



King Edward VI School

Exam Information Evening

Wednesday 17th October 2018

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(Achievement)

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KS4 Outcomes 2018

- Estimated Progress Score = 0.3
- 76% of students passed both English and Maths (grade 4 or better)
- **Your children: Target 88%!**



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What has the greatest impact on student outcomes?





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GO 4 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



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- Homework
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Assessment
- Progress

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Key Dates

Wed 17th Oct

Fri 19th Oct

Fri 9th Nov

Thu 10th Jan

Thu 10th Jan

Fri 1st Feb

Tue 26th Feb

Fri 3rd May

Mon 13th May

Thu 26th Aug

Exam Prep Evening

Trial Exams 1

Progress Review 1

Trial Results Day

Parents Evening

Progress Review 2

Trial Exams 2

Progress Review 3

GCSE Exams begin

GCSE Results Day!



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Key features of Year 11

- Linear Exams
- New 1 -9 GCSE grading system
- Lunchtime/after school revision sessions
- Interventions in all subjects
- Catch-up sessions for Controlled Assessments



New GCSE grades

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U



How can you help?

- Extreme learning patterns
- Motivation and achievement
- Learning routines
- Incentives not bribes
- Monitor, Support, Challenge



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Technology





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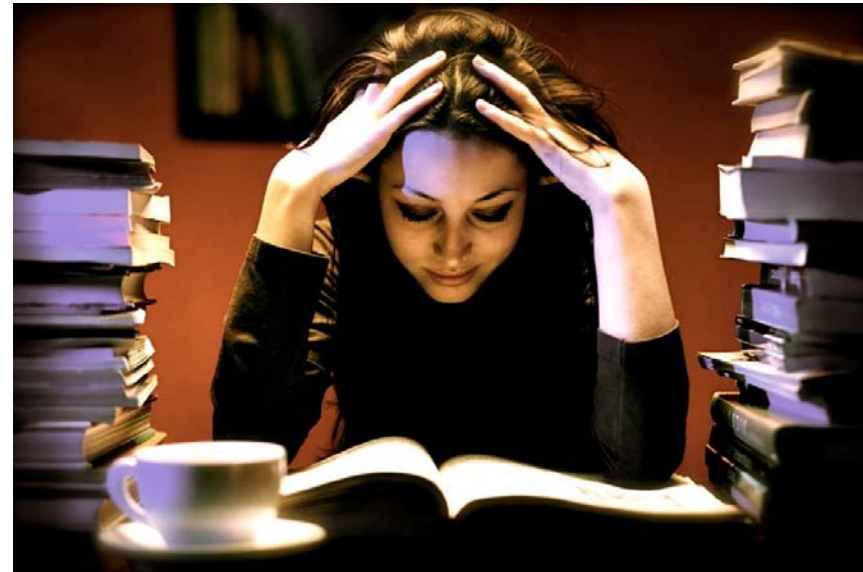
How to Revise?



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Revision Methods

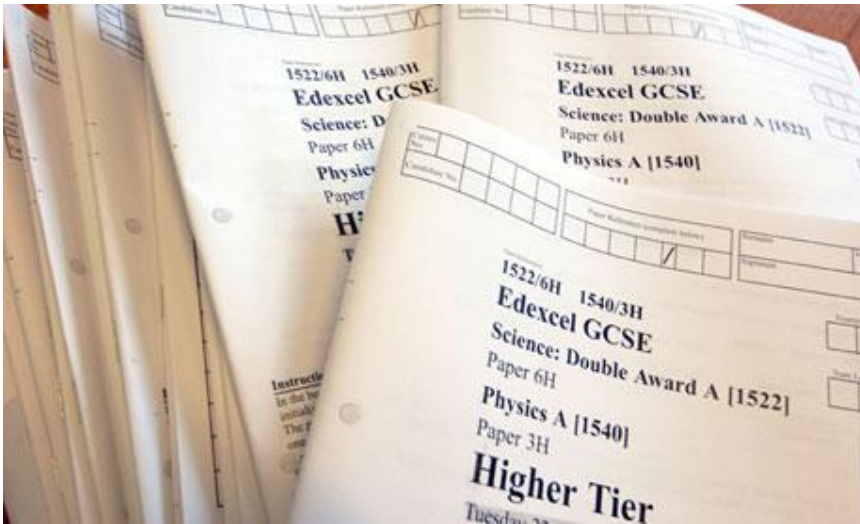
Spend some time each day on rote learning.





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Revision Methods



Do exam questions from Past-papers for an hour or ten minutes or ...)

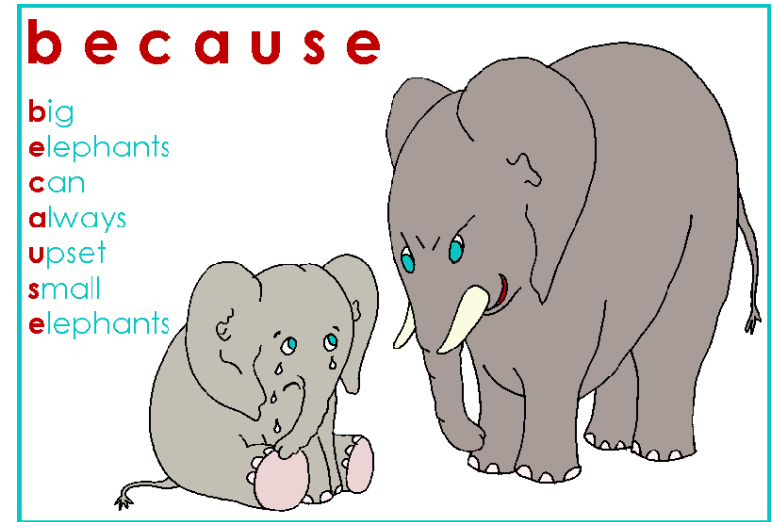


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Revision Methods

Invent and learn mnemonics

For example, Romeo and Juliet...





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Revision Methods

Read one page in five
(and a whole book in an hour)

Read just the introductions and conclusion to chapters
(and a whole book in an hour)



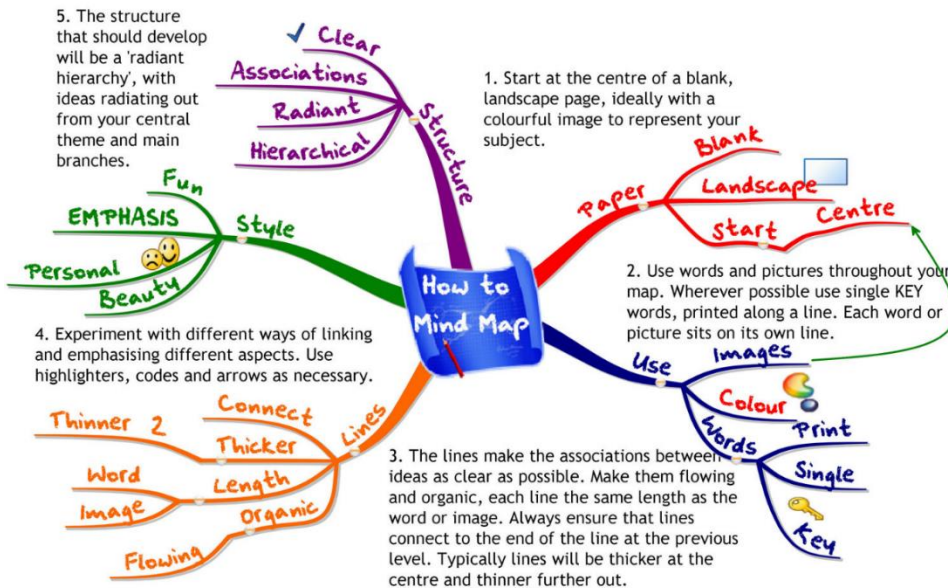
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Revision Methods

Reduce everything you know on a topic to 500 words, then to 200, then to 50, then to 10. Write those ten on a card for the morning of the exam



Revision Methods



Make mind maps, put them on your wall and add to them every day



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Revision Methods



Use the internet or buy revision guides

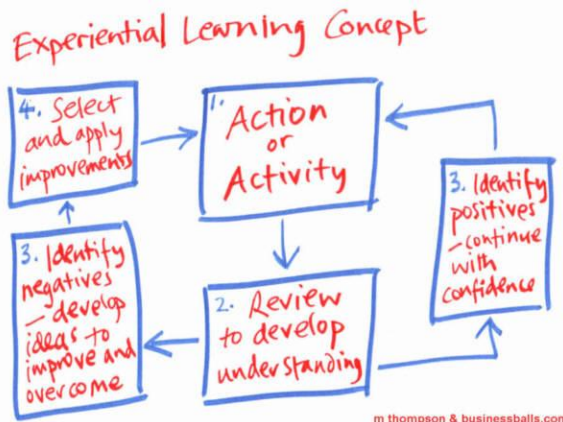


PiXL Apps
BBC Bitesize
MathsWatch



Revision Methods

Make flow charts, diagrams, graphs, drawings as well as notes.





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Revision Methods

Make podcasts and then listen to them repeatedly

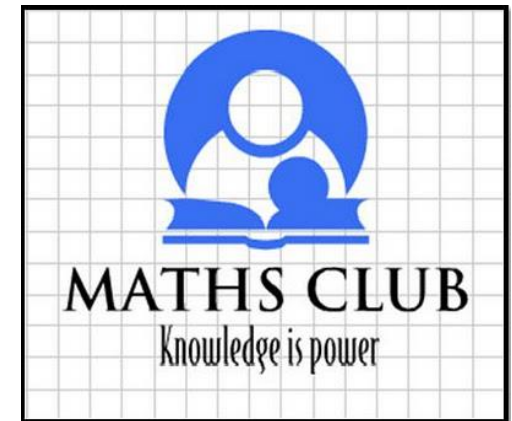




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Revision Methods

Go to lunchtime and after-school revision classes





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Revision Methods

At the end of each day, write everything you have learned in very quick bullet points. And then read them first thing in the morning



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Learning Environment

- The place
- The time
- The calm
- Food and drink
- Built in rest time



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Some thoughts

- Some is better than none; a lot is better than too much.
- It is unwise to do too much on one day and none on another.
- Our concentration span is constantly changing.

Now over to the experts....



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How to Revise English

Megan Reynard

Subject Leader for English



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GCSE English Language 9-1 GCSE English Literature 9-1



9-1 Reformed Specification (from 2015)



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- 100% examination
- No coursework or controlled assessments
- 4 exams – 2 Language; 2 Literature
- Each exam is 2 hours long
- Closed book examinations
- No tiered entry; every student will sit the same exam papers.



English Language examines...

- Reading unseen non-fiction and literary texts – both old and modern.
- Writing – informative, persuasive and descriptive texts. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) is a key aspect of this section of the exam.



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GCSE English Literature examines...

- An Inspector Calls
- Conflict Poetry
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- Romeo and Juliet
- Unseen poetry and play scripts
- SPaG is also tested



How can you help?

- Working on reading and writing skills. Encourage reading a variety of texts including high quality non-fiction.
- Helping with Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG!)
- Practising past questions and annotating extracts of texts
- Understanding the characters, themes, ideas, plot, language and structure of the set literary texts
- Learning and remembering language terminology and quotations
- Helping students to **KNOW HOW TO REVISE ENGLISH!**



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How to Revise Maths

Robin Woodhouse

Subject Leader for Maths



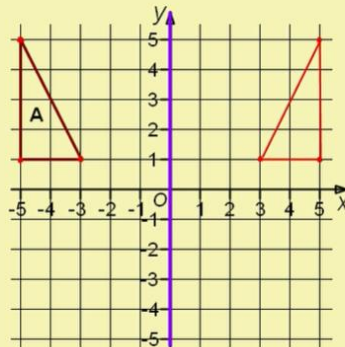
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MathsWatch

Homework and Revision

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

Reflect triangle **A** in the y -axis.





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Maths GCSE

- 3 x 90 minute papers
- Foundation (1-5) Higher (4-9)
- Pearson GCSE Maths
- Past papers
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>



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PiXLmaths

- School Id: KE2555
- User ID: SMITHT (Tom Smith)
- Password: SMITHT



School Website

GCSE Maths Revision

Follow us on [Twitter](#)

Homework and Revision Support KS3 to KS4

We use VLEMathsWatch for homework and Revision. You will need to speak to your teacher for your login and password details if you do not have them.

[VLEMATHSWATCH](#)

These websites require no passwords

[5-a-day GCSE 9-1](#) which enables you to do some practise questions EVERY DAY!

[Videos and Worksheets](#) which talk you through the skills!

[MathedUp!](#) is a similar site with more exam type questions and videos!



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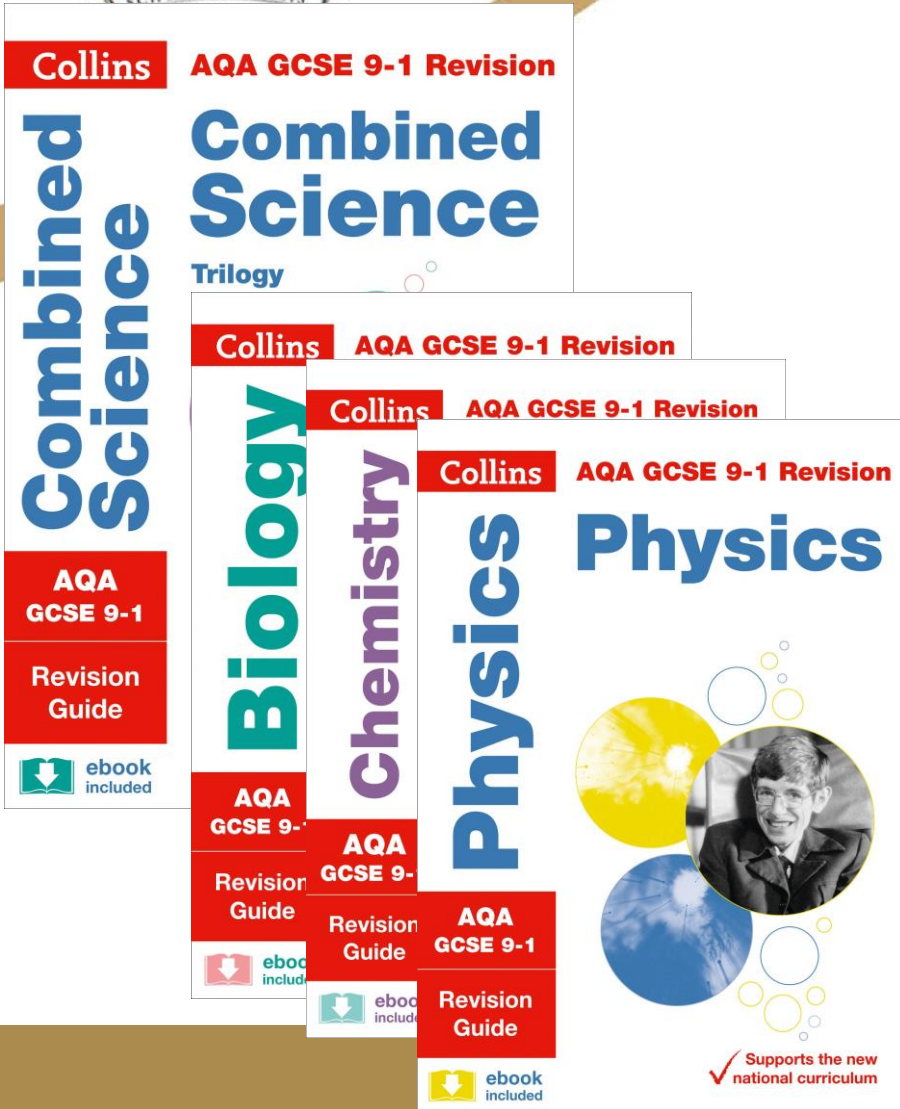
How to Revise Science

David Thompson

Subject Leader for Science



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Students should get revision guides from student services. Students often choose to bring them to lesson so that they can see how to apply what they are learning in lesson to their revision strategy.

There are also excellent revision cards available from student services



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YouTube is either valuable revision or a huge distraction



The whole of AQA Biology Paper 1 in only 63 minutes!! GCSE 9-1 Science revision

Science and Maths by Primrose Kitten
9 months ago • 459,535 views

These videos are a revision summary for your 9-1 GCSE science, covering biology, chemistry and physics. To get all the quick-fire ...

SUBTITLES

Students should carefully choose revision videos that are targeted at the AQA specification. They should take notes as they watch to make the activity more active.



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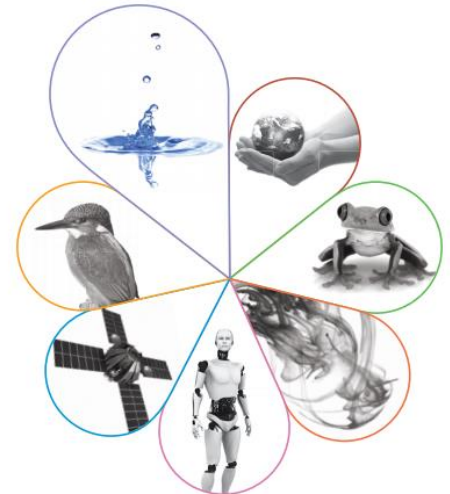
The specification lists
all of the learning
objectives and is a
useful resource to
show students what
they are expected to
know

AQA
Realising potential

GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE: TRILOGY (8464)

Specification
For teaching from September 2016 onwards
For exams in 2018 onwards

Version 1.0 22 April 2016





Past Papers

Students will complete 2 papers for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The paper may be Foundation (for grades 1-5) or Higher for grades (4-9)



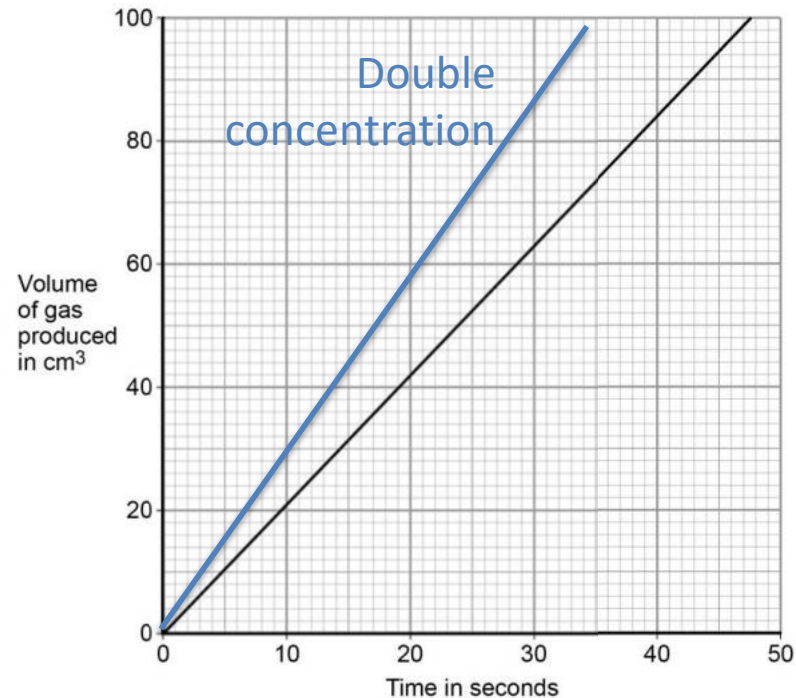


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Figure 6 shows the student's results for one concentration of hydrochloric acid.

Figure 6



Students get the most out of past papers by using the mark schemes as they learn

- 4 Give **one** conclusion about how the rate of reaction changed when the concentration of hydrochloric acid was changed.

[1 mark]

03.4	when the concentration of acid increased the rate of reaction increased or vice versa	answer must use the terms 'rate of reaction' linked to 'concentration'	1
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The most important thing parents can do to help...

Students need encouragement to deal with the increased challenge of the 1-9 GCSE specification. The last set of exams needed only 26% of the marks for a grade 4!

This means that some students become frustrated and need someone to remind them that their work is worthwhile. The revision cards are an excellent resource for this.



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Year 11 GCSE trial examinations

Revision guide for parents and carers

SUBJECT: Computer Science	EXAM BOARD AND CODE: OCR J276
NUMBER OF PAPERS: 2	LENGTH OF PAPERS: Paper 1: Computer Systems – 90 minutes (50% of the GCSE) Paper 2: Computational Thinking – 90 minutes (50% of the GCSE)
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Black pen (and spare), pencil	WEBSITE LINK: http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/225975-specification-accredited-gcse-computer-science-j276.pdf

Topics to be revised:

All topics taught in years 10 and 11 can be tested in the exams.

Details of specific topics to be revised for both papers are in the Course Companion which was given to all students in year 10. Also available electronically in the #files subject area

Revision Tips:

As a new GCSE no past papers exist. However, OCR have made two sample papers and mark schemes available and these are available via the subject area on the school network. Specific topic based revision material is also available via the subject area on the school network.

Useful websites:

As a school we have purchased the rights to make use of support material written by two Computer Science teachers. They are known as Craig and Dave and in addition to the support material they have also made a number of revision video tutorials which are freely available via YouTube. The following is a link to the GCSE elements of this resource

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8H6-anK0t4&list=PLCiOXwirraUAvkTPDWeeSqAKty3LAG37->

Revision Techniques:

- Make and display Post-it notes with key facts and skills
- Make revision cards with questions on one side, answers and method on the back
- Make a Mind map summarising all the key skills for each topic (use colour and pictures)
- Practice using Pseudocode to show the algorithms for given tasks

• Try to do 20 minutes every day

Exam Hints:

Don't Rush - you should have plenty of time

Read the questions carefully to ensure you understand the task. This is very important for:

- Algorithm questions to ensure you can identify the Inputs, Process and Outputs expected.
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Help is at hand...

Peter Wright Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral Care
Henry Stevenson Assistant Headteacher, Achievement
Heads of College
Pastoral Support Managers
Form Tutor



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Help is at hand...

Angela Hahn	Careers Information and Advice Guidance
Nickie Young	Family Liaison
Sharon Scott	SENCO, Learning Support
Alison Light	Exams Officer



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Next steps...

- Go4Schools
- Revision Guide for parents and carers



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Thank you for coming