







The Cardinal Wiseman

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PARENTS & CARERS: How to help your yr 11 child prepare and revise for their exams

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Parental engagement and involvement in their child's learning is extremely important in determining their child's academic success. This doesn't mean that you have to be an expert on each subject or give up your other demanding responsibilities; you just need to support your child with revision, attendance and exam preparation in the last few weeks of year 11.

Why encourage your child to revise?

- You can help to reduce panic and increase their confidence levels
- You can encourage them to remain focussed and work more effectively
- You can help them identify strengths and problem areas
- You can help them manage their time more effectively

Your support, encouragement and interest can make a spectacular difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with the academic and organisational demands of the exam period

As well as guidance on how to support your child's revision, this booklet also contains the following at the back:

- Exam Timetable
- Revision materials for each subject











What is Revision?

It means actively looking back over your work on an ongoing basis to:

- To reinforce your learning so it stays remembered
- To remind you of things you might have forgotten
- To show what you don't know
- To check that you have understood everything

It is vital that the students are working and revising methodically and consistently from now until the end of the exams in order to perform at their best. 'Cramming' their revision in the last few days is very ineffective and few students perform well having left their revision to the last minute.

The students have been given a considerable amount of revision materials for each subject area; some are hard copies, which have been given to the students, and many more are on Frog. *If you have any problems accessing the materials, please email your child's teacher or Head of Year.*











REVISION TIMETABLE

'Revising for GCSEs' can sound too immense and overwhelming. Instead, break down the subjects and topics for each week – 'Revising key terms for Geography land forms' is much more achievable.

Help your child plan out their revision timetable for the week ahead:

- Break down the subjects and topics for each week; no more than two a day on weekdays
- Help them identify their strengths and weaknesses for each topic for every subject
- The timetable should pay particular focus to the topics in which they feel less confident

	Subject and Specific Topic to	Subject and Specific Topic to		
	Revise	Revise		
Monday	e.g. Maths: revise Translations and Rotations	e.g. French: revise verb endings		
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

^{*}The students have copies of the blank timetable. It is also available on Frog and the website.*











Help provide the right resources for your child to revise actively:

- Post-it notes
- Flash or Study cards
- Pen, ruler, paper, scissors & glue
- Internet access if you have it
- Dictionary
- Highlighter pens
- Coloured pens
- Revision guides, revision CDs and podcasts.



The Home environment plays a key role in effective learning and revision:

- Ensure your child has a quiet place to study/revise
- Ask them to hand over their phone whilst they are working whilst revising, they must be absolutely focussed on the task at hand
- Many of our students are used to spending evenings outside the home with their friends or engaging in clubs – these should now be reduced in the run up to the exams
- Keep talking to your child about how they are feeling and reassure them during periods of stress or anxiety – please let us know at the school if you are struggling with these issues at home
- Offer words of encouragement and motivation

Plan for 40 minute sessions or an hour at most – any longer and it is likely that nothing more will sink in. Encourage your child to take regular breaks











You do not need to be a subject expert in order to ask questions and support your child with their revision:

- Let them be the teacher ask your child to explain a particular topic to you; one of the best ways of learning is having to explain or teach a topic to someone else
- Look through their books and ask questions based on the content you don't need to know the answers!
- Ask your child specific questions, for example, not 'What did you do in French today?', rather, look at a page in their book and use it to ask questions e.g. 'How would you say 'I drink water' in the future and past tense?' 'How do you say...my name is?'
- Ask them if they know what they will be assessed on in the exam
- Encourage your child to use a variety of revision methods and techniques. Discuss their revision methods with them and which ones work best for them

Revising with a friend:

 Many students find this works for them; it has the advantage of being able to ask each other questions and getting immediate answers as well as learning from each other

Study Area at school:

 The students have access to the computers and printer in the quiet study area (J200) from 8.00 am - 8.50 am and 3.20 pm - 4.30 pm everyday

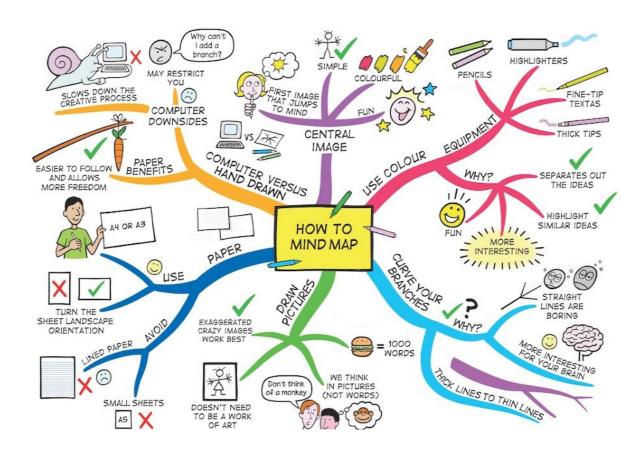




REVISION TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES

Visual: (people who learn best visually – colour, pictures, charts, diagrams)

- Use post its and stick on wall
- Summarise notes onto card
- Highlight or circle important information
- Use a traffic light system to indicate progress in learning and action
- Draw diagrams, pictures, mind maps, collage
- Keywords displayed around the room













Auditory: (people who learn best through what they hear – discussion, tape recordings)

- Make up rhymes, mnemonics (an example for music is shown below)
- Create a podcast and listen
- Test yourself or friends
- Be the teacher teach someone else something you're revising
- Raps, rhyme, chants and verse, dramatic readings
- Music for energising, relaxing visualising and reviewing.



Kinaesthetic: (people who learn best through 'doing' – practical activities, drama),

- Make your own PowerPoint
- Create your own revision cards
- Act topics out!
- Play a revision game on BBC Bitesize/use SAM learning
- Design and build activities
- Gestures or movements to demonstrate a concept











AND FINALLY.....

Make sure that your child knows:

- What day the exam is on and what time it starts
- How long the exam is
- What is being tested in each exam

During the exams, try to ensure that:

- Your child gets enough sleep, especially the night before exams
- Your child is eating sensibly especially breakfast on exam days
- Your child has all the equipment required: pens and sharp pencils, erasers, a calculator, a protractor, a ruler and a watch (mobile phones are not allowed in the exams)

Remember, how you approach the next few months can have a real impact on your child's future. Studies show that high parental interest is linked with better exam results than for children whose parents show no interest. What will you do to give your child the best chance of achieving success?











SUBJECT	REVISION & CW MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR YR 11 STUDENTS	USEFUL WEBSITES		
ENGLISH				
	A variety of resources on FROG (English/Year 11 exam resources) including:	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoo ls/gcsebitesize/english/		
	 Copies of the resources used in exam preparation lessons. 	www.englishbiz.co.uk		
	 Sample exam papers. Fiction and non-fiction reading material for Year 11 students. Learning key quotes for the set texts: Macbeth, Love and Relationships Poetry, Animal Farm and A Christmas Carol. (Quote sheets on FROG). Sample reading and writing tasks. Exemplar graded responses are available for students to study. Mr Bruff's Revision Packs for Language and Literature. A revision sheet summarising skills to practise and sample questions and answers to help prepare. 	www.aqa.co.uk and go to the 'student and parent support' section. mrbruff.com		
MATHS	MathsWatch website – all students have their own username and password	https://www.mathswatchvle.		
	Churchill practice papers available on Frog	The mymaths website covers all GCSE topics and has useful		
	Boardworks power points available on FROG.	booster packs which focus on key exam topics.		
	Past exam papers and mark schemes available in the run up to the exams.	www.mymaths.co.uk Username: TCWS Password: sphere		
	Parents' information sheet available at parents evening.			

















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cool.co.uk/gcse/geography
http://revisionworld.co.uk/g

http://www.s-

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SCIENCE	Collins Online – Provides ONLINE class textbooks CGP Workbooks provided this September. Workbooks to be brought to ALL classes. Boardworks uploaded onto Frog contains powerpoint presentations Past Paper Questions & Revision Packs either uploaded onto Frog or handed out Doddle – Online resource providing revision materials, presentations and interactive quizzes *Please avoid using past papers not provided by the school as these will be useful sources of assessment we can use throughout the year. Separate Science Pupils: Summer Exams (Prepare for Units 1,2,3,4,5 & 6) Additional Science Pupils: Summer Exams (Prepare for Unit 3& 4) *NB All of the above courses will complete their controlled assessment within the school year. This provides 25% of the overall grade and must be completed as effectively as possible.	OCR Revision Guide & Textbooks— https://connect.collins.co.uk Username: Cardinal Password: Wiseman Doddle: extensive revision materials and quizzes that can be used online www.doddlelearn.co.uk
R.E	Marked exam practice papers in students books Variety of materials posted on Frog: -Revision guide - Past exam papers including mark schemes - Exam board specification - Exemplar questions with examiners' comments - Tips and hints on revision skills - All the lessons' resources and worksheets	Explore the AQA website for extra help or guidance http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcses/hisrel/new/relstudies amaterials.php
GEOGRAPHY	Variety of materials posted on Frog : - Revision checklist for all 6 topics - Revision worksheets - Past exam papers including mark schemes - Exam board specification	Geography students will find the following sites really helpful. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoo



- Exemplar answers with level and comment

- Helpful websites









GEOGRAPHY Continued	GCSE practise papers and questions throughout the year in students exercise books	cse-revision/geography http://www.coolgeography.co.uk /GCSE/AQA%20GCSE.htm
HISTORY	Revision guide for both papers with exam guidance Offical OCR revision guide FROG - There are now a wide range of materials to help revision for Paper 1 available on FROG under School Departments/ History/ Year 11/ Revision. These materials are divided into: i. Content - resources to help you revise the topics on the paper including some excellent web links ii. Technique - resources and links to help you practice the relevant skills for GCSE History, including an excellent link which generates exam questions and markschemes for you to practice. iii. Past papers - for you to apply the content and technique from your revision	BBC 'Bitesize' GCSE History is very useful, follow this link and remember to pick the right topics! http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/mwh/ Try these links to schoolhistory.co.uk for lots of revision tips on Weimar and Nazi Germany and International Relations only. http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/germany.shtml#activitieshttp://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/international.shtml

FRENCH & SPANISH

GCSE Homework Booklets- Listening sound files are saved in LANGUAGES-FRENCH/SPANISH-HOMEWORK BOOKLETS on subject dashboard in FROG DRIVE. AQA GCSE French/Spanish text book (Foundation/Higher) – contains all the vocabulary lists, exam tips and practice exam questions (found on the Kerboodle website) Quizlet – all students have their own password for this site. www.quizlet.com Linguascope is a website containing hundreds of listening, reading, speaking and writing tasks. The tasks are presented as fun games. This site is particularly useful for learning and retaining vocabulary.

www.linguascope.com

Kerboodle is a website linked to the text book followed in Years 10 and 11. It contains a copy of the text book, reading, listening, speaking and writing tasks, practice tests and vocabulary lists. It is particularly useful for practising reading and listening skills. Students have all been allocated passwords to access this site www.kerboodle.com











FRENCH & SPANISH Continued

http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcses/languages/new/french materials.php

The above link is to the AQA French GCSE website and contains past papers with answers.

http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcses/languages/new/spanish materials.php

The above link is to the AQA Spanish GCSE website and contains past papers and answers.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/

Lots of video clips and exercises

BUSINESS STUDIES

Exam technique guide

Textbook which includes exam guidance and model

GCSE practice papers and questions

Revision Guide and a revision workbook with practice papers and answers

Additional resources provided on Frog, including augmented reality videos for unit 1 in the year 11

BBC Bitesize

www.tutor2u.net www.bized.co.uk

BBC Business webpage - www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/

ICT

WJEC GCSE Course:

section.

Unit 1 revision guide

Unit 1 revision FROGPAGE

Unit 1 practice papers

Unit 3 revision FROGPAGE

Unit 3 practice papers

Cambridge Nationals IT Course:

Unit R001 Revision Guide with activities

R001 Practice Papers

R001 Frogpage

WJEC PastPapers
WJEC Mark Schemes

Both course:

BBC Bitesize GCSE ICT

Teach-ICT.com

















ELECTRONICS & CONTROL SYSTEMS	All revision and coursework materials are on Frog Revision work - A514 Technical Aspects of Designing and Making Frog: Electronics/Revision: PDF Comprehensive Electronics Revision Booklet & a Power Point with 'worked examples' showing calculations.	http://www.doctronics.co.uk /kits.htm http://www.electronics.pwp. blueyonder/ co.uk/revision.html http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualif ications/gcse- design-and-technology- electronics-and-control- systems-j301-from-2012/
GRAPHICS	Revision worksheets and a revision power point Past papers and mark schemes. All resources are uploaded onto FROG and the shared area	www.technologystudent.co m www.designandtech.com http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoo ls/gcsebitesize/design/graphi cs/ http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualif ications/gcse-design-and- technology-graphics-j303- from-2012/
RESISTANT MATERIALS	Revision worksheets and a revision power point Past papers and mark schemes Resources are uploaded on FROG and the Shared area	www.technologystudent.co m www.designandtech.com/
PE	Revision Guides - including learning grids, topics on a page and quick tests. Frog contains a complete GCSE Powerpoint revision guide, which has exam style questions at the end of each topic.	BBC Bitesize AQA exam board website
DRAMA	All revision materials are posted on Frog 'Do's and Don'ts' guide for practical work Theatre Review booklet with example answers and a structure Unit 1 and 2 booklet with writing frame and example	BBC Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/educa tion/subjects/zbckjxs Edexcel exam board website

















DRAMA	answers	for examples.
Continued	Wednesday after school session for support with written	
Continued	work	http://qualifications.pearson.
	After school rehearsals for practical work after Christmas	com/content/demo/en/quali
		fications/edexcel-
		gcses/drama-
		2009.coursematerials.html#fi
		<u>IterQuery=category:Pearson-</u>
		UK:Category%2FExam-
		<u>materials</u>
MUSIC	Revision material uploaded on Frog	BBC Bitesize
	Revision grids for each of the 12 set works	www.musictheory.nethttps:/
	Recordings of the 12 set works are on Frog	/itunes.apple.com/gb/app/gc
	Music Therapy drop-in sessions take place at	<u>se-music/id448664753</u> are
	lunchtime and after school for catch up and revision.	both links to apps pupils can
		download for
		iphones/android/ipads for
		revision.
ART	Ensure that all prep work (including final designs) are	All resources are on Frog
	complete for the following projects:	
	Natural forms painting projects	
	Natural forms Sculpture project	
	Me, myself and I.	
FOOD	AQA Design Technology Food Technology Text Books and	BBC GCSE Bitesize: Food
TECHNOLOGY	exercise books from Year10	<u>Technology</u>
TECHNOLOGI		AQA exam board website
	AQA Food Technology Revision guides and work books	
	Revision worksheets, notes and practice questions	
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	Year 11 resources in the Frog subject folder	
CATERING	WJEC GCSE Text Book – Hospitality and Catering and	WJEC exam board website
	exercise books from Year 10	Good Food website
		Spring Board UK website
	WJEC GCSE Revision Guide – Hospitality and Catering	

















TRAVEL & TOURISM	Students have Unit 1 (photocopied) to revise at home with. They should be using highlighters to demonstrate that they are reading through and identifying key points.	FrogTravel page BTEC Textbook T&T
	Past Exam Papers are being used in school and should be taken home to revise with. Revision sheets are created by the class teacher and given out in class to take home and revise.	
FILM STUDIES	A wide range of revision material has been uploaded on FROG. Past paper booklet on FROG and a hardcopy is also given to students. After school sessions are available for support or to complete the practical coursework unit WJEC GCSE Study and Revision Guide - Film Studies	WJEC exam board website. Edusites Film Studies website has a wide range of case studies on superheroes.

















YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE SUMMER 2017

Date	Start	Subject	Length	Board	Level	Component Title
ТВА	TBA	German		EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	Speaking
Mon 27 Mar	TBA	Sports		EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Perf in Phys Ed.
Thu 13 Apr	13:40	Russian	00:20	EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	Spoken Expression [TE]
Mon 24 Apr	09.00	German	00.15	EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	German Speaking
Mon 24 Apr	10.00	Arabic	00.12	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Speaking
Tue 02 May	15:15	Portuguese		OCR	GCSE	Speaking
Tue 02 May	18:00	Drama	All Day	EDEXL/GCE	GCSE	Unit 3 Drama Perf
Wed 03 May	18:00	Drama	All Day	EDEXL/GCE	GCSE	Unit 3 Drama Perf
Fri 05 May	08:50	Polish	00:12	AQA	GCSE	Unit 3
Tue 09 May	09:15	Art	All Day	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Practical Exam
Wed 10 May	09:15	Art	All Day	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Practical Exam
Thu 11 May	09:15	Art	All Day	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Practical Exam
Fri 12 May	09:15	Art	All Day	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Practical Exam
Mon 15 May	09:15	Travel & Tourism	01:00	EDEXL/KSQ	BTEC	The UK T&T Sector
Mon 15 May	13:15	Portuguese	02:30	OCR	AS LEVEL	Listen/Read/Write 1
Tue 16 May	09:15	French	00:35	AQA	GCSE	Unit 1 Tier F
Tue 16 May	09:15	French	00:45	AQA	GCSE	Unit 1 Tier H
Tue 16 May	09:15	French	00:30	AQA	GCSE	Unit 2 Tier F
Tue 16 May	09:15	French	00:50	AQA	GCSE	Unit 2 Tier H
Wed 17 May	09:15	Cambridge Nat ICT	01:00	OCR	CNAT/1&2	Computer Systems
Wed 17 May	13:15	Religious Studies	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 3
Fri 19 May	09:15	Spanish	00:35	AQA	GCSE	Unit 1 Tier F
Fri 19 May	09:15	Spanish	00:45	AQA	GCSE	Unit 1 Tier H
Fri 19 May	09:15	Spanish	00:30	AQA	GCSE	Unit 2 Tier F
Fri 19 May	09:15	Spanish	00:50	AQA	GCSE	Unit 2 Tier H
Fri 19 May	09:15	Russian	02:30	EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	Written Response
Fri 19 May	13:15	Sports	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Theory of Physical ED.
Fri 19 May	13:15	Portuguese	01:00	OCR	GCSE	Writing Paper
Mon 22 May	09:15	English Literature	01:45	AQA	GCSE	Paper 1
Mon 22 May	13:15	Geography	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 1 Tier F
Mon 22 May	13:15	Geography	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 1 Tier H

















Tue 23 May	09:15	Electronic Products	01:30	OCR	GCSE	Electronics Written
Tue 23 May	09:15	German	01:45	EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	Listen Read Translation
Tue 23 May	13:15	Religious Studies	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 4
Wed 24 May	09:15	Polish	02:30	AQA	AS LEVEL	GCE Polish Unit 1
Wed 24 May	09:15	Business	00:45	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Intro.to Small Business
Wed 24 May	09:15	Portuguese	00:50	OCR	GCSE	Listening Written
Wed 24 May	13:15	Science Core	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B1 C1 P1 H
Wed 24 May	13:15	Biology	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Biol Mod B1 B2 B3 H
Thu 25 May	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Non Calculator [F]
Thu 25 May	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Non Calculator [H]
Fri 26 May	09:15	English Literature	02:15	AQA	GCSE	Paper 2
Fri 26 May	09:15	German	01:40	EDEXL/GCE	AS LEVEL	Works & Trans
Mon 05 Jun	09:15	History	02:00	OCR	GCSE	B: Germany
Mon 05 Jun	13:15	Food Technology	02:00	AQA	GCSE	Unit 1
Tue 06 Jun	09:15	English Language	01:45	AQA	GCSE	Paper 1
Tue 06 Jun	13:15	Geography	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 2 Tier F
Tue 06 Jun	13:15	Geography	01:30	AQA	GCSE	A Unit 2 Tier H
Wed 07 Jun	09:15	Polish	03:00	AQA	AS LEVEL	GCE Polish Unit 2
Wed 07 Jun	09:15	Computing	01:30	OCR	GCSE	Sys & Prgmng Written
Thu 08 Jun	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Calculator [F]
Thu 08 Jun	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Calculator [H]
Fri 09 Jun	09:15	Science Core	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B2 C2 P2 H
Fri 09 Jun	09:15	Chemistry	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Chem Mdl C1C2 C3 H
Fri 09 Jun	13:15	Business	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Building A Business
Fri 09 Jun	13:15	Music	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Listening & Appraising
Fri 09 Jun	13:15	Portuguese	01:00	OCR	GCSE	Reading Written
Mon 12 Jun	09:15	English Language	01:45	AQA	GCSE	Paper 2
Tue 13 Jun	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Calculator [F]
Tue 13 Jun	09:15	Maths	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Calculator [H]
Tue 13 Jun	13:15	Hospitality & Catering	01:15	WJEC/GCSE	GCSE	Unit 2 Written Paper
Wed 14 Jun	09:15	Additonal Science	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B3 C3 P3 F
Wed 14 Jun	09:15	Additonal Science	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B3 C3 P3 H
Wed 14 Jun	09:15	Physics	01:15	OCR	GCSE	B: Phy Mdl P1 P2 P3 H
Wed 14 Jun	13:15	History	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Britain

















Thu 15 Jun	13:15	Polish	00:50	AQA	GCSE	Polish Unit 1
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Fri 16 Jun	09:15	Additonal Science	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B4 C4 P4 F
Fri 16 Jun	09:15	Additonal Science	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Sci Mod B4 C4 P4 H
Fri 16 Jun	09:15	Biology	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Biol Mod B4 B5 B6 H
Fri 16 Jun	13:15	Resistant Material	01:30	OCR	GCSE	Tch ASP Design/Making
Mon 19 Jun	09:15	Chemistry	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Chem ModC4C5C6 H
Mon 19 Jun	13:15	Arabic	00:45	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Listening
Mon 19 Jun	13:15	Arabic	00:55	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Reading
Mon 19 Jun	13:15	Media Studies	01:30	WJEC/GCSE	GCSE	Paper 1
Tue 20 Jun	09:15	Polish	01:00	AQA	GCSE	Polish Unit 2
Tue 20 Jun	09:15	Polish	01:00	AQA	GCSE	Polish Unit 4
Tue 20 Jun	13:15	Graphics	01:30	OCR	GCSE	Design/Making
Wed 21 Jun	09:15	Physics	01:30	OCR	GCSE	B: Phys Mdl P4 P5 P6 H
Thu 22 Jun	13:15	Arabic	01:00	EDEXL/GCSE	GCSE	Writing
Thu 22 Jun	13:15	Media Studies	01:00	WJEC/GCSE	GCSE	Paper 2







