Upton-by-Chester High School

Year 11 Assessment
Half-term 2
Pre Public Exams
16th November – 27th November 2026

'Learning to shape the future'

The purpose of pre-public (mock) examinations is to help prepare learners for their GCSE examinations. It is a significant opportunity for learners to familiarise themselves with the exam environment and develop their exam time management skills and technique. Thorough revision and preparation for these exams is vital and will help to prepare learners for the GCSE Examinations in 2027, building momentum for learners up to this important period.

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Important dates:

PPE 1 (Mock 1)	PPE 2 (Mock 2)
16th November to 27th November	22nd February to 5th March

Year 11 PPE Assessments Half-Term 2

Details for all PPE assessments, in half term 2, for each subject are in the table below.

Subject	Topics to be covered during PPE	Suggested Revision Material, and Links.
Art	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Animal care	Component 3 exam	Google classroom, component 3 booklets and in class preparation.
Business	Full Paper 1 (Theme 1) including the following Topics ● Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship ● Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity ● Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice ● Topic 1.4 Making the business effective ● Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business	Please see the PowerPoints and PDFs on Google Classroom CGP revision Guide (Can be bought on Scopay) BBC Bitesize and SENECA learning and Erevision
Computer Science	Paper 1 - sat in hall Paper 2 - sat in classroom **Full Paper 1:** - 1.1 Systems architecture - 1.2 Memory and storage - 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols - 1.4 Network security - 1.5 Systems software - 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology **Full Paper 2:** - 2.1 Algorithms - 2.2 Programming fundamentals - 2.3 Producing robust programs - 2.4 Boolean logic - 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated	SENECA Revision Set PMT Notes for revision https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/computer-science-revision/gcse-ocr/ CGP Revision Guide available on ScoPay Previous past papers available from KDI/RSI
Dance	Component 1 - Exploring the Performing Arts: Written Coursework worth 30% of final mark. Critical appreciation and evaluation of the professional repertoire Dust by Akram Khan. This includes 1) Explore the theme, purpose, styles and features of the piece. 2) What are the roles and responsibilities of	Google Classroom - ppts/links included. First Draft is used for PPE and is due 13th Nov

	practitioners when creating the piece 3)How is the piece created 4) Practical exploration. 5) Rehearsal techniques	
Design & Technology	Component 1: 1. D&T and our world Revision guide pages 1-10. 2. Smart Materials, composites and technical materials revision guide pages 10-14. 5. Timber revision guide pages 68-80.	Eduquas website resources - http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2016-17/16-17_1-4/website/index BBC bitesize website resource lBBC Bitesize DT Textiles revision Revision book DT Revision Guide on Amazon *CPG CGP Revision Guide* (*AQA specification learner friendly book sometimes prefer to Eduqas version, same content covered)
Design & Technology - Textiles	Component 1: 1. D&T and our world Revision guide pages 1-10. 2. Smart Materials, composites and technical materials revision guide pages 10-14. 3. Mechanisms, components and devices revision guide pages 18-21. 4. Materials and their properties revision guide pages 22-33. 5.Textiles revision pages	Eduquas website resources - http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2016-17/16-17_1-4/website/index BBC bitesize website resource lBBC Bitesize DT Textiles revision Revision book DT Revision Guide on Amazon *CPG CGP Revision Guide* (*AQA specification learner friendly book sometimes prefer to Eduqas version, same content covered)
Drama	Actual Exam - Component 1 Devising Practical Exam 4 & 5th November 2. Written evaluation exam in controlled conditions in lessons. 3. Creative Log	All required materials are on Google Classroom
English Language	AQA Language Paper 2	Seneca Learning, CGP Revision guides, BBC Bitesize and AQA website for past papers. Revision planner tasks are available in learners' Google Classrooms. They also have been given a Learner Handbook and a Daily Revision planner with tasks included. Past papers also stored by the Department staff room
English Literature	English Literature: Paper 2 Section B - 'Power and Conflict Poetry'	Seneca Learning, CGP Revision guides, BBC Bitesize and AQA website for past papers (for Literature, past papers would be Paper 2 under 2018 specification). Revision planner tasks are available in learners' Google Classroom along with the printed copies of the Learner handbook and the Daily Revision planners. Past papers also stored by the Department staff room
Food - Hospitality & Catering	Unit 1 - Theory exam 40% 90 minutes. The hospitality & catering industry, Job requirements & working conditions, Factors affecting success in hospitality, Operation in front of house & back of house, Meeting customer requirements,	Class notes, Google Classroom materials in revision section, past papers on Google Classroom. BBC bitesize, EDUQAS website for blended learning resources

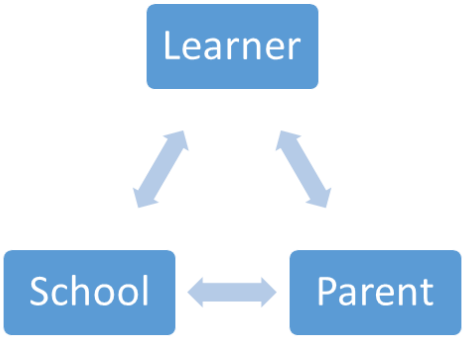
	Personal safety, Food poisoning, Food Safety legislation, Environmental health officer,	
Geography	Paper 1 - Natural Hazards includes Tectonic Hazards, Weather Hazards and Climate Change, Ecosystems and Cold environments, Coastal landscapes in the UK.Paper 2 - Changing Urban Environments including Liverpool and Rio, Changing Economic World - UK Economy, Resource Management Overview	Oxford Revision Guide use relevant chapter for each topic available via Scopay. Google classroom for lesson materials.
Art Graphics	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Health and Social Care	Component 3. written examination paper. Health and Wellbeing Length 2 hours. Revision topics will be on google classroom.	BTEC Tech Award health and Social Care Revision Guide. To purchase from amazon or book is uploaded on classroom drive. BTEC Tech Award in Health & Social Care: Revision Guide Revision Cards. New BTEC Tech Award in Health & Social Care: Revision Question Cards Revision Bundle.Health and Social Care Revision Bundle
History	The November mocks for Year 11 can draw on the following topics: 1. Medicine through time (not including unit 4 Modern Medicine) (not inc. WWI section at all Unit 5) 2. American West booklets 1-3. 3. Weimar and Nazi Germany topics 3 & 4 (e.g. Key topic 3: Nazi control and dictatorship, 1933–39 & Key topic 4: Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–39)	Learners can buy Edexcel revision guides (e.g. the four shown below. They are available to buy at a much better price from the school on ScoPay. 1. Link to medicine in Britain revision guide 2. Link to Anglo Saxon and Norman England revision guide 3. Link to Weimar And Nazi Germany revision guide on Amazon 4. Link to History Revision Guide on Amazon Revision materials will also be found on their google classroom Assignments will be set using SENECA & GCSEPod which are very well sourced for all three topics. Weekly materials are on Google Classroom to support learners .
Information Technology	During examination time learners will have an NEA immersion session with their class teacher.	
Mathematics - Foundation	Paper 1 Non-Calculator and Paper 2 Calculator at both tiers of entry. The exams will cover modules 1-7.	The Edexcel revision guides are available to purchase from school at both higher and foundation tier. Each module is linked to the appropriate pages from the revision guide. This can be found on the school website. Link: Foundation Revision Guide

Mathematics - Higher	Paper 1 Non-Calculator and Paper 2 Calculator at both tiers of entry. The exams will cover modules 1-7	The Edexcel revision guides are available to purchase from school at both higher and foundation tier. Each module is linked to the appropriate pages from the revision guide. This can be found on the school website. Link: Higher Tier Revision Guide
Mathematics - Further	Content shared through Google Classroom	Instructions shared through Google Classroom
Media Studies GCSE	Mock Exam Paper in the hall will be Paper 2 Music & News. We will include your NEA Grade (30%) for a realistic result.	A school Revision Workbook will be issued to all learners. Revision homework set this term on Show My Homework (Satchel One) / Google Classroom. Lessons and materials all on Google Classroom. Official Exam Board Text Book for OCR Media available from ScoPay.
Media BTEC	No PPE for this subject. Continue to work on NEA in classtime.	
MFL French	Listening, Reading and Writing paper = family, relationships, festivals, new technologies, free time activities, food, healthy eating, sports, home, local area, charity work, social issues, environment, holidays, school, future education plans, future career plans, celebrity culture	Learners have links to past papers, Seneca assignments and quizlet vocabulary revision in their Google Classroom www.seneca.com www.kerboodle.com www.quizlet.com Links to all materials : CGP Practice Papers
MFL Spanish	Listening, Reading and Writing paper = family, relationships, festivals, new technologies, free time activities, food, healthy eating, sports, home, local area, charity work, social issues, environment, holidays, school, future education plans, future career plans, celebrity culture	Learners have links to past papers, Seneca assignments and quizlet vocabulary revision in their Google Classroom www.seneca.com www.kerboodle.com www.quizlet.com Links to all materials ; CGP Practice Papers
Music	Unit 2 Examination	In lesson preparation
PE	The mock exam will be a Paper 1 exam on: Unit 1 Anatomy and Physiology, Unit 2 Movement Analysis Unit 3 Physical Training.	Use CGP revision guide for revision and application for the appropriate chapter. The A3 notes provided by school and the material on Google Classroom (PowerPoints and past papers). Use the link to quizlet where there are fun games to help you revise.
Art Photography	The mock exam starting points were set prior to the summer holiday. Learners choose either a starting point or follow the teacher led start to develop into an independent project. All the guides are on Google Classroom. The prep period is followed by a 5-hour mock exam in which learners start their final piece, which is completed in lessons.	PowerPoints and support materials on Google Classroom.
Religious Studies	OCR - Christianity, beliefs and practices (J625/01)	Revision guide page numbers 1-35. OCR Website past papers and mark schemes. Plus extra revision and class materials available on Google Classroom. https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/

Science- Biology Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology Topic 2 – Cells and control Topic 3 – Genetics Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Biology Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology Topic 2 – Cells and control Topic 3 – Genetics Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Chemistry Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures Topic 3 – Chemical changes Topic 4 – Extracting Metals and Equilibria	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Chemistry Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures Topic 3 – Chemical changes Topic 4 – Extracting Metals and Equilibria Topic 5 – Separate Chemistry 1	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Physics Combined	Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics Topic 2 – Motion and forces Topic 3 – Conservation of energy Topic 4 – Waves Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum Topic 6 – Radioactivity	Please follow the revision planner
Science- Physics Triple	Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics Topic 2 – Motion and forces Topic 3 – Conservation of energy Topic 4 – Waves Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum Topic 6 – Radioactivity Topic 7 – Astronomy - Separates Only	Please follow the revision planner
Science AQA	AQA Trilogy paper 1 Examinations **Biology** 4.1 Cell biology 4.2 Organisation in plants and humans 4.3 Communicable diseases 4.4 Bioenergetics **Chemistry** 5.1 Atomic structure and periodic table 5.2 Bonding, structure and properties of matter 5.3 Quantitative chemistry 5.4 Chemical changes **Physics** 6.1 Energy 6.2 Electricity 6.3 Particle model of matter 6.4 Atomic structure	www.cognito.org BBC Bitesize AQA trilogy

What is My Role as a Parent/Carer?

Success in assessments is a team effort, which involves you, the school, and learners working together and so there are many things you can do to support learners at home.



There is no correct way to parent learners when preparing for assessments. Choose the approaches that work best for you, your family, and your situation. Below are a few suggestions you may wish to trial.

- **Talk** to your child about their upcoming assessments.
- If you are in doubt about anything to do with the assessments contact iqbald@uptonhigh.co.uk who will pass your query to the relevant member of staff.
- Try to provide a **quiet space** for learners to complete homework/revision.
- Learners should put their mobile phone in another room when completing homework/revision. Even phones 'on silent' cause distraction.
- We recommend approximately **20-30 minute sessions** on a **targeted topic** with short breaks in between starting the next session.
- Encourage them to **attend any available revision** sessions or **intervention** sessions
- Ensure that learners have all the required textbooks, revision guides and resources ready for revision.
- Ensure learners **get enough sleep**. Regular bedtimes, and wake times, will benefit learners.
- Set learners' challenges. For example, you could ask them to revise a short topic; using the revision resources, you could then 'test' them on what they have just revised.
- Encourage them to **exercise**.
- Encourage them to drink lots of water.
- Think about whether rewards and incentives would work for your child.
- Stay positive. Look for ways in which you can help them to believe in themselves by reminding them of the successes they have had. It will help if they focus on the short-term task of revising rather than thinking about the final results.
- Remind learners that the **purpose of assessments is to practise**, and to inform their teacher of what they do and do not know. We can then work together to improve their performance.

To help:

- Teachers will set homework tasks that will count towards preparation/revision for the assessment. **Encourage learners to complete and hand in all homework** on time. All homework can be monitored by the Show My Homework (Satchel One) App
- Learners should avoid 'just' reading a revision guide. The trick is to **do something with what has been read**. For example: summarise in their own words, draw and label diagrams, get someone to test them.
- Encourage them to **use the electronic platforms** that the school has to offer. Sparx Maths, QUIZLET, Seneca learning, Educake- to name a few!
- Encourage attendance at afterschool revision sessions available to learners.