

GCSE Exams

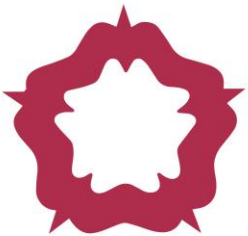
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The Pathway to **SUCCESS**



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Introduction



Welcome to the new **Pathway to Success** booklet for our 2024-25 year 11 students. This booklet is designed to inform you about the upcoming exam season and provide you with the details that you need to prepare effectively and plan your own **pathway to success**.

Within this booklet you will find key details from each subject such as **what** exams you have coming up; **when** they are all taking place; the **content** you need to know for each; and also **top revision tips** for each written by the head of department.

This booklet provides you with a great starting point to plan out the next few months. All you need to do is **revise effectively to earn your success!**

Revision Techniques



The key to success in GCSE exams is no secret...**revising effectively**. However, this is often (far too often) easier said than done.

We are all individuals who learn in different ways. The key is to find what works best for you and use a **range** of revision techniques to keep things **interesting, engaging** and, most importantly, **memorable**!

Start revising **NOW**. **DO NOT** leave it to the last minute and **DO NOT** simply cram for each exam.

On the next page you will find a huge range of **exam techniques** that could be applied for **all subjects**. On subsequent pages you will also find what each **head of department** recommends for their subject.

Revision Techniques



One of **THE BEST** methods of revising is

Self-Testing.

This method involves a number of different revision techniques and it is, most importantly, an **active** form of revision.

First of all you have to summarise your learning as short **flash card** (cards which summarise key points).

These can then be used by a friend or family member to **test your knowledge** and highlight areas of strength and weakness.

The great thing about this method is that it can be used for **ANY** subject and also created by hand or online using a website / app called **Brainscape**.

Examples can be seen on the next page.

Self-Testing Example

This is an example of a Geography case study flash card that has been specifically created to allow someone to test their knowledge.

Economic Change



Identify the 6 reasons for the rapid growth of China's secondary sector

1) Political moves from communism to capitalism

4) China has benefited from rapid mechanisation in the secondary sector

7) Investment from foreign companies (TNC'S)

2) China has a lot of land to build factories

5) Large amounts of natural resources (Particularly energy)

8) Rising incomes make people more willing to work

3) Few regulations to hinder industrial growth

6) Growing demand for cheap manufactured goods

9) Large, Cheap and fairly skilled labour force

ANSWERS (would be on a separate sheet)

1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9



How do I make flash cards which work?

Revision Techniques

Revise!

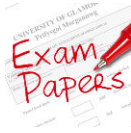
Explain a topic to a family **member** ?



Highlight key content in your class book / revision guide



COMPLETE PAST EXAM PAPERS



Mix up your revision time rather than revising **one** subject for hours



Summarise a topic's key details on a flashcard or case study card



Use colours and images to allow your brain to make a greater number of memories for a topic



Create mind maps of a particular topic gradually adding more detail as you move out from the centre



RETAIN
RETEST
RECYCLE

Retest yourself on practice questions or tests that you have done in class

React to the feedback you have received in your class book and past tests to improve your work



TPS Year 11 Revision Hub

The year 11 revision hub can be found on the school website under the 'students' tab.

This is a custom-made revision site for all the subjects studied by our year 11s at TPS

Here you can find the following:

- **RAG Sheets for All Subjects**
- **All Knowledge Organisers & Pink Sheets**
- **Departmental Revision Resources**

This is an excellent resources and available to all year 11 students at TPS.



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The Digital World



Over the past few years the number of **quality** online resources has increased significantly. Although there is often no beating the classic strategies for practice exam questions and flashcards, these online resources can be a very useful addition to your overall revision strategy.

Below you will find a list of a number of these **quality** resources and which lesson they could be used for.



Select and practice
difficult topics



memrise

Practice AQA vocab
for MFL



Quizzes, presentations +
worksheets for Science



An exciting online learning
platform that engages
students whilst developing
their long term memory (TPS
gives students access to
Seneca premium



BBC Bitesize

An oldie,
but a
goodie!

Excellent
knowledge
support for
science



**There are many more. However
please check with your subject
teacher that you are revising the
correct topics and exam board.**

Revision Timetable

Name:				My Revision/homework timetable				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday		Sat	Sunday
Afterschool / Period 7						Revision 1 25 mins		
25 mins						Revision 2 25 mins		
25mins						Revision 3 25 mins		
25 mins						Revision 4 25 mins		

Revision timetables are a great way to make yourself accountable for the revision and homework you could be doing.

If you are in period 7 or extra intervention after school you can count this as revision and remember nearly all the homework you are being set in year 11 is revision so make sure this is part of your timetable.

Remember to take breaks! This is so important. Research says that the best ways to revise in 25 minute blocks. After each 25 minute block of revision you should take a short break such as make a drink, short walk, have a snack.

Be realistic with your revision timetable. Do you have commitments some evenings which will stop you from revising? Make sure you incorporate them into your time table.



A great video summarising revision techniques and the important of taking breaks during revision

The Pathway to Success in...

English Literature (AQA) TPS



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
English Literature Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins		Section A – Macbeth. There will be an extract to analyse and then the rest of the play to comment on. You will write one essay. Section B – A Christmas Carol. There will be an extract to analyse and then the rest of the play to comment on.
English Literature Paper 2 2 hours 15 minutes		Section A – An Inspector Calls. You will choose ONE of two questions to answer. You will write one essay. Section B – Conflict and Power poetry. Compare the named poem with another poem from the anthology. One essay. Section C – Unseen poetry One question on an unseen poem provided by the exam board. One question on comparing the unseen poems provided by the exam board. Students will need to answer both questions in the poetry section.

English's Top Revision Tips

1) Revisit the texts

- Re-read sections of the book or play where important changes, events or developments take place.
- Watch the film (but remember it's the book that counts).
- Try writing the plot of the book in just ten sentences.
- Learn key quotations for each of the texts.
- Complete quote flashcards for key characters and themes.
- Make poster size mind-maps covering every aspect of the books
- Refresh your knowledge of the social context of the text

2) Seneca

- Use Seneca learning for both Literature and Language work.

3) Massolit Lectures

- Use the website to watch the lectures on all the texts.

4) Practise

- Practise planning and writing exam answers (practice titles will be provided by class teachers). Make sure you answer these using the structure you learn in class.

5) Responding to Feedback

- Go through your class book and **respond to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks and try **past papers** under timed conditions.

6) Revision Guides

- Consider purchasing revision guides.

IMPORTANT

Both papers include the texts studied across the country. Students must ensure that they turn the pages and only answer the appropriate questions for the texts that they have studied. They can ask an invigilator if they are unsure.

The Pathway to Success in...

English Language (AQA)



TPS

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
English Language Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins		• Section A - You will be given one source from either the 20th or 21st century. Its genre will be prose fiction. There will be 4 reading questions, including analysis of language, structure and evaluation of a statement. • Section B - You will be given one writing task which will be based on descriptive and/or narrative writing.
English Language Paper 2 1 hr 45 mins		• Section A – You will be given two linked sources from different time periods and genres. One will be from 19th Century and either the 20th or 21st century. There will be 4 reading questions including synthesis, analysis of language and comparison of viewpoints. • Section B – You will be given one writing task which will be based on persuasive/argumentative writing, which will be linked to the theme presented in the sources.

English's Top Revision Tips:

1) Practise

- Read a range of newspaper/web news articles from 19th/20th/21st Century especially different ones about the same subject and think about how the coverage differs. **Summarise the content** of these articles.
- Read through a website or a magazine article about a topical issue and **summarise the main points and the writer's perspective**.
- Practise writing a persuasive/argumentative article/letter/speech in a particular **style** using all the techniques you have learnt.
- Practise writing **descriptively** using the skills you've learnt, focusing particularly on **imagery** such as metaphors and personification.
- Read 19th Century non-fiction to understand the complex language.

2) Respond to Feedback

- Go through your class book and **respond to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.
- Attempt **past papers** and practice completing these under timed conditions.

3) Revision Guides

- Consider purchasing a revision guide.

4) Seneca

- Use Seneca learning to help with both Literature and Language.

5) Terminology

- Create flashcards to learn both descriptive and rhetorical techniques.

The Pathway to Success in...

Mathematics



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Possible areas of focus (All papers include all areas of maths)
Maths – Paper 1 Non-Calculator		- Written/mental methods for arithmetic, fractions, percentages, decimals and ratio. - Common trigonometry values.
Maths – Paper 2 Calculator		- Circles - Area and volume - Complex BIDMAS calculation - Quadratic formula - Pythagoras and trigonometry - Estimated mean
Maths – Paper 3 Calculator		

Ways to revise maths:



- Click **XP boost** to work on more questions at your current level.
- Click **Target** to practise questions to push your level.
- Click **Independent Learning** to try topics on your revision list.

Purchase a revision guide and workbook from parentpay. Use them!

The best
revision is to
do practice
questions

The Pathway to Success in... Science

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Biology Paper 1		Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.
Biology Paper 2		Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.
Chemistry Paper 1		Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.
Chemistry Paper 2		The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.
Physics Paper 1		Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.
Physics Paper 2		Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism; Space (Physics GCSE only)

Science's Top Revision Tips

1) Revision cards

- Write a couple of key points per revision card.
- Keep them with you and look at them often.
- Keep a list of problem topics and cross them off as you feel more confident.



2) Past papers questions

Ask your teacher for practice exam questions to accompany your revision. Remember, the homework 'topic booklets' are also an excellent resource to test your knowledge and comprehension of a topic.



3) Revision Guides / Workbooks

Consider purchasing revision cards and/or a revision guide and workbook (on Parent Pay). Prices vary and are all below the RRP. Speak to your child's subject teacher for details of which one to buy (all purchases can be collected from the prep room in the main science block after school).



4) Use the TPS portal

- Go to the Science area of the TPS portal to access the Pixel revision resources. [CLICK HERE](#)



5) Seneca Learning www.senecalearning.com

- AQA-specific content for all modules.
- Very good for revising the content (knowledge), but less so for testing understanding.



Cognito

6) Cognito – excellent Youtube revision tutorials (AQA specific for combined and separate science).



7) Educake – <https://www.educake.co.uk/>

Online revision homework that recognises areas of weakness and saves them into a 'revision toolbox.'



8) 23 equations - <https://23equations.com/>

A simple app downloaded to any phone or tablet that revises the equations required for the physics papers.

The Pathway to Success in... Science

Click or scan the QR code to access the Science Department Padlets. The Padlet is a one-stop website with all of the relevant revision placemats, glossaries and module checklists for Physics, Chemistry and Biology.



Physics



Biology



Chemistry

The Pathway to Success in...

History

Exam Schedule



Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1: Studies in Depth		The USA: A Nation of Contrast 1910-1929 The Elizabethan Age
Paper 2: Studies in Breadth		Germany 1919-1991



<http://eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/history/>

The Pathway to Success in...

History

History Top Revision Tips

1) **Utilise your exercise books!**



- They are incredible in terms of the detail you have. Read through your notes, highlight key points, look at exam questions and the feedback you received on them. Responding to feedback lessons give you the opportunity to go over your notes again, and we also do feedback after every assessment.

2) **Homework**



All of your homework in Year 11 is revision based. Do your homework well, and you are on the right lines!

3) **Flash Cards**



Perfect for making cards on the different key questions, key people, events and dates. Use them to test yourself. You can get these from the History department.

4) **Practice Questions/papers**



Your teachers have loads of example papers for you to use – as well as advice sheets to accompany them.

5) **BBC Bitesize**



There are **some** good areas of Bitesize, namely the quizzes. But please keep in mind it isn't specific to our exam board. You can use this to check your progress and knowledge.

6) **YouTube!**



Watch documentaries about the different topics to gain a broader insight in to the topics.

The Pathway to Success in... Geography

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 – Living with the Physical Environment		Tectonic Hazards; Climate and Change; Weather Hazards; Ecosystems + Tropical Rainforests; Hot Deserts, Coastal + River Landscapes in the UK
Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment		Urban Issues and Challenges; The Changing Economic World; The Challenge of Resource Management + a focus on Water Management
Paper 3: Geographical Applications		Issue Evaluation; Fieldwork

Geography's Top Revision Tips



1) Case study cards



- These include **key content** for each topic.
- Flick through a set before bedtime.
- Use them with a family member as a **quiz**.
- Try to fill out **blank copies** found on Google Drive.

2) Use of geography revision hub

<https://www.petersfieldschool.com/parents/year-11-how-to-help-your-child/geography/>.

Here you can find all our helpful revision materials

3) BBC Bitesize



- Go to the Geography section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Here you can find key features, videos and short knowledge-based tests for many of the units that we teach

4) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your class book and **react to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.
- Plan exam questions using the **Point-Evidence-Connective-Explain** structure.

5) Complete practice papers

- Download and complete past papers and then check your answers using the mark scheme
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources>

6) Revision guides

- Use the knowledge planners to help with your revision. These will have all the content you need to know for the exam in them, as well as helpful hints and tips on exam technique

Most importantly if you are struggling/not sure speak to your geography teacher!

The Pathway to Success in... French

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 – Listening		Theme 1 – Identity and Culture Me, my family and my friends; Technology in every day life; Free time activities; Customs and festivals Theme 2 – Local, National and International interests Home, town, neighbourhood and region; Social issues; Global issues; Travel and tourism Theme 3 – Current & future studies and employment My studies; Life at school; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions
Paper 2 – Speaking	Assessed by teacher during the course	
Paper 3 - Reading		
Paper 4 - Writing		

French's Top Revision Tip



1) Learn your key vocabulary

- Aim to learn **10 new words a day**.
- Spend 10 to 15 minutes in the morning revising them and **get a friend or family member to test you** at the end of the day.
- **Make a list** of words you found difficult to remember and return to these regularly.
- Use the [Leitner system](#) to create **flashcard** and test yourself on key vocabulary
- Create a **mind-map** for each topic area or sub-topic. Do this without your book at first, then take the time to revise before adding to it.
- Remember to revise how the word **sounds**, not just how it looks. Use an Online Audio Dictionary or create a voki on www.voki.com.
- Join the AQA French GCSE course on **Memrise** or have a go on **quizlet**.



2) Revision Guide & Workbook

- Purchase the AQA GCSE revision guide and workbook to access topic by topic **vocabulary lists, practice questions, mock exam papers** and **audio files**.

3) BBC Bitesize



- Go to the French section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Here you can find **listening and reading activities** for a variety of topics at both Higher and Foundation level.

4) ActivLearn

- Complete listening, reading and grammar exercises set by your teacher on ActivLearn. Also use the library to access extra revision tasks.

5) Other Revision Websites

Seneca Learning

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

French Revision

<http://www.frenchrevision.co.uk/>

Languages Online(Grammar)

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>

Finally remember that it's impossible to 'cram' for a Languages exam! **'Little and often'** is the best policy. Work out a system that suits you best.

The Pathway to Success in... German

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 – Listening		Theme 1 – Identity and Culture Me, my family and my friends; Technology in every day life; Free time activities; Customs and festivals Theme 2 – Local, National and International interests Home, town, neighbourhood and region; Social issues; Global issues; Travel and tourism Theme 3 – Current & future studies and employment My studies; Life at school; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions
Paper 2 – Speaking	Assessed by teacher during the course	
Paper 3 - Reading		
Paper 4 - Writing		

German's Top Revision Tip



1) Learn your key vocabulary

- Aim to learn **10 new words a day**.
- Spend 10 to 15 minutes in the morning revising them and **get a friend or family member to test you** at the end of the day.
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- Join the AQA German GCSE course on **Memrise**.



2) Revision Guide & Workbook

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3) BBC Bitesize



- Go to the German section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Here you can find **listening and reading activities** for a variety of topics at both Higher and Foundation level.

4) ActivLearn

- Complete listening, reading and grammar exercises set by your teacher on ActivLearn. Also use the library to access extra revision tasks.

5) Other Revision Websites

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The Pathway to Success in... Spanish



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 – Listening		Theme 1 – Identity and Culture Me, my family and my friends; Technology in every day life; Free time activities; Customs and festivals
Paper 2 – Speaking	Assessed by teacher during the course	
Paper 3 - Reading		Theme 2 – Local, National and International interests Home, town, neighbourhood and region; Social issues; Global issues; Travel and tourism
Paper 4 - Writing		Theme 3 – Current & future studies and employment My studies; Life at school; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Spanish's Top Revision Tip

1) Learn your key vocabulary

- Aim to learn **10 new words a day**.
- Use **Memrise - AQA GCSE Vocabulary** to revise key vocabulary across topics.
- Set a daily goal on your phone and stick to it!
- **Get a friend or family member to test you** at the end of the day.
- **Make a list** of words you found difficult to remember and return to these regularly.
- Use the [Leitner system](#) to create **flashcard** and test yourself on key vocabulary
- Create a **mind-map** for each topic area or sub-topic. Do this without your book at first, then take the time to revise before adding to it.
- Remember to revise how the word **sounds**, not just how it looks. Use an Online Audio Dictionary or create a voki on www.voki.com.



2) Revision Guide & Workbook

- Purchase the AQA GCSE revision guide and workbook to access topic by topic **vocabulary lists, practice questions, mock exam papers** and **audio files**.



3) BBC Bitesize



- Go to the Spanish section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Here you can find **listening and reading activities** for a variety of topics at both Higher and Foundation level.

4) ActivLearn

- Complete listening, reading and grammar exercises set by your teacher on ActivLearn. Also use the library to access extra revision tasks.

5) Other Revision Websites

Seneca Learning

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Spanish Revision

<http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/>

Languages Online(Grammar)

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>

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The Pathway to Success in...

RS: Philosophy & Ethics



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
AQA Paper 1 – Religions (Christianity and Buddhism)		Key Beliefs and religious practices of: • Christianity • Buddhism
AQA Paper 2 – Thematic Studies		Answer ALL parts of 4 theme questions: • Religion and life • Human Rights • Religion, peace and conflict • Religion, crime and punishment



RS's Top Revision Tips

1) Page, paragraph, post-it

- Read a page in your book
- Re-read using a highlighter for what is important and what you need further help on
- Add any other linked examples/teachings / beliefs (from other units)
- Summarize into 1 paragraph or an index card
- Further reduce key points onto a post-it note (only key words/ideas to trigger what you know.
- 1 unit should go on 1 A4 sheet – stick in a place you will see often.
- Use them with a family member as a **quiz**.

2) Use TPSSmart

- Log on to www.TPSSmart.com and click on the your shared drive.
- Access **Revision PowerPoints and Handouts** for every topic.
- Download **Past Exam Papers** and their **Mark Schemes** to develop your exam technique.

3) Watch YouTube videos

- Go onto '**Mark Warwick**' and click on uploads to access all the topics for **Unit 2: Religion and Life Issues**.
- **Watch** alongside your notes or revision cards – add/check.
- **Do the practice questions** that are set on the videos.

4) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your class book and **react to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.
- Plan exam questions using the **Point-Evidence-Explain** structure.

5) Use Seneca

- Log onto Seneca or download the app.
- Access all the revision materials set by your teacher.
- Practice exam technique



6) Use Knowledge Packages

- Make use of the Knowledge packages given to you by your teacher.
- Make sure they are completed in enough detail
- Have your exam questions marked and ask for feedback on how to improve!

The Pathway to Success in...

Sociology



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
AQA Paper 1 – Family and Education		Sociological theories relating to the Family Sociological theories relating to Education Educational Reforms Research Methods
AQA Paper 2 – Crime and Deviance, Social Stratification		Research methods Crime statistics Sociological theories linking to crime and social stratification



Sociology Top Revision Tips

1) Page, paragraph, post-it

- Read a page in your book
- Re-read using a highlighter for what is important and what you need further help on
- Add any other linked examples/theories / research methods (from other units)
- Summarize into 1 paragraph or an index card
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3) Watch YouTube videos

- Go onto '**Sociology guy**' and click on uploads to access all the topics. Stretch yourself with A level content
- **Watch** alongside your notes or revision cards – add/check.
- **Do the practice questions** that are set on the videos.

4) Reacting to Feedback

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The Pathway to Success in... **Economics**



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 – Introduction to Economics and the role of markets		• Microeconomics – economic behavior within individual markets, consumers/producers and employers/employees. • Introduction to basic concepts of economics • The role of markets and money and how we analyze them.
Paper 2: The objectives and role of Government and International trade and Globalisation		• Macroeconomics – Explain how the economy as a whole works • Economic objectives and the role of government • International trade and the global economy

Revision Tips for Economics

1) Exam technique rainbows

- Have a strategy for MCQs.
- Understand the command words
- Know exactly how to structure and phrase *Analysis* and *Evaluate* questions.

2) Use OneDrive and Teams

- Login to the MS Teams where you can find access to the teaching materials, and other useful info.
- Find a place to discuss or read annotations of the work.

3) Tutor2U

- Here you can find key features, videos and short knowledge-based tests for many of the units that we teach

4) Homework

- Do Seneca practice as well as Knowledge planners

5) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your previous exams, improve answers that you have done before.
- Look at class assessments and work on the areas you fell short
- Create new exam questions in the same style and format and practice the exam techniques

6) Revision Guides / Pack

- Consider purchasing a revision guide or workbook

7) Knowledge Planners

- Use the knowledge planners to help with your revision. These will have all the content you need to know for the exam in them, as well as helpful hints and tips on exam technique.

8) Quiz each other in small groups

- Explain and give examples for concepts.

Remember your best resource is each other and if you are unsure speak to your Economics teacher

The Pathway to Success in...

Business Studies

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Unit 1 – Business Activity, Marketing and People		This question paper consists of 4 sections. Section 1 is 15 multiple choice questions covering topics within Business Activity, Marketing and People. Sections 2-4 consist of a range of long and short answer questions based on a business scenario.
Unit 2: Finance, Operations and the External Environment		This question paper consists of 4 sections. Section 1 is 15 multiple choice questions covering topics within Operations, Finance and the External Environment. Sections 2-4 consist of a range of long and short answer questions based on a business scenario.

Business Studies Top Revision Tips

1) Early Finisher Tasks

- These include **key content** for each topic.
- Complete 1 or 1 topics each day.



2) Use the TPS Portal & Teams

- Log on to the TPS Portal or Teams to access the revision tools that have been shared with you all
- Access a **Lesson PowerPoint** for every topic, which includes all key content.
- Find blank **revision cards** to fill in.

3) BBC Bitesize

- Go to the Business Studies section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Log into www.businessed.co.uk
- Subscribe to **Bisconsesh** <https://bit.ly/3jbfBKy>
- Subscribe to **BizWizard** <https://bit.ly/336Tsrg>
- Log into **Seneca** www.senecalearning.com



4) Past Papers

- All of the past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports have been shared with you on Office 365 Teams
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.

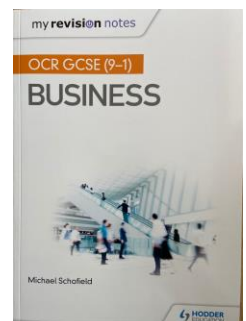


5) Revision Guides / Pack

- Consider purchasing a revision guide from **ParentPay**.

6) Homework

- Seneca Learning
- Quizzes
- Homework Booklet
- Other activities set through TEAM's



The Pathway to Success in... Computer Science

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
J276/01 – Computer Systems		A series of multiple choice, short answer, long answer and problem solving questions on Systems Architecture, Memory, Storage, Wired and Wireless Networks, Network Topologies, Protocols and Layers, System Security, System Software & Ethical, Legal, Cultural and Environmental Concerns.
J276/02 – Computational thinking, algorithms and programming		A series of multiple choice, short answer, long answer and problem solving questions on Algorithms, Programming techniques, Producing robust programs, Computational logic, Translators and facilities of languages, & Data representation. 

Computing's Top Revision Tips

1) Make revision cards or posters to use at home.

- Stick posters on the backs of doors, in the kitchen and around your room.
- Ask your parents / siblings to test you using the revision cards.
- Use www.brainscape.com to create Flash cards and get a buddy to test you

2) Use 365 TEAMS

- Log on to 365 and use the resources shared with you by the teacher.

3) Helpful Websites

- Go to the Computer Science section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website. Use the online tests to check understanding.
- Use www.teach-ict.com and revise the topics in the Computing section. There are games and quizzes to help with topics
- Use www.thestudentroom.co.uk resources and a forum to ask and answer questions

- www.memrise.com
- www.gcsecomputing.org.uk

4) Past Papers

- All of the past papers, mark schemes are in the Google Classroom and on the OCR website
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks (DIRT)

5) Revision Guides / Workbook

- Consider purchasing a revision guide from ParentPay
- You should already have a copy of the workbook for your homework tasks

6)



The Pathway to Success in... Physical Education



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport		Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes – 30% of GCSE Answer all questions! A mixture of multiple choice/objective test questions, short answer questions and extended answer questions based on:- • Applied anatomy and physiology • Movement analysis • Physical training • Use of data
Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport		Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes – 30% of GCSE Answer all questions! A mixture of multiple choice/objective test questions, short answer questions and extended answer questions based on:- • Sports psychology • Socio-cultural influences • Health, fitness and well-being • Use of data
Non-exam assessment: Practical performance in physical activity and sport		Practical performance in three different physical activities in the role of player/performer (one in a team activity, one in an individual activity and a third in either a team or in an individual activity). Analysis and evaluation of performance to bring about improvement in one activity.

Revision Tips for Physical Education

1) Exam technique rainbows

- Understand the command words
- Know exactly how to structure and phrase *Analysis, Evaluate and Justify* questions.

2) Use OneDrive and Teams

- Log on to the TPS Portal or Teams to access the revision tools that have been shared with you all
- Access a **Lesson PowerPoints** for every topic, which includes all key content.

4) Past Papers

- All of the past papers, mark schemes are in the Google Classroom and on the AQA website
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks (DIRT)

4) Homework

- Do Seneca practice
- Revisit past topic using the homework knowledge planners

5) Make revision cards or posters to use at home.

- Stick posters on the backs of doors, in the kitchen and around your room.
- Ask your parents / siblings to test you using the revision cards.
- Use www.brainscape.com to create Flash cards and get a buddy to test you

6) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your previous exams, improve answers that you have done before.
- Look at class assessments and work on the areas you fell short
- Create new exam questions in the same style and format and practice the exam techniques

7) Revision Guides / Pack

- Consider purchasing a revision guide or workbook.
Revision guides are available directly from the PE office

The Pathway to Success in...

Food Preparation and Nutrition

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
NEA 1 Food Investigation Assessment		15% of GCSE A scientific food investigation which will assess the learner's knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to scientific principles underlying the preparation and cooking of food. 8 hours
NEA 2 Food preparation assessment		35% of GCSE Prepare, cook and present a menu which assesses the learner's knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking and presentation of food. 12 hours including a 3 hour practical examination
Written examination		50% of GCSE

Food Preparation and Nutrition Top Revision Tips

1) Exam questions

- Use the Eduqas website to access past exam question papers.
- Use the exemplar answers on Eduqas to mark your work.
- Use different coloured pens to mark your work and add additional information.

2) BBC Bitesize

- Go to the Food and Science section on the **BBC GCSE Bitesize** website.
- Here you can find key features, videos and short knowledge-based tests for topics covered.

3) Revision Schedule

- Follow the revision schedule set by your teacher

3) Reacting to Feedback



- Go through your class book and **react to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.
- Plan exam questions using the **Point-Evidence-Connective-Explain** structure.

4) In the exam



- Read the question.
- Reread the question.
- Highlight key words.
- Look to see how many marks the question is worth and plan your time.
- Allow yourself time to think and structure your answer.
- Read and reread your answer.
- Check spellings

The Pathway to Success in...

Design + Technology



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
NEA		50% of final GCSE grade
Written paper		2 hour written exam paper 50% of final GCSE grade

Design and Technology's Top Revision Tips

1) Exam questions

- Use the Eduqas website to access information resources.
- Use the TPS portal to access exam questions for units of work covered
- Use different coloured pens to mark your work and add additional information.

2) Websites

- GCSE bitesize
- www.technologystudent.com/
- <http://www.design-technology.info/>

3) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your class book and **react to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions** again where you have not received full marks.
- Plan exam questions using the **Point-Evidence-Connective-Explain** structure.

4) Units of work (core knowledge and in depth knowledge)

- Follow the revision schedule set by your teacher
- Read through all of your core knowledge information in your books.
- Use the DT knowledge planners
- Make a set of detailed revision cards for each of the core knowledge headings.
- Produce revision cards for In depth knowledge areas (TIMBERS and POLYMERS)
- Use information resources on the TPS portal and teams.

5) Look at products around you and analyse

- What materials are they made of?
- How are they made?
- Who have they been designed for?
- How could they be improved.
- What is the environmental impact of the product?



6) In the exam

- Read the question.
- Reread the question.
- Highlight key words.
- Look to see how many marks the question is worth and plan your time.
- Allow yourself time to think and structure your answer.
- Read and reread your answer.

The Pathway to Success in...

Music

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Component 1: Performing Music		1 performance to be submitted. Minimum time requirement is 1.5mins. A recording and score for the performance is mandatory.
Component 2: Composing Music		1 composition of length 2-4 mins. - A score, recording, and written composition logbook are required.
Component 3: Appraising Music		75min Exam Paper with listening exercises and written questions. Each question will link to one of the four Areas of study, and 2 of the questions are on the prepared extracts.

Music's Top Revision Tips

1) Knowledge Organisers

- These include **key terminology** for each Area of Study and for the Study Pieces.
- Read through a section at a time and memorise key terms
- Use them with a family member as a **quiz**.
- Test each other in class and listen to examples of key features

2) Use OneDrive/ Teams Resources

- Log on to the Onedrive/ Teams to access a **Revision PowerPoint** for every topic, which includes key content.

3) Focus on sound

- <https://petersfield.musicfirst.co.uk>
- Here you can find key features, recordings and short knowledge-based tests for many of the units including all of the AOS, Prepared extracts and General music theory.
- Musictheory.net is also useful for testing general music theory knowledge.

4) Reacting to Feedback

- Go through your journals and **respond to the feedback** that you received from your teacher.
- Attempt **exam questions or past papers** again where you have not received full marks.
- Plan and practice writing extended answers using musical terminology.

5) Revision Guides / Listening Tests



- The WJEC/ EDUQAS GCSE Music Revision guide includes all key content for the exam, as well as practice exam questions and example answers.

6) Quiz Star

- Log into the Quiz Star website to access your homework
- Here you can access a **range of questions** created by music staff in preparation for the appraising exam. You can take each test 3 times to improve your mark!

The Pathway to Success in...

Media Studies

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins)		Section A will focus on media language and media representation. Questions will focus on magazines, adverts, newspapers, online, social and participatory media. Section B will focus on media industries and media audiences. Questions will focus on radio, music video, newspapers, film (Industry only), online, social and participatory media.
Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins)		Section A will be based on a screening from an extract of one of the television Close Study Products and can test any area of the theoretical framework. Section B will be based on either newspapers or online, social and participatory media and video games and can test any area of the framework.

Media Studies Top Revision Tips



1) Be familiar with the CSP

- Keep re-watching/reading the CSP, especially the Dr Who and Class clips.
- Use the CSP knowledge package and your 3 revision booklets to help you revise for the types of questions you will be asked.

2) Know the framework.

- Use the review sheet to red, amber, green how well you know the framework. **Work on the ones you feel are the weakest.**

3) Improve your exam technique

- Use the CSP knowledge package to help you answer the exam practice homework questions.
- Use the DIRT time and feedback to help you **improve your exam technique.**

4) Use Seneca to address any gaps.



4) Youtube and other media

- There are walk throughs of the games, Zoella clips, fan sites, revision media clips. Mrs Edden will put together a power point of the most useful ones through out the Autumn and Spring Term.

5) Other Tips

- Work in pairs and groups to revise together.
- Come along to lunchtime STRETCH workshops which will run throughout the year.
- Keep all your work neatly labelled and hole punched into files.
- Practise timed questions.
- Practise writing opposing arguments and different opinions to the same question.



The Pathway to Success in...

Dance

Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Component 1 – Performance and Choreography		<u>PERFORMANCE</u> solo performance – 2 set phrases (approx. 1 min long). Duet/trio performance – using remaining set phrases (max of 5 mins long). <u>CHOREOGRAPHY</u> Solo or group choreography a solo (2-2.5 mins) group dance (3-3.5 mins) using 2-5 dancers
Component 2 – Dance Appreciation		Written paper worth 40%. Exam is 1hr 30 mins You will be tested on 3 topics: Choreographic processes and performance skills. Critical appreciation of your own work. Critical appreciation of professional works.

Dance Top Revision Tips for practical Component 1:

- Ensure that you plan rehearsal time well and attend extra sessions after school and at lunch.
- Keep working on performance skills at home focusing on stamina and flexibility as well as all other key performance skills.
- Understanding how to achieve high quality performance:
 - planning the rehearsal schedule
 - commitment to rehearsal
 - identification of the technical and expressive skills necessary for effective performance
 - awareness of the characteristic features of the dance
 - analysis of strengths and weaknesses of their own and others' performance and capacity to improve
 - systematic repetition to enhance performance
 - using ICT (for example, digital camera and video) to monitor and evaluate performance.

Revise all of the following:

- Physical skills and attributes
- Technical skills
- Expressive skills
- Mental skills and attributes
- Safe working practices
- Mental skills and attributes
- Safe working practices

The Anthology:

You must study **all six** works in their entirety and be prepared to describe, analyse, interpret, evaluate and reflect on the works in response to short answer and extended writing questions.

You must know the:

Features of production
Performance environments
Choreographic approaches
Choreographic content
Choreographic intent

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

The Pathway to Success in...

Drama



Exam Schedule

Exam Title	When	Key Content
Component 2 Devising Drama (practical)		What's assessed? -Process of creating devised drama. -Performance of devised drama. -Analysis and evaluation of own work.
Component 3 Texts in practise (practical)		What's assessed? -Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer). -Play must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1.
Component 1 Understanding Drama		What's assessed? -Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre. -Study of one set play. -Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers.

Drama Top Revision Tips:

Component 2 – Devising:

- Ensure that you create a rehearsal schedule and stick to it!
- Be creative and challenge yourself.
- Make notes **every** lesson in your book ready for your devising log.

Component 3 – Text in practice:

- Learn your lines as soon as you have your script.
- Research the play and character.
- Ensure that you create a rehearsal schedule and stick to it!

Component 1 – Understanding Drama:

- Purchase your own copy of Blood Brothers by Willy Russell (Methuen Modern Classics – ISBN: 978-0413767707) – It must be this version.
- Read at home and watch clips as often as you can.
- When we watch your final Live Performance make as many notes as possible. To help you with this section try to see some other live performances

The Pathway to Success in...

Fine Art



Exam Schedule

Coursework		
Title	When	Key Content
Portfolio of Work		One extensive project including guidance points in revision booklet. One smaller group of work or a 2 nd project on a theme including the same guidance.

Although not a subject requiring revision, courses in visual arts must still be correctly prepared for in order to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Assessment Objectives require students to show:

- 1. In depth developmental practical work should evidence considered influence of artists work and other contextual references. These should be thoroughly explored in your own way and demonstrate their impact upon your own ideas.**
- 2. A variety of practical studies should show experimentation and exploration of techniques and media that refine as they progress.**
- 3. Observations and ideas that demonstrate understanding of the theme and contextual influences. These should be in the form of own photographs, observational practical studies and written thoughts.**
- 4. Practical personal responses will conclude ideas and demonstrate meaningful links and interpretations of themes.**

Most importantly refer to checklist in revision booklet.

The Pathway to Success in...

Photography



Exam Schedule

Coursework		
Title	When	Key Content
Portfolio of Work		One extensive project including guidance points in revision booklet. One smaller group of work or a 2 nd project on a theme including the same guidance.

Although not a subject requiring revision, courses in visual arts must still be correctly prepared for in order to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Assessment Objectives require students to:

- 1. Thorough developmental photoshoots and editing should evidence considered influence of photographers work and other contextual references. These should be thoroughly explored in your own way and demonstrate their impact upon your own ideas.**
- 2. A variety of ideas should show experimentation and exploration of techniques and media both digital and manual that refine as they progress.**
- 3. Observations and ideas that demonstrate understanding of the theme and contextual influences. These should be in the form of own photographs, written thoughts and some drawing.**
- 4. Practical personal responses will conclude ideas and demonstrate meaningful links and interpretations of themes.**

Most importantly refer to checklist in revision booklet.