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Year 11

Information

Booklet

Message from the Vice Principal

Dear Year 11 Pupils

This booklet has been produced to help you with both your mock examinations in January and the GCSEs themselves in May and June.

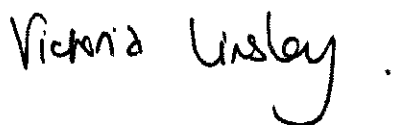
The booklet will not guarantee you the highest grades, but with forward planning and a revision timetable which you stick to, it will ensure that you are well prepared and therefore confident in each exam.

The booklet will also guide you to helpful resources and the names of exam boards' web sites where you can find past papers and detailed topic lists. If you find anything which you are unsure about then you must ask your teachers for help, they are there to support you.

At the time of going to print there are just 29 weeks left before the real GCSEs!

Good Luck to you all and remember that an increased grade means additional points and that will give you greater choices in September 2012.

Yours sincerely



V. Linsley
Vice Principal

In this booklet you will find:

- Key Dates: The important dates that both students and parents need to know for Year 11.
- Subject Guides: A subject by subject guide containing for each subject:
 - Details of the exam board and syllabus (Hint: You can find more information and revision materials on the exam board websites).
 - A break-down of each GCSE qualification, including dates of Controlled Assessments (internal 'coursework') and for each exam, the percentage that it counts towards the final mark.

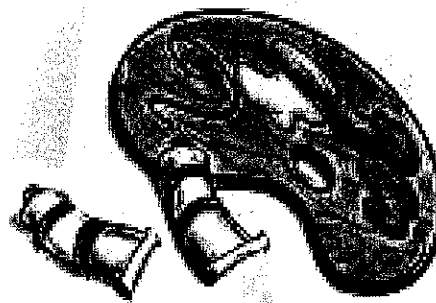
Key Dates

| MONTH | ACTIVITIES |
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| September | 22 nd September: You will spend a day being taught how to revise by outside experts. |
| October | |
| November | In your PAL lessons, you will learn how to plan a revision timetable and you will prepare one for your mock exams. |
| December | You should begin revision for you mock exams by early December at the latest. |
| January | 16th-27th: Mock Exams. All subjects. |
| February | You and your parent(s)/guardian will meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss how your mock exams went and to agree targets as you prepare for the final exams. |
| March | In your PAL lessons, you will reflect on how your revision went for the mock exams and you will plan your revision timetable for the final exams. |
| April | Extra 'booster' classes will be put on to support you with your revision. |
| May | 21 st May – GCSE exams start |
| June | GCSE Exams , finishing 29 th June. |
| July | |
| August | 23 rd August: GCSE results day. |

Subject: Art

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Ed-Excel |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE Fine Art |
| Full Course/Short Course: | GCSE 5AD01 |



Qualification Breakdown:

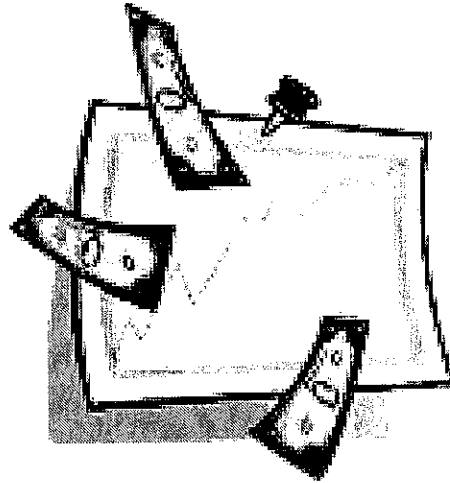
| Unit Title: | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Personal Portfolio | 60% | June 2012 | All classwork and homework contributes towards final grade. Topic = SURFACES. Students need to have evidence in their work of the 4 assessment areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generating and developing ideas from observation and secondary sources (OBSERVATION BOARD).• Refining ideas through experimenting with different media and developing skill using different mediums. (EXPERIMENT BOARD).• Researching, recording and reviewing their work and the work of other artists. (ARTIST BOARD).• Selecting creating, realising and presenting personally developed outcomes. (FINAL PIECE). |
| Externally Set Assignment | 40% | June 2012 | ESA set in January 2012. Students will not be made aware of topic of study until then. All of the above assessment criteria also need to be met in this body of work. |

Subject: Art

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | http://www.louvre.fr/llv/commun/home_flash.jsp?bmLocale=e... http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/education/itt/index.htm... http://www.guggenheimcollection.org/site/artists.html http://www.tate.org.uk/learning/schoolteachers/ http://www.tatetools.com/ http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/ |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | None available but gallery visits at weekends and holidays will contribute to final grade. |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Booster club lunchtime except Wednesdays. Before school booster 7.30-8.45 drop-ins. Paris Art trip – Friday March 23 rd -Monday March 26 th 2012. |

Subject: Business Studies



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Edexcel |
| GCSE title and code: | Business Studies 5BS01-03 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Introduction to Small Business | Exam Multiple choice questions | 25% | May/June 2012 | 1.1 Spotting a business opportunity 1.2 Showing enterprise 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice 1.4 Making a start-up effective 1.5 The economics context |
| Unit 2: Investigating Small Business | Controlled Assessment | 25% | December 2011 | Briefing for parents and students at 6pm on Wednesday 20 th September 2011 at SMMA. |
| Unit 3: Building a Business | Exam | 50% | May/June 2012 | 3.1 Marketing 3.2 Meeting Customer needs 3.3 Effective financial management 3.4 Effective people management 3.5 The wider world affecting business |

Subject: Business Studies

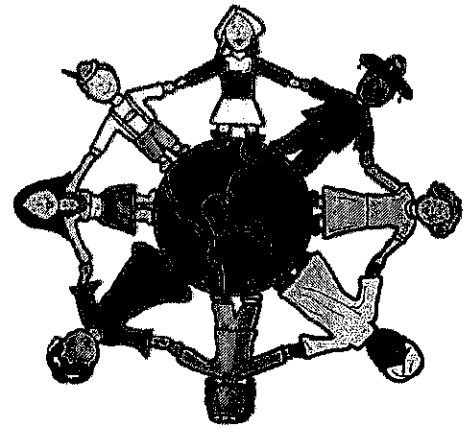
Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>www.edexcel.com Has a student guide & past papers that can be downloaded.</p> <p>http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk/live/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=8</p> <p>General: http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/business_studies.shtml</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <p>Edexcel: Introduction to small business ISBN 9781846904967 Text book</p> <p>Edexcel: Building a Business ISBN 9781846904974 Text book</p> <p>Both published by Pearson</p> <p>New books due out in October:</p> <p>http://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Secondary/BusinessAndEconomics/14-16/EdexcelGCSEBusiness/ISBN/ExamPracticeandRevision/EdexcelGCSEBusinessExamSkillsPracticeWorkbook-Support.aspx</p> |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | <p>A series of 5 and 10 week booster sessions will run from 8am to 8.30am once a week from mid-September to March. Your son or daughter will be given a start date in September 2011.</p> |

Subject: Citizenship

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Edexcel |
| GCSE title and code: | Citizenship Studies (3CS01) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Short Course |



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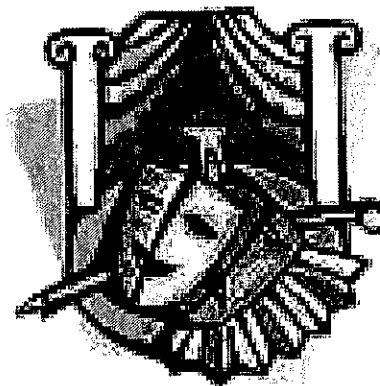
| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Citizenship Today | Exam | 40% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime & Justice• Human Rights• Power and Politics• The Media• Globalisation• The Economy• Sustainable Development. |
| Unit 2: Participating in Society. | CA | 60% | Write up January – March 2012 | N/A – Controlled Assessment |

Subject: Citizenship

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>www.getrevising.co.uk (Type in 'Citizenship' in the search bar).</p> <p>www.parliament.uk/education/online-resources/parliament-explained</p> <p>www.edexcel.com Has a student guide & past papers that can be downloaded.</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Citizenship Edexcel Short Course Revision Guide, by Richard Parsons.• Results Plus Revision: GCSE Citizenship Student Book Plus CD ROM, Sharon Shelley.• "Citizenship Today" by Jenny Wales (Edexcel version). |
| Other Revision support: | Your Citizenship teacher will give you a revision booklet in November to support you with your revision. |

Subject: Drama



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Edexcel |
| GCSE title and code: | Drama (2DR01) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Drama Exploration | CA | 30% | December 2011 | N/A – Controlled Assessment. |
| Unit 2: Exploring Play Texts | CA | 30% | July 2011 | N/A – Controlled Assessment. |
| Unit 3: Drama Performance | Exam | 40% | March 2012 | N/A – Performance prepared in class. |

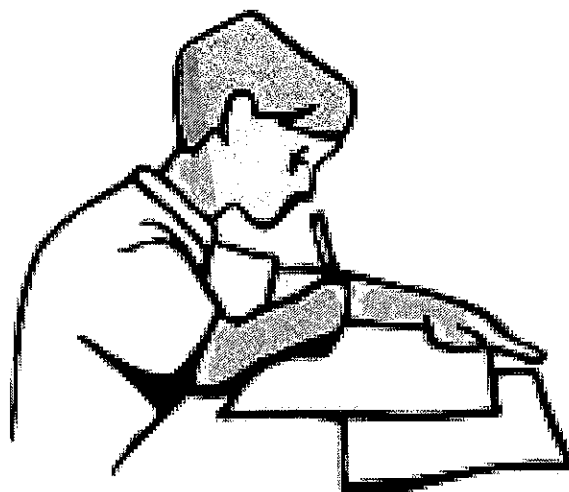
Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/ |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | Edexcel GCSE Drama Student Handbook. |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | After-school booster classes will be available for students who require them closer to the deadlines set. All students will be required to attend a Saturday booster class prior to the Unit 3 examination in March 2012. |

Subject: English Language

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | AQA |
| GCSE title and code: | English Language (4705) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |



Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Understanding and Producing Non-Fiction Texts | Exam 2hrs 15mins | 40% | Summer 2012 | Students answer four compulsory questions based on three reading sources. Students do two compulsory writing tasks – one shorter task worth 16 marks and one longer task worth 24 marks. |
| Understanding spoken and written texts and writing creatively - Controlled Assessments | CA | 40% | Completed in Year 10 | A Extended Reading B Creative Writing C Spoken Language Study |
| Speaking and Listening | 3 CAs | 20% | Assessed in Years 10/11 | Presenting Discussing and Listening Role Playing |

Subject: English Language

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/nonfiction.htm AQA English Language revision guides at all good bookshops. |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Every Wednesday between 3.30 and 4.30 in Room 2.4 |

Subject: English Literature



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | AQA |
| GCSE title and code: | English Literature (4710) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Exploring Modern Texts | Exam 1hr 30mins | 40% | Summer 2012 | Modern Prose or Drama – An Inspector Calls or The Crucible. Modern Novel – To Kill a Mockingbird. |
| Poetry Across Time | Exam 1 hr 15mins | 35% | Summer 2012 | Poetry Cluster from the AQA Anthology. Responding to an Unseen Poem. |
| CA – The Significance of Shakespeare and the English Literary Heritage | CA | 25% | Assessed in Year 10 | Comparison of Romeo and Juliet and a selection of poetry. |

Subject: English Literature

Revision Support:

Revision Websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize>

<http://www.teachit.co.uk/armoore/contents.htm>

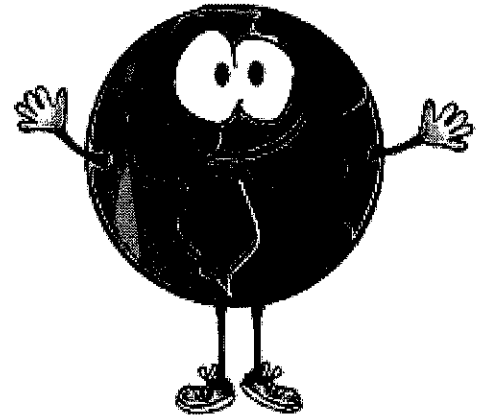
**Recommended
Revision Guides:**

AQA English Literature revision guides at all good bookshops.

**Times/Dates of
Booster Classes:**

Every Wednesday between 3.30 and 4.30 in Room 2.4

Subject: Geography



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR A (new from 2009) |
| GCSE title and code: | Geography A - J380 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full Course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| A671: Extreme Environments | Exam | 25% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Deserts (all). • Polar Regions- Antarctica (all). |
| A673: Similarities and Differences | Exam | 25% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Place- Islington (all). • Non-UK Place- Mumbai (all). |
| A672: You as a Global Citizen | CA | 25% | Write up July– September 2011. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two separate pieces must be submitted. Titles for investigations set by exam board. |
| A674: Issues in our fast changing world | Exam | 25% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-release booklet with sources such as maps, graphs, charts, news paper articles around a topic. • The exam paper tests skills of manipulation of data and wider understanding of global issues. |

Subject: Geography

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/</p> <p>http://www.revisionworld.co.uk/gcse/geography</p> <p>http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/habitats/desert-profile/</p> <p>http://www.coolantarctica.com/</p> <p>http://www.islington.gov.uk/council/councilabout/census/Census_2001.asp</p> <p>http://geographyresourcesonline.blogspot.com/2007/02/year-13-ledc-slum-case-studies.html</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <p>→ There is not a revision guide for this exam board at the moment, but the Geography department will be making one and giving it out in good time for the exams.</p> <p>→ If you buy a 'general' geography revision guide there may be lots of sections that you don't need and you may find it confusing.</p> <p>→ Publishers may make one nearer to 2012- if they do I will let you all know!</p> |
| Other Revision support: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Drop in and visit your teacher! She will be happy to see you.✓ Keep your exercise books. They hold valuable notes and information that you can revise from directly.✓ Keep watching factual programs (documentaries etc) and stay interested in the world around you and why things are happening. |

Subject: Graphics

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE Graphics – J303 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |



Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| A531 Introduction to designing and making | Controlled assessment | 30% | May half term (completed) | N/A |
| A532 Sustainable Design | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability • Sustainable and non-sustainable energy sources • Sustainable and non-sustainable materials • Cultural issues • Moral issues • Social issues • The 6 R's, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Re-think, Refuse and Repair • Environmental issues, CFCs, Carbon footprint, carbon offsetting. • Globalisation • Design for living • Material selection |
| A533 Making Quality Products | Controlled assessment | 30% | Christmas 2011 | N/A |

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| A534 Technical Aspects of Designing and Making | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials • Design • Product planning • Tools and equipment • Processes • Computer applications • Health and safety • Quality • Product analysis |
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Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | GCSE Bite size www.technologystudent.com www.ocr.org.uk for past papers |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | CGP – GCSE D&T – Graphics – OCR Specification www.cgpbooks.co.uk The teacher text book is expensive but some students may wish to purchase it from Hodder Education – OCR Design and Technology for GCSE - GRAPHICS |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Catch up sessions for course work will be every Tuesday after school |

Subject: History



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Edexcel |
| GCSE title and code: | History B (Schools History Project) 2HB01 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full Course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Crime and Punishment | Exam | 25% | June 2012 | Crimes, Punishments, Policing over time – focus on Prisons, Police Force, Executions and methods of preventing crime. |
| Life in Germany 1919-45 | Exam | 25% | June 2012 | Weimar Germany; Hitler's Rise to Power; Life for women, workers, children and Jews in Nazi Germany; Germany through WW2 and the Holocaust. |
| Protest, Law and Order in the 20 th Century | Exam | 25% | June 2012 | Suffragettes, The General Strike, The Miners Strike and the Poll Tax Riots. Source Skills are important. |
| Vietnam 1960-1975 | CA | 25% | December 2011 | N/A - Controlled Assessment |

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/crime.shtml (Crime and Punishment)</p> <p>http://vcp.e2bn.org/ (Victorian Crime and Punishment)</p> <p>http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/germany.shtml (Nazi Germany Revision)</p> <p>http://www.johndclare.net/Weimar_revision.htm (Nazi Germany Revision)</p> <p>http://www.cromwellcc.org.uk/departments/humanities/history/documents/Year11/ProtestLawandOrderBooklet.pdf (Protest Revision)</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <p>Edexcel Crime and Punishment through time by Cumming & Philpott (Hodder) – This book also contains Protest Unit 3.</p> <p>Revision guides can be bought online from Pearson Education – they do a whole range of resources – although we would recommend students to use the guide we provide at school.</p> |
| Other revision support: | <p>Your History teacher will give you a History Revision guide in November to support you with your revision.</p> |

Subject: Mandarin



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | AQA |
| GCSE title and code: | Chinese (Mandarin) 4670 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full Course |

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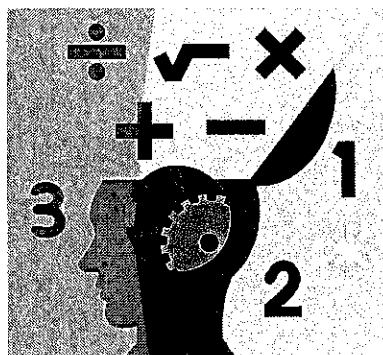
| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Chinese (Mandarin) listening 46701H | Exam | 20% | Summer 2012 | <p>Lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Healthy and unhealthy lifestyles and their consequences • Relationships and Choices • Future plans regarding: marriage/partnership • Social issues and equality <p>Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Time and the Media • Shopping, money, fashion and trends • Advantages and disadvantages of new technology • Holidays • Plans, preferences, experiences • What to see and getting around <p>Home and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home and Local Area • Special occasions celebrated in the home • Home, town, neighborhood and region, where it is and what it is like • Current problems facing the planet • Being environmentally friendly within the home and local area <p>Work and Education</p> |
| Unit 2: Chinese (Mandarin) reading 46702H | Exam | 20% | Summer 2012 | |
| Unit 3: Chinese (Mandarin) | Exam | 30% | Summer | |

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| speaking 46703 | | | 2012 (internally assessed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School/College and Future Plans • What school/college is like • Pressures and problems • Current and Future Jobs • Looking for and getting a job • Advantages and disadvantages of different jobs |
| Unit 4: Chinese (Mandarin) writing 46704 | Exam | 30% | Summer 2012 | |

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| Revision Websites: | http://www.gochinese.net/ http://www.hellomylo.com/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese/real_chinese/ |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | Chinese Made Easy. Easy Steps to Chinese. |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Lunchtime revision sessions will be available twice a week as an optional drop-in support all year-round, please liaise with Ms. Buster. |
| Other Revision support: | GCSE Core Vocabulary list. |

Subject: Mathematics



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Edexcel |
| GCSE title and code: | Mathematics (2MB01) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | GCSE modular course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Data Handling | Exam | 30% | Completed November 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable |
| Unit 2: Number / algebra & shape. | Exam | 30% | Completed June 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable |
| Unit 3: Number / algebra & shape. | Exam | 40% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 topics |

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>www.mymaths.co.uk (User name: SMMA; password: school).</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize</p> <p>www.edexcel.com Has a student guide & past papers that can be downloaded.</p> <p>www.youtube.co.uk (search topic required, e.g. 'how to write in standard form')</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collins: Revision - New GCSE Maths – (£4 from the maths department from October)• CGP – GCSE Mathematics – Edexcel Modular (£4 from maths department) |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | A timetable of extra revision sessions leading up to the exam will be published in March. |
| Other Revision support: | <p>Your Maths teacher will sell you a revision booklet in October to support you with your revision, these are £4 each.</p> <p>Any reading material available for the new Edexcel Modular Maths syllabus from 2012 would provide assistance to the students.</p> |

Subject: Music



| Key Facts: | |
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| Exam board: | AQA |
| GCSE title and code: | Music (4270) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1: Listening to and Appraising Music | Exam | 20% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Art Music• Jazz and Popular Music• World Music• Musical language• Reading musical notation |
| Unit 2: Composing and Appraising Music | CA | 20% | February 2012 | N/A – Controlled Assessment |
| Unit 3: Performing Music | Exam | 40% | March 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solo Performance Piece• Group Performance Piece |
| Unit 4: Composing Music | CA | 20% | December 2012 | N/A – Controlled Assessment |

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/ |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | AQA GCSE Music Student Handbook |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Music Technology Room (M2) is open every lunchtime for students to work on their controlled assessment, and also after school for one hour each day. Similarly, the music practice rooms are available each lunchtime and students can book these with music office staff at the start of each week. |

Subject: PE



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | Ed Excel |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE PE 5PE02 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full Course |

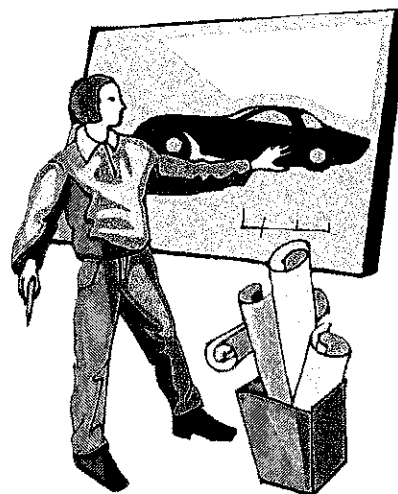
Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit 1 | Exam | 40% | May 2012 | The Theory of Physical Education – externally marked. |
| Unit 2 | Practical | 60% | March – April – TBC with External moderator in September. | Performance in Physical Education – internally assessed under controlled conditions and externally moderated. |

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | All students are given a Revision Plus Guide from Ed Excel. |

Subject: Product Design



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE Product Design – J305 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification on credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| A551 Developing and applying design skills | Controlled assessment | 30% | May half term (completed) | N/A |
| A552 Designing and making – The innovation challenge | Exam | 20% | Summer Term(Date TBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be off time table for the day in the work shop to complete the challenge. • There will be an exam officer present. • Students will need to design, develop and make a small product based on the challenge question/topic. • The question/topic will not be known until the day. • This is to test the students creativity and ability to design and develop ideas quickly. |
| A553 Making Testing and Marketing | Controlled assessment | 30% | Christmas 2011 | N/A |
| A534 Design Influences | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will study a range of iconic products released by the exam board in January. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aesthetics. • Ergonomics. • Anthropometric data. • Product analysis. • Modelling • Materials. • CAD/CAM. • Tools, equipment and machinery. • Social, moral and cultural issues. • Environmental factors. • Patent and copyright and consumer law. • Health and safety. • Energy. • Sustainable design. • Economics of manufacturing. • Systems and structures. • Colour theory. • Scientific principles. |
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Revision Support:

Revision Websites:

GCSE Bite size

www.technologystudent.com

www.ocr.org.uk for past papers

**Recommended
Revision Guides:**

CGP – GCSE D&T – Product Design – OCR Specification

www.cgpbooks.co.uk

The teacher text book is expensive but some students may wish to purchase it from Hodder Education – OCR Design and Technology for GCSE – Product Design

Subject: Religious Studies



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | WJEC (also known as the Welsh Board) |
| GCSE title and code: | Religious Studies Specification B Religion and Human Experience |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Short Course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Religion and Human Experience | Exam | 100% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and Conflict • Religion and Medicine • Religious Expression • Religion and Authority |

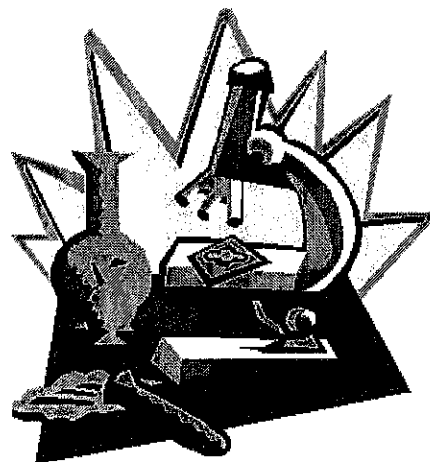
Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>Any news websites relating to issues of faith in society, especially Islam and Christianity.</p> <p>www.bibleforchildren.org Bible passages relevant for pupils to apply teachings and link to beliefs.</p> <p>http://www.wjec.co.uk/index.php?nav=6 Has a student and parent guide & past papers that can be downloaded.</p> |
| Recommended Revision Textbook: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hodder Education Believing and Experiencing Gavin Craigen and Joy White Second Edition |
| Other Revision support: | Your teacher will give you a revision booklet in December to support you with your revision. |

Subject: Science

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR |
| GCSE title and code: | Twenty First Century Science Suite - Science A - J241 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full Course |



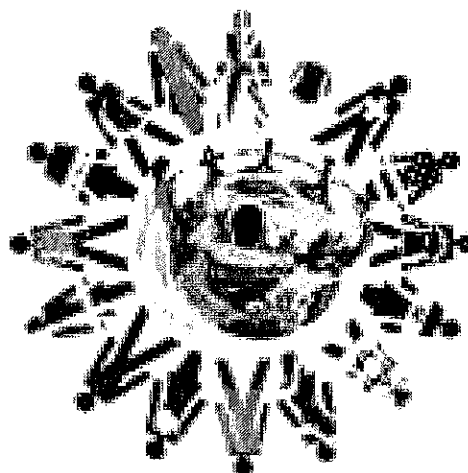
Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Biology: B1, B2 and B3. | Exam | 25% | January or June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You and your genes. • Keeping Healthy. • Life on Earth. |
| Chemistry: C1, C2 and C3. | Exam | 25% | January or June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality. • Material Choices. • Chemicals in our Lives. |
| Physics: P1, P2 and P3. | Exam | 25% | January or June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earth in the Universe. • Radiation and Life. • Sustainable Energy. |
| Case Study | CA | 12.5% | End of Y9/10 | N/A – Controlled Assessment. |
| Practical Data Analysis | CA | 12.5% | End of Y9/10 | N/A – Controlled Assessment. |

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/gcse_2011/tfcs/science_a/documents/index.html Past papers from the exam board can be downloaded for free here.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/21c/ Quizzes, games and revision materials.</p> <p>http://www.docbrown.info/ Revision site specifically for chemistry.</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <p>The GCSE course has changed considerably from September 2011 so please ensure that any revision materials you buy have been since then.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGP: GCSE Core Science OCR 21st Century Revision Guide, £4.50. • Letts and Lonsdale: GCSE Science Essentials Revision Guide, £3.50 (available to buy in school from your child's science teacher). • Oxford University Press: Twenty First Century Science: GCSE Additional Science Revision Guide, £6.99. |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | <p>A timetable of extra revision sessions leading up to the exam will be published in December.</p> |
| Other Revision support: | <p>Your science teacher will start revision in lessons and at lunchtimes in December to support you with your revision.</p> |

Subject: Sociology



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE Sociology (J696) |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

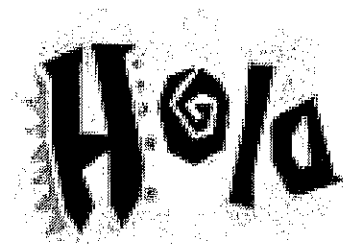
| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Unit B671: <i>Sociology Basics</i> | Exam 1 hr written paper 60 marks | 25% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research methods • Key concepts in Sociology (eg: <i>norms, values etc</i>) • Reading and using source material |
| Unit B672: <i>Socialisation, Culture and Identity</i> | Exam 1 hr 30 mins written paper 120 marks | 50% | Summer 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family • Mass Media • Youth • Education |
| Unit B673: <i>Applying Sociological Research Techniques</i> | Exam 1 hr written paper 60 marks | 25% | Summer 2012 | <p>This question paper is based on pre-released research material which is given to the pupils in January 2012 and will be studied in class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research methods • Reading and using source material • Key concepts in sociology |

Subject: Sociology

Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | <p>http://tutor2u.net/sociology/gcse-sociology.html</p> <p>http://www.barrycomp.com/bhs/y11rev/index.htm</p> <p>http://northchaddertonschool.co.uk/blog/?cat=13</p> <p>http://www.chrisgardner.cadcol.ac.uk/sls1/gcse/gcsemenu.htm</p> <p>http://www.ocr.org.uk past papers and mark schemes can be downloaded</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | <p>OCR GCSE Sociology <i>J Jacobs-Roth et al</i> (2009)</p> <p>ISBN: 978 0 435807 57 3</p> |

Subject: Spanish



Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | AQA |
| GCSE title and code: | Spanish 4698 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |

Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| Writing | CA | 30% | November 2011/March 2012 | Freetime/cinema and School and Education |
| Speaking | CA | 30% | November 2011/March 2012 | Freetime/cinema and School and Education |
| Listening | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | All topics Lifestyle – Health and Relationships Leisure – Free time, media and holidays Home and Environment – House and home, environmental issues Work and Education - School and jobs |
| Reading | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | All Topics as above |

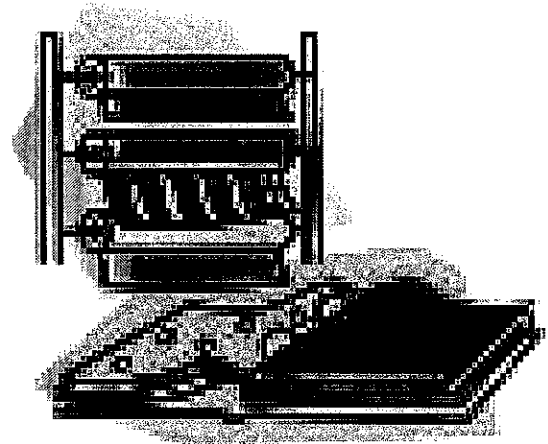
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| Revision Websites: | <p>www.linguascope.com Username: smma password: smma (go to intermediate)</p> <p>www.espanol-extra.com Username : smma password : Holloway</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/</p> <p>Más Arriba</p> <p>http://www.u2learn.com/</p> <p>http://oye.languageskills.co.uk</p> |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | GCSE Spanish Revision Guide Higher and Foundation by Richard Parsons Essential Spanish Revision Guide |
| Times/Dates of Booster Classes: | Booster Spanish Sessions for Coursework – Times to be confirmed |

Subject: Textiles Technology

Key Facts:

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| Exam board: | OCR |
| GCSE title and code: | GCSE Textiles Technology J307 |
| Full Course/Short Course: | Full course |



Qualification Breakdown:

| Unit Title: | Exam or Controlled Assessment (CA)? | % of total qualification credit. | CA deadline/ Exam date. | Topics to revise: |
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| A571 – Introduction to designing and making | Controlled assessment | 30% | May half term 2011. (completed) | N/A |
| A572 – Sustainable design | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 6 R's – Recycling, reduce, reuse, repair, re-think and refuse. • Social issues. • Moral issues. • Cultural issues. • Environmental issues. • Design issues. |
| A573 – Making quality products | Controlled assessment | 30% | Christmas 2011 | <p>N/A</p> <p>Please note students are expected to attend lunch and after school clubs to enable them to complete their products to a high standard.</p> |

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| A574 – Technical aspects of designing and making | Exam | 20% | June 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial production methods. • Pattern production and grading. • Producing lay plans. • Methods of laying out patterns and cutting out. • Finishing. • Labelling and tagging of textile products. • Health and safety. • Quality control. • Quality assurance. • Materials. • Modern and smart materials. • Attaching fastenings and other components. • Fibres. • Dying and printing. • Tools, equipment and processes. • Joining fabrics. • Decorative techniques. |
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Revision Support:

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| Revision Websites: | BBC GCSE Bite size www.technologystudent.com www.ocr.org.uk for past papers – log into GCSE Textiles Technology J307 |
| Recommended Revision Guides: | CGP – GCSE D&T – Textiles – OCR Specification www.cgpbooks.co.uk The teacher textbook is expensive but some students may wish to purchase it from Hodder Education – OCR Design and Technology for GCSE – Textiles Technology. |