

Top Tips: Raising Grades in all Your Subjects

Introduction

This booklet provides you with simple ways of performing better in all your subjects. You can use it on your own, with your parents, with your SLT mentor and at any tutoring sessions which you attend. Over the next few weeks, use it as much as possible to inform your revision. Regular use of this booklet will make a big difference to your success this year

Your teachers and mentors are always keen to help if you have any queries or concerns. They wish you all the very best for your studies over the coming weeks.

'The greatest danger is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.'

Michelangelo



“ Be better than
you thought you
could be ”

English & Maths

English Language

1. Identify the three types of punctuation you struggle with and practise using them (e.g. apostrophe, comma and full stop).
2. Be more conscious about your spelling (for 5 and above all regular spellings must be correct).
3. Make sure you have practised writing several different stories in preparation for your Component 1 Language Exam. For Component 2, make sure you have planned and written an example of each of the seven types of real life writing. Remember to consider audience and purpose and to have a clear line of argument with 3 or 4 different points.

English Literature

1. Re-read your set texts: **A Christmas Carol; An Inspector Calls; Romeo and Juliet and The Eduqas Poetry Anthology**. Learn the top 5 quotes for each character & poem in your set texts.
2. Write essay plans for main characters/themes for each set text and practise writing complete essays to time (40 mins).
3. Learn context for 'A Christmas Carol' and all of the poems in your Anthology.

Maths

1. Log onto 'Corbettmaths 5-a-day' every day, do the questions relevant to your level, check your answers, and use the videos to help with topics you find hard.
2. Log on to MyMaths, MangaHigh or the PiXL Maths App (Key Stage 4 only) and improve any tasks with a low rating. Just remember to do the lessons first.
3. Pick up an old test/exam and fix any questions that you couldn't do back then.

Science

Biology

1. Learn key words and definitions for each topic and make sure you can use them appropriately.
2. Make sure you know the difference between describe (it has chloroplasts) and explain (to produce glucose in photosynthesis).
3. Use lots of practice questions and check the mark schemes.

Chemistry

1. Use Google drive resources to structure your revision e.g. print off checklists, re-write notes, attempt exam questions.
2. Make revision cards/mind maps for each topic.
3. Practise answering longer answer questions and check your answers using a mark scheme.

Physics

1. Practise re-arranging 3 term equations by using physics data sheet.
2. Ensure you know all units for variables.
3. Practise structuring longer answers for 6 mark questions.

Combined Science

1. Use Google drive resources to structure your revision e.g. print off checklists, re-write notes, attempt exam questions.
2. Make revision cards for each topic area in Biology/Chemistry/Physics.
3. Print off and complete all past papers from the Google drive and asses (self, peer or teacher) using the mark scheme.
4. Use Doodle, Kerboodle, textbook, and revision guides for homework tasks, revision and test follow-up.

Check your emails for regular communications from your science teachers and make use of revision sessions with science staff.

ADT

Textiles / Art

1. Finish 2 practical final pieces to a high standard.
2. Complete your sketch book and extra black sheets of mounted work.
3. Use all written feedback to ensure work is of the highest standard.

Hospitality and Catering

1. Practise making dishes for your practical assessment at the end of January.
2. Use the past papers and mark schemes given out in class to practise writing answers.
3. Study the Hospitality Industry topic ready for the exam.
4. Learn key safety temperatures.

Resistant Materials

1. Use BBC GCSE Bitesize and other Design Technology websites to help revise your knowledge of materials and their properties.
2. Use project folders to help revision of workshop techniques, equipment names and their uses.

Construction

1. Learn the drawing symbols for building materials.
2. Practise sketches of foundation and wall types.

Cultural Studies

Drama

1. Rehearse weekly in your own time to ensure practical work is polished and slick.
2. Re-read the set texts as many times as possible and use the revision resources provided.
3. Create detailed character profiles for all characters in the set texts.

Media Studies

1. Learn key terms for TV Dramas and use these in practice questions.
2. Watch a variety of TV Dramas from different sub genres and analyse narrative structures, mise en scene, and characters (at least 3).
3. Develop your own idea for a TV Drama aimed at a family audience – use the guidelines your teacher has given you.

French

1. Prepare thoroughly for listening, speaking and writing exams.
2. Join the twilight revision class on Tuesday.
3. Work on Vocab Express 3 times a week (20 minutes). Do past papers posted on the Google Classroom.

Music

1. Practise writing about music using musical terms.
2. Learn and use musical terminology linked to the musical elements.
3. Challenge your musical theory understanding by testing your knowledge through exercises.

Human & Social

History

1. Identify which questions you don't do well on and practise them specifically.
2. Always use PEEL when writing answers – this supports your answers with contextual knowledge, and explains your response.
3. Ensure weekly revision which is a mixture of learning content and completing timed exam conditions practice questions. Study past paper booklets for examples of questions.
4. Use PiXL App.

Geography

1. Revise case study specific detail from exercise books and revision guides.
2. Know the difference between the different command terms, so you can answer questions appropriately.
3. Use the number of marks to identify when to develop your answer. Particularly, make sure you explain your points in 4 and 6 mark questions.

Sociology

1. 4 markers: learn the textbook definition of the word, have an example to illustrate it, and either compare it with something it is not, or link to theory or criticise it.
2. 12 markers: learn the key content e.g. 'Causes of poverty' essay - what are the causes? (know at least 3); explain with examples how people end up in poverty according to this explanation; offer a criticism.
3. Learn at least 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses for each research method (quick and easy / cheap are not acceptable).

ICT & Business

Business

1. Use the case study/business to relate to the questions specifically.
2. Balance your arguments for Discuss questions before justifying a conclusion.
3. Practice multiple choice questions found on the Unit 1 section of the Edexcel website.

Creative iMedia

1. Ensure all aspects of coursework are attempted and completed.
2. When learning theory, refer to your coursework. This is very useful as much of the theory is covered in your coursework!
3. Use the resources on the Google Classroom to support your learning in class and at home.

Computer Science

1. Practise your programming using online sites such as snakify.org and make use of the programming challenge books and online video tutorials to support that learning.
2. Continue to revise past topics as they will always come up in new tests.
3. Make use of the feedback that your teacher gives you to make sure that you are focusing your attention on the areas that you need to work on the most.

Physical Education

GCSE PE

1. Prepare thoroughly for your practical exams by going to training or practice sessions in your chosen activities. These practical exams are worth 30% of your final grade.
2. Use the revision resources that have been set by your teachers on Google Classroom and My PE Exam website.
3. Learn the key terms from the glossary at the back of the GCSE specification.
4. Develop answers to extend written questions using the PEE chain. It is important to explain the impact on health or performance. Interpret questions correctly. To help you, draw a box around the command word, circle the subject and then underline the important things to do e.g. use examples from sport.

Enhancement Sessions

We have a good programme of enhancement sessions at lunch and after school. Take a look below and go along, depending on where you would benefit from the most help. Keep an eye on the Year 11 Google Classroom for any updates.

We are also putting together a programme of revision sessions at both the February Half Term and the Easter holiday to help you. Further details to follow.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
LUNCHTIME REVISION				
		Music GCSE P3 1.25-2.10	Chemistry S5 1.25-2.10	
AFTER SCHOOL REVISION				
Science S3/S5/S6/S7/S8/S9 3.20-4.20	GCSE Computing and iMedia IT1 3.10-4.30	GCSE Drama P1/P2 3.10-4.30	English E6/E5/E4/E2 3.10-4.30	
	GCSE French MFL1 3.15-4.15	Further GCSE Maths (Invite Only) P3 3.15-4.15		
	GCSE Literacy Skills (Invite Only) E2 3.15-4.15	Hospitality D3/D6 3.10-4.30		

Revision Resources

Maths

www.mymaths.co.uk - Complete the 'Booster packs' for your grade and improve any old tasks from your 'My results' page. Maths teachers have your passwords

PiXL Maths App - Download this for your phone and complete daily challenges each day. Maths teachers have your passwords

www.corbettmaths.com - Complete the 5-a-day activity for your tier

www.onmaths.com - The 'Predicted paper' and 'topic buster' resources were very popular with year 11 last year

Letts GCSE Revision Guide - Available from main reception

Letts GCSE Workbook - ISBN **978-1844198047** (Higher) or **978-0008166694** (Foundation)

Further Maths

CGP Revision guide - ISBN **978-1782941798**

CGP Workbook - ISBN **978-1782941804**

www.mrbartonmaths.com/students/ - The Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths section has exam papers with worked solutions and other great stuff

English Language

Year 11 English Classroom - lots of useful material here for both English Language and English Literature

English Literature

CPG Guide 'A Christmas Carol' - ISBN **978 1 78294 309 9**

CPG Guide 'Romeo and Juliet' - ISBN **978 1 84146 118 2**

CPG Guide 'An Inspector Calls' - ISBN **978 1 84146 115 1**

BBC Bitesize – English Literature Eduqas Section (for the above set texts + Poetry)

PiXLit App - Download this for your phone and complete daily challenges each day (details of how to do this are in our Year 11 English Classroom)

YouTube - Look up Stacey Reay and Mr Bruff and watch some of their Literature videos

Weekly quotes emailed home - Parents have a list of questions you could be asking in order to develop understanding

Physical Education

My PE Exam (all students have a log in for this) and Kerboodle

For wider reading follow Ross Tucker on Twitter for a hugely informative debate on the science of sport - aimed at higher education but good for G&T students

Well Being

Two useful apps are – 'Headspace: Guided meditation' and 'Yoga Studio'

Biology

OUP Biology Revision Guide - ISBN 978-0-19-835940-1

Chemistry

OUP Chemistry Revision Guide - ISBN 978-0-19-935941-8

Physics

OUP Physics Revision Guide - ISBN 78-0-19-835942-5

Combined Science

OUP Biology Trilogy Revision Guide - ISBN 978-0-19-835930-2

OUP Chemistry Trilogy Revision Guide - ISBN 978-0-19-835931-9

OUP Physics Trilogy Revision Guide - ISBN 978-0-19-835932-6

All the above Science revision guides are available from main reception

Revision Apps / Websites / Youtube channels - For all Science courses

www.my-gcsescience.com - Small charge to access all videos

Resources and past papers - Available on the Google Drive, shared with all students

Hospitality and Catering

As it is a new course there is no revision guide available, however **CGP GCSE WJEC Catering Study Guide and Exam Practice**, would be very useful. ISBN **9781847629883**. Available on Amazon priced £6.45

Resistant Materials

www.technologystudent.com - Useful website

www.bbc.co.uk/education - Useful website

Media

Use the exam booklet you have been given by your teacher

Music

www.musictheory.net - For recap lessons and exercises

GCSE Bitesize - Eduqas specification

Drama

The official text book which supports the whole course is **WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Drama** by Garry Nicholas published by Illuminate Publishing - ISBN **9781908682888** It covers everything that you need to know for all your exams and assessments and is well worth getting

www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs - GCSE Bitesize Drama has many resources to support the topics we look at in school

Revision Resources

French

Vocab Express to practise 10 min every day

Lingoscope & Languages online

Keep practising past paper questions for listening and reading posted on Google Classroom

Geography

Google Classroom - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU4ODQyNDM4Nlpa> (Class Pin: ucwr5c)

Revision Guides (also available on the Google Classroom)

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography B Revision Guide - £5.99 ISBN-10: **1292133783**

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography Workbook - £5.99 ISBN-10: **1292133767**

Both can be ordered from Amazon - there are also Flash Cards available

PiXL App - PiXL login below:

School ID - BW3245

Username - SURNAMEFORENAME - e.g BLOGGSJOE

Password - FORENAME2017 e.g JOE2017

Sociology

GCSE Sociology for AQA - Revision Guide & Exam Practice Workbook (Collins GCSE Revision)

www.gojimo.com/gcse-sociology-revision/ & www.cram.com/flashcards/aqa-gcse-sociology-revision

Creative iMedia

<https://goo.gl/3pt5bY> - iMedia revision site

Books - **My Revision Notes: OCR Nationals in Creative iMedia L 1 / 2: Pre-production skills & Creating Digital Graphics** (£8.99 paperback). **Amazon Link:** <https://goo.gl/J9MeMN>

Computer Science

Teach-ICT.com - Useful website

snakify.org - Useful website

codecademy.com - Useful website

Apps - Gojimo (good for lots of subjects), Human Resource Machine (Game)

Books - **The Pocket Sized Revision Guide for Computer Science** - available from main reception (£2.50 -- ISBN: **978-1-906248-43-7**)

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will pay off!”

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