

Know the Specifications for Summer 2018

The specifications contain all of the information that students need to know for their examinations, and can be used as a checklist to identify areas to focus on in revision. Shown below are the details for the exams that your child will sit this summer – exams that all students sit is shown in **bold**.



Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

Subject	Exam Board	Specification Number	Suggested Resources
Maths	AQA	8300 (F & H)	CGP In school shop
English	AQA	Language 8700 Literature 8702	CGP workbook in use in school Literature texts: An Inspector Calls - 978-0435232825 Macbeth - 978-1841461205 A Christmas Carol - 978-1853261213 (Literature text guides will be available in school)
Science	AQA	Trilogy 8464 Biology 8461 Chemistry 8462 Physics 8463	CGP In school shop
Geography	AQA	8035	CGP ISBN 978-1-78294-6106
History	AQA	8145	ISBN 15104 0404X
Computer Science	OCR	J276	ISBN 978-0-00-822747-0
Business Studies	OCR	J253	ISBN 978-1847623140
MFL	AQA	French 8658 Spanish 8698 German 8668	ISBN-10: 129213142X / ISBN-13: 978-1292131429 ISBN-10: 1292131438 / ISBN-13: 978-1292131436 ISBN-10: 1292131446 / ISBN-13: 978-1292131443
PE	OCR	J587	ISBN 1471851729
Drama	AQA	8261	ISBN 9781911208211
Product Design	AQA	4555	ISBN 978-1-906415-55-6
Textiles	AQA	4570	ISBN1-903068-93-2
Food Preparation & Nutrition	AQA	8585	ISBN-10: 1908682809 / ISBN-13: 978-1908682802 Sold in Food department: CGP Revision Guide ISBN-10: 1782946527 CGP work book ISBN-10: 1782946527
Art	OCR	J171	OCR website
Religious Studies	AQA	8062	CGP ISBN 9781782946410

Useful online revision sites (but remember that these are not endorsed by the exam boards, and some have not been updated for the new specifications):

BBC GCSE Bitesize (updated): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3>

S-Cool the revision site: <http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse>

BUT REMEMBER: research has shown that access to social media / online distractions has been shown to reduce grades!

Lawnswood School website:

There is an **online version of this document**, which can be found on the Y11 section of the website (Main School>Year Groups>Y11); it links directly to the appropriate specifications. There is also a Revision Strategies booklet containing 17 research-based strategies to support your child. (Main School>Year Groups>Exam Support).

Subject-specific information for mock exams

The upcoming mock exam season dates are: 27th November – 8th December. Students will be sitting the full range of exams, covering all the content up-to-date. Further information regarding papers, content and hints & tips for each subject may be found in a **document on the Y11 section of the website** (Main School>Year Groups>Y11).

Post-16 applications

Students are currently working towards having their Post-16 applications completed via UCAS Progress. If you have any questions, or problems, related to this please contact Mrs Parker.

Support during the remainder of Y11

We are aware that this can be a stressful time for students and there is plenty of support available in school via form tutors, subject teachers, and other professionals. Remembering that there are approximately 530,000 students facing similar challenges, and finding strategies that work for them, can be helpful. Shifting conversations onto a 'growth mindset' approach can often help to overcome issues with revision: some ideas are shown below.

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.