The following slides are intended to help you to support your child through the GCSE process.

English is **two GCSE** qualifications

Both are **AQA**



English Language- Two papers

Paper One focuses on Fiction

Paper Two focuses on Non-Fiction



English Literature – Two papers

Paper One – The Merchant of Venice and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

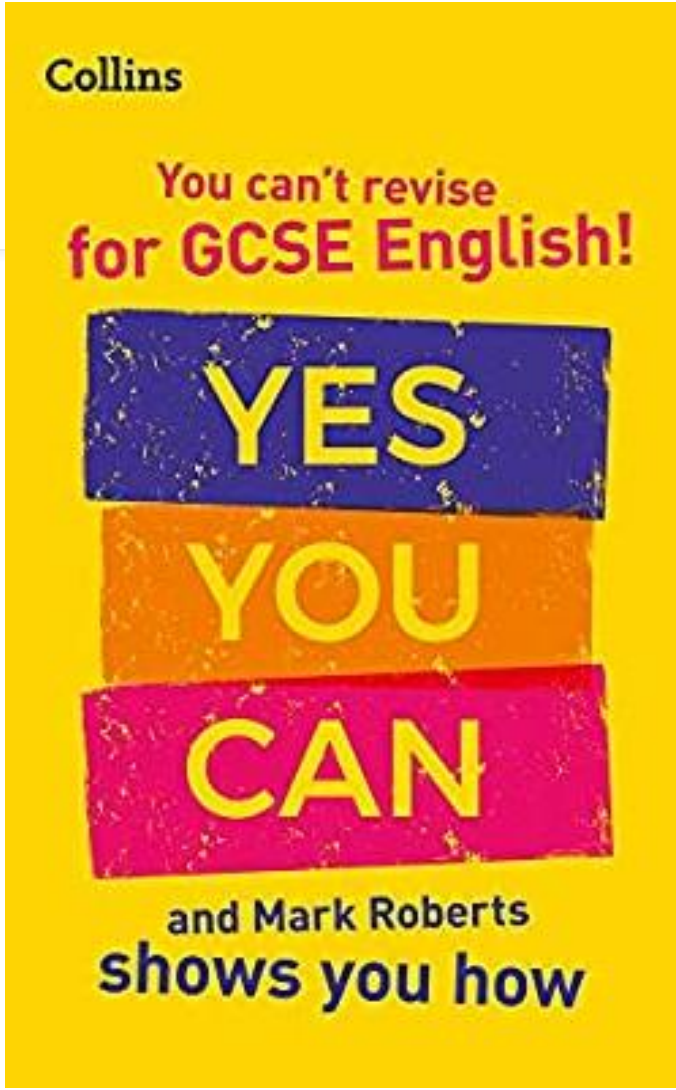
Paper Two – An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry

You can't revise for GCSE English!

- There is a common myth that we frequently hear that students feel it is difficult to revise for GCSE English, particularly English Language.

- Within this book, students are supported with strategies on revision quotations, using context effectively and how to construct model essays

- Mark Roberts outlines a lot of these strategies within his book 'You can't revise for GCSE English! Yes you can' - we would strongly recommend buying a copy and using over the course of the next two years.



What we offer as revision

- **GCSE Pod** – students are going to be actively encouraged to use GCSE Pod to support their in-class learning. These useful podcasts for English help with memorising quotations, identifying context and plugging any gaps in learning or misconceptions.

- **Massolit –** This website aims to include top grade perspectives students can include within their literature analysis. Each of the lecture series is delivered by professors from the leading Universities in the country.

- **Revision Sessions and Events –** Year 11 are given weekly revision sessions for English but are also provided with evening revision opportunities throughout the year.

- **Instagram –** Revision resources, question and answer sessions as well as quotations that can be used

GCSE Maths

You will sit 3 papers, each 1.5 hours: 1 non-calculator, 2 calculator

Each paper is 80 marks

You will sit either Higher or Foundation tier



Exam Board- Edexcel

Major Factors

- Attend lessons
- Bring equipment - pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator (recommend the Casio fx-83GTx classwiz)
- Do homework

Extra work at home

- Use post it notes/flashcards
- Use web site mymaths.co.uk, login is "ferndown", password is "prism"
- Use free websites such as corbettmaths.com and old.mathsgenie.co.uk. Watch videos and do the questions. Answers are on there too
- Use the provided Revision Guide (given out in Y10)
- Attend Maths Revision
- Work through past papers (these will be issued)

GCSE Separate Sciences

How it's assessed

Physics: Paper 1

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

Foundation and Higher Tier

100 marks

50% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

How it's assessed

Physics: Paper 2

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

Foundation and Higher Tier

100 marks

50% of GCSE

Questions

Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

Each separate Science GCSE has 2 papers each 1hour 45minutes

Science Home Learning Resources

- Revision Guides – These are still available to purchase through the BromCom shop at a cost of £12 should you need to.
- Sparx - Keep up with this to ensure that knowledge recall is being reviewed.
- Student Resources (instructions to access these are on the next slide) – a wealth of exam style questions and answers broken up into topics
- AQA website - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science to get to past exam papers and markschemes
- YouTube -
  - https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons
  - https://www.youtube.com/@Cognitoedu
  - https://www.youtube.com/@Primrose_Kitten
  - https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/

Science Online School resources

How to access Science Online resources?

1. FUS Website
2. Click on the 'Student Intranet' in the top bar
3. Use your school login, just as you would on the computers at school.
4. Go to the 3 lines in the top right
5. Click on 'Subjects'
6. Find the Science Folder and select your subject and then year group.
7. Open the folders relevant to your course and tier of entry:
    - You will find: PowerPoints, Exam Style Questions, Revision Checklists and Required Practical Video links.

Ethics GCSE at FUS

Our Curriculum:

At FUS we offer AQA RELIGIOUS STUDIES A.

Students will sit 2 exams at the end of year 11.

Students study 2 religions Christianity & Judaism which makes up 50% of their grade and 4 Themes which include Religion & Life, Crime & Punishment, War & Peace and Human rights,

What support we offer in ethics:

Support with approaching exam questions:

Example exam questions:

- Explain two ways in which belief in the future Messiah influences Jews today.
- *"It is never right to execute a murderer."* Discuss this statement

- In Year 11, revision sessions are run after school week 2 Tuesday focusing on exam questions.
- GCSE Bitesize and GCSE POD are great resources.



Media Studies GCSE Revision

Media Studies GCSE - Eduqas Exam Board (WJEC)

Support in school:

- After school revision sessions on a Thursday Week One in B15.
- Past Exam papers in B15.
- Drop ins on a Wedensday week 2 (B15) for any specific questions.



What you can do outside of school:

- Regular Teams Posts with revision resources.
- YouTube: Mrs Fisher Media Revision
- Padlet
- BBC Bitesize

GCSE Eduqas Sociology

Examinations	%	Time	Topics
Component 1: Understanding Social Processes • Past papers and mark schemes accessible HERE.	50%	1 hr 45	• Key Concepts • Families and Households • Education • Research Methods
Component 2: Understanding Social Structures • Past papers and mark schemes accessible HERE.	50%	1 hr 45	• Social Inequality • Crime and Deviance • Applied Research Methods

11A Teams	11B Teams	11C Teams
Exam Prep and Assistance C1 PowerPoints C2 Power Points Course Booklets	Exam Prep and Assistance C1 PowerPoints C2 Power Points Course Booklets	Exam Prep and Assistance C1 PowerPoints C2 Power Points Course Booklets

Contact Mrs K Raisbeck at KatieRaisbeck@fernup.dorset.sch.uk for more information.

Revision resources

- All Soc – Key Concepts
- All Soc – Family
- All Soc – Education
- All Soc – Methods
- All Soc – Inequality AND Crime
- Seneca – Sociology
- GCSE Eduqas textbook
- GCSE Class of 2027 Quizlet
- Revision Blasts
- Tutor2U revision quizzes
- Only Sociology Revision
- Study Rocket – Sociology
- Eduqas GCSE Soc KOs
- Brainscape
- Sociology Central
- Sociology Short Cuts
- Ken Brown Soc glossary
- Sociology glossary

Yr11 GCSE Fine Art support sessions
Tues 1: Option C, Weds 1: Option B, Weds 2: Option A

Yr11 GCSE Fine Art support sessions

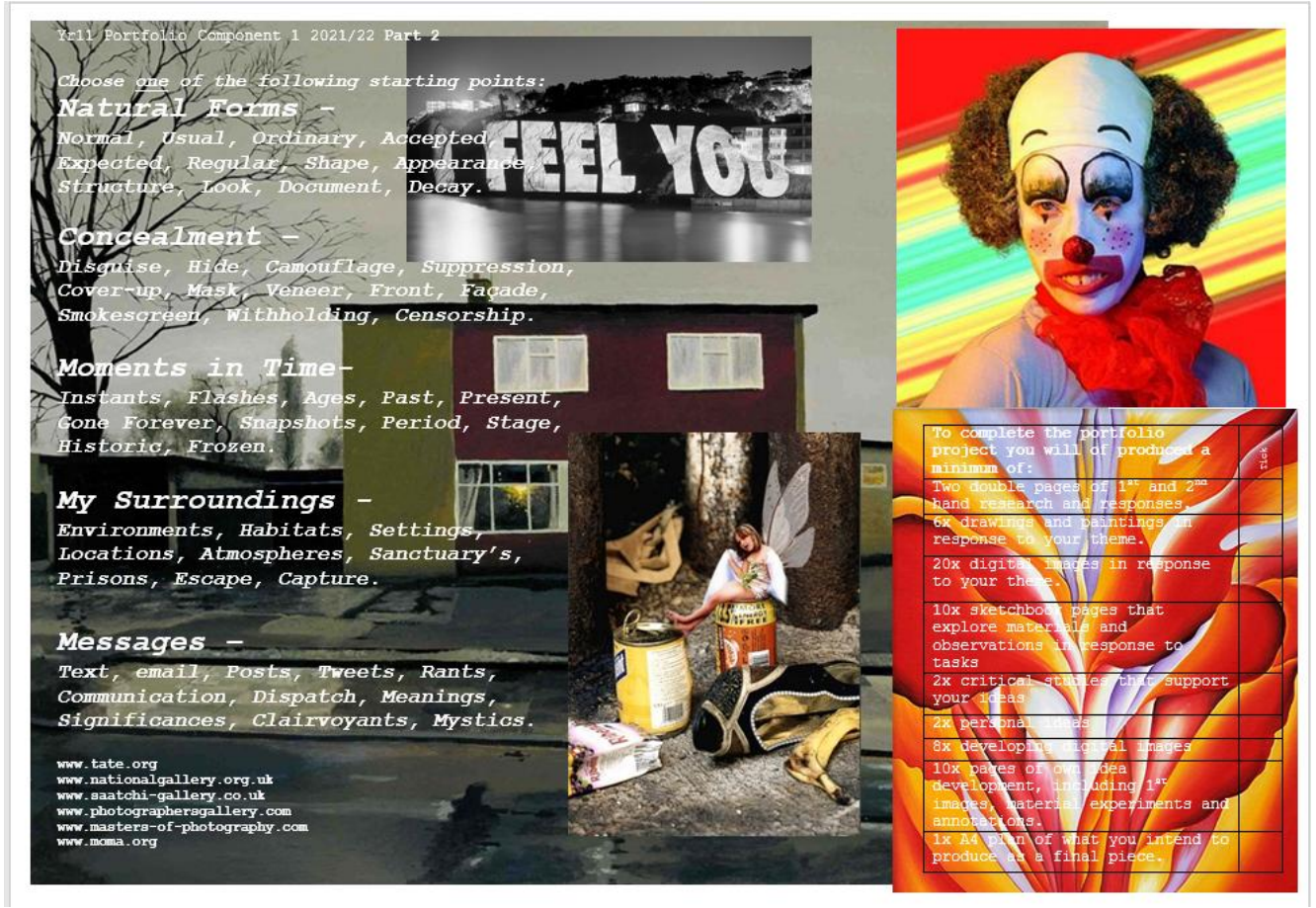
Mrs Chengadu can help you develop your ideas, help refine your recording and handling skills and how to link research to your final outcomes!

All resources can be found on the Classes Teams page in Files-Class Materials

Useful websites for inspiration and research:

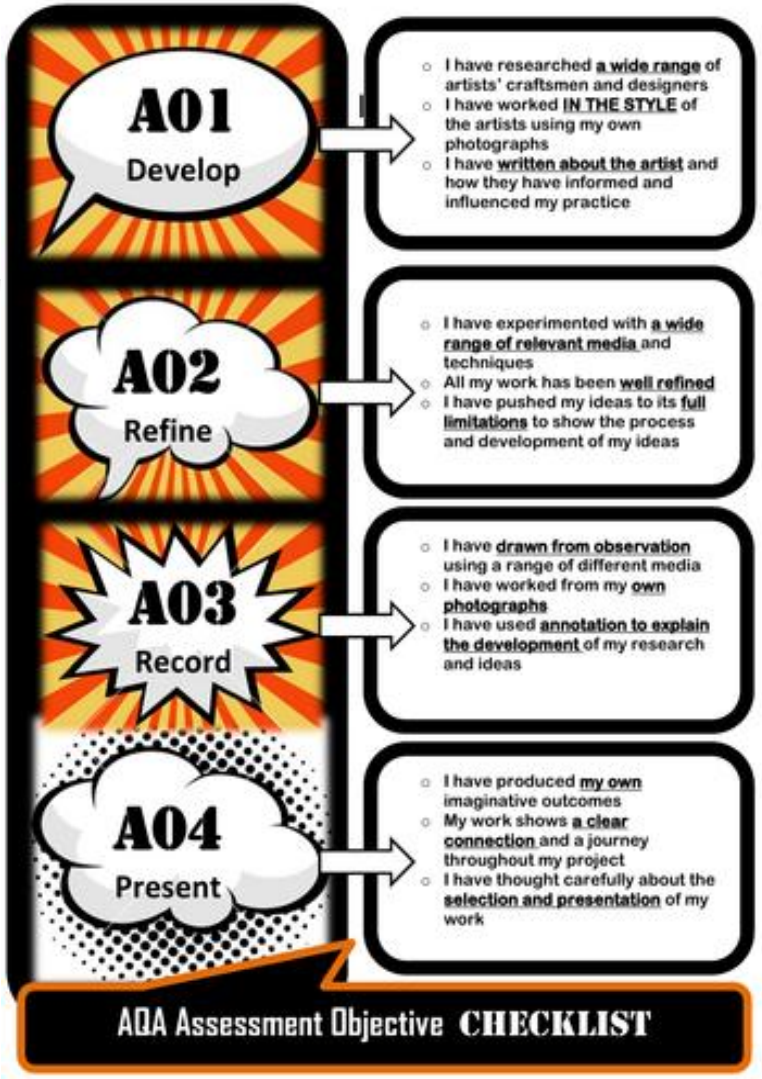
www.tate.org
www.nationalgallery.org.uk
www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk
www.photographersgallery.com
www.moma.org

All Art & Design subjects are split into Coursework, 60%, and the externally set exam, 40%. Everything the student does adds to their grade!



GCSE Textiles (Art and Design AQA)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbtfdm

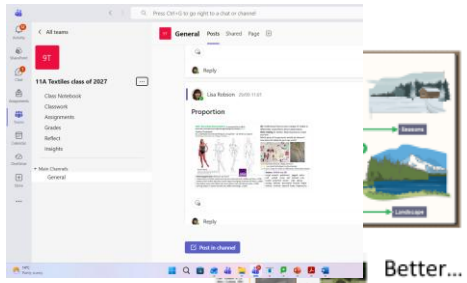


Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00pm

Week 1: Option B **Week 2: Option A**

Identify sketchbook pages which reflect each of the criteria to enhance. Attend extra- curricular for practical. Use GCSE Art and Design AQA Bitesize link and class TEAMS weekly resources.

Unit 1: Fashioned from Nature **Coursework 60%**
Unit 2: Narrative (main submission)
Externally Set Assignment: **January – April plus 10-hour exam 40%**



Better...

TEAMS



Marvellous mind maps **LO: Understand how to collect ideas for your project and generate visual research** https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkmpng8

1. Create a mind map which shows keywords, ideas and concepts related to "Fashioned from Nature"



2. Using secondary sources collect a number of images which relate to the theme for your visual mind map in your books- cut and collage using magazines.



Secondary source: found images- not your own original images



LQ: How can we use a mind map?
Retrieval- how have you used one before?
Simplify and expand... sub headings?

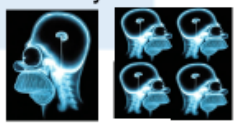


https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpcndxs/revision/3
GCSE Bitesize Art and Design



Grouping a mind map, spidergram or word cloud with initial visual ideas can help demostrate the link between your theme, your ideas and your visual language

Think Pair Square Share



https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/how-to-make-a-mindmap-creative-ideas

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201/specification/subject-content/textile-design

Music – GCSE Revision Tuesday's WK1 and 2

1. Focus on Sound – This is the most comprehensive revision resource for set- works and all the 4 Areas of Study.
https://fosuk.server1.apps.focusonsound.com/lessons

2. BBC Bitesize EDUQAS – Also comprehensive resources for revision
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39

3. Set-works revision guide – booklet handed out in lesson with analysis and exam questions.

4. EDUQAS Revision guide – available for purchase
https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/wjec-eduqas-gcse-music-revision-guide-revised-edition

4. Teoria.com - extra support for music notation and theory
https://www.teoria.com/

Topics to be revised:

- Characteristics of music periods (Baroque, Classical and Romantic)
- Music devices (check glossary in writing books)
- Form and Structure
- Badinerie, by J. S. Bach
- Texture and timbre
- Instruments of the orchestra
- Music for ensemble and Musical Theatre
- Film music (describing music, devices and techniques used in film music)
- Bhangra
- Africa, by Toto

GCSE Photography Support

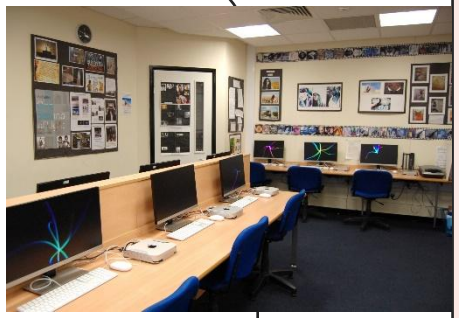
After school Photography 'club' for coursework catch-up …

11B: Week 1; Thursday

11A: Week 2; Wednesday

11C: Week 1; Wednesday

Students can use the Mac Suite and darkrooms to complete practical work – or get extra help with written work.

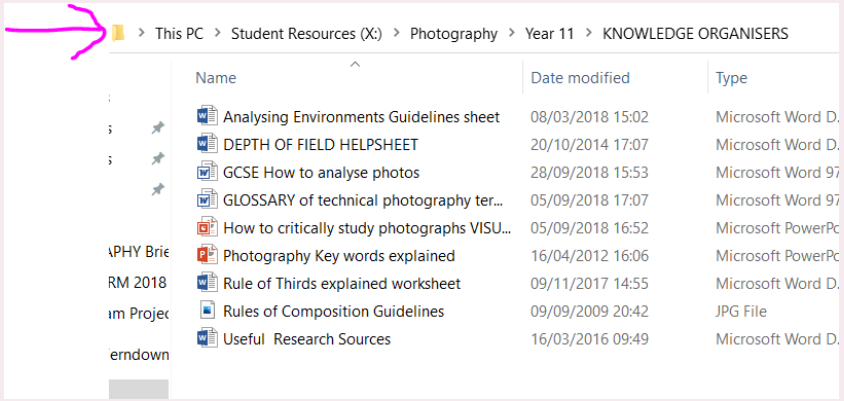


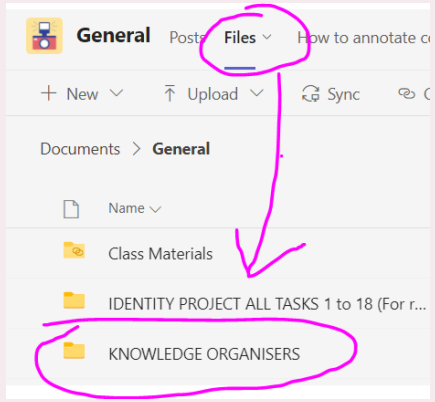


Extension tasks are built into every GCSE coursework project brief.

These tasks are designed to help students achieve the highest grades in GCSE Photography by developing their ideas even further.

7	**EXTENSION (for grades 7-9) Practical experimentation**	Produce and edit a music video – using text in some way – to go with your song. Maybe include the song lyrics? (AO2 EXPERIMENTATION / AO4 FINAL RESPONSES).
	EXTENSION (for grades 7-9) Practical experimentation	Create T shirt designs, posters, concert tickets etc. to promote your song

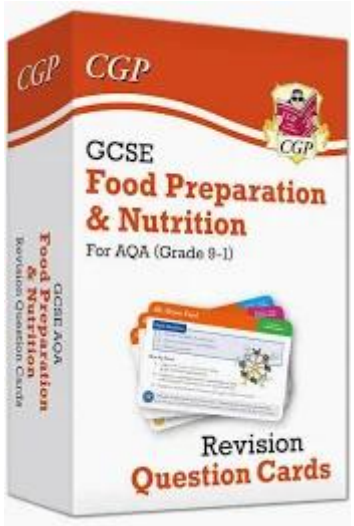




Specialist help sheets and information to assist students with research and presentation of written work – as well as all of their previous project briefs/checklists is available on both **Teams** and **Student Resources** – in the Knowledge Organisers folders.

OCR Food Preparation and Nutrition

Revision and coursework club offered after school



- **50% Final Exam-** 90 minute exam paper. You will complete a Mock exam in Yr10 and two in Yr11, before the final exam in the summer of Yr11.
- **50% Coursework-**
- 2 X NEA (Coursework extended pieces of writing)
- 15% Scientific investigation
- 35% Food Preparation task of which 10% is the practical

Go to the **OCR** website search for **food and nutrition** J309

Revision and practical support

Every Thursday, 2.40-3.40, Mr Jones and Mrs Clapham, are running practical revision sessions where students are supported to refine their chosen NEA menus.

Useful theory revision support can be found at:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv
https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/11-14-years/

Recommended revision techniques
Knowledge organisers, flash cards, mind maps, revision guides and practice questions / papers.





Blood Brothers Experience 2027

Watch the live performance at the Mayflower followed by drop down masterclass with actors from the West End



Purchase Study guide on Amazon for £5.95

Revision Resources on Teams

Arrange rehearsals at lunch time and after school to improve your performance

Complete your character outlines

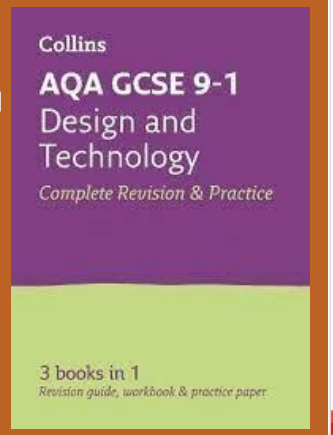
Drama GCSE Revision

Practice Questions @ AQA Drama GCSE

Comp 1 – 1hr 45 mins Written Paper 40%	**Comp 2 – Devising Devising Log 30% Performance 10%**	**Comp 3 – The Chalk Circle Performance 20%**
Theatre Terms	Devising Log	Performance only
Blood Brothers	Performance	
Performance Analysis Woyzeck by Splendid Productions	Revision Sessions Wednesdays (Wk2) (after autumn half term)	

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY REVISION

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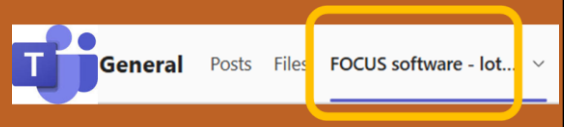
You have your textbook/revision guide.

Go back over all the practice and review questions. There are all the questions at the back and a practice paper. Marks at the back and you can access the online version for extra questions.



2

Focus software is available as a tab on teams:

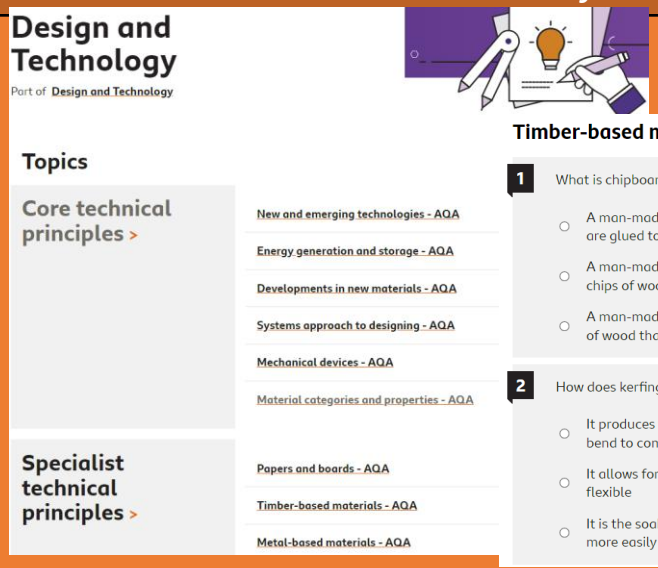


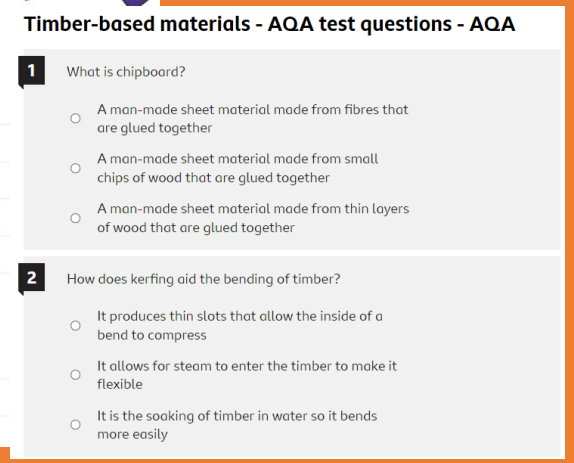
Use FOCUS

This site is amazing and has LOADS of resources, notes and videos. This should be your 'go-to' for revision on materials and processes.

www.focuselearning.co.uk, Username: student@ferndownupper36407
Password: 5wf4hgnnd

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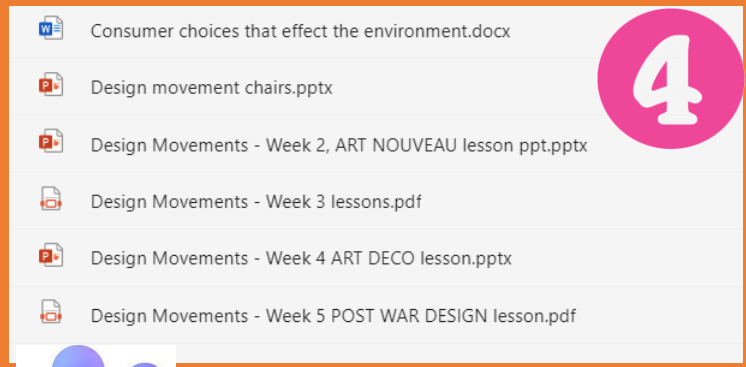




Use **BBC Bitesize** – search for AQA D&T

Again, loads of resources. Quick quiz questions are very good

Week commencing Monday:	Revision week	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
09 February 2025		NEA PRACTICAL DEADLINE this week		
16 February 2025		February half term:		
23 February 2025	1	Design strategies and Environment	Prototypes	People society and culture
02 March 2025	2	Technology in manufacturing	Work of others	
09 March 2025		MOCK WEEK - FULL EXAM PAPER		
16 March 2025		FINISHING NEA PAPERWORK - EVALUATIONS ETC		
23 March 2025	3	communication of ideas	metals (ferrous)	Manufactured boards (plywood)
30 March 2025	4 (Easter)	2 x exam papers		
06 April 2025	5 (Easter)			
13 April 2025	6	Timbers	Timbers	Energy
20 April 2025	7	Metals	Metals and mechanisms	Polymers and thermoplastics
27 April 2025	8	Thermosetting polymers	Scales of manufacture	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
04 May 2025	9	Final revision exam paper to work through as needed		



4

TEAMS – *lots of past papers and knowledge organisers on teams. Every week after the mocks you will get a revision topic booklet with knowledge and exam questions in context.*

GCSE PE

Exam Board = Edexcel

- The GCSE PE course is centred around the principle of students learning by doing, so every student develops skills practically and then applies this knowledge into sports science theory.
- 30% Practical (3 sports)
- 70% Theory

Paper 1: Fitness and Body systems – 1 hour and 30 min exam (36%)

Paper 2: Health & Performance – 1 hour and 15mins (24%)

Personal Exercise Plan (PEP): 10%

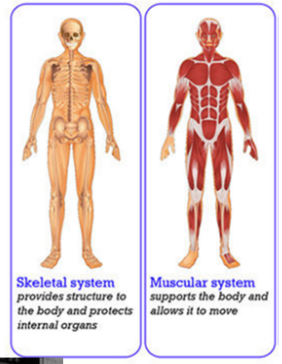
V-Cert in Health and Fitness (Level 2 GCSE equivalent).

Exam Board = NCFE

- External examination - 1 hour and 30 min exam (40%)
- Coursework – synoptic project (60%)

You will cover the following aspects of theory for your exam:

- ✓ The Skeletal system (bones and joints)
- ✓ The Muscular system (muscles, tendons and ligaments)
- ✓ The Respiratory system (lungs)
- ✓ The Cardiovascular system (heart, blood and blood vessels)
- ✓ Energy systems
- ✓ Short and Long term effects of exercise on the body
- ✓ Components of fitness (health and skill related components)
- ✓ Types of training
- ✓ Principles of training (F.I.T.T. etc.)





How can I help my child with GCSE PE & Health & Fitness?

After school clubs

Sports clubs run every day (except Monday) the more practice they get developing those skills, the better their practical assessment will be for GCSE PE

After School Revision

- GCSE PE - Week 2 Wednesday 2:40-3:40 in CB4
- Health & Fitness – Week 2 Tuesday (content) & Week 2 Friday (Exam Skills) 2.40 – 3.40pm in CB4

Homework & revision - www.theeverlearner.com

Your son/daughter will have a weekly homework with a set target to achieve – if they don't reach that target, then the expectation is to retake up to 5 times (each retrieval practice is less than 10mins) this gives immediate feedback if they get an answer wrong

Please get them to show you their progress on the everlearner as you will see what they are learning and by them sharing this is extremely useful. Any questions please contact Ryanellis@fernup.dorset.sch.uk

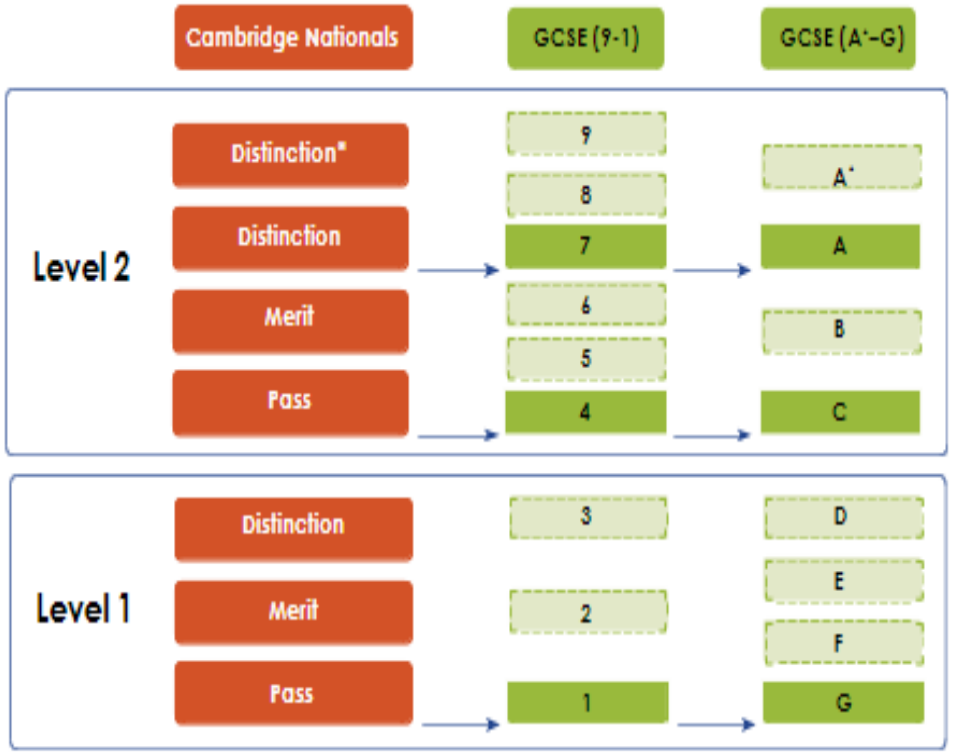
Exam question packs – Each student will have these and they must work their way through to get practice of understanding the exam board terminology and how they ask the questions

Our school website page (at the bottom) will give you extra resources & a direct link to purchase the correct revision guide https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/curriculum/pe/

The Health and Social Care course compromises of coursework and an exam element

Two units are Centre Assessed Tasks and externally moderated by OCR. The unit R032 is an exam based unit which will take place in the summer of Year 11.

Unit	Assessment	Content Overview
RO32: Principles of care in health and social care settings	- 48 GLH - Examined - 40% - 70 Mark - 1 hour 15 minutes	- Importance of the rights of individuals - Person-centred values - Effective communication skills - Safeguarding, hygiene and security
RO33: Supporting individuals through life events	- 36 GLH - Moderated - 30% - 60 Marks - 10-12 Hours	- Development from childhood to later adulthood - Factors that affect development - Expected and unexpected life events - Providers that can support individuals - Recommend support for specific individual
RO35: Health promotion campaigns	- 36 GLH - Moderated - 30% - 60 Marks - 12-14 Hours	- Explore public health challenges the country faces - Approaches to encourage health and well-being - Understand the factors affecting a healthy lifestyle - How campaigns can target different groups - Deliver their own health promotion campaign



What can they achieve?

Preparing for your GCSE History Exam

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Recommended methods: Knowledge organisers, flash cards, revision guides and sample questions – all provided.

- Don't just read - make yourself remember!

Use a variety of websites for revision – or stick with the one that works for you.
Flash card websites are excellent – ANKI and Brainscape are good ones.
Not all websites will cover all 4 units.
Use kahoot and YouTube but limit your time on them – they are for variety, not for regular use!

MonkeyMonkey Revision

Use your 100-question booklets for knowledge recall

Revision classes
Thursdays Week 2 3pm, B10 Mr Martin or Mr Matthews' classes
Knowledge recall, question guidance, notes preparation, discussion and some biscuits.

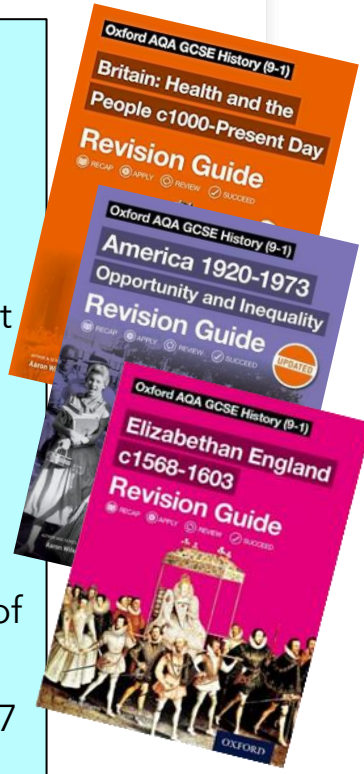
Exam information:

AQA GCSE History: Units:

- America 1920-1973
- Conflict In Asia 1950-1975
- Health and the People c1000 to present
- Elizabethan England 1558-1603

These 4 units are sat in 2 exams, with America and Conflict in Asia forming Paper 1, and Health and Elizabeth forming Paper 2. Both papers are 50% of the overall grade.

Revision guides – CGP or Oxford, new £7 (or second hand for £3!)



Set a timetable! Make it public so everyone knows you're following it – stick it on the fridge.

Give yourself rewards for sticking to your plan.

Cover up your notes when trying to remember – that way you're actually building memory.

Minimise distractions – put phone away! Don't rely on videos, always try to make yourself remember!

IDEAS OF HOW YOU COULD PREPARE FOR YOUR MFL EXAMS

REVISION SESSIONS 11B Spanish & 11B French Thursday Week1 11C Spanish Wednesday Week 1

Watch your favourite film/series in Spanish /French

Make a list of vocabulary or a mind map for each topic – use your knowledge organisers to help

2 Tiers of entry 4 skills
Listening 25%
Reading 25%
Speaking 25%
Writing 25%
All skills are assessed at the end of Year 11

Useful Websites & Apps

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages
Download past papers and work through them. You will also find the sound files and transcripts for the listening exams and the mark schemes for each exam.
The French specification code is **8658**
The Spanish specification code is **8698**
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3
Listening and Reading exercises
https://www.atantot.com/
Vocabulary practice; games and exercises. There is also some grammar practice
https://www.atantot-extra.co.uk/
Vocabulary practice; games.
https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html
Interactive reading exercises and grammar practice
Duolingo & **Quizlet & Memrise –** vocab building and practice apps
senecalearning.com – practice exercises
GCSE Pod – podcasts on lots of different topics

If you are buying a revision guide...

- ✓ Check it is for the AQA exam board
- ✓ Check it is for the new grades 9-1 specification
- ✓ See if it comes with interactive listening activities; link to a website where you can do listening activities
- ✓ Some will have work books as well

Revise AQA GCSE Spanish/French by Pearson (Guide and Workbook) New specification from 2026



Flashcards
Make flashcards for key words or phrases. Use the Leitner technique to test and re-test yourself.

Make flashcards for each of the questions for the conversation section of the speaking exam.

Grammar

You must show the examiner you can use a range of tenses

1. **Use your pink books to revise key grammar points**
2. **Memorise key verbs in the present, past and future tenses. Use your yellow (for Spanish) or blue (for French) sheets to help you. Make flashcards to test yourself or posters for your bedroom.**

Listen to Spanish or French music

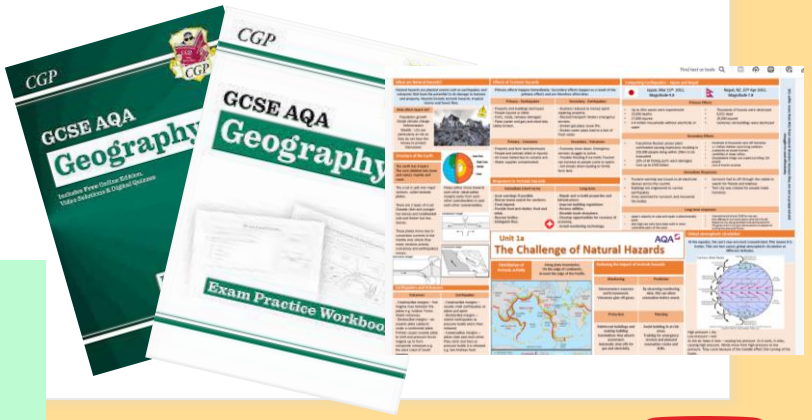


Useful language learning apps



Follow somebody Spanish or French on Instagram/TikTok/ Snapchat

Preparing for GCSE Geography



Paper 1 - (37.5%)
- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- The Living World
- Coastal Landscapes
- River Landscapes

Paper 2 - (37.5%)
- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Resource Management
- Water

Paper 3 - (25%)
- Issue Evaluation
- Fieldwork

Key resources
- Revision Guides and Workbooks
- School Revision sheets
- Seneca Learning
- BBC Bitesize

Top revision methods:
- Mind maps linking key ideas together
- Flashcards of key facts and case studies
- Dual coding – matching pictures to key ideas

In-school revision:
- Weekly revision video available on Teams, no revision sessions in school

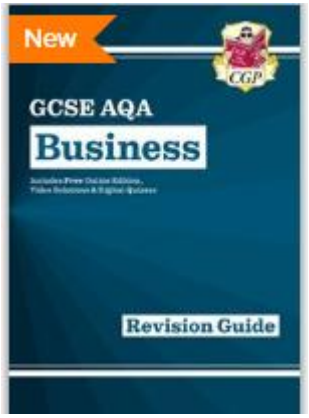
Online -
- YouTube has video channels with good revision videos on the key topics.
- Search for 'AQA GCSE Geography'
- Physics and Maths tutor website has lots of revision materials and past papers for AQA Geography

- Homeowrk quizzes that students have had through the year will also help.

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Preparing for your GCSE Business Studies

Recommended revision techniques
Knowledge organisers, flash cards, mind maps, revision guides and practice questions / papers.



- Exam information:
  - **AQA GCSE Business Studies 8525.**
- Paper 1 -Business in the real world, Influences on Operations and Human Resources -1 hour 45 minutes (50% of the grade)
- Paper 2- Business in the real world, Influences of Marketing and Finance -1 hour 45 minutes (50% of the grade)
- Revision guides – CGP £3.50 available on MCAS (or from any book shop for approx. £7)

Use a variety of resources for revision making sure you stick with the ones that work for you.

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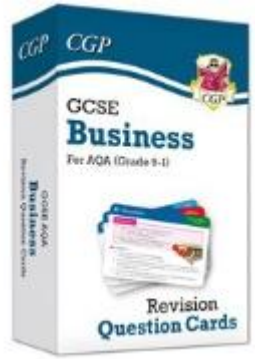
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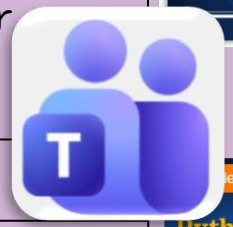
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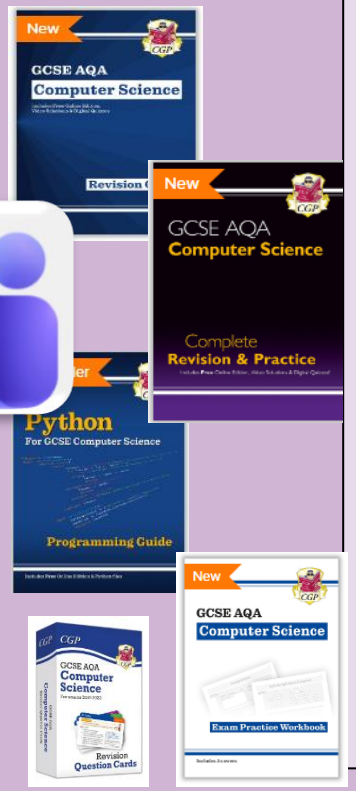
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Preparing for your GCSE Computer Science

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Recommended revision techniques Knowledge organisers, flash cards, mind maps, revision guides and practice questions / papers. Don't forget that all pass lessons are on teams and can be accessed from home. This also includes a revision channel that has resources for revision.





- Exam information:
  - **AQA GCSE Computer Science 8525.**
- Paper 1 - Computational thinking and programming skills 2 hours (50%)
- Paper 2- Computing Concepts 1 hour 45 (50%)
- Revision guides –
  - CGP are a good option or any other AQA specific revision guide.

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General Revision Tips

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk#zh38wnb BBC Bitesize Revision Tips
- https://www.tutordoctor.co.uk/blog/2022/march/the-ultimate-guide-to-gcse-revision/ The Ultimate Guide to GCSE Revision
- https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/how-to-revise-gcse/ Revision Techniques