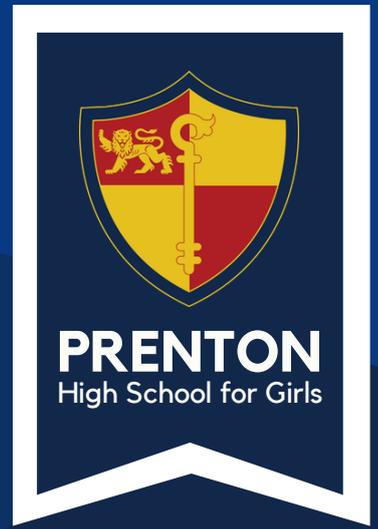




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Year 10

TRIAL EXAMS

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Year 10 Trial Exam Revision List



Subject:	Revision Topics:	Suggested Revision Materials:
<p>English Literature</p> <p>One exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</p>	<p>All Classes: (except SRO/SME/CGO's classes) An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise key characters. Revise at least 2-3 quotations that you can remember for each character. Revise the plot (what happens) in the play. Practice how to structure your essay. <p>SRO's class only: Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise key characters. Revise at least 2-3 quotations that you can remember for each character. Revise the plot (what happens) in the play. Practice how to structure your essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 English Teams Channel Your own English teacher's Teams Channel Missdaviesblog.wordpress.com BBC Bitesize Litcharts Sparknotes Mr Bruff YouTube Stacey Raey YouTube Medley App (Apple Users)
<p>Maths</p> <p>Two exams: 1 calculator 1 non-calculator</p> <p>Both 1 hour 30 minutes</p> <p>Equipment: • Calculator</p>	<p>Higher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number - integers, decimals, factors and multiples Algebra - simplifying, substitution, expansion, factorisation, equations, inequalities, rearranging formulae, simultaneous equations, functions, algebraic fractions and proof Roots & Reciprocals - indices, standard form and surds Sequences - nth term FDP - conversions and working with fractions, decimals and percentages Ratio & Proportion - sharing, proportionality, scale, direct and inverse proportion Angles & Polygons - key facts, angles on parallel lines and angles within polygons Triangles - Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry in 2D and 3D shapes 2D and 3D Shapes - perimeter, area, surface area, volume, plans and elevations Accuracy & Bounds - calculations with error intervals Graphs - conversion graphs, distance-time graphs, real-life graphs, straight line graphs, harder graphs, graphical inequalities Iteration - diagrams and linear-interpolation for non-linear equations Transformations - drawing and describing Probability - two-way tables and relative frequency Data & Averages - charts and tables <p>Foundation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number - integers, decimals, indices, factors, multiples and standard form Algebra - simplifying, substitution, expansion, factorisation, equations, inequalities, rearranging formulae and simultaneous equations Sequences - nth term FDP - conversions and working with fractions, decimals and percentages Ratio & Proportion - sharing and proportionality, including scale Angles & Polygons - key facts, angles on parallel lines and angles within polygons 2D and 3D Shapes - perimeter, area, surface area, volume, plans and elevations Graphs - conversion graphs, distance-time graphs, real-life graphs, straight line graphs, quadratic graphs and cubic graphs Vectors - drawing and arithmetic Transformations - drawing and describing Triangles - Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry Probability - two-way tables and relative frequency Data & Averages - charts and tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote Curriculum – Y10 Maths https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/ https://corbettmaths.com/contents/ https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z38pycw Higher – OCR Foundation – Edexcel

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Science Three exams: 1 hour 15 minutes Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculator • Pencil • Ruler 	Biology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells and growth • Organ systems • Plants and photosynthesis • Homeostasis Chemistry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic table • Chemical calculations (amount of substance), Chromatography • Bonding • Acid reactions and electrolysis Physics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy and resources • Waves • Forces • Thermal transfer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educake • BBC Bitesize • Cognito Science: https://cognitoedu.org/home • Free Science lessons: https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons
Geography One exam: 1 hour 30 minutes Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculator • Ruler • Pencil 	A – Natural Hazards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquakes • Climate change • Tropical storms B – Living World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems • Rainforests • Hot deserts C – UK Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coasts • Rivers • Floods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc • Internet Geography - https://www.internetgeography.net/
History Two exams: Paper 1 - 1 hour 20 minutes Paper 2 - 55m Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighters 	Paper 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Punishment • Whitechapel Paper 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca BBC bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhhgcmn • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7 • Edexcel Elizabeth Revision Guide • Edexcel Crime and Punishment • Revision Guide Classwork books
Sociology One exam: 1 hour	Paper 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families and Household • Functions of families • Family forms • Conjugal role relationships • Changing relationships within families • Criticisms of families • Divorce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca • Revision guide • Classwork books • Revision topic sheet
PE Two exams: Practical exam - all day Theory - 1 hour 15 minutes	Practical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball • Volleyball • Basketball • Football • Trampolining • Athletics • Dance Theory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscular skeletal system • Cardiorespiratory system • Physical training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA site • Class files and workbooks • Revision guides • Teams materials • Topic on a page • Revision clocks • Flash cards • BBC Bitesize

Subject:	Revision Topics:	Suggested Revision Materials:
Spanish Three exams: Listening - 45 minutes Reading - 45 minutes Writing - 45 minutes Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Sports • Free time activities • Travel plans • Festivals • Holiday activities • Holiday accommodation Grammar Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past, present and future tenses • Adjectival agreement • Opinion phrases • Phrases followed by an infinitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ActiveLearn on the Active Hub for the exam board • Spanish Revision Guides • Class books and folders • Seneca • BBC Bitesize
RE One exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	Paper 1 Christianity: Christianity Beliefs and Teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key beliefs • Jesus Christ and salvation • Christianity Practice • Worship and festivals • The role of the church in the local and worldwide community Paper 2A Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contrasting beliefs on corporal punishment, the death penalty and forgiveness • Religion, crime and the causes of crime • Religion and punishment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca • BBC Bitesize • Students all have a revision guide to revise from • Attempt the exam questions in the guide
Food and Nutrition One exam: 1 hour	1. Choux pastry a. Ingredients and how to make it b. Scientific changes and functions of the ingredients c. What can go wrong 2. Nutrition a. Current healthy eating guidelines (Eatwell guide) b. Carbohydrates c. Fats – structure and reducing fat contents of the diet d. Vitamins and minerals e. Importance of dairy foods in the diet 3. Meringues a. How to stabilise them b. Changing sensory properties 4. Food spoilage a. Signs of food spoilage b. Bacteria and preventing cross contamination c. Food preservation - freezing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca – Eduqas Food Preparation and Nutrition • Online text book • Class notes • Useful revision videos: • Design and Technology GCSE: The causes of food poisoning - BBC Teach • Design and Technology KS4: Food Groups and the Eatwell Guide - BBC Teach • Conduction animation - AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition – YouTube • Resource (eduqas.co.uk) • https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/illuminate/WJEC_choux_pastry.mp4 • https://resource.download.wjec.co.uk/vtc/2019-20/illuminate/WJEC_Lemon_meringue_pie.mp4 • Food production Design and Technology - Food Preparation and Nutrition – YouTube
Health and Social Care One exam: 1 hour 15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of service users and settings. • Person Centred Values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams - Y10 and Y11 Health and Social Care
Music Two exams: 1 hour each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solo Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sheet music for performance ◦ Accompanying YouTube videos to their performance. • Listening Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Elements of Music ◦ Defying Gravity ◦ Star Wars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student folders • Flash cards • Quizlet • BBC bitesize (pearson GCSE Music) • SENECA

Subject:	Revision Topics:	Suggested Revision Materials:
Computer Science One exam: 1hour 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems Architecture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The purpose of the CPU (Fetch – Decode – Execute Cycle) ◦ Common CPU Components and their Function (ALU, CU, Cache) ◦ Von Neumann Architecture (Registers – MAR, MDR, Program Counter, Accumulator) ◦ CPU Performance (Clock Speed, Cache Size, Number of Cores) • Memory and Storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Primary Storage ◦ Secondary Storage ◦ Units (Bits, Bytes, KB, MB, GB) ◦ Data Storage – Calculating file size ◦ Compression ◦ Data representation – Images, sound, character sets • Computer Networks, Connections and Protocols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Networks and Topologies (Star & Mesh) ◦ Wired and Wireless Networks, Protocols and Layers ◦ Cloud Computing & Storage ◦ Bandwidth & Latency ◦ IP Addresses • Network Security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Threats to Computer Systems and Networks ◦ Identifying and Preventing Vulnerabilities • Algorithms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Computational Thinking ◦ Abstraction ◦ Decomposition ◦ Algorithmic Thinking • Programming Fundamentals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Variables ◦ Inputs ◦ Outputs ◦ Sequence ◦ Selection (If/Else) ◦ Iteration (Loops) ◦ Data Types (Integer/Float/String/Boolean) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson PPT • Workbook Internet • Knowledge organiser • MOOC • Quizzes
ICT One exam: 1hour 20 minutes	Unit 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing Devices • Solid-State Storage • Magnetic Storage • Optical Storage • Cloud Storage • Internal Components • System Software • Utility Software • Applications Software • Online Services • Smart Technology • Artificial Intelligence • Autonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full revision list here • Lesson PPT • Workbook Internet • Knowledge organiser • MOOC • Quizzes
Enterprise & Marketing One exam: 55 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics, risk and rewards for enterprise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Characteristics of successful entrepreneurs ◦ Potential rewards for risk taking ◦ Potential drawbacks for risk taking • Market research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of market research • Primary market research methods – advantages and disadvantages of each method • Secondary market research methods – advantages and disadvantages of each method • Qualitative and quantitative data – advantages and disadvantages of each • Types of market segmentation – 6 different types • Benefits of market segmentation • Financial viability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Types of cost and total cost calculation ◦ Revenue calculation ◦ Profit/loss calculations ◦ Break-even ◦ Importance of cash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards • Mind maps • Class notes • Knowledge organisers uploaded to Teams • Past exam questions uploaded to Teams • Mr Weir's Computer Science R067 playlist

Year 10 Trial Exam Timetable



Week:	Date:	9:00am	1:00pm
2	Monday 20 April 2026	Geography - 1h 30m	RE - 1h 45m
	Tuesday 21 April 2026	Maths (Non Calculator) - 1h 30m	Spanish Listening (2 Sessions) - 0h 45m
	Wednesday 22 April 2026	Science - Biology - 1h 15m	Spanish Reading - 0h 45m
	Thursday 23 April 2026	English Literature - 1h 45m	
	Friday 24 April 2026	History (Paper 1) - 1h 20m	Sociology - 1h 00m
Week:	Date:	9:00am	1:00pm
1	Monday 27 April 2026	Maths (Calculator) - 1h 30m	Enterprise & Marketing - 0h 55m Food & Nutrition - 1h 00m ICT 1h 20m
	Tuesday 28 April 2026	Music Performing - 1h 00m PE - 1h 15m	Computer Science - 1h 00m
	Wednesday 29 April 2026	Science - Chemistry - 1h 15m	Music Listening - 1h 00m
	Thursday 30 April 2026	Spanish Writing - 0h 45m	Health & Social Care - 1hr 15m
	Friday 1 May 2026	Science - Physics - 1h 15m	History (Paper 2) - 0h 55m

- P.E. practical exam will take place on Wednesday 15 April (all day)

Exam Board Information



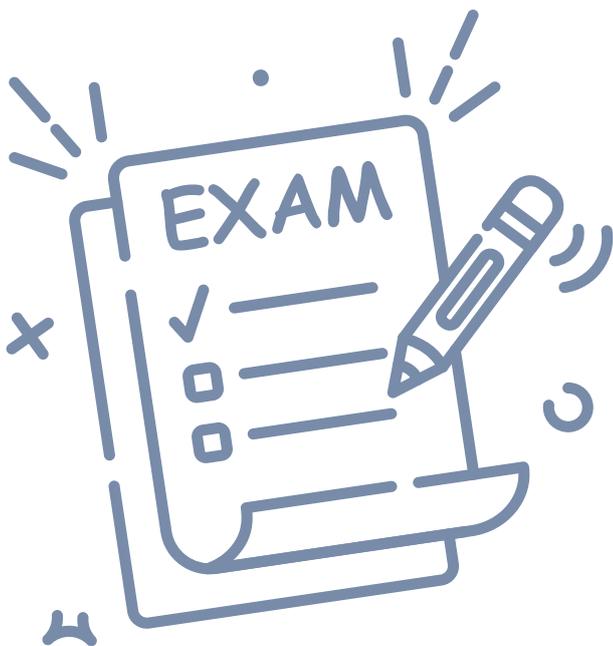
Subject:	Exam Board Information:
Maths	<u>OCR - Higher Tier</u> <u>Pearson Edexcel- Foundation</u>
English	<u>AQA English - Language and Literature</u>
Science	<u>AQA Science - Trilogy and Separate Sciences</u>
Spanish	<u>Edexcel Spanish</u>
Geography	<u>AQA Geography.</u>
History	<u>Pearson Edexcel History.</u>
Art and Design	<u>AQA Art and Design</u>
Computer Science	<u>OCR Computer Science</u>
ICT	<u>Level 1/2 Vocational Award ICT (Technical Award)</u>
Enterprise and Marketing	<u>OCR Enterprise and Marketing</u>
Food Preparation and Nutrition	<u>EDUQAS Food Preparation and Nutrition</u>
Health and Social Care	<u>OCR Health and Social Care</u>
Music	<u>Music Edexcel</u>
Performing Arts	<u>EDUQAS Performing Arts</u>
Photography	<u>AQA Photography.</u>
Physical Education	<u>AQA Physical Education</u>
Sport Science	<u>Sport Science Level 1/Level 2</u>
Religious Education	<u>AQA Religious Education</u>
Sociology	<u>AQA Sociology.</u>
Textiles	<u>AQA Textiles</u>



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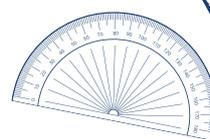
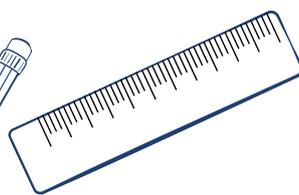
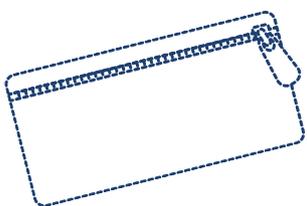
Trial Exams - Monday 20 April to Friday 1 May



- Students are under formal exam conditions once they enter the exam room.
- No talking or communicating is permitted with other students in the exam room. Any students caught breaking this rule will be reported to the exam board.
- If students have a question or any problems, they must speak to an exam invigilator.
- Students must not write anything on their exam paper until told to do so by an invigilator.

Access Arrangements

- Access arrangements allow students with specific needs, such as special educational needs and disabilities to access an exam.
- Not all students with additional needs will require access arrangements in exams and the support offered must reflect their normal way of working in lessons.
- Teachers must provide evidence to show that an arrangement is needed during an exam and this evidence will be shared with an appointed assessor who will conduct an assessment to see if the student qualifies.
- If the student is not using any additional support in lessons, then they will not be given any additional support in exams.
- School can receive up to 3 exam related inspections each year, including one on the provision of access arrangements and if we are found to be breaking the rules, this constitutes malpractice and student's grades could be affected.
- Although parents and outside agencies can request that school consider an access arrangement for a student, it will be the school who makes the final decision based on the evidence from teachers and the assessors report.



Candidates must not be in possession of the following items:

- Mobile phones - **switched off, in a pouch and stored in the student's bag**
- Airpods
- Earphones/Earbuds - if any students wear their hair down or wear religious clothing e.g. a headscarf, please be aware that they may be asked to show an invigilator or member of staff that nothing is being concealed.
- iPods
- MP3/4 players or similar devices
- Wrist watch - a clock is on display in all rooms
- Smart glasses
- Any other smart devices



All of the above items must be **switched off** during an exam and **placed in their bags** - students can be disqualified from an exam if, for example, their mobile phone disturbs an exam, even if it was not in their possession. If students do not want to leave such items in their bag, they can be handed to an invigilator once they enter the room. **Once the exam begins, possession of any unauthorised items will result in immediate disqualification from that exam and potentially all exams taken in that exam series.**

Candidates need on the day:

- Students can bring in a bottle of water but the bottle must be transparent with all labels removed and it must not have any patterns, writing or measurements on - if it does it will be removed from their possession and returned at the end.
- Pockets must be completely empty, and they must not be in possession of any reference material e.g. paper, notes, revision cards etc. relating to any subject.
- No writing on hands, arms, legs etc.
- Must be in full school uniform.

Students are responsible for bringing all equipment with them including:

- Clear pencil case - must be see through and have no writing on at all.
- Black pens only
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Calculator - lids/cases must be kept in bags (if the front of an exam paper states calculators are not allowed, they must be kept in bags)
- Maths equipment - protractor/compass



Revision Tips!

Strategy One:



Have your timetable in clear view to keep you on track.

Clear the area - have a desk you can go to to revise.



Study Space

Use a timer, alarm or a clock to keep track.



Stick post-it notes around your room to help recall key facts.

Strategy Two:

Use both sides: one side for the title and the other for the facts.



Write 5 to 10 points per card - record only the key info on there!



Use COLOUR, images, diagrams doodles, and photos.



Write facts in CAPITAL LETTERS as it takes longer and helps your brain to process the info.

Strategy Three:

Active Recording:

- Record the question
- Leave a space
- Record the answer

Flexibility to record longer pieces or shorter sound bites.



On-the-Go! Revise anytime, anywhere!



Digital Recording

Repeat hearing the information.



Practice Questions - answer in your head, you don't always have to write!

Use the active recording strategies to help with retrieval of facts.

Strategy Four:

Bullet point key information to remember.

Create a mind map for each topic covered within the subject.



Record all the key definitions.

Add images and diagrams.



Connect ideas with colour

Stick on a wall so you can see each time you walk past.

Hide parts with post-its to recall facts.

Strategy Five:

www.revisionworld.com



Practise using past papers.



Use exam board model answers.



Use exam board mark schemes.

Strategy Six:

[BBC Bitesize - click here!](#)



[SENECA - click here!](#)

Quiz your Knowledge

[Quizlet - click here!](#)



[Education Quizzes - click here!](#)

Strategy Seven:

Verbal - reciting notes and answering questions out loud.

CHATTER

Audio - GCSE revision podcasts are a great resource!

Visual - watch revision videos or draw diagrams.



Solitary - focus on yourself!



Social - learning with a friend or in a group.



Strategy Eight:

Smaller chunks of time are sometimes more effective.



Choose a timeslot in the day which suits you best.



Be realistic with your timeslots.



Create a visual timetable and tick off when you have completed the block.

Example Revision Timetable



Week Beginning: _____

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	TIME	Saturday	Sunday
4:00 - 4:30pm	Go to friend's house	Trampolining Club	Prenton Theatre Company Rehearsal	Go to the Gym	R.E.	11:00 - 11:30am	Maths	English
4:30 - 5:00pm	Go to friend's house	Shower	Prenton Theatre Company Rehearsal	Shower	Spanish	11:30 - 12:00pm	Science	Spanish
5:00 - 6:00pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch	Lunch
6:00 - 6:30pm	Maths	English	Science	Geography	Free evening	12:30 - 1:00pm	Free Time	Free Time
6:30 - 7:00pm	Health and Social	R.E.	Swimming Club	Spanish	Free evening	1:00 - 1:30pm	Free Time	Free Time
7:00 - 7:30pm	Go to the Gym	Relax	Relax	Yoga	Free evening	1:30 - 2:00pm	Free Time	Geography



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