



Revision Booklet

Languages: French and Spanish

Use these websites to bring your language learning to life!

All year 11 pupils studying MFL have a log in to the website below:

www.pearsonactivelearn.com

The MFL Department have invested in this valuable resource so that our GCSE pupils can complete reading, listening and vocab learning activities online and this should be their main online revision tool throughout their study of French or Spanish.

Use the BBC languages website for French and Spanish

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

Essential for past papers:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-4655/>

<http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/>

Use Languages online for grammar drills and practice as well as key topic vocabulary:

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

GCSE French/Spanish students make sure you use your individual logins to access Memrise or/and Quizlet and practice AQA GCSE vocabulary in preparation for the Listening / Reading exams:

<http://www.memrise.com>

Want to make a word cloud of key vocabulary and take a screen shot? Use

<http://www.wordle.net/>

YouTube also has a range of online language lessons and clips - sometimes worth a look.

"Using the language websites is a fun and enjoyable way to learn and practice French and Spanish"

Want to make an interactive poster with sound? Use

<http://www.glogster.com/>

Want to hear yourself speaking French/Spanish? Use **audacity** software for easy recording or create a VOKI!

<http://www.voki.com/>



Use classroom tools to create a quiz to test yourself or a mind map to help you revise

<http://classtools.net/>

Zut is a great site for revision and practice. You will also find a page of links to other useful sites here. Free for pupils after 4pm

<http://www.zut.org.uk>

Talking about the past and learning about the past tense?

Want to create a presentation about how things have changed in your area over the years. Find photos here:

<http://www.historypin.com/>

www.quizlet.com

Interactive vocab learning site, great for learning spellings and hearing the pronunciation of language!

www.language-gym.com

Flex your language muscles and learn grammar in a fun and interactive way.

Know of any other applications? Please let us know!

PS: Enjoy French music? Have a look at this **great** site designed for Spanish learners of French – choose a song and try some of the activities! Google 'les chansons en cours de FLE' or go to:

<http://platea.pntic.mec.es/~cvera/hotpot/chansons/index.htm>

Want to turn the French you have learned into an online storybook?

<http://storybird.com/>



This is a great site for song lovers– sing karaoke to a whole range of songs in French or Spanish.

<https://lyricstraining.com/fr>

English

We study the AQA GCSE specifications for English Language and English Literature. Our set texts are 'Romeo and Juliet' (Year 11), 'Macbeth' (Year 10) 'Blood Brothers' and 'A Christmas Carol'. The poetry cluster is 'Power and Conflict'.

Some useful websites to support your revision:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english



There are revision videos from 'BBC TEACH' on youtube too.

www.sparknotes.com for help on the set texts.

www.showmyenglish.doomby.com for specific GCSE AQA support.

<http://www.poetryessay.co.uk/> for poetry revision.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff> a range of revision materials for AQA.

<https://www.litcharts.com/> information on the different texts.

The AQA Exam Board offers further information from the English Language Specification:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

The AQA Exam Board offers further information from the English Literature Specification:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

In addition, the English department will be selling CGP revision guides for the set texts for £2.75 in the Spring Term of Year 11.

Maths

My Maths contains revision pages, games, puzzles and offline activities. Pupils use My Maths at school and may be set homework on the site.

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>



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A secondary school revision resource for GCSE Maths about algebra, data handling, numbers, shapes, space and measures.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths>



In addition to these websites, the Maths Department sell Maths Watch Revision CD - Roms at a cost of £4.00 for GCSE Higher and Foundation levels and £2.00 for Level 3-5.



“Mymaths is great, I enjoy doing the homework tasks that my teacher sets for us.”

Geography

Revise GCSE Geography topics including agriculture, glaciation, ecosystems, rivers and population using activities, audio downloads, diagrams and more.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography>



Try this GCSE revision website

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography>



Internet Geography...for all your geography needs. Lots of revision resources, case studies, games and more!

<http://www.geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk/links.html>

Contained within this site are useful resources to help you study Geography. Remember the goal of Geography is to understand the world around us, our environment and the way that humans interact with their surroundings.

<http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>



The AQA Exam Board website for past papers

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-a-9030>



History

Try the BBC website for History:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zj26n39>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/>



HISTORY HELP

Religious Education

You can use the GCSE Bitesize Website www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs

All topics **except the first two**.

In Religion, science and the environment only look at Christianity beliefs about the planet - **Remember we have only studied Christianity in the ethics unit.**

www.rsrevision.com

You can click on a phone to find out more about each topic. Underneath the phones you can have a look at the EDUQAS/ WJEC specification and there is a section entitled GCSE short course.

I advise you use the revision mind maps given in class. These have lots of the information you need to learn.

Science

The Science GCSE is new and will be examined for the first time in the summer of 2018. New resources are being developed and sites such as the BBC Bitesize will evolve. Because there are no or few past papers for the new GCSE we have included links to the previous specification, but students should be aware the papers are different.

The following link will take students to AQA science home page where they can access the specification and specimen assessment materials

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse>

The following are possible revision resources for AQA science:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/steps-to-success-in-science/revision-materials>

The following is a very good resource but does have a cost associated with it:

<http://www.my-gcsescience.com/>

The new BBC Bitesize can be found at the following link

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv>

Past papers and mark schemes for the previous specification are available below for Core Science:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-a-4405/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Additional Science:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/additional-science-4408/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Biology:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-4401/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Chemistry:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-4402/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Physics

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-4403/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

We have also purchased Educate Software, for which students have a login and Focus eLearning.

Direct login using:

<http://www.focuselearning.co.uk/u/32734/ydaodnpFdzlAspkzBoBcBujqcvnuhkhan>

Or

By visiting: www.focuselearning.co.uk

Username: **student@corbetschool32734**

Password: **vqbq4ayrj**

Physical Education

Revision books are available from Mrs Simms

GCSE PE Revision websites

GCSE Bitesize: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/znyb4wx>

e-Chalk: <https://www.echalk.co.uk/PE/PE.html>

Past Papers (Y11): <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582/assessment-resources>

You tube search: **AQA GCSE PE Revision App Store—GCSE PE—Pocket Poster App**

GCSE PE Specification link: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>

Design Technology

Revise GCSE Design and Technology topics including, product design, textiles and food technology.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/>

<http://www.technologystudent.com>

Revision apps can be purchased for mobile phones, ipods or ipads - available from Google Play or itunes.

Revision text books are available to hire from Mr Lewis. These also contain practice papers / answers.

Focus e learning is an interactive website containing animations, video clips and other resources suitable for students revising all material areas including food, textiles, resistant materials and product design.

The website can be accessed by going to –

www.focuselearning.co.uk

Username: student@corbetschool31871

Password: j2ct7uwxx

Exam Information

GCSE exams take place in Year 11 through May and June.

Some departments offer pupils the opportunity to purchase revision guides through school. Letters will be sent out by those departments and should be returned, with payment to the relevant person.

ICT

On top of using the revision guides, workbooks and materials from lessons there are a number of great websites to use to further your Computer Science exam preparation:



These include:



BBC Bitesize

cambridgegcsecomputing.org

computerscience.gcse.guru

But the best place by far is to visit Craig and Dave's Youtube Channel. They have 80 videos covering the whole OCR GCSE specification.

GCSE Revision Websites



Visit www.positivelymad.com for some excellent and fun ideas for remembering information.

Try www.s-cool.co.uk for some general tips (click on 'revision tips') or for subject specific revision materials.

For help with revision techniques (for a limited number of subjects) visit...

www.gcse.com



Revision Techniques and Advice

Here are some tips to help organise your exam sessions. Where do I start?

- For each subject, make a list of the major topics you have covered—this list is called a topic checklist.
- For each subject, look at the topics and decide what order you want to tackle them in. Pick a topic you like or find easy to start with as this boosts your confidence.
- After each revision session, tick off the topic from your checklist (but only if you are happy that you have covered it adequately). This will help you to see the progress you are making and help you feel more in control.

Organising your time / Getting the basics right

- Set a definite time when you will start and finish each revision session and stick to it.
- Keep revision sessions to a reasonable length. Between 1-3 hours is about right.
- Most people are at their best in the morning. Try working on difficult topics in the morning when your mind is fresh.
- If you are going to listen to music, play it at low volume and choose something that doesn't distract you. If you find yourself singing along, then you are distracted! When you have a break, try playing loud and lively music.

Improving your concentration

- If you find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time, start with short sessions and gradually build up to longer sessions.
- Make sure you have regular breaks. A good guide is that for every hour you work, have a break of 10 minutes. You may find that a break after every 20 or 30 minutes works best for you.
- You do not necessarily have to get up from your chair every time you have a break, often it is better to just sit and daydream for a few minutes.
- You may find it helps with your concentration if you vary the topic or the subject during each session.
- If you are offered revision classes take full advantage of them. This is particularly helpful when it's difficult to get peace and quiet at home.
- Walking around whilst reading or testing yourself can help concentration
- Just getting up and moving around or simply changing your sitting position can sometimes help concentration.

Even more ideas!

- Always end a revision session by summing up or testing yourself. An effective revision session might be divided up like this: 40 minutes revising, 10 minutes testing, 10 minutes resting.
- Keep a bottle of water nearby when you are revising and take regular sips. Small levels of dehydration can reduce your mental performance.
- Clear your desk or table of everything except for relevant material and equipment.
- Give yourself something to look forward to or some kind of reward after revision sessions—go on, spoil yourself!

Revision Techniques - Personal Notes

Weekly Revision Tips

Week 1

Stick revision notes all around your house



so in the exam you think — "aha, quadratic equations, they were on the fridge..."

Week 2

Don't spend ages making your notes look pretty



- This is just wasting time.
- For diagrams, include all the details you need to learn, but don't try to produce a work of art.
- Limit yourself to 2 or 3 colours so you don't get carried away colouring things in.

Week 3

Sit at a proper desk



Don't try to revise in bed — you'll be in the land of pink igloos and elephants before you can say "Captain Birdseye".

Weekly Revision Tips

Week 4

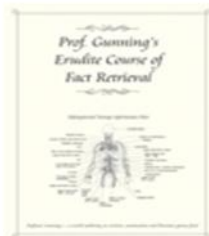
Don't turn yourself into a revision zombie



If you stop doing anything else but revision you'll turn into a zombie. It's really important that you keep time to do things you enjoy... like cinema, shopping, sports, frisbee, rock-climbing, making model planes, nose-picking, whatever tickles your ferret... When you're doing these try to relax and totally forget about revision.

Week 5

Don't just read your notes



You have to WRITE STUFF DOWN. This is real basic "how to revise" stuff.

Week 6

Get yourself drinks and snacks



So you don't make excuses to stop every 10 minutes...

Weekly Revision Tips

Week 7

Find the right environment to revise



NOT in front of the TV. NOT listening to the radio. Music can sometimes be OK, but you need to find the right kind. It's got to be something that's just there in the background that you're not thinking about at all. Music without singing is better as you won't be tempted to dance around your bedroom like a big fool.

Week 8

Don't put it off

"Procrastination" is the long word for it. It means rearranging stuff on your desk, getting a sudden urge after 16 years to tidy your room, playing the guitar, thinking about the weekend, writing love poems about that girl/boy you fancy, painting your toe nails etc. Sit down at your desk and GET ON WITH IT.

Week 9

Do lots of practice exam papers

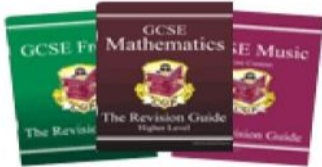


This is especially important as you get close to the exams.

Weekly Revision Tips

Week 10

Use revision guides



Work through revision guides in addition to your own notes.

Check with your teachers that you are using the correct guides if you are unsure.

Week 11

Read the exam timetable properly

Double-check so you don't miss an exam and have plenty of time to prepare for it.

Week 12

In study leave, start revising early



i.e. 9am — that way you'll get your day's work done much quicker and will have time to relax in the evening.



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