

Dear parents/carers,

As we finish our first half term back, I would like to share some information regarding GCSE subjects, that I hope you find useful in supporting your child prepare in their journal towards their final exams.

Given that normal teaching has been disrupted, many of the summer 2022 exams will have modifications, including reduced content options, topic lists and other changes. These changes will be communicated to pupils by individual subject teachers. If you are interested in learning more, please read about the decisions through the DfE website, by clicking [this link](#).

Included in this message is an overview of the exam boards each department uses at KS4. I would like to encourage you to visit exam board websites with your child to explore the resources, practice papers and other preparation materials that are published each year. Of special interest are examiner reports, which detail the areas from prior exams where pupils were successful or struggled. These reports are a valuable source of information for pupils.

Also included with this letter is a list of textbooks used to support delivery of the GCSE curriculum in some subjects. If you're able, we would encourage families to purchase textbooks for pupils to have at home. Pupils will always have access to textbooks at school, however, some pupils find an increased level of confidence knowing they have access to everything they need to learn at home. Where a subject is not listed, this indicates there is no corresponding textbook in use.

The important assessment dates on our school calendar are also included to help you know where pupils will be writing assessments. Pupils usually complete summative progress assessments towards the end of each term and correspond to data collection points. It is normal practice for pupils to be assessed approximately 2 weeks before a data collection point, therefore you can work backwards from these points to have a sense of where summative progress assessments will take place.

Finally, if you have not yet been able to sign-up to receive alerts about home learning or other assignments that are set through Google Classroom, please complete the following form, which is also now on our website. Once submitted, you'll be added to an automatic parent mailing list that sends out a weekly overview about assignments and deadlines that have been set for your child.

<https://forms.gle/YTWXQJjua3AJZU1v8>

I hope you find all of this information useful in supporting your child through their GCSE journey. Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
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GCSE Exam Boards

Subject	Course Title	Qualification Level	Exam Board
Art	Art and Design	GCSE	AQA
Biology	Biology	GCSE	AQA
Business	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Enterprise	BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award	Pearson/Edexcel
Chemistry	Chemistry	GCSE	AQA
Computer Science	Computer Science	GCSE	OCR
Drama	Drama	GCSE	Pearson/Edexcel
DT	Design and Technology	GCSE	WJEC
English Language	English Language	GCSE	AQA
English Literature	English Literature	GCSE	AQA
French	French	GCSE	AQA
Food preparation and Nutrition	Food preparation and Nutrition	GCSE	WJEC
Geography	Geography A	GCSE	Pearson/Edexcel
Further Maths	Further Mathematics	Level 2 Certificate	AQA
Health and Social Care	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Care	BTEC Level 1/2 First Award	Pearson/Edexcel
History	History A	GCSE	Pearson/Edexcel
ICT	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology	BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award	Pearson/Edexcel
Maths	Mathematics	GCSE	Pearson/Edexcel
Media Studies	Media Studies	GCSE	WJEC
Music	Music	GCSE	WJEC
PE	Physical Education	GCSE	AQA
Physics	Physics	GCSE	AQA
RE	Religious Studies A	GCSE	AQA
Sociology	Sociology	GCSE	AQA
Spanish	Spanish	GCSE	AQA

GCSE Textbook and Revision Guide List

Subject	Recommended Text
Business Studies (GCSE) Y11 only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Hodder, Malcolm Surridge, Second Edition Business
Business Studies (BTEC) Y10 only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Tech Award Level 1/ 2, <u>Cathy Richards & Helen Coupland-Smith</u>, student book Enterprise
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Farm: The dystopian classic reimagined with cover art by Shepard Fairey (Penguin Essentials, 94) Pocket Book – 3 July 2008 A Christmas Carol (Wordsworth Classics) Paperback – 15 Jan. 2018 Oxford School Shakespeare: Macbeth Paperback – 5 Mar. 2009 <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New GCSE English AQA Poetry Guide - Power & Conflict Anthology inc. Online Edition, Audio & Quizzes (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 31 Mar. 2021 New GCSE English Text Guide - Animal Farm includes Online Edition & Quizzes (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 4 May 2021 New GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide - Macbeth includes Online Edition & Quizzes (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 7 May 2021 AQA GCSE English Language Grades 5-9 Student Book (AQA English) Paperback – Student Edition, 27 Feb. 2015
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Oxford University Press, French Higher/Foundation
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A specification: Geographical Themes and Challenges. <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography Edexcel A - Revision Guide CGP
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Medicine Through Time c. 1250- present (Y10 only) Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Conflict in the Middle East, 1945-1995 Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588 Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939 <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Medicine Through Time (Y10 only) Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Conflict in the Middle East Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Early Elizabethan England Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearson, BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Student Book

Media Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eduqas, Illuminate publishing, WJEC/Eduqas Media Studies <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eduqas, Illuminate publishing, WJEC/Eduqas Media Studies Revision Guide
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eduqas, Illuminate Publishing, WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music Student Book: Revised Edition by Jan Richards <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eduqas, Illuminate Publishing, WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music Revision Guide - Revised Edition by Jan Richards
Religious Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Oxford, Religious Studies A: Hinduism AQA, Oxford, Religious Studies A: Christianity <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Oxford, AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1): Christianity & Hinduism Revision Guide
Technology	<p>Resistant Materials, Graphics and Textiles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WJEC Eduqas ,Hodder, My Revision Notes: WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology Paperback <p>Food Preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WJEC Eduqas ,Hodder, My Revision Notes: WJEC Eduqas GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Oxford, Chemistry Third Edition AQA, Oxford, Biology Third Edition AQA, Oxford, Physics Third Edition AQA, Oxford, Foundation combined Trilogy and Entry Level Certificate
Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA, Collins, GSCE (9-1) Sociology Student book <p>Recommended Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice

Assessment Calendar

Year 11	Year 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 1: Internal department data updates Nov 29 – Dec 13, 2021: Mock exam period Jan 14, 2022: Mock exam data deadline + end of year predictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 8, 2021: Term 1 data collection Dec 16, 2021: Term 1 reports released March 23, 2022: Term 2 data collection April 1, 2022: Term 2 reports released

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 6, 2022: Y11 final predictions• May 16 – June 28, 2022: GCSE exams• August 25, 2022: GCSE results day | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 1, 2022: Term 3 data collection• July 15, 2022: Final reports |
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