A Level Examinations

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Revision guidance & information

RAINFORD HIGH

Subject	What papers will I sit?	How long is the exam?	What do I need to revise?	Where can I find this information?	What are top revision tips for this paper?
English Literature	Paper 1 - Drama (Othello and A Streetcar Named Desire); Paper 2 - Prose (Never Let Me Go and Frankenstein); Paper 3 - Poetry (Modern and Romantic)	Paper 1 – 2hr15; Paper 2 - 1hr 15; Paper 3 - 2hr 15	**Paper 1** -Revise critical quotations using the tragedy anthology (only for Othello), relevant character analysis, plans and essay responses, revision of key themes (for both texts) **Paper 2** - relevant character analysis, plans and essay responses, revision of key themes (for both texts) **Paper 3** - Revision of the poems you have studied so far, contextual understanding of the Romantic poetry	Use the notes in your folder and the flashcard homeworks to revise the relevant themes, characters and quotations for all three of the exams. Read over your texts and the notes you have made in the books/plays. Read the tragedy anthology and remind yourselves of the arguments from the theorists. If you feel you need to recap anything, lessons can be found on Google Classroom	Create flashcards for critical theories and for relevant contextual factors. Use these to test yourself, for example, by stating the theorist/critic and then seeing if you can remember their critical argument/the key quotations.
English Language	Paper 1 - Variation over time; Paper 2 - CLA; Paper 3 - Investigation	Paper 1 – 2hr15; Paper 2 - 1 hr 15; Paper 3 – 1 hr 45min	**Paper 1** - Key dates, terminology, theorists on language change **Paper 2 –** written and spoken CLA revision, key theorists and terminology **Paper 3 –** personal data, findings, power and gender theorists	Use the notes in your folder and homeworks to revise the dates (paper 1) and theorists for all three of the exams. Revise your data for Paper 3. If you feel you need to recap anything, lessons can be found on Google Classroom	Create flashcards for theorists and for relevant terminology. For example, use the flashcards to name a theorist and then see if you can remember the relevant data/argument.

Maths	Paper 1 - Calculator, Pure Maths. Paper 2 - Calculator, Pure Maths and Mechanics. Paper 3 - Calculator, Pure Maths and Statistics	Paper 1 - 2 hours, Paper 2 - 2 hours, Paper 3 - 2 hours	The **Pure Maths** content can be assessed on ***any of the three papers***. The **Mechanics** is only on ***paper 2*** (section B). The **Statistics** is only on ***paper 3*** (section B).	All content from the AQA condensed objective list as well as learning journeys are on Google Classroom also as are links to revision videos, revision sites with questions by topics. Past papers, teacher solutions and mark schemes are also available.	Use the revision resources and videos on Google Classroom and complete as many past paper questions as possible. The digital copy of the textbook can also be accessed on Kerboodle for extra questions.
Core maths (AQA Certificate Level 3 Mathematical Studies)	Paper 1 - Calculator, Paper 2A - Calculator	Paper 1 - 1.5 hours, Paper 2A - 1.5 hours	**Paper 1** compulsory content: 3.1 Analysis of data 3.2 Maths for personal finance 3.3 Estimation **Paper 2A** (Statistical Techniques): 3.4 Critical analysis of given data and models 3.5 The normal distribution 3.6 Probabilities and estimation 3.7 Correlation and regression *"Students will be expected to draw on the mathematical content of paper 1"*	More detail about 3.1-3.7 can be found on the QA specification linked on Google Classroom. Links to revision resources and past papers are also on Google Classroom.	Use the revision resources and videos linked on Google Classroom and complete as many past paper questions as possible. You also have your textbook that can be used for extra questions.
Further maths	Paper 1 - Calculator, Pure Maths. Paper 2 - Calculator, Pure Maths. Paper 3 - Calculator, Mechanics and Statistics	Paper 1 - 2 hours, Paper 2 - 2 hours, Paper 3 - 2 hours	The **Pure Maths** content can be assessed on ***any of papers 1 and 2***. The **Mechanics** is only on ***paper 3***. The **Statistics** is only on ***paper 3***.	Use the AQA condensed objective list on Google Classroom as well as the links to revision resources. Past papers, teacher solutions and mark schemes are also available.	Complete as many past paper questions as possible. The digital copy of the textbook can also be accessed on Kerboodle for extra questions.

Physics	Paper 1, 2 & 3	2 hours	**Paper 1** – Any content from Topics 1-6 including: 1. Standard model of particles 2. Photoelectric effect 3. I-V Characteristics 4. Waves and Superposition 5. Mechanics , Force and Motion 6. Circular Motion 7. Electricity 8. 25 MCqs. The Paper consists of 55 Short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice Questions. **Paper 2** – Any Content from topics 6-8 Including 1. Thermal- Kinetic Theory 2. Thermal – Specific Heat Capacity 3. Gravitational Fields – Keplers Laws 4. Electric Fields 5. Capacitance 6. Simple Harmonic Motion 7. Magnetic Fields 8. Nuclear Physics The Paper consists of 55 Short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice Questions. **Paper 3A and 3D are sat in the same session but are different papers** 3A: Required practical skills and measurements and errors, experiment planning. 3D: Turning points in physics paper. History of the electron, History of light, Special relativity.	Text book, revision guide, www.physicsandmathstutor.com, www.physicsonline.com	Practice exam questions, flashcards, self quizzing, look read cover write check, review CPAC practical content

Chemistry	Paper 1, 2 & 3	2 x 2hrs 15 mins, 1 x 90 mins	**Paper 1** – Periodic Table, Elements & Physical Chemistry (100 marks) <u>Unit 2</u> - Foundations in Chemistry - Atomic Structure & Isotopes - Compounds, Formulae & Equations - Amount of Substance - Acids - Redox - Electron Structure - Bonding and Structure <u>Unit 3</u> - Periodic Table & Energy: - Periodicity - Group 2 - Group 7 - Qualitative Analysis - Enthalpy Changes - Rate of Reaction – Equilibrium <u>Unit 5</u> – Physical Chemistry & Transition Elements: - Rates – Equilibrium – Acids, Bases & Buffers – Enthalpy & Entropy – Redox – Electrochemical Cells – Transition Elements **Paper 2** – Organic Chemistry & Analysis (1 Unit 2 – Foundations in Chemistry (see above) <u>Unit 4</u> - Core Organic Chemistry: - Basic Concepts of Organic Chemistry - Alkanes - Alkenes - Alcohols - Haloalkanes - Organic Synthesis - Analytical Techniques Synthesis & Analytical Techniques: <u>Unit 6</u> - Organic Chemistry & Analysis: - Aromatic Compounds - Carbonyl Compounds - Carboxylic Acids & Esters - Amines - Amino Acids, Amides & Chirality - Polyesters & Polyamides - Carbon-Carbon Bond Formation - Organic Synthesis - Chromatography & Qualitative Analysis – Spectroscopy (100 marks) **Paper 3** – Unified Chemistry (70 marks) Any content from the units listed on the previous papers – synoptic paper	Text book, revision guide, www.physicsandmathstutor.com, chemguide	Practice exam questions, flashcards, self quizzing, look read cover write check, review CPAC practical content

Biology	Paper 1, 2 & 3	2 hours each paper	**Paper 1** - Any content from topics 1– 4, including relevant practical skills: 1 Biological molecules 2 Cells 3 Organisms exchange substances with their environment 4 Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms 91 Marks Total: (76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions) (15 marks: extended response questions) **Paper 2 -**Any content from topics 5– 8, including relevant practical skills: 5 Energy transfers in and between organisms 6 Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments 7 Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems 8 The control of gene expression 91 Marks Total: (76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions) (15 marks: comprehension question) **Paper 3** -Any content from topics1– 8, including relevant practical skills: 78 marks Total: (38 marks: structured questions, including practical techniques) (15 marks: critical analysis of given experimental data) (25 marks: one essay from a choice)	Text book, revision guide, www.physicsandmathstutor.com, revision documents on google classroom	Practice exam questions, flashcards, self quizzing, look read cover write check, review CPAC practical content

MFL	Paper 1 - Listening, reading & translation Paper 2 - Essay question on film studies Paper 3 - Speaking	Paper 1 - 2hours 30 mins Paper 2 - 2 hours Paper 3 - 20mins (incl prep time)	Units 1- 12 key vocabulary and AO4 information Speaking answers IRP and follow up questions Tenses and key grammatical structures CHIPIRONES for paper 2 as well as key quotes and themes/ characters	Use classwork and resources on Google classroom. AQA Kerboodle, Class file Speaking answers and IRP Quizlet Google classroom AQA grammar book Revision notes and flashcards made throughout the year for film and book	How do I revise useful phrases or chunks of text? • Use a whiteboard to write out the sentence. Your child should read the sentence a few times, then you should cover some words in the text and see if they can still read it correctly. • Write the first letter of the each word and see if you can fill in the sentence. • Use memorizer.me to practise this online. A04 revision – Paper 3 • Create revision mind maps with A04 facts and figures for each sub topic • Use past paper photocards and examiner reports to ensure you have covered all possible areas for discussion • Create flashcards (see above) with potential extended answers

History	Paper 1 - Russia 1 x 30 mark extract question and 2 x 25 mark essay questions Paper 2 - Britain 1 x 30 mark source question and 2 x 25 mark essay questions	Paper 1 - Russia 2 hours 30 minutes Paper 2 - Britain 2 hours 30 minutes	**Paper 1 - Russia**: Tsarist autocracy from Alexander II to Nicholas. Opposition to the Tsarist regime and threats to the regime from external and internal factors. Change and continuity under the Communist rule - society, economy and different groups in society. Economic changes and continuity under Communist rule. Key leaders from Alexander II - Khrushchev **Paper 2 - Britain:** Conservative economic successes and failures alongside policies 1951-64. Labour social/liberal reforms - causes, impact and successes and failures. Ted Heath - economic and domestic issues and continuity under Wilson and Callaghan, Thatcherism: Economic and social policies, the miners strike and foreign affairs, the fall of Thatcher and successes and failures domestically and in foreign affairs under Major, New Labour and successes and failures under Blair. Don't forget Northern Ireland 1969-1997!	Google classroom has copies of all resources used in lessons and hard copies have been provided in lessons. Review the SLCs from all completed units so far and check you have all the notes available. Use the mock revision booklets to guide you through the topics too.	Use your assessment books to review specific curricular targets for each question. Use the tips and hints booklet available on the Google Classroom. Use a range of revision strategies including use of past papers and mark schemes. Ask your teacher for feedback on questions that you complete as part of your revision. Be familiar with the strategies that have been used in lessons and revision sessions to tackle the range of different exam questions. On extended writing questions be sure to do a mini plan to help organise your answer. Be sure to BUG the question so you understand what it is asking. For both Russia and Britain timelines for each unit, colour coded for themes are good and flashcards are perfect for individuals.

Religious Studies	Paper 1 - Philosophy of Religion Paper 2 - Religion and Ethics Paper 3 - Developments in Christian Thought For each paper, there will be four 40 mark questions with students choosing **three** of them to answer..	Paper 1 - 2 hours Paper 2 - 2 hours Paper 3 - 2 hours	All content of Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought.	• All lesson resources are on Google Classroom. • Students have also been provided with lesson resources throughout studying the course. • Students also have essay planning booklets for all papers. • Revision videos by Ben Wardle on YouTube are also excellent. • Seneca also provides content revision and testing online.	• Use of Seneca Learning • Use of Essay Planning Booklets • www.philosophycat.org • Google Classroom • YouTube (Ben Wardle, IThinkTherefore ITeach)

Geography	**Paper 1 and 2: (9GEO/01 and 9GEO/02)** Each paper is worth 30% of the A Level Qualification **Paper 3: (9GEO/03)** This paper is worth 20% of the A Level Qualification. **Paper 4: Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) Independent Investigation (9GEO/04)** The coursework is worth 20% of the A Level Qualification.	2 hr 15mins each 2 hr 15mins	**Paper 1:** Area of study 1 - Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards Area of study 1 - Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – focus on 2B: Coastal Landscapes and Change Area of study 3 - Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity Area of study 3 - Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security **Paper 2:** Area of study 2 - Topic 3: Globalisation Area of study 2 - Topic 4: Shaping Places – including 4A Regenerating Places Area of study 4 - Topic 7: Superpowers Area of study 4 - Topic 8: Global Development and Connections – focus on 8A Health, Human Rights and Intervention **Paper 3:** This examination will focus on the three synoptic themes within the compulsory content areas: ● Players ● Attitudes and actions ● Futures and uncertainties. This will be based on an investigation of a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to the three synoptic themes and is rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas. Compulsory content include the following topics: Area of study 1 - Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards Area of study 2 - Topic 3: Globalisation Area of study 3 - Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity Area of study 3 - Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security Area of study 4 - Topic 7: Superpowers **Paper 4: NEA** ● The investigation report is internally assessed and externally moderated. ● The student will produce a written report of 3000–4000 words. **Submission Deadline will be Monday 23rd March.**	Course booklets and resources – Student Files Google classroom has copies of all resources used in lessons and hard copies have been provided in lessons. GYM Revision Mats for each Topic of study have also been provided by tutors and are also available on the Google Classroom Guided Revision materials will also be provided via the intervention sessions PLCs have been provided to support and focus revision strategies	Make use of the Sample papers and Mark Schemes available on Google classroom Complete the Revision Mats available for each topic Make sure you know your case studies so you can apply them to questions effectively Look at the evaluation within topics and how you can use case studies to support judgements Use Pupil Learning Check Lists – available on Google Classroom Google Classroom for all resources and revision materials - make sure there are no gaps in your class notes

Politics	**Paper 1-** Government and Politics of the UK **Paper 2-** The government and politics of the USA, Comparative Politics **Paper 3-** Political ideas	All exams are 2 hours	**Paper 1:** Constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Judiciary, Devolution, Democracy and Participation, Referendums and Elections, Pressure Groups and Political Parties. **Paper 2**: US Constitution, Congress and President, Judicial branch of government, Electoral process, Political parties, Pressure groups, Civil rights, Comparative politics **Paper 3**: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Other ideologies	Google Classroom- textbook and online revision resources such as Study Rocket and Learning Academy on YouTube,	As well as understanding key terms and political processes you must include examples to substantiate your answers. Try and create example banks for the topics! In Paper 2 (USA) you will also be expected to compare UK to US systems to venn diagram activities comparing the two constitutions, legislatures, executives etc would be useful!
Economics	**Paper 1** - Markets and Market failure **Paper 2** - National and international economies **Paper 3** - Economic principles and issues.	Both exams 2 hours	**Paper 1** - (MICRO) Economic methodology, value judgements, nature and purpose of economic activity, economic resources, scarcity, allocation, production possibility diagrams, consumer behaviour, behavioural economic theory e.g. nudges **Paper 2** - (MACRO) - Government policy, index numbers, national incomes data, supply and demand analysis, economic performance: growth, cycle etc. Unemployment, inflation and deflation, monetary policy, banks, regulation, globalisation, trade, balance of payments. **Paper 3** - Section A multiple choice, Section B Scenario based	Use the notes in your folder and the flashcard homework to revise the relevant theories, policies and graphs. If you feel you need to recap anything, lessons can be found on Google Classroom	Ensure you fulfil the requirements of the question utilising diagrams where appropriate and matching the level of depth to the marks available. Use subject specific terminology throughout. Utilise data from the extracts thoroughly in the relevant questions

Psychology	**Paper 1** = Introductory topics in Psychology. **Paper 2** = Psychology in Context **Paper 3**= Issues and options in Psychology	All exams are 2hrs in length.	Paper 1 - Introductory to Psychology • Social influence • Memory • Attachment • Psychopathology Paper 2 - Psychology in Context • Approaches • Biopsychology • Research methods Paper 3= Issues and options in Psychology • Issues and Debates • Relationships • Schizophrenia • Aggression	Please use all hard copies of resources. There are lesson resources and revision materials available on GC. Tutor2U also has excellent resources and free courses.	Make sure that your revision is active. Test your recall of content you have revised regularly. Exam practice is an excellent way to do this. Exam practice questions are available on google classroom. Follow the revision schedule you have been given.
Law	**Paper 1**: The English Legal System **Paper 2:** substantive law in practice: human rights, tort and criminal law **Paper 3**: perspectives on substantive law: human rights, tort and criminal law	Paper 1: 1 hour 30 minutes Paper 2: 2 hours 15 minutes Paper 3: 2 hours 15 minutes	**Paper 1:** all of English law and the legal system **Paper 2 and 3:** all of criminal law, negligence in tort, and human rights you need to revise the ECHR, Human Rights Act 1998 and police powers	Google classroom, folders, learning journeys, Eduqas website for past papers	Remember you need to consistently apply case law and statute, so your knowledge of this needs to be strong. Practice different question types for Paper 1, and remember when you are learning the law you need to criticise it in paper 3!

Graphics/Textiles	An adapted Unit 2 paper	December mock 90 mins/January exam 3.5 hrs	Unit 2: Contextual Studies in Art and Design: Understanding information related to art and design practitioners Conducting a visual analysis of artwork Understanding contextual factors relating to alternative practitioners work Communicating judgements related to art and design work Use of art and design terminology	Google classroom for Unit 2 information/Knowledge Organiser/Past papers/Exemplars	**For the mock:** Make flashcards for key art and design words/definitions; complete in-class/homework tasks; refer to past papers to understand the structure of the exam and typical tasks set; **For the January exam:** Conduct in-depth research into the named practitioners outlined on the Part A paper released on November 21st **Ensure you are familiar with the assessment objectives below:** • understanding of information relating to the practitioners • visual analysis of artworks • understanding of contextual factors relating to practitioners • communication of judgements.

Computing	Comp 1 and Commp 2	Both 2.5 hrs long	**COMP 1** The characteristics of contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices Types of software and the different methodologies used to develop software How data is exchanged between different systems (compression, encryption, hashing, Databases, networks, Web tech) How data is represented and stored within different structures. Different algorithms that can be applied to these structures (Data types, Data Structures, Boolean algebra) The individual moral, social, ethical and cultural opportunities and risks of digital technology. Legislation surrounding the use of computers and ethical issues that can or may in the future arise from the use of computers **COMP 2** Elements of computational thinking (Abstraction, Procedures, logic, concurrently) How computers can be used to solve problems and programs can be written to solve them The use of algorithms to describe problems and standard algorithms	Craig and Dave (website and videos) Class PowerPoints	Flash cards, Practice algorithms, past papers

P.E.	Paper 1 – Physiological factors affecting performance	2 hours	Skeletal and muscular systems, Cardiovascular and respiratory systems, Energy for exercise, Environmental effects on body systems, Exercise physiology, Diet and nutrition and their effect on physical activity and performance, Preparation and training methods in relation to improving and maintaining physical activity and performance, Injury prevention and the rehabilitation of injury, Biomechanics, Biomechanical principles, levers and the use of technology, Linear motion, angular motion, fluid mechanics and projectile motion	Google Classroom, Lesson Powerpoints, Student Booklets, A- Level Textbooks	Remember the marks per minute for this paper is 0.75 so take your time and read the questions carefully highlighting the key words in each question. Marks per minute for Papers 2 & 3 is 1. Use the everlearner revision hub which has past paper questions, revision guides and guidance on specific types of questions.
	Paper 2 - Psychological factors affecting performance	1 hour	Skill Acquisition, Sports psychology		
	Paper 3 - Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport	1 hour	Sport and society, Contemporary issues in physical activity and sport,		

Performing arts	Unit 3: Group performance	Practical- 10-20 mins Activity 2- 1 hour	Activity 2: Structure of the exam essay, key vocabulalry practical: Learning your lines, developing your scenes	Google classroom for Unit 3	
Music	Listening Paper	2.5 hours	**Western Classical Tradition**: Purcell Vivaldi and Bach (Movements 1 and 2 only). **AOS 2** Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell, Muse, Labrinth, Daft Punk. **Piano Music**. **AOS 5**	Google Classroom - notes on each artist and old exam papers Annotated Scores and accompanying scores of set works :	Baroque Concerto and Piano Music: Complete flashcards for each set work including key features in each movement/piece Flashcards on features of Baroque AOS 2 and 5: Complete flashcards for each artist giving key information on each musical element (MAD T SHIRT) Ensure you have thought through your opinion on their work for each element and include musical examples (describe and notate) following the PEEL technique

A-Level Fine Art/ Photography	Externally Set Assignment	15 hour Practical Exam	Preparation for the Externally Set Assignment and the 15-hour Practical Exam is completed in the preparation time prior. Students will need to ensure that they have produced the required evidence to meet the following assessment criteria: • AO1: Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding. • AO2: Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops. • AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress. • AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements.	Student preparatory studies	NA