



Peacehaven Community School

Examination Preparation 2021 – 2022

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Mock Exam Timetable, November 2021

Monday 11 October Tuesday 12 October	Photography Students are off-timetable for two days, as per the exam in June 2022. Students have normal break and lunch where they are not in the photography exam space.	
Thursday 21 October Friday 22 October	Art Students are off-timetable for two days, as per the exam in June 2022. Students have normal break and lunch where they are not in the art exam space.	
Half Term Break		
Date	Morning Exam Subject, Start Time, Finish Time	Morning Exam Subject, Start Time, Finish Time
Monday 1 November	French (Listening and Writing) Foundation 09.00 ▶ 10.35 Higher 09.00 ▶ 11.00	English Literature 13.15 ▶ 14.45
Tuesday 2 November	Geography 09.00 ▶ 10.30 Performance Skills 09.00 ▶ 10.30	Maths (Calculator) 13.15 ▶ 14.45
Wednesday 3 November	Spanish (Listening and Writing) Foundation 09.00 ▶ 10.35 Higher 09.00 ▶ 11.00	Biology 13.30 ▶ 14.40
Thursday 4 November	Computer Science 09.00 ▶ 10.30 Sociology 09.00 ▶ 09.55	Maths (Non-Calculator) 13.15 ▶ 14.45
Friday 5 November	English Language 09.00 ▶ 10.45	Creative iMedia 13.00 ▶ 14.15 Design & Technology 13.00 ▶ 15.00
Monday 8 November	History 09.00 ▶ 10.45	Chemistry 13.30 ▶ 14.40
Tuesday 9 November	Maths (Calculator) 09.00 ▶ 10.30	Food Preparation & Nutrition 13.00 ▶ 14.45
Wednesday 10 November	Physics 09.00 ▶ 10.10	

Please note that this is subject to minor change in some cases.

Study Skills Workshop



Following on from the great success of our first two study skills workshops. We are excited to welcome back the Learning Performance Company for our final workshop on Monday 4th October 2021.

This workshop will cover the following topics in preparation for their November mock exams:

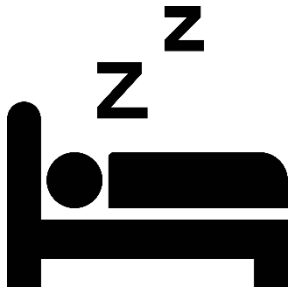
- Steps to success
- Metacognition (knowing what you need to know, learn and revise in each subject)
- How do we learn best?
- Resilience

The techniques developed the last term were:

- Memory techniques
- How to understand and condense text or an entire topic
- Association maps and *The Review Philosophy*



Good Revision Habits



Sleep Routine

Adults require a minimum of 8 hours sleep a night.

Studies show that cutting this to 6 hours every night has the same effect on performance and concentration as being kept awake for 24 hours.

Teenagers need much more, at least 10 hours for the best concentration. If you need to be up at 7:30am, you need to be asleep by 9:30pm. This is going to sound crazy to some teenagers but you must keep on top of your sleep.

There is a myth that you can “catch up” from lost sleep at the weekend. This does help to feel less tired but it doesn't improve performance and concentration the next day.

Regularly getting good sleep will be the biggest impact on your exam results.

Most people require a very dark space to sleep. Think about blacking out any street light using an eye mask or heavier curtains. The body's outer temperature drops by 1°C to 1.5°C in deep sleep. Check your duvet or blankets are not too heavy or not too thin. Everyone is different.



Stop the Endless Scrolling Before Bed

When blue light (the colour of light that all screens produce) hits the eyeball, this produces a minor chemical reaction.

The result is that the brain is more stimulated and kept awake longer. Screens that are more than 2m away, such as a television on the wall, are better as they're not close but these can also stimulate you to stay away.

Put your phone down at least 30 minutes before you expect to be falling asleep. Instead, listen to relaxing music, a podcast or sounds that help you to switch off. Put your phone face down so light doesn't escape into the room.



Breakfast is Essential

Breakfast literally means breaking the fast (not eating) from the night before. You need to have both a small energy hit combined with long acting carbohydrate, such as

- Oats (such as porridge)
- Bananas
- Brown toast (better than toasted white bread)
- Bran flakes.

This will help you to sustain concentration and release energy slowly over the course of your morning until you have a healthy snack around 10:30am.



Having a Calm Study Space

It's vital that you have a quiet space to study, preferably away from your brothers or sisters who can sometime distract you. Talk to your mum or dad or whoever you live with to see if you can make a space to work in. You need:

- A flat table surface. A kitchen table is fine, so long as you're not distracted with other people talking.
- Quiet
- A comfy chair. If you don't have one, use cushions.
- Good light. Don't strain to read. Set up your workspace by a window.



Make a Revision Timetable

The easiest way to structure your time is with a revision timetable. You can sketch this out on a piece of paper in 10 minutes. What are you studying each night and for how long? Include all your subjects where you have an exam. The tricky bit can be sticking to it. If you slip behind, don't beat yourself up. Just start afresh tomorrow. Don't over-study! There is such a thing as working too hard. 2 – 3 hours a night during exam season is normal. Do 30 minutes of 4 – 6 subjects each night and you're flying!



Support for Students with Additional Needs

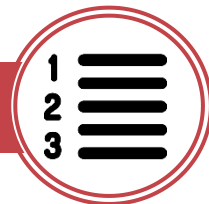
It is normal in every school that some students require additional support. The support that is in place for students who have additional support is called an 'access arrangement'.

The most common arrangements are (definitions taken from JCQ's Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments publication):

- **Scribe.** A scribe is a responsible adult who, in non-examination assessments and/or in an examination but not in a Speaking Test, writes or types a candidate's dictated answers to the questions.
- **Computer reader/reader.** A reader is a responsible adult who reads the instructions of the question paper and the questions to the candidate. This may involve reading the whole paper to the candidate or the candidate may request only some words to be read. Computer software which accurately reads out text, (including synthetic speech software stored on a memory stick) but does not decode or interpret the paper, may be used as a computer reader. A computer reader will be allowed in papers (or sections of papers) testing reading.
- **Extra Time.** Extra time is for students who have significant processing difficulties and/or an EHCP. Extra time must not be confused with supervised rest breaks. If extra time is granted for an examination it is usually 25%.
- **Prompter.** A candidate may be assisted by a prompter who can keep the candidate focused on the need to answer a question and then move on to answering the next question.
- **Supervised rest breaks.** The timing of the examination should be paused and re-started when the candidate is ready to continue. During the supervised rest break the candidate must not have access to the question paper/answer booklet.
- **Reading pen.** The use of an examination reading pen, provided by the centre, might benefit those candidates who wish to work independently. It may increase the independence of candidates who needed a reader for accuracy rather than comprehension. The use of an examination reading pen might also benefit those candidates who only require occasional words or phrases to be read to them.
- **Word processor.** Centres are allowed to provide a word processor with the spelling and grammar check facility/predictive text disabled (switched off) to a candidate where it is their normal way of working within the centre.

Important Notice

Only students who have access arrangements as their normal way of working within the centre and have been assessed by a qualified assessor are entitled to access arrangements for examinations. This is to provide equity for students and not provide an unfair advantage.



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English Literature GCSE



AQA

Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	2 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1h 30m	Length of Each Exam	P1 1h 45m P2 2h 15m

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE English Literature assesses students' ability to read and interpret a range of fiction texts including poetry, plays and novels. It is 100% assessed by exam and is broken down into two exams

Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry

For Paper 1, we have studied Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. For Paper 2, we have studied J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* in addition to poems from the *Power and Conflict Anthology* and students will be shown a unseen poem in the exam for the first time. In both papers, students will be expected to

- write essays
- apply their historical, social and cultural contextual knowledge and
- have learnt quotations from across the texts

Topic or Study Skills List

- Unseen Poetry (45 minutes)
- *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley (45 minutes)

Helpful Tips

The most effective way to revise for the Unseen Poetry question in this exam is to find poems that students have not studied in class and practise annotating them using SMILE (Structure, Meaning, Imagery, Language, Effect on the reader) before writing analytical paragraphs using What? How? Why? (What are your impressions/is happening? How is that being conveyed - what methods are being used? Why is the writer doing this - what is their intended effect on their audience/reader?).

To revise for the question on *An Inspector Calls*, students should reread the play and learn quotations for every key character and theme across Acts One, Two and Three. They could also make flash cards, record themselves reading out quotes then relisten, read essays online and practise questions from past papers. It is also important that they revise the historical, social and cultural context (Edwardian England) and think about audience reactions through the play - both contemporary and modern.

Helpful Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>



English Language GCSE

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GCSE English Language assesses students' ability to read and interpret a range of texts as well as their ability to write for a variety of purposes and audiences. It is 100% assessed by exam and is broken down into two exams, each exam is 50% reading skills and 50% writing skills.

Paper 1 Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing assesses students' ability to analyse fiction texts and write creatively

Paper 2 Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives, assesses their ability to analyse and compare writer viewpoints in non-fiction texts, one of which will be a 19th Century text. This paper also assesses students' own writing skills as they have to produce a persuasive non-fiction text that is written from a clear viewpoint.

The writing sections carry marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as structure, writing style and content.

The English Language GCSE also has a non-assessed exam element, a Speaking and Listening component. Students have to deliver a speech on a topic of their choice and answer some questions about it from their peers. They will deliver this in class and be marked with either a Fail, Pass, Merit or Distinction by their English teacher.

Students will receive a separate certificate along with their results confirming their result for the speaking exam which they can present to future employers or further education institutions.

Topic or Study Skills List

- Selecting key information from a text (P1 & P2, Q1)
- Analysing the writer's use of language (P1, Q2 and P2, Q3)
- Analysing the writer's use of structure (P1, Q3)
- Evaluating the writer's methods (P1, Q4)
- Comparing the writers' viewpoints (P2, Q4)
- Creative writing (P1, Q5)
- Persuasive writing (P2, Q5)

Helpful Tips

Students should read widely, at a suitably challenging level to prepare for this exam.

Reading a wide range of fiction and thinking critically about what methods the writer has used to entertain them will help to prepare them for **Paper 1** and improve their own creative writing. Reading a range of non-fiction texts, for example, newspaper articles, blogs, diaries or letters and then identifying the purpose, possible audience and methods the writers use will help to prepare them for **Paper 2** and improve their own persuasive writing.

As the English Language GCSE is a skills-based subject, the best way that students can prepare for their exam is to practise exam questions in timed conditions. The timings are roughly one mark per minute so this will help students work out how long they should spend on each question. There are lots of past papers available on the AQA website and revision sites online.

Helpful Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Students have logins for **Seneca** and **GCSEPod**; they should see their English teacher if they need help with these.



Mathematics GCSE



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	3 Papers	Number of Papers in 2022	3 Papers
Length of Each Exam	1h 30m	Length of Each Exam	1h 30m

About this Subject's Exam

The GCSE in mathematics is a linear qualification with 100% end-of-year 11 assessment.

There are three exam papers, split over either the foundation Tier or higher tier. Each paper carries an equal weighting of one third of the total marks (240 marks in total). Students must take all three papers for the appropriate tier in the same series. Students are not permitted to use a calculator on **Paper 1** of either the foundation or higher tier. There are three assessment objectives in the OCR GCSE in Mathematics and these are detailed with their weighting below:

- **A01** Use and apply standard techniques Higher 40%, Foundation 50%
- **A02** Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically (worth 30% of the higher papers and 25% on the Foundation papers)
- **A03** Solve problems within mathematics and in other contexts Higher 30%, Foundation 25%

Helpful Tips

Students should choose a couple of topics for each revision day and then watch the video clips on **MathsWatch** and attempt the questions. Spend about 15 to 20 minutes revising maths 4 to 5 times a week. Make notes on what you need help with and speak to your maths teacher.

Helpful Websites

- <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle>. Students will need to get their username and password from their subject teacher
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

Topic or Study Skills List

The lists on the next three pages have the topics that each student will need to know to get the best grade over the three papers. The numbers to the in brackets are the references to the **MathsWatch** explanations online. Students use MathsWatch for revision in class and for all their homeworks and so have their log ins.

Foundation Paper 1

- Identify quadrilateral (10)
- Identify solid (43)
- Find factors (28)
- Identify highest common factor (HCF) (79)
- Identify coordinates (8)
- Plot point (8)
- Find equation of parallel line (159b)
- Interpret pictogram (16)
- Complete pictogram (16)
- Problem involving prime numbers and probability (59)
- Calculate cost after percentage discount (108)
- Simplify an algebraic expression (7)
- Identify inequality on number line (138)
- Factorise algebra (94)
- Number problem
- Calculate and evaluate probability in context (59)
- Number problem
- Geometry problem involving area and length (53, 54, 55, 56)
- Calculate earnings given rate and hours (22b)
- Calculate cube surface area given its volume (114a)
- Trigonometry (168)
- Determine highest average speed (142)
- Interpret error intervals (155)
- Rate problem
- Convert standard form to an ordinary number (83)
- Interpret standard form (83)
- Calculate with standard form (83)
- Proportions problem (42, 199)
- Calculate percentage profit (109)
- Plot points on a scatter diagram (129)
- Describe correlation (129)
- Draw a line of best fit (129)
- Use a line of best fit (129)
- Interpret a scatter diagram (129)
- Congruent triangles (166)

Higher Paper 1

- Rate problems
- Standard form calculation (83)
- Lowest common multiple problem (80)
- Proportions problem (199)
- Calculate percentage profit (88)
- Multiply out and simplify brackets (134b)
- Ratio problem (200a)
- Plot points on a scatter diagram (129)
- Describe correlation (129)
- Draw and use a line of best fit (129)
- Interpret a scatter diagram (129)
- Simultaneous equations (162)
- Function machine (36)
- Inverse function (214a & 214b)
- Composite function (215)
- Growth and decay
- Congruent triangles (12b)
- Interpret a cumulative frequency graph (186)
- Calculate estimate of the mean from a cumulative frequency table (130b)
- Median versus mean reliability (62)
- Length/area/volume ratios (112)
- Enumeration
- Equation of a circle, perpendicular lines and gradients (197 & 159a)
- Cosine rule (202b)
- Sine rule (202a)
- Simplify algebraic fractions (210a)
- Sketch a graph of an exponential fraction (194)
- Calculate volume of a triangular prism (199)
- Use trigonometry to find an angle (168)
- Pythagoras' theorem in a 3D figure (217)
- Estimate a speed from a distance-time graph

Foundation Paper 2

- Add two-digit numbers (17)
- Multiply two-digit numbers (19)
- Difference involving negative numbers (68a)
- Addition involving negative numbers (68a)
- Equivalent fractions (25)
- Equivalent fractions, involving a mixed number (25)
- Identify power (29)
- Find a fraction of an amount (72)
- Subtraction involving money (22a)
- Division of a decimal (67)
- Write a decimal as a fraction (85)
- Write a fraction as a decimal (85)
- Order decimals (3)
- Fraction addition (71)
- Fraction division (74)
- Fraction multiplication (73)
- Find a median (62)
- Find a range (62)
- Problem involving a mean (62)
- Interpret a scale drawing
- Measure a bearing (124)
- Mark a position on a scale drawing
- Problem involving speed (142)
- Calculate percentage profit (109)
- Identify decimal multiplier for a percentage
- Calculate and interpret percentages (40, 87)
- Calculate a percentage (87)
- Sketch graph of a linear function (96)
- Intersection of graphs of two linear functions
- Recognise the graph of a simple quadratic function (98)
- Ratio (38, 165a)
- Ratio involving unit conversion (112)
- Write a trig ratio in the form $1 : n$
- Use estimation to determine a profit (91)
- Simplify algebraic products (7)
- Simplify algebraic quotients (7)
- Substitute numeric values into a kinematic formula (95)
- Loci problem (146)
- Factorise a quadratic expression (157)
- Fraction and percentage change problem (109)
- Relative frequency explanation (125)
- Identify a quadrilateral (10)
- Calculate an angle using ratio
- Complete a Venn diagram (127)
- Interpret a Venn diagram (127)
- Find equation of a line given the gradient and a point (159)

Higher Paper 2

- Calculation with fractions (71)
- Estimation to 1 significant figure (90)
- Find lowest common multiple (78 & 80)
- Simplify algebraic products (34)
- Simplify algebraic quotients (35)
- Substitute numeric values into a kinematic formula (75)
- Percentage decrease (108)
- Solve linear equation with unknown on both sides (135)
- Factorise a quadratic expression (157)
- Ratio problem (200a)
- Identify a quadrilateral
- Calculate an angle using ratio
- Write a scale in the form $1 : k$
- Loci problem (146)
- Fraction and percentage change problem (89)
- Relative frequency explanation (125)
- Find interquartile range from box plot (187)
- Draw a box plot (187)
- Interpret box plots (187)
- Write a fraction as a recurring decimal (177)
- Simplify expression by rationalising the denominator (297c)
- Inverse proportion (199)
- Describe a single transformation involving translations (50)
- Describe a single transformation involving reflection and rotation (48 & 49)
- Calculate a probability from a Venn diagram (185)
- Simplify algebraic products using laws of indices (154 & 188)
- Identify region on a grid satisfying three inequalities (198)
- Know exact value of trigonometric ratio (173)
- Trigonometry and Pythagoras' theorem problem (168 & 150b)
- Complete the square (209a)
- Sketch graph of quadratic function and identify turning point (209b & 209c)
- Equation of circle (197)
- Equation of circle problem (197)

Foundation Paper 3

- Odd number definition
- Prime number definition (28)
- Identify multiples between two values (28)
- Write down a common multiple of two values (28, 80)
- Insert brackets to make a calculation correct (75)
- Write a percentage as a fraction (85)
- Addition involving different units
- Round to the nearest thousand (31)
- Round to 1 significant figure (90)
- Circumference of circle (118)
- Area of circle (117)
- Number problem
- Interpret bar chart (15)
- Complete a bar chart using information from a pie chart (15, 128a)
- Probability and relative frequency (125)
- Probability scale (14)
- Rotate a shape (49)
- Enlarge a shape (148)
- Ratio and percentage problem (106)
- Use systematic listing (58, 69)
- Apply idea of randomness in simple experiment
- Multiply out brackets (134)
- Multiply out brackets (134)
- Calculate with exact roots (81, 207)
- Calculate with powers (131)
- Calculate with powers and exact roots
- Geometry problem (9)
- Angles at a point (45)
- Angles on a straight line (45)
- Use angle facts to find an angle
- Complete a tree diagram (151)
- Find probability from tree diagram (151)
- Simultaneous equations (162)
- Lowest common multiple and highest common factor problem (80, 79)
- Express a percentage change as a decimal multiplier
- Percentage change explanation (109)
- Calculate percentage loss (109)
- Solve linear inequality and show solution on number line (138, 139)
- Percentage problem
- Calculate a probability (59)
- Perimeter and area problem (52)
- Compound and simple interest problem (164)
- Geometry and algebra problem

Higher Paper 3

- Solve linear inequality on number line (138 & 139)
- Percentage problem (86)
- Calculate a probability (204)
- Perimeter and area problem (53)
- Compound and simple interest problem (164 & 111)
- Probability and percentage problem (59)
- Plot graph (98)
- Plot graph (96)
- Solve two equations using graphs (140)
- Calculate height of two pyramids (170)
- Vector arithmetic (219)
- Addition of whole numbers
- Algebra proof (193)
- Use subscript notation for term-to-term rules (37)
- Use speed = distance \div time and convert units (142)
- Calculate bounds for average speed (206)
- Probability and fractions problem (204)
- Index notation (154 & 158)
- Interpret histogram (205)
- Complete histogram (205)
- Angle subtended at centre and circumference (183)
- Alternate segment theorem (183)
- Find centre of enlargement (148)
- Find scale factor of enlargement (148)
- Enlarge a shape (148)



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Combined Science GCSE

Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	3 Papers	Number of Papers in 2022	6 Papers
Length of Each Exam	1h 10m	Length of Each Exam	1h 10m

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE Science assesses students on Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It is 100% exam but students will have questions on practical experiments they have done in class. They will sit six papers in total; Biology Paper 1 (units 1-3), Biology Paper 2 (units 4-6), Chemistry Paper 1 (units 1-3), Chemistry Paper 2 (units 4-6), Physics Paper 1 (units 1-3) and Physics Paper 2 (4-6).

Each exam is 1hr and 10 mins and consists of Section A (multiple choice) and Section B (longer answer questions). You will need a calculator in every exam.

Students will sit higher or foundation, it is vital to know which paper they are sitting so that they can use the correct revision list. Students should ask their teacher if unsure.

Topic or Study Skills List

Biology – Foundation

B1 - Cell Level Systems

- Microscopes - Magnification
- Prokaryotic & Eukaryotic cells
- Enzymes
- Food molecules and Food tests
- Photosynthesis

B2 - Scaling Up

- Diffusion and Osmosis
- Transpiration & xylem cells
- Stem cells & Mitosis
- The heart, blood vessels and blood cells

B3 - Organism Level Systems

- Hormones
- The menstrual cycle
- Diabetes
- Investigative & data skills; apparatus, variables, methods, precision, mean

Biology – Higher

B1 - Cell Level Systems

- Microscopes - magnification, depth of field and resolution
- Prokaryotic & Eukaryotic cells
- Enzymes
- Food molecules
- Photosynthesis & rate of reaction
- Aerobic & Anaerobic respiration

B2 - Scaling up

- Diffusion
- The heart, blood vessels and blood cells
- Transpiration
- Stem cells

B3 - Organism Level Systems

- Neurones
- Diabetes
- Hormones; controlling sugar, stress & the menstrual cycle
- Investigative & data skills; apparatus, variables, methods, random error

Chemistry – Foundation

C1 Particles

- The particle model
- Model of the atom (history)
- Atoms, Ions & Isotopes

C2 Elements, Compounds & Mixtures

- Formulations
- Separation techniques; distillation, chromatography
- Periodic table - groups / periods
- Ionic and simple covalent bonding
- Giant covalent structures (allotropes of Carbon)

C3 Chemical Reactions

- Calculating mass
- Energy profiles - endothermic and exothermic reactions
- Calculating relative atomic mass
- Acids, metal and acid reactions
- Electrolysis
- Reduction
- Formulas, empirical formulas & balancing symbol equations
- Investigative & data skills; apparatus, accuracy, methods

Chemistry – Higher

C1 Particles

- The particle model
- Model of the atom (history)
- Ions & Ionic formula

C2 Elements, Compounds & Mixtures

- Formulations
- Simple covalent & giant covalent bonding

C3 Chemical Reactions

- Ionic equations
- Moles & Avogadro's constant and mass calculations
- Energy profiles - endothermic and exothermic reactions
- Acids, alkalis, neutralisation and pH curves
- Electrolysis; cations, anions, half-equations, oxidation and reduction
- Formulas, empirical formulas & balancing symbol equations
- Investigative & data skills; precautions, methods and improvements

Physics - Foundation

P1 Matter

- Particle model, Atomic model
- Physical changes
- Cooling curves & specific latent heat & thermal energy
- Pressure (gases)

P2 Forces

- Vectors vs Scalars
- Speed
- Velocity / time graphs
- Weight - calculations
- Work Done - calculations
- Hooke's law

P3 Electricity and Magnetism

- Static electricity
- Magnetic fields & Electromagnets
- Circuits - Potential difference, filament lamps, VI graphs, current in series / parallel
- Charge flow - calculations
- Investigative & data skills; apparatus, mean, improvements, reading graphs

Helpful Tips

- Read multiple choice questions carefully, read each answer and eliminate them until you have one left. Only write one answer.
- Show your working out carefully for any calculations.
- Bring a calculator to every science exam.
- For long answer questions write as much as you can, if asked to use data make sure you use the data in the graph or the table provided. Even simple comparisons may get you some marks.

Helpful Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z2dqghv>
- "Free Science lessons" on **Youtube** - they have made videos for every topic, just search Free Science lessons and the topic (e.g "Free Science Lessons Photosynthesis")
- **GCSEPod** - your teacher should provide you links on Google classroom

Physics – Higher

P1 Matter

- Atomic model
- Physical changes
- Specific latent heat, calculations
- Pressure

P2 Forces

- Mass & Weight - calculations
- Free body force diagrams
- Inertia
- Newton's third law - equal & opposite
- Energy transferred - calculations
- Speed - measuring using ticker tape
- Velocity / time graphs
- Hooke's law

P3 Electricity and Magnetism

- Static electricity
- Magnetic fields
- Circuits - diodes, VI graphs, resistors in series / parallel
- Resistance - calculations
- Charge flow - calculations
- Investigative & data skills; accuracy, reading graphs



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About this Subject's Exam

GCSE Computer Science assesses students on Computer Systems, Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming. It is broken down into 2 exams.

Paper 1 covers the theory of Computer Systems

Paper 2 covers Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming

Topic or Study Skills List

Computer Systems

- Systems Architecture
- Memory
- Storage
- Wired and wireless networks
- Network topologies, protocols and layers
- System security
- System software
- Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns

Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming

- Algorithms
- Programming techniques
- Producing robust programs
- Computational logic
- Translators and facilities of languages
- Data representation

Helpful Tips

Students should spend 20-30 minutes every day practising exam questions Seneca or Craig and Dave set by their teacher. Students are encouraged to create Knowledge Organisers and flash cards as part of the lesson topic and for homework. These are very useful printed out and kept in their Computer Science Revision folder to revise from ready for their component 1 and 2 exam.

Helpful Websites

Seneca: Computer Science Revision

- Craig and Dave Smart Revise: <https://smartrevise.craigndave.org/>
- You Tube: Search for Craig'n'Dave J277 OCR video playlists
- BBC BiteSize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z34k7ty>
- Computer Science Guru: <https://www.computerscience.gcse.guru/>



French GCSE



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	3 Papers	Number of Papers in 2022	3 Papers
Length of Each Exam	See below	Length of Each Exam	See below

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE French assess pupils on the key four skills of a language. It is broken down into four exams.

	Foundation	Higher
Listening	35 minutes	45 minutes
Reading	45 minutes	1 hour
Writing	1 hour	1 hour 15 minutes
Speaking	7 – 9 minutes	10 – 12 minutes

For the November mock exams we are doing at PCS are just the listening, reading and writing components.

Topic or Study Skills List

Listening Foundation

- Hobbies
- School
- Opinion phrases
- Local area
- Hotels and facilities
- Charities
- Weddings
- Environment and recycling
- Technology
- Celebrations,
- Work

Reading Foundation

- Technology
- Environment
- School life
- Travel and tourism
- Poverty
- Healthy living
- Festivals
- Sports
- Part-time jobs
- French speaking countries

Listening Higher

- Personal qualities
- Future plans
- Social issues
- Environment and recycling
- Technology
- Radio announcements
- Charities
- University
- Weddings
- Music
- School
- Celebrations
- Personal qualities

Reading Higher

- Charities
- Cinema
- Friendship
- Social media
- Teachers
- Post-16 education
- Healthy living
- French speaking countries
- Ambitions
- Pollution
- Family relationships

Writing Foundation

- Photo description
- Free-time activities
- Part-time jobs

Writing Higher

- Part-time jobs
- Healthy lifestyle
- Teenage life
- Environment

Helpful Tips

Students should spend 20 - 30 minutes every day studying key vocabulary for each of the topics.

In the reading and listening exams students need to check that they are answering in the correct language and use the 5 minutes reading time to thoroughly read through the papers. There will be a translation from French to English at the end of the reading paper.

In the writing exam students need to check that they have covered all of the bullet points in the correct, have responded in the correct tenses and have checked their word count. They also have to have accurate spelling of words in the writing exam, including accents (à, â, ç, é, ê, ë, è, î, ï, ô, ù, û and ü).

There will be a translation from English to French at the end of the writing paper. They should also look over their verb tenses, opinion phrases, connectives and adjectives to support them with the writing paper. They can create extended opinion phrases in advance and learn them off by heart.

Helpful Websites

- GCSE BBC Bitesize French AQA - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>
- **SENECA** - French - <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-french-revision/>
- Duolingo - <https://www.duolingo.com/enroll/fr/en/Learn-French>
- Quizlet French - for a range of flashcards to support vocabulary learning - <https://quizlet.com/en-gb/content/gcse-french>



Spanish GCSE



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	3 Papers	Number of Papers in 2022	3 Papers
Length of Each Exam	See below	Length of Each Exam	See below

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE Spanish assess pupils on the key four skills of a language. It is broken down into four exams.

	Foundation	Higher
Listening	35 minutes	45 minutes
Reading	45 minutes	1 hour
Writing	1 hour	1 hour 15 minutes
Speaking	7 – 9 minutes	10 – 12 minutes

For the November mock exams we are doing at PCS are just the listening, reading and writing components.

Topic or Study Skills List

Listening Foundation

- School
- Travel and tourism
- Personal relationships
- World of work
- Restaurants
- Healthy lifestyle
- Environment
- Technology
- Festivals
- Cities and regions

Reading Foundation

- Personal information and interests
- Weddings and religion
- Holidays
- Charities and social issues
- Healthy lifestyle
- Tv programmes
- New technology
- Food

Listening Higher

- Restaurants
- TV programmes
- School and studies
- Voluntary work
- My region
- World of work
- Recycling
- Technology
- Festivals
- Relationships
- Healthy lifestyle

Reading Higher

- Healthy lifestyle
- Holidays
- Online shopping
- TV programmes
- Personal descriptions
- Recycling
- Free time and sports
- Social issues and drugs

Writing Foundation

- Poverty
- Technology and free time
- Friends and family
- Festivals
- Free time and sports
- Holidays

Writing Higher

- Friends and family
- Free time and sports
- Holidays
- Festivals and celebrations
- Environment
- World of work

Verb Tenses

Present simple

I study

Estudio

Future

I will study

Estudiaré

Simple future

I'm going to study

Voy a estudiar

Past simple

I studied

Estudié

Imperfect

I used to study

Estudiaba

Helpful Tips

Students should spend 20 - 30 minutes every day studying key vocabulary for each of the topics.

In the reading and listening exams students need to check that they are answering in the correct language and use the 5 minutes reading time to thoroughly read through the papers. There will be a translation from Spanish to English at the end of the reading paper.

In the writing exam students need to check that they have covered all of the bullet points in the correct, have responded in the correct tenses and have checked their word count. They also have to have accurate spelling of words in the writing exam, including accents. (á, é, í, ó, ú, ñ and ü).

There will be a translation from English to Spanish at the end of the writing paper. They should also look over their verb tenses, opinion phrases, connectives and adjectives to support them with the writing paper. They can create extended opinion phrases in advance and learn them off by heart.

Helpful Websites

- GCSE Spanish AQA <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjvh>
- SENECA - Spanish <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-spanish-revision/>
- Duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com/enroll/es/en/Learn-Spanish>
- Quizlet Spanish - for a range of flashcards to support vocabulary learning <https://quizlet.com/subject/spanish/>



Geography GCSE



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	2 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1h 30m	Length of Each Exam	P1 1h 30m P2 1h 30m P3 1h 15m

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE Geography is split into 3 papers:

- Paper 1** 'Living with the Physical Environment' (88 marks, 35% of overall grade)
- Paper 2** 'Challenges in the Human Environment' (88 marks, 35% of overall grade)
- Paper 3** 'Geographical Applications' (76 marks, 30% of overall grade)

For our November mock exam, we will be focusing on Paper 1 and in March we will be completing both Paper 1 and Paper 2. There is a pre-release booklet published in March by the exam board (AQA), which will help guide our preparation for Paper 3 (elements are likely to be removed this year due to COVID and we are awaiting further government announcements before we will be able to let students know the full list).

Topic or Study Skills List

Paper 1

- The Challenge of Natural Hazards (Tectonic Hazards, Weather Hazards, Climate Change)
- The Living World (Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts)
- Physical Landscapes in the UK (UK Landscapes, Coastal Landscapes, River Landscapes)

Paper 2

- Urban Issues & Challenges (Urban World, Lagos Case Study, London Case Study)
- The Changing Economic World (Development Gap, Nigeria NEE, UK Economy)
- Challenge of Resource Management (Resource Inequality, UK Resources, Water Management)

Paper 3

- Issue Evaluation (Pre-release booklet released in March 2021)
- Geographical Skills (Cartographic, Graphical and Statistical Skills)
- Fieldwork (Fieldwork Enquiry - 2021 based on hypothetical fieldwork)

Helpful Tips

Make sure that you are confident in both your physical geography (Paper 1) and human geography (Paper 2) knowledge, as both are assessed equally. It is also very important that you learn your case study examples for each of these topics, so you can refer to real places in the exam.

Please use the useful websites below, and ensure that you identify which parts of topics are your weaknesses and make mind maps and case-study flashcards.

Helpful Websites

- Seneca (<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>) - Work through previous topics as revision
- BBC Bitesize (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>) - Useful revision information
- Cool Geography (<https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>) - Good website with case studies and videos



History GCSE

 Pearson
Edexcel

Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	3 Papers
Length of Each Exam	1h 45m	Length of Each Exam	P1 1h 15m P2 1h 45m P3 1h 20m

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE History is split into 3 papers. **Paper 1** is a thematic study and will examine students on Crime & Punishment throughout history. **Paper 2** focuses on Superpower Relations & The Cold War and the Early Elizabethan Reign. **Paper 3** focuses in depth on Weimar and Nazi Germany. For the November mock exam, we will be focusing on Paper 2 (Cold War and Elizabeth), and then in the March mock exam, there will be a focus on Paper 1 and Paper 3.

Topic or Study Skills List

Paper 1 Crime and Punishment Through Time, c1000 – present

Paper 2 (Section A) Superpower Relations and the Cold War
(Section B) Early Elizabethan England, 1558 – 1588

Paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939

Helpful Tips

The biggest challenge for this GCSE is learning and memorising the content covered throughout the course. You can see from the topic lists that there is a huge amount of history to be learnt, so therefore the best way to prepare for these exams is through creating revision resources that help you memorise and learn the content.

We would recommend that you make a 'content list' which goes into more detail on each topic and to create revision resources for each of these. This can be in the form of mind maps, flash cards or knowledge organisers. When the content has been revised, you can then start to practice putting this into exam questions with the help from your teachers.

Helpful Websites

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw4bv4j>
- <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/humanities/history/her41-gcse-history-edexcel-revision-guide-for-the>



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1h 15m	Length of Each Exam	1h 15m

About this Subject's Exam

GCSE Creative iMedia is broken down into the pre-production exam (1 hour, 15 minutes) 25% of the overall grade followed by 3 in-class controlled assessments:

- R082** Creating digital graphics (25%)
- R084** Storytelling with a comic strip (25%)
- R085** Creating a multipage website (25%)

Topic List	The purpose	Contents: What's on it?	Be able to create or draw one
Moodboards	✓	✓	✓
Story Boards	✓	✓	✓
Mind Map	✓	✓	✓
Script	✓	✓	
Visual Diagram	✓	✓	✓

Client Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do you interpret them? ▪ What will be included in the client brief?
Target Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Know the ways we can categorise the target audience.
Workplans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Know why they are used and explain their purpose ▪ Know the different parts of a workplan.
Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data Protection Act ▪ Intellectual Property – copyright, trademarks, CC/Creative commons, royalty free, public domain. ▪ Classification – PEGI/BBFC – what different ways can effect the age rating given (eg bad language) ▪ Determination
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe working practices when using computer, heavy equipment, lighting and electricity. ▪ Site recess – what is the purpose? What goes into one? ▪ Risk assessment 0 what is the purpose? What goes onto one?
Market Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of primary and secondary research methods.
File Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File formats used to save images, video, animation and audio ▪ Use version control to save different versions.
Naming Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Save with clear file names and sensible folder structure. ▪ Use version control to save different versions.
Essays (LO4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I know how to structure the final long answer paragraph.

Helpful Tips

Students are encouraged to create Knowledge Organisers and flash cards as part of the lesson topic and for homework.

Helpful Websites

Live revision techniques for R081 YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jKkUwPcSo8o>



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	No mock. Exam was taken in Y10.	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Paper
Length of Each Exam	NA	Length of Each Exam	1h 30m

Year 11 Subject's Exam

The exam in year 10 can be resat in November of year 11 for those who want to improve their grade and for students who didn't sit it in year 10. Students have now moved onto Unit 2 content which contributes to 60% of students' final grades. The content is divided across four learning objectives (LOs).

Topic or Study Skills List

Unit 1

For Y11 Resit Students in November

- LO1** Understand the structure and function of body systems and how they apply to health and fitness
- LO2** Understand the effects of health and fitness activities on the body
- LO3** Understand health and fitness and the components of fitness
- LO4** Understand the principles of training

Unit 2 Content

Controlled Assessment in February

- LO1** Understand the impact of lifestyle on health and fitness
- LO2** Understand how to test and develop components of fitness
- LO3** Understand how to apply health and fitness analysis and set goals
- LO4** Understand the structure of a health and fitness programme and how to prepare safely

The synoptic report (February 2022 of year 11) provides the students with 21 guided hours that they will do across three days under controlled assessment conditions and some lessons prior with a lead practitioner in an ICT suite. In year 11, an option to re-sit the exam is available if required. Students only have 2 attempts at the Unit 1 exam.

Helpful Tips

The most effective way for our students to revise is to:

1. Complete the workbook tasks set in class weekly
2. Listen to [GCSEPod](#)
3. Complete *10 from 10* tests
4. Read through and revise our key words bank
5. Revise the PowerPoints
6. Students have looms for every task to assist them along with a link direct to GCSE Pod
7. for that specific task.

All of the content is supported in class with:

- PowerPoints
- Workbooks
- 10 from 10 Tests
- Keyword tests
- End of module tests
- End of unit tests
- Practical lessons

Helpful Websites

- [GCSEPod](#)
- [GCSE Bitesize](#)
- [Subject Specification](#)

All Google Classroom workbooks have links to specific topics and task outlines.



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Art GCSE and Photography GCSE

Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Exam (2 days) designed by PCS	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Exam (2 days) produced by AQA
Length of Each Exam	10hours over 13 weeks	Length of Each Exam	10hours over 13 weeks

About this Subject's Exam

Students are assessed on their ability to cover equally all 4 of the Assessment Objectives set (see skills below). Coursework is 60% and the exam is 40%. Students select a range of their best work for moderation at the end of the course.

Topic or Study Skills List

We have to cover all 4 assessment Objectives

- AO1** Develop ideas through investigations informed by contextual and other sources demonstrating analytical and cultural understanding. (Finding out about famous art and using this to inspire own work.)
- AO2** Refine ideas through experimenting and selecting appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes. (Experimenting with media and techniques and improving skills and visual ideas so you can devise a final idea.)
- AO3** Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to their intentions in visual and/or other forms. (Thinking about the theme, making observations and collecting resource material.)
- AO4** Present a personal, informed and meaningful response demonstrating analytical and critical understanding, realising intentions and where appropriate, making connections between visual, written, oral or other elements. (Completing a relevant and intentional final piece.)

Helpful Tips

From the start of the two courses, (Art of Photography), students are taught to work to the 4 AOs. All work is assessed and used in their final portfolio selection. Key skills are taught in the first term at GCSE and then these are applied to modules of work.

Students should be completing one hour's homework per week and we run clubs for students to attend to access material. All students at the start of the courses are given the opportunity to purchase art equipment packs of varying prices. We can support those students and families who are struggling financially through our limited hardship fund. Please let your Art or Photography teacher know if that is the case and we will provide materials for free. Written work is a vital part of student portfolios and in Photography there is a lot of analysis and synthesis of research.

Helpful Websites

- Artcyclopedia.com <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>
- BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j>
- Lunapic <https://www12.lunapic.com/editor/>



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1 hour	Length of Each Exam	1h 45m

About this Subject's Exam

In this GCSE course, 50% of the assessment is a coursework-based NEA, and 50% is a 1 hour 45 minutes written exam. Students have covered most of the required topics in year 10, and then focus on the NEA from September 2021, once the exam board release the specific contexts. Students will then begin a revision programme from March 2022 focussed on the summer written paper.

Topic or Study Skills List

- Hygiene and Safety
- Food Poisoning Bacteria
- Food Preservation
- Food Spoilage
- Raising agents
- The science of food
- The principles of nutrition
- Vitamins
- Minerals
- Diet Related Health Issues
- Planning and modifying recipes
- Sensory analysis
- Food Provenance

Helpful Tips

Use the websites and resources below to revise. The school has purchased an online learning and revision package for which you should have a logon and password. If not, see your Food Preparation teacher to gain access.

Helpful Websites

- <http://www.illuminate.digital/eduqasfood>
- [Seneca](#)
- See your teacher for login details to access the EDUQAS Food Preparation and Nutrition resources student book
- <https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/eduqas-gcse-food-preparation-and-nutrition-student-book>
- Practice Tests <https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/wjec-eduqas-gcse-food-preparation-nutrition-practice-tests>



Design Technology GCSE

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Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1 hour	Length of Each Exam	2 hours

About this Subject's Exam

This is a design course for which 50% of the assessment is NEA coursework (the non-examined assessment, undertaken in class) and 50% is a 2-hour written exam. The NEA runs between June 2021 and February 2022. In year 10 students were taught and had a mock exam on Section A. Section B is covered during the NEA and Section C is covered in more detail during the revision period from March 2022.

Topic or Study Skills List

Section A:

Core Technical Principles

- New and emerging technologies
- Energy generation and storage
- Developments in new materials
- Systems approach to designing
- Mechanical devices
- Material categories and properties

Section C:

Designing and making principles

- Investigating
- Designing
- Making
- Evaluating

Helpful Tips

A really effective way to revise for Section A (Core Technical Principles) and Section C (Designing and Making Principles) is to use **BBC Bitesize**. Make sure that you select AQA as the exam board.

Helpful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm>



Mock Exam in Autumn 2021		Real Exam in Summer 2022	
Number of Mocks Papers	1 Paper	Number of Papers in 2022	1 Paper
Length of Each Exam	1h 30m	Length of Each Exam	1h 30m

About this Subject's Exam

The VCERT Technical Award in Performing Skills exam lasts for one and a half hours. It is divided into 3 sections (multiple choice, short-answer questions and longer-answer questions). Students will need to comment on real-life scenarios using key vocabulary.

Students will take a mock exam in November, followed later on by the first real exam. They have a chance to resit the exam in March 2022.

Topic or Study Skills List

The course is made up of the following learning objectives (LO)

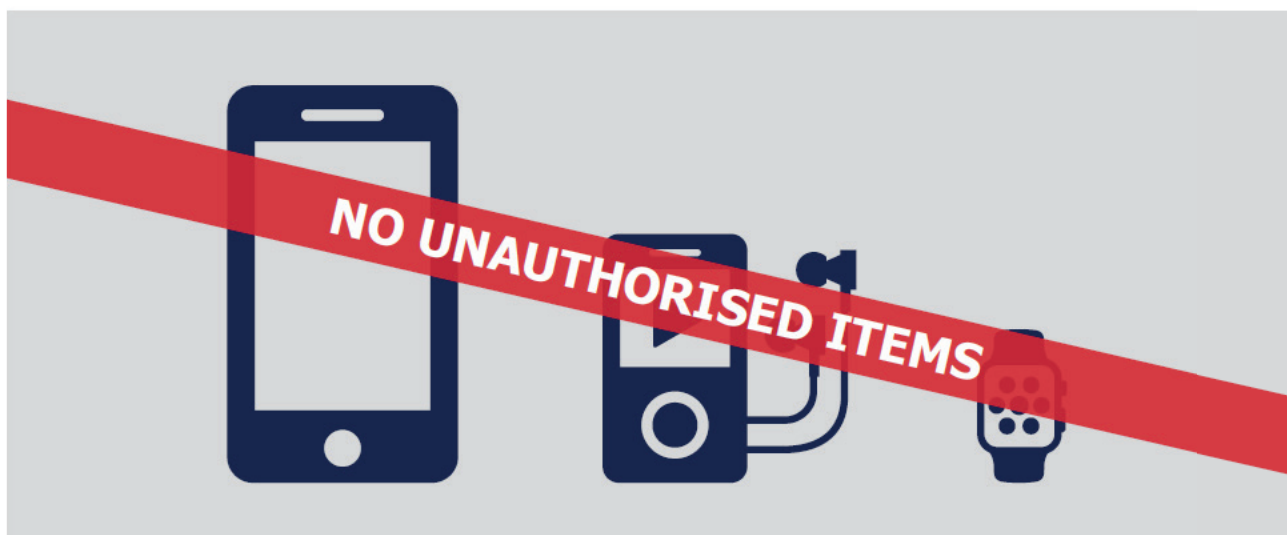
- LO1** Understand roles, responsibilities, skills and qualities in the performance industry (TERM 1)
- LO2** Understand National Organisations related to employment in the performance industry (TERM 2 & 3)
- LO3** Understand how performers are promoted (TERM 4)
- LO4** Understand how to present live performance productions to an audience (TERM 5)
- LO5** Understand Production Planning (TERM 6)

Helpful Tips

- Students should revise using some or all of the following strategies:
- Copy out key words and definitions onto revision cue cards
- Read through the `intro slides` of the sessions that they have completed on Google Classroom
- Revise the quizzes they have been doing each week
- Practice past papers

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