YEAR 11

PROGRESS EXAMS

Revision and Preparation Booklet

What do I need to revise and what can I do to support my revision?

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Effective Revision 1

Use Active Recall: Retrieve knowledge instead of simply rereading it.

Retrieval practice

Close the book or website and bring information to mind from memory. Use flashcards, quizzes, blank-page recall and short exam questions. Check the answer afterwards and correct gaps.

Practical example: For Biology, write everything remembered about cell structure, then use notes to add missing detail in a different colour.

Flashcards that make you think

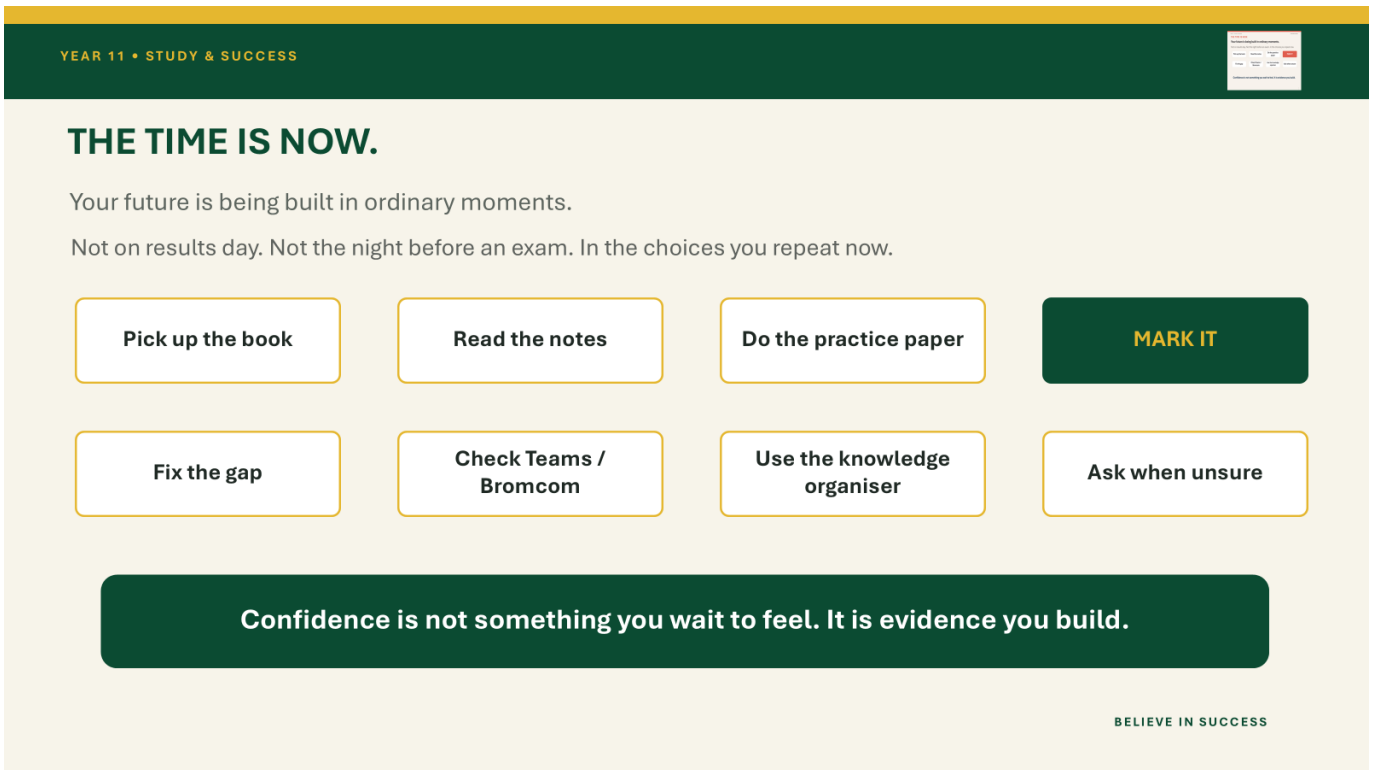
Put a precise question or cue on the front and a short, accurate answer on the back. Say the answer before turning the card over. Keep difficult cards in the frequent-practice pile.

Practical example: Front: What were two weaknesses of the League of Nations? Back: Lack of its own army; decisions often required unanimity.

The testing effect

Testing is part of learning, not just a way to measure it. Mix short factual questions with longer questions that require explanation, analysis or calculation. Use past papers and mark schemes wherever possible.

Practical example: Complete five Maths questions without notes, mark them, then redo every incorrect question from a blank page.



Effective Revision 2

Space revision over time and revisit material before it is forgotten.

Spacing

Use several shorter revision sessions across days and weeks rather than one long block. Revisit the same material after increasing gaps. Don't just revise a topic once, return back to it multiple times.

Practical example: Revise a topic today, test it again after two days, then one week later.

Interleaving

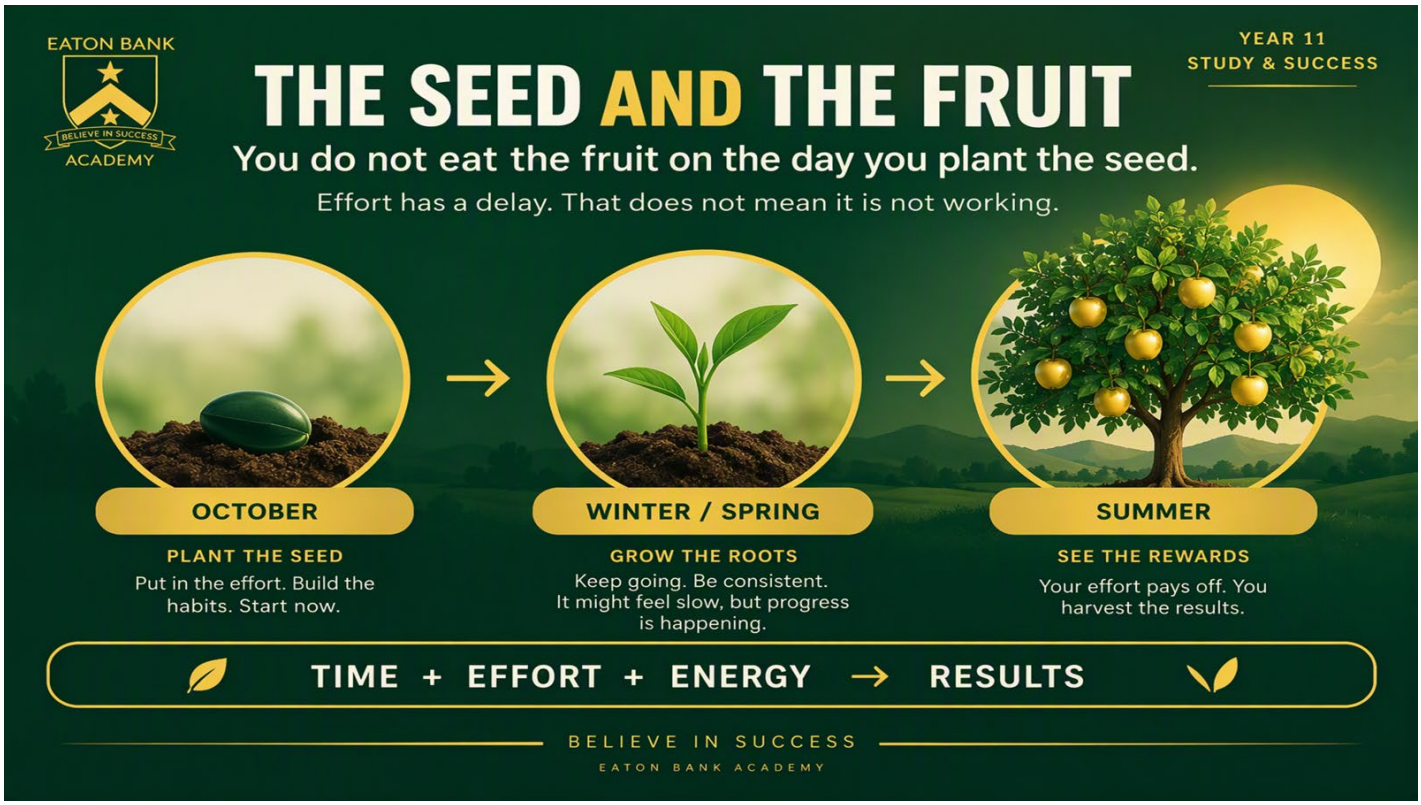
Mix related topics or question types so that you must choose the correct method. This improves discrimination and flexible application. Focus on the areas you are least confident on most.

Practical example: In Maths, mix algebra, ratio and geometry questions rather than completing twenty identical questions.

A realistic weekly plan

Plan specific subjects and tasks, not vague blocks labelled revision. Include breaks, normal lessons, homework and rest. Prioritise weaker areas while continuing to revisit strengths.

Practical example: 4.00-4.25: English quotation recall; 4.30-4.55: Chemistry calculations; 5.00: mark and record next steps.



Effective Revision 3

Turn knowledge into examination performance through deliberate practice.

Past-paper practice

Begin with individual questions, then sections, then full papers under timed conditions. Use the correct exam board, paper and tier. Mark carefully using the mark scheme.

Practical example: Answer one 12-mark Business question in the recommended time, then improve it using the mark scheme.

Learn from mistakes

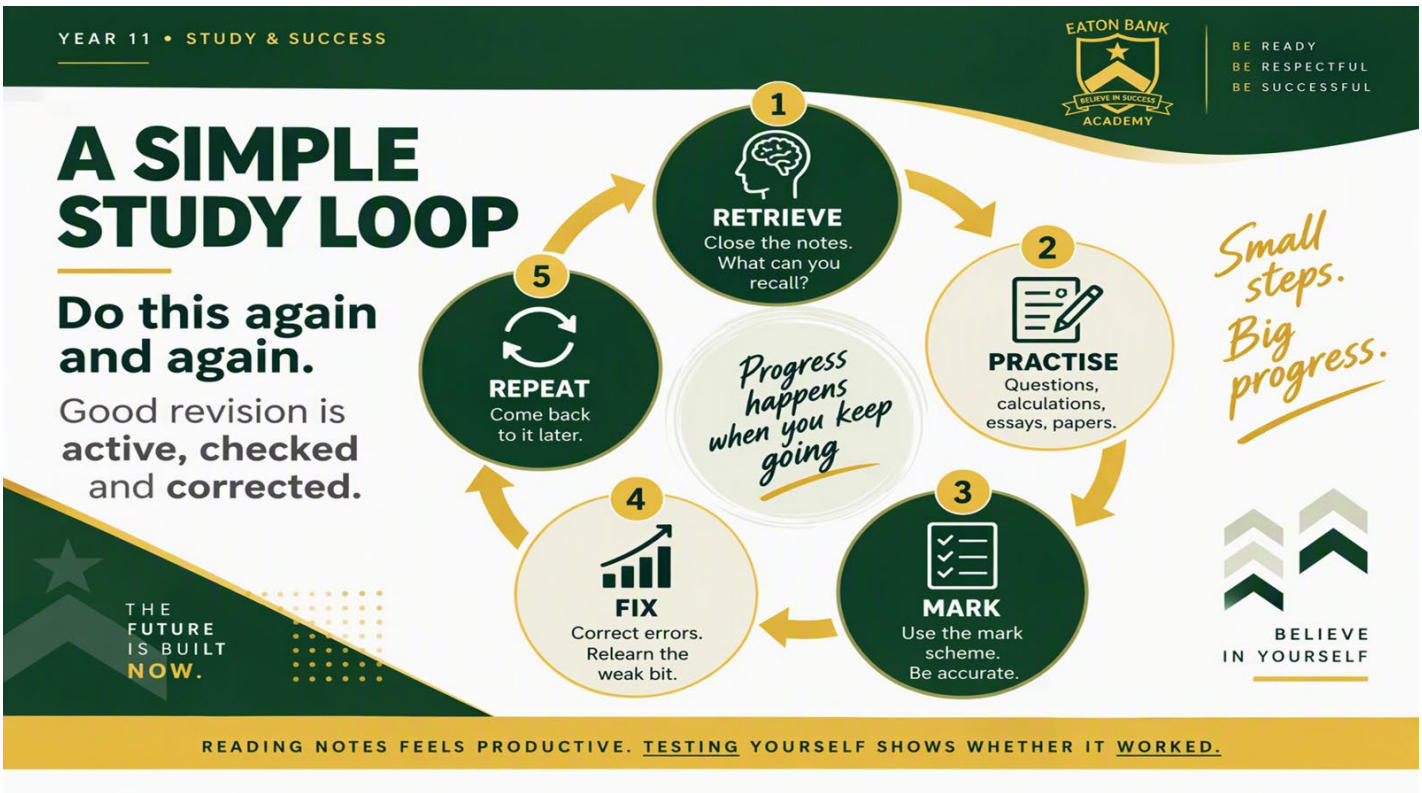
Keep an error log. Record the topic, the mistake, the correct method or knowledge, and when it will be retested. Redo the question without looking at the answer.

Practical example: Error: confused mitosis and meiosis. Action: create comparison flashcard and retest on Friday.

Protect focus and wellbeing

Use a quiet workspace, remove phone notifications and prepare resources before starting. Work in focused blocks with short breaks. Continue to sleep, eat and exercise normally.

Practical example: Try a 25-minute focused block followed by a 5-minute break, then review what was achieved before the next block.



Maths

EXAM DATES | Friday 27 November - Paper 1 (AM) • Tuesday 1 December - Paper 2 (PM) • Thursday 3 December - Paper 3 (PM)

What do I need to revise?

Paper 1

- Non-calculator

Paper 2

- Calculator

Paper 3

- Calculator

Important

- Content from across your time at high school can be assessed in these papers.

What should I do to revise?

- Complete weekly homework on Sparx Maths. This is all revision and retrieval content.
- Use your personal learning checklists from recent class tests to practise weaker skills through Independent Learning on Sparx.
- Practise past papers and check that you have the correct tier. Past papers are also available from the bookshelf on the maths corridor.
- Use CorbettMaths to target specific skills through worksheets and past-paper questions.
- Attend your class revision intervention sessions after school on Thursdays.

English Language

EXAM DATES | Tuesday 24 November - Paper 1 (AM) • Tuesday 1 December - Paper 2 (AM)

What do I need to revise?

Paper 1

- Nineteenth-century non-fiction: identify, evaluate and language.
- Transactional writing and the Transactional Toolkit.

Paper 2

- Contemporary texts: identify, language and structure, and comparison.
- War Story.

Exam board

- Pearson Edexcel GCSE English Language 2.0.

What should I do to revise?

- Learn your war story by practising it verbally with someone at home.
- Generate and annotate high-quality examples of transactional writing for techniques, punctuation, sentence types and adaptations for purpose, audience and form.
- Learn the procedures for analysis, evaluate, identify and compare questions.
- Complete timed responses for each question type and follow the timing guidance in your paper breakdown booklets.
- Write opening and concluding paragraphs, using bookending, for a range of transactional tasks.

English Literature

EXAM DATES | Friday 27 November - Paper 1 (PM) • Wednesday 2 December - Paper 2 (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1: Edexcel GCSE • Blood Brothers essay. • Macbeth extract and essay. **Paper 2: Edexcel GCSE** • A Christmas Carol extract. • Anthology poetry. • Unseen poetry.	• Learn a minimum of 10 key quotations per text and understand the techniques used within them. • Know the plot of Blood Brothers and Macbeth, and understand Stave One of A Christmas Carol. • Revise the historical contexts of Blood Brothers, Macbeth and Conflict Poetry. Create fact files. • Revise key language and structure terminology. Practise identifying and analysing techniques in anthology and unseen poetry. • Create timeline plans for five significant moments for key characters and themes in Blood Brothers and Macbeth.

Biology

EXAM DATE | Monday 23 November (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Cell Biology • Organisation • Infection and response • Bioenergetics	• Use the revision lists and follow the links to GCSE Bitesize. • Watch Free Science Lessons video clips. • Use Physics & Maths Tutor to download and complete exam questions. • Complete exam questions or revision tasks set by your teacher. • Create mind maps or flashcards of key knowledge and test yourself.

Chemistry

EXAM DATE | Thursday 26 November (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Atomic structure and the periodic table • Bonding, structure and properties of matter • Quantitative chemistry • Chemical changes • Energy changes	• Use the revision lists and follow the links to GCSE Bitesize. • Watch Free Science Lessons video clips. • Use Physics & Maths Tutor to download and complete exam questions. • Complete exam questions or revision tasks set by your teacher. • Create mind maps or flashcards of key knowledge and test yourself.

Physics

EXAM DATE | Monday 30 November (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Energy • Electricity • Particle model of matter • Atomic structure	• Use the revision lists and follow the links to GCSE Bitesize. • Watch Free Science Lessons video clips. • Use Physics & Maths Tutor to download and complete exam questions. • Complete exam questions or revision tasks set by your teacher. • Create mind maps or flashcards of key knowledge and test yourself.

Geography

EXAM DATES | Tuesday 24 November - Paper 1 (PM) • Thursday 3 December - Paper 2 (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Natural Hazards • Living World • Coasts • Rivers **Paper 2** • Urban Issues and Challenges • Fieldwork: Teggs Nose and Bollington	• Complete past papers. • Use GCSEPod, your books and SharePoint to create mind maps. • Use GCSEPod, your books and SharePoint to create flashcards. • Test yourself with a friend or family member. • Use GCSE Bitesize for AQA Geography. • Use your revision guide to make flashcards or mind maps.

History

EXAM DATES | Wednesday 25 November - Paper 1 (AM) • Friday 4 December - Paper 2 (PM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Conflict and Tension, 1918-1939 • Germany, 1890-1945 **Paper 2** • Health and the People **Important** • Everything studied so far in the GCSE could be assessed on the two papers.	• Create revision mind maps for each topic area. • Create and use question-and-answer flashcards to test key course knowledge. • Watch GCSEPod videos to strengthen your understanding. • Answer past-paper questions from the pack provided in lessons. • Attend History revision sessions on Thursdays after school or Humanities Hub on Wednesdays.

PRE

EXAM DATES | Thursday 26 November - Paper 1 (PM) • Monday 7 December - Paper 2 (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 • Christianity: Beliefs and Practices • Islam: Beliefs and Practices **Paper 2** • Theme B: Religion and Life • Theme C: God and Revelation **Important** • Everything studied so far in the GCSE course could be assessed across the two papers.	• Create revision mind maps for each topic area. • Create and use question-and-answer flashcards to test key course knowledge. • Watch GCSEPod videos to strengthen your understanding. • Answer past-paper questions from lesson packs and use the Christianity and Islam workbooks. • Attend PRE revision sessions during core: Week 1 Friday or Week 2 Wednesday. Check your invite or ask your PRE teacher. Humanities Hub also runs on Wednesdays.

German

EXAM DATES | Monday 23 November - Listening and Reading (PM) • Friday 4 December - Writing (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 - Listening • Questions and answers in English and dictation. **Paper 3 - Reading** • Questions and answers in English and translation into English. **Paper 4 - Writing** • Foundation: photo card, 50-word task, sentence translation and 90-word task. • Higher: 90-word task, 150-word task and translation into German. **Important** • Everything studied so far could be assessed across the three papers.	• Create mind maps for topic vocabulary. • Complete ACTION brainstorms. • Revise tenses and verb conjugations. • Attend core-time intervention or after-school intervention. • Complete past papers.

Spanish

EXAM DATES | Wednesday 2 December - Listening and Reading (PM) • Friday 4 December - Writing (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1 - Listening • Questions and answers in English and dictation. **Paper 3 - Reading** • Questions and answers in English and translation into English. **Paper 4 - Writing** • Foundation: photo card, 50-word task, sentence translation and 90-word task. • Higher: 90-word task, 150-word task and translation into Spanish. **Important** • Everything studied so far could be assessed across the three papers.	• Create mind maps for topic vocabulary. • Complete ACTION brainstorms. • Revise tenses and verb conjugations. • Attend core-time intervention or after-school intervention. • Complete past papers.

PE

EXAM DATES | Wednesday 25 November - Paper 1 (PM) • Monday 7 December - Paper 2 (PM) • Thursday 10 December - Practical (full day)

What do I need to revise?

Paper 1 - Anatomy and Physiology

- Functions of the skeleton
- Antagonistic muscle pairs
- Cardiorespiratory system
- Pathway of blood
- Blood vessels: vasodilation and vasoconstriction
- Pathway of air
- Lung volume and spirometer trace test
- Effects of exercise and recovery methods
- Levers, planes and axes
- Physical training: components, methods and principles
- Warm-ups, cool-downs and training seasons

Paper 2 - Socio-cultural Influences

- Health and fitness
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Obesity and somatotypes
- Energy balance, diet and nutrition
- Skill classification
- Goals and SMART goals
- Information processing
- Guidance and feedback
- Arousal theory and stress management
- Personality, motivation and aggression

What should I do to revise?

- Create and use question-and-answer flashcards.
- Create mind maps using your notes and revision guides.
- Practise past-paper questions.
- Use Everlearner videos and online quizzes.
- Test yourself with a friend or family member.

Media

EXAM DATE | Monday 23 November (PM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Paper 1: Section A • Magazine front covers: GQ and Vogue • Film posters: The Man with the Golden Gun and No Time to Die • Advertising: Quality Street and This Girl Can • Newspapers: The Sun and The Guardian **Paper 1: Section B** • The Archers • Fortnite	• Read the Eduqas factsheets for each case-study text on Teams. • Create flashcards of key terminology using your notes and factsheets. • Create mind maps using your notes and factsheets. • Annotate front covers of unseen newspapers, magazines and adverts. • Practise past-paper questions.

Computing

EXAM DATES | Thursday 26 November - Paper 1 (PM) • Monday 7 December - Paper 2 (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Exam papers • Edexcel GCSE Computer Science • Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science • Paper 2: Computational Thinking and Programming **Revision bundle** • Teams contains videos and slides on every topic, past papers and a key-topic revision list.	**Paper 1** • CPU and architecture • Memory and storage • Wired and wireless networks and protocols • Security threats and prevention • Ethical, legal and environmental issues • Data representation: binary, text, images and sound • Software: operating systems, utilities and translators **Paper 2** • Algorithms, searching and sorting • Programming constructs and subroutines • Data types and operators • 1D and 2D arrays • Defensive design and testing • File handling • Pseudocode and flowcharts

Art

EXAM DATES | Wednesday 9 December - Day 1 (full day) • Tuesday 15 December - Day 2 (full day)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Mock practical exam • No revision is needed. • The mock practical examination lasts 10 hours.	• Attend after-school sessions on Tuesdays until 4.30 pm to ensure that you are fully prepared.

Art Textiles

EXAM DATES | Group A: Wednesday 9 and Wednesday 16 December • Group B: Monday 14 and Thursday 17 December

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Mock practical exam • No revision is needed. • The mock practical examination lasts 10 hours.	• Attend after-school sessions on Thursdays until 4.30 pm to ensure that you are fully prepared.

3D Design

EXAM DATES | Tuesday 8 December - Day 1 (AM) • Friday 11 December - Day 2 (full day)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Mock practical exam • No revision is needed. • The mock practical examination lasts 10 hours.	• Attend after-school sessions on Tuesdays until 4.30 pm to ensure that you are fully prepared.

Food

EXAM DATE | Monday 23 November (PM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Exam format • Any topic studied may appear on the examination paper. • One examination paper. • 1 hour 45 minutes. • 100 marks. • A mixture of short answers, paragraphs and essay questions.	• Revise food commodities, principles of nutrition, diet and good health, the science of food, and where food comes from. • Work through the revision book provided and use the model answers at the back. • Use the red booklet to make flashcards and mind maps. • Use Seneca, ensuring that you select Eduqas rather than AQA. • Use the Eduqas Food Preparation and Nutrition website for past papers and mark schemes. • Use GCSEPod video clips.

Business

EXAM DATE | Monday 30th November - Paper 1 (PM)

What do I need to revise?

Content

- **Pearson Edexcel | Paper 1: Investigating Small Business (Theme 1)**

All five topics from Theme 1:

- **1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship** – business ideas, risk and reward, entrepreneurs
- **1.2 Spotting a business opportunity** – customer needs, market research, segmentation, competition
- **1.3 Putting a business idea into practice** – aims, revenue, costs, profit, cash flow and calculations
- **1.4 Making the business effective** – ownership, location, marketing mix, business plans
- **1.5 Understanding external influences on business** – technology, legislation, the economy and external influences

Paper 1 format

- **1 hour 45 minutes | 90 marks**
  - Section A: 35 marks
  - Section B: 30 marks
  - Section C: 25 marks
  - Includes multiple-choice, calculations and written answers
  - Longer questions include 6-mark analysis, 9-mark justification and 12-mark evaluation
  - You must use the business case study when required and explain your answers using clear chains of reasoning.

What should I do to revise?

- **Knowledge organisers:** Read, cover, test yourself and check what you remember.
  - **Revision list:** Work through every topic and highlight areas you find difficult.
  - **2025 Paper 1:** Complete your practice paper under timed conditions. Use your knowledge organiser to help with questions you cannot answer.
  - **Exercise books:** Revisit your Year 10 and Year 11 notes, activities and marked assessments.
  - **Revision guides and flashcards:** Test your knowledge regularly rather than just reading.
  - **Teams:** Access all revision resources, knowledge organisers and support materials.
  - **Target grades 7–9:** Additional stretch and challenge resources are available on Teams, including harder exam questions and an extra past paper. Use these to develop more detailed analysis, application and evaluation.

Dance

EXAM DATE | Tuesday 8 December (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Section A • Hypothetical choreography • Performance-skills definitions and exercises for improvement • AQA glossary terminology **Section B** • Performance skills and rehearsal methods for set phrases and duo performance **Section C** • Anthology works: A Linha Curva, Shadows, Within Her Eyes and Infra	• Use Quizlet and flashcards for definitions. • Create anthology revision maps for the four set dances. • Watch your set-phrase and duo-performance videos; identify skills and improvement methods. • Use the past mock paper. • Complete timed responses: approximately one minute per mark and 15 minutes for a 12-mark question.

Drama

EXAM DATE | Tuesday 8 December (PM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Written exam • 1 hour 45 minutes. **Section A** • DNA by Dennis Kelly • Design Elements Knowledge Organiser • Questions worth 4-14 marks. **Section B** • Live Theatre • Curious Incident of the dog in the nighttime • This section will be explored in lessons leading up to the mock exam.	• Create revision mind maps for each scene, covering design, vocal, physical and contextual skills. • Attempt previous exam questions using the help sheets that have been provided for you • Create and use flashcards for characters, scenes, key vocabulary and context. • Watch DNA to consolidate your knowledge of the plot. • Use the workbooks and knowledge organisers for DNA, key vocabulary and design – All new ones have been added to sharepoint and are in the component 3 file • Complete timed responses.

Music

EXAM DATE | Tuesday 8 December (AM)

What do I need to revise?	What should I do to revise?
Written exam • 1 hour 15 minutes. • Eight questions: two on each Area of Study. **Areas of Study** • AOS1: Forms and Devices, including Badinerie by Bach. • AOS2: Music for Ensemble. • AOS3: Film Music. • AOS4: Popular Music: Rock and Pop, Fusion, including Africa by Toto.	• Make MAD T SHIRT flashcards and learn the meaning of each musical element and associated vocabulary. • Use musictheory.net to recap treble, bass and alto clefs, rhythms, time signatures and key signatures. • Read your Badinerie and Africa booklets. • Use the glossary to revise key words and Italian terms. • Listen to and identify orchestral instruments. • Review the Forms and Devices booklet. • Complete past-paper questions.