



# Year 11 GCSE Examination Information Booklet

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# Exam Information Booklet

To further support your son/daughter during their GCSE courses and to ensure they achieve their very best, we have produced this 'GCSE Information' booklet that explains how you can help your child.

The Spires College will provide our Year 11 students all the help and opportunities possible to ensure they can achieve their full potential in the summer 2024 examinations, enabling them to move on to an appropriate Sixth Form programme that will, in turn, lead them to a rich and fulfilling future career.

*C. Faulkner*

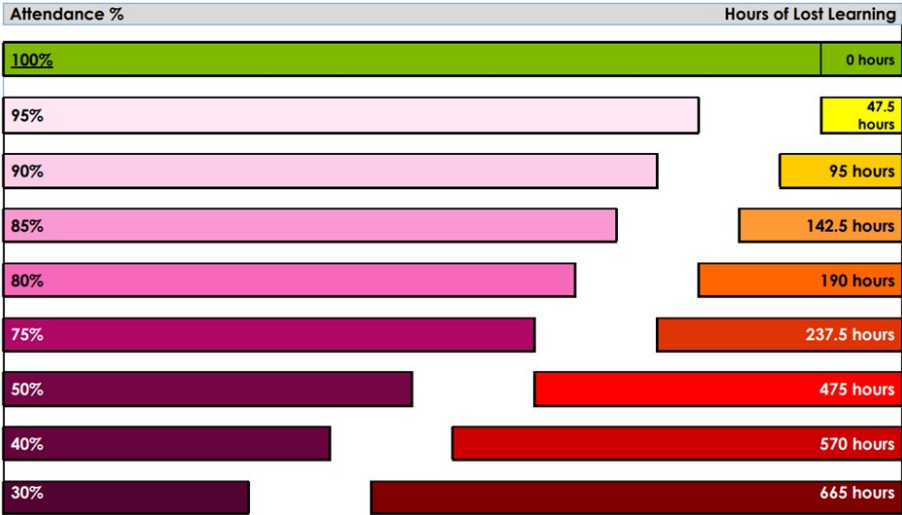
Mrs C Faulkner  
Head of Year 11

# Attendance

Most people would be delighted with 90% in an exam. However, when it comes to attendance, this means your child would miss one out of every 10 days of college. Over a whole year, this equates to 95 hours of lost learning. This will obviously affect achievement in GCSE examinations.

Research suggests that missing one day out of 10, on average, can lead to a whole GCSE grade drop at the end of the course. Even small drops in attendance have a negative effect on GCSE grades, as this graph shows:

Attendance V Lost Learning  
Over One Year



It is important students do not miss college for routine doctor or dentist appointments. All GPs and dentists offer appointments until at least 5pm and often later. Given that the College Day finishes at 2:50pm, it should be possible to schedule appointments after the College Day, as every lesson missed is important.

Please do your utmost to get your child into college every day. The impact at the end of the year will be significant.

# Revision Techniques

## Reducing Your Notes

**Aim:**

To reduce the volume of notes you are revising from and prioritise key points. This will save you time in the weeks and days before your exams.

### How to start:

Pick a subject and select a specific topic. Using your class notes, reduce the amount by using one of the methods listed.

**Key to success:**

Start early – this is not something you can cram in just before an exam.

Get organised – Arrange your class notes before you start.

## Cue Cards

Note or cue cards are useful for listing information, definitions, rules and formulae you need to learn.

You can use them to learn vocabulary or write key words from an event or story to help you fill in the gaps later.

These are an excellent revision resource that once created, can be used all the way up to your exam.

## Mind Maps

A great way to condense a great deal of information in a visual way that is easy to revise from. Using colours for different topics can help the information stick in your mind, too.

Choose a topic and place it in the centre of your page. List the main themes/topics as sub headings around the central theme. Finally, add details to the sub topics but remember to prioritise the key information.

You should be able to reduce a topic down on to a single piece of A4 paper.

## Timelines

These are particularly useful to display key information in chronological order.

You can use timelines to follow a character in a story, to list historical events or remove the time aspect and use them to show a process.

The visual aspect of timelines can be very useful.

# Revision Techniques

## Rewriting Your Notes

**Aim:**

To provide you with an efficient method to take and organise notes.

### How to start:

Pick a subject and select a specific topic. Identify the key knowledge first, then expand on this with notes.

**Key to success:**

Quiz yourself– use the key knowledge to test yourself regularly.

Exam answers – The summary can be constructed as a paragraph in an exam answer.

## Cornell Note Taking

This is an excellent way of organising your notes and prioritising the key concepts within a topic. It forces you to think about the importance of the points you are dealing with and leaves you with a manageable page to revise from.

Key Knowledge – Identify the key concepts from the topics. Work hard to be specific here. Try to include no more than 5

Notes – This section includes the detail from the key knowledge you have identified

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Summary – Write a short paragraph to explain the topic. Make sure you include the most important ideas or arguments.

# Revision Techniques

## Retrieving Your Knowledge

### Aim:

To test your knowledge of the basic information in a subject or topic. Once you know them, you can apply them in exam answers.

### How to start:

Pick a subject and select a specific topic. Using your class notes, reduce the amount by using one of the methods listed.

### Key to success:

Start early – this is not something you can cram in just before an exam.  
Get organised – Arrange your class notes before you start.

### Quizzing

This is a very effective method and is really quick, too. It can be done in many forms but in essence, it involves you testing yourself on all the knowledge you will need in a subject. You can construct questions/facts on paper, cards or simple post-it notes.

### Flash Cards

Write a question on one side of the card and the answer on the other – simple!

Use these for formulae in maths and science, characters or quotations in English, vocabulary, definitions, key facts and so on.

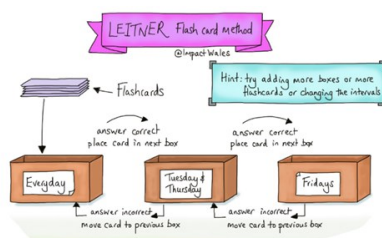
Once you have constructed the cards, you can test yourself or get friends and family to test you. It is fine to get these questions wrong: the more you quiz yourself, the more will go in.

### Leitner Method

Quiz yourself on a subject or topic every day. When you get a question wrong, it goes back in the 'every day' box. When you get it right, it can move to the 'twice a week' box.

This method ensures you quiz on the areas you do not know more often.

It is really powerful!



# Revision Techniques

## Past Papers

### Aim:

To understand the demands of the exam and refine your revision needs.

### How to start:

Ask teachers for copies or use exam board websites to download past papers.

### Key to success:

Once marked, use the gaps in your knowledge to create flash cards and revision materials  
Make sure you understand the command words in each subject – check with teachers if you need to.

### Complete Past Papers

You have to put yourself in difficult positions when preparing for difficult challenges. The first time you complete a past paper under exam conditions, it will feel challenging. As with most things, the more you do it, the easier it gets.

**Step 1:** Complete the paper under exam conditions and stick to the time limit. Make sure you prepare for this and have all equipment to hand. Avoid all distractions during this time.

Completing past papers gives you a true feeling of how the real thing will be. You get to practice the timings and which parts of papers you need to keep an eye out for.

**Step 2:** Mark the paper using the official mark scheme. This stage tells you so much more than simply if you got a question correct. Make a note of topics, information and formulae you did not know so you can use one of the other methods to revise them and then quiz.

**Step 3:** Seek specific feedback on the questions you found difficult. This could be using of the examiners reports which cover the misconceptions of students nationally. Alternatively, speak to your teacher and discuss how you could have improved. Your teacher will be very happy to go over things with you and point you in the right direction.

Past papers are a vital part of revision. Put simply, if you complete as many as you can for a subject, you will have seen most questions ever asked in any exam. That has to put you in a good position.

# GCSE Exam Dates 2024

Date	Board	Exam Title	Start Time	Duration
10 May	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Biology Paper 1	am	01:15
10 May	AQA	GCSE Biology Paper 1	am	01:45
13 May	AQA	GCSE English Literature Paper 1	am	01:45
13 May	OCR	CNAT Sport Studies	pm	01:15
14 May	AQA	GCSE French Listening / Reading Tier F	am	01:20
14 May	AQA	GCSE French Listening / Reading Tier H	am	01:45
14 May	EDEXL	GCSE Business Paper 1	pm	01:45
14 May	WJEC	GCSE Film Studies Paper 1	pm	01:30
15 May	OCR	GCSE History Paper 1	am	01:00
15 May	AQA	GCSE Psychology Paper 1	pm	01:45
15 May	EDEXL	GCSE Computer Science Paper 1	pm	01:30
16 May	AQA	GCSE Mathematics Paper 1 (non calculator)	am	01:30
16 May	AQA	GCSE Religious Studies	pm	01:45
17 May	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Chemistry Paper 1	am	01:15
17 May	AQA	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	am	01:45
17 May	AQA	GCSE Geography Paper 1	pm	01:30
20 May	AQA	GCSE English Literature Paper 2	am	02:15
21 May	EDEXL	GCSE Computer Science Paper 2	pm	02:00
22 May	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Physics Paper 1	am	01:15
22 May	AQA	GCSE Physics Paper 1	am	01:45
22 May	OCR	GCSE PE Paper 1	pm	01:00
23 May	AQA	GCSE English Language Paper 1	am	01:45
23 May	AQA	GCSE Psychology Paper 2	pm	01:45
23 May	WJEC	GCSE Film Studies Paper 2	pm	01:30
24 May	AQA	GCSE French Writing Tier F	am	01:00
24 May	AQA	GCSE French Writing Tier H	am	01:30
03 June	AQA	GCSE Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)	am	01:30
03 June	OCR	GCSE PE Paper 2	pm	01:00

Date	Board	Exam Title	Start Time	Duration
04 June	AQA	GCSE Spanish Listening / Reading Tier F	am	01:20
04 June	AQA	GCSE Spanish Listening / Reading Tier H	am	01:45
04 June	OCR	GCSE History Paper 2	pm	01:45
05 June	AQA	GCSE Geography Paper 2	am	01:30
05 June	EDEXL	GCSE Business Paper 2	pm	01:45
06 June	AQA	GCSE English Language Paper 2	am	01:45
07 June	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Biology Paper 2	pm	01:15
07 June	AQA	GCSE Biology Paper 2	pm	01:45
10 June	AQA	GCSE Mathematics Paper 3 (calculator)	am	01:30
10 June	AQA	GCSE Spanish Writing Tier F	pm	01:00
10 June	AQA	GCSE Spanish Writing Tier H	pm	01:15
11 June	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Chemistry Paper 2	am	01:15
11 June	AQA	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2	am	01:45
11 June	OCR	GCSE History Paper 3	pm	01:45
14 June	AQA	GCSE Geography Paper 3	am	01:30
14 June	AQA	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy: Physics Paper 2	pm	01:15
14 June	AQA	GCSE Physics Paper 2	pm	01:45
18 June	AQA	GCSE Design and Technology	am	02:00
20 June	WJEC	Level 2 Award Hospitality and Catering Unit 1	am	01:20
26 June	<b>Contingency Day:</b> All candidates should be available <b>up to and including</b> this date*			
*To be used should sustained national or local disruption arise during the exam series				

## GCSE Art EDEXCEL



(1FA0)

[Edexcel GCSE Art and Design \(2016\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

### GCSE Art & Design

#### Component 1:

Coursework – Personal Portfolio  
Including sketchbooks, display sheets and final outcomes  
60% of qualification

#### Component 2:

Exam Project  
Including project sketchbook (8 weeks) and final outcomes (10 hours)  
40% of qualification

#### Recommended Resources

<http://www.studentartguide.com/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-theme>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j>

## GCSE Biology AQA



(8461)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>

### GCSE Biology

#### Paper 1:

Topics 1-4 assessed  
Exam - 1 hour 45 mins  
50% of GCSE

#### Paper 2:

Topics 5-7 assessed  
Exam - 1 hour 45 mins  
50% the GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

##### BBC bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z9dmp3>

#### General Revision

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

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AQA GCSE Revision Biology, Collins, by Ian Honeysett.

CGP GCSE Combined Science for AQA (Grade 9-1): The revision guide (Higher Level) and Exam Practise Workbook

(Higher Level).

AQA Biology Third edition, Oxford University Press, by Gemma Young.

**Revision guides** are available to purchase through parent pay.

**Google Classroom revision resources** using code - jaimaf3



## GCSE Business Studies EDEXCEL



(1BS0)

[Edexcel GCSE Business \(2017\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

### GCSE Business

#### Component 1:

[Investigating a Small Business](#)

Written examination paper  
1 hour 45 mins 50% of GCSE

#### Component 2:

[Building a Business](#)

Written examination paper  
1 hour 45 mins 50% of GCSE

### Recommended Resources

#### Revision Guides:

Clear Revise – Illustrated revision practice  
– Edexcel GCSE Business 1BS0 — £8.00  
ISBN 978-1-910523-29-2 available through the College (please pay via ParentPay and ask your son/daughter to bring the receipt to Miss Cox.)

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Knowledge Book available through the College - £6.50 (please pay via ParentPay)

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Calculation Practice Book available through the College - £9.00 (please pay via ParentPay)

#### BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>

#### Tutor2U

<http://www.tutor2u.net/business>

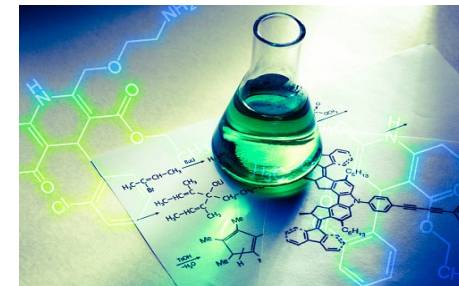
This is an A-Level site generally but also has a GCSE / iGCSE section

#### Business Education Online

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

Revision notes and games / activities designed to test your knowledge.

## GCSE Chemistry AQA



(8462)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462>

### GCSE Chemistry

#### Paper 1:

Topics 1-4 assessed  
Exam - 1 hour 45 mins  
50% of GCSE.

#### Paper 2:

Topics 5-7 assessed  
Exam - 1 hour 45 mins  
50% of GCSE

### Recommended Resources

#### BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zs6hvcw>

#### General Revision

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

AQA GCSE Chemistry (Third Edition) Lawrie Ryan

**Revision guides** are available to purchase through parent pay.

**Google Classroom revision resources** using code - jaimaf3

## GCSE Combined Science Trilogy AQA

(8464)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464>

### GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

#### Biology Paper 1

Topics 1–4

1 hour 15mins

16.7% of GCSE

#### Biology Paper 2

Topics 5–7

1 hour 15mins

16.7% of GCSE

#### Chemistry Paper 1

Topics 8–12

1 hour 15 mins

16.7% of GCSE

#### Chemistry Paper 2

Topics 13–17

1 hour 15 mins

16.7% of GCSE

#### Physics Paper 1

Topics 18–21

1 hour 15 mins

16.7% of GCSE

#### Physics Paper 2

Topics 22–24

1 hour 15 mins

16.7% of GCSE

### Recommended Resources

#### BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrk2hv>

#### General Revision

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

AQA GCSE Combined Science

Biology – Lawrie Ryan

Chemistry – Lawrie Ryan

Physics – Jim Breithaupt



Revision guides are available to purchase through parent pay  
Google Classroom revision resources using code - jaimaf3

## GCSE Computer Science EDEXCEL

(1CP2)

[GCSE L1\\_L2 Computer Science 2020 Specification \(pearson.com\)](https://www.edexcel.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-computer-science-1cp2/)

### GCSE Computer Science

#### Component 1:

Principles of Computer Science

Written examination paper

1 hour 30mins 50% of GCSE

#### Component 2:

Application of Computational Thinking

Onscreen examination

2 hours 50% of GCSE

### Recommended Resources

#### Revision Guides:

Clear Revise - Illustrated revision practice - Edexcel GCSE Computer Science 1CP2 - £8.00 ISBN 978-1-910523-28-5 - available through the College (please pay via ParentPay and ask your son/daughter to bring the receipt to Miss Cox).

Edexcel GCSE Computer Science Revision Guide - £5.99 ISBN 9781292131207

#### BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zday7nb>



### Code Academy

<https://www.codecademy.com/>  
7-day free trial

### Python

Free download for programming practice

<https://www.python.org/downloads/>

### GCSE Computing Revision Site

<https://mrocallaghanedu.wordpress.com>



## GCSE Design & Technology EDUQAS



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<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/design-and-technology-gcse>

**GCSE Design & Technology**

### Unit 1

Design and Technology in the 21st Century

Written examination - 2 hours

50% of qualification

### Unit 2

Design and make task

Controlled assessment approx. 35 hours

50% of qualification

### Recommended Resources

#### TEXTBOOK:

WJEC Eduqas GCSE Design & Technology  
Published by Hodder Education  
ISBN 9781510471696

#### WEBSITES:

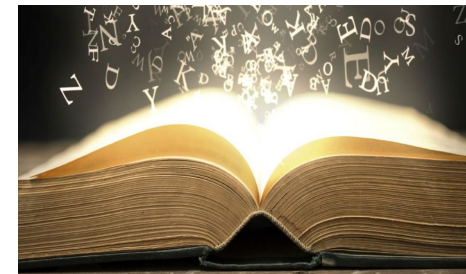
[www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com)

This site provides a wealth of technology information sheets for pupils and teachers.

GCSE Design and Technology - BBC Bitesize

This website supports all the theory content that the students need to learn and includes lots of great revision techniques.

## GCSE English & English Literature AQA



(8700)

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>

### GCSE English Language

**English Language (focus in year 11):**

#### Paper 1:

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

50% of GCSE

Written Exam: 1-hour 45 mins

#### Paper 2:

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

50% of GCSE

Written Exam: 1 hour 45 mins

### Recommended Resources

Language (focus in year 11):

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>

(8702)

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8702/specification-at-a-glance>

### English Literature

#### Paper 1:

Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup>-century novel  
40% of GCSE

Written Exam: 1 hour 45 mins

#### Paper 2:

Modern Texts and Poetry  
60% of GCSE

Written Exam: 2 hours 15 mins

### Revision guides for core texts:

An Inspector Calls GCSE York notes or CGP Revision Guide

Romeo & Juliet GCSE York notes or CGP Revision Guide

A Christmas Carol York Notes or CGP Revision Guide

AQA Power and Conflict Poetry on GCSE Bitesize or CGP Revision Guide

### Literature:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>

## GCSE Film Studies EDUQAS



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[GCSE Film Studies | Eduqas](#)

### GCSE Film Studies

#### Component 1:

##### Key Developments in US Film

##### Section A - Comparative US Film

- E.T. The Extra Terrestrial
- Invasion of the Body Snatchers

Written examination - 90 minutes  
35% of GCSE

##### Section B - Key Developments

- Hollywood timeline, 1895-2018

##### Section C - US Independent Film

- Juno
- Written examination - 90 minutes  
35% of GCSE

#### Component 2:

##### Global Film

##### Section A - Global English Language Film

- Slumdog Millionaire

##### Section B - Non English Language Film

- Girlhood

##### Section C - British Film

- Attack The Block

Written Paper – 90 minutes  
35% of GCSE

#### Component 3: Creative Production

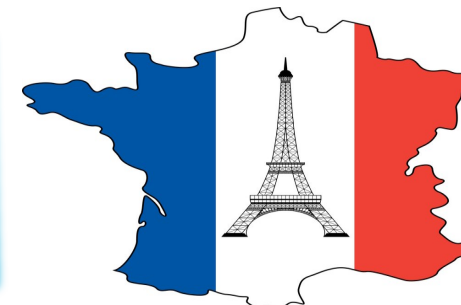
- Film Extract Screenplay
- Evaluative analysis

Non-exam assessment  
30% of GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

Eduqas Digital Educational Resources

## GCSE French AQA



(8658)

[AQA | Languages | GCSE | French](#)

### GCSE French

#### End of course exam

##### Paper 1: Listening

Written Exam: (F)35 Mins (H) 45 Mins  
25% of GCSE

##### Paper 2: Speaking

Speaking Assessment  
25% of GCSE

##### Paper 3: Reading

Written Exam: (F) 45 Mins (H) 1 hour  
25% of GCSE

##### Paper 4: Writing

Written Exam: (F) 1 hour (H) 1hr 15 Min  
25% of GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

##### Pearson AQA GCSE French revision guides.

New GCSE French AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with CD & Online Edition) - Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE French 9-1 Revision)  
ISBN **978-1782945390**

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)

Username & password provided by teacher

You choose the Intermediate French, then choose any topic and watch videos, practise with vocabulary games and grammar exercises.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>

Excellent website provided by the BBC, organized by skill (e.g. Reading or Listening) and then by topic

<http://www.wildfrench.co.uk/GCSEpapers/paperslist.htm>

Edexcel French GCSE Past Papers (the topics are very similar to OCR)

<http://zut.languageskills.co.uk/intermediate/year10.html>

French GCSE revision practice available after 4pm for free

<http://www.tv5monde.com/index.php>  
Watch French TV

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

French: grammar, topics and vocabulary practice

<https://uk.language-gym.com/>

French: grammar, topics and vocabulary practice. Use own login

<https://www.duolingo.com>  
French vocab resource

<https://www.1jour1actu.com>  
French news stories and videos

## GCSE Geography AQA



**(8035)**  
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

### GCSE Geography

#### Exam components:

Living with the physical environment  
 Written Exam - 1hr 30mins  
 35% of GCSE

Challenges in the human environment  
 Written Exam - 1hr 30mins  
 35% of GCSE

Geographical applications  
 Written Exam - 1hr 30mins  
 30% of GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources>

BBC Bitesize Geography Revision:  
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>

Time for Geography Revision and exam preparation videos:  
<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/>

GCSE 9-1 AQA Endorsed textbook (Hodder):  
[https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/14-16/aqa-gcse-\(9-1\)-geography-second-edition](https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/14-16/aqa-gcse-(9-1)-geography-second-edition)

GCSE 9-1 AQA Endorsed textbook (Oxford):  
<https://global.oup.com/education/product/9781382029124/?region=uk>

CGP GCSE 9-1 AQA Geography Complete Revision Guide

CGP GCSE 9-1 AQA Geography Revision Flash Cards

## GCSE History OCR



**J411**  
[GCSE \(9-1\) History B \(Schools History Project\) J411 Specification \(ocr.org.uk\)](#)

### OCR History B (Schools History Project)

#### GCSE History

##### Component 1

40% of total marks  
 British History:  
 Crime and Punishment, 1250 to present  
 The Norman Conquest, 1065-1087  
 Written Exam - 1 hour 45 mins

##### Component 2

20% of total marks  
 History Around Us:  
 Written Exam - 1 hour (on the changing nature of a local historical site – currently Exeter Cathedral)

##### Component 3

40% of total marks  
 World History:  
 The Making of America, 1789-1900  
 Living Under Nazi Rule, 1933-1945  
 Written Exam - 1 hour 45 mins

#### Recommended Resources

We do have department revision guides; these can be found in the shared area as electronic copies or hard copies can be

purchased. Please see History teacher for details.

The following revision guides are useful for this course:



BBC Bitesize  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Crime and Punishment  
 The Norman Conquest  
 America West in the 19th century.  
 Includes information on Germany outside the time-period being studied but also covers the 1933-1945 period.

## GCSE Mathematics AQA



(8300)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300>

### GCSE Mathematics

#### Paper 1:

Non- calculator  
All topics assessed  
Written Exam: 1hour 30 mins  
80 Marks  
33.3% of GCSE

#### Paper 2:

Calculator  
All topics assessed  
Written Exam: 1hour 30 mins  
80 Marks  
33.3% of GCSE

#### Paper 3:

Calculator  
All topics assessed  
Written Exam: 1hour 30 mins  
80 Marks  
33.3% of GCSE

All students must have a Scientific Calculator (these can be purchased on Parent Pay for £10.10 and collected from the Maths department).

### Recommended Resources Revision Guides

Revision guides may be purchased on Parent Pay for £4.50 and collected from the Maths department.

#### Revision App

Key Cards - electronic flashcards  
Downloadable from Google Play and the Apple App Store for £1.79  
<http://keycardsrevision.co.uk>

#### Revision websites

MathsWatch  
<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/>

#### BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z38pycw>

#### Corbett Maths

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

#### Maths Genie

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk>

#### Exam Solutions

<https://examsolutions.net/gcse-maths>

## GCSE Photography EDEXCEL



(1PY0)

[Edexcel GCSE and GCE 2014](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/GCEandGCSE/2014/1PY0)  
([pearson.com](http://www.pearson.com))

### GCSE Photography

#### Component 1:

Coursework – Personal Portfolio  
Including portfolio and final outcomes  
60% of qualification

#### Component 2:

Exam Project  
Including project portfolio (8 weeks) and final outcomes (10 hours)  
40% of qualification

### Recommended Resources

<http://www.studentartguide.com/>

<https://www.photopedagogy.com/>

<https://www.wix.com/blog/photography/photography-terms-glossary>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help>

## GCSE Physical Education OCR



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<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/234822-specification-accredited-gcse-physical-education-j587.pdf>

[www.brianmac.co.uk](http://www.brianmac.co.uk)

[www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)

### GCSE Physical Education

#### Two Units: Theory and Practical/AEP

##### Theory (60%)

Written Paper 1 - 1 hour (30%)

Physical factors affecting performance

Written Paper 2 - 1 hour (30%)

Socio-cultural influences and Sports

Psychology

##### Practical / AEP (40%)

Performance in Physical Education  
(three Sports - 30%)

Analysing and Evaluating Performance  
(10%)

#### Recommended Resources

##### Websites:

<http://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/pe-physical-education>

[http://www.teachpe.com/flash\\_cards\\_gcse.php](http://www.teachpe.com/flash_cards_gcse.php)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/znyb4wx>

## GCSE Physics AQA



(8463)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463>

### GCSE Physics

#### Paper 1:

Topics 1-4 assessed

Exam - 1 hour 45 mins

50% of GCSE.

#### Paper 2:

Topics 5-7 assessed

Exam - 1 hour 45 mins

50% of GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

##### BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpm6fg8>

##### General Revision

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

AQA GCSE Physics (Third Edition) Jim  
Breithaupt

Revision guides are available to purchase  
through parent pay.

Google Classroom revision resources using  
code - jaimaf3



## GCSE Psychology AQA

(8182)

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/gcse/psychology-8182>

### GCSE Psychology

#### Paper 1: Cognition and Behaviour

Exam - 1 hour 45 min

50% of GCSE

#### Topics include:

Memory  
Perception  
Development  
Research methods

#### Paper 2: Social context and Behaviour

Exam - 1 hour 45 min

50% of GCSE

#### Topics include:

Social influence  
Language, thought and communication  
Brain and neuropsychology  
Psychological problems

#### Recommended Resources

##### Learn Dojo

<https://learndojo.org/gcse-revision/aqa-psychology/>

##### The student room

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/gcse/subjects/psychology/>



#### Quizlet

<https://quizlet.com/en-gb/content/gcse-psychology-revision>

#### Gojimo

A FREE revision app

AQA Psychology for GCSE: Revision Guide (2018) by Cara Flanagan and Dave Berry, Illuminate Publishing

My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Psychology by Molly Marshall and Susan Firth, Hodder Education.

## GCSE Spanish AQA

(8698)

[AQA | Languages | GCSE | Spanish](#)

### GCSE Spanish

#### End of course exam

##### Paper 1: Listening

Written Exam: (F) 35 min (H) 45 min

25% of GCSE

##### Paper 2: Speaking

Speaking Assessment

25% of GCSE

##### Paper 3: Reading

Written Exam: (F) 45 min (H) 1 hour

25% of GCSE

##### Paper 4: Writing

Written Exam: (F) 1 hour (H) 1hr 15 Min

25% of GCSE

#### Recommended Resources

##### Pearson AQA GCSE Spanish revision guides.

New GCSE Spanish AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with CD & Online Edition) - Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision)  
ISBN: 9781782945482

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)

Username password provided by teacher



Choose the Intermediate Spanish, then any topic and watch videos, practise with vocabulary games and grammar exercises.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)

Organised by skill (e.g., Reading or Listening) and then by topic. Do the Foundation and the Higher, regardless of which one you will take – it is all good practice!

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

Grammar, topics and vocabulary practice

<https://uk.language-gym.com/>

Spanish: grammar, topics and vocabulary practice

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Spanish vocab resource

Spanish Video

[www.lingus.tv](http://www.lingus.tv)

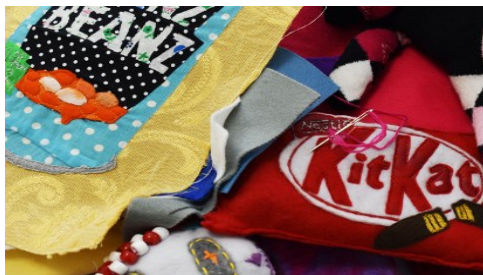
Spanish news

<http://es.euronews.com>

Spanish radio or music for learners

<http://radiolingua.com/cbs-step-1/>

## GCSE Textile Design EDUQAS



(C653QS)

[https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design-gcse/#tab\\_keydocuments](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design-gcse/#tab_keydocuments)

### GCSE Textile Design

#### Component 1:

Coursework – Personal Portfolio  
Including sketchbooks, samples and final outcomes  
60% of qualification

#### Component 2:

Exam Project  
Including project sketchbook and sampling (8 weeks) and final outcomes (10 hours)  
40% of qualification

#### Recommended Resources

<http://www.art2day.co.uk/textiles.html>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help>

<http://www.studentartguide.com/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-theme>

<https://www.textileskillscentre.com/product/free-resource-fibres-fabrics/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

## BTEC Level 2 Dance EDEXCEL



603/7054/3 (Level 2) RPD3

Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts 2022

### BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts

#### Component 1

Exploring the Performing Arts:

Investigate how professional performance work is created and explore the skills techniques and approaches used by professionals to create performance work.

Internally assessed assignment  
30% of total course

#### Component 2

Developing skills and techniques:

Explore the rehearsal/design process, apply skills and techniques in a performance and review your own development.

Internally assessed assignment  
30% of total course

#### Component 3

Performing to a brief:

Select and develop skills and techniques in response to a brief and apply these skills by working in groups of 3-7 to create a performance.

Externally assessed assignment  
40% of total course

Students will explore works by: Christopher Bruce – Ghost Dances and/or Swangsong  
Matthew Bourne – Swan Lake  
Bob Fosse – Chicago

## BTEC Level 2 ICT EDEXCEL



(RIT3)

Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology 2022 Issue 2

**BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology (Level 2)**

### Component 1:

Exploring user interface design principles and project planning  
30% of qualification

### Component 2:

Collecting, presenting and interpreting Data.  
30% of qualification

### Components 1 & 2

Board set assessments undertaken in class over a 6-8hour period.

### Component 3:

Effective digital working practices  
40% of qualification  
1hr 30min

### Component 3 - external examination

As units 1 and 2 require students to physically create ICT products and solutions for a given client, there are no recommended textbooks. However, the skills students will need to show and the products they will need to create can be

found in the specification (refer to component 1 and component 2 only).

### Recommended Resources Revision Guides

We would recommend all students purchase a revision guide for the Component 3 examination (see below):

BTEC L1-2 DIT Clear Revise BTEC DIT Level 1/2  
Illustrated revision and practice  
ISBN 978-1-901523-26-1  
£8.00 on Amazon

## BTEC Music EDEXCEL



(RMP3)

Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice 2022

**BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice Level 1 / Level 2**

### Two internal coursework components

#### Component 1:

Exploring Music Products and Styles:  
Creating a music product in response to an exam board set brief  
30% of total course  
Internal Assessment

#### Component 2:

Music Skills Development  
30% of total course  
Internal Assessment

### Externally Assessed Controlled Assessment

40% of total course  
Assessment 6 weeks

#### Component 3:

Responding to a Music Brief  
External Assessment

Solo or group performance, an audio recording or a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) project

### Recommended Resources

#### Websites:

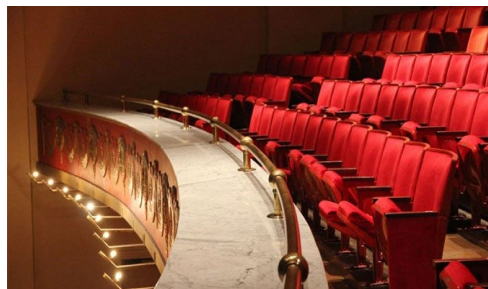
Radio 1 Live Lounge  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01029mq>

Live Music Performances

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Learn with BandLab  
[edu.bandlab.com](http://edu.bandlab.com)

## BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts EDEXCEL



603/7054/3 (Level 2) RPA3

Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/2  
Tech Award in Performing Arts 2022

**BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts**

### Component 1:

*Exploring the Performing Arts:*

Get a taste of what it is like to be a professional actor, dancer or musical theatre performer.

internally assessed assignments  
30% of total course

### Component 2:

*Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts:*

Develop skills and techniques in acting.

Internally assessed assignments  
30% of total course

### Component 3:

*Performing to a Brief:*

Consider how practitioners adapt their skills for different contexts and put this into practice in a performance.

Externally assessed task. Students work in groups of between 3 and 7 to create a performance based on a set brief.  
40% of total course

**Recommended Resources**

Revise BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts  
Revision Guide

Publisher: Pearson

Author: Sally Jewers, Heidi McEntee, Paul  
Webster - ISBN: 9781292245621

## CNAT Sport Studies Level 1/2 OCR



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OCR Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National  
in Sport Studies specification

**Sport Studies Level 1 / Level 2**

Coursework worth 63%  
Examination worth 37%  
Over three different units:

### Unit 1:

*R184: Contemporary Issues in Sport*

Written paper  
1 hour 15 mins  
70 marks (80 UMS)

### Unit 2:

*R185: Performance and Leadership in Sports Activities*

Centre-assessed tasks  
80 marks (80 UMS)

### Unit 3:

*R186: Sport and the Media*

Centre-assessed tasks  
40 marks (40 UMS)

**Recommended Resources**

Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in  
Sport Studies (J829): Second Edition  
Paperback – 11 Mar. 2022

by Ross Howitt

# Vocational Award Level 1/2 Hospitality & Catering WJEC



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WJEC L1/2 VocAward Hospitality and  
Catering spec-e

**Level 1 / 2 Vocational Award in Hospitality  
and Catering**

## Unit 1

The Hospitality and Catering Industry

Written Exam – 1hr 20min

40% of qualification

## Unit 2

Hospitality and Catering in Action

Controlled assessment approx. 12 hours

60% of qualification

3-hour practical assessment

## Recommended Resources

An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website.

[www.foodafactoflife.org.uk](http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques)

My revision notes WJEC Hospitality and Catering - Hodder education.