

Supporting your child in the lead up to the Summer Exams 2025

- See the link to the Dixons revision website: <https://www.dixonsrevision.com/> for additional resources.
- Many departments have resources on MS Teams as well as revision packs the students have been given.
- Digital copies of 100% books are all available through MS Teams as well as students having their own paper copies.
- Students have been asked to take all of their books home for Easter to make sure they have all the resources they need.

To support revision please make sure your child has a quiet space to work, free from distractions such as mobile phones, TV etc. Not all revision needs to be done on the computer. Planning out the Easter break is important, ensuring there is a balance of revision and preparing for the exams as well as having some family and social time. A balanced diet and a good routine for sleep is as equally important. Check in your child and ask them to tell you what they have learnt / revised. In Term 5 the final preparations will take place to support your child to achieve success in the exams.

Exam boosters – there will be an exam booster for approximately 40-50 minute before each exam. For morning exams these will take place from 8:15am and for afternoon exams these will take place from 11:55 to 12:50pm.

	Revision guidance	Exam board link & Exam dates
English Language	All students have an Easter holiday revision exam booklet filled with past papers for English Language papers 1 and 2 which they should be working through. Timed practice of both Section A and B will be the most productive preparation. Both papers are 1 hour 45mins long; students should prepare through 60-minute bursts of practice for Section A and 45-minute bursts of practice for section B. In addition to the booklet, individual class teachers have set specific tasks for their groups to target class needs. These tasks should be prioritised.	AQA Paper 1, Fri 23 May 8:15am, 1 hour 45 Paper 2, Fri 6 Jun 8:15am, 1 hour 45
English Literature	All students have an Easter revision exam booklet with past papers for Literature papers 1 and 2 they should be working through. The best methods for preparing for the literature papers are learning key quotes and analysis, practicing timed planning and timed writing of responses. Literature essays take 45 minutes to write. Spend some of the revision time revising a particular topic or character from a past paper question, when you are confident plan under timed conditions (5 mins) without notes, then re-open your notes and green pen your plan, then practice timed writing for 40 minutes. Remember the literature essay structure: thesis, exposition, rising action / climax, denouement, conclusion. Copies of all set texts and the key quotes and essay overviews are in the Year 11 Team, Files tab, Class Materials, in the English folder: LITERATURE KEY QUOTES, ESSAY OVERVIEWS, SET TEXTS	AQA Paper 1, Mon 12 May 8:15am, 1 hour 45 Paper 2, Tue 20 May 8:15am, 2 hours 15
Maths	All students have a revision workbook which they should be working through. Exam papers and revision materials are available on www.mathsgenie.co.uk . Hard copies of exam papers are provided in the stand on the maths corridor. The answers are on Teams. Homework is set on Sparx Maths and/or exam paper practice is set.	Pearson/Edexcel Paper 1, Thu 15 May 8:15am, 1 hour 30 Paper 2, Wed 4 Jun 8:15am, 1 hour 30 Paper 3, Wed 11 Jun 8:15am, 1 hour 30 <i>For those doing Further Maths:</i> Paper 1, Thu 12 Jun 1:20pm, 1 hour 45 Paper 2, Wed 18 Jun 1:20pm 1 hour 45
Science	Combined & Triple Science - Students have a workbook (Triple Science have one for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics) which they should be working through during the week, they need to bring the book to lesson every Friday. Students will be given an exam paper pack to work through in the holidays. The combined science papers are 1 hour 15. The triple science papers are 1 hour 45.	AQA Biology paper 1, Tue 13 May 1:20pm Chemistry paper 1, Mon 19 May 8:15am Physics paper 1, Thu 22 May 8:15am Biology paper 2, Mon 9 Jun 8:15am Chemistry paper 2, Fri 13 Jun 8:15am Physics paper 2, Mon 16 Jun 8:15am
Art	All students are required to work on their coursework portfolios until 29 April. They should refer to the project checklist to ensure all assessment	AQA Unit 2 Art exam already undertaken



	objectives have been covered in depth. More guidance can be found on GCSE Art and Design - AQA - BBC Bitesize	Unit 1 deadline 29 April
Computer Science	<p>Students have a computer science revision book they can use to test themselves on each topic. There is a video clip that goes with each topic where students need to review their knowledge. Students have been given a pack of past papers, the mark schemes are available on MS Teams. All lesson resources for all topics are also available on MS Teams.</p> <p>Isaac Computer Science Exam Booster events – book through the website. https://isaacomputerscience.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming – Selection – Mon 7 April 5:00-6:30pm • Bit shifting and Hexadecimal – Wed 9 April 5:00-6:30pm • Programming – Loops – Mon 14 April 4:30-6:00pm • Networking fundamentals - Wed 16 April 4:30-6:00pm • Searching algorithms – Mon 21 April 5:00pm-6:30pm • Networking communications & connections – Wed 23 April 4:30-6:00pm • Programming – Arrays, strings & records – Mon 28 April 4:30-6:00pm • Images & sound – Wed 30 April – 4:30-6:00pm • Boolean Logic – Tues 6 May 5:00-6:30pm • Systems Architecture – Wed 7 May 4:30-6:00pm 	<p>OCR</p> <p>Paper 1, Mon 12 May 1:20pm, 1 hour 30</p> <p>Paper 2, Tue 20 May 1:20pm, 1 hour 30</p>
Drama	<p>All revision resources are on teams.</p> <p>Students need to revise from their Section A (An Inspector Calls) and Section B (Live Theatre) booklets.</p> <p>Practice questions are a great way to do this, and I will mark any that are handed in. Students should also watch Hamilton, which is available through Teams.</p>	<p>WJEC</p> <p>Fri 9 May 1:20pm, 1 hour 30</p>
DT	<p>Students can access past exam questions and answers through teams, general, class materials. Students are aware of where this is. Students should be using their 100% books to revise topics and then test themselves using the provided question booklet. Two other useful resources for revision include Seneca and Design and Technology on demand (YouTube channel).</p>	<p>AQA</p> <p>Wed 18 Jun, 2 hours</p>
Geography	<p>Paper 1 and Paper 2 – students should be using their 100% book to create mind maps and flashcards.</p> <p>Paper 3 resources can be accessed through MS Teams.</p> <p>Homework is set on Seneca Learning weekly. This is set every week on a Friday at 8:00am, and due in the following Friday at 8:00am. Seneca Learning can also be used to aid revision as well as the revision resources on the Dixons City Academy website. If students are struggling to access Seneca Learning, students can reset their own passwords, and the instructions followed.</p>	<p>AQA</p> <p>Paper 1, Wed 14 May 8:15am, 1 hour 30</p> <p>Paper 2, Fri 6 June 1:20pm, 1 hour 30</p> <p>Paper 3, Thu 12 Jun 8:15am, 1 hour 30</p>
Health & Social Care	<p>Students should continue to revise for the examined unit - RO32 Principles of Care in Health and Social Care Settings. To support this, the following resources are available:</p> <p>Lesson Resources: All lesson materials for the examined unit are available in the 'Classwork' section of the class Team on Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>100% Book: Students should use their 100% Book to review key knowledge. A digital version is also available on Teams.</p> <p>Revision Questions: Students have access to a full set of revision questions for each Topic Area to help consolidate their understanding.</p> <p>Practice Papers: Students should complete both the January 2024 and June 2024 exam papers to practise exam technique. Spend no more than 1 hour 15 minutes on each paper. Use the mark schemes provided to self-mark and identify areas for improvement.</p>	<p>OCR</p> <p>Wed 4 Jun 1:20pm, 1 hour 15</p>
History	<p>All students have been given a workbook which includes two past questions to write and plan and how to access 100% sheets and all past exam questions on Teams. Students should ensure that they have learnt the Migrants to Britain time periods and groups. They should also select exam questions from areas they are less confident on and use the 100% sheets to find and plan answers.</p>	<p>OCR</p> <p>Paper 1, Fri 16 May 8:15am, 1 hour</p> <p>Paper 2, Thu 5 Jun 8:15am, 1 hour 45</p> <p>Paper 3, Tue 10 Jun, 1 hour 45</p>
IT	<p>Students are currently resitting their controlled assessments and must attend every day to meet the deadline week commencing 5 May 2025. They should revise for the Component 3 exam using their 100% book, which includes</p>	<p>Pearson</p> <p>Thu 1 May 1:20pm, 1 hour 30</p>



	<p>exam-style questions at the end of each chapter. Additionally, students who have signed the release form will receive their January component 3 exam paper to review their performance, identify the questions they answered well, and determine which areas need further revision.</p>	
Music	<p>All students have now completed their performance and composition NEA for Components 1 and 2.</p> <p>They should now be preparing for the Component 3 Appraising Exam by revising the set works we have covered, and the key words related to the elements of music. I am setting homework every week to support with this. In addition, students can use the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% books with their marked-up scores and knowledge organisers for each set work – they need to use active revision techniques such as creating mind maps, flash cards or creating questions and coming back and answering them a couple of days later. • Regularly listening to the set works and following the score through to remind themselves of the key features. • Past papers are available on <i>Save My Exams</i>. • BBC bitesize which has videos, key information and quizzes linked to set works and key musical terminology. • Focus on Sound (they have login details) which has a specific Edexcel section and lessons and tests related to each set work. • Listening to other music from the same time period as the set works and using DR T SMITH to note down any features they can hear. 	<p>Edexcel / Pearson</p> <p>Mon 16 June 1.20pm, 1 hour 45</p>
RE	<p>Students will sit two papers for the RE GCSE examination.</p> <p>Paper 1: Christian Beliefs and Practices; Muslim Beliefs and Practices.</p> <p>Paper 2: Themes (Relationships and Families; Religion and Life; Peace and Conflict; Crime and Punishment).</p> <p>All students have received extra revision resources such as a quote bank for both papers. Students should use these in addition to their 100% book, particularly the annotated exam section pages to focus on exam question technique. All students have homework booklets which should also be used to aid revision for both papers.</p>	<p>AQA</p> <p>Paper 1, Mon 13 May 8:15am 1 hour 45</p> <p>Paper 2, Wed 21 May 1:20pm 1 hour 45</p>
Spanish	<p>Speaking: all students have General Conversation Questions. These should be practised through a variety of methods; LCWC, flash cards, self-quizzing or having family support in quizzing.</p> <p>Listening & Reading: All students have access to languagenut, where they can carry out vocabulary drills. Please ensure you select AQA legacy when choosing vocabulary and focus on your weakest topics. For revision offline use the 100% book.</p> <p>Writing: Tenses, opinions and vocabulary need to be revised to be successful in your writing exam. All of this can be found on languagenut. In addition, continue practising your general conversation questions after the speaking as these topics could be repeated in the writing. For revision offline – 100% book.</p>	<p>AQA</p> <p>Speaking exams, from 23 Apr</p> <p>Listening & Reading, Tue 10 Jun 8:15am</p> <p>Writing exam, Tue 17 Jun, 1 hour 15</p>
Sports Studies	<p>Students should be revising all topic areas for their written exam (TA1-5A5). They now have a variety of resources they can use to revise such as their 100% books, classroom books and sport studies booklets which we have used in class. They also have revision notes we have started the last couple of weeks covering the key areas from each topic.</p> <p>The revision can be found on MS Teams where I have put together a lot of the best resources that I can find online. For example, there are several videos, posters, PowerPoint slides from lessons and past papers and mark schemes that I have uploaded. If they need specific help with anything over the break, then they can email me, and I will try my best to respond.</p>	<p>OCR</p> <p>Wed 14 May 1:20pm, 1 hour 15</p>

