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Information

Booklet

(Parent Guide)

Message from the Vice Principal

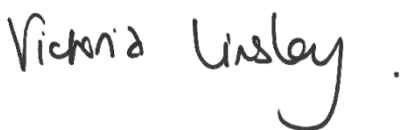
Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

This booklet is intended to support you and your child with the GCSE examination process. Every increased grade means additional points and that will give your child more choices in September 2012.

At the time of going to print there are just 5 weeks until the mock exams and 19 weeks left before the real GCSEs.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for support and advice if you have any concerns during this crucial period in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Linsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

V. Linsley
Vice Principal

In this booklet you will find:

- Key Dates: The important dates that you and your child need to know for the rest of Year 11.
- Subject Guides which explain:
 - Details of the exam board and syllabus (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.
- Parent tips from subject leaders on how you can support your child in their subject.
- Possible revision timetable to be adapted for personalised use.

Simple suggestions to support your child achieve their very best:

1. Do talk to your child about how they are doing at the Academy, no matter how resistant to such discussions they have become! Do know which subjects your child is studying, use the guide book to familiarise yourself with the content of their courses and then ensure they are meeting all crucial deadlines for Controlled Assessments. If you become aware of any subjects they are struggling with, please get in touch with us quickly so that we can give support.
2. Does your child have a quiet room for study with a desk or table space? This should be free from distractions, such as play stations, or free use of the internet. If this is not possible at home, where can they work effectively? Consider a friend or family member's house or the local library.
3. Does your child have a routine during the week/weekend for when they do their homework/revision? Most pupils study more effectively if they plan for these times during the week and are encouraged to stick to them.
4. Has your child devised a revision timetable for the Christmas Holiday? (A generic one is attached). Please support them in writing one, making sure that their times are realistic and that they have a sufficient number of breaks.
5. Support your child in having a routine for when they go to bed and wake up.
6. Ensure your child has a particularly healthy diet in the run up to exams. There is persuasive evidence that a balanced diet supports concentration. Drinking water regularly is crucial for their performance and research studies indicate that eating a banana on the morning of an exam can boost results!
7. Are you aware of all the booster classes and revision classes that are taking place? Please encourage your child to attend. (A February half term / Easter holiday revision workshop guide will be sent to you after Christmas).
8. Are you aware of the revision guides your child can purchase? Please look at the individual subject information in this guide for recommendations.
9. Please monitor your child's homework? Do they receive a sufficient amount (at least two pieces of homework a night)? If not please contact one of our Senior Teachers, Ms Farrugia (marika.farrugia@smmacademy.org) or the relevant subject leader.

Key Dates

Month	Activities- Pupils	Activities - Parents
December	You should begin revision for you mock exams by early December at the latest.	1 st : IB Information Evening 5-9 th : Meetings with SLT
January	16th-27th: Mock Exams. All subjects.	Science retakes – see previous correspondence from Ms Robinson 11 th : Maths GCSE: Parents Information Evening. 23 rd : IB Sixth Form Open Evening: 5pm – 6.30pm
February	Feb Half term: Revision workshops	Feb Half term: Revision workshops
March	In your PAL lessons, pupils will reflect on how revision went for the mock exams and will plan a revision timetable for the final exams.	6 th : Year 11 Parents Evening 21 st : GCSE Raising Achievement Evening
April	Extra ‘booster’ classes will be put on to support pupils with revision.	Easter Holidays: Revision Workshops
May	21 st May – GCSE exams start	
June	GCSE Exams , all finished by 29 th June	
July		
August	23 rd August: GCSE results day	23 rd August: GCSE results day

Subject: Art

Key Facts:

Exam board:	Edexcel
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:
Personal Portfolio	60%	June 2012	All classwork and homework contributes towards final grade. Topic = SURFACES. Pupils 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:

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.

Parent Tips:

1. Support your child by referring to what stage they are at on their personalised art action plan (including classwork and homework) – copies have been sent home to parents.
2. Take your child to Galleries & Museums where possible and evidence this in the sketch book to raise grade – Inspiration is worth ¼ of final grade.
3. Support them by creating set-ups of objects to draw from observation. Every observational drawing should take over an hour to complete and have at least three levels of shade and

Subject: Business Studies



Key Facts:

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:
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	
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:

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 were 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.</p>

Parent Tips:

1. Support your child to develop their answers by helping them to understand the command terms in questions set. Encourage them to include three link points, when explaining questions, using connectives such as 'because' or 'therefore it follows that', as well as expressing their opinions and being able to justify them.
2. Explore www.edexcel.com with your child which has a student guide and past papers.
3. Explore useful revision websites:
http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk/live/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=8

Subject: Citizenship

Key Facts:

Exam board:	Edexcel
GCSE title and code:	Citizenship Studies (3CS01)
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:
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:

Revision Websites:	www.getrevising.co.uk (Type in 'Citizens www.parliament.uk/education/online-reso www.edexcel.com Has a student guide & past papers that can be downloaded.
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:	Citizenship revision booklet- from the teacher.

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to be aware of current affairs. This might be through reading a quality paper, watching the news or looking at news websites. Discussing things that are happening in the news in the UK and around the world help build a bank of examples for students to use and also help their skills of explaining and seeing two points of view
2. When discussing issues (big or small) with your child always ask them to explain their reasons for their opinions. This develops their skills of explaining an argument
3. Pupils are all being given a revision guide with all the information they need for the Unit 1 exam and also several activities for students to complete to help them revise. At the front of the guide there are several suggested ways they can revise key terms - often these need a partner so spending time helping your child to learn key words is really helpful

Subject: Drama



Key Facts:	
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:
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:	
Revision Websites:	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/
Recommended Revision Guides:	Edexcel GCSE Drama Students Handbook.
Times/Dates of Booster Classes:	After-school booster classes will be available for pupils 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.

- Parent Tips**
- Visit plays and performances to get your child used to seeing how actors create characters, project their voices and speak clearly etc.
 - Use BBC Bitesize GCSE revision guide online. This is a comprehensive guide which gives students all the materials they need, in line with the Edexcel course they are studying. An excellent study aid.
 - Consider in general the performances of actors when watching TV and film and how they might be useful in the students own practice.
 - Purchase the Edexcel Drama Student Book.

Subject: English Language



Key Facts:

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:
Understanding and Producing Non-Fiction Texts	Exam 2hrs 15mins	40%	Summer 2012	Pupils answer four compulsory questions based on three reading sources. Pupils 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:

Revision Websites:	
Recommended Revision Guides:	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcse/ 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

Parent Tips:

1. Purchase the advised revision guides for your child. We would recommend:

AQA GCSE English Revision

- Understanding Non- Fiction Texts
- Producing Non-Fiction Texts (both published by CGP)

2. Ensure that exam papers within these booklets are completed under exam conditions at home. This will enable your child to become familiar with working under timed conditions.

3. Please ask your child about their weekly English Homework and if they are not getting regular weekly homework from their English teacher please contact the subject leader: Steve Caldwell (steve.caldwell@smmacademy.org) .

Subject: English Literature



Key Facts:

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:
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:

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:
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

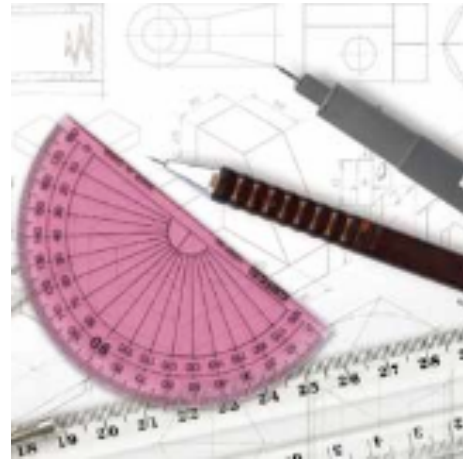
Revision Support:

Revision Websites:	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ http://www.revisionworld.co.uk/gcse/geography http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/habitats/desert-profile/ http://www.coolantarctica.com/ http://www.islington.gov.uk/council/councilabout/census/Census_2001.asp http://geographyresourcesonline.blogspot.com/2007/02/year-13-ledc-slum-case-studies.html
Recommended Revision Guides:	→ 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. → 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. → Publishers may make one nearer to 2012- if they do I will let you all know!
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.

Parent Tips:

1. Make sure your child is watching the news or reading quality newspapers. Understanding of current events will help build wider understanding of geography.

Subject: Graphics



Key Facts:

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:
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
A534 Technical	Exam	20%	June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materials• Design

Aspects of Designing and Making				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product planning • Tools and equipment • Processes • Computer applications • Health and safety • Quality • Product analysis
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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 – 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 are every Tuesday after school

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to attend catch up sessions at least once a week, as part of their homework. This will ensure that students are not competing for teacher's time, the technician's support as well as use of the machinery at the last moment. These catch up sessions are essential for high grades.
2. Ask your child to show you their coursework log to track how your child is using their lesson time.
3. Revision guides will be sent home for the Christmas holidays, please make sure your child goes through it, completing the tasks in preparation for the mocks.

Subject: History

Key Facts:

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:
Crime and Punishment	Exam	25%	June 2012	Crimes, Punishment, 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:

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 use the guide we provide at school.</p>
Other revision support:	<p>Your History teacher will give the pupils a History Revision guide in November to support revision.</p>

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to attend History Revision Booster on Wednesday: 3.30-4.30 in 2.6
2. Ensure that your child makes full use of the revision material available to them from the department. This includes the revision book, e-booklet and attendance at the chief examiner workshop over the Easter Holidays.
3. Spend time with your child testing them on the knowledge they need for the exam. Use the revision booklet as a guide. Support them by helping them to produce revision notes in the

Subject: Mandarin



Key Facts:

Exam board:	AQA
GCSE title and code:	Chinese (Mandarin) 4670
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:
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School/College and Future Plans
Unit 2: Chinese (Mandarin) reading 46702H	Exam	20%	Summer 2012	
Unit 3: Chinese (Mandarin)	Exam	30%	Summer	

speaking 46703	Exam	30%	2012 (internally assessed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	

Revision Support:

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

Parent Tips

1. Encourage your child to revise from their vocabulary books and complete all homework set.
2. Ensure your child is revising through the online resource: Go Chinese.
3. Encourage your child to practice 240 words essay on a variety of topics using the Essay Sample Booklets as guidance.

Subject: Mathematics



Key Facts:

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:
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:

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:	Maths teachers sell revision booklets to support revision, these are £4 each.

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to write up formulas and /or the multiplication table and place them in a prominent place in the house where they are constantly seen for revision purpose.
2. Research past exam papers, either on the Edexcel Maths website, or request them from your child's maths teacher and spot common questions. Encourage them to practice them.

Subject: Music



Key Facts:

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:
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:

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 pupils 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.

Parent Tips:

1. Ensure that your child is undertaking a minimum of 20 minutes instrument or vocal practice each day
2. Encourage your child to listen to as wide a range of music as possible at home, and try to listen to something new each week
3. Purchase the Rhinegold Student Guide to GCSE Music for the AQA Specification

Subject: GCSE PE



Key Facts:

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:
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:

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

Parent Tips:

- All pupils have a revision Plus GCSE PE booklet from the start of the course. Encourage your child to go through the 'test yourself' questions and exam questions on a CD Rom disc at the back.
- Encourage your child to attend after school Hockey, Basketball, Badminton, as this will develop skill level further.
- Watch elite performers live or on the TV/Internet.
- Encourage your child to attend Friday booster/catch up -every Friday 3:45-4:30pm

Subject: Product Design

Key Facts:

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:
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"> Pupils will be off time table for the day in the work shop to complete the challenge. There will be an exam officer present. Pupils 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 pupils 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"> Pupils will study a range of iconic products released by the exam board in January.

				<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:	<p>GCSE Bite size</p> <p>www.technologystudent.com</p> <p>www.ocr.org.uk for past papers</p>
Recommended Revision Guides:	<p>CGP – GCSE D&T – Product Design – OCR Specification</p> <p>www.cgpbooks.co.uk</p> <p>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</p>

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to attend Booster classes to support their coursework.
2. Take your child to 'The Design Museum' and look at trends in design and influential designers.
3. Support your child with researching the specific designer and their product which they will be assessed on in the exam.

Subject: Science

Key Facts:

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:
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:

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>Science teachers will start revision in lessons and at lunchtimes in December to support revision.</p>

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to work through all the past-papers on the OCR website, and discuss it with them.
2. Test your child on their keywords so that they are using them in scientific explanations.
3. Encourage your child to read non-fiction texts about science e.g. in the newspaper, which will develop their ability to apply science.

Subject: Sociology



Key Facts:

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:
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:

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

Parent Tips

1. Ensure that your child either buys or borrows the OCR Sociology text book .
2. Read over your child's homework, advising them on whether they have linked their question to the title, making clear links to sociological concepts.
3. Encourage your child to watch the news in order to keep up to date with current affairs, and ask them whether the reports have any link to sociology.

Subject: Spanish



Key Facts:

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:
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

Revision Support:

Revision Websites:	www.linguascope.com Username: smma password: smma (go to intermediate) www.espanol-extra.com Username : smma password : Holloway http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/ Más Arriba http://www.u2learn.com/ http://oye.languageskills.co.uk
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

Parent Tips:

1. Encourage your child to attend Spanish booster classes:
Wednesday: 3.30-4.30 in 2.2
Drop in Clinics: Week A: Friday 12.30-1.30
 Week B: Thursday 12.30-1.30
2. Purchase the Spanish Revision guide (£7.50) to support their revision.
3. Encourage your child to visit various revision websites.

Subject: Textiles Technology



Key Facts:

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:
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	N/A Please note pupils are expected to attend lunch and after school clubs to enable them to complete their products to a high standard.

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:

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.

