Year 11 November Mock Examinations 2026

Parent & Student Overview

This guide brings together the information supplied by subject departments to help Year 11 students prepare for the November mock examinations. For each subject, it outlines the paper format and length, the content to revise and the recommended revision resources and guides.

How students should use this guide

- Start revision early and plan regular, manageable study sessions.
- Use the topic lists to identify gaps and prioritise weaker areas.
- Use class materials, revision guides and past-paper practice alongside the resources listed here.
- Check the final mock timetable carefully for the date, start time and room for each examination.

Subjects included

GCSE Maths	GCSE English Language	GCSE English Literature
Combined Science	GCSE Computer Science	BTEC Sport
BTEC Health and Social Care	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	GCSE Business
GCSE History	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Religious Studies Short Course
BTEC Construction	Engineering Design	GCSE Sociology
GCSE Drama	OCR Cambridge National IT	GCSE Geography

GCSE Mathematics

Exam board / qualification	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Mathematics (9-1) Pearson Edexcel GCSE Mathematics
Paper(s) and length	Foundation and Higher Tier: • Paper 1: Non-calculator - 1 hour 30 minutes - 80 marks • Paper 2: Calculator - 1 hour 30 minutes - 80 marks
Paper structure / format	Students sit the appropriate Foundation or Higher tier. Paper 1 is non-calculator; Paper 2 is calculator. Questions may assess content from across the GCSE course as identified on the department's revision checklist.
Topics to revise	**Foundation checklist areas** • Number • Algebra • Trigonometry • Statistics • Ratio and proportion • Geometry • Probability **Higher checklist areas** • Number • Algebra • Trigonometry • Statistics • Ratio and proportion • Geometry • Probability *Use the detailed Foundation/Higher revision checklist supplied by the Maths department to identify individual topics within each area.*
Revision resources	Recommended online resources: BBC Bitesize - Edexcel GCSE Maths Dr Frost Maths Pearson Revise
Revision guides	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher Tier Revision Workbook Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Tier Revision Workbook

GCSE English Language

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE English Language - Paper 1
Paper(s) and length	English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - 1 hour 45 minutes.
Paper structure / format	**Section A - Reading** • Fiction extract provided in the exam • Question 1: Retrieval and comprehension - 4 marks • Question 2: Language analysis - 8 marks • Question 3: Structure analysis - 8 marks • Question 4: Evaluative response - 20 marks **Section B - Writing** • Choice of two tasks, including one using a visual stimulus • Write either a description or a narrative
Topics to revise	• Retrieval and comprehension • Language analysis • Structure analysis • Evaluation • Descriptive and narrative writing
Revision resources	AQA English Language past papers and mark schemes Mr Bruff - Language Paper 1 playlist BBC Bitesize - GCSE English Language Tassomai revision app
Revision guides	CGP AQA GCSE English Language Workbook CGP AQA GCSE English Language Revision Guide

GCSE English Literature

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE English Literature - Paper 1
Paper(s) and length	Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel. 1 hour 45 minutes
Paper structure / format	• Section A: Macbeth - 34 marks • Section B: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde - 30 marks • Each section contains one essay question based on a theme or character, with an extract from the text. • Students analyse the extract and the text as a whole, including language, form and structure. • AO4 SPaG: 4 marks available in Section A only.
Topics to revise	**Macbeth** • Plot and key events • Characters and relationships • Themes • Language, form and structure • Relevant context **Jekyll and Hyde** • Plot and key events • Characters • Themes • Language, form and structure • Relevant context
Revision resources	AQA English Literature past papers and mark schemes Mr Bruff - Literature playlists Tassomai revision app
Revision guides	CGP Macbeth Text Guide CGP Macbeth Workbook CGP Jekyll and Hyde Text Guide CGP Jekyll and Hyde Workbook

GCSE Combined Science

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy AQA Combined Science specification at a glance
Paper(s) and length	Foundation and Higher Tier; 70 marks per paper. • Biology Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 minutes • Chemistry Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 minutes • Physics Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 minutes
Paper structure / format	Written GCSE-style papers for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students should practise applying knowledge, calculations, required practical knowledge and extended responses as appropriate.
Topics to revise	**Biology Paper 1** • Cell biology • Organisation • Infection and response • Bioenergetics **Chemistry Paper 1** • Atomic structure and the periodic table • Bonding, structure and the properties of matter • Quantitative chemistry • Chemical changes • Energy changes **Physics Paper 1** • Energy • Electricity • Particle model of matter • Atomic structure Topic list with sparx link (Higher) - https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1uR-DxevG8c14S87r4JYaq9xGgZeQd5kw Topic list with sparx links (Foundation) - https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1PwyX8uk9pDMnJehC-i8O0wvQbai4S038
Revision resources	BBC Bitesize - AQA Combined Science Save My Exams - AQA Combined Science Chemistry https://cognitoedu.org https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com

	Sparx science Microsoft Teams Satchel One Kerboodle
Revision guides	Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science Revision and Exam Practice Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science Foundation Revision and Exam Practice Additional Oxford AQA Combined Biology, Chemistry and Physics revision guides are also listed by the department.

GCSE Computer Science

Exam board / qualification	OCR Computer Science J277 https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/computer-science-j277-from-2020/specification-at-a-glance/
Paper(s) and length	Full Paper 1- 1hr 30 mins
Paper structure / format	Written GCSE-style papers for Computer Science. Students should practice applying knowledge, logical thinking, required practical knowledge, and extended responses as appropriate.
Topics to revise	Students revise the central processing unit (CPU), computer memory and storage, data representation, wired and wireless networks, network topologies, system security, and system software. Students should practice 9 marker questions on ethical, legal, cultural, and environmental concerns associated with computer science.
Revision resources	Exercise book https://craigndave.org/ocr-gcse-j277-videos/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-1-systems-architecture/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-2-memory-and-storage/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-3-computer-networks-connections-and-protocols/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-4-network-security/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-5-systems-software/ https://craigndave.org/video-categories/slr1-6-ethical-legal-cultural-and-environmental-concerns/
Revision guides	Students to use Knowledge organiser & Exam practice book provided by school.

BTEC Sport

Exam board / qualification	Edexcel BTEC First in Sport (as stated in the departmental source).
Paper(s) and length	Unit 1: Fitness for Sport and Exercise - written paper - 1 hour.
Paper structure / format	Written examination assessing knowledge and application across fitness, training methods and fitness testing.
Topics to revise	**Topic 1 - Components of fitness and principles of training** • Components of physical fitness and skill-related fitness • Exercise intensity • FITT principles • Additional principles of training **Topic 2 - Methods of training** • Flexibility • Strength • Muscular endurance • Aerobic endurance • Power • Speed training **Topic 3 - Fitness testing** • Fitness tests for components of fitness • Importance of fitness testing • Requirements for running tests • Interpretation of results
Revision resources	The PE Tutor - YouTube Mr B - BTEC Sport YouTube channel BBC Bitesize - Physical Education Microsoft Teams / Student Shared Area / OneDrive - lesson resources and PowerPoints Unit 1 revision booklet supplied by the department
Revision guides	CGP BTEC First in Sport revision resources Pearson BTEC First in Sport Revision Guide

BTEC Health and Social Care

Exam board / qualification	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care (2022).
Paper(s) and length	Component 3: Health and Wellbeing exam - excluding content not yet taught. 1hour 15 minutes
Paper structure / format	Written Component 3 assessment. The departmental source specifies that content not yet taught will be excluded from the mock.
Topics to revise	• Factors affecting health and wellbeing • Factors that can have positive or negative effects on health and wellbeing • Person-centred approach • Barriers and obstacles to following recommendations
Revision resources	Pearson BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Health & Social Care revision resource BBC Bitesize Health & Social Care guide Revision booklets printed and provided in class
Revision guides	CGP BTEC Tech Award in Health & Social Care: Revision Guide.

GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
Paper(s) and length	Paper 1: 1hour 45minutes
Paper structure / format	Multiple choice questions (20 marks) Five questions each with a number of sub questions: This includes short answer questions and extended questions
Topics to revise	**Food, nutrition and health** • Macronutrients • Micronutrients • Nutritional needs and health **Food science** • Cooking of food and heat transfer • Functional and chemical properties of food **Food safety** • Food spoilage and contamination • Principles of food safety **Food choice** • Factors affecting food choice • Sensory evaluation **Food provenance** • Additives
Revision resources	• Class exercise book • The photocopied revision booklet that was given in class • https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-food-preparation-nutrition-revision/ • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv • https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/food-preparation-and-nutrition-gcse-revision
Revision guides	CGP GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition AQA Revision Guide

GCSE Business

Exam board / qualification	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Business (9-1).
Paper(s) and length	Paper 1: Investigating Small Business ***90 marks, 1 hour 45 minutes***
Paper structure / format	Section A – Knowledge based questions, Section B and C- Case study based questions. Students should revise knowledge, calculations, application to business contexts and extended written responses.
Topics to revise	**Theme 1 - Investigating Small Business** • 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship • 1.2 Spotting an opportunity • 1.3 Putting an idea into practice • 1.4 Making the business effective • 1.5 Understanding external influences
Revision resources	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Business course materials School OneDrive: lessons, GCSE Business book, Theme 1 past papers, knowledge organisers, key terms and model answers (access through the school account)
Revision guides	REVISE Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide; departmental Theme 1 learning companions; calculation practice questions with answers.

GCSE History

Exam board / qualification	Pearson Edexcel GCSE History (9-1).
Paper(s) and length	• Crime and Punishment: 1 hour 20 minutes - 6 questions • Weimar and Nazi Germany: 1 hour 30 minutes - 6 questions
Paper structure / format	GCSE-style written papers using the Edexcel question structures for each unit. Students should practise source/interpretation work where applicable, precise factual knowledge and extended analytical responses.
Topics to revise	**Paper 1 - Crime and Punishment in Britain, c1000-present** • c1000-1500 • c1500-1700 • c1700-1900 • c1900-present • Whitechapel c1870-c1900: crime, policing and the inner city **Paper 3 - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39** • The Weimar Republic, 1918-29 • Hitler's rise to power, 1919-33 • Nazi control and dictatorship, 1933-39 • Life in Nazi Germany, 1933-39
Revision resources	BBC Bitesize - Crime and Punishment BBC Bitesize - Weimar and Nazi Germany Seneca
Revision guides	• Pearson REVISE: Crime and Punishment Revision Guide and Workbook • Pearson REVISE: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39 Revision Guide and Workbook

GCSE Spanish

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Spanish (as stated in the departmental source).
Paper(s) and length	Paper 1 – Listening 35 minutes (Foundation tier), 45 minutes (Higher tier) Paper 2 – Speaking • 7–9 minutes (Foundation tier) + 15 minutes' supervised preparation time • 10–12 minutes (Higher tier) + 15 minutes' supervised preparation time Paper 3 – Reading 45 minutes (Foundation tier), 1 hour (Higher tier) Paper 4 – Writing Written exam: 1 hour 10 minutes (Foundation tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher tier)
Paper structure / format	GCSE-style written papers using the AQA question structures for each unit. Students should practice source/interpretation work where applicable, precise factual knowledge and extended analytical responses.
Topics to revise	**Theme 1 - Identity and culture** • Me, my family and friends • Relationships with family and friends • Marriage/partnership • Technology in everyday life: social media and mobile technology • Free-time activities: music, cinema and TV, food and eating out, sport • Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities **Theme 2 - Local, national, international and global areas of interest** • Home, town, neighbourhood and region • Social issues: charity/voluntary work; healthy/unhealthy living • Global issues: environment; poverty/homelessness • Travel and tourism **Theme 3 - Current and future study and employment** • My studies • Life at school/college • Education post-16 • Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Revision resources	AQA Spanish subject page (link supplied by department) BBC Bitesize - GCSE Spanish Microsoft Teams Quizlet Duolingo Kahoot Oak National Academy
Revision guides	• Pearson REVISE AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Guide • Pearson REVISE AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook • Viva! AQA GCSE Spanish Grammar and Translation Workbook • CGP GCSE Spanish AQA Revision Guide

GCSE Religious Studies (RE)

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Religious Studies A https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-8061/specification
Paper(s) and length	Christianity, Islam and Themes
Paper structure / format	Written Paper 1 assessing beliefs, teachings and practices in Christianity and Islam.
Topics to revise	**Christianity** • Beliefs and teachings • Key beliefs • Jesus Christ and salvation **Islam** • Key beliefs • Authority Angels
Revision resources	BBC Bitesize - AQA Religious Studies Class workbooks Department revision booklets
Revision guides	• AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide • CGP GCSE Religious Studies: AQA A Complete Revision & Practice (some spares available from 2.15)

BTEC Construction

Exam board / qualification	BTEC Tech Award - Construction and the Built Environment / Construction Principles and Design (as stated in the departmental source). Pearson BTEC Tech Award Construction specification
Paper(s) and length	Construction Technology and Design - 1 hour 30 minutes.
Paper structure / format	• Construction technology and material properties for low-rise structures • Selection of materials based on performance: thermal/sound insulation, fire resistance and loading • Analysis of a client brief and accommodation requirements • Budget analysis, contingency and cost per square metre • Production of a proposed floor-plan sketch to communicate the design
Topics to revise	• Performance requirements • Strength and stability • Resistance and insulation • Loading and structural support • Testing and grading of materials • Fire resistance and design • Thermal and sound insulation • Heat retention • Client needs and accommodation requirements • Effective and efficient floor-plan design • Maximising sunlight and space • Draftsmanship and quality of sketching • Accuracy against the client brief
Revision resources	Student Share - Construction Component 1 Technology Student Drive: CAT Construction - Component 1 - Technology
Revision guides	No specific commercial revision guide is listed in the departmental source. Use the department's Component 1 Technology materials.

Engineering Design (OCR Cambridge National)

Exam board / qualification	OCR Cambridge National Engineering Design - J822. OCR Cambridge National Engineering Design J822 ***STAFF CHECK: The requested subject list calls this "BTEC Engineering". Please confirm the final course title before publication.***
Paper(s) and length	R038: Principles of Engineering Design - source states 1 hour 15 minutes. ***STAFF CHECK: The same source also contains Section A/B/C timing guidance totalling 90 minutes. Please confirm the correct mock duration and remove the incorrect timing information.***
Paper structure / format	• Stages and strategies within the iterative design process • Engineering design specifications and design criteria • Manufacturing considerations and influences on product design • Types of engineering drawing and working drawings • CAD drawing software • Evaluation of design ideas and outcomes • Modelling methods
Topics to revise	• Methods of production • Types of drawings and working diagrams • Types of design • Criteria in an engineering design specification • Manufacturing processes • Orthographic drawings • Primary and secondary research methods • Forms of supply • Stages involved in design strategies • Modelling methods: equipment, stages, advantages and disadvantages • Flow-chart diagrams and symbols
Revision resources	BBC Bitesize Engineering revision guide Student Share - CAT Engineering
Revision guides	No specific commercial revision guide is listed in the departmental source.

GCSE Sociology

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Sociology AQA GCSE Sociology 8192
Paper(s) and length	• Paper 1: Families and Education - 1 hour 45 minutes • Paper 2: Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification - full GCSE paper 1 hour 45 minutes • November PGE Family and Crime and Deviance – 1 hour 45 minutes
Paper structure / format	• Multiple-choice questions • 2-, 3- and 4-mark questions, including research methods • 12-mark extended-response questions
Topics to revise	**Paper 1** • Families - full section • Education- to be sat at a later date in class • Research methods within both sections **Paper 2** • Crime and Deviance - full section • Research methods • Social Stratification – not for November PGE
Revision resources	Tutor2u Sociology Seneca Sociology course BBC Bitesize - Sociology
Revision guides	AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice.

GCSE Drama

Exam board / qualification	AQA GCSE Drama AQA GCSE Drama 8261
Paper(s) and length	Hybrid paper based on Component 1: Understanding Drama -60 minutes.
Paper structure / format	• Section A: Theatre roles and terminology • Section B: Set text - Blood Brothers
Topics to revise	• Theatre roles and terminology • Blood Brothers - knowledge of the set text and written response skills
Revision resources	BBC Bitesize - GCSE Drama Lesson resources and PowerPoints shared by email Class book: sentence stems, exemplars, written feedback, structures and performance skills
Revision guides	CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide CGP GCSE Drama Play Guide - Blood Brothers AQA GCSE Drama Student Book - Revised Edition

OCR Cambridge National IT

Exam board / qualification	OCR Cambridge Nationals IT Level 1/Level 2 - J836 OCR qualification at a glance
Paper(s) and length	R050/01: IT in the Digital World - written exam - 1 hour 30 minutes.
Paper structure / format	Written examination assessing knowledge and application across the R050 IT in the Digital World unit.
Topics to revise	• Design tools • Human Computer Interface (HCI) in everyday life • Data and testing • Cyber-security and legislation • Digital communications • Internet of Everything (IoE)
Revision resources	OneDrive: lessons and past papers Arbor: revision materials Hodder Cambridge Nationals IT sample pages
Revision guides	REVISE Cambridge National in IT Digital Student Book / Exam Practice Workbook (J836). Cambridge National in IT Level 1/2 Digital Revision Guide and Workbook

GCSE Geography

Exam board / qualification	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Geography B (9-1) Pearson Edexcel GCSE Geography B
Paper(s) and length	Component 1: Global Geographical Issues (Paper 1). ***Paper is 1 hour and 30 minutes***
Paper structure / format	• Three sections: Hazardous Earth; Development Dynamics; Challenges of an Urbanising World • Multiple-choice questions • Short open and open-response questions • Extended writing questions • Calculations • 8-mark extended writing questions
Topics to revise	• Topic 1: Hazardous Earth • Topic 2: Development Dynamics • Topic 3: Challenges of an Urbanising World
Revision resources	Seneca - Free Edexcel B Geography GCSE Revision Study Rocket - Edexcel B Geography Tassomai daily goals Exam-preparation homework Topic tests, model answers and PLCs in exercise books
Revision guides	CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography Edexcel B: Investigating Geographical Issues - Revision Guide (ISBN 9781782946212).

GCSE Art, Craft and Design

Exam board / qualification	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Art, Craft & Design
Paper(s) and length	10-hour Preparatory Practical Assessment ***Students will complete a 10-hour practical assessment based on their current Disobedient Architecture unit.***
Paper structure / format	During the assessment, students will: Develop ideas from their Disobedient Architecture project. Design and produce a four-colour reduction Lino print as their final outcome. Demonstrate confident and accurate use of the reduction of Lino-printing process. Show clear connections between their final piece and the research; experimentation and development completed in their sketchbook. Refine their work throughout the practical assessment to produce a resolved and ambitious final outcome
Topics to revise	Unlike a traditional written examination, preparation should focus on ensuring that the Disobedient Architecture sketchbook is fully up to date and clearly demonstrates the development of the project. **Before the assessment, students should ensure that their sketchbook includes:** Relevant artist and contextual research. Strong observational drawings and photography. Clear development of ideas linked to Disobedient Architecture. Experimentation with a wide range of media, materials, and techniques. Development and refinement of compositions and designs. Evidence of experimentation with Lino printing and colour. Planning for the four-colour reduction Lino print. Clear, purposeful annotation throughout, explaining ideas, decisions, experimentation, successes and areas for refinement. A clear journey from initial research and experimentation to the intended final outcome. **Key priority:** **Your sketchbook should show the journey of your ideas. Every page should be purposeful, developed, visually exciting, and clearly**

	annotated.
Revision resources	**Students should use:** Their Disobedient Architecture sketchbook and class resources. Teacher demonstrations and exemplar work. Lino-printing and reduction-printing technique guides. Artist research and imagery collected throughout the project. Feedback provided by their Art teachers.
Revision guides	**Remember:** The 10-hour assessment is your opportunity to bring all your research, experimentation and development together into a **high-quality four-colour reduction Lino print.**