



Steps to Success Evening

If not now, when?

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Sense of Urgency . . .

3 weeks to the GCSE mocks

101 teaching days to the GCSE exams in May



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Challenging but worthwhile

It's not too late to turn things around.

Pupils' choices and effort this year will determine:

Their pathway next year

The course they are allowed to join

Whether they will need to re-sit Maths and English next year

The qualifications they are awarded

The further education they go to/the job they get

Which all in turn impact choices in life later on



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Guidance and Support from TBCS

1. Mentor meeting for every Y11 pupil
2. Careers guidance for everyone
3. Pathways identified to show where you are and where you could be
4. Revision sessions to help you catch up
5. GCSE pod, Seneca learning, Maths Watch to support learning and revision
6. Specialist teachers leading Y11 lessons
7. 2 mocks to give you opportunity to learn to deal with pressures
8. Pastoral support officer and school counsellor
9. Steps to Success Evening – how to revise, local colleges, 6th form
10. Outside speakers to aid with revision approaches
11. Access to computers lunch times homework club in IT3
12. 2 reports throughout the year to help you see your progress
13. Opportunity for Y11 pupils to meet with Sixth Form members to discuss courses



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How you can support at home

1. Encourage your child to go to revision after school
2. If they are chosen for 1:1 tuition ensure that they attend lessons
3. Provide a space for them to revise
4. Remind them to do a little bit of revision every day
5. Tell us if you need help/support
6. Encourage them to go onto MathsWatch, GCSEpod, Seneca Learning to do revision
7. Encourage them to go to bed to sleep early so they are well rested
8. Encourage them to eat breakfast – free bagels every morning in the canteen
9. Give them rewards for their hard work
10. Remind them that we believe in them and they can do this!



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What's on offer tonight

The auditorium:

Curriculum Leaders from English, Maths, Science and Religious Studies

How to revise and what resources to use

The Gym:

Stalls for other subjects area – opportunity to speak with teachers, and collect some important revision resources and guidance
Staff from local colleges

The Sixth Form Centre – focus on post 16 choices

TBCS staff and what BTEC and A Levels we offer in Y12
Armed forces representative



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Course format and Examination

Tier

Higher and Foundation

Exams – 3 Papers

Paper 1: Non calculator

Paper 2: Calculator

Paper 3: Calculator



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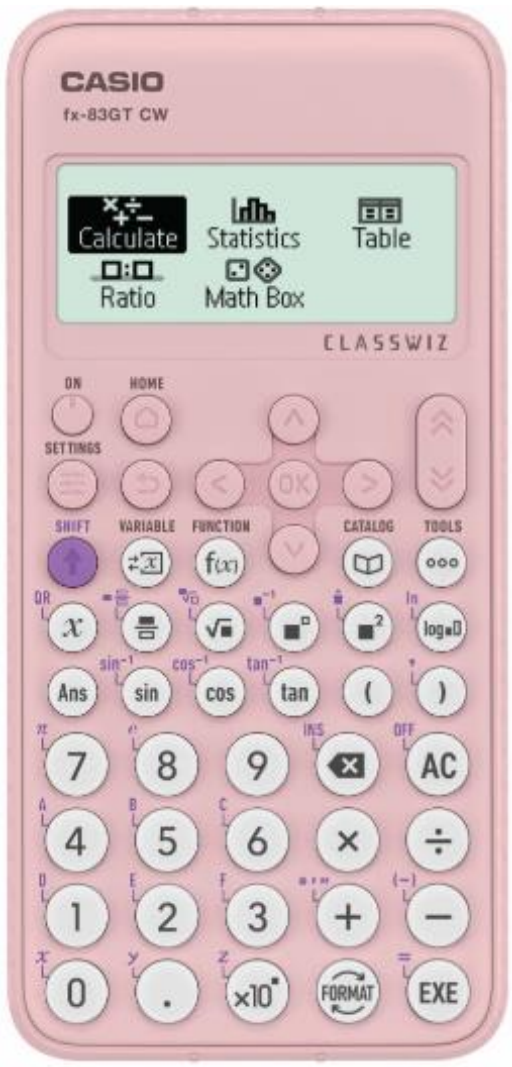
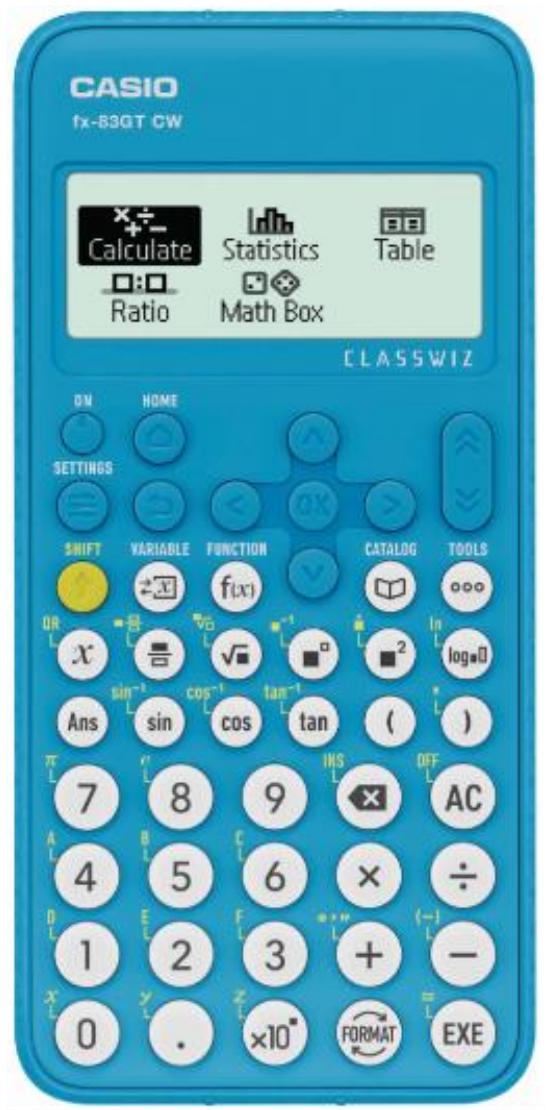
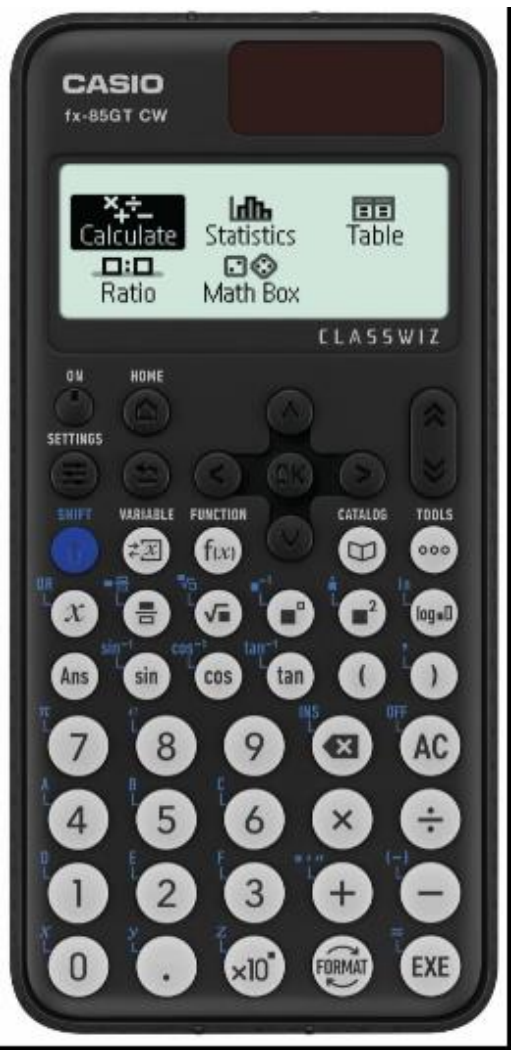
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Websites



Corbettmaths

MME.

Maths Genie



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Mock Dates

30th October – 10th November 2023



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Revision Sessions – Intervention

Monday After School

Homework set every Thursday – Due on every Wednesday.

All students will receive targeted booklets.



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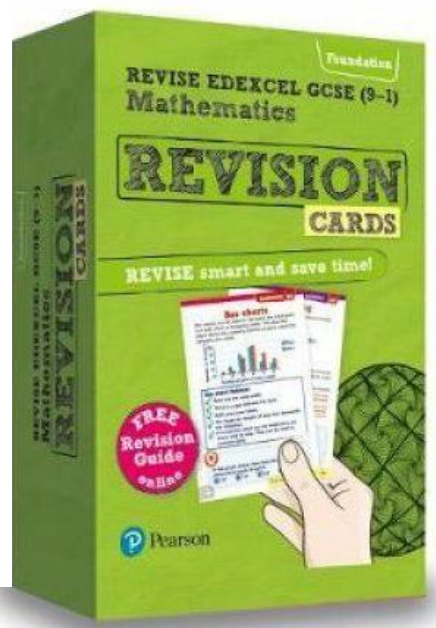
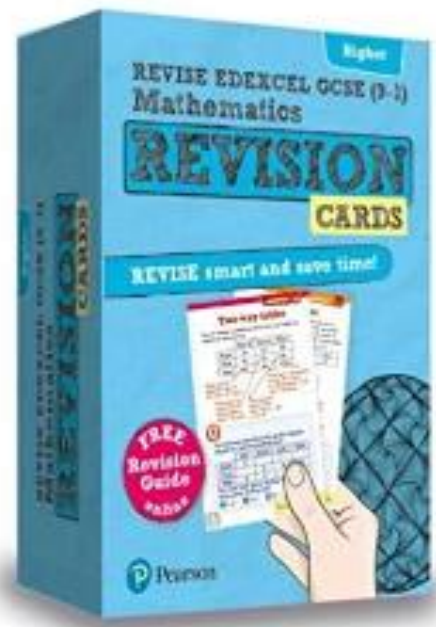
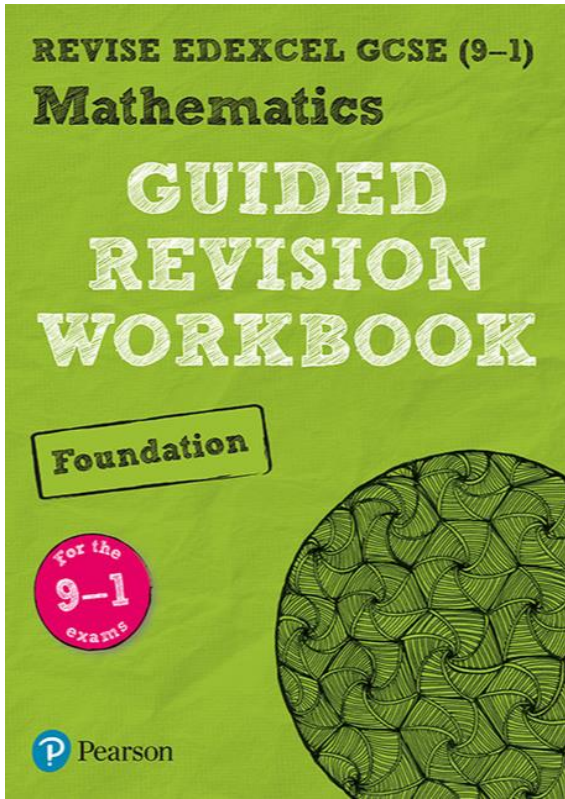
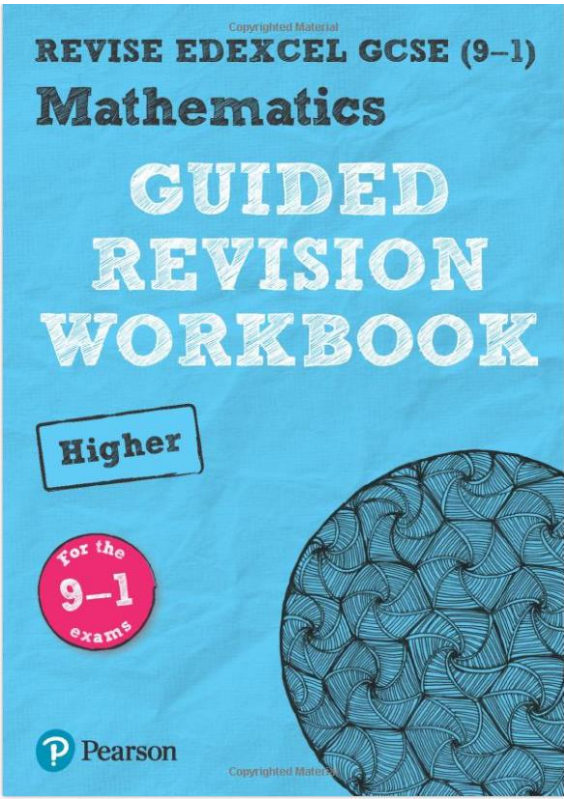
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Top Tips for revising English Language:

- Make sure you read and understand the source material and questions
- Learn the vocabulary and how to structure your answers
- Review your class notes and make revision cards
- Practise past exam papers

Useful websites for revision:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>

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

MrBruff: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMhQIX9DCcQ>

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE



Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE



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Top Tips for revising English Literature:

- Make sure you read and understand the questions
- Learn the vocabulary and how to structure your answers
- Focus on plot, characters and themes of texts and poems
- Review your class notes and make revision cards
- Practise past exam papers and questions

Useful websites for revision:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>
<https://www.gcsepod.com/>
<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/>
 SparkNotes and No Fear Shakespeare



Macbeth

A Christmas Carol



An Inspector Calls

Poetry anthology –
Power and conflict

Unseen poetry

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

What's assessed

- Shakespeare plays
- The 19th-century novel

How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

What's assessed

- Modern prose or drama texts
- The poetry anthology
- Unseen poetry

How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE



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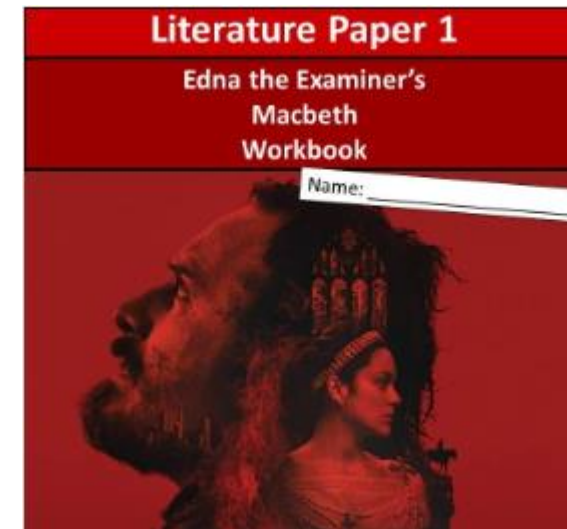
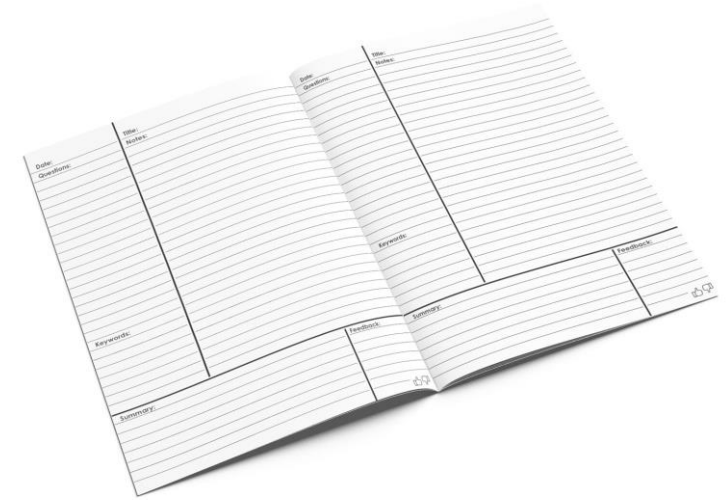
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Topic	Day	Room	Time	Teacher
Power and conflict poetry anthology catch up. <i>This will be a different poem each week. See schedule.</i>	Monday	EN7	3.10-4.10	Miss Burgess
Language skills	Tuesday	EN9	3.10-4.10	Mr Jolley
Revision drop-in	Friday	EN4	3.10-4	Mrs Gipki

w/b 2 nd Oct	Power and conflict poetry anthology catch up: London	Monday	EN7	3.10-4.10	Miss Burgess
	Language skills	Tuesday	EN9	3.10-4.10	Mr Jolley
	Revision drop-in	Friday	EN4	3.10-4	Mrs Gipki
w/b 9 th Oct	Power and conflict poetry anthology catch up: Extract from The Prelude	Monday	EN7	3.10-4.10	Miss Burgess
	Language skills	Tuesday	EN9	3.10-4.10	Mr Jolley
	Revision drop-in	Friday	EN4	3.10-4	Mrs Gipki
w/b 16 th Oct	Power and conflict poetry anthology catch up: My Last Duchess	Monday	EN7	3.10-4.10	Miss Burgess
	Language skills	Tuesday	EN9	3.10-4.10	Mr Jolley
	Revision drop-in	Friday	EN4	3.10-4	Mrs Gipki
w/b 23 rd Oct	Power and conflict poetry anthology catch up: The Charge of the Light Brigade	Monday	EN7	3.10-4.10	Miss Burgess
	Language skills	Tuesday	EN9	3.10-4.10	Mr Jolley
	Revision drop-in	Friday	EN4	3.10-4	Mrs Gipki

Please come and collect from our English revision stall...

- Cornell notes revision book
- Top tips for Cornell notes and English examples
- Exam overviews
- AQA revision packs for Literature and Language.



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Science course format & Examination Combined Trilogy (Double science)

- 2 GCSE grades in science.
- Total of six exams, 1hr 15min each.

Biology paper 1

Biology paper2

Chemistry paper 1

Chemistry paper 2

Physics paper 1

Physics paper 2

1 GCSE grade for paper 1

1 GCSE grade for paper 2

Course Format & Examination Separate (single) Science

- 3 GCSE grades, one each in biology, chemistry and physics.
- Total of six exam, 1hr 45mins each.

Biology paper 1	Chemistry paper1	Physics paper 1
Biology paper 2	Chemistry paper2	Physics paper 2
1 GCSE (Biology)	1 GCSE (Chemistry)	1 GCSE (Physics)

Helping your child - Revision sessions

- Complete all homework set by science teachers.
- Seneca learning.
- Cognito YouTube channel.
- Fuse school YouTube channel.
- Free science lessons on YouTube.
- For more exam practice, [www.physicandmaths](http://www.physicandmaths.com) tutor has exam style questions by topic with mark schemes.
- Attend revision sessions in school.



Religious Education



Key information: GCSE Religious Studies A
Know your Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

Revision Guide Links: [My Revision Notes Edexcel Religious Studies for GCSE \(9-1\)](#)



<p>Paper 1 Content 50% Area of study 1: Catholic Christianity</p> <p>Beliefs & Teachings</p> <p>Trinity Creation The Incarnation The events of the Paschal Mystery Eschatology</p> <p>Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sacramental Nature of Reality• Catholic liturgical worship• The Catholic funeral rite• Prayer• Forms of popular piety• Pilgrimage• Catholic Social Teaching• Catholic mission and evangelism	<p>Paper 1 Content Area of study 1: Catholic Christianity</p> <p>Sources of Wisdom & Authority</p> <p>The Bible The Magisterium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Second Vatican Council• The Church as the Body of Christ• The four marks of the Church• Mary as a model of the Church• Personal and ethical decision-making <p>Forms of Expression and Ways of Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catholic Church architecture• Catholic Church features• Sacred Objects within Catholicism• Artwork in Catholicism• Sculpture and statues• Symbolism and imagery in religious art• Drama• Music in worship	<p>Paper 2 Content 25% Area of study 2: Judaism</p> <p>Beliefs & Teachings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Almighty• Shekinah• Messiah• The covenant at Sinai• Sanctity of life• Moral principles and the Mitzvot• Life after death <p>Practices</p> <p>Public acts of worship The Tenakh and the Talmud Private prayer Shema and Amidah prayer Rituals and ceremonies Shabbat Festivals Features of the synagogue</p>	<p>Paper 3 Content 25% Area of study 3: Philosophy and Ethics</p> <p>Arguments for the existence of God</p> <p>Revelation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visions• Miracles as proof of the existence of God• Religious experience• The design argument• The cosmological argument• The existence of suffering <p>Religious Teachings on relationships and families in the 21st Century</p> <p>Marriage Sexual relationships Families Support for the family in the local parish Family planning and contraception Divorce, annulment, and marriage Equality of men and women in the family Gender prejudice and discrimination</p>	
<p>Know your exam questions!</p> <p>The summer exams will consist of AO1 questions (a), (b), (c) and AO2 (d) questions.</p>	<p>Part (a) is worth 3 marks. It assesses AO1 and tests knowledge of religion or belief by recalling factual information. Part (a) questions will follow one of two formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline three• State three	<p>Part (b) questions</p> <p>Part (b) is worth 4 marks. It is designed to test AO1 and will test knowledge of religion or belief by recalling factual information. These questions will follow one of two formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain two• Describe two	<p>Part (c) questions</p> <p>Part (c) questions are worth 4 marks. They assess AO1 and test knowledge of religion or belief by recalling factual information. They will follow the same format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain two... <p>In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.</p>	<p>Part (d) questions</p> <p>Part (d) questions are worth 12 marks. They assess AO2 and test students' ability to analyse and evaluate aspects of religion and belief, including their significance and influence. A further 3 marks awarded for SPaG</p>



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Revision Intervention Session

- There are lunchtime catch-up sessions available each week. This is currently optional, but some students will receive letters or phone calls to parents discussing the importance of attendance. These sessions are open to anyone who wished to attend. **E-praise** points will also be given for attendance to these sessions.

- **Wednesday lunchtime
from 1:20 – 2:10 in RS3**

GCSE RE CLUB

Join us to discuss all things GCSE RE.
Receive one-to-one revision guidance and
exam practice tips.

GCSE students only. (Year 10-11)

Every Wednesday lunch time
1.20pm - 2.10pm RE3

Recommended Resources

- Create- flash cards, mind maps, diagrams, audios files- whatever works for you but make sure you do it and use it!
- Creating resources through their homework and regularly revisiting them, placing them on display, getting parents to test you on any revision material you have created. – repetition will help those who struggle to remember the knowledge
- Practice exam questions- timed conditions
- Learn key quotes- a booklet will be given out next term with some key quotes and teachings- however as a revision task pupils should create their bank of key quotes and teachings
- Familiarise yourself with the language of the exam – look for buzz words in questions e.g. **Outline/contrast/explain/evaluate**
- Learning key terms- Key term booklet has been given to all pupils

Online Resources/Websites

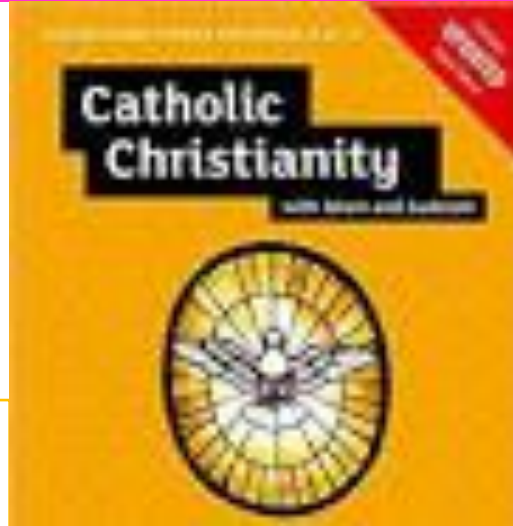
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion> - General religious knowledge, some clips that may help learning
- <https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zb48q6f> General religious knowledge
- <https://www.truetube.co.uk/> Lots of great clips discussing moral issues and basic beliefs for Christianity and Judaism
- GCSE RE Catholic Christianity By Mr McMillan- Really good YouTube resource by Mr McMillan.- Creation and incarnation
- Miss Cox on YouTube- exam technique and skills
- Ben Wardle - <https://www.benwardle.org/product-pag...>

How parents can support

All Year 11 students have been given free Revision Guides

Discuss current news

E.g. the recent example of Catholic charities support for families during the global spread of COVID-19 will support Catholic practices and Gender pay gap will support Relationships and the families in the 21st Century



Most students have a revision guide and are advised to bring them to lessons.

Discussion

AO2 –Analyse and Evaluation is 50% of the of the marks in the exam
Discussion of evaluation questions will help with AO2 evaluation skills.

Encourage the use of revision timetables and have them visible around the home

Retrieval/Recall of prior knowledge
Discuss/test revision material
Flash card quizzing
Memorise Key Quotations &
Sources of wisdom and authority



For more information

