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### **Overview Exam Timetable**

Final speaking exams for French, German, Polish, Portuguese and Russian will take place between 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May. These are worth 25% of the final result. Students and parents will receive information on dates/times for these in due course.

Date	Day	AM	PM
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed	Health and Social Care: Health and Wellbeing	
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon	Functional Skills Maths: Paper 1	Functional Skills Maths: Paper 2  Computer Science: Computer Systems
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Tue	Biology: Paper 1 Combined Science: Paper 1 Biology	IT: Understanding tool techniques
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed	English Language: Paper 1	German: Listening German: Reading
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Thu	History: Conflict and Tension in Asia  Functional Skills English: Reading	Drama Construction: Technology Functional Skills English: Writing
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	Maths: Paper 1 Non Calculator	Business: Business Activity, Marketing & People
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mon	Geography: Paper 1	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tue	French: Listening French: Reading	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed	English Lit: Paper 1	Media: Exploring Media
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Thu		
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	Chemistry: Paper 1 Combined Science: Paper 2 Chemistry	Computer Science: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming

May/June holidays – there will be boosters!

Date	Day	АМ	PM
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	German: Writing	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tue	Maths: Paper 2 Calculator	Geography: Paper 2
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed	English Literature: Paper 2	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	History: Germany	Physics: Paper 1  Combined Science: Paper 3 Physics
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	English Language: Paper 2	
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	Maths: Paper 3 Calculator	Business: Operations, Finance and Influences on Business
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Tue	Geography: Paper 3	Media: Understanding Media
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed	Biology: Paper 2  Combined Science: Paper 4 Biology	Russian: Listening Russian: Reading
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	History: Britain Health and the People	French: Writing
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri		Polish: Listening Polish: Reading Portuguese: Listening Portuguese: Reading
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	Chemistry: Paper 2 Combined Science: Paper 5 Chemistry	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Tue		Hospitality & Catering: Unit 1 Paper
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Wed		
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Thu	Physics: Paper 2  Combined Science: Paper 6 Physics	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri		
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	Polish: Writing  Portuguese: Writing	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Tue	Russian: Writing	

### **English Language**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
18 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	1 HOUR 45	Topics (Knowledge):
AM	Language Paper 1	MINUTES	Section A:
			1 article of fiction reading
			4 x questions.
			Q1 retrieval 4 marks
			Q2 Language analysis 8 marks
			Q3 Structure 8 marks
			Q4 Evaluation 20 marks
			What to revise:
			the question stems and what they mean.
			Linguistic devices/terminology
			How to structure analytical paragraphs.
			How to embed quotations.
			Section B:
			1 piece of fiction writing (from a choice of 2 titles)
			40 marks – 24 for content and organisation + 16 marks for technical accuracy.
			What to revise:
			How to use a wide range of punctuation accurately.
			How to vary sentence structures for effect.
			How to use structural devices for effect.
			How to make use of descriptive writing techniques.
			How to develop your descriptions in detail.
			Key resources:
			Your English book.
			Practice questions in the wing.
			GCSE Pod.
			Wider reading.

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
10 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	1 HOUR 45	Topics (Knowledge):
AM	Language Paper 2	MINUTES	Section A:
			2 articles of non-fiction reading
			4 x questions.
			Q1 retrieval 4 marks
			Q2 summary question 8 marks
			Q3 Structure 12 marks
			Q4 Comparison 16 marks
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I			What to revise:
I			Revise the question stems and the focus of each
			question.
			Q2: how to summarise, embed quotes and infer.
			Q3: language techniques /terminology.
			How to structure analytical paragraphs.
			How to embed quotations.
			Practise papers
			Q4: how to compare, embed quotes and infer.
			Section B:
			1 piece of non fiction writing 40 marks – 24 for
			content and organisation + 16 marks for technical accuracy.
			What to revise:
			How to use a wide range of punctuation accurately.
			How to vary sentence structures for effect.
			How to use structural devices for effect.
			How to make use of rhetorical writing techniques.
			How to develop your arguments/points in detail –
			"inventing" statistical, anecdotal and expert evidence.
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			Key resources:
			Your English book
			Practice questions on teams GCSE Pod
			Wider reading of blog articles, newspapers, magazines, etc.
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## **English Literature**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
25 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE	1 HOUR 30	Topics (Knowledge):
AM	Literature Paper 1	MINUTES	Section A
			Macbeth
			Section B:
			A Christmas Carol
			OR
			Jekyll & Hyde.
			What to revise:
			Characters in the play/novel
			The events of the play/novel.
			The themes of the play/novel
			The writer's beliefs and the beliefs of the time (context)
			Key quotations for each character
			Key quotations for each theme.
			How to structure analytical paragraphs.
			How to embed quotations.
			Practice papers.
Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
8 <sup>th</sup> June AM	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE	1 HOUR 30	Topics (Knowledge):
	Literature Paper 2	MINUTES	Section A
	·		An Inspector Calls
			Or
			Blood Brothers
			What to revise:
			Characters in the play
			The events of the play
			The themes of the play
			The writer's beliefs and the beliefs of the time
			(context)
			Key quotations for each character
			Key quotations for each theme.
			How to structure analytical paragraphs.  How to embed quotations.
			How to structure an answer without an extract!
			Section B – Unseen Poetry & unseen poetry
			comparison.
			What to revise:
			Poetic techniques /terminology
			How to structure analytical paragraphs.
			How to embed quotations.
			Practise papers
			How to compare methods.
			Key resources:
			Your English book
			Practice questions on teams.
			BBC Bitesize / GCSEPod
			Revision guides

### Maths

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise
20 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE MATHEMATICS	1 HOUR 30	Foundation Topics:
2022 AM	Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)	MINUTES	Money
			Negative numbers
			Fractions, decimals, percentages
			Fraction of an amount
			Fraction arithmetic
			Place value
			Product of prime factors
			Standard form conversions and calculations
			Estimation
			Simplifying algebra
			Substitution
			Linear inequalities
			Quadratic equations
			Quadratic graphs
			Linear sequences Length conversions
			Percentage of an amount
			Percentage increase
			Writing ratio
			Sharing in a ratio
			Direct proportion
			Speed
			Density
			Reflections
			Plans and elevations
			Angles in polygons
			Volume of cube and cylinder
			Exact trigonometry values
			Probability
			Frequency trees
			Pictogram
			Bar chart
			Stem and Leaf diagram
			Higher Topics
			Any topics from foundation plus:
			Recurring decimals and fractions
			Negative and fractional indices
			Surds
			Expanding brackets
			Algebraic fractions
			Forming equations
			Equation of a tangent to a circle
			Gradients of parallel and perpendicular lines
			Gradient of a curve
			Speed-time graph
			Equations of proportion
			Area of triangles and sectors
			Surface area of cuboid
			Pythagoras' Theorem
			Vector geometry
			Cumulative frequency graph
			Mean
			Interquartile range

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise
7 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE MATHEMATICS	1 HOUR 30	Foundation Topics:
2022 AM	Paper 2 (Calculator)	MINUTES	Money
			Negative numbers
			Fractions
			Order integers
			Multiples
			Rounding and error intervals
			Expanding brackets and factorising
			Laws of indices
			Simultaneous equations
			Coordinates
			Straight line graphs
			Mass, time, area conversions
			Scale drawings
			Decimal to percentage
			Percentage profit
			Depreciation
			Direct proportion
			Currency conversions
			Polygons
			Circles
			Parallel and perpendicular lines
			Area of rectangle
			Probability tree diagram
			Two way table
			Frequency table
			Mode, median, mean
			Higher Topics
			Any topics from foundation plus:
			Use of calculator
			Linear equations
			Quadratic inequalities
			Transformation of functions
			Graphs of trigonometric functions
			Inverse and composite functions
			Area
			Inverse proportion
			Pressure
			Transformations
			Circle theorems
			Volume of composite solids
			Sine and cosine rules
			Venn diagrams and probability
			Box plots
			Quartiles
			Capture-recapture
			Compare distributions

Date	Summer Assessment Paper	Length	What to revise
13 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE MATHEMATICS	1 HOUR 30	Foundation Topics:
2022	Paper 3 (Calculator)	MINUTES	Four operations
	,		Negative numbers
			Fraction of an amount
			Equivalent fractions
			Factors
			Lowest common multiple
			Square roots
			Rounding
			Use of calculator
			Expanding brackets, simplifying and factorising Substitution
			Changing the subject of a formula
			Forming expressions
			Form and solve linear equations
			Linear sequences
			Time
			Scale drawing
			Compound unit conversions
			Percentage to fraction
			Percentage decrease
			Reverse percentages
			Writing and working with ratios
			Average speed
			Triangle and quadrilateral properties
			Angles in triangles and parallel lines
			Bearings
			Area of triangle and trapezium
			Pythagoras' Theorem
			Frequency polygon
			Median and range
			Compare distributions
			Probability scale
			1 Tobasinity scare
			Higher Topics
			Any topics from foundation plus:
			Laws of indices
			Bounds
			Product rule for counting
			Algebraic fractions
			Factorising - different of two squares
			Simultaneous equations – linear and quadratic
			Gradient
			Time
			Depreciation
			Direct proportion
			Iterative processes
			Circle theorems
			Similar triangles
			Trigonometry (including 3D)
			Column vectors
			Histograms
			Probability – dependent combined events
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### **General resources**

Your Maths book

Hegarty Maths - Use Revision Hub on TEAMS for specific paper revision lists linked to Hegarty maths tasks.

Corbett Maths <a href="https://corbettmaths.com/contents/">https://corbettmaths.com/contents/</a>

Maths Genie <a href="https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html">https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html</a>

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## Science (Combined)

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Biology Paper 1		Topics for Biology Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including
AM		1 HOUR 10	low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
		MINUTES	FOUNDATION CP3 Coll Cycle
			CB2 - Cell Cycle CB3 - Reproduction and DNA
			CB4 – Evolution and Natural Selection
			CB5 – Disease and Immune System
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of pH on enzyme activity
			HIGHER
			CB1 – Enzymes
			CB2 – Cell Cycle
			CB3 – Reproduction and DNA CB4 – Inheritance and Genetic Modification
			CB5 – Disease
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of pH on enzyme activity
			Core Practical – Investigate biological specimens using
			microscopes, including magnification calculations and labelled
			scientific drawings from observations.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Biology Paper 2	1 HOUR 10	Topics for Biology Paper 2: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including
June AM		MINUTES	low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
			FOUNDATION CB1 – Cells and Microscopes
			CB6 – Photosynthesis
			CB6 – Movement of substances through plants
			CB8 – The heart and blood
			Core Practical - Investigate biological specimens using
			microscopes, including magnification calculations and labelled
			scientific drawings from observations.
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.
			HIGHER
			CB7 – Human Hormones
			CB8 – Respiration
			CB9 – Organisms and the environment
			CB9 – Conservation and Material Cycles
			Core Practical – Investigate the rate of respiration in living
			organisms
			Core Practical – Investigate the relationship between organisms and their environment using field-work techniques, including
			quadrats and belt transects.
			What to revise: Use the knowledge organisers first to review content. If you
			think that explanation is needed, use Seneca or BBC Bitesize to
			work through explanations.
			Then practices; Educake can provide banks of questions, or
			maths-made-easy (yes it does science too) to provide exam

question sorted by topic. Once all topics have been reviewed, use past papers to practise putting it together.

Pay particular attention to the CORE PRACTICALS.

Don't neglect the maths questions - 10% of a biology paper will be mathematical. And bring a calculator to the exam.

### **Key resources**:

Your Science book Knowledge Organiser pack BBC Bitesize Seneca Educake

Maths made easy, <a href="https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-biology-revision/gcse-biology-exam-questions-by-topic/">https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-biology-revision/gcse-biology-exam-questions-by-topic/</a>

Past papers (also on Maths Made Easy)

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Chemistry Paper 1	1 HOUR 10	Topics Chemistry Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including
AM		MINUTES	low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
20 <sup>th</sup> June AM	Chemistry Paper 2	1 HOUR 10 MINUTES	Iow tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher
			What to revise:

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Past papers (also on Maths Made Easy)

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Physics Paper 1		Topics Physics Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including low
PM		1 HOUR 10	tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
		MINUTES	FOUNDATION
			CP1 – Velocity and acceleration
			CP2 – Reaction times and stopping distances
			CP3 – Conservation of energy and energy transfers and efficiency
			CP4 – Waves and their effects
			CP5 – Electromagnetic waves
			CP5 – Harmful effects and uses of electromagnetic radiation
			CP6 – Activity of radioactive sources, half – life, dangers and applications
			Core Practical – Investigate the suitability of equipment to
			measure the speed, frequency and wavelength of a wave in a solif
			and a fluid
			HIGHER
			CP1 – Velocity and acceleration
			CP2 – Newton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Law and momentum
			CP3 – Energy transfers and efficiency
			CP6 – Emission and ionising radiations
			Core Practical - NONE
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Physics Paper 2	1 HOUR	Topics Physics Paper 2: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
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		MINUTES	FOUNDATION CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P
			CP7 – Forces doing work
			CP9 – Electrical circuit principles CP9 – Electrical energy and power
			CP9 – a.c. and d.c. used in practice
			CP10 – Magnets and magnetic fields
			Core Practical – Investigate the densities of solids and liquids
			Core Practical – Investigate the properties of water by
			determining the specific heat capacity of water and obtaining a
			temperature time graph for melting ice.
			<u>HIGHER</u>
			CP7 – Forces doing work
			CP9 – Electrical circuit principles
			CP10 – Magnets and magnetic fields CP12 – Properties of solids, liquids and gases
			Core Practical – Construct electrical circuits to A: Investigate the
			relationship between potential difference, current and resistance
			for a resistor and a lamp. B: test series and parallel circuits using
			resistors and filament lamps.
			Core Practical – Investigate the densities of solids and liquids
			Core Practical – Investigate the properties of water by
			determining the specific heat capacity of water and obtaining a
			temperature time graph for melting ice.

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Pay particular attention to the CORE PRACTICALS.

Don't neglect the maths questions - 30% of a physics paper will be mathematical. And bring a calculator to the exam.

### **Key resources:**

Your Science book Knowledge Organiser pack BBC Bitesize Seneca Educake

Maths made easy, <a href="https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-physics-revision/gcse-physics-exam-questions-by-topic/">https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-physics-physics-exam-questions-by-topic/</a>

Past papers (also on Maths Made Easy)

## Science (Triple – Biology)

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Biology Paper 1		Topics for Biology Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including low
AM		1 HOUR	tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
		45	FOUNDATION CD2 Prain and Eve
		MINUTES	SB2 – Brain and Eye
			SB3 - Reproduction and DNA SB4 – Evolution and Natural Selection
			SB5 – Disease and Immune System
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of pH on enzyme activity
			Core Practical – Investigate the use of chemical reagents to identify
			starch, reducing sugars, proteins and fats
			HIGHER
			SB2 – Cell Cycle
			SB2 – Brain and Eye
			SB3 – Reproduction and DNA
			SB4 – Inheritance, Selective Breeding and Genetic Modification SB5 – Disease and antibiotics
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of pH on enzyme activity
			Core Practical – Investigate biological specimens using
			microscopes, including magnification calculations and labelled
			scientific drawings from observations.
			Core Practical – Investigate the effects of antiseptics, antibiotics or
			plant extracts on microbial cultures.
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Piology Paper 2		Topics for Biology Paper 2: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including low
AM	Biology Paper 2	1 HOUR	tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher) FOUNDATION
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		MINUTES	SB6 – Movement of substances through plants
		1	SB7 – Homeostasis and the urinary system
			SB8 – The heart and blood
			SB9 – Energy transfer
			Core Practical - Investigate biological specimens using microscopes,
			including magnification calculations and labelled scientific
			drawings from observations.
			Core Practical – Investigate the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.
			HIGHER
			SB6 – Transport of substances in plants
			SB6 – Plant Hormones
			SB7 – Human Hormones and thermoregulation and diabetes
			SB8 – Gas exchange
			SB8 – Respiration
			SB9 – Energy transfers
			SB9 – Conservation and Material Cycles
			SB9 - Decomposition
			Core Practical – Investigate the rate of respiration in living
			organisms
			Core Practical – Investigate the relationship between organisms
			and their environment using field-work techniques, including quadrats and belt transects.
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Then practices; Educake can provide banks of questions, or mathsmade-easy (yes it does science too) to provide exam question sorted by topic. Once all topics have been reviewed, use past papers to practise putting it together.

Pay particular attention to the **CORE PRACTICALS.** 

Don't neglect the maths questions - 10% of a biology paper will be mathematical. And bring a calculator to the exam.

### **Key resources**:

Your Science book Knowledge Organiser pack BBC Bitesize Seneca Educake

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Past papers (also on Maths Made Easy)

## Science (Triple – Chemistry)

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Chemistry Paper 1	1 HOUR 45	Topics Chemistry Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including
	MINUTES	low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
		FOUNDATION SC5-7 – Types of substance
		SC9 – Calculations involving masses
		SC1 – States of matter
		SC2 – Methods of separating and purifying substances
		SC8 – Acids and Bases
		SC13 – Transition metals, alloys and corrosion
		SC14 – Quantitative analysis
		SC15 – Dynamic Equilibria
		Core Practical – Investigate the change in pH on adding
		powdered calcium hydroxide or calcium oxide to a fixed volume of dilute hydrochloric acid.
		Core Practical – Carry out an accurate acid-alkali titration, using
		burette, pipette and suitable indicator
		<u>HIGHER</u>
		SC5-7 – Types of Substance
		SC9 – Calculations involving masses
		SC8 – Acids and Bases
		SC10 – Electrolytic processes
		SC11/12 – Obtaining and using metals
		SC14 – Quantitative analysis
		SC15 – Dynamic Equilibrium
Chamistry Danar 2	1 110110 45	Core Practical - Investigate the change in pH on adding
Chemistry Paper 2		powdered calcium hydroxide or calcium oxide to a fixed volume of dilute hydrochloric acid.
	WIINGILS	Core Practical – Investigate the electrolysis of copper sulfate
		solution with inert electrodes.
		Core Practical – Carry out an accurate acid-alkali titration, using
		burette, pipette and a suitable indicator.
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		Topics Chemistry Paper 2: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
		FOUNDATION
		SC17 – Group 1 and 7
		SC18 – Rates of reaction
		SC19 – Heat energy changes in chemical reactions
		SC20 – Fuels
		SC21 – Earth and atmospheric science
		SC25 – Qualitative analysis: tests for ions
		SC22 – Hydrocarbons
		SC24 – Polymers
		SC26 – Bulk and surface properties of matter including nanoparticles
		Core Practical – Investigate the effects of changing the
		conditions of a reaction on the rates of chemical reaction
		Core Practical – Identify the ions in unknown salts
	Chemistry Paper 2	

#### **HIGHER**

SC9 – Calculations involving masses

SC17 - Group 7

SC18 - Rates of reaction

SC19 – Heat energy changes in chemical reactions

SC20 – Fuels

SC21 – Earth and atmospheric science

SC25 – Qualitative analysis: tests for ions

SC26 – Bulk and surface properties of matter including nanoparticles

Core Practical – Investigate the effects of changing the conditions of a reaction on the rates of chemical reaction Core Practical – Investigate the temperature rise produced in a known mass of water by the combustion of the alcohols ethanol, propanol, butanol and pentanol.

#### What to revise:

Use the knowledge organisers first to review content. If you think that explanation is needed, use Seneca or BBC Bitesize to work through explanations.

Then practise; Educake can provide banks of questions, or maths-made-easy (yes it does science too) to provide exam question sorted by topic. Once all topics have been reviewed, use past papers to practise putting it together.

Pay particular attention to the CORE PRACTICALS.

Don't neglect the maths questions - 20% of a chemistry paper will be mathematical. And bring a calculator to the exam.

### **Key resources**:

Your Science book

Knowledge Organiser pack

**BBC** Bitesize

Seneca

Educake

Maths made easy, <a href="https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-chemistry-revision/gcse-chemistry-exam-questions-by-topic/">https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-chemistry-exam-questions-by-topic/</a>

Past papers (also on maths made easy)

## Science (Triple – Physics)

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Physics Paper 1		Topics Physics Paper 1: MUST BE ASSESSED (not including
PM		1 HOUR 45 MINUTES	low tariff content, if in doubt speak to Science teacher)
			FOUNDATION
			SP1 – Velocity and acceleration
			SP3 – Energy transfers and efficiency
			SP4 – Waves and their effects SP5 – Light and lenses
			SP6 – Activity of radioactive sources, half – life, dangers
			and applications
			SP6 – Nuclear Fission and nuclear fusion
			SP7 – Solar System
			Core Practical – Investigate the suitability of equipment to measure the speed, frequency and wavelength of a wave in a solif and a fluid
			HIGHER  SP1 – Velocity and acceleration
			SP2 – Newton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Law and momentum SP3 – Energy transfers and efficiency
			SP4 – Sound with applications
			SP5 – Light and lenses
			SP6 – Emission and ionising radiations
a ard .			SP7 – Big Bang and Steady state theory
23 <sup>rd</sup> June AM	Physics Paper 2	1 HOUR 45 MINUTES	Core Practical - NONE
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			FOUNDATION
			SP8 – Forces doing work
			SP9 – Rotation and principles of moments
			SP10 – Electrical circuit principles SP11 – Static Electricity
			SP13 – Magnets and magnetic fields
			SP14 – Pressure of a gas
			SP15 – Pressure in fluids
			Core Practical – Investigate the densities of solids and
			liquids  Core Practical – Investigate the properties of water by
			determining the specific heat capacity of water and
			obtaining a temperature time graph for melting ice.
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			SP7 – Forces doing work SP9 – Rotation and principles of moments
			SP10 – Electrical circuit principles
			SP11 – Static Electricity
			SP13 – Magnets and magnetic fields
			SP14 – Properties of solids, liquids and gases
			SP15 – Pressure in fluids

Core Practical – Construct electrical circuits to A: Investigate the relationship between potential difference, current and resistance for a resistor and a lamp. B: test series and parallel circuits using resistors and filament lamps.

Core Practical – Investigate the densities of solids and liquids

Core Practical – Investigate the properties of water by determining the specific heat capacity of water and obtaining a temperature time graph for melting ice.

#### What to revise:

Use the knowledge organisers first to review content. If you think that explanation is needed, use Seneca or BBC bitesize to work through explanations.

Then practise; Educake can provide banks of questions, or maths-made-easy (yes it does science too) to provide exam question sorted by topic. Once all topics have been reviewed, use past papers to practise putting it together.

Pay particular attention to the CORE PRACTICALS.

Don't neglect the maths questions - 30% of a physics paper will be mathematical. And bring a calculator to the exam.

#### **Key resources:**

Your Science book Knowledge Organiser pack BBC Bitesize Seneca Educake

Maths made easy, <a href="https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-physics-revision/gcse-physics-exam-questions-by-topic/">https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-physics-exam-questions-by-topic/</a>

Past papers (also on maths made easy)

### **French**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
Various	Paper 2 Speaking	7-9 MINUTES	Exam (F/H):
April		(F)	Task 1: Roleplay
			Task 2: Photocard
		10-12 MINUTES	Task 3: Presentation/General conversation
		(H)	Knowledge/Content (F/H):
			Roleplay phrases
			<ul> <li>Phrases to describe a photo</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Presentation</li> </ul>
			General conversation themes
			What to do/revise and key resources:
			Speaking/Writing Booklet and ExamFit Speaking
			<ul> <li>Ensure you know key phrases in past and future tense! (* Imperfect and</li> </ul>
			Conditional)
			Revise a range of opinions Revise your
			speaking prep notes.
			Make cue cards.
			Read / Say / Cover check your notes
			Record yourself (even if it's embarrassing!)
			Get a friend or a family member to test you.
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 1 –Listening	Listening F	Exam (Reading/ Listening F), to revise:
AM ,	Paper 3- Reading	(35min)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		, ,	✓ The top 100 most common words on the
		Reading F	reading and listening papers
		(45 min)	✓ Key vocabulary from ExamFit
			✓ Key strategies from ExamFit
			Knowledge/Content (F):
			✓ All themes will be covered
			✓ Only vocabulary in the specification would
			be listed so go through your vocabulary
			specifications
		Listening H (45 minutes)	Exam (Reading/listening H), to revise:
			√ The top 100 most common words on the
		Reading H	reading and listening papers
		(60 minutes)	✓ Key vocabulary from ExamFit
			✓ Key strategies from ExamFit
			Knowledge/Content (F):
			✓ All themes will be covered
			<ul> <li>Only vocabulary in the specification would</li> </ul>
			be listed so go through your vocabulary
			specifications

			Knowledge/Content (H):  ✓ As foundation ✓ Some more unusual words on the papers will be glossed at the end of a text/question with the English given
16 <sup>th</sup> June PM	Paper 4: Writing	Writing F (75 minutes)	Exam (writing foundation) to revise:  ✓ Who am I  ✓ Daily life  ✓ Town region and country  ✓ School Life  ✓ Work
			Exam format:  ✓ Q1: Describe a photo with an opinion ✓ Q2: 40 word task in French (from a choice of two) ✓ Q3: 90 word task in French (from a choice of two) ✓ Q4: Translation from English into French  *This year all extended writing tasks will have a heading in English but the bullet points will remain in French.
		Higher (80 minutes)	Exam (writing foundation) to revise:  ✓ Cultural life ✓ Town region and country ✓ School Life ✓ Work and Ambitions
			What to do/revise and key resources:  ✓ Re-learn your speaking prep questions on the topics that will be on the exam.  ✓ Go through the je parle franglais  ✓ Use the writing ExamFit booket

### German

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
Various	Paper 2 Speaking	7-9 MINUTES	Exam (F/H):
April		(F)	Task 1: Roleplay
			Task 2: Photocard
		10-12 MINUTES	Task 3: Presentation/General conversation
		(H)	Knowledge/Content (F/H):
			Roleplay phrases
			<ul> <li>Phrases to describe a photo</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Presentation</li> </ul>
			General conversation themes
			What to do/revise and key resources:
			Speaking/Writing Booklet and ExamFit Speaking
			<ul> <li>Ensure you know key phrases in past and</li> </ul>
			future tense! (* Imperfect and
			Conditional)
			Revise a range of opinions (incl. VCs,
			inverters and idioms)
			<ul> <li>Revise your speaking prep notes.</li> </ul>
			Make cue cards.
			<ul> <li>Read / Say / Cover check your notes</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Record yourself (even if it's embarrassing!)</li> </ul>
			Get a friend or a family member to test you.
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 1 Listening	Listening F	Knowledge/Content
PM	Paper 3 Reading	(35min)	<ul> <li>All themes/topics on GCSE German</li> </ul>
			specification (e.g. self, family, friends,
		Reading F	hobbies, sports, holidays, school, where I
		(45 min)	live, environment etc.)
			What to do/revise and key resources:
		Listening H	Top 50 most common words – Edulink and
		(45 minutes)	paper copy
			<ul> <li>Read through your KOs on these topics.</li> </ul>
		Reading H	<ul> <li>Use the ExamFit booklet for skills revision.</li> </ul>
		(60 minutes)	<ul> <li>Practice papers on Revision Hub</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> Jun AM	Paper 4 Writing	1 HOUR 15	Exam (F):
		MINUTES (F)	Task 1: Describe photo/opinion (20-30 words)
			Task 2: 4 bullet point / 2 tenses (40 words)
			Task 3: 4 bullet point / 3+ tenses (80-90 words) Task 4: Translation into German
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			Knowledge/Content (F):
			<ul> <li>Phrases to describe a photo / opinions.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Cultural life (could be reading, music, TV,</li> </ul>
			sport etc.)

	1 HOUR 20 MINUTES (H)	<ul> <li>Travel and tourism (could be travel and accommodation, eating out, shopping etc.)</li> <li>School activities (trips, events and exchanges)</li> <li>Work (jobs and careers)</li> <li>Bringing the world together (sport/music events, campaigns)</li> <li>Environment issues</li> </ul>
		Exam (H): Task 1: 4 bullet point / 3+ tenses (80-90 words) Task 2: 4 bullet point / 3+ tenses (130-150 words) Task 3: Translation into German
		<ul> <li>Knowledge/Content (H):         <ul> <li>Phrases to describe a photo / opinions.</li> <li>Cultural life (could be reading, music, TV, sport etc.)</li> <li>Travel and tourism (could be travel and accommodation, eating out, shopping etc.)</li> <li>School activities (trips, events and exchanges)</li> <li>Bringing the world together (sport/music events, campaigns)</li> <li>Environment issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>What to do/revise and key resources:</li> <li>Use All in MFL/KOs to learn key phrases for each topic.</li> <li>Revise your speaking/ writing preparation notes on each topic.</li> <li>Revise key verbs in past, present and future. (★ Imperfect and Conditional)</li> <li>Learn and revise key opinion phrases and expressions of time</li> <li>Read through your KOs on these topics.</li> <li>Use the ExamFit writing booklet for skills revision.</li> </ul>

### **Health and Social Care**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Component 3: Health and	2 Hours	Topics (Knowledge):
AM	Wellbeing		This external component builds on knowledge,
			understanding and skills acquired and developed in
			Components 1 and 2. Learners will be given a case
			study and will assess an individual's health and
			wellbeing, drawing on their understanding of life
			events from Component 1. They will design a health
			and wellbeing improvement plan that draws on
			their knowledge of services and care values from
			Component 2. A task worth 60 marks will be
			completed under supervised conditions.
			What to revise:
			Factors affecting health and well being.
			Physiological indicators.
			Lifestyle indicators.
			Health and wellbeing improvement plans.
			Obstacles implementing plans.
			Key resources:
			Your health and social care book
			Past papers
			Pearson revision guides
			Wider reading of blog articles, newspapers, magazines, etc.

## Geography

Date	Exam	Length	What to revise/Key resources
23 <sup>rd</sup> May			Topics (Knowledge):
AM	Paper 1 – Living with the	1 HOUR 30	SECTION A: The challenge of natural hazards
	physical environment.	MINUTES	<ul> <li>Tectonic hazards</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Weather hazards</li> </ul>
			Climate change
			SECTION B: The Living World
			<ul> <li>Small scale ecosystems and global biomes</li> </ul>
			Hot deserts
			<ul> <li>Tropical rainforest</li> </ul>
			SECTION C: Physical landscapes in the UK
			<ul> <li>Coastal landscapes</li> </ul>
			River landscapes
			Key resources:
			Knowledge organiser booklet
			Class notes
			BBC Bitesize
7 <sup>th</sup> June PM	Paper 2 – Challenges in the	1 HOUR 15	Topics (Knowledge):
	human environment	MINS	SECTION A: Urban issues and challenges
			Urban change
			Rio case study
			<ul> <li>Leicester case study</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Sustainable urban environments</li> </ul>
			SECTION B: Changing economic world
			<ul> <li>The development gap</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Nigeria – a newly emerging economy</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The changing UK economy</li> </ul>
			SECTION C: Resource management
			<ul> <li>Food, water and energy are fundamental to</li> </ul>
			human development.
			<ul> <li>The changing demand and provision of</li> </ul>
			resources in the UK create opportunities
			and challenges.
			Food option: Demand for food resources is
			rising globally but supply can be insecure,
			which may lead to conflict.
			Different strategies can be used to increase
			food supply.
			Key resources:
			Knowledge organiser booklet BBC Bitesize
			DDC DITESIZE
			PLEASE NOTE: On this paper you ALL answer
			Section A Urban Issues and Challenges. Then, if you
			are in Mrs Franklin's class or Miss Smith's class you
			will have the choice to answer either section B or
			Section C questions. If you are in Miss Rossiter's
			class you must answer Section C questions.

14 <sup>th</sup> June	Paper 3 – Geographical	1 hour	Section A – Issue Evaluation
AM	Application		This sections focuses on the pre-release material/booklet – this year's theme is 'waste management'
			Section B – Unfamiliar Fieldwork You will be faced with a number of questions that are skills based i.e. data, graphs, and enquiry questions. Refer to the sample papers provided on the revision hub.

### History

Date	Exam	Length	What to revise/Key resources
19 <sup>th</sup> May AM	Paper 1 Section B - Asia	1 HOUR	Topics (Knowledge):
			Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975
			Conflict in Korea
			Escalation of conflict in Vietnam
			The ending of conflict in Vietnam
			Key resources:
			Knowledge organisers
			BBC Bitesize
			Class notes
9 <sup>th</sup> June AM	Paper 1 Section A – Germany	1 HOUR	Topics (Knowledge):
	-		Germany: Democracy and Dictatorship
			Germany and the growth of democracy
			Germany and the Depression
			<ul> <li>The experiences of Germans under the Nazis</li> </ul>
			Key resources:
			Knowledge organisers
			BBC Bitesize
			Class notes
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16 <sup>th</sup> June	Paper 2 Section A - Health	1 HOUR	Topics (Knowledge):
AM			<ul><li>Health and the people 1000 to present day</li><li>Medicine stands still</li></ul>
Alvi			
			<ul><li>The beginning of change</li><li>A revolution in medicine</li></ul>
			Modern medicine
			Key resources:
			Knowledge organisers
			BBC Bitesize
			Class notes

### **Business Studies**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
20 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Business		Topics (Knowledge):
PM	Paper 1	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES	<ul> <li>1.1 The role of business enterprise and entrepreneurship</li> <li>1.2 Business Planning</li> <li>1.3 Business ownership</li> <li>1.4 Business aims and objectives</li> <li>1.5 Stakeholders in business</li> <li>1.6 Business Growth</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> June PM	GCSE Business Paper 2	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES	2.2 Market research • The purpose of market research • Primary research methods • How appropriate different methods and sources of market research are for different business purposes • The use and interpretation of qualitative and quantitative data in market research 2.3 Market segmentation • The use of segmentation to target customers 2.4 The marketing mix • Product • Product - stages of the product life cycle • Pricing methods • Promotion – advertising • The use of the marketing mix to inform a
			<ul> <li>Key resources:</li> <li>Use Knowledge Organisers</li> <li>Revision Guides</li> <li>Teams Resources</li> </ul>

### **Computer Studies**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources
16 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Computer Science		Topics (Knowledge):
PM	Paper 1	1 HOUR 15	
		MINUTES	1.1 Systems architecture
			1.2 Memory and storage
			1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols
			1.4 Network security
			1.5 Systems software
			1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology
			impacts of digital teermology
			Be able to use flowcharts and pseudocode in
			algorithms
	GCSE Computer Science	1 HOUR 15	2.1 Algorithms
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 2	MINUTES	2.2 Programming fundamentals
PM			2.3 Producing robust programs
			2.4 Boolean logic
			2.5 Programming languages and Integrated
			Development Environments
			Key resources:
			Use Knowledge Organisers
			Revision Guides
			Teams Resources
			- Teams Nesources

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources	
17 <sup>th</sup> May	R012		Topics (Knowledge):	
PM	K012	1 HOUR 45 MINUTES	<ul> <li>Phases of project life cycle</li> <li>Planning tools used in projects</li> <li>Data and information</li> <li>Methods of data collection</li> <li>Methods of data storage</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Data storage media</li> <li>Threats to IT systems</li> <li>Impact and consequences of cyber-security attacks</li> <li>Prevention methods</li> <li>IT laws</li> <li>Understand the different methods of presenting information</li> </ul>	

### Construction

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources		
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Unit 1: Construction	1hr 30 mins	TOPIC:		
PM	Technology		Unit 1 – Construction Technology		
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Unit 1: Construction		TOPIC:		
			<ul><li>construction of the school</li><li>Revision booklets provided</li><li>Knowledge organisers</li></ul>		
			Past paper practice.		

## **Hospitality and Catering**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Unit 1: The Hospitality and	1hr 30 mins	All information needed for revision is contained in	
PM	Catering Business		your pre-printed booklets and your own notes.	
			LO1 - Understand the environment in which hospitality and catering operates  1. Classification of different types of catering and hospitality establishments	
			<ol> <li>LO2 - Understand how catering provisions operate</li> <li>Job roles within a professional kitchen</li> <li>Types of contract used in hospitality and catering</li> <li>How the media and social media can affect hospitality and catering establishments</li> </ol>	
			<ul> <li>LO3 – Understand how hospitality and catering provisions meet health and safety requirements</li> <li>5. How to complete an accident form</li> <li>6. How to meet the needs of customers planning a wedding at a venue</li> <li>7. HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point)</li> <li>8. Identifying risks and control measures to prevent accidents</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>LO4 – Know how food can cause ill health</li> <li>9. Special dietary needs e.g. lactose intolerance, coeliac, nut allergies</li> <li>10. The work of environmental health officers</li> <li>11. Understanding the needs of a client base – who are your customers</li> </ul>	

### **Media Studies**

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE MEDIA Studies	1 hour 30	Topics (Knowledge):	
May PM	Component One			
			Section A	
			Q1 Media Language for Meaning [15]	
			Q2A Context [5]	
			Q2B Representation [25]	
			What to revise:	
			Quality Street (Media Language)	
			This Girl Can (Media Language)	
			Pride (Context / Representation)	
			Unseen Analysis	
			Propp's Character Theory	
			Male Gaze Theory	
			Section B:	
			Industry	
			What to revise:	
			<ul> <li>James Bond Franchise</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Regulation of Films</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Importance of website to the industry</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Marketing and distribution to audience</li> </ul>	
			(global audience)	
			Audience	
			What to revise:	
			Epic Games Website	
			<ul> <li>Uses and Gratification Theory</li> </ul>	
			Reception Theory	
			<ul> <li>Technology and route to audience</li> </ul>	
			Target audiences	
			<ul> <li>Appeal to audience (global audience)</li> </ul>	
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Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources		
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE MEDIA Studies		Topics (Knowledge):		
June PM	Component Two	1 hr 30	Section A: Crime Drama		
			Q1a: Media Language [8]		
			Q1b: Media Language [12]		
			Q2: Media Context [10]		
			What to revise:		
			Luther Series 1 Episode 1		
			Mise-en-scene		
			<ul> <li>Costuming</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>Camera Angles</li> </ul>		
			Setting		
			<ul> <li>Use of sound</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>Propp's Character Theory</li> </ul>		
			Context of Luther		
			History and progression of crime dramas.		
			Section B: Music Video		
			Q1: Representation [20]		
			Q2: Media Industry [10]		
			What to revise:		
			Taylor Swift - Bad Blood		
			<ul> <li>Bruno Mars – Uptown Funk</li> </ul>		
			Representation of ethnicity		
			<ul> <li>Representation of gender</li> </ul>		
			Media language used to construct		
			representations.		
			<ul> <li>Use of websites and how they are</li> </ul>		
			important to an industry		
			How websites reach a global audience.		

### Drama

Date	Paper	Length	What to revise/Key resources		
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Drama	1 HOUR 45	SECTION A: SET TEXT – DNA by Denis Kelly		
PM	COMPONENT 3:	Minutes	Students must study a complete performance text and then will		
	Theatre Makers		respond to an <b>unseen extract.</b> However, this year the extract has		
	in Practice		already been released  Text: DNA, Dennis Kelly  This play had its first performance at the Cottesloe Theatre of the National Theatre,		
			London, in February 2008.		
			This extended extract is taken from the first and second sections of the play.		
			STARTS: p.63 Phil puts his Coke carefully on the ground. ENDS: p.74 Danny How am I gonna get references?		
			Students must practically consider the ways and develop ideas in		
			which performers, directors		
			and designers create impact and meaning through the elements of performance, including:		
			<ul> <li>acting style and purpose, including vocal and physical skills</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>set and props, including stage furniture and personal props</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>lighting and sound, including colour and music</li> </ul>		
			costume, makeup and masks as appropriate		
			<ul> <li>use of stage space and spatial relationships, including</li> </ul>		
			levels and entrance points		
			<ul> <li>intended impact and meaning for the audience</li> </ul>		
			SECTION B: LIVE THEATRE REVIEW		
			Students have been studying 'Peter Pan' the National Theatre Online version.  Students are allowed to bring in theatre evaluation notes of up t		
			a maximum of 500 words.		
			These notes may include reference to:		
			<ul> <li>design considerations, including the use of costume, set,</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>how ideas were communicated during the performance.</li> </ul>		
			Sketches, drawings and diagrams may also be included in		
			the notes and used to support the		
			<ul> <li>response to the question if required.</li> </ul>		
			No pro published material including programmes and		
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			<ul> <li>a maximum of 500 words.</li> <li>These notes may include reference to:         <ul> <li>performers, including performers in specific roles</li> <li>design considerations, including the use of costume lighting and sound</li> <li>the director's concept/interpretation and the chose performance style</li> <li>impact on the audience, including, specifically, on the student, and how this was achieved</li> <li>the use of the theatre space</li> <li>how ideas were communicated during the performance of the students, drawings and diagrams may also be included the notes and used to support the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

### **Tips for students**

### Organisation and planning:

Being organised makes revision and success easier. Planning/organising before actually revising makes a lot of difference.

- ✓ <u>Know what to revise / Have the materials you need.</u> Ask teachers if you think you are missing anything. A lot of this may be on Teams so it's a good idea to check. If you are missing anything ask your teacher or the Head of Department.
- ✓ <u>Timetable your revision sensibly</u>. It is better to plan 1 hour or 2 hours of revision you will actually do than 4 hours you won't.
- ✓ Chunk your revision. You can't revise all of science in one hour but you could revise bonding.
- ✓ <u>Focus your revision</u>. Concentrate on the topics/ideas you know less well. Revising topics you do know is not the best use of your time.
- ✓ <u>Effective revision</u> One hour of focused revision on a topic you need to revise is better than two hours looking at stuff you already know well.
- ✓ <u>Avoid distractions</u>. You can't really revise with the TV etc. on, with loud music or by checking your phone constantly. Aim for shorter chunks of high-quality revision.
- ✓ Plan in rewards. Plan in things you enjoy as a reward for working hard.

Revision gets easier once you get into a good routine and proper revision will have real impact in how you do.

### **Revision strategies:**

We have learnt about various key revision strategies we can use. We have covered these in form time in May, November and will review over the year. This list reminds us of these.

- ✓ Make notes/condense notes.
- ✓ Review the Knowledge Organisers from school.
- ✓ Flashcards (Perhaps double-sided with a question on one side and the answer on the other.)
- **✓** Mindmaps
- √ Flowcharts
- ✓ Mnemonics (e.g. ROYGBIV)
- ✓ Complete practice questions/papers / look at mark schemes / example answers.
- ✓ Use online resources GCSEPod, Educake, Seneca, Hegarty etc. (to revise and to test).
- ✓ Get <u>family member</u> or sensible <u>friend</u> to help.

#### **GCSEPOD**

Everyone has access to this! It is a website with videos/tasks for most subjects!

If you can't login let Mr Reid know!

### How parents can help!

Parents and guardians have a great influence their child's success. You don't have to be an expert to help!

#### **Basics:**

- ✓ <u>Show interest and talk about revision.</u> If you are interested it helps them be interested and know they have your support. Caring is the most important thing you can do!
- ✓ General health and wellbeing. Good sleep and a good diet are really important. This supports good mental health as well.
- ✓ Remind them why revision is important. With effective revision they are more likely to be successful. With better GCSEs they are more likely to have a wider range of choices on future courses and careers.
- ✓ Reward their effort. A nice treat after a period of solid work is very useful. There could be a bigger treat after the exams if you think this would be motivational.
- ✓ Exams do not go on forever. Remind them that there are a few exam periods in Year 11 but they are not forever.

### Organisation and planning:

Being organised makes revision and success easier. Parents can help their children get organised.

- ✓ <u>Get started.</u> There is no perfect time to start revising. It differs for each person. But the earlier people start the better and less scary it might be. Students have more time to ask teachers for resources etc.
- ✓ <u>What should they revise?</u> Each subject will be divided into different topics or themes. These will have smaller units too. Students should spend time on the topics they know less well or the ones they struggle with rather than a lot of time on stuff they know well. Content will need looked at more than once usually.
- ✓ <u>Plan revision.</u> Having a sensible and workable revision plan is really useful. This is better than waiting for revision when they are 'in the mood'.
- ✓ Ongoing revision. Revision should be an ongoing part of a student's routine during term time in addition to normal homework.
- ✓ <u>Holiday revision.</u> With good planning the longer holidays provide time for more intensive revision as well as relaxation and family time. There are holidays before the February practice exams, the Easter holidays before the start of the final GCSE exams and the May holidays in the middle of the final GCSE exams.

### **Supporting revision:**

A few things parents can do make a big impact.

- ✓ Quiet place etc. They need a tidy(ish) quiet space with preferably a desk or table to work on.
- ✓ <u>Remove distractions.</u> Ask them to put their phone in another room for 30 minutes etc. They won't love it to start with but we all know how distracting and time-wasting phones are.
- ✓ <u>Sensible sessions.</u> Short focused sessions as part of a bigger plan work best. Breaks are needed. Revise, check/test and break is a good approach, e.g. 20 mins revising, 5 minutes checking and a 5-10 minute break. This will be different for different people.
- ✓ <u>Get involved.</u> This is not always wanted but offer your help. You do not need to be an expert to ask questions. Bringing a drink and a snack will be welcome!

#### Issues with revision and motivation:

Revision/exam time can be stressful and can lead to conflict in some cases. The need to revise is clear but can lead to arguments and friction. This can be hard but remember the benefits of them doing well. It can be particularly hard if they are not used to doing school work at home. If this is the case it is probably best to explain the benefits, have the argument (if necessary) and then reward the effort.

### √ No TV/Netflix etc.

You can't do good revision with the TV etc. on during the revision session.

### √ No phone.

You can't do good revision with the constant interruption from phones. Get them to leave it in another room.

#### ✓ Music?

Choosing music carefully will help. If they are bopping/singing along they're distracted.

### √ Self-discipline with screens

It's very easy to get distracted when on a tablet or laptop for revision. Remind them to keep the focus/

#### ✓ Comparisons

Comparing what/how they are doing to friends, siblings, ourselves, the neighbour's kids is not helpful.

### √ Good sleep

After studying they will need a little downtime and relax before going to sleep. Sleep times should still be sensible. Keep checking on their sleep patterns and help them where necessary.

#### **Exam stress:**

Some children have no issues with exam anxiety at all. Others find it harder to handle the pressure. Some will speak to family or teachers about it and some will not discuss it at all. Annie Head, the school's counsellor, will lead an assembly with all students and Annie has put a presentation on the Year 11 part of the school website for parents. Here are a few tips.

- ✓ Listen and let them know you are there. They might talk directly about exam or they might not.
- ✓ Expect a change in behaviour/mood. This may not happen but it is best to be prepared.
- ✓ <u>Help with organisation/planning.</u> Help them with a sensible plan and help them get plans back on track if needed.
- ✓ Reduce their other time pressures. Let them off a few chores!
- ✓ Keep positive Keep building up their self-esteem.
- ✓ <u>Let school know</u> Let Mr Feely, Mr Reid and their form tutor know. There are often things we can do in school to help. If it is a subject matter please contact the teacher and/or Head of Department. (The list of HoDs is on every email Mr Reid sends.)

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