



THORNS
COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

REVISION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Year 11– 26-27

EXAMINING BOARD INFORMATION

Qualification Name	Examining Board	Assessment	Key Information
GCSE Computer Science	OCR	100% exam	Python is the high-level language that is taught within the qualification
BTEC Tech Award in Creative Media Production	Pearson	60% internal assessment 40 % external assessment	Component 2 is completed in Year 10, deadline end of April Component 1 is completed in Year 11, autumn term, deadline December Component 3, external assessment is completed before the Easter break in Year 11
GCSE Mathematics	Edexcel	100% Exam	All content will be assessed over THREE papers: Paper 1: Non-calculator Paper 2: Calculator Paper 3: Calculator
GCSE English Language	AQA	100% Exam	Spoken Language is completed in year 9 Paper 1: Fiction (1 text) Paper 2: Non-Fiction (2 texts)
GCSE English Literature	AQA	100% Exam	Paper 1: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol Paper 2: An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict and Unseen Poetry
GSCE Combined Science	AQA	100% Exam	There are 6 papers, 2 from Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

			The double grade is averaged across all 3 disciplines. The content is not fixed so any of the associated topics can appear in each paper.
GCSE Triple Science	AQA	100% Exam	There are 6 papers again with 2 from each discipline. Students achieve 3 separately graded GCSEs.
GCSE Design and Technology	Eduqas	50% exam 50% internal assessment	The internal assessment is completed in school June in year 10 to March in year 11 with a 2 hour written exam in the summer of year 11.
Vocational Award in Engineering	WJEC	60% coursework (Unit 1 40% and Unit 2 20%) 40% exam	The internal assessments Unit 1 and 2 are completed in school September of year 11 to March in year 11 with a 1 ½ hour written exam in the summer of year 11.
GCSE Drama	Eduqas	40% internal assessment 20% internal assessment but with an external examiner 40% final written exam.	Component 1 internal assessment completed in Autumn term of Yr 11. This assessment includes both practical performance and written assessment. Completed in class with catch up time for rehearsals and improvements. Component 2 has a visiting examiner mark a scripted performance and this takes place in Spring of year 11. Component 3 is a written exam in the summer exams season. The exam content is a play they have studied

			and a live piece of theatre they have seen.
GCSE in Business	Edexcel	100% exam	Paper 1 content completed in Year 10, Paper 2 content completed in year 11. Paper 1: Focuses on how small businesses start and operate. Paper 2: Focuses on business growth and how larger businesses develop.
GCSE Physical Education	Edexcel	60 % exam 30% Practical assessment 10% Coursework	The practical internal assessment is completed in PE lessons and after school study support sessions. Coursework is computer based. Design, complete and evaluate a Personal Exercise Plan.
GCSE History	Edexcel	100% exam	Three examinations Paper 1: Medicine thought Time Paper 2: American West and Elizabethan England (2 separate papers completed in the same examination) Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany Paper 1 and 2 to be completed in Year 10 Paper 3 and revision to be completed in Year 11
GCSE German	Edexcel	100% exam	Listening 25% Speaking 25% Reading 25% Writing 25%

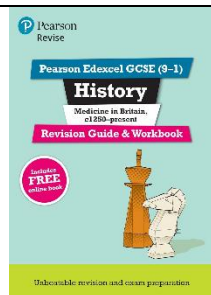
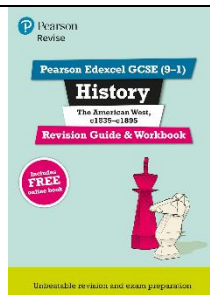
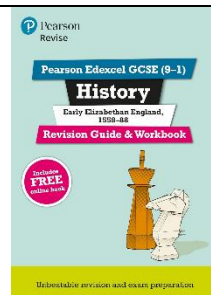
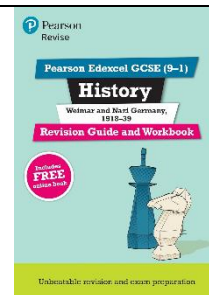
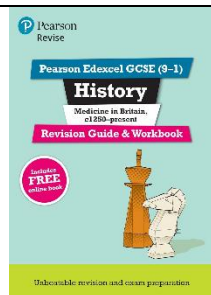
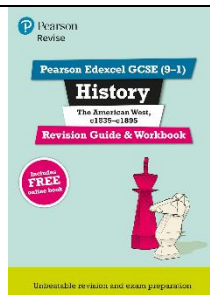
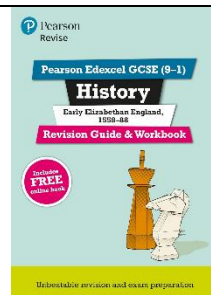
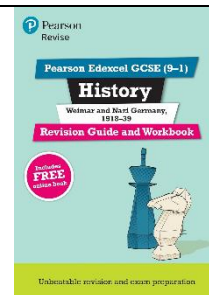
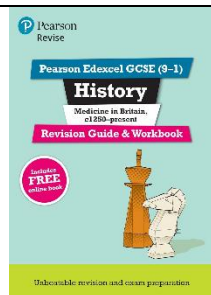
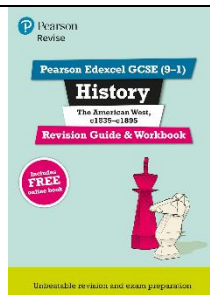
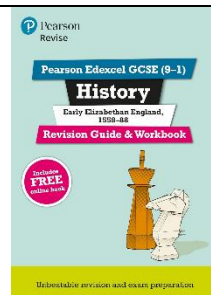
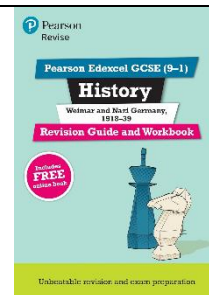
GCSE French	Edexcel	100% exam	Listening 25% Speaking 25% Reading 25% Writing 25%
GCSE Geography	AQA	100% exam	Fieldwork must be carried out to achieve the qualification. This takes place during Focus Days in Year 10 and 11. We visit Saltwells Nature Reserve and Birmingham city centre.
GCSE Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design OR Textiles)	OCR	60% coursework 40% exam	Coursework is completed in year 10 and Autumn term Year 11. Exam starts 2 nd Jan of Year 11 and is normally finished by Easter (depending when Easter is)
BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts - Dance	Pearson	60% internal assessment 40 % external assessment	1 st Component completed in the Spring Term 2 nd Component completed in Year 11 Autumn Term
BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care	Pearson	60% internal assessment 40 % external assessment	1 st Component completed in the Spring Term 2 nd Component completed in Year 11 Autumn Term
BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice	Pearson	60% internal assessment 40 % external assessment	1 st Component completed in the Spring Term 2 nd Component completed in Year 11 Autumn Term

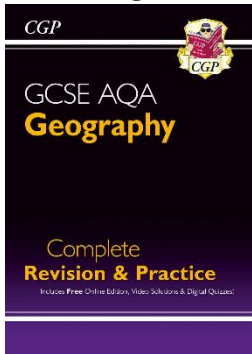
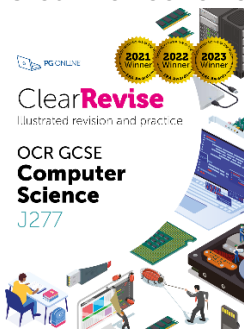
			3 rd Component completed in the Spring Term of year 11 and is externally marked.
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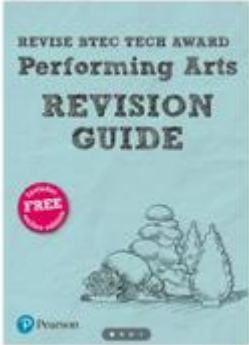
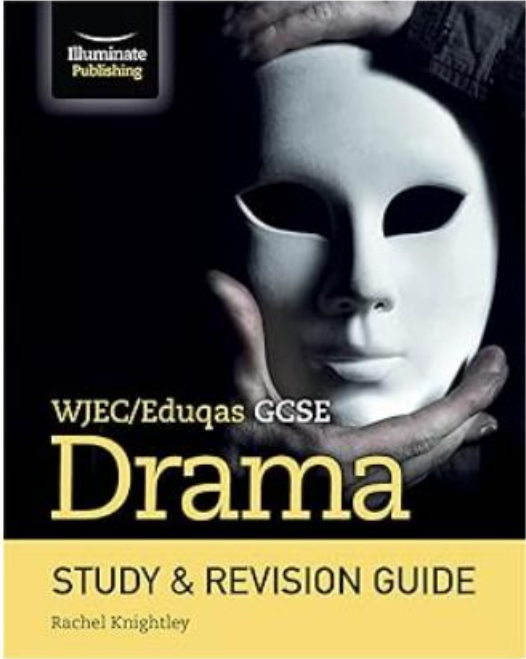
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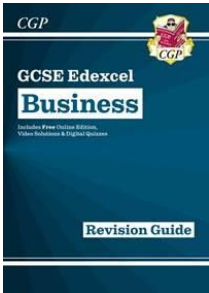
Maths	MathsWatch online https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/  Access the full version of the video for explanations and full methods. Or access the shorter 1-minute versions for a quick revision question and example. Online paper practice: Half Past Papers (hannahkettlemaths.co.uk) and GCSE Revision (hannahkettlemaths.co.uk) Printing past papers: https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html to print past papers, solutions and exam questions by topic or grade. Arbor Maths resources: £9.50 GCSE Maths bundle: • Exam Practice Workbook • Revision Guide • Revision Question Cards
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English	The Thorns English Department YouTube page: Thorns Collegiate Academy English Department - YouTube Completing all homework to a high quality is key; homework in Year 10 is given in the form of bespoke revision tasks, either on a weekly basis or over a longer term. All students have access to class structures and should ask their class teacher for specific tasks if they have 'gaps' in their learning due to attendance or knowledge. Students should also access online intervention weekly, whereby the English Department will be delivering key context, quotes and revision.
Science	Websites: • Century Tech – https://app.century.tech - tasks have been set for all students in biology, chemistry and physics • GCSEPod – www.gcsepod.com • Seneca - https://senecalearning.com/ • BBC bitesize - GCSE - BBC Bitesize - select AQA combined science or AQA biology, chemistry or physics. • Youtube - Freesciencelessons - YouTube and Cognito - YouTube
Art/ 3D Design/ Textiles	Websites: https://www.studentartguide.com/ Coursework guides Tate AQA GCSE Art and Design Specification at a glance Previous students work is available to look through at school for inspiration – please attend the afterschool intervention to do so or arrange another time with your teacher.

	Sites such as Pinterest can be a great source of inspiration but be weary of AI imagery – for research you will need to have artists/designers to research and for inspiration it needs to be possible to create with traditional materials. Sketchbook tours are popular and can be a very useful tool however people can lie on the internet so not all sketchbook tours that say they got a 9 did get a 9, so don't believe everything you see on the internet and ignore whatever grade they say they got! In case this style of video does help you here are some that are definitely 7+, also looking at A-Level sketchbooks is a really great way to challenge yourself: My Grade 9/A** GCSE Art Sketchbook - YouTube GCSE GRADE 9 (A**) EXAM SKETCHBOOK - YouTube (really good tips as well)								
Languages	Websites: Activehub - www.activehub.pearson.com username – school email, password Thorns123 Linguascope - www.linguascope.com username thorns, password greencat96 Seneca - https://senecalearning.com/ Revision guides: Mrs Blackadder has revision guides – speak to her before buying anything!								
History	Books: <table><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Medicine in Britain 1250 to present</td><td>Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: American West c1835 – 1895</td><td>Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Early Elizabethan England 1558 – 88</td><td>Edexcel GSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 1939</td></tr></table> The History department will also provide Revision Guides and worksheets Websites:					Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Medicine in Britain 1250 to present	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: American West c1835 – 1895	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Early Elizabethan England 1558 – 88	Edexcel GSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 1939
									
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	• The History Hub on the Student Portal • GCSE History - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize
Geography	AQA Geography on BBC bitesize. GCSE Geography - AQA - BBC Bitesize The Thorns Geography YouTube channel Thorns Geography - YouTube Revision guide- ISBN- 978-1-78294-613-7 
Computer Science	Clear Revise revision guide – ISBN - 978-1-910523-23-0  Craig'n' Dave Videos - OCR GCSE (J277) Videos – Craig 'n' Dave knowledge video index (craigndave.org) BBC Bitesize - GCSE Computer Science - OCR - BBC Bitesize
Creative Media	Adobe Online Tutorials Adobe Learn - Learn Photoshop Adobe Learn - Learn Illustrator You can use Adobe CC at home. Sign in Use your school account details. CANVA Tutorials Design School - Learn design with Canva Use your school logon details to access the CANVA tutorials
Music	There is no revision guide for this course. The course specification can be found here Music Practice Pearson qualifications Students should use the class teams page to find class resources and check their notes. They can also use musictheory.net for theory revision, and can access your Soundtrap account at home to work on your own personal projects Soundtrap for Education - Make music and podcasts online

Dance	 AMAZON UK Revise BTEC Tech Award – Performing Arts – Revision Guide ISBN – 10 = 129224562X
PE	GCSEPod – www.gcsepod.com
Acting	WJEC/Eduqas Study & Revision guide ISBN – 10 1912820277 Available on Amazon  Revision and support materials for all components are uploaded to class Teams channel. Printed versions also given in class.
Product Design	All the resources and links are on the bottom half of this web page: Key Stage 4 Home (sharepoint.com) Seneca Learning online revision platform Mock exam revision list Digital revision guides
Health & Social Care	Pearson BTEC Tech Award Level 2 (2022) Student text book ISBN: 978 1 292 44462 8 Pearson Education Limited 2022 

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Business Studies	GCSE Business CGP Books  ISBN: 9781782946908