

How can parents support their children in KS4?



### **How can parents support their child?**

Each subject has provided some ideas as to how parents can support their children at home.

General revision and study help:

- <http://www.howtostudy.org>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/school-learning/exam-stress/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>
- <https://www.parentline.com.au/older-kids/issues/helping-kids-cope-exam-stress>

In addition parents can support their children by providing them with a quiet time and place to complete their homework. A healthy diet, exercise and ensuring that your child has enough sleep each evening is vital for their progress at school.

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**Art**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

- Show an interest in the subject, help with homework (but do not do it for them), discuss artwork and go to exhibitions.
- Find out about TV programmes, theatre productions, films, exhibitions relevant to your child's learning and enjoying them together.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse)

[www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

[www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

[www.tate.org](http://www.tate.org)

[www.studentartguide.com](http://www.studentartguide.com)

Google Classroom codes can be found in Student Handbooks

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

There are no specific revision guides or online content for GCSE Art and Photography. You can more detailed information and previous papers on the AQA website - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>

We also encourage students to visit galleries and museums regularly to develop their knowledge of the subject.

**Business Studies**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

- Test students on subject vocabulary
- Provide newspaper cuttings / links to news websites of relevant articles Help them to research
- Watch Dragon's Den etc with the child and discuss the outcome with them – perhaps pausing before the decision is made (using sky+/btVision if available)
- Buy a revision guide that is tailored to the Edexcel syllabus. Students can work through the questions and complete summaries of the material covered.
- Buy a workbook and some sample examinations that are tailored to the OCR syllabus.
- Encourage active revision (doing exercises and answering exam questions) is better than passive revision (reading a revision guide).
- Go through the glossary of terms section on google classroom.
- Download past examination papers. All resources for the GCSE course can be accessed via the google classroom.
- Read the examiners reports and mark schemes with your child.
- Talk to your child about what they are learning.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Google classroom code:** Yr 9 g1bakb8, Yr 10 92dps33, Yr 11 ng7nq1v

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

OCR GCSE (9-1) Business, Third Edition

Alan Williams, Mike Schofield

ISBN: 9781471899362

Published: 30/06/2017



## Computer Science

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can encourage their child to spend time learning how to code on their computer, and not just play games. They should practise problem solving and encourage them to revise theory topics as an ongoing process and not to leave it until the end of Year 11.

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Web addresses

Google Classroom

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/computer-science-and-it/gcse/computer-science-8520>

### TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

**AQA GCSE (9-1) Computer Science. Authors: Robson & Heathcote. ISBN: 9781910523094**

## Design and Technology: Product Design

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can support by ensuring that homework is completed on time and to a good standard. Check for resources on Google Classroom. There is Free CAD software such as Sketchup is available online. Visits to design museums, galleries and exhibitions help with the course content. Access to YouTube videos on production processes often help with knowledge. Any use of tools, equipment and workshops are helpful but not essential.

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

[www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com)

<http://www.mr-dt.com/>

[www.Core77.com](http://www.Core77.com)

<https://designmuseum.org/>

App for smartphone – Design and Technology New specification – Grades 9-1.

Google Classroom = GCSE DT – MER Class code - m2cuqgx

### TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

**Design and Technology. AQA GCSE (9-1) By M J Ross, published by PG Online. ISBN: 978-1-910523-10-0. Recommended for students who wish to study technology at KS4 – GCSE.**

**CGP – Revision Guide – Design and Technology 9-1 Guide. CGP Books - ISBN-139781782947523**

## Drama

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Show an interest in the subject, help with homework (but do not do it for them), discuss artwork and go to exhibitions.
- Find out about TV programmes, theatre productions, films, exhibitions relevant to your child's learning and enjoying them together.

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

**AQA GCSE Drama** – information about the course, specimen papers and mark schemes:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261>

**National Theatre YouTube Channels** – great videos about productions, acting techniques and styles.

Technical theatre and tutorials

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalTheatre>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre>

**Google Classroom:**

Year 9: **mxo2qq**

Year 10: **ohtfrp**

Year 11: **nqvh3ra**

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Noughts and Crosses (Royal Shakespeare Company) by Malorie Blackman, adapted by Dominic Cooke. Nick Hern Books. ISBN: 9781854599391

AQA GCSE Drama by Annie Fox. Illuminate Publishing (2017). ISBN: 1911208217

New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide. CGP Publishing (2018). ISBN: 1782949623

**Economics**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Test students on subject vocabulary

Provide newspaper cuttings / links to news websites of relevant articles

Help them to research

Work through the Unit 1 and Unit 2 revision guides. Students can work through the questions and complete summaries of the material covered.

Encourage active revision (doing exercises and answering exam questions) is better than passive revision (reading a revision guide).

Read the examiners reports and mark schemes with your child. Talk to your child about what they are learning.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Google classroom code: Yr 9 6k4h62o, Yr 10 530hn2, Yr 11 1yan730**

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

OCR GCSE (9-1) Economics

Clive Riches, Christopher Bancroft, Jan Miles-Kingston

ISBN: 9781471888342

Published: 28/04/2017

**English Language**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

- Provide the tools for homework and revision. Ensure a quiet space and a 'workbox' of pens, paper and other necessities.
- Show an interest in the subject, help with homework (but do not do it for them), test them when they ask you, devise mini quizzes.
- Find out about TV programmes, theatre productions, films, exhibitions relevant to your child's learning and enjoying them together.
- Help your child to break tasks down so that they are manageable, keep a subtle eye on progress and celebrate achievements, and see a positive way forward when things go badly.
- Agree the rules for homework or revision, help them to make a realistic timetable, balance work against the 'fun stuff' and revise the plans as necessary.
- Find copies of old exam papers, search out websites, find out about the subject, exam structures and content.



## **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)

[www.cliffnotes.com](http://www.cliffnotes.com)

[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3>

## **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

CGP Revision guides are bought by the department and sold to students for a cheaper price than they are available in shops.

Revision guides are available on:-

- Language for Grades 1 -9

There is also a matching work books.

## **English Literature**

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[www.cliffnotes.com](http://www.cliffnotes.com)

[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3>

## **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Students will need their own copy of the set texts. The school will buy the required editions and sell them to students at the appropriate time in the programme of study. Edexcel provides an anthology of set poems. CGP Revision guides are bought by the department and sold to students for a cheaper price than they are available in shops.

Revision guides are available on:-

- *An Inspector Calls*
- *Macbeth*
- *A Christmas Carol*
- Unseen poetry

There are also matching work books for each of these topics.



**Food, Preparation and Nutrition**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

- Encourage students to visit food outlets and supermarkets, to raise awareness of products, costs and packaging.
- Encourage students to cook healthy dishes on a regular basis and practice assessed work.
- Ask students when they are cooking and then provide them with the ingredients.
- Discuss the outcome of practical work completed at school, including any written feedback required.
- Read through the recipe the night before to make sure students understand what they are doing
- Help to produce revision cards for the material that is covered in Year 9 and 10 as this content may not be repeated due to the NEA's in year 11.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

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

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com>

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/Healthyeating.aspx>

<https://www.jamieoliver.com>

<https://www.aqa.co.uk>

Google classroom;

Year 9 Food - au7w5cl

Year 10 Food - 6lnk5j9

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

- Anita Tull, Gary Littlewood AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition ISBN;9781908682789
- CGP GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition for AQA . The Revision Guide ISBN: 9781782946496
- AQA GCSE 9-1 Food Preparation and Nutrition All-in-One Revision and Practice (Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision) Paperback – ISBN-10: 000816634X

**French**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Even if you don't speak a word of French you can help:

Test them on the meanings of French words/sentences when they have to learn vocab or grammar

For longer pieces of writing, ask them to talk you through the plan of their work in English before they start – to make them think about the structure of what they write

Ask them to show you where they have included the elements required by the markscheme to get the grade they are aiming for.

If they are doing reading or listening, get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English – how fluently can they talk about it?

Ask them what certain words mean – how spontaneously can they answer you?

If they are preparing a speaking exam – listen to them for 10 minutes 2-3 times a day so they become confident in their topics.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (password and username to be shared in class).

Googleclassroom – notices are added usually before assessment or for important assignments.

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Studio AQA gcse French

[https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books\\_gcse\\_french](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books_gcse_french)



## Geography

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can:

- Help with case study revision (map mapping / recall)
- Check understanding of key terms
- Help with revision
- Check homework

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035> - AQA Geography GCSE website

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc> - BBC Bitesize revision

Google classroom codes to be confirmed upon start of Year 9.

### TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Main textbook: ISBN: 9781471859939 Hodder Education, July 2016

Main Revision guide: ISBN13: 9781782946106 CGP Books

Full Revision and Practice Guide: ISBN-13: 9781782946137 CGP Books

## Health and Social Care

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Check planners.
- Proof read assignment work
- Encourage to research the topics outside of the classroom
- Ensure students safely store any notes made in lessons
- Read through and discuss the task and feedback with your child so they understand what they need to do.
- Go through the task sheet and assessment criteria to help them plan.

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care.html>

<https://www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv/latest.asp>

[www.ageuk.org.uk/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/)

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

[www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org)

[www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk)

[www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/Pages/Allied-Health-Professionals.aspx](http://www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/Pages/Allied-Health-Professionals.aspx)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/health](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health)

### GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE

Year 9 B: 7kw93l

Year 9 C: x7iq6g

Year 10: 8bctv0n

### TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Student Book

by [Mrs Brenda Baker](#) (Author), [Colette Burgess](#) (Author), [Ms Elizabeth Haworth](#) (Author)

ISBN-10: 1292200928



## History

### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

One of the keys to success at GCSE and developing an in depth knowledge of the topic is the ability to learn facts to support student judgements about historical individuals, events and developments.

Developing the skill of having an opinion about a topic or individual and being able to support that view with evidence and explanation will support their critical thinking in history.

Equally learning to make inferences and forming interpretations from text and images is a key historical skill. Being able to read between the lines is something that students can struggle with. You can support your child by engaging them in discussions about the different messages that exist in modern product advertising and political campaigning.

### USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145>
  - Contains the full AQA GCSE History specification

Individual class Google Classrooms are created to support the students in homework tasks and provide wider reading and support materials.

### TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

The following are the textbooks that we use in school that are approved by the examination board.

- For Paper 1
  - Understanding the Modern World, David Ferriby, Dave Martin & Ben Walsh. ISBN 9781471862946.
- For Paper 2
  - Health and the People, Alf Wilkinson. ISBN 9781471864216.
  - **Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272-1307**, Alf Wilkinson. ISBN 9781471864261.

**Currently there is not a single revision guide to cover the whole of the GSCE AQA specification the following cover some of the individual units your child will study.**

- GCSE AQA History, CGP. ISBN 9781782946045.
  - Covers Conflict and tension, 1918-1939 (Paper 1) and Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day (Paper 2).
- My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) History, Simon Beale, Carmel Bones, David Ferriby, Adele Fletcher, Lizzy James and Tim Jenner. ISBN 9781510404045.
  - Covers Conflict and tension, 1918-1939 (Paper 1) and Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day (Paper 2).
- Workbooks to practise and perfect the knowledge and skills that students need to achieve their best grade.
  - Conflict and Tension, 1918-1939, Adele Fletcher, Kate Harker, Tim Jenner and Alex Stonehouse. ISBN 9781510418622.
  - Health and the People, Adele Fletcher, Kate Harker, Tim Jenner and Alex Stonehouse. ISBN 9781510418974.



**IT Creative iMedia**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Parents should encourage their students to use home computers for academic purposes. If parents work in the ICT industry then they should engage with their children about how they use computer systems for product design and marketing.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

Google classroom  
<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/cambridge-nationals/>

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

**My Revision Notes: OCR Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia L 1 / 2:** Pre-production skills and Creating digital graphics. Author: Kevin Wells. ISBN: 9781471886683

**Mathematics**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

We encourage parents to sign-up to the EEDI project when it is made available to parents in October. This will provide detailed feedback on your child's progress through their GCSE Mathematics course.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

<https://www.eedi.co.uk/>  
<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/MAIDENER2/Student/>  
[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)  
<http://nrich.maths.org>

**TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Textbooks

Collins GCSE Maths - GCSE Maths Edexcel Foundation Student Book ISBN: 978-0-00-811382-7  
Collins GCSE Maths - GCSE Maths Edexcel Higher Student Book ISBN: 978-0-00-811381-0

Collins GCSE Maths - GCSE Maths Edexcel Foundation Reasoning and Problem Solving Skills Book  
ISBN: 978-0-00-811390-2

Collins GCSE Maths - GCSE Maths Edexcel Higher Reasoning and Problem Solving Skills Book  
ISBN: 978-0-00-811389-6

Revision Guides

Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision - Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Maths Foundation All-in-One Revision and Practice  
ISBN: 978-0-00-811249-3

Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision - Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Maths Higher All-in-One Revision and Practice  
ISBN: 978-0-00-811036-9

**Music**

**HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Parents should support their child by actively listening to them rehearse their instrument. Parents should encourage good technique and encourage students to practise scales and technical studies.

**USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

A significant amount of information, listening guides and own recordings can be found on the Google Classroom, code sqrs7f

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### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

*Step Up to GCSE Music*, Rhinegold, ISBN 978-1-78558-175-5  
*Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Music*, Pearson, ISBN 978-1-292-12314-1  
*Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anthology of Music*, Pearson 978-1-292-11838-3

### **Physical Education - CORE**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

You can support your child by making sure they are fully prepared to take part in all activities and to encourage them to be active outside of school life.

#### **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.bbc.com/education](http://www.bbc.com/education)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/sport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport)

Google Classroom code for PE – 20xwhu

#### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

N/A

### **Physical Education**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Encourage an enquiring mind towards sport and the media.

Discuss with your child their work and asking them to explain the principles of what they are trying to achieve.

Discuss relevant issues in sport and the media. Example could be who should host the next Olympics and why? Encourage your child to get actively involved in sport and activities to promote a healthy lifestyle

#### **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.bbc.com/education](http://www.bbc.com/education)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/sport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport)

Students have access to My PE Exam which is an online revision tool

#### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education  
ISBN: 978-1-292-12988-4

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide  
ISBN: 978-1-29213-512-0

### **Purple Pathway**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Please see English and maths

#### **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

Please see English and maths



## **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

Please see English and maths

### **Religious Studies**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Students are issued with detailed booklets for all units of study. Please familiarise yourself with these and monitor the completion of activities.

Engage in discussion with the student about different ethical issues.

Encourage students to share with you what they have learnt in the lesson and question their understanding.

Provide a quiet, focused environment for completion of essays. Help monitor time restrictions when necessary.

#### **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

Google classroom code: 0aczvzk

#### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

**Revision guide recommended:** Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies B, Christianity & Islam  
Revision Guide: (with free online edition) (Revise Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies 16) Paperback ISBN: 9 781292 148823

### **Science**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Parents can encourage their child to spend time consolidating their learning, for example, reading around the subject content so they are able to make links with abstract concepts. They should practise examination questions regularly and encourage them to revise theory topics as an ongoing process and not to leave it until the end of Year 11.

#### **USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES**

BBC Bitesize Science

Cyberphysics.com

www.kerboodle.com

#### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

CGP Revision Guides

### **Spanish**

#### **HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?**

Even if you don't speak a word of Spanish you can help:

Test them on the meanings of Spanish words/sentences when they have to learn vocab or grammar

For longer pieces of writing, ask them to talk you through the plan of their work in English before they start – to make them think about the structure of what they write

Ask them to show you where they have included the elements required by the markscheme to get the grade they are aiming for.

If they are doing reading or listening, get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English – how fluently can they talk about it?

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If they are preparing a speaking exam – listen to them for 10 minutes 2-3 times a day so they become confident in their topics.

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### **TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES**

MIRA AQA GCSE Spanish

[https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books\\_gcse\\_spanish](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books_gcse_spanish)