

Year 11 Revision



**A guide to revision resources and websites to
kick-start your journey into Year 11!**

Organisation is Key!

It is absolutely essential to your revision and, ultimately, your grades, that you get yourself organised quickly and build a revision schedule and timetable that works for you. There is absolutely no point in drafting a revision timetable and not sticking to it. There is a blank version of this timetable on the next page but these will be available all year in form and from Mr Farrar's office. Also, if you would like to have a 1-1 meeting with Mr Farrar to help fill in your revision timetable there will be appointment slots on his door from Tuesday 8th September, just sign up for a session.

Golden rules

- Have a designated revision space, ideally not in your bedroom and on a desk or table
- Revision slots should be 45 minutes in length, no more!
- Start by filling in your weekly commitments (football training, gym class, visiting family, music lessons etc. It is crucial for your well-being that you continue to do these things throughout Year 11
- You should complete two revision sessions per night in the week (This does not include any homework)
- You should complete 3 sessions each weekend day
- If you do sessions back to back make sure you have at least 20 minutes as a break in between. Don't start a new session immediately after another.
- Take your breaks in a different room to where you will revise
- Do NOT have your phone on your desk when working, you will be distracted by notifications and temptation
- If you miss a session or a day DO NOT try and catch it up. Just be honest with yourself, acknowledge why you missed the session and start again tomorrow. If you try and catch up by Thursday you could have 7 hours to do after school. That is impossible and that is when people stop revising and following their timetable

If you can follow this plan you have 15 hours a week revision including EPS time and as you will be able to see from your timetables – there is still plenty of time to rest, go to the gym, meet friends, play Xbox etc. There are 8 weeks from today (Monday 6th September) so that could mean an incredible 120 hours of revision not including your half-term break.

This year more than any other year, it is so important to really focus on your Year 11 mock exams. You are going to have to treat these exams like the real things in these still very uncertain times. Obviously after the exams there is still 6-7 months left before the real exams are due to start but having a solid set of mock exams under your belt will really help you.

How to revise

Firstly, I think it's important to point out how you definitely should NOT revise. The following things have been proven to not work and are actually a waste of your valuable time

1. Reading your class notes or textbooks – this does not work and you don't retain any of the information
2. Copying out your notes into a new notebook – this can take hours and makes you think you are revising well because you are busy and it looks nice! It doesn't work

For those of you that have revised this way in the past this may come as a shock to you but a simple rule is that you should always include checking and self testing in your revision.

Flash cards

Follow this hyperlink to an article about the correct technique of using [FLASHCARDS](#)

This is the very best way to make sure you are remembering more content as the weeks go by. You can test yourself, you can revise with friends, you can get parents or siblings to test you. As time goes by you will remember more content and spend more time on the things you don't know.

USING FLASHCARDS TO REVISE
by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

1 Split a box into 5 different compartments and label them 1 to 5.

2 Place all your flashcards in compartment 1.

3 Test yourself on a flashcard

4 If you can correctly recall the information move the flashcard into compartment 2, if not then put it back in compartment 1.

5 Continue to test yourself and each time you correctly recall the information, move the flashcard into the next compartment. Flashcards from compartment 1 should be reviewed daily, with flashcards from compartment 2 being reviewed every other day, compartment 3 every third day and so on.

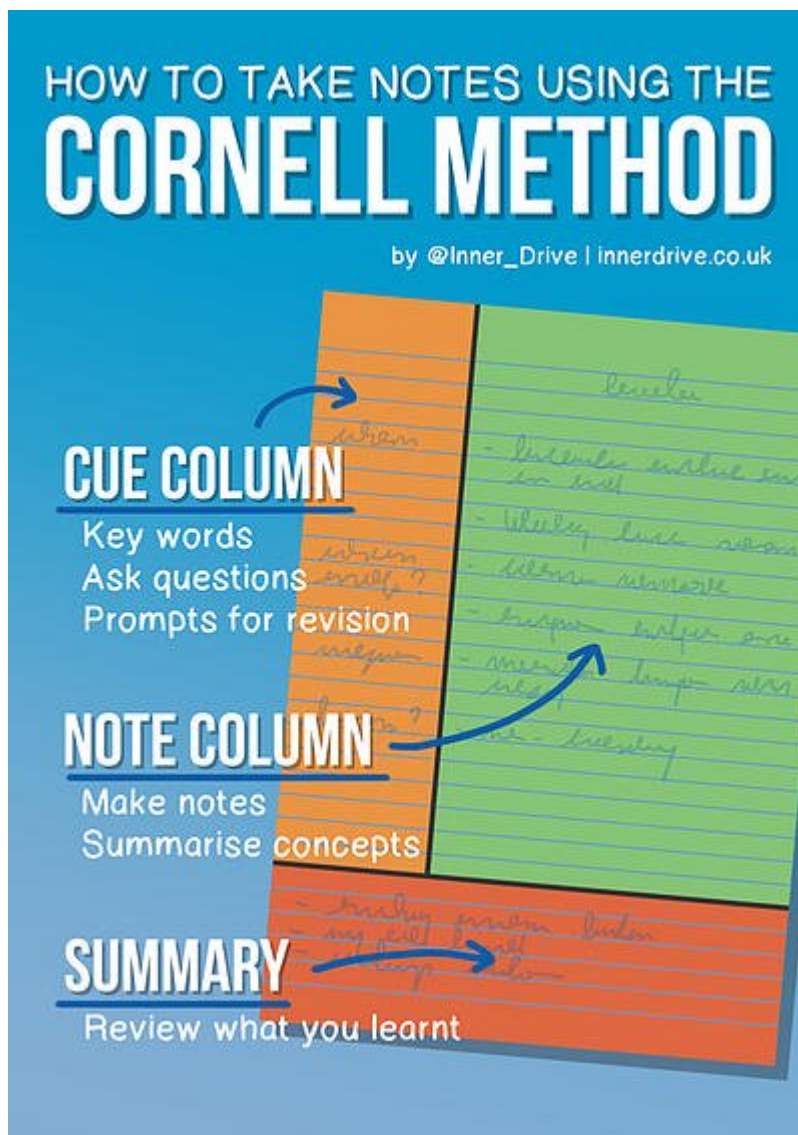
6 Eventually, all your flashcards will have been transferred to compartment 5 and the information they contain stored in your long-term memory.

Cornell notes

Follow this hyperlink to an article about the correct technique of using [Cornell Notes](#)

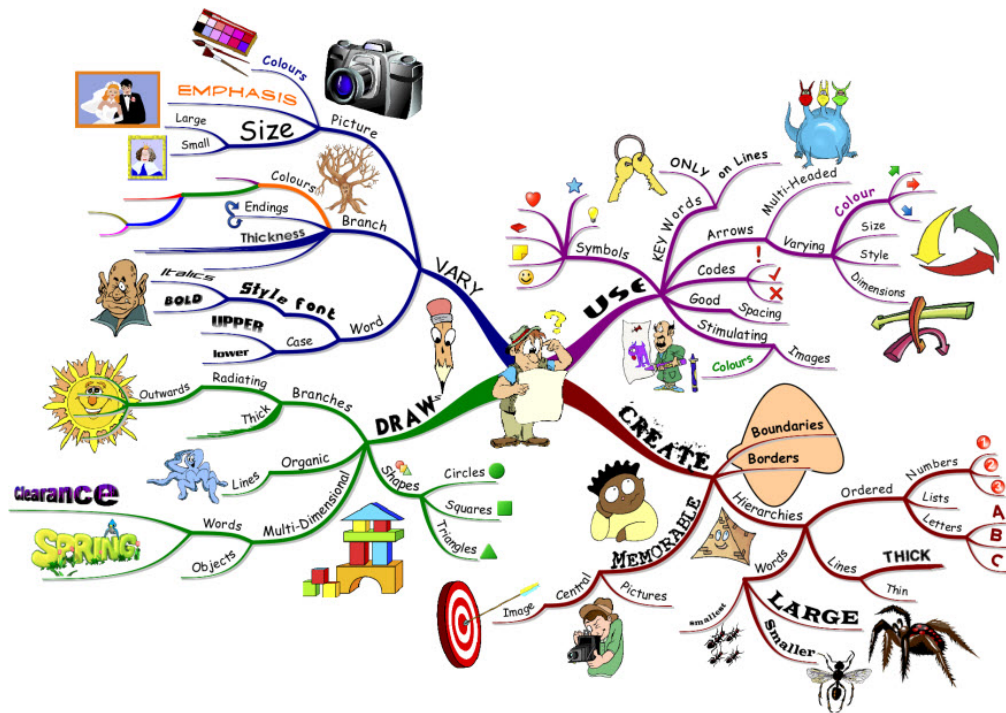
To use the Cornell Note Taking method, students need to first divide their page into three or four sections. There can be an optional small section at the top of the page for the title, and there should be a similarly sized space at the bottom, where they can summarise their notes.

The rest of the page should be divided into two vertical columns, with the left-hand column taking up around 30% of the width and hence the right-hand column taking up the remaining 70%.



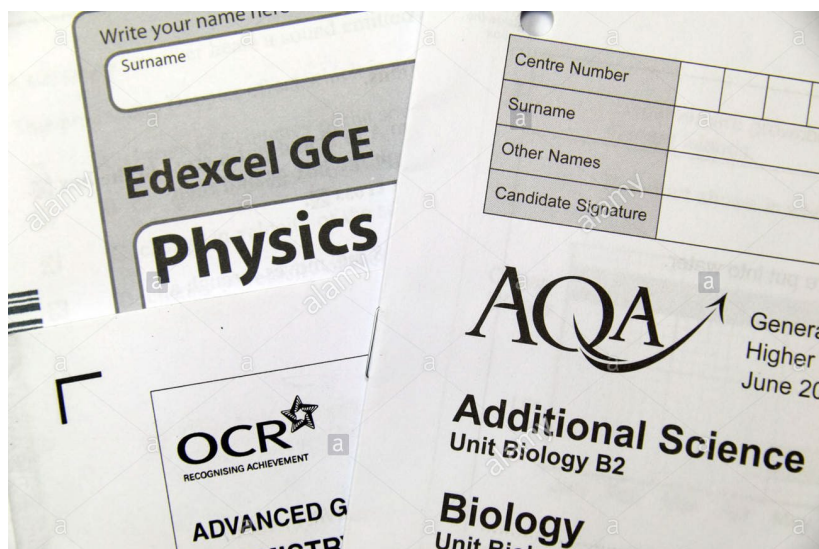
Mind Mapping

I'm sure you all know what a mind map is but here is a short [VIDEO](#) on how to create an effective mind map for revision purposes. The biggest advantage of a mind map is its ability to be on just one sheet of A4 so you can constantly test and review what you know.



Past Papers

The most useful tool at your disposal are past papers. You will get these in class as the year goes on but there are so many places online that you can access them and in revision books and guides too. Always mark your own papers so you see what the mark scheme is asking you to write so you get used to what examiners are looking for.



Exam Specifications

One crucial tip is to print off the exam specifications for each of your subjects to act as a comprehensive revision list. An exam specification is a list of all the topics that can come up in a particular exam paper. And the very best students follow it to the letter.

To access these specifications, you just need to go on the examining body website and download the relevant PDF files (a full list of subjects and examining bodies are below)



The exam boards we use in school are:-

AQA - [AQA specifications](#)

EDUQAS - [EDUQAS specifications](#)

NCFE - [NCFE specifications](#)

OCR - [OCR specifications](#)

Pearson Edexcel - [Edexcel specifications](#)

WJEC - [WJEC specifications](#)

Subjects and Exam Boards

Subject	Exam Board	Link
Art & Design	AQA	Art and Design
Biology	AQA	Biology
Chemistry	AQA	Chemistry
Dance	AQA	Dance
English Language	AQA	English Language
English Literature	AQA	English Literature
Geography	AQA	Geography
German	AQA	German
Music	AQA	Music
Physics	AQA	Physics
Science	AQA	Science: Trilogy
Spanish	AQA	Spanish
Drama	EDUQAS	Drama
Music Technology	NCFE	Music Tech
Computer Science	OCR	Computer Science
Enterprise and Marketing	OCR	Enterprise and Marketing
ICT	OCR	ICT
History	Pearson Edexcel	History
Mathematics	Pearson Edexcel	Mathematics
Sports Studies	Pearson Edexcel	Sports Studies
Design Technology	WJEC	Built Environment

The links in the right hand column will take you directly to a page that you can download and print the course specifications from. An excellent tool to guide your revision

Key Websites

Seneca Learning

“The Fastest Growing Homework & Revision Platform in the UK

Pick among 400+ KS3, GCSE & A Level courses based on exam board specifications. All of our homework and revision content condenses what you actually need to know for your exams.

Your teacher is also able to create classes and set homework for any revision topic on the study platform creating the perfect revision plan.”

www.senecalearning.com

Used widely by many subjects especially English, Science, History and MFL.

Method Maths

‘Our department has been very successful over the last few years and we believe that our pupils are better prepared for their exam than they have ever been in the past – a major part in that preparation is played by the use of this website – Over 30 past papers that immediately mark work and let students know how many more marks you need to get to the next grade. Motivational and user friendly’

Methodmaths – www.methodmaths.com

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Mathswatch

Mathswatch is like having your very own tutor with clear videos on how to do every single question that could possibly come up. Pause, rewind and watch again until you have mastered the concept. Worksheets and interactive questions then also help to consolidate that learning. An absolute go-to tool for GCSE preparation for Maths.

Mathswatch – <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

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Subject specific revision resources and guidance

English

<https://penketh.weebly.com/year-10.html>

<https://penketh.weebly.com/year-11.html>

Penketh High's very own English department area dedicated to revision and learning. Download reading lists, Language revision packs and full of useful videos.

<https://www.memrise.com/course/1395236/aqa-power-and-conflict-poetry/>

An excellent website to learn specific quotes for each of the poems in the Power & Conflict cluster for English Lit paper 2.

Geography

Websites:

Seneca Learning AQA GCSE Geography <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE Geography <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>

Education Quizzes <https://www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/geography/>

Internet Geography AQA GCSE Geography <https://www.internetgeography.net/aqa-gcse-geography/>

Revision Guides:

GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide **ISBN:** 978-0-19-842346-1

GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Exam Practice **ISBN:** 978-0-19-842348-5

GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Fieldwork Guide **ISBN:** 978-0-19-842662-2

Past Papers:

Practice exam papers are available to download on the AQA GCSE Geography website

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources>

MFL

website:

- <https://www.senecalearning.com>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrqmhyc>
- <https://quizlet.com/gb/topic/languages/>

resources for German:

- German AQA GCSE workbook (9-1) **ISBN: 978-1292131382**
- German AQA GCSE revision guide (9-1) **ISBN: 978-1292131436**
- Target 5 AQA GCSE (9-1) German reading **ISBN: 978-0435189105**
- Target 5 AQA GCSE (9-1) German writing **ISBN: 978-0435189136**
- Target 9 AQA GCSE (9-1) German writing **ISBN: 978-1292246017** (higher paper)
- Target 9 AQA GCSE (9-1) German reading **ISBN: 978-1292246048** (higher paper)

resources for Spanish:

- Spanish AQA GCSE workbook (9-1) **ISBN: 978-1292131412**
- Spanish AQA GCSE revision guide (9-1) **ISBN: 978-1292131443**
- Target 5 AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish reading **ISBN: 978-0435189112**
- Target 5 AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish writing **ISBN: 978-0435189143**
- Target 9 AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish writing **ISBN: 978-1292246000** (higher paper)
- Target 9 AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish reading **ISBN: 978-1292246031** (higher paper)

History

Websites:

senecalearning Edexcel GCSE - all topics

bbcbitesize Edexcel GCSE - Anglo-Saxon and Norman England; and Germany

Revision guides:

- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The American west c1835-C1895 Revision guide and workbook ISBN 9781292169774

- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Crime and Punishment c1000 - Present Revision guide and workbook ISBN 9781292169705

- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anglo-Saxon and Norman Revision guide and workbook

- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Weimer and Nazi Germany c1918 - c1939 Revision guide and workbook ISBN 9781292169736

TV & Documentaries:

Youtube

-How the wild west was won

-Tony Robinsons wild west

- Tony Robinsons crime and punishment documentary

- BBC History Anglo Saxons and Normans

- Crime and Punishment revision

videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um6eOiDoDFY&list=PLtMbgkmk6LqwaXdLMXu d4A2DRpgJ02air>

TEAMS: Copies of revision guides and workbooks; key terms lists and knowledge organisers made by the History Department are also posted on TEAMS for pupils to access.

Past papers:

Practise questions are included in the revision guides and materials posted on SMHW but some sample questions and past questions can be accessed by pupils on Pearson Edexcel GCSE's website at: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/history-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

Computer Science

http://www.teach-ict.com/2016/GCSE_Computing/OCR_J276/OCR_J276_home.html

Has exam style questions and revision videos/flash cards etc.

There are also videos on YouTube by Craig and Dave (experienced teachers and head of Depts.) for each unit of work for the Computer Science GCSE.

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BTEC Sport

Pupils need to have a full, in-depth knowledge of their '2nd' sport (Badminton/Table Tennis or Rugby League for most pupils) in the Practical Sport Performance unit. They need to research:

Rules and regulations of their sport

Roles and responsibilities of all officials

Technical and tactical demands of their sport

(And most importantly!) - play their sports as much as possible over the summer weeks to get to their highest possible standard.

Governing body websites are an excellent source of information.

Science

BBC Bitesize Revision offers a range of activities for you to use when revising for your Science GCSE examinations. Each activity provides feedback on how well you have done: so you can learn from whatever mistakes you make.

S-Cool offers a range of tips and activities related to Science GCSE exams. Very useful when you are revising. Click on the GCSE revision link and select Biology, Physics or Chemistry.

GCSE.com's section on Science is a useful starting point when you are revising for you Science exams.

Schoolscience offers some excellent interactive GCSE Science lessons. You can answer questions online and see where you go wrong instantly. Highly recommended site.

Physics and Maths Tutor

Despite the name this includes revision material across exam boards for Physics, Chemistry and Biology and includes past papers and questions.

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

YouTube Channels for revision:

Primrose Kitten: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBgymal8AR4QIK2e0EfJwaA>

Free Science Lessons: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3_bw

My GCSE Science: <https://www.youtube.com/user/myGCSEscience>

Physics Required

Practicals: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM7IGCvspoEylf73YJHI5zzFT0xOus6U>

Extra videos available on Snap Revise (requires sign up): <https://snaprevise.co.uk/search?qualification=GCSE&examboard=AQA>

These sites can be used to help you with your Science work.

Comment	Provider
Online guide to Chemistry. This site is a little advanced but does offer something for the GCSE Science student. Teacher produced.	Chem Guide
This site includes some very good graphics demonstrating how the body works. An excellent tool to revise all aspects of Biology through.	Purchon
This site has a number of useful revision activities relating to GCSE Biology.	Know Need
Some easy to understand explanations and very useful links form the backbone of this excellent website. Authored by a teacher of GCSE Science.	Science Active
This site offers resources relevant to the Network Montana Project. Some of these are of use to students revising for their GCSE Science examinations.	Network Montana Project
Newton's Apple is a site that allows research into Physics. It should prove to be of use to you when studying for your Science exams.	Newton's Apple
This site offers Online Science lessons on a variety of Science topics. Produced by teachers.	Nodak
BlueWeb is a directory of online learning activities and interactive lessons. These are the Science activities listed on this site.	Blue Web
A range of Science lessons covering many areas of the Science curriculum.	Schools for Champions