Although...
- While it is true that...
- Despite the fact that...
- In spite of...
- Despite this...
- However...yet...
- Still...
- Nevertheless...

Summing up

- In conclusion...
- In summary...
- To sum up...
- Overall...
- On the whole...
- In short...
- In brief...
- To conclude...
- So, to round off...
- The weight of the evidence suggests

GCSE English Language



Exam Board and Course title	AQA GCSE English Language
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper One: <i>Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</i> Written Exam: 1hr 45 mins 50% of GCSE SPaG is assessed in Section B • Paper 2: <i>Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives</i> Written Exam: 1 hr 45 mins 50% of GCSE SPaG is assessed in Section B • Non-Examination Assessment: <i>Spoken Language</i> Speaking and Listening presentations: teacher assessment. 0% of GCSE
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>Specimen Papers and practise resources are available at:</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700</p>
Key Information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GCSE English Language course is a two year, linear curriculum. • All students will study GCSE English Language. • The qualification is 100% examination based. • All students will sit the GCSE English Language examinations in Summer 2019. • The exam papers are un-tiered. • Grades will be awarded based upon the new number system (Grade 9 to Grade 1.) Within this system, 9 is the highest possible grade (equivalent to A*+)
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC Bitesize: <i>GCSE English Language</i> http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty</p> <p>Englishbiz: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/</p>
Top individual Revision Strategies from the English Department for improving your creative writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could create some spelling tests for yourself using the spelling corrections that you receive in your marked work. Do you often misspell the same words? Memorise the correct spelling! • Select topics or themes that often appear in Question 5 tasks (e.g. seasons, places you like to be etc.) Create a bubble map of key vocabulary then use a thesaurus to create word banks of synonyms for 5 other ways of saying each word you originally chose. • Read someone else's practice Section B responses to cross-check them for spellings and capital letters etc. • Create a chatterbox with all of the text type features for the different writing tasks (inform, explain, describe, argue, Persuade.) Play the game with another person and challenge yourself to make up sentences that use those features on the spot.

GCSE English Literature



Exam Board and Course title	AQA GCSE English Literature
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: <i>Shakespeare and the 19th-Century Novel</i> Written Exam: 1 hr 45 mins 40% of GCSE • Paper 2: <i>Modern Texts and Poetry</i> Written Exam: 2hrs 15 mins 60% of GCSE <p>Both exams are closed book. Students will be tested on SPaG in Section A of both papers.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>Specimen Papers and practise resources are available at:</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702</p>
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GCSE English Literature course is a two year, linear curriculum. • All students will study GCSE English Literature. • The qualification is 100% examination based. • All students will sit the GCSE English Literature examinations in Summer 2019. • The exam papers are un-tiered. • Grades will be awarded based upon the new number system (Grade 9 to Grade 1.) Within this system, 9 is the highest possible grade (equivalent to A*+)
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC Bitesize: <i>GCSE English Literature</i> http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zckw2hv</p> <p>Englishbiz: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/</p>
Top Revision Strategies from the English Department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision flash-cards: create a set of key quotation flash-cards and test yourself on your ability to pick out the language features and comment on their effects. • Quiz yourself – devise a pop quiz of 10 key questions about the characters, themes and contexts of the texts you have studied. • Post-it PEEL – Test your ability to write in time limits by completing 5 minute PEEL paragraph practices. Your paragraph must have an extended explanation with layers of meaning but fit onto a single pot-it note. • Context Detective – Use GCSE history revision websites and The Victorian Web to find out as many facts about the historical background to your set texts as possible.

GCSE Mathematics



Exam Board and Course title	AQA GCSE MATHEMATICS (8300)	
Course Overview and Format.	Overview of content 1. Number 2. Algebra 3. Geometry 4. Measures 5. Statistics 6. Probability	Overview of assessment Three written papers, each contributes a third of the marks towards the final grade. Tiered papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGHER TIER, GRADES 9-4 AVAILABLE • FOUNDATION, GRADES 5-1 AVAILABLE 80 marks on each paper. PAPER 1 NON-CALCULATOR, PAPER 2 & 3 CALCULATOR
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300/assessment-resources	
Equipment required	Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor, compass and scientific calculator, green pen.	
Top Websites for Revision.	Mymaths www.mymaths.co.uk School login: newminster school password: equation16 BBC bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects Mr Barton Maths http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/pupils.htm Kesh Takeaway https://keshgcsemaths.wordpress.com/gcse-maths-takeaway/ Corbett Maths http://corbettmaths.com/	
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Maths department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work through <u>past papers</u> showing your working clearly. Check your answers using a mark scheme or ask your teacher to mark it for you. 2. <u>Self-Testing</u>: Create flash cards with formulae on them and learn them, ask someone else to test you. 3. Revise by using the exam board <u>revision guides</u> (available from the Maths department) and use your books! 4. Try to identify topics or questions that you are stuck on and come and <u>ask a teacher for help</u>. 	

GCSE Biology



Exam Board and Course title	GCSE Biology (8461)
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology Paper 1 - Biology topics 1 - 4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics• Biology Paper 2 - Biology topics 5 - 7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology <p>Both papers last 1hr 45 min and are worth 100 marks (50% of total GCSE). Papers are made up of a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions. All papers will be sat summer of 2019.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p><u>BBC bitesize</u> http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z9ddmp3</p> <p><u>S-cool</u> http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make use of past paper questions and use the mark schemes to check what the examiner looks for in an answer. Can you answer the questions correctly and in <u>sufficient detail</u>?2. Use Revision Guides to review key ideas and then test yourself.3. Use mind-maps or flash cards to review key topics and remember important facts and scientific terminology.4. Make yourself a keyword glossary so you are familiar with the wording of the question you are being asked.5. Identify the topics or style of questions you struggle with come and <u>ask a teacher for help</u>.

GCSE Chemistry



Exam Board and Course title	GCSE Chemistry (8462)
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry Paper 1 – Chemistry topics 1 - 5: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes• Chemistry Paper 2 - Chemistry topics 6 - 10: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and using resources <p>Both papers last 1hr 45 min and are worth 100 marks (50% of total GCSE). Papers are made up of a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions. All papers will be sat summer of 2019.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zs6hvcw</p> <p>S-cool http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse</p>
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GCSE Physics



Exam Board and Course title	GCSE Physics (8463)
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics Paper 1 - Topics 1-4: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.• Physics Paper 2 - Topics 5-8: Forces; Waves; Magnetism and electromagnetism; and Space physics. <p>NOTE: Questions in paper 2 may draw on an understanding of energy changes and transfers due to heating, mechanical and electrical work and the concept of energy conservation from Energy and Electricity.</p> <p>Both papers last 1hr 45 min and are worth 100 marks (50% of total GCSE).</p> <p>Papers are made up of a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions.</p> <p>All papers will be sat summer of 2019.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aga.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpm6fg8</p> <p>S-cool http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make use of past paper questions and use the mark schemes to check what the examiner looks for in an answer. Can you answer the questions correctly and in <u>sufficient detail</u>?2. Use Revision Guides to review key ideas and then test yourself.3. Use mind-maps or flash cards to review key topics and remember important facts and scientific terminology.4. Make yourself a keyword glossary so you are familiar with the wording of the question you are being asked.5. Identify the topics or style of questions you struggle with come and <u>ask a teacher for help</u>.

GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy



Exam Board and Course title	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology Paper 1 - Biology topics: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics • Biology Paper 2 - Biology topics: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology • Chemistry Paper 1 – Chemistry topics: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes • Chemistry Paper 2 - Chemistry topics: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and using resources • Physics Paper 1 - Physics topics: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure • Physics Paper 2 - Physics topics: Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism <p>All papers last 1hr 15 min and are worth 70 marks (16.7% of total GCSE).</p> <p>Papers are made up of a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions.</p> <p>All papers will be sat summer of 2019.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv</p> <p>S-cool http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make use of past paper questions and use the mark schemes to check what the examiner looks for in an answer. Can you answer the questions correctly and in <u>sufficient detail</u>? 2. Use Revision Guides to review key ideas and then test yourself. 3. Use mind-maps or flash cards to review key topics and remember important facts and scientific terminology. 4. Make yourself a keyword glossary so you are familiar with the wording of the question you are being asked. 5. Identify the topics or style of questions you struggle with come and <u>ask a teacher for help</u>.

GCSE History



Exam Board and Course title	Edexcel History
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: Medicine Through Time c.1250- present• Paper 2: The American West c.1839- 95 and Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c.1060- 88• Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/history-2016.html
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>Life in Nazi Germany: http://www.johndclare.net/Weimar1.htm</p> <p>Medicine Through Time: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/video/middleages/</p> <p>The American West: http://www.revisegcsehistory.co.uk/downloads/complete-notes/The%20American%20West.pdf</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the History Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Self-Testing: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied. Make sure to check the answers.2. Self-Testing: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content.3. Answer individual questions from past papers. Remember to check the answers.4. Create mnemonics to help you remember content. E.g. BRAT5. Revise by using the exam board guide books, department revision materials and your books! (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide)

GCSE Geography



Exam Board and Course title	Edexcel Geography B
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Component 1: Global geographical issues <i>Written examination lasting 1hr 30 minutes 37.5% of the course</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hazardous Earth - Development Dynamics - Challenges of an urbanising world ● Component 2: UK geographical issues <i>Written examination lasting 1hr 30 minutes 37.5% of the course</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The UK's evolving physical environment including landscapes, rivers and coasts - The UK's evolving human environment - Seen and unseen fieldwork ● Component 3: People and environment issues <i>Written examination lasting 1 hr 30 minutes 25% of the course</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People and the biosphere - Forests under threat - Consuming energy resources
Sample papers & the specification	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-b-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments
Top Websites for Revision.	http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/PagesHomeWorkHelp/index.htm http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/
Top 4 individual Revision Strategies from the Geography Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case Study Cards: Briefly write out the key information about your case studies on postcard size paper. Keep looking over these cards. 2. Pictionary: Look at key diagrams and try to memorise them- draw them from memory and check to see how much you got right. 3. Test: Revise a topic and make a quiz to test yourself or a friend. 4. Revise by using the exam board guide books, department revision materials and use your books! (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide)

Revision guides are available to purchase for £3 from the Geography pod.

GCSE Religious Education



Exam Board and Course title	Eduqas Religious Studies Specification route B
Course Overview and Format.	<p>Study of a World Faith: Judaism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beliefs and Teachings • Practices <p>Applied Catholic Theology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life and Death • Sin and Forgiveness <p>Foundational Catholic Theology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins and Meaning • Good and Evil <p><u>There is NO coursework in this GCSE.</u></p> <p>Assessment takes place at the END of Year 11 and takes the format of written exams.</p> <p>Study of a World Faith: Judaism 1 hour 60 marks</p> <p>Applied Catholic Theology 1 hour 30 minutes 90 marks</p> <p>Foundational Catholic Theology 1 hour 30 minutes 90 marks</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>www.wjec.co.uk/.../religious-studies-gcse/religious-studies-a.html</p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>Flash cards and thinking maps: https://www.examtime.com/</p> <p>Mr McMillan's YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/MrMcMillanREvis</p> <p>St Robert's Religious Education SharePoint site: https://strobortofnewminster.sharepoint.com/religiousstudies/gcsereligioustudies</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Religious Education Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Self-Testing of key concepts</u>: Make mini quizzes and self-test on the key words in each topic you have studied. 2. Use the exam question grids to consider potential questions and plan answers for these. 3. Answer <u>individual questions</u> from past papers and check the answers. 4. <u>Create mnemonics</u> to help you remember content. 5. Revise by using the department revision booklets and other materials and use your books! (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide)

GCSE French



Exam Board and Course title	AQA French GCSE Specification Code: 8658
Course Overview and Format.	Unit 1 – Listening 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 2 – Speaking 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 3 – Reading 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 4 – Writing 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11)
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p> www.quizlet.com www.kerboodle.com – access your text book on here too - ask your teacher for login details www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/ www.languagesonline.org.uk www.textivate.com www.teachitlanguages.co.uk www.memrise.com </p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the MFL Department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use <i>vivid/powerful/silly ideas</i> to make difficult vocabulary memorable. Note these ideas next to the word on your list. • Use past paper listening <i>transcripts</i> after hearing passages to help you identify key responses you may have otherwise missed. • Revise vocabulary from the <i>AQA Specification</i> little + often and make <i>flashcards</i>. • Spend time each week revisiting an old topic – produce a <i>mind map</i> of key words/phrases + use <i>colour/pictures</i> to trigger memory! • Practise planning writing response answers using words from the question to help you – make sure you cover all the bullet points.

GCSE Spanish



Exam Board and Course title	AQA Spanish GCSE Specification Code: 8698
Course Overview and Format.	Unit 1 – Listening 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 2 – Speaking 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 3 – Reading 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11) Unit 4 – Writing 25% of the final grade (Examination at the end of Year 11)
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698/assessment-resources
Top Websites for Revision.	<p> www.quizlet.com www.kerboodle.com – access your text book on here too - ask your teacher for login details www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/ www.languagesonline.org.uk www.textivate.com www.teachitlanguages.co.uk www.spanish-games.net www.spanishrevision.co.uk </p>
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GCSE Business Studies



Exam Board and Course title	Edexcel GCSE Business (2017) 9-1
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Investigating small business: Written examination 1hr 30 minutes (50% of qualification) • Theme 2: Building a business: Written examination 1hr 30 minutes (50% of qualification)
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments</p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>BBC Bitesize - http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpsvr82</p> <p>Revision World – http://www.revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/business-studies/edexcel-business-studies</p> <p>Business Studies Online – http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk/live/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=33</p> <p>Tutor2U - http://www.tutor2u.net/blog/index.php/business-studies/</p>
Top individual Revision Strategies from the Business Studies Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Testing: Make a quiz to test a friend. 2. Self-Testing: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content. 3. Ensure you remember the exam technique for answering the questions. 4. Answer individual questions from past papers and check the answers. 5. Revise by using the exam board guide books, department revision materials and use your books!

BTEC FIRST AWARD I & CT



Exam Board and Course title	Edexcel BTEC First Award I & CT
Course Overview and Format.	Unit 1: The Online World assessed by External Onscreen Exam Unit 3: A Digital Portfolio - assessed by Coursework Unit 4: Creating Digital Animation assessed by Coursework Unit 6: Creating Digital Graphics assessed by Coursework
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/information-and-creative-technology-2012-nqf.coursematerials.html
Top Websites for Revision.	BBC Bitesize – Information Technology http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zqmtsbk Onscreen Sample Assessment http://www1.edexcel.org.uk/ss/ICT1/start.html
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Computing & ICT Department.	<u>Knowledge organisers</u> - Mind maps, notes, diagrams, cartoons, anything to help you remember! <u>Key technical vocabulary flashcards</u> – Use a site like: www.quizlet.com to make your own. <u>Practical Creative Skills Tutorials</u> - http://helpx.adobe.com/creative-suite.html

GCSE Computer Science



Exam Board and Course title	OCR Computer Science (9-1) - J276
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component 01 – Computer Systems This is an examined unit and makes up 40% of the assessment total.• Component 02 – Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming This is a new written exam, focused on computational thinking and algorithms. Students will be tested on the elements of computational thinking and logic. They are principally assessed as to their ability to write, correct and improve algorithms.• Component 03 – Programming Project (non-exam assessment) This component is the non-exam assessment where students will be challenged by a range of exciting and engaging tasks to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned.
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p><u>http://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-computer-science-j276-from-2016/</u></p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<p><u>BBC Bitesize – Computer Science</u> <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z34k7ty</u></p> <p><u>OCR Cambridge Online Course Companion</u> <u>http://cambridgegcsecomputing.org/</u></p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Computing & ICT Department.	<p><u>Knowledge organisers</u> - Mind maps, notes, diagrams, cartoons, anything to help you remember!</p> <p><u>Key technical vocabulary flashcards</u> – Use a site like: <u>www.quizlet.com</u> to make your own.</p> <p><u>Exam questions & technique</u> – Practice marking your own questions.</p> <p><u>Programming skills</u> – Try competitions like Hacker Rank or Project Euler.</p>

GCSE PE



Exam Board and Course title	AQA Physical Education Full Award
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 Human Body & Movement in Sport (30%) • Paper 2 Socio Cultural Influences in Sport (30%) • NEA: Coursework/ Practical Assessment (40%)
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-4890/past-papers-and-mark-schemes</p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Bite size: http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/znyb4wx • Revision World: http://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/pe-physical-education/aqa-gcse-physical-education-pe • Teach PE: http://www.teachpe.com/gcse/exams.php
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the PE Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Testing: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied. 2. Self-Testing: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content. 3. Mind Maps: Create revision maps on key topics with suitable examples 4. Answer individual questions from past papers and check the answers. 5. Create mnemonics to help you remember content. 6. Revise by using the exam board guide books, department revision materials and use your books! Revision guides available from the PE office-£5 each.

BTEC Engineering



Exam Board and Course title	Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level2 First Award in Engineering
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: The Engineered World: Externally assessed online examination 1 hour. 25% • Unit 2: Investigating an Engineering Product: Internally assessed assignment. 25% • Unit 8: Electronic Circuit Design and Construction: Internally assessed assignment: 50%”.
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>Unit 1 – Past paper http://www1.edexcel.org.uk/ss/Engineering1/start.html</p> <p>Reports and sample work http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/engineering/Pages/default.aspx</p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>http://www.technologystudent.com/</p> <p>http://electronicsclub.info/</p> <p>http://www.kanabco.com/vms/library.html</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Technology Department.	<p>For Unit 1 online exam:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make use of the sample online exam . 2. After each topic ask yourself what questions would you ask if you were writing the exam paper. 3. Make sure you can <u>explain</u> advantages and disadvantages for each topic we study 4. Highlight key words in your revision booklet and make detailed notes 5. Make use of your teachers, ask them anything, anytime

GCSE Product Design



Exam Board and Course title	AQA Design and Technology Product Design
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Medicine Through Time c.1250- present • Paper 2: The American West c.1839- 95 and Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c.1060- 88 • Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552</p>
Top Websites for Revision.	<p>Research the follow key technical principles on the internet. Energy, Materials and their properties. New and Emerging Technologies</p> <p>BBC Bitesize Website http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zybc87h</p> <p>Materials and their properties http://www.explainthatstuff.com/materials-science.html</p>
Top 4 individual Revision Strategies from the DT Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Testing: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied. Make sure to check the answers. 2. Self-Testing: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content. 3. Answer individual questions from past papers. Remember to check the answers. 4. Revise by using the exam board guide books, department revision materials and your books! (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide)

GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition



Exam Board and Course title	AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition
Course Overview and Format.	<p>UNIT 1 – Formal Assessment</p> <p>Theoretical knowledge of food preparation and nutrition from Sections 1 to 5.</p> <p>How it's assessed</p> <p>Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>100 marks</p> <p>50% of GCSE</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Multiple choice questions (20 marks)</p> <p>Five questions each with a number of sub questions (80 marks)</p> <p>UNIT 2 – Non-Exam Assessment</p> <p>Task 1: Food investigation (30 marks)</p> <p>Students' understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients.</p> <p>Practical investigations are a compulsory element of this NEA task.</p> <p>Task 2: Food preparation assessment (70 marks)</p> <p>Students' knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen task.</p> <p>Students will prepare, cook and present a final menu of three dishes within a single period of no more than three hours, planning in advance how this will be achieved.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585/introduction
Top Websites for Revision.	http://www.illuminate.digital/aqafood/ https://www.nutritionprogram.co.uk/ http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/section.aspx?t=85&siteId=19&sectionId=75
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Food Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Testing: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content. 2. Answer individual questions from past papers and check the answers. 3. Answer questions and complete activities on the illuminate website. 4. Revise by using the department revision materials on the shared area, make notes and test yourself. (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide) 5. Self-Testing: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied.

GCSE Art, Craft & Design



Exam Board and Course title	AQA – Portfolio “Mock Exam” (responding to starting points from last year exam paper)
Course Overview and Format.	<p>Unit 1: Portfolio of Work Controlled assessment Set by the centre Marked out of 96 60% of the total marks The portfolio of work is selected from work undertaken during the course of study and must include more than one project. A response to all assessment objectives is required in the portfolio as a whole. Work presented is marked by the centre and moderated by AQA.</p> <p>Unit 2: Externally-Set Task/ EXAM External assessment Set by AQA 10 hours of sustained focused study (usually over two days) Marked out of 96 40% of the total marks Students respond to their chosen starting point to produce a personal response. Question papers can be issued to students from 1 January in the year of the exam. Unlimited preparation time and a 10 hour period of sustained focused study. A response to all assessment objectives is required. Work presented is marked by the centre and moderated by AQA.</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-4200
Top Websites for preparation and development of skills.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/ http://www.pinterest.com https://www.balticmill.com/ http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/laing-art-gallery.html http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/shipleigh-art-gallery.html
Preparation Strategies from the Art Department	<p>Tasks and targets – will allow you to structure the development of an idea through to creation (Tracking booklet)</p> <p>Annotation/Evaluation – Continuously comment on the effectiveness of different media, techniques and processes (Tracking booklet)</p>



GCSE Drama



Exam Board and Course title	AQA GCSE Drama
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Component 1: Understanding drama Written Exam: 1 hr 45 mins 40% of GCSE 40% of GCSE (Blood Brothers and a theatre review) ● Component 2: Devising drama Practical and written coursework 40% of GCSE ● Component 3: Texts in practice Performance of two extracts from one play 20% of GCSE
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>Specimen Papers and practise resources are available at:</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261</p>
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The GCSE Drama course is a mixture of coursework (60%) and examination (40%). ● All students have to write a theatre review. ● Students will be assessed by a visiting examiner to assess their performance. ● Students will sit the GCSE Drama written examination in Summer 2019. ● The exam papers are un-tiered. ● Grades will be awarded based upon the new number system (Grade 9 to Grade 1.) Within this system, 9 is the highest possible grade (equivalent to A*+)
Top Websites for Revision/.	<p>BBC Bitesize: <i>GCSE Drama /Blood Brothers</i></p> <p>YouTube Blood Brothers</p>
Top Revision Strategies from the Drama Department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning lines: a little and often works best. Record scripts on your phone so you can listen on your way to and from school. ● Learning lines –work with a parent to learn your cues. ● Devising inspiration – use Pinterest to find 5 related images to the stimulus to broaden your ideas. ● Acting – Context -Research your character using the whole text and watch clips of your script on Youtube and accent tutorials. ● Blood Brothers – Use the MEGIVA structure when writing about how to direct characters. ● Theatre review - make detailed notes at the theatre on three main characters. As soon as possible after the performance write in as much Megiva information as you can remember.

OCR Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate

in Health and Social Care



Exam Board and Course title	OCR Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care
Course Overview and Format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R021 – Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings (exam)• R022 – Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings (coursework)• Plus 2 other coursework units
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-health-and-social-care-level-1-2-j801-j811-j821/
Top Websites for Revision.	http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/Pages/advocacy-services.aspx https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england
Top 5 individual Revision strategies from the Health & Social Care Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Self-Testing</u>: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied.2. <u>Self-Testing</u>: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content.3. Answer <u>individual questions</u> from past papers and check the answers.4. <u>Create mnemonics</u> to help you remember content.5. Revise by using department revision materials and use your books! (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide)

GCSE Textiles Technology



Exam Board and Course title	AQA- Design and Technology: Textiles Technology
Course Overview and Format.	<p><u>Unit 1: Unit 1 – Written Paper</u> 40% of total marks 2 hours 120 marks Candidates answer all questions in two sections Pre-release material issued</p> <p><u>Unit 2: Unit 2 – Design and Making Practice</u> 60% of total marks Approximately 45 hours 90 marks Consists of a single design and make activity from a range of board set tasks</p>
Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.	<p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-textiles-technology-4570/past-papers-and-mark-schemes</p>
Top Websites, revision books and resources	<p>GCSE Textiles Technology Revision app for any type of smart phone. GCSE Textiles AQA Textbook. GCSE Textiles Technology Lonsdale Revision guide http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/textiles/</p>
Top 5 individual Revision Strategies from the Textiles Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Self-Testing</u>: Use Flash cards to cover past topics and mix up the content. 2. Answer <u>individual questions</u> from past papers and check the answers with the mark scheme. 3. Answer <u>questions</u> from the Lonsdale guides to recall topics covered during lessons. 4. Revise by using the department revision materials on the shared area, make notes and test yourself. (See examples of all of these strategies in this guide) <u>Self-Testing</u>: Make mini quizzes and self-test on each topic you have studied.



<p>Exam Board and Course title</p>	<p>● Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)</p>
<p>Course Overview and Format.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit 1 – Performing. Students are to play both a solo as well as part of an ensemble of at least 4 minutes in duration. This ought to be in partnership with their peripatetic/private teacher who will offer guidance and appropriate tuition to suit the needs of the student. Controlled Assessment 30% ● Unit 2 – Composition. Students have to compose 2 pieces of at least 3 minutes in total that show an awareness of melody writing, rhythm, harmony and structure. Attention to detail and development of ideas can be discussed with the classroom teacher and students are given both a free role in their choice of composition as well as to a given brief set by the exam board. Controlled Assessment 30% ● Unit 3 - Listening And Understanding. A series of 8 set works are studied and carefully analysed with a focus on stylistic traits and relevant vocabulary to expand the listening horizons and enhance the music appreciation of the student. Written exam 40%
<p>Past Papers, Examiners Reports and Mark Schemes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">www.qualifications.com/en/home.html</p>
<p>Top Websites for Revision.</p>	<p>There is also a Revision Guide that can be purchased from www.musicroom.com. You Tube provide analyses on all the set works.</p>
<p>Top individual Revision Strategies from the Music Department.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practice, Practice and Practice. By Christmas of their exam year, both performance pieces ought to be well prepared and ready for recording for the Easter term. 2. Students ought to be composing and developing ideas in an ongoing fashion. Material can be notated, improvised and/or recorded in such a way to allow for notation to be possible during class time. A means to record ideas would be useful. 3. Revise each topic thoroughly and organise folder in such a way to gain access to past essays/exam questions and other relevant reading material. 4. Revisit past exam papers to make necessary improvements to forthcoming mock exams where improvements ought to have been made. 5. Make your instrumental lesson count, where your tutor can also assist with composition ideas and ways to improve technique and expression. 6. Make the most of vocabulary sheets to acquaint yourself with relevant stylistic terminology. 7. A recording of all set works and scores will be provided by the department. 8. Revision ‘back to basics’ classes are there to help those who struggle with elementary theory and are useful to those who need to refresh knowledge from previous years. Every Wednesday after school.