



KS4 Course overview and support for students and parents/carers



Course	Exam Board	Specification	Assessment Structure	Recommended revision guide or text	Software of Apps to support learning
Art and Design	AQA	GCSE Art & Design 8201	60% of the course is Non-Examined Assessment or portfolio 40% of the course is a 10hr practical exam sat and the end of the course.	There are no specific revision guides.	Students can develop their ideas and expand their knowledge of Art through various websites. Pinterest.co.uk https://www.tate.org.uk https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk https://www.vam.ac.uk https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker-art-gallery
Business	Pearson	GCSE Business Studies 1BS0	Two written examinations of equal weighting sat at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 - Investigating Small Business Paper 2 - Building a Business	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Knowledge Book CGP GCSE Business Exam Practice Workbook	GCSE Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk Quizlet https://quizlet.com/gb/content/edexcel-gcse-business-studies-flashcards Tutor2u Business Studies Revision https://www.tutor2u.net/business/latest https://www.tutor2u.net/live/q

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Computer Science	AQA	GCSE Computer Science 8252	Two written exams at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 (50%) - Computational thinking and programming skills Paper 2 (50%) - Computing concepts	CGP GCSE AQA Computer Science	YouTube has many resources if you search 'AQA GCSE Computer Science'. One example on YouTube is Craig'n'Dave https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCiOXwirraUB4v9JBZJplGaFS4qNIF6hI
Design Technology	AQA	GCSE Design and Technology 8552	Non-exam assessment (NEA): 30-35 hours approx. 100 marks 50% of GCSE (Internally assessed) Paper 1: Written exam: 2 hours 100 marks 50% of GCSE (Externally assessed)	CGP Revision Guide - AQA Design & Technology 9-1 https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/design-technology/d-t/tar42-new-gcse-design-technology-aqa Revision notes and homework from lessons. SENECA	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/revision-notes/gcse/design-and-technology/aqa BBC Bitesize - GCSE DT AQA https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm
English Language	Eduqas	GCSE English Language C700QS	Two written examinations sat at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 (40%) - 20 th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Paper 2 (60%) - 19 th and 21 st Century Non-fiction Reading and Transactional Writing Spoken Endorsement	CGP, Pearson and Oxford University Press all produce useful revision guides and workbooks. If you do decide to purchase these to support your child, please make sure they are for the Eduqas Examination board.	N/A
English Literature	Eduqas	GCSE English Literature C722QS	Two written examinations sat at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 (40%) - 20 th Shakespeare and Poetry	Set Texts: Shakespeare - Macbeth An Inspector Calls A Christmas Carol CGP and Oxford University Press both produce useful revision guides. If you	N/A

			Paper 2 (60%) - Post 1924 Drama/19 th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry	do decide to purchase these, to support your child, please make sure they are for the Eduqas Examination board or not exam board specific.	
Enterprise and Marketing	OCR	Level 2 Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing J837	Two Non-Examined Assessments each worth 30% R068 - Design a Business Proposal R069 - Market and Pitch a Business Written exam worth 40% R067 - Enterprise and Marketing concepts	OCR Cambridge National Level 2 Enterprise and Marketing Revision Guide (CGP) OCR Cambridge National Enterprise and Marketing Student Book by John Houghton (Oxford University Press) Cambridge National Enterprise and Marketing: Exam Practice Workbook (CGP)	BusinessEd.co.uk https://www.businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/camnat-public/camnat-theory-notes-2022-public Quizlet https://quizlet.com/gb/548514723/ocr-enterprise-and-marketing-r064-enterprise-and-marketing-concepts-flash-cards/ BBC Bitesize - Enterprise and Marketing https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zb7kcqt Canva https://www.canva.com/en_gb
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Eduqas	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition C560P1	2x Non-Exam Assessments NEA1 The Food Investigation Assessment (15%) is carried out during October & November of Year 11 NEA2 The Food Preparation Assessment (35%) is carried out during November - February of Year 11 1x Written exam (50%) sat at the end of Year 11	Illuminate publishing: Eduqas GCSE Food Preparation & nutrition Revision Guide, Jayne Hill, ISBN: 9781908682871	Assignments will be created on SENECA learning to help with consolidating knowledge taught in lessons and to help with revision for end of unit tests and the final exam. In addition, students can also access the digital version of our textbook that has lots of quizzes, summaries and weblinks in it for deeper

					reading. https://illuminate.digital/eduqasfood/ username: SALT4 password: STUDENT4
French	AQA	GCSE French 8652	All 4 skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing are assessed at the end of the course and each worth 25% of the overall grade	Students can access the GCSE textbook that we use in class via Kerboodle (school provides access) CGP French new GCSE revision guides - choose the ones marked 'exams from 2026	Language Nut Software App (school subscription) BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Further Maths	AQA	Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths	Two written exams sat at the end of Year 11 each worth 50% Paper 1 - Non-calculator Paper 2 - Non-calculator		
Geography	OCR	GCSE Geography spec A J384	Three written examinations all sat at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 (30%) - Living in the UK today Paper 2 (30%) - The World Around Us Paper 3 (40%) - Geographical Skills	OCR GCSE (9-1) Geography A, Hodder Education	Seneca website https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
German	AQA	GCSE German 8662	All 4 skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing are assessed at the end of the course and each worth 25% of the overall grade	Students can access the GCSE textbook that we use in class via Kerboodle (school provides access) CGP German new GCSE revision guides - choose the ones marked 'exams from 2026	Language Nut Software App (school subscription) BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Health and Social Care	OCR	Level 2 Cambridge National in	2x Non-Examined Assessments 60% NEA1 (RO35) - (30%) Health Promotion Campaigns is carried out in Year 10.	Hodder: My Revision Notes Level1/2 Health and Social Care (Second Edition)	N/A

		Health & Social Care J835	NEA2 (RO33) - (30%) Supporting Individuals Through Life Events is carried out at the end of Year 10 and during the first term of Year 11. 1x Written exam paper (RO32) - 40% - sat at the end of Year 11		
History	OCR	GCSE History Spec B J411	Three written exams sat at the end of Year 11 Paper 1 (40%) - The People's Health 1250-present & the Elizabethans 1580-1603 Paper 2 (20%) - History Around Us - Quarry Bank Mill Paper 3 (40%) - the Making of America 1789-1900 & Living Under Nazi Rule 1933-1945	CGP GCE OCR B History (School History Project	https://app.senecalearning.com https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Mathematics	Pearson	GCSE Mathematics 1MA1	Three written examinations all sat at the end of Year 11	CGP Edexcel GCSE Maths	Sparx Maths online platform
Media	Eduqas	GCSE Media Studies C680QS	Component One (40%) - Exploring the Media. Written exam taken at the end of the course. Component Two (30%) - Understanding Media Forms and Products. Written exam taken and the end of the course. Component Three (30%) - Non-Examined Assessment.	The Eduqas website has an excellent range of free and fully accessible revision materials, and there are a wide range of fantastic free videos on YouTube made by media examiners such as Mrs Fisher and The Media Insider.	Zig-Zag E-revision Online package provided by the department.

Music	AQA	GCSE Music 8271	30% Performance - 2 performances in year 11 30% Composition - 2 compositions, submitted at the end of each GCSE year. 40% Set work analysis - GCSE listening and writing exam end of year 11	CGP GCSE AQA Music - complete Revision and Practice	BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE music theory https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Performing Arts	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts	Component One (36%) - Exploring the Performing Arts Component Two (36%) - Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts Component Three (48%) - Responding to a Brief External synoptic.	The Heathers- As DVD and Play	Amazon Prime Video/Disney Plus (Live Theatre)
Photography	AQA	GCSE Photography 8206	60% of the course is Non-Examined Assessment or portfolio 40% of the course is a 10hr practical exam sat and the end of the course.	There are no specific revision guides.	Students can develop their ideas and expand their knowledge of Art through various websites. Pinterest.co.uk https://www.tate.org.uk https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk https://openeye.org.uk https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker-art-gallery https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk
Physical Education	Pearson	GCSE PE 1PE0	Two written exams sat at the end of Year 11: Component 1 (36%) - Fitness and Body Systems Component 2 (24%) - Health and Performance	Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide	BBC Bitesize The Everlearner (YouTube) www.thepeclassroom.com

			<p>Component 3 (30%) - Practical Performance Non-examined Assessment</p> <p>Component 4 (10%) - Personal Exercise Programme Non-examined Assessment</p>		
Religious Studies	Pearson	GCSE R.E Route B 1B and 2F	Two written examinations sat at the end of Year 11 each worth 50%	CGP GCSE Edexcel B Religious Studies Beliefs in Action	<p>BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</p> <p>Ben Wardle YouTube account</p> <p>Seneca learning revision podcast RE</p>
Sciences	AQA	<p>GCSE Combined Science 8464</p> <p>GCSE Separate Sciences Biology 8461 Chemistry 8462 Physics 8463</p>	<p>Combined Science</p> <p>Six written exams sat at the end of Year 11, two for each science discipline, all equal weighting.</p> <p>Separate Sciences</p> <p>Each science has two written exams sat at the end of Year 11 of equal weighting</p>	<p>Oxford Revise AQA GCSE</p> <p>All sold through school</p>	<p>Seneca website https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</p>
Sociology	AQA	GCSE Sociology 8192	<p>Two written examinations sat at the end of Year 11 each worth 50%</p> <p>Paper 1 - Families and Education</p> <p>Paper 2 - Crime & Deviance and Social Stratification</p>	My Revision Notes: AQA Sociology GCSE	<p>App store GCSE Sociology AQA GCSE Sociology Revision £1.99</p> <p>it contains key terms, mind maps, types of questions, flashcards and quizzes.</p>