How can I make the most of the resources I have been given?

Since the start of this year, to aid you with your studies, you would have received many of the following from your teachers:

Revision timetables
2 x QLA Sheet (Nov Mock & Feb Mock)
Knowledge Organiser
Revision Guides
Revision Booklet

As we enter the last 2 months before your exams we want to enable you to use all of these documents wisely and focus on the areas that will help you make the biggest gains. The place to start is with your revision timetable.

Step 1: Revision Timetable

As your commitments may change each week we suggest planning each week as you go. Once you have crossed through times you know you cannot commit to revision you will know how many sessions you have left. You know that some tasks need doing each day (Hegarty, Tassomai, MyGCSE) so put these in first. Then plan in your other subjects.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	14 th Feb	15th Feb
9:00 —	10mins: Tassomai	10mins: Tassomai	10mins: Tassomai	10mins: Tassomai :
9:20	10mins: Hegarty	10mins: Hegarty	10mins: Hegarty	10mins: Hegarty :
9:30 — 10:30	Equations Energy – exam Qs	(10:00 – 3:00)	Cell biology – exam Qs & summary page	Atomic structure & the periodic table — sexam Qs
11:00 — 12:00	English Paper 1 Macbeth – key characters - meanings		ICT Exam paper	English Paper 1 LOTF – characters & their role/meaning
12:30 —	ICT		<u>Music</u>	HSC
1:30	Exam Qs		Exam Paper	Exam Qs
1:30 - 2::30	Music Key terms – flashvards Exam Qs	1	Maths Paper 2 Cubic & reciprocal graphs Congruent	ICT Internet security and I online security

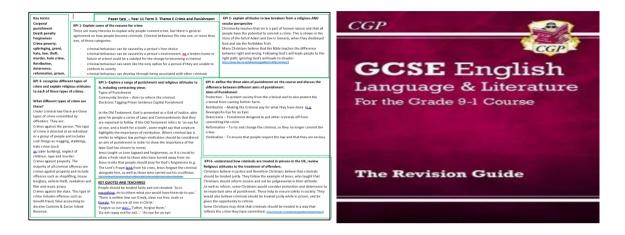
Step 2: QLA

Once you have planned your sessions you now need to plan what you will study. Research suggests that simply reading back through your books is not a good use of time and neither is revising something you already know well. To help you plan with precision, find the QLA for each subject and identify the 'very insecure' or 'insecure' topics you will concentrate on during that session. Write it directly onto your revision timetable to help keep you focussed. You will probably manage 1 or 2 per half hour slot. Tick these off as you go so that you can keep track of what still needs to be covered.

RELKPI5-Explain religious beliefs about the role of parents and family life.	Religion and Relationships	RelKP12- Define the term procreation
RELKP14-Evaluate a range of view, points towards the topic of divorce	Evaluate a range of view points about the afterlife	REL KPI5-Identify religious belie about the nature of the family
LIFEKP17-Explain a range of religious beliefs about abortion	Religion, peace and conflict	RELKPI2-Explain a range of religious beliefs about the use o contraception
Explain religious beliefs about forgiveness	PCKPI3-6 Analyse a variety of view points on whether War is acceptable	Religion and Life
		LIFEKPI1-Define the term creation

Step 3: Knowledge Organiser/Revision Guides

The basic details that you will need to know for each topic will be contained in your knowledge organiser. Make sure these are all to hand and organised so that you can easily access them for each revision session. It may be that using these is enough. If not, your subject specific revision guide will offer more detail and help you to fill in any gaps.



Step 4: Revision Booklet

The revision booklet we provided should contain all themes, topics, units you have covered in your courses. It may be that some of these have not been examined yet in the mock exams you have sat (one exam cannot assess absolutely everything covered in a course). Identify these from the booklet and add them to your list of topics to cover.



Step 5:

Now you know what you are revising and when the next thing to do is to find the revision strategy that works best for you. The revision session you had gave your 3 or 4 ideas but it may be you have your own. Whatever you decide it is important to plan in how you will revise so that you can plan what you need ready for each session (paper, pens, flashcards, past papers, mark schemes etc..). Add this information to your revision plan. It would be useful to include one 30 minute session per night of practice questions. These can then be e-mailed to your teacher or handed in the following day for some feedback. If you are revising technique you may find it useful visiting exam board websites and reading through markschemes and then attempting questions on the 'very insecure' topics you have identified.

Time	Monday Date:	Tuesday Date	Wednesday Date
5.00pm— 5.30pm	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How
5.30pm— 6.00pm	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How
6.00pm— 6.30pm	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How	Subject: QLA1 How: QLA2 How

Step 6: Being accountable

If you have a mentor, a willing parent or a good revision buddy it is essential that you share what you have done each night with them. They might ask you impromptu questions using your resources or offer feedback on practice questions. They might just generally chat about your learning. Whatever they do, it will help keep you accountable knowing you have someone who will check in on you from time to time to ensure your plans are.... going to plan? Make sure you share your plans with them once a week.

Finally, revision will only work if you are fully committed to it. With only 10 weeks left until the majority of your final exams <u>you are committing to giving just a fraction of your personal time to something that can change your life forever</u>. It might help to think that this will be exactly the same period of holiday that you will then have to enjoy yourself and do whatever else you want/need to do before starting your 6th form/college/apprenticeship course. An average student will probably commit to around 15-20 hours of revision a week at this stage (longer in the Easter holidays). The question to ask yourself is, do you want to be just average?

This is your calendar until the end of your exam period. The dark boxes indicate non-term times which allow you more time to revise and so a different schedule will be needed for these weeks. We suggest you use this calendar to write up your exam dates so that you can see what is coming up when.

Monday 12th March	Tuesday 13th March	Wednesday 14th March	Thursday 15th March	Friday 16th March	Saturday 17th March	Sunday 18th March
Monday 19th March	Tuesday 20th March	Wednesday 21st March	Thursday 22nd March	Friday 23rd March	Saturday 24th March	Sunday 25th March
Monday 26th March	Tuesday 27th March	Wednesday 28th March	Thursday 29th March	Friday 30th March	Saturday 31st March	Sunday 1st April
Monday 2nd April	Tuesday 3rd April	Wednesday 4th April	Thursday 5th April	Friday 6th April	Saturday 7th April	Sunday 8th April
Monday 9th April	Tuesday 10th April	Wednesday 11th April	Thursday 12th April	Friday 13th April	Saturday 14th April	Sunday 15th April
Monday 16th April	Tuesday 17th April	Wednesday 18th April	Thursday 19th April	Friday 20th April	Saturday 21st April	Sunday 22nd April
Monday 23rd April	Tuesday 24th April	Wednesday 25th April	Thursday 26th April	Friday 27th April	Saturday 28th April	Sunday 29th April
Monday 30th April	Tuesday 1st May	Wednesday 2nd May	Thursday 3rd May	Friday 4th May	Saturday 5th May	Sunday 6th May
Monday 7th May	Tuesday 8th May	Wednesday 9th May	Thursday 10th May	Friday 11th May	Saturday 12th May	Sunday 13th May
Monday 14th May	Tuesday 15th May	Wednesday 16th May	Thursday 17th May	Friday 18th May	Saturday 19th May	Sunday 20th May
Monday 21st May	Tuesday 22nd May	Wednesday 23rd May	Thursday 24th May	Friday 25th May	Saturday 26th May	Sunday 27th May
Monday 28th May	Tuesday 29th May	Wednesday 30th May	Thursday 31st May	Friday 1st June	Saturday 2nd June	Sunday 3rd June
Monday 4th June	Tuesday 5th June	Wednesday 6th June	Thursday 7th June	Friday 8th June	Saturday 9th June	Sunday 10th June
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