

GCSE Parent Guide 2024-2025

Allowing parents to support their children through GCSE Examinations



About this guide



The aim of this booklet is to offer you subject-specific guidance for supporting your child to prepare for their exams.

As a parent there is lots you can do to help your child revise for their exams, from reminding them to attend after-school revision sessions to encouraging them with praise and rewards. There are also various things you can do to support your child with their individual subjects. In this guide you will find practical tips and ideas from each of our subject areas.

Exams, particularly important public exams, are stressful for students and probably even more so for their parents. It goes without saying that all children are different, so it follows that there is no single approach to how parents can help, but here are some suggestions.

Students who do best in exams:

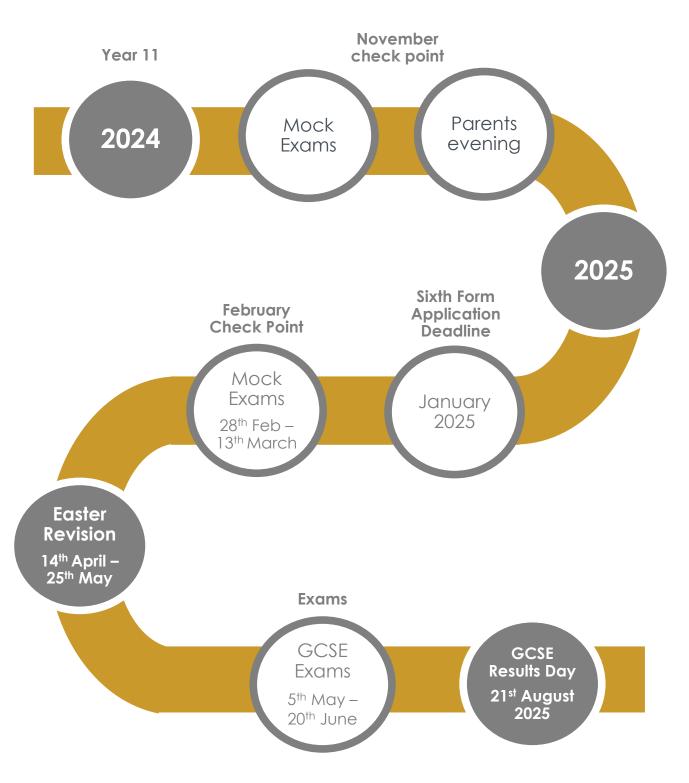
- have revised thoroughly and carefully.
- feel confident.
- have parents who take an interest in their revision.

We wish all our Year 11 pupils the best of luck in their GCSE examinations. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about exam preparations.

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Year 11 Road Map





Creating a space for revision





Online resources



The following websites and applications can be used to support your child's revision:

兴 SENECA

SENECA LEARNING Explains materials and generates tests



QUIZLET Electronic flashcards and testing

Sparx Maths

SPARX Personalised maths homework

Coded Cambridge and ESA Pearson | Edexcel

EXAM BOARDS Past papers and mark schemes





EDMODO Resources shared by teachers



Edmodo

BBC BITESIZE Revision guides and quizzes

Mental health and wellbeing



The following websites can be used to support your child's mental health during the exam period:

KOOTH

https://www.kooth.com





PAUSE HUBS https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause



THE WELLBEING CREW







CHILDLINE https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-collegeand-work/school-college/assessment-stress/

NHS https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-youngadults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/

YOUNG MINDS

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/copingwith-life/exam-stress/

Supporting learners with SEND



Children with SEND will need more support structuring their revision than their non-SEND counterparts. The cognitive load of simply deciding what and how to revise can negatively impact children with SEND.

We encourage you to sit with your child and help them decide what to revise when they do so:

Children with SEND may need to overlearn topics by revisiting them over and over again.		Encourage your child to "chunk" their revision into smaller topics, so that it is less overwhelming.
You may want to	Children with SEND may need extra breaks as they process there learning.	5
participate in revision with your child, letting them explain ideas to you verbally first and then writing these down.		Children with SEND may need to be reminded about what exams they have.
	Your child may feel anxious about their exams, they will benefit from support and confidence building at home.	

The importance of attendance



Attendance vs. Attainment

96% - 100% Average Grade (2019) 6.5+

90% - 95% Average Grade (2019) 5+

Below 90% Average Grade (2019) 3.9+

	Lost Learning		
	Short Term	Academic Year	School Career
100%	Full attendance	None	None
95%	Half a day off per fortnight	2 weeks	10 weeks
90%	A day off a fortnight		Half a year
	PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM		
85%	A day and a half per fortnight	A half term	The equivalent of missing the whole of Y11
80%	A day off per week	Over a half term	A full year



Year 11 Intervention



(January 2025 onwards) 3.20pm – 4.00pm

	Week I		
Monday	Maths		
Wednesday	English and Languages*		
Thursday	Science		
	Week 2		
Monday	Geography & History		
Wednesday	Open Pot		
Thursday	Religious Studies		

 \ast There will also be a lunchtime revision session for French on Tuesday.

** This includes Art, Business, Citizenship, Computer Science, Health & Social Care and Food Technology.

Homework Timetable

Year 11 pupils are expected to complete a **60 minutes** of homework each evening in the following subjects (combined):

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Biology French / Punjabi Art* Food*	English Maths Business*	Chemistry RS Computer Science*	English Maths Health & Social*	Physics Geography / History Citizenship*

* GCSE options subjects will vary from pupil-to-pupil.

English Language



Key Dates	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Thursday 23 rd May 2024 Paper I (I hr 45 mins) Thursday 6 th June 2024 Paper 2 (I hr 45 mins)	Watch walk-throughs of questions on these YouTube channels: Mr Bruff: https://www.youtube.com/user/mr bruff Mrs Whelan's English: https://www.youtube.com/c/MrsWy helansEnglish AQA Website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/en glish/gcse/english-language-8700	 Paper I (Fiction): Question 2 (language analysis) Question 3 (structure analysis) Question 4 (evaluation) Creative writing Paper 2 (Non-fiction): Question 2 (synthesis) Question 3 (language analysis) Question 4 (comparison) Non-fiction writing- articles, speeches, letters etc
There as	: Reading Questions: re 4 questions in Section A of each paper estion has a different process and mark scher	me. You must learn the process for

Exam Question Guidance

- each question.
- You must learn the timings and how long you should spend on each question.

Creative writing:

- You will need to write a description or a story.
- Spend at least 5 minutes planning.
- Be creative with your ideas. Write something to surprise or delight the examiner. Plan the structure of your writing and include a variety of features.
- If you are writing a story, choose a short and simple plot. Describe a key moment in detail rather than trying to cover a long period of time.

Non-fiction writing:

- · Read the task carefully and work out the form, audience and purpose.
- Spend at least 5 minutes planning.
- Come up with an argument and try to persuade the reader.
- Use a range of devices in your writing.

English Literature



Key Dates	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Monday 13 th May 2024 Paper 1 (1 hr 45 mins) Monday 20 th May 2024 Paper 2 (2 hrs 15 mins)	Watch walk-throughts of questions on these YouTube channels:Mr Bruff: www.youtube.com/mrbruffAQA Website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/en glish/gcse/english-language-8700BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesizeSENECA Learning: www.senecalearning.com	 Paper 1: Macbeth Jekyll and Hyde Paper 2: An Inspector Calls Power and Conflict poetry Unseen Poetry For each of these topics, you must use your check list to revise every character and every theme. You must also practise essay writing.
Start es Start ea In each	Eing guidance: says with an introduction and a thesis ch paragraph with a topic sentence paragraph, include analysis of the writer's tec references, which can be quotations or parap	

Exam Question Guidance ٠

Macbeth - analyse Shakespeare's language in detail; link to Shakespeare's universal ideas. 4 marks available for spelling and grammar (AO4).

references and don't always use the most obvious ones.

Make sure you are always answering the question

Jekyll and Hyde - start with a thesis addressing Stevenson's big ideas and purpose (AO3). Use contextual ideas in this thesis and throughout your essay.

An Inspector Calls - analyse dramatic techniques and effects; remember it is a play.

Power and Conflict - choose a relevant poem; explain how the poms address the theme.

Unseen Poetry - be confident and creative; give your personal interpretation; for question 2, only write about methods. available for spelling and grammar (AO4).

Mathematics



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

Thursday 16th May 2024 Paper I – Non-calculator (I hr 30 mins)

Monday 3rd June 2024 Paper 2 – Calculator (1 hr 30 mins)

Monday 10th June 2024 Paper 3 – Calculator (1 hr 30 mins)

Each paper is worth **80 marks** and you will have 1.5 hours to complete each exam.

Useful Websites

Corbett Maths: www.corbettmaths.com

Sparx Maths: www.sparxmaths.uk

Maths Genie: www.mathsgenie.co.uk

Dr Frost: www.drfrost.com

Revision Maths: www.revisionmaths.com

Maths Made Easy: www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk

Physics and Maths Tutor: https://www.physicsandmathstuto r.com/maths-revision/gcseguestions-edexcel/

Mister Maths: www.mistermaths.co.uk

Topic Checklist

Topic checklists are best found on the **Corbettmaths** website or in the **CGP revision guides**.

Higher:

https://corbettmaths.com/wpcontent/uploads/2021/12/Edexcel-Higher-Checklist.pdf

Foundation:

https://corbettmaths.com/wpcontent/uploads/2021/12/Edexcel-Foundation-Checklist.pdf

Most topics can appear on both the **calculator** and **non-calculator** paper; however, some topics are more likely to on a non-calculator paper.

Please speak to your **maths teacher** for more information.

Tips – During the Exam Come equipped Show working clearly; use a single line when crossing out Make sure answers are realistic If you get stuck on a question, move on. **Avoiding Common Mistakes:** Always read the question - highlight key words, draw a diagram to help Exam Accuracy (decimal places, significant figures) and Rounding (don't round during your working) Question Write in the space provided, never go below the line Guidance **Simultaneous Equations** – usually 'nice' answers Reverse Percentages - does your answer make sense? Probability – answers must be between 0 and 1 Mean – answer must lie between the highest and lowest values within the data **Cumulative Frequency Graphs** – plot CF against the Upper Bounds Solving Quadratics – use the quadratic formula when the question says round to SF or DP **Pythagoras Theorem** – are you using the formula correctly (+ or -) Angle Questions - diagrams are often NOT drawn accurately.

Biology



Key Da	tes	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Friday 10 th May 202 Paper 1 (1 hr 45 mins) Friday 7 th June 2024 Paper 2 (1 hr 45 mins)	4	AQA website: (specification, past papers & mark schemes) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/scienc e/gcse/biology-8461/assessment- resources?f.Sub- category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+m ark+schemes Revision Videos: Paper 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=mKYQ-K23Mr4 Revision Videos: Paper 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Uqti-xPnT-8 Revision notes & questions: https://www.physicsandmathstut or.com/biology-revision/gcse- aqa/ https://cognitoedu.org/course/b2- gcse-aqa-h-t	 Paper I Cell Biology Organisation Infection and response Bioenergetics Paper 2 Homeostasis and response Inheritance, variation and evolution Ecology
Exam Question Guidance	 Exam structure: The course content is divided into two papers with each being an hour and 45 minutes in length. Both papers are out of 100 marks and count for 50% of the overall GCSE Biology grade. Question types: Each paper will contain a combination of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open responses. Approximately 10% of each paper will require students to apply their maths skills. Approximately 3 questions per paper will be extended response questions in which students will be expected to write coherently and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication. Required practicals: Students will have completed 10 required practicals throughout the course. Associated practical skills will be assessed in both papers. 		

Chemistry



Key Dates	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Friday 17 th May 2024 Paper 1 (1 hr 45 mins) Tuesday 11 th June 2024 Paper 2 (1 hr 45 mins)	AQA website: (specification, past papers & mark schemes) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/scienc e/gcse/chemistry-8462 SENECA Learning: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Revision notes and questions: https://www.physicsandmathstutor. com/chemistry-revision/gcse-aqa/ Chemistry revision videos: https://m.youtube.com/playlist?list= PLidqqIGKox7VVeOKVGHxcd69k KqtwrKl8VV	 Paper I Atomic structure and the periodic table Bonding and structure Quantitative chemistry Chemical changes Energy changes Paper 2 Rate and extent of chemical change Organic chemistry Chemical analysis Chemistry of the atmosphere Using resources
Questior Each pape	2 papers, both are 1 hour and 45 minutes, and	ured closed short answer questions

Exam Question Guidance

Approximately 20% of each paper will be of mathematical requirements such as applying formulae, graph skills, calculating averages.

Required practicals:

There are 8 required practicals which are examined in either paper, this includes and is not limited to: the methodology, analysis of a set of results given or using results to justify a conclusion.

Physics



Key Da	tes	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Wednesday 22 nd M Paper I (I hr 45 mins Friday 14 th June 20 Paper 2 (I hr 45 mins	ay 2024) 24	AQA website: (specification, past papers & mark schemes) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/scienc e/gcse/physics-8463 SENECA Learning: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Exam questions for each topic: https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse- physics-revision/gcse-physics-exam- questions-by-topic/ Physics revision videos: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3_bw	 Paper I Energy Elecetricity Particle model Atomic structure Paper 2 Forces Waves Magnetism and electromagnetism Space
Exam Question Guidance	and count for Question ty Each paper w open respons Required pr Students will practical skills	o external exams that are both 1hr 45mins. 50% of the overall GCSE Physics grade. pe: ill contain a combination of multiple choice tes.	, structured, closed short answer and bughout the course. Associated e assessment material provided by the

Remembering the equations is essential to success at GCSE Physics.

of the required practicals.

Combined Science



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

Biology:

Friday 10th May 2024 Paper 1 (1 hr 15 mins)

Friday 7th June 2024 Paper 2 (1 hr 15 mins)

Chemistry:

Friday 17th May 2024 Paper 1 (1 hr 15 mins)

Tuesday IIth June 2024 Paper 2 (I hr 15 mins)

Physics:

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 Paper I (1 hr 15 mins)

Friday 14th June 2024 Paper 2 (1 hr 15 mins)

Useful Websites

AQA website: (specification, past papers & mark schemes)

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/scienc e/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464/assessment-resources?f.Subcategory[F=Sample+papers+and+mark +schemes&sort=title&num_ranks=10

SENECA Learning:

https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Revision notes and questions:

http://www.docbrown.info/page17/ 2016-0-index.htm#AQA

Required practical videos:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?li st=PLVJCkCPmZH_P7O1JyMJrQo1 ZRJSzCKril

There are 6 papers each 1 hour and 15 minutes (see topic checklist above) Attempt every question.

Each paper consists of multiple-choice questions, structured closed short answer questions and open long answer questions; which are worth 6 marks.

Exam Question Guidance Handwriting must be legible to achieve marks, if it cannot be read it will achieve zero marks.

Make sure you read every question and look at how many marks are awarded to see the depth to include. Always show working out.

Approximately 20% of each paper will be of mathematical requirements such as applying formulae, graph skills, calculating averages

Topic Checklist

Biology:

- Cell biology
- Organisation
- Infection and response
- Bioenergetics
- Homeostasis and response
- Inheritance, variation and evolution
- Ecology

Chemistry:

- Atomic structure and the periodic table
- Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
- Quantitative chemistry
- Chemical changes
- Energy changes
- The rate and extent of chemical change
- Organic chemistry
- Chemical analysis
- Chemistry of the atmosphere
- Using resources

Physics:

- Energy
- Electricity
- Particle model of matter
- Atomic structure
- Forces
- Waves
- Magnetism and electromagnetism

Geography



Key Dates	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Friday 22 nd March 2024 Pre-release materials for Paper 3	AQA Website (Specification and specimen papers/mark schemes) <u>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/ge</u> ography/gcse/geography-8035	 Paper I – 88 marks (35%) The challenge of natural hazards The living world Physical landscapes in the UK
Friday 17 th May 2024 Paper 1: Living with the physical environment (1hr 30 mins) Wedmesday 5 th June 2024 Paper 2: Challenges in the human	Time for Geography (useful videos) https://timeforgeography.co.uk/ Seneca Learning https://www.senecalearning.com	 Paper 2 – 88 marks (35%) Urban issues and challenges The changing economic world The Challenge of Resource Management
environment (1hr 30 mins) Friday 14th June 2024 Paper 3: Geographcial applications (1hr 15 mins)	BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE Geography https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/exa mspecs/zy3ptyc	 Paper 3 – 76 marks (30%) Issue evaluation (using pre-release materials) Geographical Skills - Theoretical Fieldwork

For more detailed breakdown of individual topics on Papers I and 2 see the revision checklist in your exercise books.

Question type: Each section will feature a range of questions: multiple choice, short answers (1-3 marks), levels of response (4 or 6 marks) and extended prose (9 marks). Command words: Read these carefully and ensure your answer remains focused on the demands of the question. For more information on the meaning of command words see https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/gcse/geography/teach/command-words **Time management:** a good rough guide is to work through the papers at roughly a Exam mark per minute. The 6- and 9-mark questions account for the majority of the marks, so aim Question to allow a little extra time for these if possible; consider starting with these questions to avoid spending too long on the shorter questions. Guidance Choice: Do not answer questions you do not need to! On three occasions you will be required to choose the right question for which you have been prepared, as follows: Paper I Section B Living world select hot deserts (not cold environments) Paper I Section C Physical landscapes of the UK select Coastal landscapes and **River landscapes** (not glacial landscapes) Paper 2 in Section C The challenge of resource management, select Question 4 'Food' (not question 5 'Water' or question 6 'Energy').

History



Key Da	tes	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Wednesday 15 th Ma Conflict and Tension America: Opportunity (2 hrs) Tuesday 4 th June 20 Elizabethan England c. Health and the People	1918-1939 v & Inequality 0 24 1568-1603	There is a wealth of student resources , provided by NHSB staff through Microsoft Teams and on <u>www.edmodo.com</u> Textbook and lesson resources are available through OneDrive and are linked to Edmodo. The BBC Bitesize pages are a useful place to research key events <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/exa</u> <u>mspecs/zxjk4j6</u>	 USA 1920-1973: American people & the Boom American people & the Depression WW2 & Post War America Conlict & Tension 1918-1939: Peacemaking The League of Nations The Origins of WW2 Elizabethan England Court and Parliament Life in Elizabethan times Troubles at home and abroad Site study (Drake's circumnavigation). Health and the People Causes of disease Treatment of disease Surgery and anatomy Public Health
Exam Question Guidance	Questions types: Each section of the exam has a particular set of question stems that students can expect to encounter. These do not change each year, and students should practice these. Advice on how to tackle each question style can be found inside student exercise books and on Teams/Edmodo. Timing: This is key to success in the history paper. Aim to spend the following amount of time; • 4 mark questions: 5 minutes • 8 mark questions: 10 minutes • 12 mark questions: 15 minutes • 16 mark questions: 20 minutes • 18 mark questions: 9 minutes • 19 mark questions: 9 minutes • 10 mark questions: 9 minutes • 12 mark questions: 9 minutes • 18 mark questions: 9 minutes • 19 mark questions: 9 minutes		

Religious Studies



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

Thursday 9th May 2024 Sikhism Paper (1 hr 45 mins)

Friday 7th June 2024 Christianity Paper (1 hr 45 mins)

Revision sessions: Weekly lunch time academic writing sessions in F17 (Thursday; second sitting).

Useful Websites

Edexcel website: https://qualifications.pearson.com/e n/qualifications/edexcelgcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html

BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/exa mspecs/zm9pd6f.

Revision videos (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/user/Mr McMillanREvis

Oak National Academy: https://www.thenational.academy/

Although pupils sit the Edexcel exam, we recommend purchasing the following revision guide:

Christianity & Sikhism Revision Guide - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1) By Ann Clucas, Peter Smith, Marianne Fleming

Topic Checklist

Christianity Paper:

- Section I Christian beliefs and teachings
- Section 2 Philosophy and teachings
- Section 3 Living the Christian life
- Section 4 Equality

Sikh Paper:

- Section I Sikh beliefs and teachings
- Section 2 Marriage and family life
- Section 3 Living the Sikh life
- Section 4 Matters of life and death.

Note:

Each section contains 8 topics (see specification on Edexcel website for full details of each topic).

Each paper is out of 102 marks – it contains four sections of the following type of questions: Guidance on **3-mark guestions** – These should be completed in three minutes and only require students to write three full simple sentences – bullet pointing is not accepted. Guidance on 4-mark questions – These should be completed in four minutes and require students to write two small paragraphs including a Point and Analysis structure in each paragraph. Exam Question Guidance on **5-mark questions** – These should be completed in five minutes and requires Point, Evidence and Analysis and should also include at least one quote from scripture for full Guidance marks. This quote must be relevant to the question Guidance on 12/15mark questions – These should be completed in 12 or 15 minutes – students are tested on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation out of 3 marks if is a 15-marker. Students should aim to write 2-4 paragraphs using Point, Evidence, Analysis, Stick structure. Analysis should include a discussion of influence on the faith and whether the argument given is strong or weak. This question must have a clear conclusion which is based on evidence and reason, not just opinion.

French



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

22nd April – 26th 2024 (TBC) Speaking exam window (7-9 mins Foundation; 10-12 mins Higher)

Tuesday 14th May 2024 Listening exam (35 mins Foundation; 45 mins Higher)

Tuesday 14th May 2024 Reading exam (45 mins Foundation; 1 hr Higher)

Friday 25th May 2024 Written exam (1 hr Foundation; 1 hr 15 mins Higher)

Useful Websites

AQA Website:

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/l anguages/gcse/french-8658

Active Learn:

https://www.pearsonactivelearn.co m/app/Home

SENECA Learning:

https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Languages Online:

https://www.languagesonline.org.u k/Hotpotatoes/index.html

I Jour I Actu: https://www.ljourlactu.com

Topic Checklist

- Family, friends and relationships
- Free time and technology
- Festivals, food and celebrations
- Town and region
- · Holidays and travel
- Work and future plans
- School life
- Environmental and social issues (not in November mock)

Listening:

During reading time, highlight key words in the questions. Predict trigger words and words you are expecting to hear. First listen, listen to the whole thing. Store information and make notes in French/ English. Second listen, focus on the information you missed. Reading:

Exam Question Guidance

Skim - key words in question
Scan - find the key words in the text
Zoom - read and translate the whole sentence before you answer
3Cs if you get stuck: cognates/ compare/ context

Writing:

Photocard: 4 short simple sentences. I piece of information per sentence 40 words: cover all bullet points. Present tense. Variety of opinions/reasons 90 words: cover all bullet points. 3 tense. PORE structure 150 words: first BP- advantages and disadvantages. 2nd bullet point- past event. Translation: check tenses/ verb agreement/ adjective endings.

Punjabi



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

2nd April - 17th May 2024 (TBC) Speaking exam window (7-9 mins Foundation; 10-12 mins Higher)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 Reading exam (45 mins Foundation; 1 hr Higher)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 Listening exam (35 mins Foundation; 45 mins Higher)

Tuesday 18th June 2024 Writing exam (1 hr Foundation; 1 hr 15 mins Higher)

Useful Websites

AQA website:

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/lan guages/gcse/panjabi-8683

Punjabi University (Patiala): http://www.learnpunjabi.org

iLanguages:

http://ilanguages.org/punjabi.php

Sikh Ville: www.sikhville.org

Topic Checklist

Theme I: Identity & Culture:

- Me, my family and friends
- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage / partnerships
- Technology in everyday life
- Social issues
- Mobile technology
- Free time activities
- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sports
- Customs and festivals
- Countries / communities

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest:

- Home, town, neighbourhood and region
- Social issues
- Charity work
- Healthy and unhealthy living
- Global issues
- The environment
- Poverty / homelessness
- Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

- My studies
- Life at school / college
- Education post-16
- Jobs, careers and ambitions

Zoom - read and translate the whole sentence before you answer

Reading:

Skim - key words in question **Scan** - find the key words in the text

3Cs if you get stuck: cognates/ compare/ context

<u>Writing:</u>

Photocard: 4 short simple sentences. I piece of information per sentence
40 words: cover all bullet points. Present tense. Variety of opinions/reasons
90 words: cover all bullet points. 3 tense. PORE structure
150 words: first BP- advantages and disadvantages. 2nd bullet point- past event.
Translation: check tenses/ verb agreement/ adjective endings.

Listening:

During reading time, highlight key words in the questions. Predict trigger words and words you are expecting to hear. First listen, listen to the whole thing. Store

information and make notes in French/ English. Second listen, focus on the information you missed.

Exam Question Guidance





Key Da	tes	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) May 2024 (Date TE Examination (10 hrs) June 2024 (Date TE Coursework submissi	BC)	BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subj ects/z6hs34j Artist Directory: https://www.makersandfounders.co m/ https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/ a-z	 All 3 projects must include: Title page Mindmap & moodboards 4 x artist research pages Oberservational drawings Experimental artworks Variety of different medias Primary images Developmental ideas Further experimentation Annotations & analysis Initial ideas Final ideas Final piece & evaluation
Exam Question Guidance	Component Students prod starting point, The portfolio following and o sheets, maque The portfolio Component Students respo and stimuli. Stu	GCSE Art and Design Component 01: Portfolio Students produce a portfolio of practical work showing their personal response to a set starting point, brief, scenario or stimulus. The portfolio may be presented in appropriate formats for the specification title they are following and chosen area of study, including sketchbooks, digital presentations, mounted sheets, maquettes, prototypes, animated work, scale models or illustrated written work. The portfolio must provide evidence that the student has met all four assessment objectives. Component 02: Externally set task Students respond to one of five themes, each with a range of written and visual starting points and stimuli. Students research, plan and develop ideas for their response to the option they have chosen, which they must then realise within the ten-hour supervised time period.	

Business Studies



Key Dates

March 2024 Mocks (see timetable)

Tuesday 14th May 2024 Theme I Paper (1 hr 45 mins)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 Theme 2 Paper (1 hr 45 mins)

Useful Websites

Edexcel website:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/e n/support/supporttopics/exams/past-papers.html

Google Drive resources: https://www.tinyurl.com/nishkamh igh

Tutor2U: https://www.tutor2u.net/business

BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ex amspecs/z98snbk

SENECA:

www.senecalearning.com

Topic Checklist

Topic 1.1: Enterprise and entrepreneurship

Topic 1.2: Spotting a business opportunity

Topic 1.3: Putting a business idea into practice

Topic 1.4: Making the business effective

Topic 1.5: Understanding external influences on business

Topic 2.1: Growing the business

Topic 2.2: Making marketing decisions

Topic 2.3: Making operational decisions.

Topic 2.4: Making financial decisions.

Topic 2.5: Making human resource decisions.

Theme I paper – 90 marks Theme 2 paper – 90 marks Both papers consist of 3 sections: Section A - 35 marks (non-context) 40 minutes Section B - 30 marks (case study) 35 minutes Section C - 25 marks (case study) 30 minutes Exam **O**uestion Questions on both papers: Guidance I mark - Multiple choice questions I mark - State question 2 marks - Calculation / Outline 3 marks - Explain 6 marks - Discuss/Analyse 9 marks (x 2) - Justify one option 12 marks (x 1) - Evaluate

Citizenship



Key Dates		Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Tuesday 21 st May 2024 Paper I (I hr 45 mins) Monday 3 rd June 2024 Paper 2 (I hr 45 mins)		Citizenship in the UK:https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdqmsbkDemocracy and Justice:https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zckw6sgIdentity and Diversity:https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8j2n39Rights and Responsibilities:https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8j2n39Revision Guide:Citizenship Revision Guide, PearsonREVISE Edexcel GCSE. £9.99(Amazon)	 Paper 1: 80 marks (50%) Section A: Theme A: Living together in the UK. Section B: Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK Section C: Theme C: Law and justice. Section D: Extended-response questions related to two or more of specification Themes A–C. Paper 2: 80 marks (50%) Section A: Reates to students' own citizenship action, Theme E: Taking citizenship action. Section B: Relate to others' actions Theme D: Power and influence. Section C: Focused on specification Theme D: Power and influence. One question will also link to content in one of Themes A - C.
Exam Question Guidance	 I-mark: These questions are either multiple choice or a question that requires a brief answer. (AO1) 2-marks: These questions require brief knowledge and understanding (AO2) 3-marks: These questions Are like the one-mark question where pupils are required to write 3 things in brief. (AO1) 4-marks: These questions are based on knowledge and understanding and require a little more depth in understanding reasons why something has taken place e.g reasons why the Magna Carta was commemorated. (AO2) 6-marks: normally source based. Pupils are required to show analytic skills in understanding and interpreting information within the source along with some wider subject knowledge. (AO3) 12-marks: This is based on a source. Pupils are usually asked to state which source they agree with the most. (This is a 10-mark question in Paper 2) (AO3) 15-marks: This is an analysis and evaluation question based on a statement (AO3) AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues.30% AO2 Apply knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues to contexts and actions. 30 % AO3 Analyse and evaluate a range of evidence relating to citizenship issues, debates and actions, including different viewpoints, to develop reasoned, coherent arguments and make substantiated judgements. 40 % 		

Computer Science



Key Dates	Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
March 2024 Mocks (see timetable) Wednesday 15 th May 2024 Component I (I hr 45 mins) Tuesday 21 st May 2024 Component 2 (2 hrs)	BBC Bitesize (Eduqas): https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/exa mspecs/znywyk7 Teach ICT: http://teachict.com Isaac Computing: https://isaaccomputerscience.org/?e xamBoard=all&stage=all CSnewbs: https://www.csnewbs.com Note: All resources and videos are available via Microsoft Teams.	 Component 1: Hardware Logical operators Networking & cybersecurity Data representation & storage Data organization Operating Systems Principles of programming Algorithms and construct Software development Programe construction Impacts of digital technology on wider society. Component 2: Investigation Design Implementation Testing Refinement
AOI Demonstra science AO2	nt I - 100 marks (50%); Component 2 - 84 te knowledge and understanding of the key o vledge and understanding of key concepts and	concepts and principles of computer

Exam Question

A03

Analyse problems in computational terms:

 to make reasoned judgements • to design, program, evaluate and refine solutions

Guidance

The table below shows the weightings of each assessment objective:

	AOI	AO2	AO3
Component I	30%	١5%	5%
Component 2	0%	25%	25%
Total	30%	40%	30%

Health & Social Care

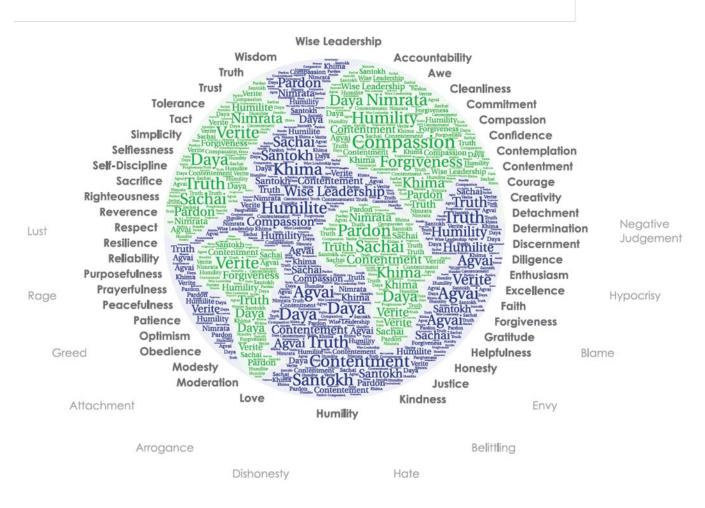


Key Dates		Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
May 2024 (Date TBC) Coursework submission deadline Wednesday 5 th June 2024 R032 Principles of care in health and social care settings. (1 hr 15 mins)		OCR Website: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualificatio ns/cambridge-nationals/health-and- social-care-level-1-2-j801-j811/ Microsoft Teams https://www.microsoft.com/en- us/microsoft-teams/log-in Please note: Students have the link to the revision guide also or have purchased this already.	 LO1: Rights and beliefs of service users and how to maintain them. LO2: Values of care in health, social care and early years. LO3: Legislation and how it supports individuals' rights. LO4: Safety and security in health, social care and early years settings.
Exam Question Guidance	Identify questions: Students should ensure that they revise and can recall all the content from the knowledge organisers, in preparation for the exam. It is important to remember that no other wording is to be used, other than that used on the knowledge organisers. 'Describe' and 'explain' questions: Where possible, students should answer synoptically by linking in other relevant content from the different learning outcomes (LO's in the checklist above).		

Food and Nutrition



Key Dates		Useful Websites	Topic Checklist
May 2024 (Date TBC) Coursework submission deadline Wednesday 19 th June 2024 Contemporary issues in sport (1 hr 30 mins)		British Nutrition Foundation: www.nutrition.org.uk National Health Service: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat- well/ BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize Food A Fact Of Life https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk British Heart Foundation: https://www.bhf.org.uk/informatio nsupport/publications	 Section A: Nutrition Section B: Food (food provenance and food choice) Section C: Cooking and food preparation Section D: Skills requirements (preparation and cooking techniques)
Exam Question Guidance	• Ten compulsory questions including structured and free response questions		



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