



# The Kings of Wessex Academy

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Subject	Revision Tips
<p><b>English Language</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reading: Get ahead: you know the questions in advance, so revise them. It is the passages that will be different.</li> <li>•Writing: Think about form and structure. Practise quick, effective planning that meets the mark scheme. Think about great ways to start and finish your texts. Practise being adventurous with vocabulary choice, sentence variety and writing with passion!</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: English/GCSE</b> (use tabs on the left to revise for your English Language &amp; English Literature GCSE).</p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> On sale since November, still available, purchase form is on Firefly.</p> <p><b>School Work:</b> For revision look at past work, exam questions and assessments in colour coded exercise books with individualised feedback on how to improve guidance on yellow feedback stickers and summary sheets.</p> <p><b>External Sites:</b> BBC Bitesize / Mr Buff's channel on Youtube – regularly updated, includes approaches to each paper by an experienced examiner/publisher/teacher. Listen to one a day. Access via 'playlists' and click on 'AQA English Literature', 'AQA English Language Paper 1' and 'English Language Paper 2'.</p>
<p><b>English Literature</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Know ALL your texts well.</li> <li>•Practise running through check lists of the main techniques the writers use to get their ideas across</li> <li>•Identify key quotes for each text and develop resources to help you learn them; get to know the quotes really well by zooming in on the language choices made and how this affects you, the reader.</li> <li>•Practise summing up the writer's ideas in one or two sentences – for top grades, have an argument (a clear idea of writer's messages).</li> <li>•Learn key contextual points for each text.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>EDEXCEL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise little and often.</li> <li>•Don't just do past papers, spend 20 minutes focusing on specific topics, watch a video and complete the set of past exam questions linked to the topic on <a href="https://corbettmaths.com/contents/">https://corbettmaths.com/contents/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Maths/Year 11 Revision GCSE</b> – This contains past papers with mark schemes, topic lists, formulas you need to know, links to revision websites and passwords for useful sites.</p> <p><b>External Sites:</b> A list of recommended external revision sites can be located on Firefly.</p>
<p><b>Biology</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Focus on a topic for 10-20 minutes, use the revision guide to read all about it. Check key words and concepts. Put the revision guide away and find a blank piece of paper. Spend 5-10 minutes write down the key ideas from memory on what you have just read. Refer back to the revision guide and identify any bits that you may have missed / got wrong.</li> <li>•Talk to family and friends about the subject, this is particularly interesting as you will soon discover how much you know.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Biology/Past papers</b></p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> You have been issued with a revision guide and a workbook. You should steadily work through both, completing as much as possible.</p>
<p><b>Chemistry</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise little and often – 45 minutes revision, 15 minutes break.</li> <li>•Use past papers and get your teacher to mark them.</li> <li>•Summarise information on cards/mind maps/posters and highlight key words. Learn the reactivity series off by heart.</li> <li>•Use your workbooks you have been given to test yourself after revising a topic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Chemistry/GCSE</b></p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> You have been issued with revision guides (Triple Science students).</p> <p><b>Workbooks:</b> You have been issued workbooks (Combined Science students).</p> <p><b>Websites:</b> BBC Bitesize, S-cool, Doc Brown's, AQA for exam questions.</p>

<p><b>Physics</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Learn the equations off by heart.</li> <li>•You have been issued with a workbook to help with your revision.</li> <li>•Past papers are available on Firefly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Physics/GCSE/Year 11</b></p> <p><b>Revision Guide:</b> You have been issued with a revision guide.</p> <p>•<b>Websites:</b> BBC Bitesize / Minute Physics</p>
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise little and often – some techniques are time consuming and require a lot of motivation; a comfortable place to work helps, it is helpful to take breaks.</li> <li>•Check you have all the materials you need which could range from paint to embroidery threads.</li> <li>•Take time with research, where possible visit galleries, go out to photograph or collect resources.</li> <li>•You have an exam preparation check list stuck on the front inside cover of your sketchbook. The checklist outlines what is expected each week for classwork, homework to attain a grade 4 and above. The weekly 'aim higher' task is for students working towards a grade 6 and above.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Art/GCS</b></p> <p><b>Internal Support:</b> The Art Department offers regular revision sessions</p>
<p><b>Business Studies</b></p> <p>GCSE</p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You have a key terms sheets for both units which you need to learn to ensure that your knowledge of concepts is secure. These will be tested in lessons each week.</li> <li>•Focus on Unit 2 topics (Growing Business) independently as we will be covering most of Unit 1 in lessons.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Business Studies/GCSE</b> – Past papers for both units can be located on Firefly or downloaded from the AQA website (Specification 4130).</p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> are available from the Business Department if you have not yet purchased one.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> useful website is Tutor2U, which has a range of GCSE Revision presentations, case studies and practice tests that will help you to consolidate topic areas.</p>
<p><b>Drama</b></p> <p>OCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Performance and Questions - keep reading and watching snippets of Blood Brothers. Attempt to answer practice questions similar to the style on your PPE but for different characters.</li> <li>•Response - Read reviews of Billy Elliot and any other theatre performances you would like to review. Write a review on your chosen play focusing on different aspects (the opening/narrator/staging). Remember that you cannot review Blood Brothers for this question.</li> </ul>

<p><b>DT Product Design</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Attempt past papers from the AQA site. There are questions and mark schemes to use going back over a number of years.</li> <li>•Organise a folder linked to the AQA research task and practise drawing different products for 15 minutes. This should include adding notes and colour, client, materials, construction methods, ways of gathering information and even create a design criteria for the different products.</li> <li>•All students will be set regular exam questions for homework and should be creating learning mats to help with this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: DT Product Design/GCSE</b> – hard copies of revision guides can be located here.</p> <p><b>Websites:</b> AQA website/Product Design / Bitesize.</p>
<p><b>DT Food Prep &amp; Nutrition</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Continue cooking at home – when cooking think about the functional and chemical properties of the food.</li> <li>•Watch cookery programmes – look out for information based on 'how things happen' and 'why things happen'.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: DT Food Prep &amp; Nutrition / Revision</b></p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> These are available to purchase from the main office, one is a revision guide and the other a practice work book.</p> <p><b>Websites:</b> Youtube – Food Science sections. You can also access the illuminate digital book online, username SWESSEX3 &amp; the password is STUDENT3. AQA website.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>AQA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revision of all six topics studied should be completed by end of Easter holidays. Students can then focus on their third Geographical Skills Paper.</li> <li>•Practise applying your knowledge to exam questions using the exam question paper packs which are sent home each week.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Familiarise yourself with command words – make sure you know what each work is asking you to do.</li> <li>•Try and link back to the question by using the wording in the question in your answer.</li> <li>•Revise case study examples.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: Geography/GCSE</b>  <b>Revision Guides:</b> are available, these can be purchased from the main office.</p>
<b>History</b> EDEXCEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Break each of the 5 units studied into manageable chunks – use the revision lists available on Firefly or in H3 and H2 to work out how to do this.</li> <li>•Divide revision into hour long blocks - spend 30 minutes producing a mindmap, foldable, quiz or timeline or revise the content. Spend the remaining 30 minutes applying your knowledge to one of the many exam questions available on Firefly.</li> <li>•The department has put together a 43 page booklet of sample exam questions. These are available on Firefly or students can purchase a paper copy for 50p from the department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: History/GCSE</b>  <b>Revision Guides:</b> are available to purchase from the main office or the EXEXCEL/Pearson guides are available from, for example, Amazon.</p>
<b>ICT</b> EDEXCEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You should use the revision countdown guide provided to which outlines revision focusses on a weekly basis with the matching resources necessary to revise. A copy of this guide is on Firefly in the ICT Section or a hard copy is available from the folder on the ICT office door if you need a replacement.</li> </ul>
<b>Computer Science</b> EDEXCEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You should use the revision countdown guide provided which outlines revision focusses on a weekly basis with the matching resources necessary to revise. If you have lost this guide, a copy is on Firefly in the Computer Science Section or a hard copy is available from the folder on the ICT office door.</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b> AQA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You have been given workbooks with vocabulary lists and challenge tasks for every topic area.</li> <li>•You have handbooks for the speaking examination.</li> </ul> <p><b>•Firefly: French/GCSE/Revise (Les Revisions)</b>  <b>German/GCSE/Revise (Wiederholung)</b></p> <p><b>Revision Guides:</b> available from the Languages Department.  <b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://www.languagesonline.org">www.languagesonline.org</a> or <a href="http://linguascope.com">linguascope.com</a> for grammar, reading and listening practice. You can also use <a href="http://memrise.com">memrise.com</a> to learn and revise vocabulary.</p>
<b>Music</b> EDEXCEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You need to listen to the set works regularly, summarising and checking the key points and follow from the anthology.</li> <li>•You should also be listening to related pieces and trying to summarise the key points of previously unheard works.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly:</b> Notes in the resource section on all set works.  <b>Revision Guide:</b> EDEXCEL GCSE Music Revision Guide – Rhinegold ISBN 978-1-78558-168-7 from, for example, Amazon.</p>
<b>PE</b> OCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divide your revision into paper 1 and paper 2, it is vital you are revising for the right exam.</li> <li>•Revising little and often is the key to success and it is easy to organise revision into bitesize sessions.</li> <li>•Use the quick revision sheets regularly to check what you have retained and what areas you need to work on.</li> <li>•Revision workbooks have been provided to you.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: PE/GCSE/Revision</b>  <b>Revision Guides:</b> OCR guides are available to purchase from the PE Office, please pay money at the main office.</p>
<b>RE</b> Eduqas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Learn your key concepts: there are eight key concepts for Christianity, eight for Judaism, and eight for each of the Moral Issues units. These terms will be the part a) questions, and the terms could come up in other questions.</li> <li>•Learn your key quotations: use the resource booklets to identify one key quotation from the Bible/Torah for each topic.</li> <li>•Practice Questions: Practice doing the eight mark part c) questions and the fifteen mark part d) questions – use the guidance in the back of the revision booklets to help structure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Firefly: RE/GCSE</b> has an extensive range of revision material covering the course.</p>