Buxton Community School

Subject Booklet to support with GCSE Examinations

Exam start date 10th May 2027
Exam end date 18th June 2027
Contingency date 23rd June 2027
Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK

You must have the following exam equipment for each exam.

- A clear pencil case
- 2 x black ball point pens
- 1 x ruler
- A scientific calculator
- A clear water bottle
- Protractor, compass, eraser etc

Please be sure to look at the final page to see what revision sessions are being delivered in school to support you.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION POLICY

All students who wish to be entered for external examinations will be; provided that they have completed all aspects of the course and so are eligible to gain a grade. Should a student in Year 11 fall seriously behind and they risk not achieving a grade, subject teachers shall be in contact with parents/carers regarding this. If students do not complete work needed such as NEA by the required deadline, then the student will not be entered, and the parents/carers will be informed.

The school pay for all examination entries except those of external candidates. Students who are retaking GCSE subjects for a second time will generally be asked to pay for themselves.

Holidays should not be booked in term time and never in the exam season which runs from early May until the end of June (exact dates are shared with Y11 students and parents in the spring term, including contingency dates for which candidates must be available.) Exam dates are set nationally and cannot be moved by the school so absences of any kind must be avoided.

Students are expected to sit every exam they are entered for, and invoices will be sent to any candidates who miss an exam without good cause.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Exam board	AQA – single tier of entry. Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing.	Section A Reading - a literature fiction text. (40 marks) (25%) – one single text 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks) Section B Writing - a descriptive or narrative task. 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)	1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives	Section A Reading - one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text. (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks) Section B: Writing writing to present a viewpoint (40 marks) (25%) 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)	1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/english-language/aqa/17/topic-questions/ https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers Paper based exams are available from class teachers.	
Recommended revision guide	Revision Guides available from York Notes. Dependent upon text studied. Students to speak with their English teacher.	
Additional support	English revision sessions Tuesday after school D25/D26	

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Exam board	AQA – single tier of entry. Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel	Section A Shakespeare. students will answer one question on Romeo and Juliet. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole. Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on A Christmas Carol. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.	1 hour 45 minutes 64 marks 40% of GCSE
Paper 2 Modern texts and poetry	Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on An Inspector Calls. Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster. Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.	2 hours 15 minutes 96 marks 60% of GCSE
Key revision resources	• https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 • https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/english-language/aqa/17/topic-questions/ • https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8702/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Answers+and+commentaries • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx • https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/english-literature/aqa/17/revision-notes/ • https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/	
Link to past paper questions	• https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8702/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers Paper based question papers are available from English teachers.	
Recommended revision guide	Revision Guides available from York Notes. Dependent upon text studied. Students to speak with their English teacher. Sparknotes and Senenca learning are good online sites to find resources for the Literature texts	
Additional support	English revision sessions Tuesday after school D25/D26 Poetry drop in Monday lunch D15	

GCSE MATHEMATICS

CAMBRIDGE OCR

Exam board	OCR (J560) – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 (Papers 1, 2, 3) Higher grades 4 – 9 (Papers 4, 5, 6)	Exam requirements
Paper 1 (Foundation) Paper 4 (Higher)	Non-calculator	1 hour 30 minutes 100 marks Calculator allowed 33⅓% of GCSE
Paper 2 (Foundation) Paper 5 (Higher)	Calculator	1 hour 30 minutes 100 marks Non-calculator 33⅓% of GCSE
Paper 3 (Foundation) Paper 6 (Higher)	Calculator	1 hour 30 minutes 100 marks Calculator allowed 33⅓% of GCSE
Content	Content can be assessed on any of the 3 papers. Number, algebra, ratio, geometry, probability and statistics. A formula sheet is provided in every paper (2025–2027 exams).	
Key revision resources	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/mathematics-j560-from-2015/ Use the spec to ensure you cover the full content in your revision. BBC Bitesize – GCSE Maths (OCR) Videos, tasks and answers: https://corbettmaths.com/2023/08/01/gcse-revision/ Quizzes: https://www.eedischool.com/	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/mathematics-j560-from-2015/assessment/ https://www.onmaths.com/ (select OCR)	
Recommended revision guide	CGP GCSE Maths OCR Revision Guide (Foundation or Higher)	
Additional support	Maths revision sessions Thursday after school A2.	

GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE: TRILOGY

Exam board	AQA – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 Higher grades 4 - 9	Exam requirements
Biology Paper 1	Biology topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Biology Paper 2	Biology topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Chemistry Paper 1	Chemistry topics 8–12: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Chemistry Paper 2	Chemistry topics 13–17: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources. Questions in Paper 2 may draw on fundamental concepts and principles from Sections 5.1 to 5.3.	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Physics Paper 1	Physics topics 18–21: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Physics Paper 2	Physics topics 22–24: Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism	1 hour 15 minutes 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/science/aqa/combined-science-trilogy/16/biology/revision-notes/	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-8464/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers	
Recommended revision guide	Combined Science (Trilogy) can buy just one book covering Biology, Chemistry and Physics at higher or foundation level OR three separate books at the appropriate level.	
Additional support		

GCSE BIOLOGY

Exam board	AQA – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 Higher grades 4 - 9	Exam requirements
Paper 1	Topics 1–4: Cell biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2	Biology topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7 https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-aqa/ https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/biology/aqa/18/revision-notes/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNBMjikcagI	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/biology/gcse/biology-8461/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers	
Recommended revision guide	1 revision guide for each subject; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.	
Additional support		

GCSE CHEMISTRY

Exam board	AQA – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 Higher grades 4 - 9	Exam requirements
Paper 1	Topics 1–5: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes; and Energy changes. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2	Topics 6–10: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis, Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources. Questions in Paper 2 may draw on fundamental concepts and principles from sections 4.1 to 4.3. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/gcse-aqa/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/chemistry/aqa/18/revision-notes/	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/chemistry/gcse/chemistry-8462/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers	
Recommended revision guide	1 revision guides for each subject; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.	
Additional support		

GCSE PHYSICS

Exam board	AQA – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 Higher grades 4 - 9	Exam requirements
Paper 1	Topics 1-4: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2	Topics 5-8: Forces; Waves; Magnetism and electromagnetism; and Space physics. Questions in paper 2 may draw on an understanding of energy changes and transfers due to heating, mechanical and electrical work and the concept of energy conservation from Energy and Electricity. Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-aqa/ https://www.gcsephysicsonline.com/aqa https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physics/gcse/physics-8463/assessment-resources	
Recommended revision guide	1 revision guide for each subject; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.	
Additional support		

GCSE ART AND DESIGN (FINE ART)

Exam board	AQA single tier of entry Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Component 1: Portfolio	Starting with Marine Life, and Portraiture, followed by your chosen area of investigation. 60% of GCSE	No time limit 96 marks 60% of GCSE
Component 2: Externally set assignment	In January you will be given an "exam paper" which has a list of topics to choose from. Choose one topic and create a set of work, including artist research, photographs, development of ideas, experiment with media and final pieces. 40% of GCSE	Preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time 96 marks 40% of GCSE
Key revision resources	Pinterest https://theartyteacher.com/artists-themes/	
Link to past paper questions		
Recommended revision guide		
Additional support		

GCSE BUSINESS STUDIES

Exam board	AQA single tier of entry Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Paper 1 Influences of operations and HRM on business activity	• Business in the real world • Influences on business • Business operations • Human resources Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 2 0 marks. Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 marks. Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 marks.	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 90 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2 Influences of marketing and finance on business activity	• Business in the real world • Influences on business • Marketing • Finance Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 2 0 marks. Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 marks. Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 marks.	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 90 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	CGP Guide GCSE AQA Business for the Grade 9-1 course	
Link to past paper questions	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/business-studies/business-studies-gcse-past-papers/aqa-gcse-business-studies-past-papers https://www.tutor2u.net/business/reference/practice-exam-questions?srsltid=AfmBOorSwGOiGyDT5g5UDRcOPGhUo-YqiPA8hDgFMYmbqhD5NpgvAszIhttps://www.tutor2u.net/business/reference/practice-exam-questions?srsltid=AfmBOorSwGOiGyDT5g5UDRcOPGhUo-YqiPA8hDgFMYmbqhD5NpgvAszI	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-GCSE-Business-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946896	
Additional support	Thursday lunch revision sessions	

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Level 1/2 Technical Award OCR Cambridge Nationals

Exam board	Cambridge OCR Level 1 pass/merit/distinction **(equivalent to grades 1-4)** Level 2 pass/merit/distinction/distinction* **(equivalent to grades 5-9)**	Exam requirements
Unit 1	Health and well-being for child development (RO57) **NB: Only this content is examined in the final exam.**	Written exam 1hr 15 mins 70 Marks
Unit 2 NEA	Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years (RO58) Completed in Y10	Centre assessed tasks 60 marks
Unit 3 NEA	Understand the development of a child from one to five years (RO50) Completed by Christmas Y11	Centre assessed tasks 60 marks
Key revision resources	Folders of class work from Y10 and 11 Revision folder started in Y11 Child Development revision guide and booklet Text books (various) available for use in lessons	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/child-development-level-1-2-j809/assessment/	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.google.com/aclk?sa=L&ai=DChsSEwim9_n7uN2QAxUak1AGHQtdG-8YACICCAEQFhoCZGc&co=1&ase=2&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIpvf5-7jdkAMVGpNQBh0LXRvvEAQYBCABEgL0wfD_BwE&cce=2&category=acrcp_v1_32&sig=AOD64_3e7_jKt1LJjslibLzfkHWfZ7SMVg&ctype=5&q=&nis=4&ved=2ahUKEwiI5vP7uN2QAxURYEEAHQYaF30Q9aACKAB6BAgIEEg&adurl=	
Additional support		

CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Level 1/2 Vocational Award

Exam board	Eduqas Level 1 Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction* **(equivalent to grades 1-4)** Level 2 Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction* **(equivalent to grades 5-9)**	Exam requirements
Unit 1 Introduction to the Built Environment	Exam questions relating to the following sections: 1.1 The Sector 1.2 The built environment life cycle 1.3 Types of building and structure 1.4 Technologies and Materials 1.5 Building structures and Forms 1.6 Sustainable Construction methods 1.7 Trades, Employment and Careers 1.8 Health and Safety	On screen examination 80 marks 1 hour 30 minutes 40%
Unit 3 Constructing the Built Environment	3 NEA units selected from the following: Bricklaying, Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Painting and Decorating A written planning and evaluation report produced for each area as well as a practical externally set task. Work is internally assessed and then sent off to the exam board to be moderated externally.	Controlled assessment 30 hours 120 marks 60%
Key revision resources	Folders of class work from Y10 and 11	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/level-12-vocational-award-in-construction-and-the-built-environment/#tab_pastpapers	
Recommended revision guide	Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Construction and the Built Environment - Eduqas https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Vocational-Award-Construction-Environment/dp/186085754X/ref=asc_df_186085754X?mcid=a3e1798f85d933eeb5746915425a4b99&tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=696450770366&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=469737685619308571 6&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1006591&hvtargid=pla-1976741242693&psc=1&hvocijid=469737685619308571 6-186085754X-&hvexpln=0&gad_source=1	

GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Exam board	Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Paper 1	Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks) A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding. Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks) Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in-depth knowledge of technical principles. Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.	Written exam: 2 hours 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Paper 2 - NEA	Assessment criteria: Identifying and investigating design possibilities Producing a design brief and specification Generating design ideas Developing design ideas Realising design ideas Analysing & evaluating Students will produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence	Non-exam assessment (NEA): 30–35 hours approx. 100 marks 50% of GCSE
Key revision resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/revision-notes/gcse/design-and-technology/aqa	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/design-and-technology/aqa/past-papers/	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-Design-Technology-Revision-Guide/dp/1782947523	
Additional support		

GCSE DRAMA

Exam board	Graded 1-9.	Exam requirements
Component 1: Devising Theatre	Learners must produce: • a realisation of their piece of devised theatre • a portfolio of supporting evidence • an evaluation of the final performance or design.	Non-exam assessment: internally assessed, externally moderated 40% of qualification
Component 2: Performing from a Text: Performing from a Text	Learners study two extracts from the same performance text chosen by the centre. Learners participate in one performance using sections of text from both extracts.	Non-exam assessment: externally assessed by a visiting examiner 20% of qualification
Component 3: Interpreting Theatre	Section A: Set Text for assessment Section B: Live Theatre Review	Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes 40% of qualification
Key revision resources	https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1448 https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=1527 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zdb6xyc	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/drama-gcse/#tab_pastpapers	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eduqas-Drama-Study-Revision-Guide/dp/1912820277	
Additional support		

VCERT Level 1 and 2 FOOD AND COOKERY

Exam board	NCFE Level 1 pass/merit/distinction (equivalent to grades 1-4) Level 2 pass/merit/distinction/distinction* (equivalent to grades 5-9)	Exam requirements
Assessment 1	A terminal exam which consists of a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer and extended response-questions. The exam will test knowledge and understanding from across all content areas.	Written examination 80 marks 1 hour 30 minutes 40% of qualification
Assessment 2 - NEA	16 hours 30 minutes NEA time plus 2 hours preparation and research time. Completed in lesson time, The NEA will assess the learner's ability to effectively draw together their knowledge, understanding and skills from across the whole vocational area. Students will have 3 practical examinations where their practical skills are assessed by the class teacher, it is important to plan and choose high skill dishes that will achieve the higher marks, it is important to show lots of cooking processes and work within the time frame allowed. Practicing these dishes at home is highly beneficial. Written work linked to each task carries 12 marks per task. Students are provided with structured help sheets to enable them to access the higher grades. The biggest barrier to achievement is not completing work set in the lesson time as deadlines are very strict and not using the help sheets provided by the teacher.	NEA 90 marks 60% of qualification Completed in Y11
Key revision resources	Students should use their classwork folders from Y10 and 11 to revise from. Revision packs will be provided for each topic Link to textbook: These are available for use in lessons. https://www.google.com/aclk?sa=L&ai=DChsSEwiU0ae8vN2QAxUXpVAGHY3MHNIYACICCAEQDBoCZGc&co=1&ase=2&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIlNGnvLzdkAMVF6VQBh2NzBzSEAQYByABEgICSfD_BwE&cce=2&category=acrcp_v1_32&sig=AOD64_2YaMHjAgoktz-QUbDTa9gyjivj1Q&ctype=5&q=&nis=4&ved=2ahUKEwiJ_qC8vN2QAxX_WUEAHQ3JJb8Q9aACKAB6BAgJEHU&adurl=The BBC bitesize website has good information on each topic, quizzes and videos https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-level-12-technical-award-in-food-and-cookery-973 Links to the v cert demo tool which allows candidates to be familiar with how the questions look within online assessments.	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Technical-Cookery/dp/139837895X	
Additional support	Course work catch up sessions are available at lunchtimes in case of absence. Support with recipe choice is available from EDS/HTR at any time	

GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Exam board	Edexcel A. Single tier of entry.	Exam requirements
Paper 1 - The Physical Environment	**Section A:** Changing landscapes of the UK. - Answer Q1 Changing landscapes - Answer Q2 Coasts - Answer Q3 Rivers **Section B:** Weather hazards and climate change. - Answer Q5 - Answer Q6 Case studies: o Drought in a developing country- Namibia (2013) o Drought in a developed country- Australia (2015) o Tropical storms in a developing country case study Haiyan (2013) o Tropical storms in a developed country Sandy (2012) **Section C:** Ecosystems, biodiversity and management. - Answer Q7 Case studies: o Tropical rainforests- Amazon Rainforest o Temperate deciduous woodland- Wyre Forest The exam includes multiple-choice, short open, open response, calculations and 8 mark extended writing questions	Written exam. 1 hour 45 minutes 37.5%
Paper 2 - The Human Environment	**Section A:** Changing cities. - Answer Q1 Case studies: o City in an emerging country- Sao Paulo o City in a developed country- Manchester **Section B:** Global development. - Answer Q2 Case studies: o Developing country- Tanzania **Section C:** Resource management. - Answer Q3 Resource Management - Answer Q4 Energy Resource Management Case studies: o Energy management in a developing country- Bhutan o Energy management in a developed country- Norway The exam includes multiple-choice, short open, open response, calculations and 8 mark extended writing questions.	Written exam. 1 hour 30 minutes 37.5%
Paper 3 Geographical	**Section A:** Geographical Investigations: Physical Environments. - Answer Q1 River Landscapes	Written exam.

Investigations	Case studies: ○ River fieldwork in the Goyt Valley. **Section B:** Geographical Investigations: Human Environments. - Answer Q3 Central/Inner Urban Area Case studies: ○ Urban fieldwork in Manchester. **Section C:** UK challenges. - Answer Q5 The exam includes multiple-choice, short open, open response, calculations as well as 8 and 12 mark extended writing questions	1 hour 30 minutes 25%
Key revision resources	Seneca- https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/c25820ce-c6f1-436f-b33b-917b620631dc BBC Bitesize- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsg Time for Geography- https://timeforgeography.co.uk/video-collections/?query= Knowledge Organisers- https://www.buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Geography&pid=103 Located example booklet- https://www.buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Geography&pid=103 Key Terms- https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Geography-A/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/geog-a-key-terms-and-lang-student-guide.pdf Exam Skills- https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa_DhAl_RgxP2aoCOP9C1a7ymK17H4HCF&si=ofsLNvDGMnOwHT19	
Link to past paper questions	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography/geography-gcse-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-geography-past-papers	
Recommended revision guide	Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE Geography A Revision Guide Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A Revision Workbook *Ensure revision guides are for Edexcel A	
Additional support	Revision session, every Friday in D33.	

GCSE HISTORY

Exam board	Edexcel single tier of entry Graded 9-1	Exam requirements
Paper 1 – Thematic study and historic environment	***Medicine in Britain 1250-present day and the British Sector on the Western Front (1914-18)*** ***Section A:*** *The British sector of the Western Front, 1914-18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.* Answer **Q1(a)** Describe 1 feature (2-marks), **Q1(b)** Describe 1 feature (2 marks), **Q2(a)** How are Sources A and B useful (8 marks) **Q2(b)** What details would you follow up (4 marks) ***Section B:*** *Medicine in Britain 1250-present.* Answer **Q3** Explain 1 (4 marks) **Q4** Explain why question (12 marks) and either **Q5** or **Q6** (16-mark judgement question + 4 SPaG)	Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes 30% of the qualification
Paper 2 – Period study and British depth study	***Booklet 1: Early Elizabeth England (1558-88)*** Answer **Q1(a)** Describe 1 feature (2 marks) **Q1(b)** Describe 1 feature (2 marks) **Q2** Explain why question and either Q3 or Q4 (16- mark judgement question) ***Booklet 2: Superpower Relations and the Cold War (1941-91)*** Answer **Q1(a)** Explain 1 consequence (2 marks) **Q2(b)** Explain 1 consequence (2 marks) **Q2** Write a narrative account (8 marks) and **Q3** Explain 2 of the following (8 marks each, choice of 2 out of 3)	Written examination: 1 hour and 50 minutes 40% of the qualification
Paper 3 – Modern depth study	***Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-39)*** **Section A** Answer **Q1** Study Source A (4 marks), either **Q2(a)** or **(b)** Explain why (12 marks) **Section B** **Q3(a)** Study Source B and C (8 marks), **Q3(b)**Study Interpretations 1 and 2, how do they differ? (4 marks) **Q3(c)** Why do Interpretations 1 and 2 differ? (4 marks) **Q3(d)** Judgement question about interpretations (16 marks)	Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes 30% of the qualification
Key revision resources	**Seneca Learning** https://app.senecalearning.com/courses?Price=Free&Subject=History&Exam+Board=Edexcel&Age+Group=GCSE **GCSE Bitesize** https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw4bv4j	
Link to past paper questions	https://mmerevise.co.uk/gcse-history-revision/gcse-history-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-history-past-papers/	
Recommended revision guide	Oxford Revise Edexcel GCSE History (will be available on Parent Pay at discounted price shortly)	
Additional support	Every Tuesday after school in D32 (Content Revision) Every Thursday after school by invite only D32	

Information Communication Technology
WJEC Level 1 and 2 Vocational Award (Technical)

Exam board	WJEC Grading at L1& L2. Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*	Exam requirements
Unit 1: ICT in society	• Questions requiring objective responses, short and extended answers, based around applied situations • Learners will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions	Online exam. 1 hour 20 minutes 80 marks 40% of qualification
Unit 2: ICT in Context	An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website. 40 hours of time to complete this.	120 Marks Worth 60%
Key revision resources	All on ARBOR – links to revision guide and overall revision documents to help them with revision	
Link to past paper questions	Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT | WJEC To access the Remote School System please go to the below website and sign in with your School Username and password. Click on the 'BCS Remote Desktop' icon and select allow\connect on any warnings. It will then ask you to sign in again and then you will have remote access. From here you can access all school software and all your personal and shared files. https://Bcssvr-rdg-01.buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk/rdweb/webclient	All on All Users, IT, Vocational ICT, Past Papers – LOG on remotely with link to the left Also; all on ARBOR
Recommended revision guide	Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT | WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT Unit 1 WJEC | Eduqas: Amazon.co.uk: Linda Carlisle: 9781860857577: Books	
Additional support	WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT Study Guide | Quizlet WJEC Vocational ICT Revision – Application Software WJEC Vocational ICT - Unit 1.2.2 Data Validation, Verification & Error Checking Explained! WJEC Vocational ICT Unit 1.2.1 File Types, Compression & File Properties | StudyMonster Revision WJEC Vocational ICT – Unit 1.1.3: Services Provided by IT WJEC Vocational ICT Revision – Utility Software WJEC Vocational ICT Unit 1.2.1 File Types, Compression & File Properties | StudyMonster Revision WJEC Vocational ICT Level 2 | Unit 1.2.2 – Quality of Data Explained!	Video revision links to the left

GCSE FRENCH and SPANISH

Exam board	AQA – two tiers of entry Foundation grades 1 – 5 Higher grades 4 - 9	Exam requirements
Paper 1 - Listening	Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played. Foundation Tier and Higher Tier Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally. Section B – questions in French, to be answered in French or non-verbally	Written exam 35 minutes, 40 marks (F) 45 minutes, 50 marks (H) 25%
Paper 2 – Speaking	Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier) Photo card – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 3 minutes at Higher Tier) General conversation – 30 marks (3–5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5–7 minutes at Higher Tier)	NEA 60 marks 25%
Paper 3 – Reading	Foundation Tier and Higher Tier Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally. Section B – questions in French, to be answered in French or non-verbally. Section C – translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words for F and 50 words for H	Written exam 45 minutes (F) 1 hour (H) 60 marks 25%
Paper 4 – Writing	Foundation Tier Question 1 – message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) – 8 marks Question 2 – short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) – 16 marks Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 35 words) – 10 marks Question 4 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks Higher Tier Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 32 marks Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 50 words) – 12 marks	Written exam 1 hour, 50 marks (F) 1 hour 15 minutes, 60 marks (H) 25%
Key revision resources		
Link to past paper questions	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/french/french-gcse-past-papers/aqa-gcse-french-past-papers	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-French-Exam-Practice-Workbook/dp/1782945385 All other CGP revision guides and workbooks	
Additional support	Revision sessions Thursday lunch Week 1 only D36	

GCSE MUSIC

Exam board	Eduqas GCSE Music Graded 9-1	Exam requirements
Component 1: Performing	Students perform two pieces of music, totalling 4-6 minutes. Non-examined assessment, internally assessed and externally moderated. One piece must be ensemble of at least one minute duration. The music is student's own choice.	30%
Component 2: Composing	Students create two compositions, totalling 3-6 minutes. Non-examined assessment, internally assessed and externally moderated. One composition is free composition and one is chosen from a choice of four briefs set by the exam board.	30%
Component 3: Listening	Listening examination of 1 hour 30 mins. 8 questions in total, two on each of the four areas of study: 1: Musical Forms and Devices. Badinerie by Bach is the set work 2: Musical Forms and Devices 3: Music for Ensemble 4: Music for Ensemble 5: Music for Film 6: Music for Film 7: Popular Music. Africa by Toto is the set work 8: Popular Music	40%
Key revision resources	Focus on Sound Website https://portal.focusonsound.com	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music-gcse/#tab_pastpapers https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/music-gcse-revision/music-gcse-past-papers/eduqas-gcse-music-past-papers	
Recommended revision guide	GCSE Music WJEC/Eduqas Complete Revision & Practice (with Audio & Online Edition): for the 2026 exams (CGP GCSE Music) : CGP Books, CGP Books: Amazon.co.uk: Books WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music Revision Guide - Revised Edition : Richards, Jan: Amazon.co.uk: Books	
Additional support		

GCSE PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

Exam board	AQA single tier of entry Graded 9-1	Exam requirements
Paper 1 Exam: Study of Religions.	Students' knowledge of religious belief and practice; Students' ability to explain using evidence from sources of wisdom and authority; Students' ability to formulate powerful and convincing arguments	1 hour 45 minutes
Paper 2 Exam: Thematic Studies.	Students' knowledge of ethical and philosophical approaches to modern contentious issues; Students' ability to explain using evidence from sources of wisdom and authority; Students' ability to formulate powerful and convincing arguments	1 hour 45 minutes
Key revision resources	• · Miss Carr's revision website, which includes revision information, videos, past papers, model answers, etc: https://rsrevisionsite.wixsite.com/revise/ks4-gcse https://bcsglobalstudies.wixsite.com/global-studies/team-members-1 • Each student has already been given a Hodder revision guide, but spares are available to borrow from D34. • A3 revision sheets available from D34, along with past papers and additional revision materials. •	
Link to past paper questions	• Sample papers for 2026 examination available here: 2026 Assessment Materials [OneDrive account needed] • Sample papers for 2025 examinations and earlier: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-8062/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers Please note: Exams held in 2025 and earlier had a different mark allocation for Q2 and Q4 in each unit. However, the demands of the questions remain the same, so they are still suitable for exam practise.	
Recommended revision guide	• *My Revision Notes* AQA GCSE Religious Studies Spec A, Hodder Education • Electronic revision guides available via Miss Carr's websites (links above)	

Additional support	• Revision sessions 12.45-1.15pm on Friday lunch times in D34 with Miss Carr **Nearpod revision sessions:** ○ Christianity: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=LRWS6 ○ Buddhist Beliefs: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=WEBA9 ○ Buddhist Practices: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=DSWJX ○ Relationships: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=49MDZ ○ Religion & Life: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=4EDAT ○ Existence of God: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=N3Y4L ○ Crime & Punishment: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=8957Q ○ Peace & Conflict: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=T3PFZ ○ Human Rights: https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=AK376 **Seneca revision:** ○ **Buddhism**: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/31fea2cf-9f24-40fe-8fcd-4bef104f6d26 ○ **Christianity**: https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/d075a591-7c24-42e3-8b77-fcef7fa3f6cf **Themes**: ○ Theme A: **Relationships:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/13711416-a480-47e2-a6f0-798783183d64 ○ Theme B: **Life:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/ed10b917-d7c9-43f8-a716-34a77704b2fe ○ Theme C: **Existence of God and Revelation:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/cf3316a7-9582-4ef4-a6d2-5351558c3a68 ○ Theme D: **Peace and Conflict:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/88a1ba72-3cf8-410c-a012-72fd5339e61f ○ Theme E: **Crime and Punishment:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/1bc63133-318c-4dd7-9cdc-e0a347eea7f9 ○ Theme F: **Human Rights:** https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/313k3ywy0j/assignments/assignment/22bcb3e7-ad6d-4cae-b39a-8f3361c02719

GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

Exam board	OCR single tier of entry Graded 9-1	Exam requirements
Theory	Physical factors affecting performance Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology These papers consists of a mixture of objective response and multiple-choice questions, short answers and extended response items.	2 x 1 hour written examinations (30% each) 60%
Practical (NEA)	Split into practical performances where THREE different activities must be presented for assessment each worth 10%. Analysis and evaluation of performance is a written task worth 10%	Practical performances 60 marks 30% Analysis and evaluation 20 marks 10% NEA total – 40%
Key revision resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/ztrcg82	
Link to past paper questions	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/pe-physical-education/past-papers/ocr-gcse-pe-past-papers	
Recommended revision guide	https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-GCSE-9-1-PE-Second/dp/1471851729	
Additional support		

GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

Exam board	OCR single tier of entry Graded 9 -1	Exam requirements
Paper 1	Criminal psychology Development Psychological problems Research methods	Written exam 1 hour 30 minutes 90 marks 50%
Paper 2	Social influence Memory Sleep and dreaming Research methods	Written exam 1 hour 30 minutes 90 marks 50%
Key revision resources	https://www.youtube.com/@Psych-Space https://www.youtube.com/@hartismerepsychology4673 https://passmorespsychology.weebly.com/revision-hub.html	
Link to past paper questions	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/psychology-j203-from-2017/assessment/	
Recommended revision guide	Revision guide https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-GCSE-Psychology/ Workbook https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-GCSE-9-1-Psychology-Workbook/	
Additional support	Revision – Wednesday lunchtime – FLN B10	

Year 11 Revision Sessions September - Christmas 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	English – poetry drop in D15		Psychology FLN B10	Business Studies D40	
				History exam technique walk thru D32	Philosophy D34
				Spanish conversation practice D36 Week 1	Geography D30
				French D37	
	The study zone is open for quiet, independent revision each lunchtime. DT workshops open each lunchtime.				
After school	Music NEA sessions D19	History Content D32		Maths A2	
		English D25/D26		History targeted session By invite only D32	