



Revision - How you can help your child

Your help at this time is invaluable; it can seem a daunting task and all students often struggle with how best to approach revision.



- Support students by making a revision timetable to avoid wasting precious revision time. Think carefully about the times of day when they concentrate best (put more difficult topics in these time slots).
- Block out times when they have regular commitments (e.g. sports clubs, paper round etc.). Be mindful that while paid employment is great for resilience and confidence during Year 11, it is not a good idea. Let's face it, they have the rest of their working life ahead of them!
- List all their examination subjects and the amount of time that they think they will need for each one. It is unlikely that the amounts will be equal. Many students find they need to allocate more time to subjects or topics they find the most difficult.
- Plan in time off, include time for activities which can be done in the fresh air. They should take a 10-minute break every 25 minutes. Ensure they drink plenty of fluids.
- Participating in stress relieving activities – exercise, reading, watching a movie is equally as important as the revision itself.
- Students may find it helpful to change from one subject to another at 'break' time, for example doing one or two sessions of English and then changing to Geography or alternating a favourite subject with a more difficult one. It helps to build in some variety.
- Help them write up their plan and display it somewhere visible e.g. the fridge in the kitchen and their bedroom.
- Make sure they eat healthily - especially the superfoods which aid and support memory as well as drinking water at regular intervals.
- Make sure they have good sleep patterns and minimise ICT (phones, tablets, computers in their bedroom).
- Adjust their timetable if necessary in order to focus on the weakest topics and subjects.

- Create a suitable revision space, a quiet place with a table where disturbances will be kept to a minimum. It is not a good idea to revise in front of the TV. Remove distractions such as mobile phones and Facebook.
- Ensure they have all the equipment they need e.g. highlighters, coloured pens, Post-It notes etc.
- Positive thinking is important! There will be times when they are not in the mood or it is just not sticking. Don't panic! Tell them to take a break and try to only think about one task at a time rather than everything at once.

Where to Access Revision Resources for your Subjects

We strongly recommend that you purchase the revision books from the uniform shop. You can purchase them for £5 which is a saving of more than 50% compared with the RRP!

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

- You are in the process of completing your actual exams in these subjects.
- Your exam prep, together with the exam final piece, is worth **40% of your mark.**
- **Use your checklists** to ensure that all work has been completed thoroughly.
- You have been provided with a **variety of support materials** to help you through the exam prep process. These include homework research and extension tasks (via Firefly), help sheets (to support research, written notes and idea generation/idea development), exemplar materials (Classroom displays and examples of other students work to give you an idea of what your work might look like).

ART RESOURCES

On **Firefly** you can find **GCSE Art help/resources** by going to:

- **Resources**
- **Subjects**
- **Art**
- **Key Stage 4 GCSE Art Exam 2018**

PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES

On **Firefly** you can find **GCSE Photography help/resources** by going to:

- **Resources**
- **Subjects**
- **Photography**
- **GCSE Photography Year 3**
- **GCSE Photography Exam 2018**

ART TEXTILES

The exam questions and lots of research/Artists work are both on **Firefly:**

➤ **Design and Technology – Art Textiles and Fine Art**

All students have had the pages *recommended* to them. (Classroom displays and examples of other students work to give you an idea of what your work might look like.)

BUSINESS

For the examined finance unit (Unit 2) there are Talk Track PowerPoints on **Firefly**:

- **Business**
- **BTEC First**
- **Unit 2 Finance**
- **Year 10 Finance Talk Tracks**

There is also a CGP Revision book **BTEC First Business**.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Purchase the CGP revision guide from the Uniform Shop.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Firefly has all the subject content we have covered to prepare you for the GCSE exams. The link below which has a range of past papers and marks schemes.

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/ict-and-computer-science/gcse/computer-science-4512/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

FOOD NUTRITION AND PREPARATION

Purchase the CGP revision guide from the Uniform Shop. Past papers and mark schemes are available:

- **BBC Bitesize**
- **WJEC (Hospitality and) Catering website**

DRAMA

For Component 3 (Written Paper) you can usefully do the following:

- Complete a close reading of the set text DNA, annotating the script for: character; themes; issues.
- Visit the section in BBC Bitesize at:
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zbckjxs>
- Drama and Theatre (this will support you for the theatre review section).

- Compile your notes for our theatre visit to see Brighton Rock in March. (More detailed guidelines for this to follow on **Firefly**.)

Sample Assessment Materials and Specimen Papers are available at

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/drama-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

DANCE

Look on **Firefly** for support.

ENGLISH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CGP Revision Guides are available from the Uniform Shop. We also recommend:

- **BBC Bitesize**
- **English Language Revision App.**

When downloading the app for the first time ensure you select the **Eduqas** examination board.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature texts being studied by each class are detailed below and should be studied in conjunction with their class notes and teacher revision booklets.

Students also have a poetry Anthology to study from along with all their class notebooks.

Teachers have provided further revision materials for these texts on **Firefly**. We also recommend:

- **BBC Bitesize**
- **English Literature Revision App.**

When downloading the app for the first time ensure you select the **Eduqas** examination board.

ENGLISH LITERATURE ANTHOLOGY

11E1/En1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Macbeth by William Shakespeare available free online with a translation http://nfs.sparknotes.com/macbeth/2. The History Boys by Alan Bennett available from bookshops/Amazon/eBay.3. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen – available free online https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1342/1342-h/1342-h.htm
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All other classes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare available free online with a translation. http://nfs.sparknotes.com/romeojuliet/2. Blood Brothers by Willy Russell available from bookshops/Amazon/eBay.3. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens available free online https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46/46-h/46-h.htm.

GEOGRAPHY

- See **Firefly** Geography Department Home Page for help including revision ideas, past exam papers and mark schemes for all three exams.
- The **P: Drive – Geography** section has helpful revision tasks, past exam papers etc.
- Learn your key terms and definitions at www.Quizlet.com and search for Mr Scott HCC Geography. You can also download the free app to your phone.

HISTORY

There are resources for all the units on **Firefly**. In addition, there are revision exercises for the new GCSE on BBC Bitesize

- GCSE History ('9-1' Edexcel specification for GCSE History, examined from Summer 2018).

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zw4bv4j>

LANGUAGES

Firefly has Revision guides, past papers and mark schemes and lots of advice.

FRENCH

<https://hailsham.fireflycloud.net/languages/gcse-french>

SPANISH

<https://hailsham.fireflycloud.net/languages/gcse-spanish>

MATHS

CGP revision guides available from uniform shop.

Past papers and mark schemes are available on **Firefly**, as are topic revision questions.

Remember that the past papers are for the old GCSE, so some topics may be missing.

Sample papers for the new GCSE from Edexcel are being used in lessons by class teachers as appropriate to the group. The two

“live” papers (June and November 2017) have been used for Year 11 mocks.

Please also make use of vle.mathswatch.com to revise topics and practice questions. Your MathsWatch Login is schoolusername@hailshamcc (eg 12SmithJ@hailshamcc) and your password is **triangle** unless you have changed it yourself.

BBC Bitesize is another good source of practice material. You can also find lots of good video tutorials on YouTube. Ask your teacher if you want to revise something but can't find it!

MUSIC BTEC

For the Unit 1 Music Industry exam there are lots of resources on **Firefly**, including revision guides, pass papers, mark schemes and examiners reports, which have lots of good advice for exam technique:

<http://hailsham.fireflycloud.net/performing-arts-1/music-1/btec-music-level-2-years-9-10-and-11/unit-1-music-industry-exam>

The link below will also provide some mock exam style questions and answers:

<https://smestow.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/2193839-music-btec-music-the-music-industry-mock-exam-questions>

MUSIC GCSE

In addition to your revision guide and the resources you have been given in lesson, **Firefly** should be the main place where you should look for revision materials. Here you can find revision grids, notes, past papers, mark schemes and other useful resources.

Please access both areas labelled GCSE Edexcel Ms Lehmann and GCSE Edexcel Mr Dipple, which contain specific resources for the set works that you cover with each teacher:

<http://hailsham.fireflycloud.net/performing-arts-1/music-1/gcse-edexcel-ms-lehmann>

<http://hailsham.fireflycloud.net/performing-arts-1/music-1/gcse-edexcel-mr-dipple>

You should also listen to all the set works as part of your revision, which are available on YouTube or via **Firefly**.

BBC GCSE Bitesize also has sections for all the set works.

PE

LEVEL 1/2 BTEC SPORT AWARD

Firefly has a revision section with all the unit specifications along with Unit 1 retired tests, mark schemes, home learning tasks and useful websites to assist with the completion of assignments. Units completed at KS4 are Units 1, 2, 5 & 6.

RESISTANT MATERIALS

Exam Papers, mark schemes and supporting materials can be found at:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Go to:

- **Design & Technology**
- **GCSE**
- **Design and Technology**
- **Resistant Materials (4560)**

www.technologystudent.com has lots of good specific DT resources and information, including practice questions and worksheets. Additional resources also on **Firefly** under Product Design – Theory Resources.

SCIENCE

CGP revision guides from uniform shop.

Firefly has sets of revision resources for each topic, together with example questions for each topic. There is also a set of video revision resources for the Required Practical Activities.

www.doddlelearn.co.uk has lots of great resources for you.

www.bbc.co.uk Look for Bitesize GCSE – there are some nice videos and quizzes to do.

For even more past papers go to www.aqa.org.uk and click on the 'Past Papers' link. You need to look for Science GCSE papers 4401, 4402, 4403, 4405 and 4408. All the mark schemes are there too.

SOCIOLOGY

Past papers and mark schemes are available at:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/specification-4190/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>