

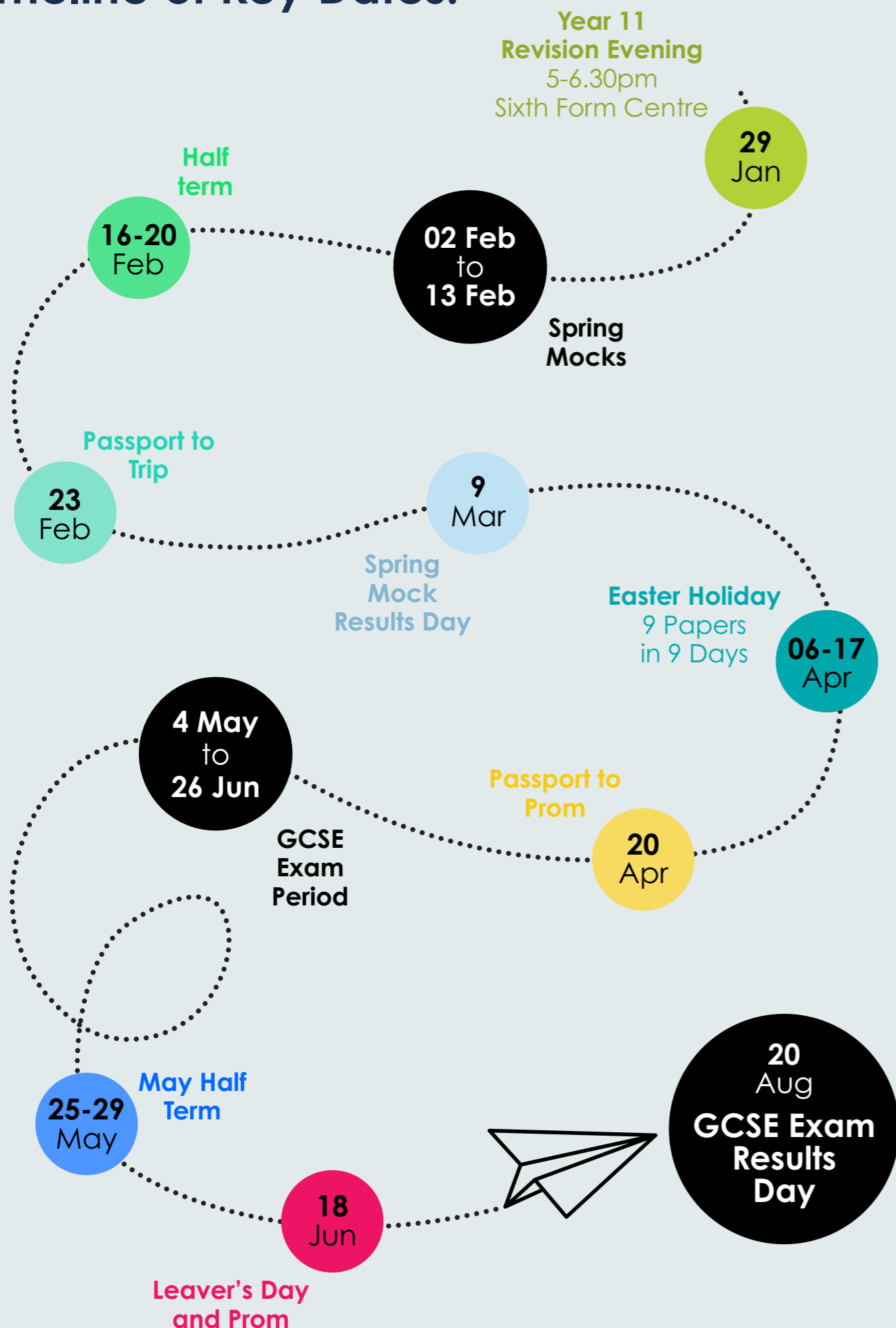
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GCSE REVISION

South Dartmoor Community College

Timeline of Key Dates:



Welcome

to the Year 11 Revision Evening.

This booklet has been created to support you and your family as you prepare for the upcoming spring mock examinations and summer GCSE exam series.

Inside, you will find lots of information about practical revision strategies, subject-specific top tips and links to further information on the college website. We have also included guidance on where to revise, essential exam equipment and advice from former Year 11 students. For parents, there are suggestions on how to encourage and support revision at home. In addition, the booklet provides links to information about careers and the Sixth Form to help you with your next steps.

Tonight is a great opportunity to talk to subject teachers and find out more about how you can best prepare. The map provided will guide you to each subject stand and there are talks from English, Maths and Science at 5.15pm, 5.45pm and 6.15pm.

Our Director of Sixth Form, Abi Slater, and our Careers Advisor, Julie Randell, are available to provide further information about our Sixth Form, careers and next steps. Ethan Merrington-Pink is also available to discuss general revision strategies.

We hope that you enjoy the evening and that it provides you with valuable information and support.

John Bradford
Assistant Headteacher

Excellence is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

Revision Support

Top parent support tips

Effective revision plays a crucial role in the run up to exams. There are lots of ways you can help your child, from checking what they know and helping them remember things, to ensuring they are healthy and well rested.

- ✓ Provide a calm and clear workspace with revision and exam timetables visible.
- ✓ Do they have the right kit and equipment?
- ✓ Reward and praise.
- ✓ Boost their brain power by keeping them hydrated and eating the right foods.
- ✓ Are they getting enough sleep (ideally 8-10 hours)?
- ✓ Keep the wellbeing basics in place and plan in some time for fun.
- ✓ Reassure, listen and support, and show them that you care.
- ✓ Don't pretend it is not stressful. Don't make comparisons. Don't show your stress.

Attendance matters

Days off cost good grades. Every missed day equates to 5 hours of lost learning – and over time, it adds up. Research suggests that for every 17 days missed from college, your GCSE results go down one grade!

Did you know...?		
If your attendance during the year was:	You would have lost approximately:	Or you would have missed approximately:
95%	9 days from college	50 lessons
90%	19 days from college	100 lessons
85%	29 days from college	150 lessons
80%	38 days from college	200 lessons
75%	48 days from college	250 lessons

Essential exam equipment

Please make sure that students arrive fully prepared for their exams by bringing the following essential items. Having the correct equipment will help ensure that exams run smoothly and that students can perform at their best:

- Clear pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler, protractor and compass
- Black biro, with a spare (no correcting fluids)
- Eraser
- Reusable water bottle (clear with no labels)
- HB pencil, with a spare
- Highlighter pens
- Scientific calculator

Useful links for revision

Visit the [revision section of our website](#) where you will find a digital copy of this subject specific guidance and revision advice, as well as a range of GCSE revision guide recommendations.



Exam information

In the [exams section of our website](#), you will find the Essential Exam Equipment list as well as the Spring Mock Timetable. The summer exam timetable will also be available here soon.



Advice from former Year 11 students

We all know the importance of revision, but don't just take our word for it – [listen to some advice from former Year 11 students](#).



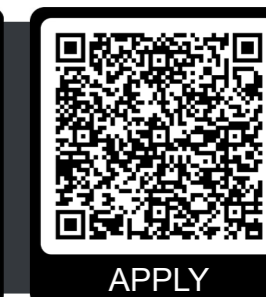
Careers Information

We are committed to supporting all our Year 11 students. It is important to look ahead to university or apprenticeship options, as decisions made now may affect choices later. Our Careers Advisor can be contacted by email on: careers@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk



South Dartmoor Sixth Form

Sixth Form applications for September 2026 are now live. The priority application deadline is 30 January. We encourage students to apply by this deadline, although applications will continue to be accepted afterwards.



“ Do something today that your future self will thank you for. ”

Revision Strategies

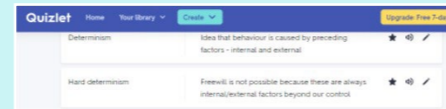
1 Flashcards

- Use index cards to jot down the key information from a topic, theory, core study, etc.
- Use the index cards to test yourself later on.
- You can make them pretty or rough – both work, as long as you can read your writing.



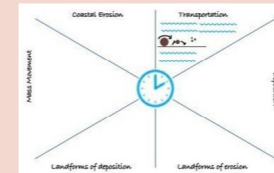
2 Typed flashcards

- Typed or online flashcards are also great.
- The Quizlet app allows you to test yourself anytime and anywhere.
- You can add photos and text, and they are easy to organise and edit.
- The write function gives you a description and you test your knowledge by writing the key term. It saves progress too, so you can return to them later.



7 Revision clocks

- On a piece of paper with a clock in the middle, divide by how many ideas you are recapping, or how much time you think you need for each one (6 blocks = 10 minutes each).
- Give each section a title.
- Fill in each section with information/diagrams **from memory** within the time limit.
- Go back and fill in any missing information.



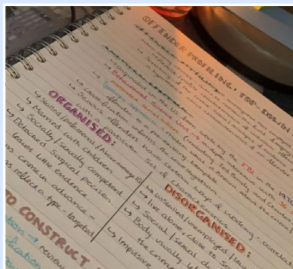
8 Cued to free recall

- Create a comprehensive list of prompts for the information you want to recall.
- When you need to recall information, take out a new document or paper and add cues from your master list.
- After multiple recall sessions, gradually remove cues as you become more confident with the material, eventually transitioning to free recall.

Learn:	Recall:
• Banana	• Ba _____
• Interesting	• In _____
• Annoy	• An _____
• Book	• Bo _____
• Computer	• Co _____

3 Summary pages

- Grab a notebook and write summaries for theory, topic or core study.
- Get the key information down and get used to summarising the content; you will do this in an exam.
- On one side have the content/key research, and on the other side have the evaluation.



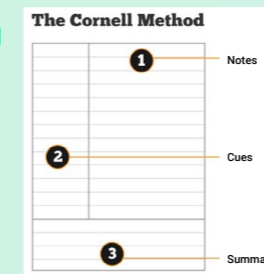
4 Quizzes

- Write questions to test yourself on content. Once written, leave them for a while so that you are not simply remembering what you have just written.
- Ask family/friends to use these to quiz you, or quiz yourself.
- Create Kahoot quizzes and compete with friends, or use their wealth of pre-existing quizzes.



9 Cornell method

- Split your page into three. Start with section 2 and, using your booklet/notes, write down key terms, statistics, numbers or equations.
- Move onto section 1 – without your notes, using only the key information you put in section 2, make more detailed notes.
- Finally, in section 3 summarise the main ideas in 3-4 sentences.



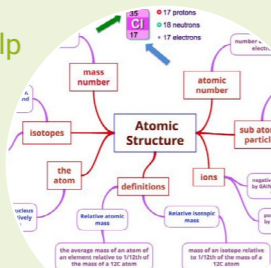
10 'Prepare to teach'

- Plan to teach a topic/core piece of research. The planning process requires cognitive elaboration and deeper processing - you need to learn the content well enough to teach it.
- You could teach a peer within your subject, or someone who does not take that subject.
- Protégé effect – students enlisted to tutor others work harder to understand the material, recall it more accurately and apply it more effectively.



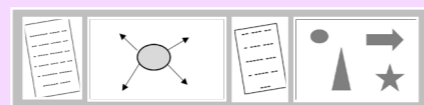
5 Mind maps

- Pick a topic, theme, core study or key area to put in the centre of the mind map.
- Each branch should represent a different idea or aspect.
- Make it colourful and add diagrams or drawings to help represent your ideas.
- Good for linking conceptions and making associations between ideas.



6 Folding frenzy

- **Notes:** Write on one side of A4 – terms, definitions, research, evaluation. Fold.
- **Graphic organiser:** Create a graphic organiser on the A5 side. Represent the most important aspects. Fold.
- **Flashcard:** Write on the A6 side – 5-6 summary sentences. Turn over.
- **Symbols:** On the last A6 side – draw symbols to help you remember.



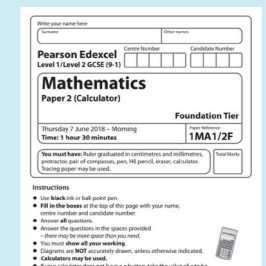
11 Card sorts

- Helps you to organise information and make links between different aspects.
- Easy to make and quick to revise with once they are made.
- You could use card sorts for definitions, to put tables of information back together or match content to topics.
- Can be used again and again to rehearse the same information.



12 Past questions

- Practice examination questions over and over, well-spaced over time.
- Select topics you have just revised to secure the knowledge.
- Explore worked examples or exam answers as well as writing your own, which helps process, practice and refine your revision.



Revising for an hour or two a day and staying happy and healthy is far better than burning out. Try making some small changes which, over the coming weeks, will result in big overall improvements:

- Get a good night's sleep with a regular sleep routine, so you are refreshed and ready for the day ahead
- Eat healthily and drink plenty of water throughout the day
- Exercise, ideally outside, at least once a day - you will feel better and it will help improve focus
- Be disciplined with your time; give yourself goals and deadlines, and attend extra revision opportunities.

Business Studies

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Watch *Bizconsesh: OCR Business* videos on YouTube to help with understanding of topics and exam technique.
- Familiarise yourself with the Assessment Criteria and answer structures for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 markers.
- Practice the **BLT technique**. Point: **B**ecause... **L**eads **T**o... or **PAPa**: **P**oint, **A**pplication, **A**nalyse
- Practice applying answers to the case study – use the PAPa technique!
- The **CONTEXT/APPLICATION** Assessment Objective is the easiest way to gain or throw away marks. Using this effectively can easily boost grades 2 levels or drop grades 2 levels if not applied.
- Attend the revision sessions.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Use your knowledge organiser to develop your understanding of key concepts and terminology.
- Past paper questions are key – available on Teams and the OCR website. Attempt (with/without notes/use of mark scheme), then mark using the mark scheme, clearly identifying where you gained marks.
- Do 'little and often' active revision, such as the task above – for example 30 minutes in addition to Home Learning per week, or 15 -20 marks worth of questions.
- Use a revision guide to support.
- Use your RAG document to identify areas to focus your revision.
- Speak to your teacher if you are struggling!

WHERE TO REVISE

Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
BBC Bitesize	Business GCSE Bitesize offers concise, accessible lessons, fostering deep understanding, aiding exam preparation and enhancing overall academic performance.
Exam Papers	Past papers, mark schemes and examiner's reports.
Teams (class materials)	Copies of knowledge organisers, personalised learning checklists and exam technique guides.

Child Care

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Learn the key terms which are in your knowledge organiser – this will help you to understand what the question is asking.
- Research different toys and activities that are suitable for children of various ages, and consider how each one supports holistic development. Creating a mind map can be a helpful way to organise your ideas.
- Watch episodes of: *The Secret life of a 4-year-old*, *Child of our Time* and *Rich House Poor House*. These will help you to make links and gain an understanding of what it is like to work with children of different ages.
- Practice exam questions regularly to help strengthen your knowledge and improve your ability to understand what each question is asking.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Past Paper questions are available on Teams. Attempt them both with and without the use of the mark scheme, then mark and clearly identify where you gained marks.
- Do 'little and often' active revision, for example 20 minutes in addition to Home Learning per week, or 12 marks worth of questions.
- Using your Knowledge Organiser, create revision flash cards with key information and developmental stages.

WHERE TO REVISE

ProProfs Quizzes	Child Development Quizzes.
Team Files	Test papers and Mark schemes.
Development Matters	Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage.

Computer Science

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Create a revision schedule. Plan out your revision time and stick to it, and make sure to allocate enough time to cover all the topics you need to revise.
- Make use of past papers; they are a great way to test your understanding of the material and identify areas where you need to focus your revision.
- Practice coding. The best way to improve your coding skills is to practice. Work through sample problems and try to write your own programs to solve them.
- Use flashcards; they are a great way to memorize key terms and concepts. Create your own flashcards or use online resources like Quizlet.
- Get help when you need it - don't be afraid to ask for help if you're struggling with a particular topic. Reach out to your teacher or refer to online resources for assistance.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Active recall: this technique involves actively trying to retrieve information from memory, rather than passively re-reading notes or studying. Examples include flashcards, quizzes and writing summaries.
- Spaced repetition: this involves reviewing information at increasingly longer intervals, so that the material is reinforced in your memory over time.
- Concept mapping: create visual diagrams or mind maps to organize information and see how different concepts are related.
- Practice testing: do some practice tests/past papers to help you identify areas where you need to focus your revision and build test-taking skills.
- Distributed practice: little and often. Break up your study sessions into shorter, more frequent sessions spread out over time. Rather than studying for one long session, you study for shorter sessions.

WHERE TO REVISE

Trinket	Online IDE to practice python coding, as well as the online GCSE trinket course.
Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
GeeksforGeeks	Online Computer Science challenges to check knowledge.
BBC Bitesize	GCSE Computer Science learning resources.

Dance

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Manage your time carefully by planning practical deadlines alongside written controlled assessment elements. Use Class Charts to support this.
- Respond clearly to the brief by showing a strong understanding of intention, style and choreographic requirements.
- Refine performance skills by focusing on physical, technical, expressive and mental skills.
- Record and review rehearsals through a rehearsal log to evaluate progress and make purposeful improvements that you can track.
- Use feedback effectively by acting on teacher and peer comments, justifying creative choices in written and verbal reflections.

KEY REHEARSAL TECHNIQUES

- Set a clear focus for each rehearsal such as creating, developing and refining specific sections.
- Create a rehearsal schedule that is realistic and is achievable for all group members.
- Reflect at the end of each rehearsal by noting what improved, what still needs work and the next practical action to take.

WHAT TO WATCH

Professional Dance Inspiration for Component 3:

Akram Khan	DESH and DESH: Akram Khan Company Official Trailer
Akram Khan and Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui	Zero Degrees
Hofesh Shechter	Political Mother
Boy Blue	Emancipation of Expressionism
Zonation	Message in a Bottle
Matthew Bourne	Romeo & Juliet: Balcony Duet

Design and Technology

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Familiarise yourself with the marking schemes for the NEA. Cross-reference and self-assess your work to identify how it can be improved, and what specifically needs to be done.
- Maximise all lesson time. Complete your NEA assessment. 100 marks – 50% of GCSE.
- Have a go at past papers, and read through the mark schemes.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Past Paper questions are key – available on Eduqas.
- Attempt (with/without notes/use of mark scheme) the questions, then mark these against the mark scheme. Clearly identify where you gained marks. Then, extend the answers using the answer sheets (green pen – to show where the additional work has been done).
- Use the online resources listed below.
- Consider purchasing the GCSE Design & Technology Eduqas Revision Guide.

WHERE TO REVISE

<u>Seneca</u>	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
<u>Eduqas Knowledge Organisers</u>	Core knowledge organisers.
<u>Eduqas Digital Educational Resources</u>	All Eduqas Design and Technology resources.
<u>BBC Bitesize</u>	GCSE Design and Technology – Eduqas

English Language and Literature

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Make sure you understand what each question is asking you to do, for example: *What's the big idea?* Think about connotations. Write a lot about a little.
- Attend the intervention sessions. Please remember that all resources from these sessions are posted weekly on the Year 11 Teams channel.
- Re-read the poems and texts for Literature. The texts this year are: *A Christmas Carol*, *Macbeth*, *An Inspector Calls* and the *AQA Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology*. You can use SPARX Reader to help you with *A Christmas Carol* and *Macbeth*.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Past Paper questions are key – attempt without notes wherever possible. Bring past paper questions to your teachers for marking.
- Make 10-minute plans for questions.
- Read widely and try to read some academic articles.
- For Literature – ensure you know the plot, and make character and theme maps. Have you made poetry flashcards to help you revise? Speak to your teacher if you need help.
- For Language – access some of the writing tasks on Teams. Practice your SPaG and be ambitious with your vocabulary choices.

WHERE TO REVISE

<u>Sparx Reader</u>	Sparx Reader is a platform you can use to re-read <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>A Christmas Carol</i> . When using, ensure you are reading sections of text carefully to help consolidate your understanding.
<u>AQA English Language Past Papers</u> <u>AQA English Literature Past Papers</u>	AQA English Language and Literature Past Papers. There are also lots more papers on the Year 11 Teams channel for you to access. The more questions you plan and complete, the easier the exams will be!
<u>BBC Bitesize - English Language</u> <u>BBC Bitesize - English Literature</u>	Runs through all the key skills needed for English Language and English Literature.
<u>LitCharts and YouTube</u>	Access plot summaries, key themes and character notes on all set texts.

Fine Art

TOP REVISION TIPS

GCSE Fine Art is an evidenced-based course. All the work you do during the course is assessed for your GCSE. It is split into two areas:

Component 1: Coursework Portfolio Worth 60% of your overall mark.

What evidence do I need in my portfolio?

- Year 10 skills-based workshops.
- Year 11 sustained project.
The deadline for this is early January of Year 11.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Worth 40% of your overall mark.

After choosing a starting point you will have 10-12 weeks to prepare, leading up to 10 hours of supervised time to produce your final outcome. The exam project should demonstrate all Assessment Objectives and link to inspirational artists.

GENERAL TIPS

- Dedicate time outside of lesson to continue your creative process, in Open House sessions or at home (2-3 hours per week).
- Go and see some artwork in the flesh at local or national exhibitions or take part in creative workshops and other opportunities.
- Explore ideas with depth, trying many different approaches both practically and conceptually.
- Spend time on your presentation and reflect on what you have created regularly.

MEET THE ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

- Make visual and conceptual links from everywhere and anywhere that inspires you throughout your project to evidence your thinking for AO1.
- Experiment to achieve AO2 by trying and combining different mediums and techniques in your project. Don't try things just once, explore and take creative risks in making your work.
- To achieve AO3 you must record your ideas using written reflection and visual sources including techniques that you didn't like and decided not to use to show that you are being critical and evaluating your own work.
- Take your own photographs as first-hand source references to show you are making your work personal and meaningful to you to achieve AO4. Clearly link the creative process that follows to your inspired artists and processes you have already explored in your outcome and reflections.

WHERE TO REVISE

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[GCSE AQA Art and Design.](#)

Geography

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Use *Internet Geography* to fill any knowledge gaps. It's an excellent website with exam focused content. Remember to access the AQA Geography section.
- Learn the key facts, figures and impacts for each case study in the AQA specification. Use mind maps or flashcards to make them easy to recall.
- Doing past exam questions helps you understand the command words, for example *describe* and *evaluate*, and improve your timing and exam technique.
- Don't just read notes—test yourself with quizzes, teach someone else or create summary sheets. Active learning helps you remember more effectively.
- Speak to your teachers if you are struggling – they are the experts!

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Test yourself regularly instead of just reading notes. Use flashcards, quizzes or write down everything you remember about a topic without looking at your notes.
- Spread out your revision over time – start with the parts you are least confident with. Review topics multiple times at increasing intervals to strengthen long-term memory.
- Create mind maps to link concepts, processes and case studies. This helps you see connections and improves understanding of complex topics. This also helps you to develop your writing for the 6 and 9 mark questions.
- Work through past papers and mark schemes to get familiar with command words and exam structure and what the papers look like. This builds confidence and improves exam technique.

WHERE TO REVISE

Internet Geography	Select AQA Geography. It will then provide the 6 units of study for Papers 1 and 2 as well as a unit for Paper 3. It has clear, exam-focused content and interactive resources such as quizzes, case studies and revision notes.
Physics & Maths Tutor	Past papers and mark schemes. Select the Geography AQA papers and familiarise yourself with the practice questions.
Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
GCSE Pod Videos	GCSE Pod has short video presentation clips for all the topics in the syllabus. Use the file structured directory to find each unit topic and select clips that are relevant to your need.

History

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Use the checklists that we have given you, and/or the ones at the front of the revision guides to ensure you revise each small chunk of the course in an organised way. It is essential you know a minimum of three key things about each sub-section or topic.
- Always think about how you can use examples to weigh up importance/significance/consequences/causes.
- Make sure you are completely secure with each exam paper – what will be in it and the style of questions.
- Practice exam questions regularly. It is the best way to secure your knowledge of a topic, as well as hone your exam technique.
- Attend at least one of the revision sessions per week.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Start with an exam style question, revise the section and then write the answer.
- Eventually build up to answering the revision question without the revision notes in front of you.
- Quiz yourself or ask someone to quiz you. It works.
- Use your exercise books from Year 10-11 to help with revision – write in them, annotate and highlight key details. Use these alongside your revision guides and textbooks. All textbooks and revision guides are on Teams – make sure you can access them or have your own copies.
- Do your weekly revision from Teams – get into a routine of doing this. Bring the revision into class every week so that your teacher can advise you on improving exam technique and understanding.
- Always ensure you mind-map/note the key points. Just reading will not work as effectively.

WHERE TO REVISE

Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
Edexcel GCSE History	Past papers are all available here on EdExcel's GCSE History website. Use the filters on the left-hand side to find Migration Paper 1, American West and Elizabeth Paper 2, and Germany Paper 3.
Teams	All textbooks and online copies of the revision guides are available in the History class files on Teams.

Hospitality and Catering

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Use the WJEC knowledge organisers to structure your revision.
- Complete mock exam papers and self-assess to identify areas of weakness.
- Practice long answer questions.
- Recommended books: Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering Revision Guide and Exam Practice Workbook.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Focus on weaker areas identified from mock exams.
- Practice command words: *Describe, Explain, Justify*.
- Practice dishes at home with emphasis on mise en place (preparation).
- Attempt past papers with/without notes and mark them using the mark scheme.
- Extend answers using additional information (marked in green).
- Attend revision sessions frequently.
- Revise key terms, for example: *RIDDOR, HACCP, EHO*.

WHERE TO REVISE

BBC Bitesize	GCSE Hospitality (CCEA)
Eduqas Knowledge Organisers	Hospitality and catering Level 1 & 2 – Knowledge Organisers
Eduqas Digital Educational Resources	All Eduqas Hospitality and Catering resources

Maths

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Do your Home Learning. SPARX has been set up to give you the best balance of retrieval and exam style questions and, together with the Fluency Fix-Up sections based on your exam papers, should form the starting point of your maths revision schedule.
- RTFQ – Read the FULL question. Do not skim read, we get an examiners report every year that tell us how many silly marks were dropped by students just not reading the questions properly.
- Learn how to use your own calculator properly – there are lots of YouTube videos on this.
- Most marks are for workings, so practice writing these down showing every step – don't just do the calculations in your head or on a calculator.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Answer questions – you need to practice applying your knowledge. Do this little and often.
- SPARX Fluency Fix-Ups are EXACTLY the topics you need to get better at to improve your grade. These are personal and individual to you – make the most of these opportunities.
- Do all the predicted papers and past papers on *OnMaths/Corbett Maths/Maths Genie*. YouTube has past paper walkthroughs to help you mark any past papers.
- Follow the six-week revision schedule on *MathsWatch* – we put this on Teams.

WHERE TO REVISE

MathsWatch	Log in through 365. Maths videos for every topic plus lots of interactive past papers for you to try.
OnMaths – The home of GCSE Maths	Good revision site for past papers.
SPARX	Fluency Fix-Up and independent working.
Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.

Modern Languages

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Regularly revise your core vocabulary. This is the vocabulary that Edexcel expects you to know; you will not be tested on vocabulary outside this list. Aim to learn 5 new words a day using the look, cover, write, check method to help commit them to memory.
- For your speaking, practise describing people, place and activity in a photo. Revise key verbs and expressions to describe what people are doing – essential for describing photos and role-plays.
- Learn key question words – essential for the role-play.
- Learn to write and speak confidently in the present, past and future tenses in the 'I' form. For those aiming higher than grade 6, ensure you can conjugate verbs accurately and practise more complex tenses such as the imperfect, pluperfect, conditional and subjunctive where appropriate.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Little and often is more effective than long cramming sessions.
- Use 'torture' tense grids to practise conjugations across different tenses.
- Download the interactive vocabulary list and colour code to track progress – green: know it, red: still need to learn.

WHERE TO REVISE

Pearson Edexcel GCSE French (2024) Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish (2024)	Lots of useful resources including the interactive vocabulary document to track vocabulary progress and example papers.
BBC Bitesize - French BBC Bitesize - Spanish	BBC Bitesize GCSE French and Spanish Edexcel content.
Languagenut	Languagenut is a GCSE-aligned digital platform that supports revision through interactive games and assessments.
Active Hub	ActiveHub is a GCSE-aligned platform offering digital textbooks, listening tasks and exam-style questions.
Languages Online	Select your language, then Grammar

Music

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Use a revision guide to support your independent study.
- Work through and revise key language to ensure you understand; this can be found on Class Charts and on Teams in the files area.
- Make sure that you know as much information as possible about the set works – revise and listen.
- Complete practice questions – these will be shared in class and added to Teams for additional independent study.
- Use *Focus on Sound* to revise and complete online lessons.
- Listen to a range of music and apply vocabulary to what you are listening to.

PRACTICAL/COURSEWORK

- Use additional time in college to ensure that you are rehearsing all practical components regularly. Consistent rehearsal and composition work will support your coursework.
- Utilise the resources in college, use *Sibelius* software and book in time to record.
- Practice and record your performance work regularly.
- Compose regularly and back up your files so you can access from home.
- Speak to your instrumental teachers and seek advice and support with your coursework.
- Join and commit to a music club to build your confidence and performance skills.

WHERE TO REVISE

Focus on Sound	Interactive lessons and tests via Eduqas button linked to our course.
Eduqas set works - focus booklet with glossary pdf	Set work revision with background notes and analysis. Glossary of terms.

Photography

TOP REVISION TIPS

GCSE Photography is an evidenced-based course. All the work you do during the course is assessed for your GCSE. It is split into two areas:

Component 1: Coursework Portfolio Worth 60% of your overall mark.

- What evidence do I need in my portfolio?
- Year 10 skills-based workshops.
 - Year 11 sustained project.
The deadline for this is early January of Year 11.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Worth 40% of your overall mark.

After choosing a starting point you will have 10-12 weeks to prepare, leading up to 10 hours of supervised time to produce your final outcome. The exam project should demonstrate all Assessment Objectives and link to inspirational artists.

GENERAL TIPS

- Dedicate time outside of lesson to continue your creative process, in Open House sessions or at home (2-3 hours per week).
- Go and see some artwork in the flesh at local or national exhibitions or take part in creative workshops and other opportunities.
- Explore ideas with depth, trying many different approaches both practically and conceptually.
- Spend time on your presentation and reflect on what you have created regularly.

MEET THE ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

- Make visual and conceptual links with lots of research that inspires you throughout your project to evidence your thinking for AO1.
- Experiment to achieve AO2 by exploring different Photoshop techniques as you edit your work. Don't try things just once, explore and take creative risks in making your work.
- To achieve AO3 you must record your ideas using written reflection and visual sources, including screenshots. Be critical as you evaluate your shoots and explain how well you have met your intentions.
- Take your own photographs as first-hand source references to show you are making your work personal and meaningful to you to achieve AO4. Clearly link the creative process that follows to your inspired artists and processes you have already explored in your outcome and reflections.

WHERE TO REVISE

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[GCSE AQA Photography.](#)

Physical Education

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Familiarise yourself with the various command verbs used in your PE exam papers, for example: *state, describe, explain, evaluate*. By understanding these terms, you will answer the question more effectively and maximise your marks. You will be able to pick up a useful command verb booklet from the PE stand on Revision Evening.
- Do 'little and often' revision throughout the week and focus on a single topic or sub-topic. Your lesson workbooks and the *Everlearner* platform divide each unit into topics for you. 15-20 minutes, 2-3 times per week will make a huge difference.
- Be honest with yourself – are you avoiding the topics you find most difficult? If you are, now is the time to make these your priority.
- Embrace failure – successful individuals and teams see failure as a necessary part of the process. It should help you prioritise topics you need to revise the most often.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- The *Everlearner* platform is a key revision resource for you to vastly improve your knowledge recall. The 'dashboard' function at the top of your home screen allows you to access all topic areas, watch the short tutorials and then test yourself.
- Practicing past paper questions is excellent revision. Follow this process: Answer – mark using mark scheme – repeat until you get full marks. For 6 and 9 mark questions ask a PE teacher to mark it for you.
- Collect your lesson workbooks where you will find key information on each topic as well as all your exam practice with teacher feedback.
- AI platforms such as ChatGPT are excellent at summarising and explaining topics as well as giving sporting examples. Ensure you include the AQA exam board in your prompts so that you receive the most relevant and appropriate responses. For example: *Summarise the Basic Information Processing model from the AQA GCSE PE qualification. Can this summary also include sporting examples?*

WHERE TO REVISE

Everlearner	A key revision resource for you to vastly improve your knowledge recall.
Teams - Past Papers with Mark Schemes	Head to 'Files' in the class Teams channel where you will find a green revision folder containing several past papers and their mark schemes to practice your exam technique.

Psychology

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Using past papers as a revision tool is a great way to get to know the layout of each paper as well as the types of questions you could be asked. Past papers are also useful as they can help you identify any weak areas in your learning and show you where you need to improve. You will also be able to monitor your progress by checking your past paper answers against the provided marking schemes.
- As your exam gets closer, try to complete your practice papers under exam conditions, for example timed and with no additional resources, as this will improve your time-management skills. This will show you where you are spending the most time on the papers and help you to get quicker at answering the questions. Past papers can be downloaded directly from the AQA website.
- Take breaks; split your revision into 20-minute sections before taking a short break.
- If you are a visual learner, create mind maps from your notes – one mind map per topic and stick it somewhere you will look at it!

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Make summary notes from revision materials.
- Make summary notes from summary notes and reduce down onto revision cards.
- Underline keywords on cards.
- For each topic, good revision sub headings are the title of the unit, for example: *Memory, Perception*.
- Include: keywords, key studies, possible exam questions, limitations with key studies and application of knowledge to real life.

WHERE TO REVISE

Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
Learndojo	Resources covering AQA GCSE Psychology for the latest 9-1 GCSE specification. All 8 chapters are covered across both exam papers for students, teachers and parents to use. The Unit code is 8182.
Study Rocket	Browse Study Rocket's GCSE Psychology AQA free revision notes.

Religious Studies

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Create a revision timetable.
- Make sure you know which paper you are doing first; it will either be Christianity and Buddhism or Thematic Studies.
- Practice past papers. Doing them under timed conditions can help you get used to the exam format and improve your time-management skills. It also highlights areas where you might need more revision.
- Break down content. Divide your revision into manageable chunks. Focus on one topic at a time and ensure you understand it fully before moving on to the next.
- Keep a positive mindset and take regular breaks to avoid burnout. Short, frequent breaks can help maintain your focus and productivity.
- Teach someone else. Explaining concepts to a friend or family member can reinforce your understanding and highlight any gaps in your knowledge.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Flashcards/Mind Maps.
- Use past papers and mark schemes, which can be downloaded directly from the AQA website.
- Practise with another person by testing each other.
- Learn some religious quotes. It is fine to use the same quote several times during the exam, as long as it is relevant.
- Understand what the command words in the question are demanding from you.

WHERE TO REVISE

Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
Revision World	Past exam papers covering AQA GCSE Religious Studies.
Save My Exams	Revision notes, examiner insight, past paper walkthroughs and model answers closely aligned with AQA RS A (8062).

Science

TOP REVISION TIPS

- Use Seneca to go over the basics. Choose a topic that you find hard, and work on that section. Make sure you repeat a section until you get over 80%. Repetition of the basics is really important!
- Bring your revision guide to lessons. It can really help to have an extra source of information in front of you that you will then revise from.
- Focus on the topics you find difficult – this is where you will improve the most.

KEY REVISION TECHNIQUES

- Use *Seneca*, *BBC Bitesize* or *YouTube* to revise the basics of a topic that you find challenging.
- Use the revision guides or the topic areas listed on *BBC Bitesize* to find an overview of all the material you will need to cover for your science exams.
- Use these resources to make lists of the topics to cover and decide where you are feeling strong or weak.
- Use the specification to make flashcards, focusing on content that has bullet points to learn.
- Try some past paper questions on *physicsandmathstutor.com*
- Make a list of any areas/concepts that you don't understand and take them to your teacher.
- Create your revision timetable focusing on the weakest areas first.
- There are lots of ways you can revise; try different approaches. Writing lots of notes isn't always the best way to remember a lot of information. Look at some of the ideas on *gcse.guru*.

WHERE TO REVISE

Seneca	Seneca is an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision platform. The entire course content can be learned and revised here, with summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions.
Teams - Past paper questions and resources	The PDF on the Year 11 Teams channel outlines the topics and includes links to revision resources from Quizlet, Seneca, YouTube and flashcards. It also directs students to exam questions and additional revision resources.
BBC Bitesize	Choose Single Sciences or Combined Science.
Physics & Maths Tutor	Past papers and mark schemes.
GCSE Guru	Exam revision tips and techniques.

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