

Subject	Revision Tips
English	Reading: Get ahead: you know the questions in advance, so revise them. It is the passages
Language	that will be different.
	• Writing: Think about form and structure. Practise quick, effective planning that meets the
AQA	mark scheme. Think about great ways to start and finish your texts. Practise being
	adventurous with vocabulary choice, sentence variety and writing with passion!
	Firefly: English>GCSE>English Language Paper 1 / 2 – use the advice and guidance on how to answer
	each question, read sample answers for each question, find past papers and mark schemes.
	Revision Guides: On sale since November but we have some spares still to buy (ask your English
	teacher).
	School Work: For revision look at past work, exam questions and assessments in you green exercise
	books with individualised feedback on how to improve, guidance on yellow feedback stickers and
	summary sheets.
	External Sites: 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'.
English	 Know ALL your texts well (listening to audiobooks is fine).
Literature	Practise running through check lists of the main techniques the writers use to get their
	ideas across
AQA	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.
	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).
	Learn key contextual points for each text.
	Firefly: English>GCSE>English Literature Paper 1/2 - use the revision resources (for plots,
	characters and themes), advice and guidance on how to answer each question, have a look at the
	extended reading, read sample answers for each question, find past papers and mark schemes.
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Maths	In between past papers it is really important to spend time doing revision focused on topics you
	struggled with in the paper.
EDEXCEL	Watch a video
	Make notes
	Try exam questions on the topic
	Mark the questions you complete
	• Talk to your teacher about any questions you are struggling with
	Key Websites
	https://corbettmaths.com/contents/
	https://hegartymaths.com/
	http://mrbartonmaths.com
	Firefly: Maths/Year 11 Revision GCSE – This contains past papers with mark schemes, topic lists,
	formulas you need to know, links to revision websites and passwords for useful sites.

Biology	•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
AQA	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.
	•Talk to family and friends about the subject, this is particularly interesting as you will soon
	discover how much you know.
	Firefly: Biology/Past papers
	Revision Guides: You have been issued with a revision guide and a workbook. You should steadily
	work through both, completing as much as possible.
Chemistry	 Revise little and often – 45 minutes revision, 15 minutes break.
	 Use past papers and get your teacher to mark them.
AQA	•Summarise information on cards/mind maps/posters and highlight key words. Learn the
	reactivity series off by heart.
	Firefly: Chemistry/GCSE: lots of resources and exam papers/questions
	Revision Guides: You have been issued with revision guides (Triple Science students). Websites: BBC Bitesize, S-cool, senecalearning, Doc Brown's, AQA for exam questions.
Physics	•Learn the equations off by heart.
Physics	•Get familiar with the required practicals.
AQA	Past papers are available on Firefly. Old specification and new are available.
	Firefly: Physics/GCSE/Year 11
	Revision Guide: You have been issued with a revision guide.
	•Websites: BBC Bitesize / Minute Physics / www.senecalearning.com
Art	Exam Sketchbook - Evaluate all the work you have done so far.
-	 Identify areas you need to improve upon and work back into your sketchbook.
AQA	Check you are up to date - no unfinished pages.
	Be sure to have relevant artist links and thoughtful annotation and evaluation to show the
	progress of your ideas.
	 Check you have high quality practical work showing refinements of skills and thinking.
	• Make sure you have a range of samples exploring a range of media including photographs.
	Final Piece ideas - Your final piece must link back to your exam theme and selected artists.
	 Sketch out and annotate your final piece plan.
	 Use your best ideas and most successful practical work in your final piece.
	 Do not think you have to include everything you have done – be selective.
	Firefly: Art/GCS
	Internal Support: The Art Department offers regular revision sessions
Business	•You have a specialist terms sheets which will help with vocabulary.
Studies	Firefly: Business Studies/GCSE –Exam tips available. No past papers because there aren't any but
GCSE	some sample assessment material will be available. Revision Guides: are available from the Business Department if you have not yet purchased one.
AQA	Website: useful websites are Tutor2U and SENECA BETA which have a range of GCSE Revision
	presentations, case studies and practice tests that will help you to consolidate topic areas.
DT Product	•Attempt past papers from the AQA site. There are questions and mark schemes for GCSE
Design	Product Design going back over a number of years. Please note there are no past papers for the
	Design and Technology paper as you are the first cohort through, but Product Design questions
AQA	are similar
	•Organise a folder and plan out your revision. There are practise questions in both the blue
	revision guides for Design & Technology and also in the green handout that you have been
	given.
	•All students will be set regular exam questions for homework and should be creating learning
	mats to help with this.
	Websites: AQA website/Product Design / Bitesize/ Firefly

 Continue cooking at home – when cooking think about the functional and chemical properties of the food.
•Watch cookery programmes – look out for information based on 'how things happen' and 'why things happen'.
Firefly: DT Food Prep & Nutrition / Revision
Revision Guides: These are available to purchase from the main office, one is a revision guide and
the other a practice work book.
Websites: Youtube – Food Science sections. You can also access the illuminate digital book online
(illuminate.digital/aqafood), username SWESSEX3 & the password is STUDENT3. AQA website.
 Revision of all six topics studied should be completed by end of the Easter holidays so that
students can then focus on their third Geographical Skills Paper.
• Practise applying your knowledge to exam questions using the Past Papers on Firefly.
 Familiarise yourself with command words – make sure you know what each word is asking you to do.
•Remember to use the 3 x PEEL paragraph and a conclusion structure for the 9 mark question.
 When answering questions, try and link back to the question by using the wording in the
question in your answer.
• Revise case studies and examples for each topic – see list on Firefly.
Firefly: Geography/GCSE
Revision Guides: are available, these can be purchased on Parent Pay.
•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.
•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.
•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.
• A booklet called "Writing Rocking Responses" has also been produced by the department & is
available on firefly. This outlines the rules for each of the questions students will have to answer on the paper. We recommend students print this out and use it to help them with practice
questions.
Firefly: History/GCSE
Revision Guides: are available to purchase from the main office or the EXEXCEL/Pearson guides are
available from, for example, Amazon.
•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.
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	German/GCSE/Revise (Wiederholung)
	Revision Guides: available from the Languages Department.
	Websites: www.languagesonline.org or linguascope.com for grammar, reading and listening
	practice. Bonne Chance und Viel Glück!
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Music	•You need to listen to the set works regularly, summarising and checking the key points and follow
	from the anthology.
EDEXCEL	•You should also be listening to related pieces and trying to summarise the key points of previously
	unheard works.
	Firefly: Notes in the resource section on all set works.
	Revision Guide: EDEXCEL GCSE Music Revision Guide – Rhinegold ISBN 978-1-78558-168-7 from, for
	example, Amazon.
PE	• Divide your revision into paper 1 and paper 2, it is vital you are revising for the right exam.
	•Revising little and often is the key to success and it is easy to organise revision into bitesize
OCR	sessions. The PE challenge paper will help you to check what you have retained and what areas
	you need to work on.
	•Use the 2 PPE feedback booklets to work on the strengths and weaknesses from your exam
	performances
	•Revision workbooks have been provided to you for both papers, to help summarise your class
	booklets.
	In the Exam don't forget to CHUNK, PEE and Bullet point!
	•All resources available on Firefly.
	Firefly: PE/Year 11 GCSE
	Revision Guides: OCR guides are available to purchase from Parent Pay.
RE	•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
Eduqas	come up in other questions.
	•Learn your key quotations: use the resource booklets to identify one key quotation from the
	Bible/Torah for each topic.
	• 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.
	Firefly: RE/GCSE has an extensive range of revision material covering the course.