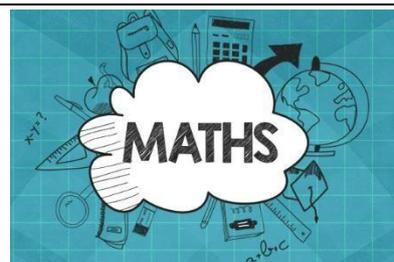


GCSE Top Revision Tips



## Maths - recommended by Mrs Curry and Mrs Susca



### Top 3 resources:

1. Hegarty maths.com – every pupil has an individual login
2. Revision guides (Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision - GCSE Maths Grade 9-1 AQA) - £4 from Finance (higher/foundation)
3. Corbett Maths cards - £6.25 from finance (higher/foundation)

### Top 3 tips:

1. Watch the videos on Hegarty maths and complete quizzes that you need work on
2. Complete the exam papers that you are issued as homework – not as an exam, but with help and research, along with the PinPoint maths sheets provided after every formal exam.
3. Attend the drop-in sessions organised by your class teacher

## English Language & Literature - recommended by Mrs. Ryan



### Top 3 resources:

1. English Language & Literature Revisions Mats (see Revision resources on FROG Learn website)
2. CGP English Language Revision Guides & Work Books (Grades 1-9)
3. CGP Literature study guides for each of the texts (An Inspector Calls, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Conflict & Power Anthology)

### Top 3 tips:

1. Read through plenty of past papers and model answers – your teachers are examiners: use them!
2. Steal any advanced vocabulary from things you read and hear. Record it in your vocabulary book and practise reusing it
3. Re-read the GCSE texts and extracts – if you know the plots really well then it will help you remember key quotations

## Science – recommended by Miss Wadd



### Top 3 resources:

1. CGP/Pearson Revision Guides (available on the pay portal)
2. MyGCSEscience, Seneca Learning and Primrose Kitten YouTube videos
3. AQA Website for past papers and mark schemes

### Top 3 tips:

1. Make flashcards to learn the key facts for each topic – get someone to test you!
2. Practice answering lots of exam questions and use the mark schemes to check your answers
3. Start with the topics you find most difficult and start revising early, this will help you to feel well prepared for your exams and confident going into them

## Geography – recommended by Mr Booth



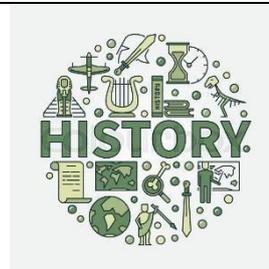
### Top 3 resources:

1. CGP revision guide: Edexcel 9-1 Geography (available from Finance).
2. Revision work booklets for each topic
3. Knowledge organisers for each topic

### Top 3 tips

1. Test yourself using exam papers regularly
2. Create a revision timetable, start with the topics you have found most difficult
3. Create revision cards and mind maps per topic

## History – recommended by Mr Rhodes



### Top 3 resources:

1. The revision guides made by the department
2. Your exercise book with your notes/analysis/previous exam questions/HL revision questions
3. PIXL App/CGP green revision guide

### Top 3 tips:

1. Make bullet point notes, spider diagrams, flashcards etc

2. Practise answering questions making sure you understand the technique for each type of question
3. Chunk everything down. Keep revision materials as short as possible and get friends/parents to test you on the questions regularly

### **Modern Languages – recommended by Mrs Turner**



#### **Top 3 resources:**

1. Memrise and AQA vocabulary booklets for learning vocabulary by theme
2. CGP French/Spanish 9-1 Revision Guide
3. Revision booklets for each module provided by the department.

#### **Top 3 tips:**

1. Learn 10 key verbs in each tense – present, past, future, conditional
2. Learn 10 key essay phrases: e.g. time phrases, sequencers, opinion phrases
3. Use post-it notes around your room/house to memorise tricky phrases/vocabulary.

### **Music – recommended by Miss Crowder**



#### **Top 3 resources:**

1. Illuminate Publishing WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music and GCSE Music Revision Guide (Jan Richards)
2. Rhinegold WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music Revision Guide (David Ventura)
3. BBC Bitesize – Secondary/Music/Eduqas - link is: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39>

#### **Top 3 tips:**

1. Know what key words are associated with each element of music (Dynamics, Rhythm, Structure, Melody, Instrumentation, Texture, Harmony)
2. Know your 2 set works!  
Practise actively listening to music; picking out key features under the headings of the elements of music

## PE – recommended by Mr Hacking



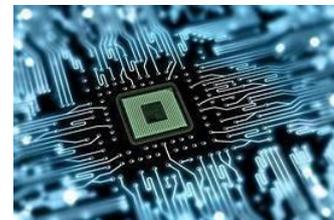
### Top 3 resources:

1. Exam pro questions for each module (frog)
2. '5 a day' questions on Frog (22 days)
3. '1 a day' questions on Frog (30 day challenge)

### Top 3 tips:

1. Complete past paper Qs
2. Complete/use the revision flash cards done in each module (consolidate knowledge base)
3. Use revision guides for content and practice questions (My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (91) PE 2nd Edition)

## OCR Computer Science– recommended by Mrs Renney



### Top 6 resources:

1. Revision resources area for computer science includes past papers and revision activities (**Resources on triton/computing/Revision**)
2. Revision guide - OCR GCSE Computer Science My Revision Notes 2e (Available from finance)
3. GCSE Computer Science OCR Revision Question Cards (CGP GCSE Computer Science 9-1 Revision) - ready made revision cards (Available from Amazon)
4. [www.teach-ICT.co.uk](http://www.teach-ICT.co.uk)
5. [BBC BiteSize](http://BBCBiteSize.com)
6. [Seneca Learning](http://SenecaLearning.com)

### Top 3 tips:

1. Practice exam papers (paper 1 and paper 2)
2. Create a revision timetable, start with the topics you have found most difficult
3. Create revision cards and mind maps per topic

## Design and Technology - recommended by Mr Gibbons



### Top 3 resources: 1. Book

Collins AQA Design and Technology book practise questions. Answer the 'Quick Test' questions and try to write down and define what each of the 'Key Words' mean

### 2. Website

Technology student website [www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com) and [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) has lots of resources and mini tests

### 3. Intranet

Use the 'revision summary', 'brainstorm' and other revision sheets for each section available on the DT Intranet

### Top 3 revision tips:

#### 1. Use Your Time Wisely

- Allow yourself plenty of time.
- Try to start revising six months before your exams - it's more effective and less stressful.

#### 2. Make a Plan

- Identify all the topics you need to revise
- Plan at least five sessions for each topic allowing at least one hour on the key ideas for each topic

#### 3. Test yourself

- Methods for testing yourself include: quizzes, practice questions, flashcards, past papers, explaining a topic to someone else, etc
- Don't worry if you get an answer wrong - provided you check what the correct answer is, you are more likely to get the same or similar questions right in future!
- Practise recalling and describing two examples for each of the following: approaches to designing, inputs and outputs, designers, companies and products, 6Rs, Primary / Secondary sources of research, ways to communicate designs, renewable energies, mechanisms, smart materials, thermoforming plastics, paper and board-based materials, manufacturing methods

### Performing Arts – recommended by Miss Crowder

Your controlled external assessment will take place between January and March. You will have 30 hours in total for this assessment. 10 hours is for preparation and can take place prior to the start of the controlled assessment window; this will take place in November and December. The other 20 hours is your controlled external assessment time; between January and March.

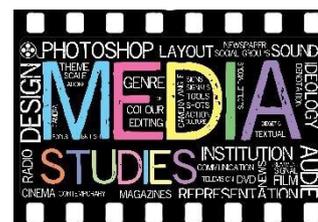


#### Top 3 tips:

1. Ensure you use the preparation time effectively to make sure you are ready for the official controlled assessment lessons. Use this time to talk to your teacher about anything you are unsure of. When the controlled assessment section begins you will not be able to ask your teacher anything!
2. Attendance to all these lessons (preparation and controlled assessment) is vital – you have a limited number of timetabled hours to complete the tasks and an official deadline set by the exam board.
3. Read the tasks and assessment criteria carefully to make sure you know what work you are expected to produce for each task. This is provided at the bottom of each task for you.

### BTEC Creative Media – recommended by Mrs Bamford

Your Festival project (units 1 and 2 combined) has a deadline of February half term to be complete. After that time we will be looking at the exam project.



#### Top tips and resources:

1. Complete your festival coursework unit on time and to the best of your ability so that it can be moderated in a timely fashion
2. Complete all exam preparation (all research, planning and asset gathering) by the deadlines given so that you are prepared for our official exam lessons
3. Attendance to all preparation lessons and exam lessons is essential- you have a limited number of timetabled hours to complete the tasks. Use the calendar of key dates provided to help you organise your time and attendance to the lesson
4. Use the 'External Exam- Component 3' booklet provided to you by Mrs Bamford to help support your exam elements. This booklet will show you all your deadlines, a calendar of events and examples of what you should be aiming for

## **Psychology – recommended by Miss Lock**

### **Top 4 resources:**

1. Miss Lock's revision sheets (If you have lost them, they can be found in resources; department resources; psychology)
2. List of practice exam questions at the back of your booklets.
3. OCR GCSE 9-1 My revision notes psychology by Mark Billingham ISBN 978-1510423220
4. Quick quizzes at [www.hoddereducation.co.uk/myrevisionnotesdownloads](http://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/myrevisionnotesdownloads) (Go to GCSE; psychology; OCR)

### **Top 3 tips:**

1. Create mind-maps using your revision sheets. Use images, colour and summarise the information
2. Look carefully at the command words. Evaluate = criticisms Describe = tell me about the theory/study as an APRC
3. Make revision cards for key terminology and test yourself OFTEN

## **Health and Social Care – recommended by Miss Mack**

Reminder: You sit this exam early in February 2021

### **Top 4 resources:**

1. Use your workbook – all key content has been beautifully produced by you. All your exam preparation is in this book – keep it very safe!
2. Our departmental key revision mats – please see Miss Mack for these. Use these to create Q&A and ask someone to test you regularly
3. Sample past papers – create plans for answers using sample papers, or create your own paper with your chosen case study
4. Pearson revision guide - *Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Revision Guide* - available to order from school for a small fee

### **Top 4 tips:**

1. Before you start revising – RAG rate your knowledge, understanding and application using the revision prep. sheet. This will help you identify your weakest areas. Revise the most challenging aspects of the component first – remember this is a synoptic exam testing more than just PECS knowledge
2. Create revision cards for key content and quiz with friends/family. Zoom into those areas you keep getting stuck on and keep pushing on!
3. Keep planning out model answers using the advice given by your class teachers e.g PI points, PIL points  
Use the expertise of your teachers!

## **Edexcel GCSE Business Studies – recommended by Mrs Lake**

### **Top 3 resources:**

1. Revision resources area for Business Studies includes multiple choice and extended answer questions. (Resources on triton/Business Studies/Revision)
2. Revise Edexcel GCSE revision guide and workbook (Available from finance)
3. Edexcel GCSE Business Studies Flash Cards (Available from finance). Each pack contains access to a free online edition of the Revise Edexcel Revision Guide along with top summaries and key facts to remember

### **Top 3 tips:**

1. Practice exam papers (Theme 1 and Theme 2) and time yourself. Remember 3 marks equals 3 minutes to answer the question in
2. Give yourself ample time to revise effectively. Don't begin with revising the topics you know the most about. Go for the ones you find the most difficult

## **Food preparation and nutrition – top tips recommended by Mrs Wake**



### **Top 4 resources:**

1. AQA Food preparation and nutrition digital bundle book (Illuminate) – Log in details: SHUNGER3 Password: STUDENT3
2. AQA GCSE Food preparation and nutrition revision guide by Anita Tull
3. Past papers – available on the AQA website
4. Nutrition Retrieval grids – see Mrs Wake for these

### **Top 5 tips:**

1. Ensure you prepare fully for the NEA 2 task by using lesson and home learning time wisely effectively. Check the assessment criteria regularly to ensure that you have included all the necessary information
2. Know your command words, these will help you to understand what the task/question is asking you to do
3. Aim to attend 100% of lessons, you have 20 hours to complete the NEA 2, your attendance in lessons will help you to achieve your potential in the controlled assessment
4. Make yourself familiar with the format of the examination paper by looking at past papers. Use these and the questions in your revision guide to practise answering questions on a regular basis for both section A (multiple choice) and section B (extended answer questions)
5. Talk to Mrs Stones or Mrs Wake if you need additional support we are available before school at lunchtime or afterschool