

13th January 2025

Dear parents and carers

As the exam season approaches we feel that our students would benefit from purchasing revision guides to support in their at home preparation for their exams. The exams will start at the beginning of May and go through to mid to late June. Many subjects have provided revision material or will shortly, however these books offer a very clear and ordered way to revise.

I have attached an order form for you to complete. Please tick any books you would like to order (*we will automatically order the correct tier for your child ie foundation/higher*). We are able to get the books at almost half the retail price. The 'our price' value on the order form is the final cost to you after these reductions have been made. Completed order forms and the correct money must be brought in and given to Mrs Adams no later than Monday 20th January.

These books can of course be bought at most book stores and online retailers or even second hand on ebay, however, please ensure you buy the correct exam board, tier and exam title. By ordering through school we can ensure you purchase the right versions.

I have also included some revision tips to consider in the run up to the exams and some handy websites to support your child with their revision.

The deadline for these orders is strictly Monday 20th January to allow us to put the order in and receive the books in good time.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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Revision tips

1. Start revising early

— i.e. **months**, not days before the exam.

2. Plan your revision using a timetable

Planning out your revision means you can spend more time revising and less time worrying you've forgotten something. Plan to revise each evening and on weekends in chunks. It may not feel fun now but it will be worth it when you come to take your exams!

3. Set up a nice, tidy study space

You'll need somewhere with good lighting, your pens close by, your phone out of sight and your TV unplugged. You may find you prefer quiet or possibly music playing in the background.

4. Vary your revision with different activities

Try a variety of different revision techniques — answering practice questions, writing down notes from memory, making flash cards, exploring revision websites, teaching a family member and using revision guides.

5. Stick revision notes all around your house

So in the exam you think, "Aha, quadratic equations, they were on the fridge..."

6. Do lots of practice papers and questions

You'll find it far easier to answer questions in the exam if you've tried similar ones at home beforehand. Have a look at your exam board's website for a selection of sample papers or ask your teacher. There are a number of websites that offer exam question practice too.

7. Set aside time to do fun things — don't turn into a revision zombie

Don't totally stop yourself from having fun. This'll help you stay motivated, relax, and allow you to keep up with your favourite hobbies.

8. Don't just read your notes

You have to **WRITE STUFF DOWN** to get it to stick in your memory. Using different colours for different topics can help too.

9. Sleep and eat properly

Sleep is more important than you'd imagine — it helps your brain store all the information you've learned throughout the day. Drinking plenty of water and eating healthy foods will also boost your concentration throughout the day. My mum made me have a spoonful of honey before each exam as it's proven to be good for your brain!

Useful Websites

bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Maths

drfrostmaths.com

Corbett maths

History

<https://www...com/myrevisionnotesdownloads>

Need to scroll down to GCSE - History

Crime and Punishment, The Elizabethans, The Making of America and Life Under Nazi Rule are in the drop downs.

Crime and Punishment 1250-now

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgrq2v4>

The Elizabethans 1588-1603

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwynhv4>

History Around Us - Castle Ring

[https://museum.wales/articles/1341/Who-were-the-](https://museum.wales/articles/1341/Who-were-the-Celts/#:~:text=It%20is%20believed%20that%20the%20Celts%20arrived%20at%20the%20shores,and%20traditions%20continue%20to%20exist.)

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<https://cannockwood.org/about/history/#:~:text=Castle%20Ring%20represents%20a%20type,by%20earth%20banks%20and%20ditches.>

Making of America 1789-1900

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=E5zxNbYd_Tc

Life in Nazi Germany 1933-1945

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2932p3/revision/1>

Geography

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsg>

English

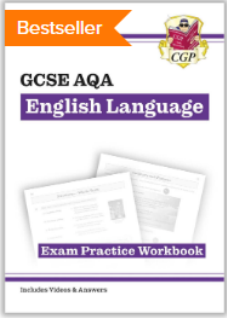
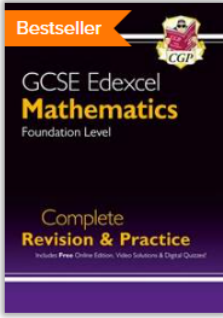
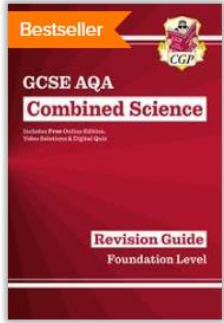
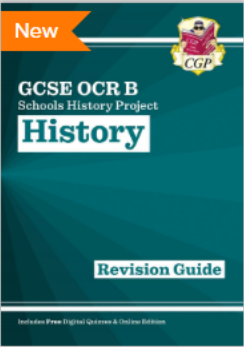
Mr Salles Teaches English.

GCSE Pod on YouTube

Science

<https://app.senecalearning.com>

Revision Guides

English	Maths	Science
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I would like to purchase the following revision guides for my child (Please tick as appropriate)

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	Price	
English Language AQA Workbook	3.50	
Maths Edexcel Foundation Complete Revision and Practice Book	6.00	
Combined Science AQA Foundation Revision Guide	6.25	
History OCR B Revision Guide	3.50	

