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Revision and Exam Guide

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2023/2024

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Subject	Art and Photography
Exam board	AQA
Exams	<p>1 x 10-hour practical paper in March.</p> <p>Students choose ONE question from a choice of seven released in January. Students work on preparatory materials in class with their teacher for 8-9 weeks prior to the controlled 10 hours.</p> <p>ALL WORK done from January onwards is submitted (not just that done in the 10 hours of controlled time).</p>
Link to specification	Please see the Art Department Core Curriculum Knowledge Organiser
Useful revision websites	<p>The Student Art Guide https://www.studentartguide.com</p> <p>Tate Gallery https://www.tate.org.uk/</p> <p>Victoria and Albert Museum https://www.vam.ac.uk/</p> <p>The National Gallery https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/</p> <p>The Photographers Gallery https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/</p>

Subject	Business Studies
Exam board	OCR J204
Exams	<p>Question paper - Business 1: business activity, marketing and people J204/01 - PDF 997KB</p> <p>Question paper - Business 2: operations, finance and influences on business J204/02 -</p>
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Business-Second/dp/1398372587
Link to past papers	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/business-j204-from-2017/assessment/
Link to specification	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/business-j204-from-2017/specification-at-a-glance/
Useful revision websites	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Subject	Computer Science
Exam board	OCR
Exams	Paper 1 – Computer Systems Paper 2 - Computational thinking, algorithms and programming
Recommended Revision Guide	CGP Revision and Practice
Link to past papers	https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/computer-science-j277-from-2020/assessment/
Link to specification	OCR 9-1 GCSE Computer Science Specification
Useful revision websites	Craig and Dave Video Playlist Isaac CS GCSE Resources BBC Bitesize
Other key information	The Autumn mocks will comprise a partial paper 1 (45 minutes) and a full paper 2 using an official past paper.

Subject	Drama
Exam board	Eduqas
Exams	Component Three Written examination – 1 hour 30 mins Component Two Performance examination – March 2024 tbc
Recommended Revision Guide	GCSE DRAMA – An Inspector Calls Revision Guide An inspector calls The copy of the text Copy of text FREE Resource Guide – An Inspector Calls Drama Revision Guide
Link to past papers	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/drama-gcse/#tab_pastpapers
Link to specification	GCSE Drama Eduqas https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/drama-gcse/#tab_keydocuments
Useful revision websites	Eduqas GCSE Drama BBC Bitesize Home Page https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zdb6xyc Eduqas GCSE Drama Knowledge Organisers https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1448 Eduqas GCSE Drama Designer Resources https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=924 Eduqas GCSE Drama – Component Three, Written Examination Walk Through https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1527
Other key information	Students have bespoke booklets to aid their revision for all Key Terminology areas, covering both 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Billy Elliot'.

Subject	English Language
Exam board	AQA
Exams	Paper One – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing Paper Two – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
Recommended Revision Guide	CPG GCSE AQA English Language Reading: Non-Fiction CPG GCSE AQA English Language Exam Practice CPG Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar GCSE 1-9
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources
Link to specification	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF
Useful revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty https://www.youtube.com/@MrSallesTeachesEnglish

Subject	English Literature
Exam board	AQA
Exams	Paper One – Shakespeare and the 19 th century novel Paper Two – Modern texts and poetry
Recommended Revision Guide	CPG AQA Anthology of Poetry: Power and Conflict CPG AQA Macbeth CPG AQA An Inspector Calls CPG AQA A Christmas Carol There are also York Notes GCSE guides for all these texts.
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources
Link to specification	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF
Useful revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zckw2hv https://www.youtube.com/@MrSallesTeachesEnglish https://www.youtube.com/@Clickrevision

Subject	GCSE French
Exam board	Edexcel
Exams	Paper 1 – Listening Paper 2 - Speaking Paper 3 – Reading Paper 4 - Writing
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/modernlanguages/studio-edexcel-gcse-french/revise-pearson-edexcel-gcse-9-1-french-revision-guide-second-edition#products https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/modernlanguages/studio-edexcel-gcse-french/revise-edexcel-gcse-9-1-french-revision-workbook-second-edition
Link to past papers	https://classroom.google.com/c/NDE0NTg2NTA3NDg5?cjc=s6gmxxm email login: username@plymstockschool.co.uk
Link to specification	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html
Useful revision websites	LanguageNut (please contact your teacher if you do not have your login) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhy647h https://quizlet.com/join/xzrFAeh75
Other key information	

Subject	Geography
Exam board	AQA - GCSE Geography
Exams	Paper 1 - Physical Paper 2 - Human Paper 3 - Pre-release and fieldwork
Recommended Revision Guide	CGP - Revision Guide and Practice Question Booklet (these were ordered last year so most students have these)
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes Then filter to Geography (8035) and GCSE
Link to specification	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification-at-a-glance
Useful revision websites	BBC Bitesize Internet Geography Tutor2U Seneca Cool Geography
Other key information	Students have been given knowledge organisers for all topics and there are lots of revision materials in the Learning and Teaching folder which is accessible via the school website.

Subject	GCSE German
Exam board	Edexcel
Exams	Paper 1 – Listening Paper 2 - Speaking Paper 3 – Reading Paper 4 - Writing
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/modern-languages/stimmt-edexcel-gcse-german/revise-edexcel-gcse-9-1-german-revision-workbook-second-edition https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/modern-languages/stimmt-edexcel-gcse-german/revise-edexcel-gcse-9-1-german-revision-guide-second-edition
Link to past papers	https://classroom.google.com/c/NTU2MzE1MDA4NTI4?cjc=znme57w email login: username@plymstockschool.co.uk
Link to specification	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/german-2016.html
Useful revision websites	LanguageNut (please contact your teacher if you do not have your login) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr
Other key information	

Subject	Health & Social Care
Exam board	OCR
Exams	1 exam 1 hour 15 minutes
Recommended Revision Guide	Cambridge National Health & Social Care – My Revision Notes – Judith Adams
Link to past papers	There are no past papers. This is a new specification. (SAM is being used as the mock)
Link to specification	Cambridge Nationals - Health and Social Care Level 1/2 Award/Certificate - J801, J811 - OCR

Subject	History
Exam board	Edexcel Pearson
Exams	Paper 1 Medicine Through Time Paper 2 Early Elizabethan England Paper 2 The American West Paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany
Recommended Revision Guide	<p>Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine in Britain Revision Guide and Workbook ISBN-10 : 1292169729</p> <p>Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Early Elizabethan England Revision Guide and Workbook ISBN-10 : 1292169710</p> <p>Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The American West Revision Guide and Workbook ISBN-10 : 129216977X</p> <p>Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39 Revision Guide and Workbook ISBN-10 : 1292169737</p> <p>All are currently in stock on Amazon, priced at £5.99 individually</p>
Link to past papers	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
Link to specification	<p>https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/gcse-9-1-history-specification.pdf</p> <p>Paper 1 Medicine Through Time – Page 11 Paper 2 Early Elizabethan England – Page 28 Paper 2 The American West – Page 34 Paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany – Page 44</p>
Useful revision websites	<p>Please <u>watch</u> the History Revision video we have prepared for pupils and those supporting them explaining the rationale behind effective revision:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOWtxZPDgas http://www.historynetwork.co.uk/gcse/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zppr4xs https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/nazi-germany/ http://stchistory.com/91lizi.html</p>
Other key information	<p>Please find a comprehensive range of revision materials available on the school Shared Area – accessed through the school website: https://plymstockschool.org.uk/home-access/ Please click on the school network folder – log in – Learning and Teaching – History – GCSE Revision All materials referenced in the revision video and others can be found here</p>

Subject	Mathematics
Exam board	Pearson Edexcel
Exams	3 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ papers Paper 1: Non-calculator Papers 2 & 3: Calculator
Recommended Revision Guide	www.cgpbooks.co.uk Higher tier: GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Higher inc Online Edition, Videos & Quizzes. ISBN: 9781782944041 Foundation tier: GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Foundation inc Online Edition, Videos & Quizzes. ISBN: 9781782944003
Link to past papers	www.mathsgenie.co.uk
Link to specification	Maths GCSE Edexcel GCSE Mathematics (2015) Pearson qualifications
Useful revision websites	www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk www.mymaths.co.uk www.mathsgenie.co.uk www.physicsandmathstutor.com
Other key information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the mathematical formulae you need to know and use. • Maths is skills based: the best way to revise is learn the formulae and then practise completing as many questions and past papers as you can to hone your skills. • Use the past paper walkthrough videos on mathsgenie – they talk through how to answer questions as well as explaining why you need to use the maths. • Ask your teachers for help/further explanation.

Subject	PE GCSE
Exam board	OCR
Exams	2x 60mins (Autumn mock is 1x60mins – PAPER 1)
Recommended Revision Guide	<p>CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE OCR Physical Education (PE)</p> <p>A matching Exam Practice Workbook is also available, packed with exam-style questions specific for GCSE OCR PE. And for even more practice you could purchase the OCR PE Revision Cards.</p> <p>All 3 items are available in a money saving bundle from https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/physical-education/jrr41-gcse-physical-education-ocr-revision</p>
Link to past papers	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/physical-education-j587-from-2016/assessment/
Link to specification	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/234822-specification-accredited-gcse-physical-education-j587.pdf
Useful revision websites	<p>https://youtu.be/dNguSf0jmJw - You tube revision video by The Ever Learner – OCR Paper 1</p> <p>https://youtu.be/ch24NhUv6hw - You tube revision video by The Ever Learner – OCR Paper 2</p> <p>https://members.gcsepod.com/login</p>
Other key information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice applying your knowledge to sporting examples. Have a few examples in mind in case one is used in the question. • Ensure you have also revised the exam command words for PE and you know the specific response required for each one. • Practice and mark as many 6 mark questions as possible. Remember this is ALWAYS an essay style question so ensure you plan and structure your essay correctly and check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Subject	Religious Studies
Exam board	AQA Specification A
Exams	9th May 2024 - Paper 1 Religions (Buddhism and Christianity) - 1hr 45 16th May 2024 - Themes Paper (Relationships, Religion & Life, Crime & Punishment and Human Rights) - 1hr 45
Recommended Revision Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oxford Revision Guide: Christianity and Buddhism - available via ParentPay for a £10 deposit - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism 9-1 Revision guide (available via Amazon)
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers Please remember we are studying Christianity (option 3), Buddhism (option 1) and Thematic Unit - non-textual study (paper 2A)
Link to specification	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/teaching-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Schemes+of+work Units we study are: Paper 1 Religions paper: Option 1: Buddhism - Teachings and Practices Option 3: Christianity - Teachings and Practices Paper 2 Thematic Units: A - Relationships and Families B - Religion and Life E- Religion, Crime and Punishment F - Religion and Human Rights
Useful revision websites	SENECA: Revision homework is being set weekly running up to the mocks and exams: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/segyk0cser BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h Youtube - Ben Wardle (Christianity and Themes): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKt35O75wlr1NR8HAIAnbUjGRlxAx3c27 Revisely: https://www.revisely.com/gcse/religious-studies/aqa

Subject	Science - GCSE Trilogy
Exam board	AQA
Exams	2 x Biology papers; 1 hr 15 mins 2 x Chemistry papers; 1 hr 15 mins 2 x Physics papers; 1 hr 15 mins
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464/assessment-resources
Link to specification	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464/specification-at-a-glance
Useful revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h https://senecalarning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources https://cognitoedu.org/home#0 https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/ https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos/ https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/biology/aqa/18/
Other key information	<p>Students will be provided with a periodic table in their chemistry</p> <p>Physics exam papers include an equation sheet with some key equations provided, others are to be learned.</p> <p>Calculators are essential</p> <p>Students will be entered for either foundation (1-5) or higher tier (4-9)</p>

Subject	GCSE Chemistry
Exam board	AQA
Exams	2 x Chemistry papers; 1 hr 45 mins
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/chemistry/car46-gcse-chemistry-aqa-revision-guide
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462/assessment-resources?
Link to specification	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462/specification-at-a-glance
Useful revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources https://cognitoedu.org/home#0 https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/gcse-aqa/ https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos/ https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/chemistry/aqa/18/
Other key information	Students will be provided with a periodic table in their exam Calculators are essential Students will be entered for either foundation (1-5) or higher tier (4-9)

Subject	GCSE Physics
Exam board	AQA
Exams	2 x Physics papers; 1 hr 45 mins
Recommended Revision Guide	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/physics/par48-gcse-physics-aqa-revision-guide-higher
Link to past papers	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463/assessment-resources
Link to specification	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463/specification-at-a-glance
Useful revision websites	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-aqa/ https://cognitoedu.org/home#0 https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos/ https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/physics/aqa/18/
Other key information	Physics exam papers include an equation sheet with some key equations provided, others are to be learned. Calculators are essential Students will be entered for either foundation (1-5) or higher tier (4-9)

Subject	GCSE Travel & Tourism
Exam board	BTEC Edexcel
Exams	1x 2h exam
Revision Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Ellis handed out yellow knowledge organiser booklets in lesson for each pupil (and passed onto tutors for pupils absent). Digital version available. • Google Classroom revision resources to guide and support writing technique