



# Y10/11 - Examination Preparation and Revision

## Revision Top Tips



1. Make a '**revision timetable**' and always let your family know when you are revising. Remember to include weekly activities or clubs as well as some **free time**. Start with **20-30 minutes** sessions per subject, **2-3 subjects a day**. Be disciplined and **eliminate distractions** during revision time.



2. **Get help**. Ask friends and family to **test you**.
3. Attend teacher **revision classes**.
4. **Try some different techniques**;
  - **Record yourself** reading notes and **occasionally listen** to them instead of reading.
  - Create **summary notes** and anything simple that helps your **memory** – as short notes, drawings and sayings are much easier to remember.
  - Try making **mindmaps** to explore key content/concepts.
  - Make **revision cards** – these can easily be used with a friend/family member to test you.
  - Use **post it notes** to write down information which can then be ordered or organised.
5. Take a **5 or 10 minute break** every hour and do some stretching exercises, go for a short walk or make yourself a drink.
6. Allow yourself some fun-time each day to **relax...** and make sure you get a good **8 hours sleep per night**.

## Subject Tips

### How to prepare for **EDUQAS English Language**:

- Go back to your class notes on weekly basis and bullet point five key learning points for the week
- Read widely from a range of non-fiction and fiction texts
- Practise creative writing – 10 minute short writing tasks
- Revise using the content on GCSE pod

### How to prepare for **EDUQAS English Literature**:

- Go back to your class notes on weekly basis and bullet point five key learning points for the week
- Re-read your Literature texts 2-3 times over the course of Y10 and Y11
- Revise using the content on GCSE pod
- Make your own revision booklets and guides using research from class, useful websites e.g Sparknotes, Shmoop, BBC Bitesize, GCSE Pod.

### How to revise and prepare for **Edexcel Combined Science** Course

- Attend revision sessions – Monday lunch after school is available for anyone in KS4 - students need to bring the material they would like us to help them with.

#### Biology

- Make sure you know and understand key biological terms and you can use them in the correct context. i.e. enzymes de-nature – they do not die.
- When drawing lines of best fit, do not do a 'dot to dot' but draw a smooth line of best fit instead.

#### Chemistry

- For chemical calculations, write the equation at the top of your answer and use it to help structure and organise your answer i.e. Use the chemical names as column headings.
- Include relevant diagrams to help you answer 6 mark questions, refer to them in your answer rather than waste time trying to describe them (e.g. atomic structure diagrams).

#### Physics

- For multi-step calculations, write the formula you are using first and then substitute the information you know underneath. Keep the '=' signs in a column to keep your calculation organised and logical.
- Know your System Internationale (SI) Units and their prefixes and make sure you can convert number between them i.e. Kilo (1000), cent (100), milli (1/1000<sup>th</sup>)

### How to prepare for **Pearson GCSE History**

- Look back over your class notes. Make timelines of key information, profiles of key individuals, revision cards and posters of key factual information.
- Use the VLE revision folder for past questions, lesson PowerPoints and material.
- Read around the subject; look for articles online, BBC History magazine, or any relevant books about the topics we study.
- Revise using the content on GCSE Pod.
- Use the EDUCAS GCSE revision guides; medicine through time, Elizabeth, Germany in transition and Development of the UK.
- Attend revision sessions – Friday after school.

### How to prepare for **EDEXCEL GCSE Geography**

- Read over you class notes and condense them onto revision flash cards.
- Work hard to memorise your notes through repetition and using the information in different ways eg reading, re-writing, creating mind maps, read/cover/quiz, test a friend.
- Understand the command words used in exams.
- Practice applying your knowledge by completing exam style questions.
- Use the Pearson Edexcel GCSE Geography A (9-1) revision guide, available on Parent Pay.



# Subject Tips

## How to prepare for Cambridge Nationals OCR Child Development :

- Attend Revision Sessions – any areas of concern, discuss with Mrs Priestner.
- Work through the revision guide This will include course content, plus practice exam style questions, after each section.
- Revise keywords using flashcards.
- Practice longer questions, from previous exam papers – how can you earn 8 marks?
- Use appropriate terminology (for example medical terms – uterus , ovaries)

## How to prepare for Performing Arts BTEC:

- Watch as many recorded clips of live theatre as possible. There are lots on YouTube.
- Read as many plays as possible.
- Keep up to date with Log Books. Guidance is always in VLE>Resources. Save in VLE>Hand\_In
- Attend Wednesday intervention, at lunch, in the Control Room.

## How to prepare for AQA GCSE French:

- Locate copies of revision material (H.F.S./Topic vocabulary/Tenses, etc.) here: [V:\Resources\French\TEXTIVATE + QUIZLET\GCSE](#)
- Copy and Paste any revision material (including Speaking Test Questions) on to the **TEXTIVATE** site and practise via a range of games - instructions provided.
- Register with **QUIZLET** for FREE and create your own flashcards of key revision material and/or practise via a range of games.
- Read back through class notes and especially any creative writing you have done. Check corrections completed through DIRT time and any re-drafting work. Read teacher's comments and Targets for improvement.
- Make Mind Maps and Revision Flash cards on subject content.
- Practise Grammar/Tense manipulation on Language Learning Websites - [www.francais-extra.co.uk](http://www.francais-extra.co.uk) is a good one

## How to prepare for OCR Sports Science Exam R041: Reducing the risk of sports injuries (Exam taken in January of Y10) and controlled assessments throughout the year.

- Attend intervention sessions as directed/provided to catch-up and improve coursework.
- Look back over class notes and homework tasks.
- Make flash cards for key words, mind maps or spider diagrams to summarise topics.
- Revise using past exam papers and mark schemes found on the VLE and on the OCR sports science website.
- Catch up on any missed work so that all class notes are up to date for controlled assessments.
- Make quality notes during lessons so that they can be used as a revision guide and controlled assessments.
- Attend revision sessions for the examination remembering it is 25% of your grade.
- Watch or be involved in sport regularly to ensure you can give relevant sporting examples in your work.

## How to prepare for OCR GCSE Food preparation and nutrition:

- Revise a topic/section of the specification and then mind map the key information.
- Follow the teacher's guidance on the topics to revise for the set deadline dates.
- Buy a copy of the revision guide for OCR GCSE Food preparation and nutrition (J309) to use alongside revision notes taken in class.
- Use the relevant topics on GCSEpod.
- Attend the organised revision sessions.
- Use the revision booklets that have been produced
- Use the flashcards for keywords and meanings.

## How to prepare for AQA Business Studies GCSE:

- Watch the business news and read pages of the BBC news website. Visit the following website: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/business](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business)
- After each topic, go to BBC Bitesize, they have great summarised information, clips and quizzes.
- Create bullet points of the key learning points and use index cards to collate key information.
- Make sure you understand the keywords. Go back to your class work or research if you don't.
- Visit the VLE for resources and lesson work. Be sure to re-visit any sections you don't understand.
- Use a revision guide to help practise exam questions – One available through the school.

## How to prepare for WJEC Eduqas GCSE Religious Studies:

- Access the VLE for revision booklets, mind maps and key word aids
- Use these resources to create your own revision help e.g. flashcards
- Revise using GCSEpod
- Discuss lesson content with parents/carers to gain other points of views and develop your reasoning skills
- Watch relevant documentaries or the news to stay up-to-date on the issues/topics covered in the lessons

## How to prepare for AQA Photography GCSE:

- All work produced in Photography from the beginning of year 9 forms your GCSE portfolio which counts for 60% of your overall grade- Your exam project in year 11 counts for the other 40%.
- You need to ensure that you take a wide variety of photographs outside of school- It is your responsibility to ensure that you take photos either on your phone or a camera (preferably a camera!) and bring the images into School.
- All photographs and editing work should be annotated.
- All critical analysis work should be detailed and include high level technical vocabulary and complex sentences.
- The department is open at lunchtimes and afterschool- Use these times as opportunity to develop your work and use a wide variety of materials.

## How to prepare for AQA Art GCSE:

- All work produced in Art from the beginning of year 9 forms your GCSE portfolio which counts for 60% of your overall grade- Your exam project in year 11 counts for the other 40%.
- You need to ensure that all homework deadlines are met.
- All practical work should be annotated.
- Think of your sketchbook as a working document- If there is a piece of work you are unhappy with do not throw it away! Annotate, explaining how you would improve it next time.
- All critical analysis work should be detailed and include high level technical vocabulary and complex sentences.
- The department is open at lunchtimes and afterschool- Use these times as opportunity to develop your work and use a wide variety of materials.

## How to prepare for the EDEXCEL BTEC Music exam:

- Look back over your class notes.
- Revise using the revision packs given to you. Create mind maps, revision cards and posters containing key information.
- Attempt the exam questions given to you as part of your revision.
- Keep focusing and practising exam technique for the long questions.

## How to prepare for AQA GCSE Design and Technology:

- Use revision resources on the VLE.
- Regularly use revision cards provided by your teacher.
- Look back over your class notes. Make mind maps, revision cards and posters for the key information.
- Look out for news stories with a focus on design and manufacturing. Read and discuss.
- Continue to research the work of influential designers and manufacturers.
- Revise using the content on GCSE pod.
- Consider using a copy of the Collins **AQA GCSE Revision (1-9) Design and Technology book. £10:99 or GCSE Design & Technology - Pocket Posters: The Pocket-Sized Revision Guide (Provided by school in Y10)**