Revision Materials



Haslingden High School
and Sixth Form

In order to support students with their revision over the next few months, subject staff have provided the following details of where to source revision materials and guidance. Revision can take a number of different formats, and what works for one student will not necessarily work for another, but there are lots of resources available so there should be something for everyone!

Biology

Exam Board: AQA

Use your exercise book in the first instance, particularly focusing on exam questions.

- **Revision Guides**: We recommend the CGP revision guide for 'GCSE Combined Science' or for 'GCSE Biology' if you are studying Triple Science as an option. Make sure you pick the AQA specification and the correct tier - Higher or Foundation.
- **Educake.co.uk**: All students have a login for Educake, which provides a huge bank of GCSE questions to test recall of knowledge in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- **BBC Bitesize Biology**: Bitesize is a great resource. This link is for AQA Combined Science, but the Biology section is there as a section . Click on it and away you go!
- **Gojimo app**: Revision question cards and quizzes. Select GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology and the AQA exam board. Free and easy to use on your phone or IPad.
- **Free Science Lessons** - Fantastic short videos with all the key concepts covered.
- **Sparx Science**: All students this year have access to Sparx Science. This can be used to review key knowledge and utilise a variety of activities to test recall in both GCSE Combined Science and GCSE Biology

Business Studies

Exam Board: Edexcel

All pupils have been provided with a **Revision Guide** and an **Exam Question Book** to support their preparation for the GCSE examination.

Each week, pupils will be set structured revision homework using these resources. This will focus on specific areas of the course and will be followed by a short test in class to check understanding, identify any gaps in knowledge and help pupils become more confident in recalling key content.

Google Classroom will also contain additional revision materials, including topic-based revision notes and relevant past-paper questions. These resources will allow pupils to complete further independent revision and practise applying their knowledge to exam-style questions.

Recommended websites:

- Two Teachers Theme 1 Revision Playlist
- Two Teacher Theme 2 Revision Playlist
- https://businessed.co.uk/edexcel-gcse-theory/
- BusinessGCSE.com

Chemistry

Exam Board: AQA

- Revision Guides: We recommend the CGP revision guide for 'GCSE Combined Science' or for 'GCSE Chemistry' if you are studying Triple Science as an option.

- Educake.co.uk: All students have a login for Educake, which provides a huge bank of GCSE questions to test recall of knowledge in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

- BBC Bitesize Combined Science - Chemistry: Bitesize is a great resource; this link takes you to the page for AQA GCSE Combined Science, which is the course you study in class. Use your exercise book to narrow down the areas you'd like to revise or ask your teacher for support in what might be best.

- Sparx Science: All students this year have access to Sparx Science. This can be used to review key knowledge and utilise a variety of activities to test recall in both GCSE Combined Science and GCSE Chemistry.

Other popular resources:

- My GCSE Science
- Doc Brown (includes explanations and questions)
- Education Quizzes
- The YouTube channel of Tyler DeWitt is very popular.
- Free science lessons on youtube
- Physics and maths tutor resources online



The free app Gojimo is great and should have already been downloaded to your iPad. This can be found on many educational app libraries - search for it in google if you would like to find it.

Computer Science

Exam Board: OCR

Comprehensive resources used throughout the delivery of the course are shared with students on their teacher's Google Classroom.

- Video clips! Use the "Craig and Dave" series of video tutorials https://craigndave.org/ocr-gcse-j277-videos/

- SenecaLearning.com - Free online revision and tasks closely aligned to the OCR specification

- Well organised summaries of key content available on the "csnewbs" website. Great for making mind maps and flash cards

Other ideas:
- BBC Bitesize GCSE Computer Science contains revision content and quick tests.
- CGP GCSE Computer Science OCR Complete Revision & Practice. Available at a school purchase price of £6.85

Dance

Exam Board: AQA

- Revision Guides: Students will be provided with the revision materials that they need. This is in student folders and on their Showbie accounts.

- Also on Showbie, students have links to the relevant anthology works to be viewed on YouTube.

- Past exam papers can be accessed on AQA website.

Design & Technology

Exam Board: AQA

All students should have a revision guide which contains all the content they will need for the exam at the end of Year 11. They should use this on an ongoing basis to revise all topics in detail.

They **do not** need to know the following sections:
- Paper & Board - P51 -60
- Textiles - P79 - 90
- Electronic & Mechanical Systems P92 - 99

Students should pay particular attention to making sure that they know key terms, facts and knowledge in detail, because the exam marking scheme requires them to be very precise in their answers. Students will also have access to past papers, marking schemes and other resources on Showbie. It is vital that they continue to practise past questions on an ongoing basis and test themselves.

The 2 hour exam at the end of Year 11 is a rigorous academic exam paper, worth 50% of the GCSE grade. The other 50% comes from successful completion of the NEA project they are undertaking in school. The deadline for finishing this is Friday 19th March 2027. Students should therefore attend after school sessions to make sure they have access to our specialist facilities in the run up to this deadline. These will be available after school until 4.00pm. Once

the NEA deadline has passed, students can attend revision sessions for the exam on these days.

Drama

Exam Board: AQA

All revision materials students need are built into the delivery of the course. Students receive the appropriate revision materials at the point in the course when they are required. Specification and past papers are all available on the AQA website.

English Literature

Exam Board: Eduqas

Specification and past papers are available on the Eduqas website

Join Showbie (ZV9H4 and 6642V) for access to essential materials, including electronic and audio versions of the set texts.

We recommend the following revision guides:

- York Notes for GCSE (1-9): *Macbeth* Study Guide
- York Notes for GCSE (1-9): *Blood Brothers* Study Guide
- York Notes for GCSE (1-9): *A Christmas Carol* Study Guide
- CGP GCSE English WJEC Eduqas: *Unseen Poetry* Guide

BBC Bitesize has a series of online revision materials on the following set texts:	
Macbeth	Key scenes BBC Bitesize
Blood Brothers	Plot summary BBC Bitesize
A Christmas Carol	BBC Bitesize
Poetry Anthology	Poems Writing and analysing poetry

Course Hero is an online learning platform for students to access course specific study resources:	
Macbeth	Course Hero
A Christmas Carol	Course Hero

Mr Bruff offers a series of useful revision clips on YouTube, covering all the set texts.

English Language

Exam Board: Eduqas

Specification and past papers are all available on the Eduqas website and Revision World

Join Showbie (6642V) for access practice papers for GCSE English language.

We recommend the following revision guides:

- ***Hodder Education WJEC Eduqas GCSE English Language Student Book*** by Paula Adair, Jane Sheldon, Jamie Ress
- ***WJEC Eduqas GCSE English Language: Student Book 1: Developing the skills for Component 1*** by Michelle Doran, Natalie Simpson, Julie Swain

Geography

Exam Board: AQA

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment
What's assessed: • 3.1.1 The challenge of natural hazards • 3.1.2 The living world • 3.1.2 Physical landscapes in the UK • 3.4 Geographical skills
How it's assessed: • Written exam: 1 hour, 30 minutes • 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and specialist terminology (SPaG)) • 35% of GCSE
Questions: • Section A: answer all questions (33 marks) • Section B: answer all questions (25 marks) • Section C: answer any two questions from questions 3, 4, and 5 (30 marks) • Question types: multiple choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment
What's assessed: • 3.2.1 Urban issues and challenges • 3.2.2 The changing economic world • 3.2.3 The challenge of resource management • 3.4 Food

How it's assessed:

- Written exam: 1 hour, 30 minutes
- 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and specialist terminology (SPaG))
- 35% of GCSE

Questions:

- Section A: answer all questions (33 marks)
- Section B: answer all questions (30 marks)
- Section C: answer question 3 and one from question 4, 5, or 6 (25 marks)
- Question types: multiple choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Paper 3: Geographical applications

What's assessed:

- 3.3.1 Issue evaluation
- 3.3.2 Fieldwork
- 3.4 Geographical skills

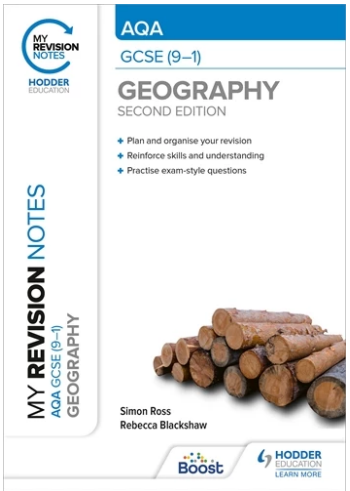
How it's assessed:

- Written exam: 1 hour, 30 minutes
- 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG)
- 30% of GCSE
- Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam

Questions:

- Section A: answer all questions (37 marks)
- Section B: answer all questions (39 marks)
- Question types: multiple choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Revision in geography:



The guide we recommend is AQA Geography Second Edition.

You will be able to purchase this through school. Please keep an eye out for your emails!

Please be mindful when using revision guides as they contain case studies and examples which we may not have studied (schools choose their own various case studies and examples). Students know which they have studied and then revise.

The first port of call for geography revision should be the class work book. The revision guides can support this.

Educake is used for weekly revision quizzes. The topic covered in each homework is always a previous unit of study, this will help you identify areas for improvement in independent revision. Please complete your weekly Educake quiz.

Revision Classes:

- Mrs Green holds weekly revision classes for pupils **every Monday and Thursday in B37 from 2.50pm**. (Monday- Revision skills and making resources, Thursday- Exam Practice)

- **Additional revision sessions** will be held in the lead up to Mock Exams and Summer examination series. Please keep an eye on your emails!

In addition to this, we highly recommend that you follow this guide to help with independent revision. Revision should be happening in bursts of around 15-20 minutes.

Below are two plans which you could follow and add into your revision timetable.

Plan 1:

1. Take your notes on a topic you are less comfortable with.
2. Create a mind map/brain dump/topic on a page with the section you are looking at.
3. Try not to overload with text.
4. Add in simple images to help you recall keep points.
5. Use this to then create quizlet cards or flash cards of your choice.
6. Test yourself - do this regularly.

Plan 2:

1. Take the revision guide and RAG (highlight topics in the index in three different coloured highlighters - pink for very unsure, yellow for reasonably secure in the knowledge and green for good understanding and recall).
2. Taking the pink/red topics first, create a mind map covering the key areas. Use simple images to help recall key points.
3. Use this to create quizlet cards.
4. Test yourself - regularly.

Your teacher will have access to blank mind maps, revision grids and revision clocks - simply ask for these.

REVISION NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT GRADUALLY AND IN LAYERS - BUILDING YOUR RECALL CONSISTENTLY, OVER TIME.

German/French

Exam Board: Edexcel

The qualification consists of:

- 3 externally-examined papers assessing separately, listening, reading and writing
- 1 speaking assessment set by Pearson and conducted by a teacher

Broad thematic contexts covered:

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

Subjects covered within the thematic contexts:

family	friends	relationships	equality
physical wellbeing	mental wellbeing	food and drink	sports
places in towns	shopping	transport	the natural world
environmental issues	social media and gaming	future opportunities (e.g. work, travel)	school
music	TV and film	accomodation	tourist attractions

Attend any **revision classes** offered to you by your teacher.

Some students have a **revision guide** and a **revision workbook.** These are still available to buy from your teacher. Use the revision guide to learn specific vocab and topics then use the exercises to practise all skills for the final exams. You can use the QR codes to access the listening tracks.

All classes have a **Speaking Test book/booklet** which lists the type of questions they will be answering in the Speaking Test. This will also help them with the role play and picture card sections of the test.

The same topics are also tested in the written exam. Students can use this as a starting point for revising for the written paper. They also have a lists of key phrases and complex sentence starters which need to be learnt for the exam.

Quizlet: All students have set this up already to help them learn key vocabulary, verbs in different tenses and other key phrases. There are lots of these in their class to revise all topics.

Showbie: Your teacher will provide you with useful resources for revision on your class showbie, possibly including past papers, links to your class Quizlets, vocabulary lists etc.

Do also use any materials available from the **Edexcel GCSE website**.

Your teacher will also share with you a **'revision checklist'** which details some final pieces of advice to target your revision approaching Easter.

Students should ask their teacher if they are unsure how to access any of these resources.

Health & Social Care

Exam Board: OCR (Cambridge National)

Students will be provided with revision material corresponding to the learning outcomes for the exam unit; Principles in Care. These are:

- Topic 1 - The rights of service users
- Topic 2 - Person centred values
- Topic 3 - Effective communication in health and social care
- Topic 4 - Protecting services users and service providers in health and social care

Resources including all lesson material and extension tasks are available on the google classroom.

There is just one endorsed textbook should students wish to purchase it.

History

Exam Board: Edexcel

The units covered are:

- **Paper 1:** Medicine in Britain, c.1250-present *and* The British Sector of the Western Front, 1914-18: injuries, treatment and the trenches
- **Paper 2:** Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-88 *and* Superpower relations and the Cold War
- **Paper 3:** Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39

There are two varieties of revision guides, which are in our opinion the best	
My Revision Notes which retail on Amazon for about £4 per topic. Please note that these are per topic, so you would need to purchase the book for each of the four units. The advantage of these books are they have very condensed notes, which makes them good for revision notes.	Medicine in Britain Superpower relations and the cold war Anglo-Saxon and Norman England Weimar and Nazi Germany
CGP Edexcel History which retail on Amazon for about £5.95. As above they are per topic, so you need to purchase a book for each of the units. The big advantage for this series is that they are new and so have a better focus on exam skills and tips.	GCSE History Edexcel Topic Guide - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939 Medicine in Britain Anglo-Saxon & Norman England Superpower relations and the cold war
BBC Bitesize provides free resources specific to the Edexcel exam board. You can access these resources via the link	BBC bitesize

Please also be aware of the following:

- pupils will have numerous resources to revise from added to Showbie
- There will be at least one aspect of weekly homework that is focused on revision. These can include but are not exclusive to: Socrative Quizzes set on Showbie, Carousel Revision and Quizzing, Creation of Fact sheets to support in lesson exam practice.
- We will also be providing study packs via Carousel that pupils can use to revise and set themselves additional quizzes to complete.
- There are targeted revision sessions that run three days a week and your child will have been contacted if we strongly feel they would significantly benefit from attendance at these sessions. If your child has not been contacted but is interested in one of these sessions please ask them to speak with their history teacher. Pupils who attended these sessions in the previous two years benefitted greatly from increased outcomes.

Hospitality & Catering

Exam Board: WJEC

Students will have access to all of their lesson booklets including all the information required for their written exam.

All of the lesson content is also available on Showbie.

Finally, if they wish, they can purchase the revision book from Amazon using the following link, however this is completely optional as all content will be available from their school work.

H&C revision guide

Mathematics

Exam Board: Edexcel

You have **three** exams, which are 1.5 hours each. This will be one non calculator exam, followed by two calculator exams.

Recommended websites:

- Sparx: All students have their own logins via google in order to save records of any tasks completed. Students complete their homework on this every week. There is also access to additional tasks and independent learning.
    - All topics are available on here. There are videos to watch with accompanying exercises to complete. These also get marked live. There will be revision lists given out with relevant video numbers on these.
- Corbettmaths: This includes 5 a day questions available by tier with solutions, past exam questions available by topic and links to videos of worked examples for all topics.

Media Studies

Exam board: Eduqas

Here is the specification.

As well as working on your coursework worth 30% of your GCSE, you have **two** exams in GCSE Media Studies; Component 1 and Component 2. Each exam is 90 minutes long. These exam board powerpoints talk you through EXACTLY what each exam will look like, your timings and give you some exam hints and tips: exam walk through

- **Component 1 Section A** will ask you about the **print set products** (available on the exam board website). You can revise by using the fact sheets on the set products provided by the exam board. You should also revise a whole range of media theories. Several resources on these theories are available on Showbie.

- **Component 1 Section B** will ask you to demonstrate your knowledge of media **industries**, focussing on **Newspapers, Fortnite, 'Desert Island Discs', and the James Bond film franchise**. You can find revision exam board revision materials here that cover the key areas of industry such as ownership, technology and regulation as well as resources that focus on the set products for this section. **As well as this, you should be regularly listening to and making notes on episodes of 'Desert Island Discs', available on BBC sounds.**

- **Component 2 Section A** will test your knowledge and understanding of **TV Crime Drama** with a focus on **'Trigger Point' and 'The Sweeney'**. You should be watching as many episodes of these as possible but you should ensure you are particularly familiar with the set episodes ('Trigger Point' Series 2, episode 1 - available on ITVX. 'The Sweeney' series 1, episode 1 available on showbie) as there will be clips from these episodes in the exam. You should also be familiar with a range of other tv crime dramas that you can refer to in the exam. Revision resources can be found here.

- **Component 2 Section B** is on music videos and music artists websites and revision materials can be found here.

Other revision sources, including knowledge organisers, can be found in our class showbie (code WR6FE). You should also access these videos (ensure you access the EDUQAS GCSE videos - not A level or other exam boards) and here made by a teacher - they're REALLY useful. Mrs Fisher Media teacher

GCSE Media Revision (and COURSEWORK CATCH UP!) will take place on Tuesdays after school from 3pm until 4pm. The AV set products can be watched after school on Fridays if you have difficulty accessing them from home.

Suggested revision activities are posted on showbie each week. These will not be checked and are provided to help guide students towards structured revision activities if needed.

A revision guide is available from the exam board. You can buy your own copy from here: Revision Guide

Music

Exam Board: Eduqas

The Eduqas GCSE Music Revision Guide is available from here

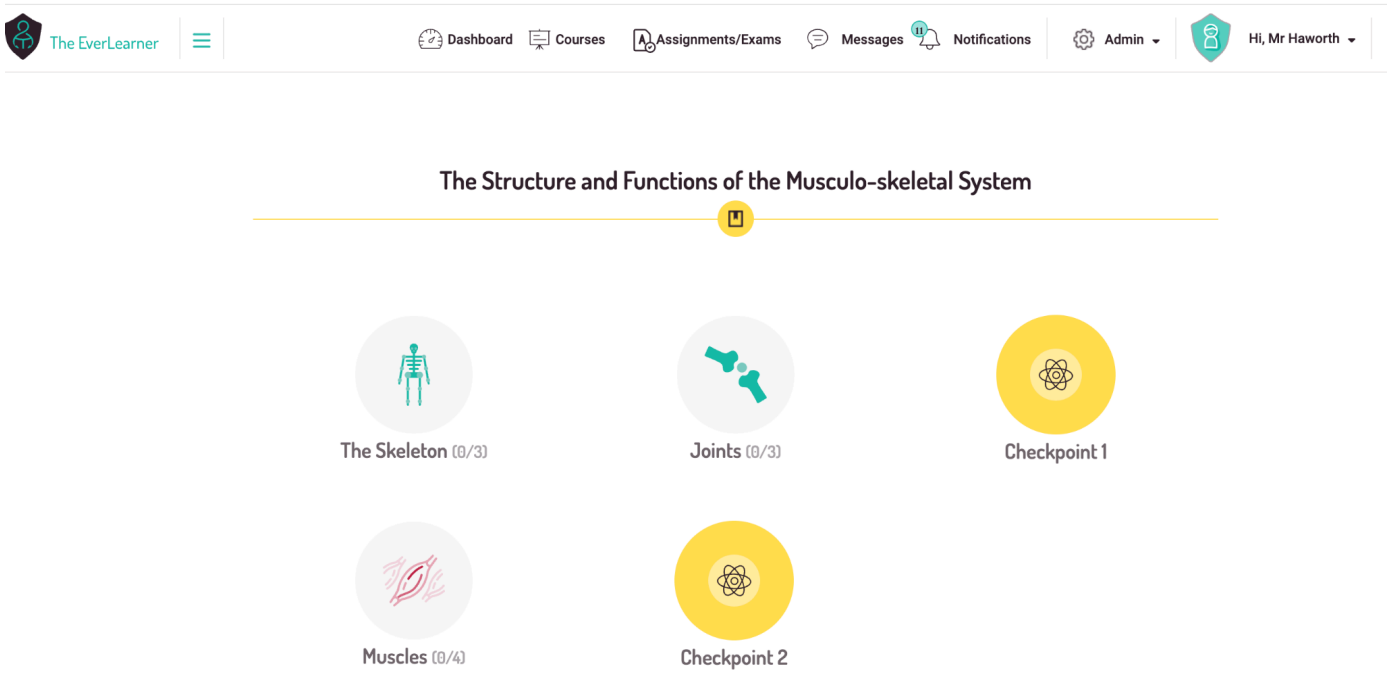
A revision guide is available through Showbie for students to view and further information can be found on BBC Bitesize.

Physical Education

Exam Board: Edexcel

All students have been given a comprehensive revision booklet that they will be completing for homeworks in the run up to the Paper 1 mock exam in November. We will then repeat this in the run up to Paper 2 mock in March.

All students have a login to The Everlearner website. This allows students to watch topic videos, practice exam questions and test themselves.



Physics

Exam Board: AQA

- **Revision Guides:** We recommend the CGP revision guide for 'GCSE Combined Science' or for 'GCSE Physics' if you are studying Triple Science as an option. A new order will be made after Parents Evening and order forms will be available on the night.

- **Educake.co.uk:** All students have a login for Educake, which provides a huge bank of GCSE questions to test recall of knowledge in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

- **BBC Bitesize Physics:**
  - Combined physics - This is the general Combined Science page. The subject areas are listed separately here.
  - Triple physics

- **Sparx Science**: All students this year have access to Sparx Science. This can be used to review key knowledge and utilise a variety of activities to test recall in both GCSE Combined Science and GCSE Physics

Other useful websites that have videos and past paper questions listed by topic:
- GCSE Physics online
- Cognito Resources
- Isaac Physics
- Physics and Maths Tutor

Religious Studies

Exam Board: AQA

- **Revision guides:** Revision guides will be available on Showbie, covering all areas of the course. Each page of this will focus on one area of the course and include example exam questions. A revision questions booklet to accompany the revision guide is also available to students. Printed copies of the revision guide have already been made available to students during Y10.

- **Revision homework:** Revision quizzes will be set most weeks, and these typically take 5-10 minutes to complete. These quizzes will reveal the correct answer to a question if answered incorrectly, allowing students to redo the quiz and improve. Many classes will thus have a minimum expected score.
- Preparation for practice exam questions set in the other weeks. Your teacher will make sure you have everything you need to do these.