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Y11 Welcome Evening



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Element Code	Title	Grd1	Grd2
1HIAAR	History A Option AR	9	
1MA1H	Mathematics Option H	9	
8461H	Biology Tier H	9	
8462H	Chemistry Tier H	9	
8463H	Physics Tier H	9	
8633H	Italian Tier H	9	
8698H	Spanish Tier H	9	
8700	English Language	9	
8702PN	English Literature Option PN	9	
J277	Computer Science	9	
Subject	Title		



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Key Dates

Tuesday 15th September – Y11 Welcome Evening
Monday 2nd November– Mocks 1 begin
Tuesday 5th January – Y11 Revision Support Evening
Thursday 14th January– Y11 Parents Evening
Friday 29nd January - Mocks 2 begin
Monday 15th March – Targeted parents evening
Monday 10th May - Summer '25 Exam Series begins

Year Intervention Plan 26/27

Block 1

September – Mock 1
(7th Sept– 23rd Oct – 7 Weeks)

Mock 1

Post Mock Fortnight

Year 10 Exam Data

**Morning Intervention –
Maths, English & Science**

Tutors

Hi, Gg,
Lang

P6 Intervention*

*Tuesday – Hum (1) Lang (2)
Wednesday – Science
Thursday – Maths
Friday - English*

P6 – Exam timetable

P6 – Open

Block 2

Mock 1 – Mock 2
(30th Nov – Mock 3 – 7 Weeks)

Mock 2

Post Mock Fortnight

Mock 1 Data

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P6 Intervention*

*Tuesday – Hum (1) Lang (2)
Wednesday – Science
Thursday – Maths
Friday - English*

P6 – Exam timetable

P6 – Open

Block 3

Mock – Final Exams
(8th March – Final Exams – 7 Weeks)

Mock 2 Data

**Morning Intervention –
Maths, English & Science**

P6 Intervention*

*Tuesday – Hum (1) Lang (2)
Wednesday – Science
Thursday – Maths
Friday - English*



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Intervention



Intervention

- What is it?
- When is it?
- Is it useful?



Period 6 Intervention

Week 1

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography History	Science	Maths	English

Week 2

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Languages	Science	Maths	English

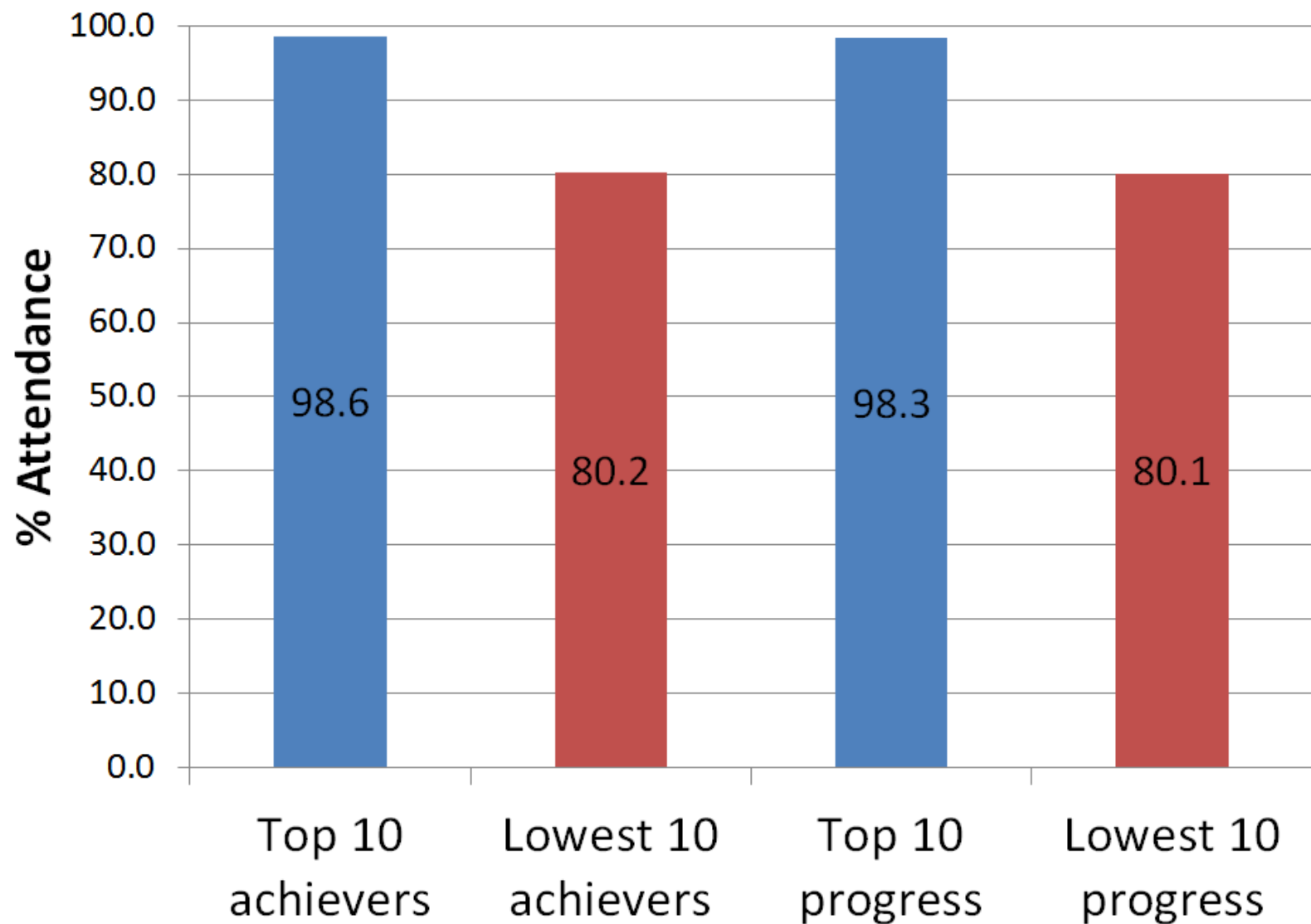


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Attendance



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Attendance Ladder





Additional Attendance Information

- No authorised holidays this year
- Fixed penalty notices issued for 10 unauthorised absences each term
- Provisional date of the last GCSE exam (23rd June)
 - Please don't book holidays before this date
- Reoccurring illnesses/concerns procedures
- Support available on request - please get in touch
- Please keep your contact information up to date



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How Parents can Support Students at Home

- Encourage attendance
- Encourage further work
- Be inquisitive



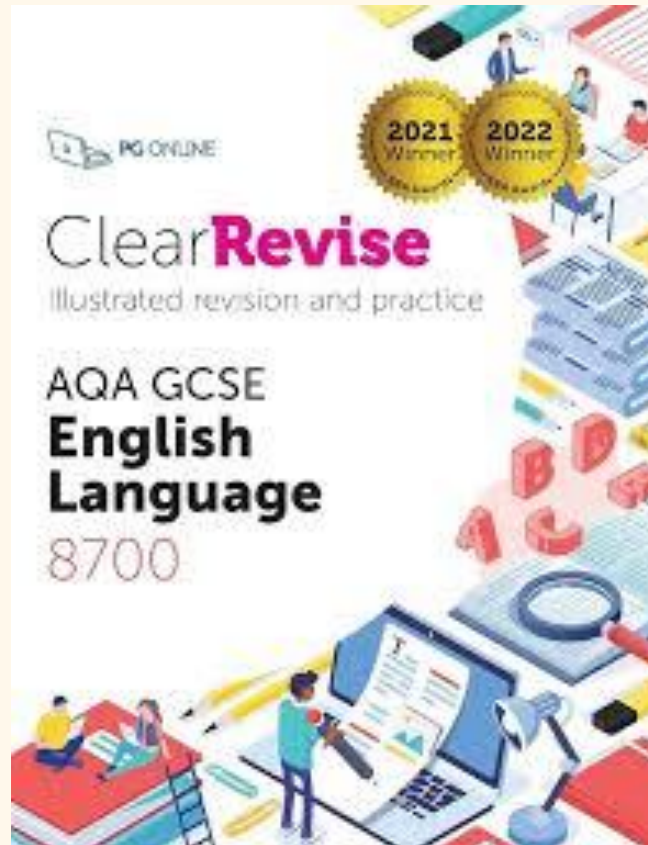
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English



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What Students are Currently Studying in English





Effects of war, comparing 'War Photographer' and 'Remains'.

Question	AO2 Term	Analysis	Remains	Quotation	AO2 Term	Analysis
						
arkroom ally th f ; set out ed rows'	Metaphor, sibilance, phrase	The suggestion that the speaker may be "okay" once removed from the war zone is undermined by the haunting imagery that follows. The poet uses the metaphor "spools of suffering", with the word "spools" evoking images of film reels or photographic negatives, suggesting that the speaker is mentally replaying traumatic memories—unwinding scenes of pain and loss. The sibilance ('s') creates a soft, sinister whispering effect, mirroring the quiet persistence of trauma. It implies that the suffering is not over; it continues to unspool in the speaker's mind, even in moments of physical safety. "ordered rows" introduces a visual image that is both clinical and unsettling. On one level, it may describe the neat arrangement of photographs or files, but it also evokes the imagery of war graves—rows of headstones in military cemeteries.	In 'Remains', Armitage explores the effects of war through the lasting impact of conflict on soldiers.	'legs it up the road, probably armed, possibly not.'	Colloquial language, informal tone, rhythm, alliteration	Use of colloquial language, informal tone, and rhythm, possibly alliteration, to convey the speaker's experience of war and the emotional impact of the images.
ing is ng. A 's faintly fore his half-ghost'	Word, verb, adjective	The word "twist" evokes a visceral image of violent distortion, referencing the physical destruction of bodies, buildings, and landscapes in war zones. It suggests not only the literal mangling of the physical world but also the emotional and psychological contortion experienced by those who witness or survive such devastation. The verb carries a sense of unnatural force, implying that war warps everything it touches—morality, memory, and even identity. The adjective "ghostly" introduces a layer of spiritual and psychological haunting. On one level, it may allude to the religious symbolism of ghosts or souls, suggesting the presence of the dead or the lingering weight of guilt and grief. On another level, it reflects the mental state of the speaker, who is haunted by traumatic memories—an allusion to PTSD.		'One of my mate goes by and tosses his guts back into his body'	Imagery, verb, contrast, informal language	This is graphic, physical, and almost cartoonish. The speaker is forced to witness the aftermath of war, and the experience is described in a way that is both shocking and disturbing. The reference to "guts" is a powerful image of the physical and emotional trauma of war.
der's prick rs the d pre-ers'	Internal rhyme, verb	On returning to rural England, the photographer reflects on how his images will be received, questioning their impact. The internal rhyme of "tears" and "beers" highlights the emotional disconnect between the suffering depicted and the casual, everyday life of the viewer. The verb "prick" suggests a brief, superficial pain, implying that the audience's reaction is fleeting and lacks real empathy. This moment captures the photographer's disillusionment, as he confronts the limits of emotional engagement and the ineffectiveness of his work in provoking lasting change.		'not left for dead in some distant, sun-stunned, sand-smothered land'	Sibilance, sensory images, volta	The sibilant harshness of the language, the sensory images of "sun-stunned, sand-smothered land", and the volta (turn) in the poem, which connects the speaker's experience to the audience's, all contribute to the poem's powerful impact.

- Ask about the topics we are studying in lessons.
- Talk to the students about the fortnightly revision topic. Help them learn key quotations and analysis.
- Help by quizzing the students about the themes and characters. Use online resources to help with this.
- Encourage students to re-read the texts or listen to audio-book version.
- Stick key quotations on the fridge.
- Help them to organise the notes that they bring home.



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Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in English



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Maths



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What Students are Currently Studying in Maths

**Simultaneous
equations
Ratio & Proportion
Area & Volume
Similarity &
Congruence
Sequences & Proof
Standard Form
Work with Circle**

**Set Notation & Venn
diagrams
Vectors (H only)
Functions & Graphs
Equations & Formulae
Rates
Angles, Bearings &
Trigonometry
Construction & Loci
Transformations**

Exam dates

**P1 (non-calculator)
14 May 2027**
**P2 (calculator)
27 May 2027**
**P3 (calculator)
14 June 2027**



How Parents can Support Students at Home in Maths

Case 1 A parent says: "I was never good at Maths, so my child probably won't be good at Maths either."

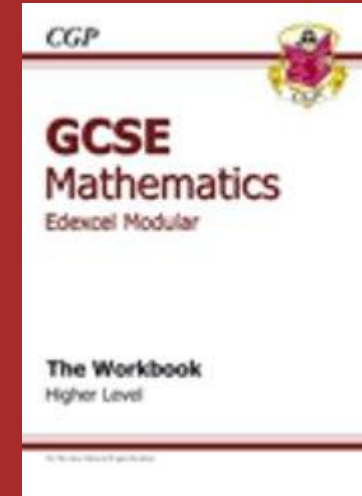
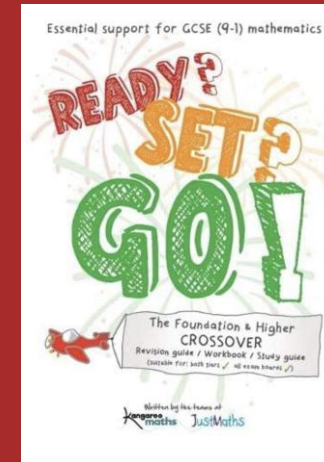
Case 2 A student works hard and keeps practising until she get the correct answer.

Case 3 A student says: "I can do it in my head, so I'll just write down the answer. It saves me time."



Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in Maths

- SPARX – Homework, independent learning
- Maths Genie
- CGP Revision book, The Crossover Book (parents pay)
- OnMaths
- Studymaths.co.uk
- Corbettmaths
- Drfrostmaths
- www.mrmorleymaths.co.uk





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Science



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What Students are Currently Studying in Science

All students, both triple and combined students are currently studying the content in paper 2.

More details on the individual topics can be found on the science long term plan on the school website.



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How Parents can Support Students at Home in Science

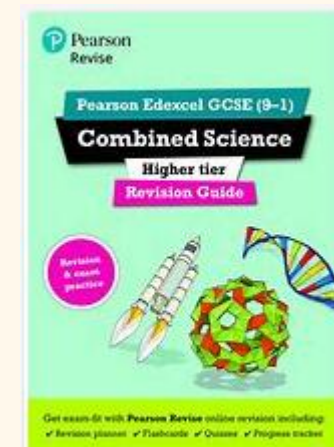
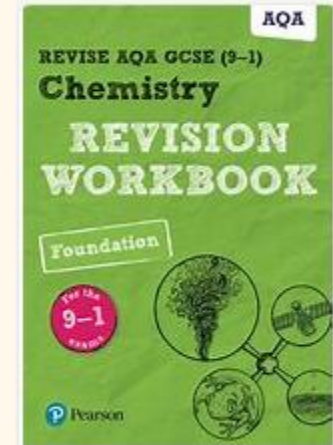
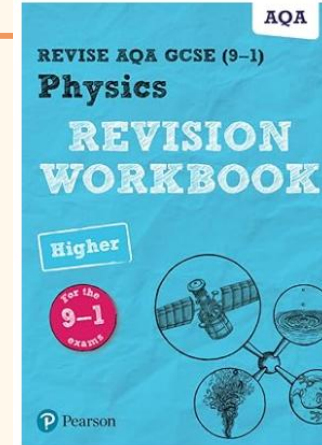
Homework on Sparx Science is set weekly on a Thursday and due in the following Wednesday.

Revision of the topics in paper 1 ready for the mock exams. Topic lists are on Class Charts.



Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in Science

- Sparx Science
- Kerboodle
- BBC bitesize – AQA trilogy or separate science
- Revision guides and workbooks on parent pay.





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Spanish: What students are doing now.

HT1: *Mi barrio y yo (My neighbourhood and I)* – describing where we live now, how it has changed and where we would like to live, and describing shopping preferences.

Preparing for mock exams, particularly the speaking exam, by learning and practising their general conversation questions.

HT2: *El mundo mejor para todos (A better world for all)* - talking about how to help in your community, climate change, actions to help the environment, and solutions.



What can I do to support my child right now?

- 1) Ensure that your child is regularly learning their vocabulary using Quizlet and/or the look/cover/write/check method. Students are given new vocabulary to learn and are tested every week.
- 2) Practise their General Conversation questions with them. Students should know which questions they need to practise for the mock speaking exams on w/c 12 October.
- 3) Encourage them to attend interventions on Tuesday Weeks 1 and 2.
- 4) Encourage them to use activehub.pearson.com for revision, their teacher will set tasks for them to complete.
- 5) Encourage them to expose themselves to target language media (films, TV, music, YouTube).



Useful resources:

- www.activehub.pearson.com
- End of chapter tests in Pearson Edexcel Spanish GCSE textbooks
- CGP Revision and Practice workbook
- CGP Exam Practice workbook
- CGP Translation skills workbook
- BBC Bitesize
- Quizlet
- Easy Spanish
- Past reading and listening papers have some use although the spec has changed.

As this is the second year of a new specification, please ensure all revision resources are for the 2026 Pearson Edexcel exam!



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Humanities



What Students are Currently Studying in GEOGRAPHY

This Half Term: Global Hazards

- Tectonic hazards – volcanoes and earthquakes
- Global Atmospheric Circulation System
- Comparison of extreme weather in Australia and the UK
- Tropical storms
- Hurricane Katrina
- Drought
- El Niño and La Niña
- UK drought 2012



Next Half Term: Sustaining Ecosystems

- Ecosystems, food chains, food pyramids and the nutrient cycle
- Biomes
- Tropical rainforest: characteristics, value to humans and how humans affect the rainforest
- Sustainable management of Costa Rica's tropical rainforest
- Polar environments: Characteristics, how humans affect the Arctic
- How the Icehotel is an example of sustainable management in the Arctic
- How different countries are sustainably managing Antarctica through the Antarctic Treaty



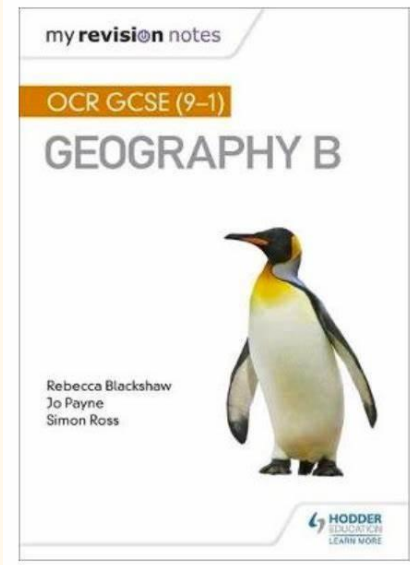
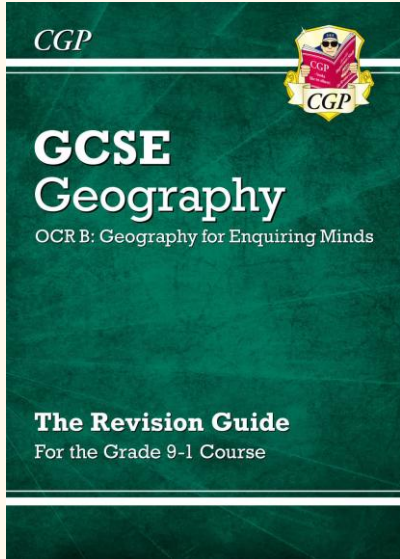
How Parents can Support Students at Home in GEOGRAPHY

- Ensure your child has signed up to Seneca so they can access revision homeworks
- Test your child on the case studies for the next 2 half terms using the case study bibles they have been given
- Test your child on the key knowledge from the knowledge organisers
- Encourage your child to answer an exam question from the case study bible so they can practise answering exam question
- Encourage your child to watch YouTube videos from the Met Office that explain weather processes and events
- Test your child on the topics they are studying using revision guides: CGP and Hodder are the most suitable. CGP have also created a set of flashcards

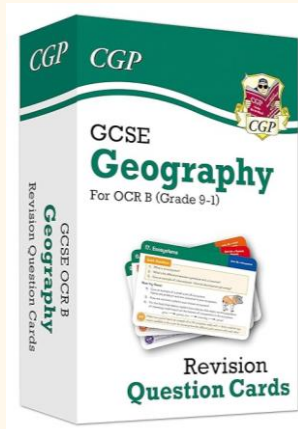


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Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in GEOGRAPHY



- Case study bibles and knowledge organisers (Your child should have a copy of these)
- Seneca
- Revision challenge sheet
- Met Office channel on YouTube
- Revision guides
- BBC Bitesize (OCR Geography B)



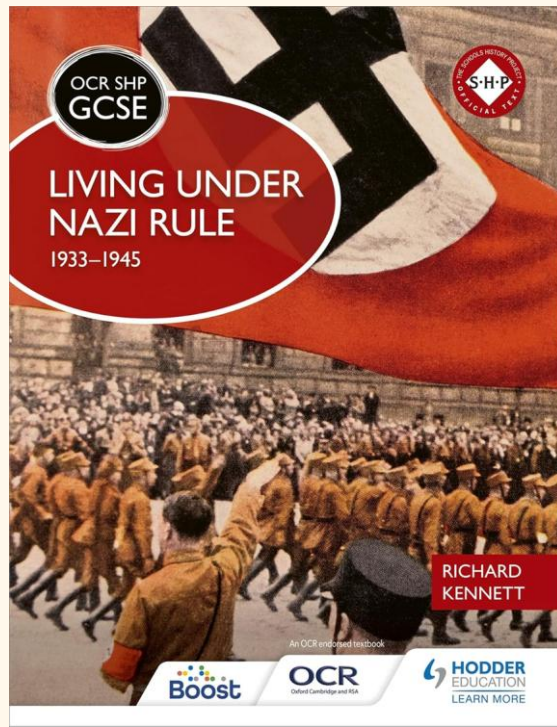


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What Students are Currently Studying in History

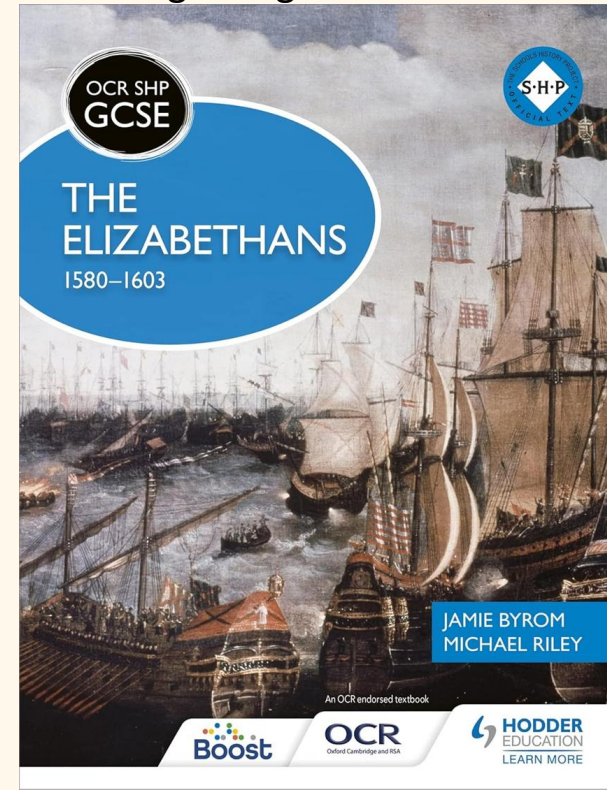
Currently...

Learners in History are currently studying Living Under Nazi Rule. This will continue on until roughly December/January. This topic will be tested in the November PPE ,alongside Y10 topics "The Making of America" and "Quarry Bank Mill"



Our next topic...

After this content Year 11 will be moving on to The Elizabethans. Students focus on source and interpretation analysis, as well as continuing their evaluative and explanative skills in relations to historical arguments regarding the Elizabethan era.



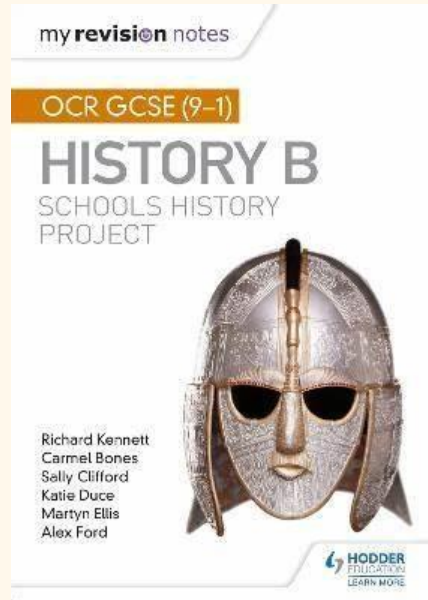
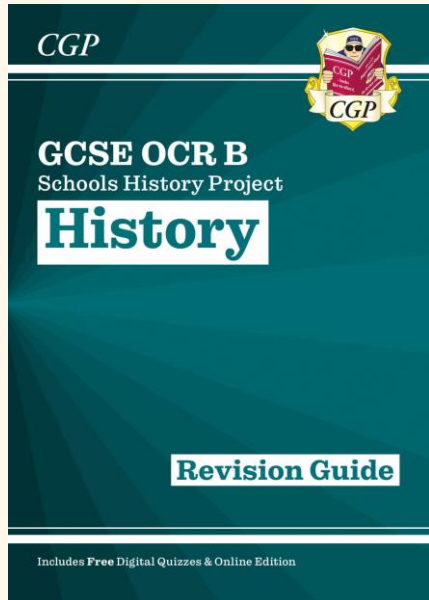
How Parents can Support Students at Home in History

- Ensure your child has signed up to Seneca so they can access revision homework
- Test your child on content from Year 10 (The People's Health, Making of America, Quarry Bank Mill) as well as Year 11 topics – this can be in the form of short quizzes or ensuring they are making revision content
- Encourage your child to answer an exam question from textbooks/teachers so they can practise answering exam questions
- Encourage your child to watch GCSE History OCR B YouTube videos from the “Helpful Resources” sections, these will break down content
- Test your child on the topics they are studying using revision guides: CGP and Hodder are the most suitable.
- Encourage your child to engage with their revision calendar—this will be a series of revision tasks, including essay questions, from the start of September until the GCSEs

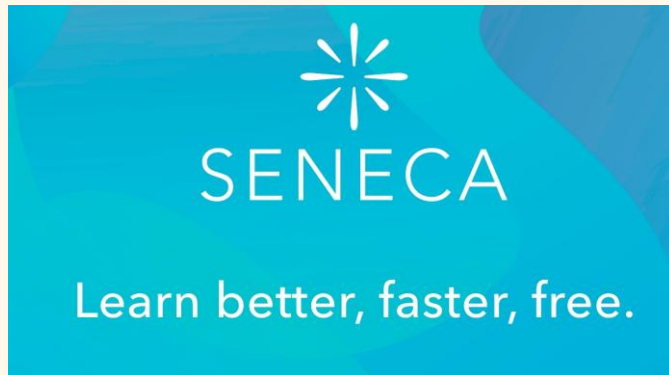


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Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in History



- Revision calendars (published on classcharts)
- Seneca
- Revision guides
- BBC Bitesize (OCR History B)
- Relevant YouTube Channels:
 - Pete Jackson
 - Dormston History





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‘Open’ Subjects



What Students are Currently Studying in Open Subjects

- Art, Performing Arts, Media, Sport Science, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Food and Cooking, Construction
- 'Open' Subjects are likely to contain:
 - A large controlled assessment element
 - Plenty of practical work
 - A focus on skills and problem solving
 - Essential extra-curricular elements (such as being a member of a sport team)
- Substantial controlled assessment elements.
 - Large projects that have written, design and practical components.
 - Very stimulating and frequently high-grading

How Parents can Support Students at Home in Open Subjects

Subject	Controlled Assessment	Examined Element
Art	60%	40%
Drama	60%	40%
Engineering	60%	40%
Media Studies	60%	40%
Sport Science	60%	40%
Health and Social Care	60%	40%
Food and Cooking	60%	40%
Construction	60%	40%

- Ensure students are meeting both mid project milestones and end of project deadlines during controlled assessment
- Support students with the practical elements that take place outside of the classroom
- Encourage students to make use of any intervention available
- Remind students they can access computers in Rm 17 to work during lunchtime



Helpful Resources for Supporting Students in Open Subjects

- Subject specific links and resources can be found in the booklet
- The BBC Bitesize website has plenty of resources for vocational qualifications (as well as GCSE)
- There are many excellent content creators on YouTube who can introduce students to advanced techniques and new ideas

YEAR 11 Mock Exam Timetable 2026

DAY	DATE	SESSION		
		AM 9:00 am – 11:00 am	MID 11:20 am – 1:20 pm	PM 2:00pm – 3.15pm
MONDAY-FRIDAY	12 th October – 16 th October 2026	MFL Speaking Exams – Spanish, Polish & Russian		
MONDAY	19 th October 2026	Group A Art Practical		
TUESDAY	20 th October 2026	Group B Art Practical		
HALF TERM				
MONDAY	2 nd November 2026	English Literature 2 hours 15 mins		MFL Listening Foundation 50 mins Higher 1 hour 5 mins
TUESDAY	3 rd November 2026	Mathematics Paper 1 1 hour 30 mins		MFL Reading Foundation 45 mins Higher 1 hour
WEDNESDAY	4 th November 2026	English Language 1 hour 45 mins		MFL Writing Foundation 1 hour Higher 1 hour
THURSDAY	5 th November 2026	Mathematics Paper 2 1 hour 30 mins	Geography Paper 1 50 mins	
FRIDAY	6 th November 2026	Combined Science – Biology Paper 1 1 hour 15 mins Biology Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins		

DAY	DATE	SESSION		
		AM 9:00 am – 11:00 am	MID 11:20 am – 1:20 pm	PM 2:00pm – 3.15pm
MONDAY	9 th November 2026	Combined Science – Chemistry Paper 1 1 hour 15 mins Chemistry Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins		Geography Paper 2 50 mins
TUESDAY	10 th November 2026	History Paper 1 (America and Germany) 1 hour 45 mins	Computer Science 1 hour 30 minutes	
WEDNESDAY	11 th November 2026	Combined Science – Physics Paper 1 1 hour 15 mins Physics Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins		
THURSDAY	12 th November 2026	Mathematics Paper 3 1 hour 30 mins		History Paper 2 (Quarry Bank Mill) 1 hour
FRIDAY	13 th November 2026	Media Studies - Storyboards 2 hours		