

# Subject Revision Information

## ART

**Contact:** Mrs Wright or Mr Hall

### **AQA Fine Art GCSE**

**Assessment format:**

60% portfolio (controlled assessment). 40% exam. Exam is 10 hours long over 2 school days.

**Revision materials:**

Teacher produced revision material including frameworks to support with artist analysis and idea development

## BUSINESS STUDIES

**Contact:** Miss Sahdev

### **Edexcel GCSE Business**

2 exams, 1 hour 30 each, 100% exam

### **Pearson BTEC Technical Award in Enterprise**

1 exam, 2 coursework units

**The school supply the below text book to students:**

- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business, Second Edition (Ian Marcouse)

**You may also wish to use the following to supplement your revision:**

- CGP GCSE Business Edexcel Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course
- Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

**Contact:** Mr Darvill

### **AQA GCSE Design Technology 8552**

**Assessment Format:**

50% Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) 100 marks 35 hours

50% Exam 100 marks 2 hours

**Revision Materials:**

- PGOonline AQA GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology 8552 (textbook)
- CGP GCSE AQA Design Technology for the new 9-1 course (revision guide)

## DRAMA

**Contact:** Mrs Chandler or Miss Mowatt

### **Edexcel GCSE Drama**

C1: Devising (Coursework)

40% Qualification (30% is Written Portfolio, 10% is Devised performance/ Design realisation)

Normally perform in November (1 day off timetable, followed by Controlled Conditions for 3 weeks)

C2: Performance From Text

20 % Qualification

(Performance/Design realisation from 2 key extracts)

Normally perform in February

C3: Theatre Makers In Practice

40% Qualification

1.5 hour written exam

**Revision Materials:**

- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Drama Student Book by Melissa Jones and Phil Cleaves
- CGP GCSE Drama, For the Grade 9-1 Course, The Revision Guide
- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Drama, Drama Workbook, Pearson
- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Drama, Revision Guide, Pearson
- CGP Drama, For the Grade 9-1 Course, The Crucible, The Play Guide

**Websites:**

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

**Scripts:**

Arthur miller, The Crucible, Methuen Drama, Bloomsbury

A variety of play texts are accessed, this changes from year to year

## ENGLISH

**Exam board:** AQA (<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english>)

**Qualifications:**

**AQA GCSE English Language (8700)**

**AQA GCSE English Literature (8702)**

**Overview:**

All students are required to study GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language. Both courses are linear and assessed by examination at the end of Year 11. There are no tiers of entry and students will sit the following exams:

GCSE English Language Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing (50%)

GCSE English Language Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives (50%)

GCSE English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> century novel (40%)

GCSE English Literature Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (60%)

Students will also complete a non-exam assessment in spoken language (Spoken Language Endorsement). *This assessment does not contribute towards the students' grades in GCSE English Language but will be separately endorsed and reported on each student's GCSE English Language certificate.*

**Revision:**

Students need to be very well organised to succeed in these subjects. Students should allocate slots in their revision timetables to take into account both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature. They will have covered the course in both GCSEs and be well versed in the requirements of all four exams. Students are provided with copies of the poetry anthology required for GCSE English Literature and have access to the set texts for both English Literature exams. We recommend that they buy their own copies of the set texts to annotate; this is a valuable revision tool. Both GCSE English Literature exams are closed book. *This means that students cannot take copies of the texts into the exam and will need to memorise key quotations.*

**Recommended Revision Guides for GCSE English Language:**

- 'Revise AQA GCSE English Language Revision Workbook' by Jonathan Morgan and David Grant (Pearson, 2016)
- 'Revise AQA GCSE English Language Revision Guide' by Jonathan Morgan and David Grant (Pearson, 2016)
- New GCSE English Language AQA Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course (CGP)

**Recommended Revision Guides for both GCSE English Language and Literature:**

- New Grade 9-1 GCSE English Language and Literature Complete Revision & Practice with Online Edition (CGP)

## Recommended Revision Guides for GCSE English Literature -

Please note that students will only need revision guides for the texts they have studied. All texts listed below are published by CGP and can be purchased through the CGP website:

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

- New GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Guide: Love & Relationships Anthology - the Grade 9-1 Course
- New GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Guide: Power and Conflict Anthology - the Grade 9-1 Course
- New GCSE English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course
- GCSE English Text Guide - An Inspector Calls/
- GCSE English Text Guide – Lord of the Flies
- GCSE English Text Guide – A Christmas Carol
- GCSE English Text Guide – Jekyll and Hyde
- GCSE English Text Guide - Frankenstein
- GCSE English Text Guide – Romeo and Juliet
- Romeo and Juliet: the complete play

### Recommended Websites:

- AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english>  
This website contains specific information relating to the AQA GCSE specifications
- Seneca Learning <https://www.senecalearning.com/>
- This website offers relevant and high quality information, resources and activities for GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
- GCSE English Revision <https://www.ivgcseenglish.wordpress.com/>  
This website offers relevant and high quality information, resources and activities for GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
- BBC Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>  
This website offers relevant and high quality information, resources and activities for GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
- English Biz <http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/>  
This website is endorsed by BBC Bitesize and provides free, up-to-date resources written by an experienced English teacher

## FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION

**Contact:** Mrs Freeman

**GCSE AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition 8585**

### Assessment format:

Three assessments –

- NEA 1 Food Investigation  
10 hours; 2,000 word report and 3- 4 investigations (in school)  
15% of final grade worth 30 marks
- NEA 2 Food Skills  
20 hours to include 3 hour final cooking task (3 dishes) plus 8 A4 page document (in school)  
35% of final grade worth 70 marks
- Written Exam  
1 hour and 45 minutes - 50% of final grade worth 100 marks

### Revision Materials:

Revision guides have been issued to students: AQA GCSE Food preparation and nutrition by Hodder Education plus the students can access the ILLUMINATE DIGITAL RESOURCE from home or in school via a laptop or ipad. The user name is SSHEN3 and password is STUDENT3.

## GEOGRAPHY

**Contact** Mrs Showunmi

### AQA GCSE Geography 8035

#### Assessment format:

3 written exams

- paper 1 35%
- paper 2 35%
- paper 3 30%- some of this is based on the compulsory fieldwork

#### Revision materials:

New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition) from CGP Books. ISBN 9781782946137

SENECA

Online OUP book accessible on Kerboodle

## HISTORY

**Contact:** Mrs Baker

### AQA GCSE History

#### Assessment format:

2 written exams – 2 hours each

Paper 1: Germany 1890-1945 and the Cold War 1945-1972

Paper 2: Health c.1000-the present day and Normans 1066-1100

100% exam -there is no coursework.

#### Revision materials:

Students should be revising from:

- Their class work booklets (blank ones available on Moodle) and assessment books
- Moodle – links to revision sites, video playlists etc
- Seneca – [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) – all students have a personal account tailored to our specification
- Suggested revision guides (all available for purchase on Amazon):  
Jenner, et al, *My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) History Second Edition* (Hodder) ISBN 978-1510455610 – this book covers all 4 of our GCSE topics
- Or you could purchase revision guides which would cover each of the 4 areas of the specification in more detail:
  - Pearson series:
    - Health ISBN 978-1292204789
    - Normans ISBN 978-1292204796
    - Germany ISBN 978-1292204765
    - Cold War ISBN 978-1292242989
  - Oxford series:
    - Health ISBN 978-0198422952
    - Normans ISBN 978-0198432845
    - Germany ISBN 978-0198422891
    - Cold War ISBN 978-0198432883

## ICT & COMPUTING

### AQA GCSE Computer Science

**Contact:** Mrs Elliott

#### Assessment Format:

Two 1½ hr exams at the end of Year 11 (50% each)

#### Text Book:

Computer Science Student Book

Cambridge ISBN:978-1-315-50404-8

## Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Creative iMedia

**Contact:** Miss Cotgrove

### Assessment Format

Four units in total each 25% of final grade

- One external exam 1hr 15 mins
- Three internally assessed coursework
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### Text Book:

Cambridge National Level ½ Creative iMedia

Hodder ISBN: 978-1-5104-5720-1

## MATHS

**Contact:** Mr Easson

### GCSE Mathematics

- **Higher Tier – Edexcel**
- **Foundation Tier – OCR**

### Assessment Format:

Qualifications are 100% examination.

Each tier consists of 3 papers each lasting 90 minutes.

### Revision Materials:

Revision guides - these will be available to purchase at a discounted price via ParentMail and you will be notified when orders can be made:

#### Higher

- CGP- Revise Edexcel GCSE mathematics – Revision Guide 9-1
- CGP - Revise Edexcel GCSE mathematics – Workbook 9-1

#### Foundation:

- CGP GCSE Maths OCR Revision Guide 9-1 spec
- CGP GCSE Maths OCR Workbook 9-1 spec

### Websites:

Moodle revision link - past papers on Moodle, video solutions and homework uploaded

Mymaths: [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) students have their own personal passwords

Corbett Maths: [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

Hegarty Maths: [www.hegartymaths.com](http://www.hegartymaths.com) students have their own personal passwords

## MEDIA & FILM STUDIES

**Contact:** Mr Quin

### Eduqas GCSE Media Studies

### Assessment format:

Students study two exams. These are:

- Component 1 (1 hr 30 mins). Section A focuses on print texts (such as adverts, magazines, newspapers and film posters set by the exam board) and Section B focuses on Media Industries and Audiences (such as newspaper, radio, video games and films). This is 40 % of the overall grade.
- Component 2 (1 hr 30 mins). Section A focuses on crime drama (Luther and The Sweeney) and Section B focuses on music videos, websites and social media (by Katy Perry, Pharrell Williams and Duran Duran). This is 30 % of the overall grade.

Component 3 NEA / coursework: a magazine front cover and selective pages, completed in year 10, which makes up 30 % of the overall grade.

### Revision Material:

- Bespoke revision materials are provided by teachers, including copies of Component 1 Print Text and specially designed exam practice papers

- Revision factsheets for all products are available on the school's VLE Moodle under the media section as well as a series of home learning / revision tasks
- <https://senecalearning.com> has units focused on Eduqas Media
- Many youtube channels exist for revising media, we recommend:
  - M12 media productions  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtA5GSNtZUMNNQe32tuKzNg>
  - Mrs Fisher media studies revision channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg>
- Illuminate publishing produce two related media books.
  - A textbook: Hayley Sheard 'Wjec / Eduqas GCSE Media Studies' ISBN: 1911208489.
  - A revision guide: Hayley Sheard 'Wjec / Eduqas GCSE Media Studies Revision Guide' ISBN: 1911208896

**Websites:** <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/gcse/>

## MFL

**Contact:** Ms Froggitt  
**Edexcel GCSE French / German / Spanish**

### Assessment format:

Four papers, each worth 25% of overall marks

- Paper 1 – Listening
- Paper 2 – Speaking
- Paper 3 – Reading
- Paper 4 – Writing

### Revision Materials:

- Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1: Revision Guide (French, German and Spanish)
- Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1: Revision Workbook (French, German and Spanish)
- CGP – GCSE Edexcel Revision Guide (French / German / Spanish)
- CGP – GCSE Edexcel Complete Revision & Practice (with CD and online edition) (French / German / Spanish)

### Websites:

- [www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com) (every Year 11 student has an individual login)
- [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (username: shenleyb / password: geburtstag)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)
- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) (French, German and Spanish resources available)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)
- [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

## MUSIC

**Contact:** Mrs Smith  
**EDUQAS GCSE Music**

### Assessment format:

30% performance coursework, 30% composition coursework, 40% appraising exam time  
approximately 1 hour 15 minutes

### Revision Materials/Websites:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/)
- SBE Moodle Y11 Music

## PE

**Contacts:** Mrs Knapper  
**OCR - Cambridge National Sports Studies / Cambridge National Sports Science**

**Assessment Format:**

75% Written Coursework (Internally Assessed); 25% Written Exam (60mins)

**Revision Materials:**

- Hodder Education – My Revision Notes Cambridge National Sports Studies
- DK Publishing - The Sport Book
- SBE PE Team Podcast available through iTunes for students
- Moodle has extensive Cambridge National resources

**Websites:**

- [www.o pep.co.uk](http://www.o pep.co.uk)
- [www.sharelearnteach.com](http://www.sharelearnteach.com)

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Contact:** Mrs Samadi

**OCR GCSE 9-1 Psychology****Assessment Format: 100% Exam**

Studies and applications in psychology 1 (01) 90 1 hour 30 minutes 50%

Studies and applications in psychology 2 (02) 90 1 hour 30 minutes 50%

**Revision Materials:**

Student Book Paperback – Illustrated, 14 May 2009 by Mark Billingham (Author), David Groves (Author)

**Websites:**

- GCSE Psychology workbook available on MOODLE
- Revision booklets and flashcards on MOODLE

**SCIENCE****Contact:**

Please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

All other enquiries to Miss Hurrell, Director of Science

**Examination board: AQA****GCSE Biology specification code 8461**

2 papers, each paper is 105 minutes with a maximum mark of 100

**GCSE Chemistry specification code 8462**

2 papers, each paper is 105 minutes with a maximum mark of 100

**GCSE Physics specification code 8463**

2 papers, each paper is 105 minutes with a maximum mark of 100

**GCSE Combined Science Trilogy specification code 8464**

6 papers, 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics. Each paper is 75 minutes with a maximum mark of 70

The course is 100% examination.

[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse)

**Tier of entry:**

GCSE Science is a tiered subject with Higher and Foundation tiers.

Higher tier = Grades 4-9. If students do not achieve a grade 4 on the higher paper they are given a U grade (fail)

Foundation tier = Grades 1- 5. Students cannot achieve higher than a grade 5 on foundation tier.

Combined Science students will sit the same tier for **all** 6 of their papers.

Triple science students sit the same tier of paper within each discipline but can sit different tiers between disciplines. For example Foundation paper in Biology and Higher papers in Chemistry and Physics.

**Textbooks: Triple science**

- Collins AQA GCSE Biology 9-1 student book Pilling & Beebey
- Collins AQA GCSE Chemistry 9-1 student book Daniels & Walsh
- Collins AQA GCSE Physics 9-1 student book Mitchell & Golabek

**Textbooks: Combined Science- Trilogy**

- Collins AQA GCSE Biology for Combined Science: Trilogy 9-1 student book Pilling & Beebey
- Collins AQA GCSE Chemistry for Combined Science: Trilogy 9-1 student book Daniels & Walsh
- Collins AQA GCSE Physics for Combined Science: Trilogy 9-1 student book Mitchell & Golabek

All books are freely available to students via Collins connect portal

<https://connect.collins.co.uk>

**Revision Guides:**

- CGP GCSE Combined Science AQA(Grade 9-1)
- CGP GCSE Biology AQA (grade 9-1)
- CGP GCSE Chemistry AQA (Grade 9-1)
- CGP GCSE Physics AQA (Grade 9-1)

Revision guides, workbooks and answer books are all available.

These will be available to purchase from the Science department at a discounted price via ParentMail and you will be notified when orders can be made.

CGP have revision apps for android and Apple ios

**Tassomai:**

Year 11 students have access to the Tassomai online revision programme. Students are set a number of questions which forms their daily goal. Students must achieve their daily goal on 5 days out of 7 for the programme to be most effective and to ensure students complete revision of the entire specification in time for their exams in May. The programme is individualised and responds to the student needs, focusing revision questions on the areas of the specification that are not yet secure. Teachers are able to monitor progress and provide individual feedback on areas of strength and areas that need to be developed. This forms part of the year 11 homework requirement.