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Year 11 Examinations Revision Booklet 2026



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Dear Parent /Student,

We hope you find this booklet helpful as you prepare for your Year 11 GCSE examinations. Inside, you will find your **Summer 2026 GCSE exam timetable**, along with **subject-specific revision guides** and a range of **useful online resources** to support your study in each subject area.

As a starting point, we strongly encourage all students to create a **personal revision timetable**.

One recommended tool is:

<https://getrevising.co.uk>, which helps pupils design and organise an effective study plan.

Once this is in place, please follow the guidance provided by your subject teachers in their revision booklets to ensure you revise effectively and stay focused on the most important content.

We understand that home study and independent learning can be challenging. For this reason, we have included a number of **strategies, tips, and study techniques** within the booklet. All Year 11 pupils will also have participated in the **Study Skills Programme**, which introduces practical methods to help students "Study for Success" and offers "Top Tips to Get Good Grades."

At this stage, it is essential that students take full responsibility for their revision. This means:

- attending school **every day**,
- completing **2–3 hours of schoolwork each evening** (homework, revision, and/or exam practice), and
- ensuring consistent hard work.

Excellent attendance and a strong work ethic are key to exam success.

Last week, students received their **Year 11 report**, which included CM1 and CM2 GCSE mock exam results. You will also receive information from the **Parent-Teacher Meeting**, which provides detailed feedback from subject teachers, along with recommendations for improvement. Further guidance on GCSEs is included in this booklet.

If you have any questions or concerns about the GCSE examinations, please do not hesitate to contact your **Form Teacher, Head of Year (Ms McErlane), SENCO (Ms Woods)** or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Bonnes

Curriculum and Assessment Manager

Year 11 Summer 2026 Exam Timetable

Unit	Title	Cand	Date	Time	Duration
GGIH2	Irish Unit 2 Speaking	8	Mon. 20 April		
GGEN1	English Language Unit 1	90+	Thurs. 7 May	9.30-11.15	1h 45m
GGLF2	LLW Unit 2	17	Fri. 8 May	9.30-10.30	1h
GGEL1	English Literature Unit 1	8	Mon. 11 May	9.30-11.15	1h 45m
GGRE6	Religious Studies Unit 6	40+	Tues.12 May	9.30-11.00	1h 30m
GGDW1F	DAS Biology Unit 1 (F)	15	Tues. 12 May	1.00-2.00	1h
GGDW1H	DAS Biology Unit 1 (H)	16	Tues. 12 May	1.00-2.00	1h
GGGY1	Geography Unit 1	10	Wed.13 May	9.30-11.00	1h 30m
GGHL1	Health & Social Care Unit 1	14	Wed. 13 May	1.00-2.30	1h 30m
GGMC1F	Mathematics Unit 1 (F)	19	Thurs. 14 May	9.30-11.15	1h 45m
GGMC2F	Mathematics Unit 2 (F)	55	Wed. 14 May	9.30-11.15	1h 45m
GGMC3H	Mathematics Unit 3 (H)	21	Wed. 14 May	9.30-11.30	2h
GGHR1	History Unit 1	12	Fri. 15 May	9.30-11.15	1h 45m
GGDW2F	DAS Chemistry Unit 1 (F)	6	Mon. 18 May	9.30-10.30	1h
GGDW2H	DAS Chemistry Unit 1 (H)	5	Mon. 18 May	9.30-10.30	1h
GGLF3	LLW Unit 3	17	Tues. 19 May	1.00-2.00	1h
GGCN1	Construction Unit 1	19	Wed.3 June	1.00-2.00	1h
GGSY1	Business & Comm Systems Unit 1	22	Tues. 19 May (TBC)		

GCSE EXAM PREPARATION CHECKLIST



Confirm exam dates and times.
Create a revision schedule.



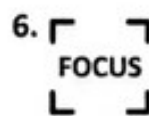
Assemble equipment: Black pens, pencils, eraser, ruler.



Check your bag the night before.



- Revise core subjects and topics.
- Manage stress and stay focused.
- Use past papers.
- Practice time management.



Manage stress.

- Healthy snacks.
- Hydrate, rest.



- Plan travel to school.
- Set an alarm.



Follow invigilator instructions.
Take a deep breath.
Five stars for success.



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Master Your Revision

Craft a revision schedule that works for you.

1. Time Allocation



Set a clear deadline and allocate enough time to achieve your revision goals. Make sure you fill in your current commitments like school, meals, or exercising.

2. Subject Prioritisation



Identify which subjects you currently feel the most and least confident about. Take into account the following:

- Core subject prioritisation (Maths, English, Science)
- Amount of material to be learned within each subject
- The order of your exam timetable

3. Topic Breakdown



Break down each subject into smaller topics for focused and efficient revision. Use the specification which contains everything you could possibly be examined on.



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4. Time Slots



Allocate 30-minute time slots for each topic, varying the subject and topic regularly. Leave a few time slots blank towards the end of the day for some rapid reviews and testing.

5. Revision Activities



Use bullet points and flashcards to learn the material and test your understanding. Regular testing and repetition are the key components to long term understanding and memorisation for exam day.

6. Time Management



Make your timetable achievable by balancing revision time with other activities like exercise and socialising.



Creating a structured revision timetable with prioritised subjects, topic breakdown, and time slots can lead to efficient and effective revision.

REVISION LISTS

Subject	GCSE English Language
What will the examination involve?	All GCSE English Language pupils will sit one paper Unit 1 exam (1hr 45 mins)
Main topics for revision	Unit1— Persuasive writing, analysing language, Reading non-fiction and media texts, presentational devices.
What can a student do to prepare?	Pupils have completed activity booklets for both Units 1. Use materials on Google Classroom to practise writing tasks under timed conditions. Practice analysing language techniques and having a clear structure in your response. Use a structure (like TEAL/PEEL) to provide structured and analytical paragraphs. Compare their work with exemplar material for A and C on GC.
Useful resources / info	https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-english-language-2017 https://app.senecalearning.com/teacher/class/lxgiktznd9/overview https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z3s43k7 Thurs. 7th May Unit 1 930-1145am

Subject	GCSE English Literature
What will the examination involve?	1 hour 45mins Unit 1 Section A- Of Mice and Men Section B –Unseen Prose
Main topics for revision	Character essays, Thematic essays Language devices Writer's Craft
What can a student do to prepare?	Practice analysing language techniques and having a clear structure in your response. Practice writing character / theme essays under timed conditions
Useful resources/info	Look at the exemplar essays provided by CCEA. Practise writing the essay under timed conditions at home. BBC Bitesize has excellent resources and activities. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2g8rwx Unit 1 GCSE Mon. 11th May (30%)

REVISION LISTS

Subject	GCSE Construction & the built environment
What will the examination involve?	The examination will assess student knowledge on the topics already covered in class through a 1 hour paper of past-paper questions.
Main topics for revision	<p>Chapter 26- Health & Safety</p> <p>Chapter 1- An Introduction to the B.E</p> <p>Chapter 2- Construction Cycle</p> <p>Chapter 3- Structural forms of Buildings</p> <p>Chapter 4- Timber Frame Construction</p> <p>Chapter 5- Rectangular Framed Structures</p> <p>Chapter 6- Principal Activities</p> <p>Chapter 7-Finance, Plant, Labour & Materials.</p> <p>Chapter 8– Impact on Society, Economy & Environment.</p> <p>Chapter 9-Materials</p>
What can a student do to prepare?	<p>Continue to access past-paper questions in student work booklets.</p> <p>Use the textbook and chapter handouts to learn the theory.</p> <p>Use chapter mind-maps created in class to aid revision.</p>
Useful resources / info	<p>Access CCEA PPQ and Mark Schemes online - https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-construction-and-built-environment-2017/past-papers-mark-schemes</p> <p>CITB Text Book.</p> <p>Unit 1 GCSE Wed. 3rd June</p>

PREPARE TO SUCCEED



**PERSONAL
REVISION
TIMETABLE**



→ getrevising.co.uk

STUDY FOR SUCCESS



- Create a plan.
- Review regularly.
- Practice past papers.
- Top Tips: Use flashcards, take breaks.



REVISION LISTS

Subject	GCSE Maths
What will the examination involve?	All Year 11 pupils will sit GCSE Maths Paper that will require a calculator and a maths set (protractor, ruler, pencil, etc). M1 and M2 paper is 1 hour 45 mins. M3 paper is 2 hours.
Main topics for revision	Everything covered from September.
What can a student do to prepare?	Practice similar questions from their M2/M3 Booklet or Topic Booklets. Use corbettmaths to test themselves. Keep their class notes beside them when completing questions.
Useful resources / info	Practice exam questions from M2/M3 booklet that also have clear corbettmaths video links. All notes in classbook with examples of methods and formulae. https://corbettmaths.com/contents/ GCSE Maths which all yr 11 are sitting is on Thursday 14th May.

Subject	GCSE Physical Education
What will the examination involve?	Component 1: Introduction to Physical education Written examination: 2 hours 60% of qualification Learners will be assessed through a range of short and extended questions. The questions will be based on stimuli/ sources. Component 2: The active participant in physical education Non-exam assessment 40% of qualification 30% Learners will be assessed in three different activities in the role of performer in at least one individual and one team sport. 10% Learners will be further assessed through a written analysis and evaluation of their personal performance in one of their chosen activities
Main topics for revision	The subject content focuses on five key areas: 1. Health, training and exercise 2. Exercise physiology 3. Movement analysis 4. Psychology of sport and physical activity 5. Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport
What can a student do to prepare?	Make sure attendance is excellent Ensure you have 3 sports to a high level Learn Key principles and definitions thoroughly Keep notes up-to date and in order PEP complete fully and take guidance from your teacher
Useful resources / info	Wjec Eduqas GCSE PE Bitesize Past Papers ;Mind maps for each topic Flash Cards No GCSE exam in Year 11

REVISION LISTS

Subject	GCSE History
What will the examination involve?	Exam will last 1 hour and 45 minutes. Pupils are asked to answer 10 questions in total 3 of which will require essay style responses. There will be two source based questions in section B
Main topics for revision	Pupils are to revise everything we have covered to date. This is a mock examination therefore (like the real examination) they will not be given clues as to what will come up.
What can a student do to prepare?	Revise the mind maps provided. Use materials from the revision wall to help prepare essay responses. Attend after school revision classes every Wednesday and Thursday (a schedule of topics and questions covered has been provided) 1-1 tutorials available at lunch time every Thursday and Friday Practice source questions. Google classroom materials Mnemonics for unit one (google classroom)
Useful resources/info	BBC Bitesize GCSE History (CCEA) Mind maps Revision booklet Bank of past papers (booklet) Revision wall in classroom Unit 1 -Fri. 15th May

Subject	GCSE RE
What will the examination involve?	1hr 30 mins paper
Main topics for revision	Personal and Family Issues , Matters of Life and Death , Developments in Bioethics , Contemporary Issues in Christianity , Modern Warfare .
What can a student do to prepare?	Revise the mind maps for each topic. Look back over end of unit class tests Practice Past Paper Questions at home and check against Mark Scheme.
Useful resources / info	CCEA GCSE Religious Studies Ethics - BBC bitesize revision / Unit 6 Past Papers and Mark Schemes Unit 6 –Tues. 12th May

Subject	GCSE Single Award Science
What will the examination involve?	A 1 hr written paper. Calculator necessary. There are no Single award science exams in summer (November is the next date) however there will be repeats from the Physics module sat in February (results not released yet).
Main topics for revision	Everything covered in class from September – May for physics.
What can a student do to prepare?	Learn points in the physics revision guide (specific for this mock). Work on CCEA past papers (given to pupils).
Useful resources/info	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/znjwvk7 https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Subject	GCSE Double Award Science
What will the examination involve?	A 1 hr written paper. Calculator necessary.
Main topics for revision	Everything covered in class from November – February.
What can a student do to prepare?	Learn points in the biology revision guide (specific for this mock). Work on CCEA past papers (given to pupils).
Useful resources/info	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zrjj92p In the above link go to Biology. The following 3 units are relevant: Microscopy and cells. Living Processes. Biodiversity. https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Tues. 12th May DAS Unit 1 Biology (F/H)

Subject	GCSE Health and Social Care
What will the examination involve?	Unit 1: Personal Development, Health and Well-Being 1 Hour Exam
Main topics for revision	Human Development Factors Affecting Health and Well-Being Relationships Self-Concept Major Life Changes
What can a student do to prepare?	Pupils have been provided with a range of notes and revision material that they should be using to prepare for this exam and their official exam in May Past Paper Practice is essential to ensure that exam technique is built to ensure they are answering the question and achieving top mark bands in essay questions Use the Homework Booklets that they have completed and been given feedback on, to ensure understanding on how to improve.
Useful resources / info	GCSE Health and Social Care Book https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-health-and-social-care-2017/support Past Paper Questions Revision Classes will be offered closer to exam time Wed. 13th May Unit 1 (1-230pm)

Subject	GCSE Geography
What will the examination involve?	A written examination (1hr 30mins)
Main topics for revision	Unit 1 Understanding Our Natural World Theme A: River Environments Theme B: Coastal Environments Theme C: Our Changing Weather and Climate Theme D: The Restless Earth
What can a student do to prepare?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarise yourself with the exam specification • Use Past paper booklets to understand the question formats and types • Use the mark schemes to understand how answers are marked. • Complete A3 mind maps of each unit • Focus on Case Studies: Memorise key facts and figures
Useful resources / info	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zyp7jty Wed. 13th May Unit 1 (930am-11am)

Subject	GCSE Food and Nutrition
What will the examination involve?	Unit 1: Food and Nutrition 2 Hour Exam (50% of overall grade) Exam is not until Year 12 but it is a linear course where work from Year 11 and 12 is tested in the one exam
Main topics for revision	Food Provenance Food Processing and Production Food and Nutrition for Good Health Energy and Nutrients Macronutrients Micronutrients Fibre Water Nutritional and Dietary Needs
What can a student do to prepare?	Pupils have been provided with a range of notes and revision material that they should be using to prepare revision notes and have these completed before moving into Year 12 work Past Paper Practice is essential to ensure that exam technique is built to ensure they are answering the question and achieving top mark bands in essay questions
Useful resources / info	GCSE Food and Nutrition Book https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-home-economics-food-and-nutrition-2017/support Past Paper Questions Revision Classes will be offered closer to exam time No GCSE exam in Year 11

Subject	GCSE Art
What will the examination involve?	Currently working on experimental portfolio (25%) Starting coursework project 35%. Exam project released Jan. 2027
Main topics for revision	No revision – continuous assessment
What can a student do to prepare?	Make sure all tasks given to date have been completed fully. Important to keep up to date with tasks set and adhere to deadlines.
Useful resources / info	Exemplar resources on 1. Google Classroom 2. Work highlighted during demonstrations or examples of Portfolios 3. Exemplar wall. 4. Afterschool classes No GCSE exam in Year 11

Subject	GCSE BaCS
What will the examination involve?	All Business and Communications Studies pupils will sit one practical mock paper in the ICT suites. Unit 1 exam (1hr 30 mins)
Main topics for revision	Unit1—Spreadsheets and Microsoft Word
What can a student do to prepare?	Practice Microsoft Word and Excel tasks. Complete supporting tasks in the booklets left on Google Classroom. If students do not have access to a computer or device at home, they should avail of the school homework club for their revision.
Useful resources / info	Students should make use of the Student Handbook on google classroom with a variety of tasks to complete, students will receive a revision booklet with detailed revision list included. Tues. 19th May Unit 1 (Time TBC)

Subject	CCEA LLW
What will the examination involve?	1 hour written paper Personal Development 1 hour written paper Employability
Main topics for revision	Personal Development and Employability Modules
What can a student do to prepare?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past paper practise (all available online) • Complete Revision Booklets provided by Mrs Mc Mullan • Give past paper questions to Mrs Mc Mullan to mark • Attend booster classes • Focus on exam technique
Useful resources / info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCEA – LLW – Past Papers • CCEA LLW Textbook • Revision booklets from class • BBC Bitesize / KS4 LLW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri. 8th May Unit2 • Tues. 19th May Unit 3

Subject	<u>OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES- CONSTRUCTION</u>
What will the examination involve?	<p>No examination for this subject. It is a solely coursework based subject. Students are currently working on completing Unit 2- Carpentry & Joinery.</p> <p>A01- Portfolio Based 10%</p> <p>A02- Practical Piece 30%</p> <p>A03 – Evaluation 10%</p> <p>This will combine with 50% from Unit 1 Bench Joinery unit.</p> <p>Overall students will achieve a percentage out of 100.</p>
Main topics for revision	<p>Students will cover a range of topics- Health and Safety, PPE, Careers, Environment and Timbers.</p>
What can a student do to prepare?	<p>Students must continue to learn the theory content covered in class to sit their portfolio assessment questions. Dates are set by the classroom teacher when the class are ready for the assessment.</p> <p>Students must attend all classes to avail of workshop opportunities. At present students are working to complete their bird house project.</p> <p>Students must continue to write a weekly diary that will help them with writing four evaluations that will be reflective of their progress.</p>
Useful resources / info	<p>All Unit 1 & 2 work will be collected for teacher assessment on 5th May 2025. This includes portfolios and practical pieces.</p> <p>Marks will be uploaded on to the system by 12th May 2025.</p> <p>Afterschool workshops will be offered after Mid-Term Break.</p>

Subject	OS Care in the Environment
What will the examination involve?	<p>No examination</p>
Main topics for revision	<p>Health and Safety in Care setting</p> <p>Careers within a range of Care settings</p> <p>Risk Assessments</p> <p>First Aid</p> <p>Safe Layout of a Care Setting</p> <p>Evaluations on tasks completed</p>
What can a student do to prepare?	<p>Ensure that attendance is at the highest to ensure completion of Year 11 unit before the end of May.</p> <p>Be prepared to complete work when they are in class by putting in their full effort as everything that is completed in class is part of their final OS Portfolio mark.</p>
Useful resources / info	<p>100% Coursework</p> <p>1st unit completed in Year 11 and 2nd unit completed in Year 12</p>

Subject	OS Childcare
What will the examination involve?	No examination
Main topics for revision	Health and Safety in Childcare setting Careers within a range of Childcare settings How to Bath a Baby How to Prepare a Bottle for a Baby How to Safely put a Baby to Bed Evaluations on tasks completed
What can a student do to prepare?	Ensure that attendance is at the highest to ensure completion of Year 11 unit before the end of May. Be prepared to complete work when they are in class by putting in their full effort as everything that is completed in class is part of their
Useful resources / info	100% Coursework 1 st unit completed in Year 11 and 2 nd unit completed in Year 12

Subject	OS Hospitality
What will the examination involve?	No examination
Main topics for revision	Health and Safety in Hospitality settings Careers within a range of Hospitality settings Starter Practicals Main Course Practicals Dessert Practicals Evaluations on tasks completed
What can a student do to prepare?	Ensure that attendance is at the highest to ensure completion of Year 11 unit before the end of May. Be prepared to complete work when they are in class by putting in their full effort as everything that is completed in class is part of their final OS Portfolio mark.
Useful resources / info	100% Coursework 1 st unit completed in Year 11 and 2 nd unit completed in Year 12

Subject	OS Media
What will the examination involve?	No examination
Main topics for revision	Health and Safety Careers within world of media Digital Image Product Practical Evaluations on tasks completed
What can a student do to prepare?	Ensure that attendance is at the highest to ensure completion of Year 11 unit before the end of May. Be prepared to complete work when they are in class by putting in their full effort as everything that is completed in class is part of their final OS Portfolio mark.
Useful resources / info	100% Coursework 1 st unit completed in Year 11 and 2 nd unit completed in Year 12

Subject	OCN ICT
What will the examination involve?	OCN ICT students will not complete an exam in OCN ICT, but will be expected to keep on top of their coursework that they have currently completed this year. Students should liaise with teachers to discuss any missed work and endeavour to catch up at home or in homework club.
Main topics for revision	Units 1 and 2 - Spreadsheet Software and User Fundamentals
What can a student do to prepare?	Students should liaise with teachers to discuss any missed work and endeavour to catch up at home or in homework club.
Useful resources / info	All booklets and necessary information can be found in the students' Learner Assessment Booklets that they have continued to work at this year.

A PARENTS' GUIDE to Academic Success & Well-being

TIPS FOR PARENTS

1 Attend School Every Day



Miss School, Miss Out!

2 Increase Study



Focus on completing tasks & key learning for exams

3 After-school Classes



Don't miss the extra support!

4 Good Routines



6+ HOURS SLEEP / BREAKFAST / ASBRS / BALANCED MEALS / EXERCISE

5 Habits of Effective Study



PLAN in advance / SHORT BURSTS / USE VISUALS / TEST YOURSELF

HOW CAN PARENTS REALLY HELP?

You don't need to understand the content!

NEEDS

Ensure your child has all needed materials



NEGOTIATE

Distractions



REWARD TIME

Time-bound rewards



SUPPORT a Positive Approach

Study in a calm state



ENCOURAGE

USE Positive Encouragement

Be a model of calm

GIVE SPACE

Quiet, Light place



DISPLAY A TIMETABLE

On the WALL!



IF IN DOUBT, GIVE A SHOUT!

We are here to support YOU and your child



7 HABITS towards SUCCESS!

1 PLAN



2 USE



3 ATTITUDE is



4 SMALL BITES



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6 STUDY with OTHERS



7 BODY COMPASS



N/S/E/W

April 2026

■ Easter Revision Planner

Top Tips for Effective Revision:

- Revise in short 30–45 minute sessions
- Take regular breaks
- Use active methods (flashcards, practice questions)
- Balance revision with rest and activities

Day	Session	Subject	Topic	Time	Done ✓
Monday	1				
	2				
	3				
Tuesday	1				
	2				
	3				
Wednesday	1				
	2				
	3				
Thursday	1				
	2				
	3				
Friday	1				
	2				
	3				
Saturday	1				
	2				
	3				
Sunday	1				
	2				
	3				



BEST REVISION TECHNIQUES FOR GCSE STUDENTS



Work smarter, not harder – use these proven methods to remember more and perform better.

1 CHUNKING

Break information into smaller manageable chunks.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Split topics into small sub-topics.
- Study and test one chunk at a time.



EXAMPLE:

Instead of revising "The Digestive System" all at once, break it into:

- 1 Mouth & Teeth →
- 2 Stomach →
- 3 Small & Large Intestine

2 MNEMONICS

Use memory tricks to help you remember key information.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Create a phrase or acronym from the first letters.
- Make it memorable and silly!



EXAMPLE:

To remember the order of the planets:

"My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles"

(Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune)

3 CORNELL NOTES

Organise notes clearly and review them effectively.

HOW TO DO IT:

Cornell Notes	
Topic/Date: _____	
Cue Column <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key words • Questions 	Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main points • Details • Examples
Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 lines summarising the main ideas 	

- 1 During a lesson or revision, write notes in the main area.
- 2 Afterwards, write key words or questions in the cue column.
- 3 Write a short summary of the page at the bottom.

4 TIMED RESPONSES

Practise exam skills and improve speed under pressure.

HOW TO DO IT:



- Set a timer for the recommended exam time.



- Answer a past paper question without notes.



- Mark using the mark scheme and check for improvements.

EXAMPLE:

"Answer a 6-mark question in 6 minutes, then self-assess using the mark scheme."

5 A* MODELLED ANSWERS

Learn from high-quality responses to understand what examiners want.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Read an example A* answer to a past paper question.
- Highlight key features.
- Try to improve a lower-level answer using the A* model.



KEY FEATURES OF A*:

- ✓ Clear, focused and directly answers the question.
- ✓ Uses subject terminology.
- ✓ Includes accurate facts, examples and explanations.
- ✓ Well-structured with good spelling, punctuation and grammar.

6 SPACED & ACTIVE RETRIEVAL

Review information regularly and actively test yourself to remember it long-term.

SPACED REPETITION



Review topics at increasing intervals:

- Day 1 → Day 3 →
- Day 7 → Day 14

ACTIVE RETRIEVAL



Test yourself without looking at notes:

- Flashcards
- Practice questions
- Mind maps from memory

HOW TO USE THESE TECHNIQUES TOGETHER

- 1 Chunk your topic
- 2 Make a mnemonic for key facts
- 3 Create Cornell notes
- 4 Practise timed questions
- 5 Check and improve using A* model answers
- 6 Repeat regularly with spaced retrieval



TOP REVISION TIPS

- ✓ Start early and be consistent.
- ✓ Combine techniques for best results.
- ✓ Focus on understanding, not just copying.
- ✓ Look after your wellbeing: sleep, breaks and a healthy balance boost memory!

THE ULTIMATE GCSE SUCCESS GUIDE

POWER UP YOUR STUDY

5 SUCCESS-BOOSTING TIPS

1 Attend School Every Day



Consistency Wins!

2 Create a Revision Timetable



Plan your study, beat the stress

3 Take After-school support



Unlock extra marks

4 Power Up Your Body



8+ HOURS SLEEP / HYDRATION / HEALTHY MEALS

5 Practice with Past Papers



Know the format, build confidence

YOUR GCSE SUPPORT SYSTEM

The power to succeed is within you!

NEEDS

ORGANIZED NOTES

Gather all your key formulas, dates, and sound concepts



STRATEGY

NEGOTIATE Distractions

Silence your phone and social media during study blocks



MOTIVATION

REWARD TIME - Celebrate small wins with time-bound rewards



FOCUS

QUIET ZONE

Find a dedicated, calm, and well-lit study space



MINDSET

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF

- Use positive self-talk and believe in your ability



ENCOURAGEMENT

USE POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT

- Reach out for support from friends and family



GCSE-SPECIFIC ADVICE!

LEARN TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE

- It's not just about memorizing, it's about understanding and applying



REACH OUT

If in doubt, talk to a teacher. We are here to support YOU



A PRAYER FOR EXAMINATIONS

- 1 O GOD HELP ME IN MY EXAMINATIONS**
- 2 TO REMEMBER THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE LEARNED AND STUDIED**

STUDY HABITS

RECALL KNOWLEDGE
- 3 HELP ME TO REMEMBER WELL, AND TO THINK CLEARLY**

CRITICAL THINKING

SHARP MEMORY
- 4 HELP ME NOT TO BE SO NERVOUS AND EXCITED THAT I WILL NOT DO MYSELF JUSTICE**

SELF-ASSURANCE

PEACE OF MIND
- 5 AND KEEP ME CALM AND CLEAR HEADED**

STRUCTURED THOUGHTS
- 6 HELP ME TO TRY MY HARDEST AND TO DO MY BEST**

MAXIMUM EFFORT

EXCELLENCE

✠ THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN. 🙏