



Witchford
Village College

Supporting Independent Study at Home

**A practical guide for parents and carers in helping
your child achieve their potential grades**



This is a crucial year for your child and as such, it is important that they have the best opportunities to be successful in their academic studies over the coming months. There is a comprehensive plan in place to support students during their last year at the College but your child will also need support at home in order to achieve their very best. This booklet provides some useful tips and links to resources that are available to you and your child or have been recommended by their teachers. Please do get in touch with your child's subject teachers, Heads of Department or Head of Year if you have any concerns or would like further clarification or advice yourself on how best to support them.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Important Dates

Mock Exams 1	9 th – 24 th November
Mock Results Day	TBC
Mock Exams 2	23 rd February – 5 th March
Final GCSE's	7 th June – 2 nd July TBC

Top ten tips for revision

1	Start NOW (if you haven't already!)	Your exams are spread over a very short period in the summer – more revision now means less pressure and stress in May/June
2	Make a revision timetable and stick to it	Don't set yourself unrealistic goals – an hour and a half each day is a good start now and can be increased as exams get closer
3	Be focused for the revision period	Phones, ipads, laptops, playstations, TVs – anything that could distract you, turn it off and leave it off
4	Eat and drink before you start	Don't waste time getting up and down during a revision session – it is just you trying to avoid getting started!
5	Know what it is that you need to revise	Get a copy of the syllabus/knowledge organiser for each subject and refer to it when you are revising
6	Know specifically what are your strengths and weakness areas	RAG (red, amber, green) your syllabus/knowledge organiser to show confidence with each topic. But have proof of this, not just you thinking you can or can't do it
7	Be active when revising	Don't just sit and read a book or go through notes. You are kidding yourself into thinking that flicking through a book for an hour is revision. You must use your knowledge
8	Test yourself	Don't let your exam be the first time you test yourself to check whether you really do understand the thing you are trying to revise
9	Ask for help	Revision can be lonely and boring! Involve others e.g. family and friends doing the same exam
10	Don't reinvent the wheel	There are loads and loads of great online resources that will save you time making them for yourself – use these! Our new website has a whole section dedicated to revision including techniques & resources

GetRevising

part of The Student Room


This website provides a free tool for students to plan their revision and make use of *thousands* of resources

Register for free at www.getrevising.co.uk

- Create a revision timetable by blocking out regular commitments, set your “available” times and add in dates and details (exam board etc) of exams. The website will do the rest and create you a revision timetable
- Print and display as a reminder of what you should revise and when
- Use the timetable online to access thousands of shared interactive resources, specifically made for your syllabus

	Mon 11th	Tue 12th	Wed 13th	Thu 14th	Fri 15th	Sat 16th	Sun 17th
09:00 - 10:00	School	School	School	School	School		Football
10:00 - 11:00							
11:00 - 12:00							
12:00 - 13:00							
13:00 - 14:00							
14:00 - 15:00	RM coursework	History After school	Maths		Science		
15:00 - 16:00							
16:00 - 17:00							
17:00 - 18:00							
18:00 - 19:00	Chemistry revision	English practise questions	Biology revision	Maths revision	Work		
19:00 - 20:00	Swim						
20:00 - 21:00							
21:00 - 22:00							

**Flashcards**
Create small cards with questions on the front, answers on the back.
[Go!](#)

**Revision Cards**
Break topics into manageable chunks to make them easier to learn (A5 size).
[Go!](#)


**Revision notes**
Share detailed notes on a topic.
[Go!](#)

**Quizzes**
Create fun, educational quizzes to test yourself and friends.
[Go!](#)

**Mindmaps**
Create a diagram to chart the relationships within a topic.
[Go!](#)

**Crosswords**
Create fun crosswords for when you need a break from intense revision.
[Go!](#)

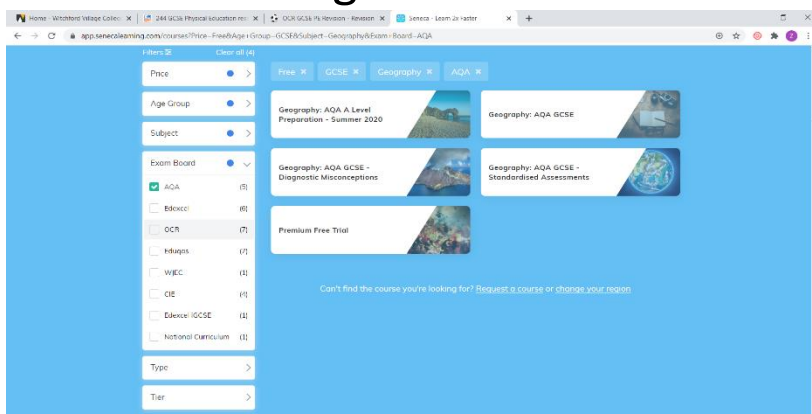
**Organise your thinking**
Analyse the key elements of topic.
[Go!](#)

**Quizsearches**
Create a unique combination of a quiz and a wordsearch.
[Go!](#)

Some time needed to set it up initially but time is saved every day by not having to decide what to revise

- Sense of achievement in being able to “tick” something off or cross it out as being done!
- Of course, there are paper-based and excel alternatives for revision timetables if you prefer. Please see Mr Mappedoram’s email for the template.

Seneca Learning



The screenshot shows the Seneca Learning website interface. On the left, there are filters for Price, Age Group, Subject, Exam Board, and Type. The main content area displays several course cards, including 'Geography: AQA A Level Preparation - Summer 2020', 'Geography: AQA GCSE', 'Geography: AQA GCSE - Diagnostic Misconceptions', and 'Geography: AQA GCSE - Standardised Assessments'. There is also a 'Premium Free Trial' card. At the bottom, there is a link to 'Request a course or change your region'.

This website allows students and parents to select a subject and exam board and then takes you through a series of knowledge checks and some tests to check your understanding. It is easy to use and free!

www.senecalearning.com

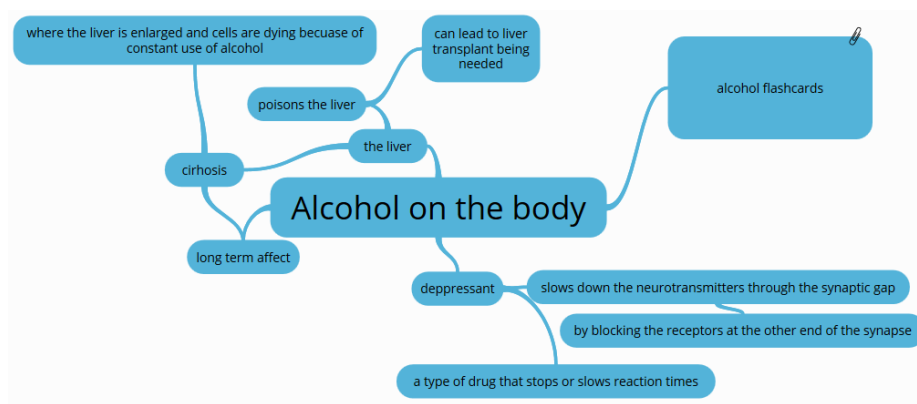


This website allows individuals or groups of students to create online revision activities that can be shared to save the workload. You can also download an App to use on tablets and phones

Different to other websites or using paper resources as it allows lots of people to all access and edit the same revision resource. So, for example, a group of 10 students could subdivide an exam unit and write 20 questions each. By sharing, each student then has access to 200 revision questions

Register for free at www.goconqr.com

- Create a mind map to show the links between different concepts within a unit or subject



- Create flashcards to help learn definitions of key words or processes



- Create multiple choice quizzes to test recall of key words or processes

Mock Exam Timetable

These exams will be the first opportunity for students to get used to an examination period. All exams will be carried out as would the “real” exams in the summer. It is important that students are properly equipped for these exams and that impeccable standards of conduct are maintained. 100% attendance is expected – students need to get used to attending and performing in exams, even with minor illnesses.

Any student who does not prepare for the mock exams fully, resulting in a poor effort in the exam will be expected to redo the exam.

DATE	MORNING SESSION (9am start)	AFTERNOON SESSION (12.45 start)
Monday 9th Nov	English Language Paper 1 - 1hr 45mins	Biology – 1hr 45mins
Tuesday 10th Nov	English Literature Paper 1 - 1hr 45mins	Maths Paper 1 (F/H) - 1hr 45mins
Wednesday 11th Nov	Chemistry Combined Science (F/H) - 1hr 45mins	French (F/H) – Listening - 45mins French Reading – 1hr PE Paper 1 – 1 hr
Thursday 12th Nov	Maths Paper 2 (F/H) - 1hr 45mins	History Paper 1 - 1hr 20mins Child Development- 1 hr 30mins
Friday 13th Nov	Design & Technology Unit 1 - 2hrs Product Design – 2 hrs Religious Studies - 2hrs Computer Science – 1hr 30mins	Physics Combined Science (F/H) - 1hr 45mins
Monday 16th Nov	Health & Social Care – 1hr 30mins French Writing – 1hr 20mins Spanish Writing - 1hr 20mins	Dance - 1hr 30mins Drama - 1hr 30mins Music Listening- 1hr 15mins
Tuesday 17th Nov	Maths Paper 3 (F/H) - 1hr 45mins	History Paper 2 - 55mins Religious Studies - 1hr
Wednesday 18th Nov	Geography – 1hr 30mins Film Studies - 1hr 30mins	Spanish (F/H) Listening - 45mins Spanish (F/H) Reading 1hr PE Paper 2 – 1 hr
Thursday 19th Nov	Art – Day 1 Textiles – Day 1 Clash/Catch Up Exams	Art – Day 1 Textiles – Day 1 Clash/Catch Up Exams
Friday 20th Nov	Art – Day 2 Textiles – Day 2 Clash/Catch Up Exams	Art - Day 2 Textiles - Day 2 Clash/Catch Up Exams
Monday 23rd Nov	Photography – Day 1 Clash/Catch Up Exams	Photography – Day 1 Clash/Catch Up Exams
Tuesday 24th Nov	Photography – Day 2 Clash/Catch Up Exams	Photography – Day 2 Clash/Catch Up Exams
NORMAL LESSONS WILL RUN FOR STUDENTS NOT SITTING EXAMS		

Subject-specific details

English Language	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams – 50% each
	Recommended revision guides	AQA English Language Practice Tests with Answers: York Notes for GCSE (9-1)
	Top tip for revision	Learn the approaches for each question and practice with reading papers; learn vocabulary and plan extended metaphors/semantic fields. Use the revision checklists.

English Literature	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams – 46% Paper 1; 54% Paper 2
	Recommended revision guides	York Notes for set texts FlipsCo Cards for set texts
	Top tip for revision	Learn quotations; recall plot and character development; use the revision checklists.

Maths	Exam Board & Qualification	Edexcel (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Three exams: one calculator and two non-calculator
	Recommended revision guides	CGP Maths Edexcel Revision guides – either Higher or Foundation
	Top tip for revision	To learn Maths, you need to <i>do</i> Maths – practise questions, don't just read through notes.

Triple Biology	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams for Biology
	Recommended revision guides	Collins AQA Biology. All-in-One revision guide and practice
	Top tip for revision	Rewrite notes, redraw diagrams, make your own glossary of keywords & use online resources eg. YouTube, BBC Bitesize

Triple Chemistry	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams for Chemistry
	Recommended revision guides	Collins AQA Chemistry. All-in-One revision guide and practice
	Top tip for revision	Rewrite notes, redraw diagrams, make your own glossary of keywords & use online resources eg. YouTube, BBC Bitesize

Triple Physics	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams for Physics
	Recommended revision guides	Collins AQA Physics. All-in-One revision guide and practice
	Top tip for revision	Rewrite notes, redraw diagrams, make your own glossary of keywords & use online resources eg. YouTube, BBC Bitesize

Trilogy Science	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Six exams: two exams for each of Biology, Chemistry & Physics
	Recommended revision guides	Collins AQA Combined Science Trilogy All-in-One revision guide and practice
	Top tip for revision	Rewrite notes, redraw diagrams, make your own glossary of keywords & use online resources eg. YouTube, BBC Bitesize

Spanish	Exam Board & Qualification	Edexcel (GCSE)
	Assessment format	3 exams (each 33%): listening, reading and writing
	Recommended revision guides	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Spanish (Revision guide & workbooks available from Pearson publishers)
	Top tip for revision	Learning 10 words a day, is the best way! This will ensure that you know more!

French	Exam Board & Qualification	Edexcel (GCSE)
	Assessment format	3 exams (each 33%): listening, reading and writing
	Recommended revision guides	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French (Revision guide & workbooks available from Pearson publishers)
	Top tip for revision	Learning 10 words a day, is the best way! This will ensure that you know more!

Geography	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	3 exams (Physical Geography; Human Geography; Skills) Each worth 33.3%
	Recommended revision guides	OUP AQA Geography 1-9 Revision Guide - ISBN: 978-019-842346-1
	Top tip for revision	Learn key terms and definitions. Learn case studies by making flashcards with key information for each one

History	Exam Board & Qualification	Edexcel (GCSE)
	Assessment format	3 Exams - Paper 1 – Medicine through time Paper 2 – Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88 Paper 3 – Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939
	Recommended revision guides	Pearson Edexcel GCSE History revision guides.
	Top tip for revision	Write timelines for each topic. Highlight areas of weakness. Create knowledge cards and make them self-testing.

Religious Studies	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Two exams, each worth 25%: “on Christian and Muslim Beliefs, Teachings and Practices” and one exam worth 50% on “Religious, Philosophical and Ethical themes from a Christian perspective.”
	Recommended revision guides	My Revision Notes OCR GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies By <u>Lorraine Abbott</u>
	Top tip for revision	Rather than revising content, make sure that you practice exam questions in timed conditions - especially 15 mark ones

Computer Science (9-1)	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR (GCSE)
	Assessment format	50% exam “Computer Systems”; 50% exam “Computational thinking, programming & algorithms”
	Recommended revision guides	OCR revision textbook
	Top tip for revision	Algorithms (flowchart, pseudo code, basic)

Film Studies	Exam Board & Qualification	WJEC EDUQAS (GCSE)
	Assessment format	30% coursework & 70% exam
	Recommended revision guides	WJEC GCSE Film Studies
	Top tip for revision	Use the information in your workbooks – vocabulary lists and knowledge organisers

Food Prep	Exam Board & Qualification	WJEC EDUQAS (GCSE)
	Assessment format	60% Coursework 40% Exam
	Recommended revision guides	New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition WJEC Eduqas Revision Question Cards - Product code: FNWF41 ISBN: 9781789084504 Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - WJEC Eduqas Revision Guide - Product code: FNWR41 ISBN: 9781782946526
	Top tip for revision	Use the revision guides, coursework notes and course website www.Senecalearning.com

Product Design	Exam Board & Qualification	WJEC EDUQAS (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Controlled assessment (60%) & exam (40%)
	Recommended revision guides	www.technologystudent.com WJEC Revision Guide
	Top tip for revision	Review coursework notes

Physical Education	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR (GCSE)
	Assessment format	60% exams, 30% practical, 10% PEP
	Recommended revision guides	OCR GCSE (9-1) Physical Education 2 nd Edition by John Honeybourne www.gcseperevision.co.uk
	Top tip for revision	Definitions are key! Make sure that PEP is of top quality. Use flash cards, knowledge organisers, checklists, past papers, power-points, quizzes and revision games from the website above

Dance	Exam Board & Qualification	AQA (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Written exam (40%); practical performance (30%); choreography (30%)
	Recommended revision guides	ArtsPool Revision Guide, Anthology booklet, Anthology knowledge organisers
	Top tip for revision	Watch the set works as many times as possible - the more you see them, the better you can discuss your Performance and Choreographic skills!

Child Development	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR Cambridge Nationals Level 1-2
	Assessment format	50% Coursework 50% Exam
	Recommended revision guides	Knowledge Organisers, Class notes, Provided Revision Materials
	Top tip for revision	Prepare your own flashcards and regularly test yourself Practice Long Answer Questions

Health & Social Care	Exam Board & Qualification	BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Health and Social Care
	Assessment format	Component 1 Learning Aim A&B – Coursework Component 2 Learning Aim A&B – Coursework Component 3 Learning Aim A, B&C – Exam
	Recommended revision guides	Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Revision Guide
	Top tip for revision	Practice Case Study examples, ensure you can link to health and well-being as well, health and social care settings

BTEC Sport	Exam Board & Qualification	BTEC 1 st Award in Sport Level 1/2
	Assessment format	Unit 1 – Online exam 25%; Unit 2 Practical Coursework 25%; Unit 3 Fitness Training Coursework 25%; Unit 6 Leadership Coursework 25%;
	Recommended revision guides	CGP Revision Guide: BTEC First in Sport: Study & Exam Practice - for the exams in 2021 and beyond (ISBN: 9781847624611)
	Top tip for revision	Practice the online test. Use the Learning Aim A, B & C booklets

Drama	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR (GCSE)
	Assessment format	Component 01/02 (30%) = Devised Drama; Component 03 (30%) = Performance text (two extracts from a play) ; Component 04 (40%) = Performance and response (written exam based on Blood Brothers and Woman In Black)
	Recommended revision guides	OCR GCSE (9-1) Drama Revision Guide, Blood Brothers Script
	Top tip for revision	Make sure you know all the key moments of Blood Brothers and have a clear vision for your performance. Know at least 4 key moments of the Woman In Black. Know your drama vocabulary!

Art	Exam Board & Qualification	WJEC Edugas (GCSE)
	Assessment format	60% portfolio coursework & 40% exam
	Recommended revision guides	BBC bitesize GCSE art. Targets set by art staff. Viewing standards in Art provided on website and TEAMS, e.g. what does a grade 7 drawing look like. Covering all assessment objectives, in particular developing own ideas. Checking Eduqas standards, examples of grades: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design-gcse/#tab_overview
	Top tip for revision	2 hours homework per week. Attend period 6 Art sessions every week & follow feedback advice

Music	Exam Board & Qualification	OCR (GCSE)
	Assessment format	30% performance; 30% composition; 40% written exam
	Recommended revision guides	CGP Study Guide: OCR GCSE Music Study Guide and Revision Guide. Also BBC Bitesize. Haynesmusicdept Youtube
	Top tip for revision	Attend Music Intervention every Friday. Listen to as much variety of music as possible within the AOS. Listen to live performances especially orchestral and ROTW

Photography	Exam Board & Qualification	WJEC (GCSE)
	Assessment format	60% portfolio “Order & Disorder” & 40% exam
	Recommended revision guides	BBC bitesize GCSE art. Targets set by art staff
	Top tip for revision	Attend period 6 Art sessions every week & follow feedback advice

Yr11 Intervention Sessions for Autumn Term 2020

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Priority	MFL	Science English (Higher)	Maths (Higher) English (Found)	Maths (Found) Science (Higher)	Music GCSE Music BTEC GCSE Dance
Extra		BTEC Sport GCSE PE History	Geography Religious Studies History Film	Drama GCSE Art / Photography Child Dev, H& SC	
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Priority	MFL	Science English (Higher)	Maths (Higher) English (Found)	Maths (Found) Science (Higher)	Music GCSE Music BTEC GCSE Dance
Extra		BTEC Sport GCSE PE History	Geography Religious Studies History Film	Drama GCSE Art / Photography Child Dev, H& SC	