

FHS Parent/Carer Guides

How to support your Year 10 / 11 son from home

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English

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam style questions Independent research questions Wider reading tasks – reading around the texts to secure a higher grade 	<p>Purchase / download full copies of both the texts and the accompanying revision guides.</p> <p>Ensure your son is revising for at least two hours per week – especially in terms of memorising key quotations</p> <p>Ensure your son is consistently reading a range of challenging texts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Bitesize Mr Bruff YouTube videos AQA GCSE Language and Literature past papers

Maths

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<p>Home work is set based on the topics taught in class and according to the schemes of work.</p> <p>Independent work involving the revision of key skills is considered vital to increasing your child's current performance grade, as well as frequently completing past exam papers and self-marking them.</p>	<p>Check that homework is completed at home and to a high standard.</p> <p>Help your child to devise a revision programme which is manageable and effective by addressing target topics identified from his individualised skills map in year 11, or official unit tests completed throughout KS4. We would recommend a minimum of 20 minutes revision each evening, which does not include time spent on homework.</p>	<p>Exam board course link: https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/secondary/Mathematics/11-16/EdexcelGCSEMaths2015/EdexcelGCSEMaths2015.aspx</p> <p>Recommended revision guide: REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation/Higher Guided Revision Workbook</p>

Science

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<p>The homework given at KS4 is designed to test your son's subject knowledge and review the content they have</p>	<p>We aim to promote independent study so that students are better prepared for the next stage of their education.</p>	<p>Exam board course link: www.aqa.org.uk Recommended revision guide: https://collins.co.uk/product/9780008160869/Collins+GCSE+9-</p>

<p>covered in class. The students are expected to demonstrate good application of subject knowledge and identify areas to improve. They will be given the opportunity to purchase revision guides they can use at home to help them deepen their understanding of the topics. Exam practice questions will be a regular feature and there will be a lot of emphasis on self-evaluation. Students will be encouraged to review their work and make improvements.</p> <p>Each student will be issued with a personal learning checklist for each subject area which they can use to revise from.</p>	<p>The students find they can study at their own pace if they use a revision guide at home. This will help them to summarise their in-class learning and provides them with questions and tasks to do as well. Recommended revision and practice books are available via ParentPay. There are foundation and higher versions of these books. Some students find watching short video clips on youtube very helpful.</p>	<p>1+Revision+-+AQA+GCSE+Combined+Science+Trilogy+Higher+All-in-One+Revision+and+Practice (Higher tier) https://collins.co.uk/product/9780008160852/Collins+GCSE+9-1+Revision+-+AQA+GCSE+Combined+Science+Trilogy+Foundation+All-in-One+Revision+and+Practice (Foundation tier)</p> <p>Useful websites: https://www.my-gcscience.com www.freesciencelessons.co.uk https://www.khanacademy.org/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv</p>
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Business & Economics		
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<p>Regular homework and extension exercises provided on the VLE. LIBF website also has resources and activities to support learning</p>	<p>Encourage the use of the LIBF website for Finance Encourage the use of resources on the edexcel website for Business studies</p>	<p>Exam board course link: http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html Recommended revision guide: GCSE (9-1) Business 978129219071</p>

Computer Science

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<p>Homework will largely be in the form of questions based on theory topics covered in the lessons, research planning and practical activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to Python IDLE • Encourage your son to program for fun using online Python tutorials • Discuss and create a revision schedule with students • Act as a tester to check students learning • Purchase for and encourage your son to use the revision guide: 'My revision notes – OCR Computing for GCSE', Hodder Education, O'Bryne and Rouse, 2013. ISBN 978 1 444 193848 	<p>Exam board course link: Recommended revision guide: http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-subject/computing/computing-resources/ Revision materials in Hand-in and Computer Science\GCSE Computing Year 11\Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE bbcbite Size: http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z34k7ty

Dance

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<p><i>Dance does not officially set homework, but students are encouraged to rehearse the practical work at home and take any opportunity to experience dance as an art form.</i></p> <p><i>To help at home, you can:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give encouragement and praise for rehearsing and the work that he has produced 2. Encourage your son to research the background and development of different dance styles 3. Get him to watch and experience as many different styles of dance, either in person or on the computer/TV 4. Provide opportunities for your son to practice/rehearse at home 5. Encourage participation in extra-curricular clubs and performances 6. Provide opportunities for your son to visit the theatre to see performances <p><i>The best place to search for examples of different styles/genre/topics is on Youtube or other search engines</i></p> <p><i>Use the keywords list in this section to help your son develop good subject specific vocabulary for Dance</i></p> <p><i>Please use the below link to the Forest Hill Dance website – Students have been given the password: www.dance.fhsmusic.org.uk</i></p>		

Design & Technology

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<p>Product Design Homework is set based on the topics taught in class and according to the schemes of work.</p> <p>Independent work involving the revision of key skills is considered vital to increasing your child's current performance grade, as well as frequently completing past exam papers and self-marking them.</p> <p>Exam question every lesson starter and homework. Every single lesson will be dedicated to theory/exam practice, while the controlled assessment is taking place</p> <p>Food & Nutrition</p> <p>Topics to revise and develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food, nutrition and health • Food science • Food safety • Food choice • Food provenance 	<p>Encourage your son to regularly revise all topics. He could build a glossary from key terms each week. This way you can share in the learning of difficult technical vocabulary. This glossary can help with exam questions and coursework.</p> <p>Food & Nutrition</p> <p>Every single lesson will be dedicated to theory/exam practice, while the controlled assessment is taking place</p> <p>Check your son has completed homework</p> <p>Check that your son is attending catch up sessions for coursework</p> <p>Discuss and propose a revision schedule for the exam unit</p>	<p>Exam board course link: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-product-design-4555/past-papers-and-mark-schemes</p> <p><u>Recommended revision sites</u> www.technologystudent.co.uk www.bbcbitesize.co.uk</p> <p><u>Books</u> AQA GCSE Design & Technology: Product Design (Nelson Thornes) GCSE Design & Technology Product Design AQA Revision Guide (CPG) GCSE Design & Technology Graphics AQA Revision Guide (CPG)</p> <p>Food and Nutrition https://www.youtube.com - Inside The Factory, Heston's Fantastical Food</p> <p><u>Books</u> New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition) CPG New Grade 9-1 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Revision Guide (FNAR41) (CPG)</p>

Drama

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<p><i>Learning Lines; Logbook for Devised Performance; Annotating Full Text; Exam Questions;</i></p>	<p><i>Assisting with Lines learning; Oversee Logbook;</i></p>	<p>Exam board course link: Recommended revision guide:</p>

Geography

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<p>Students are set a variety of work once a week and normally consist of one of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research tasks using the internet and library. 2. Learning keywords 3. Extended writing on key geographical issues 4. Skills based tasks e.g. practising skills we have been practising in class, for example map skills. 5. Redrafting e.g. using teacher comments to make improvements to an existing piece of work. 6. Completing exam questions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help students to take an interest in world events and news and to develop their understanding of the world. E.g. reading a newspaper together or watching the news. 2. Discuss what the student has done in their geography class that day. Can they clearly explain the concepts and key skills. 3. Testing students on the geographic vocabulary. Every half term students learn a different topic, each with different list of expected vocabulary. Teachers often carry out spelling tests of these keywords, but parents should also test students on their spelling, definitions and use of these keywords. <p>1. Download exam questions and specimen papers from the OCR - A Geography website. They come with mark schemes to help monitor progress</p>	<p>Exam board course link:@ OCR A GCSE Geography</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RECOMMENDED REVISION GUIDE: New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography Revision Guide Paperback – 28 Apr 2017 (CGP books – www.cgpbooks.co.uk) 2. SPECIALIST SOFTWARE: Google Earth – A free GIS package with various tools students should be confident in using as part of their Geography education. http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/ 3. WEBSITE LINKS: Ordnance survey website – This website gives students access to a range of different types of maps, as well as a student zone where they can practise their mapping and GIS skills. http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/giszone/english/gismissions/ BBC Schools website – A variety of revision resources, games and video clips to help students reinforce their learning. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/site/geography.shtml Geography map games – A variety of activities where students can test their knowledge of geographic locations against students from around the world. http://www.geography-map-games.com/ Geocube – A website created by the EU to give students information about 54 key topics, as well as information about what geographers do and what Geography can lead to http://www.geo-cube.eu/

History

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ICT

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Homework will largely be in the form of improvements by responding to teacher feedback on coursework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your son has completed R002/R003 and R004. • Check that your son attend catch up session for coursework • Discuss and propose a revision schedule for the exam unit 	<p>http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/creative-imedia-level-1-2-award-certificate-j807-j817/</p> <p>http://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-ict-level-1-2-j800-j810-j820/</p>

MFL: French / German / Spanish

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<p>The most commonly set homework are: vocabulary learning; reading comprehension; grammar exercises; writing/redrafting a text; learn a text; learn a speech; revise a topic; translate a text; online exercises (on Linguascope)</p> <p>Occasionally your son may be set: research-based homework; record yourself answering questions; past exam questions</p>	<p>Language learning is partly about repetition so as much testing, listening and even speaking to them in the language is useful. If you don't speak it ask him to teach you as that is a great way to reinforce his learning. You can support with tasks but please don't write for them or correct their work.</p> <p>Revision tips</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise regularly 2. Look, cover, write, check 3. Get someone to test you 4. Make digital flashcards and play games on www.quizlet.com (free to register) 5. Use post-its and/or paper flashcards. 6. Record vocab lists on your phone to play back 	<p>Exam board course link:</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658 (French)</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/german-8668 (German)</p> <p>http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698 (Spanish)</p> <p>Recommended revision guides from Pearson Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) French Revision Guide and Revision workbook • Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) German Revision Guide and German Revision Workbook

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Create mind maps around key topics 8. Do past exam papers (listening and reading) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Spanish Revision Guide and Spanish Revision Workbook <p>- all available through ParentPay</p> <p>+ websites / apps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.linguascope.com (login from teacher) • www.duolingo.com • www.memrise.com • www.languagesonline.org.uk • http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german/
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Music		
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<p>There is a variety of homework at KS4 dependant on the course that your son is studying.</p> <p>All Music courses (BTEC, GCSE and Music Tech) have an exam element, so much of the homework will be focused on this- learning key words and terms and being able to analyse different styles of music.</p> <p>In the BTEC and GCSE courses, performance is one of the main units- so your son should aim to practice their instrument/voice as often as they can - a minimum of 5 times a week for 20 minutes to expect sustained improvement on their instrument.</p> <p>On all three courses, composition plays a major part and students will be expected to work on these outside of lesson times. 257 can be used at lunch and after school for this purpose.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage your son to practise and book rehearsal time 2. Expose your son to different styles of music by playing a range of music from your records, Spotify, the internet or the radio. 3. Ensure your son makes full use of the music department website (see link under resources) 4. Help with the learning and memorising of key words and terms- using websites and revision materials 	<p>www.quizlet.co.uk</p> <p>www.kahoot.co.uk</p> <p>www.Fhsmusic.org.uk</p> <p>OCR GCSE Music- Rhinegold revision guide</p> <p>OCR GCSE Music- CGP revision guide- this comes with a CD and practice listening questions</p>

Physical Education

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<p>Your son can be expected to receive the following varieties of homework.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long answer exam questions 2. Matching tasks 3. Short exam questions 4. Coursework tasks on performance analysis 5. Flipped learning (research based tasks) <p>All tasks are delivered on Hand-in and link to future learning or consolidate learning from previous lessons</p>	<p>Encourage your son to regularly revise all topics. Together you could build a glossary from key terms each week from those lessons. This way you can share in the learning of difficult technical vocabulary. This glossary can help with exam questions and coursework.</p> <p>You can test each other on the key terms and in most cases it is possible to relate key terms to your everyday life/physical and health wellbeing.</p>	<p>Exam board course link: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582/introduction</p> <p>Recommended revision guide: Our exam board is AQA. Currently there is no revision guide for this specific course. DO NOT BUY ANOTHER EXAM BOARD.</p> <p>Please buy a generic Revision guide e.g. New GCSE Physical Education Revision Guide - For the Grade 9-1 Course ISBN-13: 9781782945321 or GCSE Physical Education All-in-One Revision and Practice ISBN-13: 9780008166281</p>

Psychology

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past papers and/or exam style questions • Research tasks • Revision/Homework booklets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edexcel website for practise exam questions, examiners reports (to see where students usually loose marks) Visit the Freud museum • Lunch hour lectures at UCL (during the half term) • Subscribe to Psychology Review • Books to read: • The curious incident of the dog in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam board course link: Edexcel - https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/psychology-2017.html • Recommended revision guide: https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Secondary/SocialScience/Psychology/EdexcelGCSE91Psychology/ISBN/StudentBook/EdexcelGCSE91PsychologyStudentBook.aspx

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<p>A range of different extended writing activities, e.g. practice papers, diary tasks, letters, reviews, etc. This will also involve redrafting and improvement work</p> <p>Independent reading of a range of different texts</p> <p>Research into key themes and areas</p>	<p>It would be helpful if parents check that the HW is done and that it is done to a good standard and length</p> <p>It is also helpful if parents can proof read and support with spelling, punctuation and grammar</p>	<p>Exam board course link: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062</p> <p>Recommended revision guide: https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent/book_RAR41</p>