# A STUDENT & PARENT'S GUIDE TO REVISION RESOURCES



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# **Past papers**

These are available to download from the Exam Board websites together with mark schemes (so that you can mark them at home) and other additional, useful information on the specifications that we offer.

AQA GCSEs: Business, Science subjects, Geography, Music, Dance, Food Preparation & Nutrition,

Design and Technology, PE and Drama.

<u>Edexcel</u> GCSEs: Maths, Statistics and all Art & Design subjects.

Eduqas GCSEs: English Language, English Literature, History, Geology, French, German and

Religious Studies. GCSE equivalents – Hospitality & Catering, Construction

OCR GCSE: Computing. GCSE equivalents: Cambridge Nationals - Sports Studies. Health & Social Care

# **Revision Apps**

These are many and varied! BBC Bitesize and Quizlet are highly regarded.

# **Revision Guidance by Subject**

# Art & Design subjects – 3 D Design, Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Photography

The important things, to enable students to excel in the art subjects and reach their potential, are time, space to work and materials. Materials can be borrowed or purchased from the school. We offer after school time on a Wednesday for students to develop their work. All work completed during the course has the potential to count as part of their final grade.

# **Computer Science GCSE - OCR**

Students will be tested across the full range of theory topics covered during the course.

There are two written examinations at the end of the course:

#### Computer Systems

1 hour 30 mins - worth 50% of final grade.

The exam covers:

- o Systems architecture
- Memory and storage
- o Computer networks, connections and protocols
- Network security
- Systems software
- o Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology

### Computational thinking, algorithms and programming

1 hour 30 mins - worth 50% of final grade.

The exam covers:

- Algorithms
- o Programming fundamentals
- Producing robust programs
- o Boolean logic

o Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments

Both exams feature a mixture of short answer and extended essay style questions.

Students are able to look at these links for additional information:

- BBC Bite Size Computer Science <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk</a>
- Ada Computer Science website <a href="https://adacomputerscience.org/topics?examBoard=ocr&stage=gcse">https://adacomputerscience.org/topics?examBoard=ocr&stage=gcse</a>
- Google Classroom https://classroom.google.com/

#### Revision Guides that may help:

- 1. New GCSE Computer Science OCR Revision Guides includes Online Edition, Videos & Ouizzes ISBN 9781789085563
- 2. New Python Programming Guide for GCSE Computer Science with Online Edition, Python Files & Videos ISBN 9781789088625

# **Construction GCSE – EDUQAS/WJEC**

- Construction is a new course so unfortunately revision resources are limited. There is a course companion book that can be purchased from amazon for £28.99 <a href="Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Construction and the Built Environment-Eduqas: Amazon.co.uk: Gareth Wilkins: 9781860857546: Books this is a very useful resource with lots of information and tasks to complete which will help students understanding. We are using this in class, but there is no expectation to buy this given the price.
- As we cover the content of this course, the students will naturally build up their own resources within class and will be strongly encouraged to use this in preparation for their exams.

#### **Dance GCSE - AQA**

#### **Component 1: Performance and Choreography**

This component involves:

2 x set phrases

1 x duet/trio performance

1 x solo or group choreography

Weekly rehearsals in the studio should cover all these dances.

### **Component 2: Dance appreciation**

Students need to ensure they know the six professional dance works within the anthology.

Dance Work	Dance Company	Choreographer
Artificial Things	Stopgap Dance Company	Lucy Bennett
A Linha Curva	Rambert Dance Company	Itzik Galili
Infra	The Royal Ballet	Wayne McGregor
Shadows	Phoenix Dance Theatre	Christopher Bruce
Within Her Eyes	James Cousins Company	James Cousins
Emancipation of Expressionism	Boy Blue Entertainment	Kenrick H2O Sandy

- Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills
- Critical appreciation of own work
- Critical appreciation of professional works

# **Design & Technology GCSE - AQA**

- The "GCSE D&T Resistant Materials, AQA Specification. The Revision Guide" revision is available direct from <u>CGP</u> the ISBN is: 978 1 84762 353 9. It is helpful, but not compulsory, for students to purchase their own copy.
- There will be revision material available on Office 365 after half term. Students will be given more detail about this shortly.
- Useful websites include: <u>Technology Student</u> and <u>BBC Bitesize</u>

#### **Drama GCSE - AQA**

- Students have been issued with GCSE Drama knowledge organiser pages focusing on information needed for component 1 of the GCSE. In addition, there is a AQA specific guide available to purchase should students desire, published by Illuminate Publishing and is written by Annie Fox. The ISBN is 978-1-91120-821-1.
- A copy of the script Blood Brothers has been uploaded onto google classroom to allow the students to ability to familiarise themselves with the content, characters and plot.
- Students should use their knowledge organiser, together with their own notes from their exercise books and support material issued by the drama department to prepare and practise answers to Component 1 exam questions on:
  - Section A Theatre roles and terminology 4 multiple choice questions
  - Section B Study of set text "Blood Brothers" 4 extended answer questions
  - Section C Live Theatre Production, 'The Tragical History of Dr Faustus' (32 marks) any and all practise answers will be marked and proved with specific feedback.

# English Language and English Literature GCSE – EDUQAS/WJEC

Endorsed revision guides for both English language and literature can be sourced via the Eduqas website using the "Books" tab which can be found by following these links:

- 1. GCSE English Language
- 2. GCSE English Literature
  - In addition, our former Deputy Head Cindy Torn has co-authored a revision guide published by Scholastic called "English Language and Literature Revision Guide for All Boards (GCSE Grades 9-1)" ISBN-13: 978-1407169170
  - Past papers can also be accessed via the Eduqas website.

The English exam papers involve a lot of reading so it is good practice to read a variety of texts (magazines, newspapers as well as fiction) to improve reading and comprehension skills.

### Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE - AQA

• Every student has access to the AQA digital online book. Students are aware of the student login details for this and this resource can be accessed at school or at home. The online book covers all areas of the specification for the written exam and also holds key information on NEA1 and 2. The online book offers revision opportunities through key words, exam style questions, quizzes and animations. If a student does not have access to IT then we can arrange for a class text book to be loaned out.

- Within lessons students are often encouraged to use SENECA learning. A free quiz based resource to aid revision. Again, all students have login details and can access this at home or in school
- All students should have their Knowledge Organisers. If students have misplaced these, then the Knowledge Organisers for Food (Yr 7 to 11) are also attached on Google Classrooms.
- There are a wide range of revision guides also available for AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition.
- Finally, following the hand in of NEA1 and 2, all lessons will become 'revision lessons' where we will revisit key constructs, look at revision techniques and build in exam question practice.

# French GCSE - EDUQAS/WJEC

Revision guides & workbooks and Knowledge Organisers to practise vocabulary, should be purchased from the subject teacher. Also use:

- <u>www.sentencebuilders.com</u>
- After school revision session on a Wednesday in room 66.
- These websites are also useful: Languages Online, Lyrics Training or GCSE French Eduqas BBC Bitesize

# **Geography GCSE - AQA**

- There will be in-school revision sessions aimed at all students with a timetable of content to be covered in each session in advance.
- Nearer the finals, there will be additional targeted revision groups aimed at discrete groups.
- Quizlet (online revision resource). We've taken the time to create a comprehensive set of online flashcards covering the entire GCSE content to access via the free Quizlet app or directly from the website <a href="www.quizlet.com">www.quizlet.com</a>. Search for username 'woodylovesgeog'.
- Revision guides are widely available to purchase online (search for AQA Geography specification code 8035). We highly recommend the Pearson and Oxford Publishing revision guide and accompanying workbook.

# **German GCSE – EDUQAS/WJEC**

Revision guides, & workbooks and Knowledge Organisers, to practise vocabulary, should be purchased from the subject teacher. Also use:

- www.sentencebuilders.com
- After school revision session on a **Monday in rooms 61.**
- These websites are also useful: <u>Languages Online</u>, <u>Learn Deutsch</u>, <u>German.net</u>, <u>Lyrics Training</u>. and <u>GCSE</u> German - BBC Bitesize

## Health & Social Care GCSE - OCR

Revision for Health & Social Care will focus around exam preparation for R032: Principles of care in health and social care settings.

This exam is worth 40% of student's overall final grade.

OCR provide the following revision resources:

Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Health & Social Care (J835): Second Edition

Cambridge National in Health & Social Care Student book with Digital Access.

Cambridge National in Health and Social Care Revision Guide and Workbook with Digital Access (2 Years): Level 1/Level 2 (Cambridge Nationals) (10.95)

Resources will also be provided by your Health & Social Care Teacher.

# **History GCSE – EDUQAS/WJEC**

- All revision materials are available to all students on their Google Classroom stream. They
  include:
- All knowledge organisers for each unit.
- Key knowledge Powerpoints for each unit.
- Revision lessons for each unit.
- A link to their Quizlet Class that has folders for each unit.
- We expect students to take ownership of this key learning and actively seek advice from us if there are any areas that they need clarification on. We will monitor engagement with Quizlet using Teacher Quizlet Plus Accounts. The most important Quizlet Sets are the Key Dates Sets for each unit. Students should be completing these each night on rotation to ensure they have their knowledge of dates secure. This only takes a few minutes each evening and is essential for success in GCSE History

# Hospitality & Catering Tech Award – EDUQAS/WJEC

- The main class text book is WJEC level 1/2 technical award 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. This covers Unit 1 and 2 and has lots of helpful resources to show example questions based on each component of unit 1, it shows the different types of questions that will be in the paper and how to approach answering them. In addition to this, it goes through unit 2, step-by-step. It shows basic, medium and high-level skills in practical work. It gives exemplars for coursework and offers lots of support too.
- In some lessons students are encouraged to use SENECA learning. Although this is designed for the Food preparation course, there is a lot of content that is covered which is the same. A free quiz-based resource to aid revision. Again, all students have login details and can access this at home or in school
- All students should have their Knowledge Organisers. If students have misplaced these, then the Knowledge Organisers for Food (Yr 7 to 11) are also attached on Google Classrooms.
- There are a wide range of revision guides also available for Hospitality and Catering. We have a number of these available in school should students want to consider buying one. WJEC level 1/2Vocational award. This is an older book but has a link inside to quizzes that you can do online. The current revision guide is by Anita Tull and is the study and revision guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- Every student has access to the AQA digital online book. Again, although this is the food preparation and nutrition course, there is lots of content that students will find helpful. Students are aware of the student login details for this and this resource can be accessed at school or at home. The online book offers revision opportunities through key words, exam style questions, quizzes and animations. If a student does not have access to IT then we can arrange for a class text book to be loaned out.
- GCSE bitesize covers lots of unit 1 and has clips and quizzes
- Finally, following the hand in of Unit 2, all lessons will become 'revision lessons' where we will revisit key constructs, look at revision techniques and build in exam question practise.

## Maths GCSE - Pearson/Edexcel

• There is a two-book set published by the Exam Board (Pearson Publishing) which comprises a workbook and revision guide. The two books are available to purchase from school at £6.00 per set. Students should ask their subject teacher for these.

#### **Music GCSE - AQA**

### • Component 1 Section A;

Unfamiliar music from Areas of study 1 to 4.

All component knowledge printed and glued into exercise books.

Musical elements Knowledge Organisers

- 1. **Focus on Sound** (online revision resource targeted at AQA GCSE Syllabus)
- 2. **Bitesize** KS4 AQA Music

# • Component 1 Section B;

Set works:

Little Shop of Horrors; Prologue, LSH, Mushnik & Son and Feed me Mozart Clarinet Concerto in A, third Movement - Rondo.

Exercise books

Subject specific vocabulary provided with each set work - available via Quizlet and exercise books Knowledge Organisers

- 1. **Focus on Sound** (online revision resource targeted at AQA GCSE Syllabus)
- 2. **Bitesize** KS4 AQA Music

### General revision support for AQA course;

CGP GCSE Music AQA complete revision & practice (with audio and online edition).

Product code: MUAS42ISBN: 9781789086287

### PE GCSE - AQA

- We recommend students buy the publication titled "GCSE Physical Education- Complete Revision and Practice" published by CGP. This can be purchased from their class teacher for £5.00
- Attend Monday after school revision session and as many sports clubs as possible.
- Do use the online platform SENECA to continue revision away from the classroom.

**Photography** - See Art & Design.

# **RPS GCSE – EDUQAS/WJEC**

The EDUQAS Religious Studies GCSE: Route A is comprised of three components/exams:

Component/Exam 1 - 2 hours (minimum) - 120 marks - 50% of grade.

Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World.

- 1. Issues of Relationships (30 marks)
- 2. Issues of Life and Death (30 marks)
- 3. Issues of Good and Evil (30 marks)
- 4. Issues of Human Rights (30 marks)

Component/Exam 2 - 1 hour (minimum) - 60 marks - 25% of grade.

A Study of Christianity

- a) Christian Beliefs and Teachings (30 marks)
- b) Christian Practices (30 marks)

Component/Exam 3 - 1 hour (minimum) - 60 marks - 25% of grade.

A Study of a World Faith (Islam)

- a) Islamic Beliefs and Teachings (30 marks)
- b) Islamic Practices (30 marks)

Students will be provided with a series of Knowledge Organisers to support their exam preparation. The exam board endorses the revision guide by Hodder Education entitled 'WJEC EDUQAS GCSE 9-1 Religious Studies Route A. This is available online through Hodder Education or through most retailers for roughly £9.99. We have a few in school which can be lent so please speak with your child's class teacher or tutor for assistance.

For each aspect of the GCSE students should be able to describe, explain, evaluate and discuss the issues and concepts explored.

#### Science GCSE - AQA

AQA Combined Science Trilogy 8464 (this is a double science award, 2 GCSEs)

AQA Separate Sciences: students take the three separate GCSEs Biology 8461, Chemistry 8462 and Physics 8463.

- BBC Bitesize:
  - AQA Biology (8461)
  - AQA Chemistry (8462)
  - AQA Physics (8463)
  - GCSE Combined Science AQA Trilogy (8464)
- Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Combined Science revision guide and workbook
- Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Biology Revision guide and workbook
- Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Physics Revision guide and workbook
- <u>Videos | freesciencelessons</u> Short videos for each topic in each science. Includes RPA videos (required practical activities worth 40% of exam marks).
- <u>Cognito Learn GCSE Maths, Biology, Physics and Chemistry (cognitoedu.org)</u> Excellent topic videos for each science.

## **Sport Studies GCSE – OCR**

For sports studies please look at the below revision guides as well as accessing your Google Classroom where your teacher will share key resources.

- OCR Cambridge National in Sport Studies: Revision Guide (with Online Edition) (CGP Cambridge National): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781837740581: Books
- New OCR Cambridge National in Sport Studies: Exam Practice Workbook (CGP Cambridge National): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781837740598: Books