

YEAR 11 PERSONAL STUDY

RESOURCES

Dear Parent / Carers

As you will be aware, Year 11 students have little more than 6 months until their GCSE examinations.

Clearly it is important that they make the very best use of the time available to them to ensure they have the best chance of achieving their potential next summer. Consequently, we recommend that students should be undertaking on a daily basis one to two hours of additional personal study outside of the normal school timetable.

This additional work could take a number of different forms:

- Completing homework tasks recorded in their planner or on Show My Homework
- Preparing for Controlled Assessments
- Attending revision classes at lunchtime or after school. A timetable of classes that are available until Christmas is included with this booklet and an updated version will be published in January. Students should be able to decide which revision sessions they need to attend by reading their report and analysing current attainment grades against targets.
- Undertaking revision at home. To assist families in ensuring that time spent revising is guided and structured we have asked subjects to detail how and where revision and study materials can be accessed.

We hope that the information contained within this booklet will assist you as a family in planning the most effective use of the time available.

Yours sincerely

Mary Massey

Mrs M Massey, Assistant Principal

Art & Graphics

Guided practical sessions for **Art** will be held on a Friday evening 3pm-5pm.

Guided practical sessions for **Graphics** will be held on a Thursday evening 3pm-5pm.

- Portfolio (course work) focus until end of autumn term. Students will be completing their supporting work which is worth approx. 75% of the Portfolio.
- It is important that the work is all highly relevant to the final outcome and is presented carefully.

Supporting work involves:

- RECORD: includes practical studies working from image or from direct observation, photographs or collected images.
- EXPLORE: exploring own ideas following on from practical and written studies of artist's images.
- REFINE: where ideas are explored and then refined ready to produce the final outcome.

Final outcome:

- PRESENT: the 'final outcome' is presented with strong reference to artist and clearly linked to all preparatory work.

For Graphics there are numerous resources to support students on the Shared Area Y: Graphics

Business

It would be useful to purchase a copy of the AQA CGP revision guide which is available at the school shop. There is also a small booklet for sale with the Business posters than can be found on the wall in Room 9. Useful websites to use to help with consolidation and revision are: tutor2u, bitesize and GetRevising. Attendance at after school revision sessions is recommended – see your teacher if you need one to one on any individual topics.

Computing

Students have a digital copy of the ZigZag Revision Guide for the Computing course which is to be used to help revise for **Unit A451 Computer Systems & Programming**. The course text book that is available can be found at: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Computing-GCSE-Students-Book/dp/1444177796> There is also a revision notes book that can be found here: <http://amzn.to/2dc814w>

There are revision materials available in the shared area including the OCR MOOC Resources that include example exam questions for all of the topics covered. Homework will include going through questions on the worksheets as well as past paper questions.

Past papers and mark schemes are also available from the OCR website:
<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-computing-j275-from-2012/>

To help with the Python programming CA task students could refer to the tutorials on <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/python> or <https://pythonschool.net/>.

Other useful links:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z34k7ty>

Creative iMedia

Students have access to revision materials available on the shared area at school including example exam questions, past papers and mark schemes.

These can be accessed directly on the OCR website here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/creative-imedia-level-1-2-award-certificate-j807-j817/>

An official Revision Notes workbook will be published in February 2017:

<http://amzn.to/2dPG4gy>

Homework will focus on example exam questions and past papers.

Drama

Unit 3 Practical Exam (April 2017)

- Performed in front of an external visiting examiner
- Watching live performances will support students understanding of live theatre; techniques and performing skills
- Sky Arts channels sometimes air live (or recorded live) performances
- Mrs Hill has DVD's of exam performances from previous years that students can borrow to watch
- Rehearsal days are Wednesday and Friday 3:00-4:00pm

English

Language:

- AQA's own website via which students can access most past papers with the mark schemes - they have accessed these with staff and are encouraged to utilise them
- BBC GCSE BITESIZE English Language
- CGP Revision Guide to non-fiction texts which we can order on the students' behalf which will be cheaper than students buying it themselves
- Extensive Resources on Shared Area Y English in all English department staff's areas
- The importance of reading widely is emphasised as this develops students' skills in both reading and writing - on-line newspapers are an excellent resource and readily available, as well as our well-stocked library
- Exam papers and mark schemes scanned into the English Shared Area

Literature:

- CGP Revision Guides 'Anita and Me', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth'
- Thorough re-reading of the texts themselves in preparation for the closed text examination. Students are advised to continue compiling notes - on prompt cards, PowerPoints etc.
- BBC GCSE BITESIZE: English Literature. Detailed notes on the set texts and on the poetry
- Exam papers and mark schemes scanned into the English Shared Area

Design and Technology

Food Technology, Product Design and Child development

Students have a page of resources and websites printed into the Year 11 planner.

Support sessions for practical and theory elements of Controlled Assessments - Thursday 3.00 pm - 4.30pm and lunch times arranged by staff with individual students.

Exam / Revision guides available within the department and at the school shop.

Two exam prep sessions per week - "lunchtime pizza club".

Students are mid controlled assessment and need to be completing relevant research and preparation outside of school.

Students need to attend any catch-up sessions for practical's or will quickly fall behind, rate of progress required on the controlled assessments.

Students who are engaging with food positively at home, whether cooking, paying a healthy interest in nutrition of foods bought in the family or working in a food related environment, will all benefit from the experience and knowledge this brings.

Pinterest, indulge and the press generally offer a wealth of beautiful, interesting and wonderful food and design images as well as articles on food and nutrition and engineering - all of this can be embraced to enhance the students understanding of the subject.

French

After-School Sessions:

These are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.00pm - 3.45pm and focus on Listening Skills. Parents will already have received a letter about these if we feel students have a particular need to practise these skills but all students are welcome.

Personal Study:

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Speaking Sessions with French Assistant:

Targeted students who would benefit from more speaking revision have been meeting with the French Assistant once a week. She gives students a target after each session. This target should be practised / revised before the next session.

Writing Controlled Assessment:

Teachers regularly mark students' books and give specific feedback. Again, these targets should be reviewed at home and practised. Before Controlled Assessments, writing should be practised at home, using previous feedback and corrections for support.

Listening and Reading Revision:

For Listening and Reading revision all students have bought workbooks for £2. Although primarily to be used in lessons these can be used at home using this website <http://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Secondary/GlobalPages/mfl-revision-audio-samples/>

Geography

Revision case study GCSE booklet (school production)
Revision guide available from school shop - recommended

[GCSE Geography OCR B Revision Guide](#) (GRR43) £3.25

Also from CGP or WH Smith:

[GCSE Geography OCR B Revision Guide - Online Edition](#) (GRR43D)

[GCSE Geography OCR B Exam Practice Workbook Higher](#) (GRHW42)

[GCSE Geography OCR B Answers \(for Workbook\) Higher](#) (GRHA42)

[GCSE Geography OCR B Exam Practice Workbook Foundation](#) (GRFW41)

[GCSE Geography OCR B Answers \(for Workbook\) Foundation](#) (GRFA42)

Exam Revision on shared area and Learning Gateway
Previous papers can be loaned

External Geography Portal - www.shropshire.gov.uk
Bitesize TV programmes and revision

History

There are a number of Revision Guides available. Make sure the ones you buy are OCR B: Modern World. The History Department has provided each student with a copy of Ben Walsh's revision book. Please see Mr Jones if a replacement is required. Then see your History teacher to check the topics you need to revise.

Use YouTube clips for any of the topics listed below.

Use BBC bitesize - Modern World 1945 - 1949, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The Vietnam War, Germany 1918 - 1945 and Britain 1890 - 1918.

Website - on any of the topics studied i.e. The Cold War 1945 - 1949, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The Vietnam War, Germany 1918 - 1945, Britain 1890 - 1918 e.g. Votes for Women, The Home Front in WW1, Liberal Reforms.

John D Clare's website has excellent information and exam tips (www.johndclare.net), however, be sure to click on the OCR content.

Look on 'schools history' and 'history on the net' websites - again for notes on the topics, also 'Spartacus' website.

'The Learning Curve' website - has original sources and questions about the sources on the topics; very good for Paper 2.

To prepare for Controlled Assessment in January, students should research the USA in the 1930s, and in particular The 'New Deal' and opposition to 'The New Deal'.

ICT

Students should have a Revise Edexcel GCSE ICT Revision Guide (available from school shop) ISBN 978-1-4469-0387-2 they may also have a revision workbook ISBN 978-1-4469-0389-6. Students should be working through these at home. Homework will include going through exercises in the workbook.

There are revision materials available in the shared area including past papers and mark schemes, **Edexcel GCSE ICT paper reference code - 5IT01**

Past papers and mark schemes available from the Edexcel website:

http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse10/ict/Unit_1/Pages/default.aspx

To help with preparation for the website CA task students could refer to the HTML tutorials on <http://www.w3schools.com/> or <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-html-css> .

Other useful links:

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

Maths

Edexcel GCSE Maths revision guides and workbooks by CGP are stocked in the school shop.

Mathswatch is the best maths revision resource available – we subscribe to the site and all students have an individual login. Students need to see their teachers if they have forgotten their login details. www.mathswatchvle.com or available as an app.

We subscribe to Mymaths also - website www.mymaths.co.uk

Login: thepriority

Password: euler

Other useful revision websites:

<http://www.mathedup.co.uk/classes/10n2/gcse-maths-takeaway/>

<http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/gcsepapers.htm>

<http://www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcsemathspastpapers-higher.htm>

<http://bland.in/edexcel.html>

Music

Theory practice to assist with B354 Listening Exam - BBC Bitesize website, www.musictheory.net.

Listening exam practice at home - youtube and Rhinegold listening book.

Controlled Assessment help - practicing on Note flight software for their composition Controlled Assessment and Garage Band, Sibelius First or Symphony Pro on iPad.

Areas of Study - revision notes will be given just after half term when we start revising the units.

Physical Education

Revision Guides:

Pearson Revise GCSE PE Revision Guide and work book (available from school shop)

Suggested strand to follow on twitter:

PE Revision @revisePE

Link to GCSE past papers:

<http://www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/Pages/pastpapers.aspx>

Psychology

Psychology area on the LG - students can click on each part of the “brain” to access topic specific revision resources. This is updated leading up to the exams.

Revision resources provided by Mrs Fathers / Miss Gerard. All Psychology students are provided with sheets at the beginning of each unit, which include a key terms sheet and a specification sheet called “I can”, which shows what they need to know for the exam in each topic. They are also given a revision sheet at the end of each unit which has the topic “at a glance”. Students are finally provided with a booklet for the 2 exams worth 40%, which teaches them how to write perfect 10 mark essay answers for each question.

Finally in lieu of a revision guide, students / parents are able to purchase copies of the textbooks we have from Amazon. They are still quite expensive but obviously cover the entire course. The best book for everyone is the new style textbook we are using this year - “OCR GCSE Psychology 4th edition. ISBN **978-1-4441-6831-0**”. A more simple book with key terms and exam technique / tips clearly labelled is “OCR GCSE Psychology by Mark Billingham. ISBN **978-0-4358-0770-2**”. Finally for those students who really want to extend their knowledge (and don’t mind pages and pages full of information), there is “OCR Psychology for GCSE 3rd edition. ISBN **978-0-340-98532-8**”.

Miss Gerard has also written a full revision guide, with a view to using it as an interactive resource and / or being published. This can be found on the LG under the “Biological” part of the brain.

Religious Philosophy

Religious Philosophy will be giving all Year 11 students revision materials in class and a revision guide.

Science

We assess Year 10 and 11 students that are at risk of not achieving a good GCSE grade in Science or Additional Science and, in conjunction with their parents, we invite them to attend structured revision classes that focus on common weaknesses and misconceptions that hinder progress. These revision sessions will be by invite only.

On the school *Learning Gateway* in the *Science* section there are a lot of revision support material including teaching PowerPoints, past papers and mark schemes.

We recommend that all students buy a revision guide. The school shop sells approved AQA exam board revision guides for Core Science, Additional Science and Separate

Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). These are available in foundation and higher tiers and currently cost £3 each.

This year, school programme permitting, we are hoping to run a targeted Science intensive revision day in Year 10 and 11 as a booster for the students in the lead up to their GCSEs.

Spanish

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