

SHSB
GCSE Course Information 2025-26



Art & Design (Fine Art)	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/art-and-design/specifications/AQA-ART-GCSE-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: GCSE Bitesize - Art & Design (Bitesize GCSE)	Publisher: Bitesize

Biology	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guides: 1. New Grade 9-1 GCSE Biology: AQA Revision Guide 2. New GCSE Biology AQA Exam Practice Workbook - Higher (includes answers)	Publisher: CGP

Business	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/business/specifications/AQA-8132-SP-2017.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: New GCSE Business AQA Revision Guide - For the Grade 9-1 Course	Publisher: CGP

Chemistry	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/specifications/AQA-8462-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: New Grade 9-1 GCSE Chemistry: AQA Revision Guide	Publisher: CGP

Citizenship	Exam Board: Edexcel	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Citizenship%20Studies/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/specification-gcse-l1-l2-in-citizenship.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Citizenship Studies Revision Guide & Workbook.	Publisher: Pearson

Combined Science (Trilogy)	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: GCSE Combined Science AQA Higher Level: Complete Revision & Practice	Publisher: CGP

Computer Science	Exam Board: OCR	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/computer-science-j277-from-2020/	Recommended Revision Guide: GCSE OCR Computer Science – For the Grade 9 – 1 Exams. Recommended online revision: Teach ICT (login details available from class teachers) https://teach-ict.com/2016/GCSE_Computing/OCR_J277/OCR_J277_home.html ; https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtc_hbk	Publisher: CGP

Design & Technology	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552	Recommended Revision Guide: AQA GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology <i>Complete Revision & Practice</i> (paperback). Workbook: AQA GCSE 9-1 Design and Technology. The Pocket-Sized Revision Guide: GCSE Design & Technology.	Publisher: Collins PGonline daydream education

Drama	Exam Board: Edexcel	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Drama/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/gcse2016-l12-drama.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: Edexcel Drama GCSE (9-1) by Melissa Jones and Phil Cleaves	Publisher: Pearson

Economics	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/economics/specifications/AQA-8136-SP-2017.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: SHSB Revision Guide and AQA Topic Companions provided in lessons at no cost	Publisher: n/a

English Language	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: GCSE AQA English Language - for the Grade 9-1 Course: Complete Revision & Practice	Publisher: CGP

English Literature	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: New GCSE English Literature AQA Complete Revision & Practice - For the Grade 9-1 Course Revision Guides for 'Macbeth', 'Animal Farm', 'Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde', AQA Anthology of Poetry - Power and Conflict' and 'AQA Unseen Poetry'.	Publisher: CGP

Food Preparation and Nutrition	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of work/Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585	Recommended Revision Guide: AQA GCSE Food and Nutrition	Publisher: Hachette Learning

French	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/french/gcse/french-8652/specification	Recommended Revision Guide: A New GCSE French Workbook: Part One Paperback – 25 Mar. 2024 A New GCSE French Workbook: Part One : Smith, Mr Steve, Conti, Dr Gianfranco: Amazon.co.uk: Books	Publisher: Amazon

Geography	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: CGP GCSE AQA Geography for grade 9-1	Publisher: CGP

German	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/german/gcse/german-8662/specification	Recommended Revision Guide: New GCSE German AQA Revision Guide with CGP RevisionHub (for exams from 2026): Includes Audio & Online Tests (CGP AQA GCSE German) Apps – Memrise, Duolingo, Languagenut	Publisher: CGP

History	Exam Board: Edexcel	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/gcse-9-1-history-specification.pdf	1. Recommended Revision Guides: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Henry VIII and his ministers 1509-40: Revision Guide and Workbook 2. My Revision Notes Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39 3. My Revision Notes Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-91	Publishers: Pearson Hodder Education Hodder Education

Maths	Exam Board: Edexcel	
Link to Scheme of Work/ Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/specification-and-sample-assessment/gcse-maths-2015-specification.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: 4 separate books depending on student needs. 1. GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Higher - for the Grade 9-1 Course 2. GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Work Book Higher 9-1 course 3. New GCSE Maths Edexcel Grade 8-9 Targeted Exam Practice 4. New GCSE Maths Edexcel Grade 4-5 Targeted Exam Practice	Publisher: CGP

Music	Exam Board: Eduqas	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/by5boopf/eduqas-gcse-music-spec-from-2016-d.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Music Student Book - Revised Edition by Jan Richards. ISBN 13: 9781912820696	Publisher: Illuminate Publishing

PE	Exam Board: Edexcel	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Physical%20Education/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/GCSE-physical-education-2016-specification.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide	Publisher: Pearson

Physics	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/physics/specifications/AQA-8463-SP-2016.PDF	Recommended Revision Guide: New Grade 9-1 GCSE Physics: AQA Revision Guide	Publisher: CGP

Religious Studies	Exam board: Eduqas (Route A - C120QS)	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/wpojym0/eduqas-gcse-rs-spec-full-from-2016-e-14-05-2020.pdf	Recommended Revision Guide: WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Route A: Covering Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-Eduqas-Religious-Studies/dp/1510414622/ref=asc_df_1510414622/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=696450770396&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=15678832214105395005&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcml=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1007216&hvtargid=pla-565431489556&psc=1&mcid=53604566b520302ba521110a959f5b8d&gad_source=1 Useful website: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/umbraco/surface/blobstorage/download?nodeId=32616	Publisher: Hodder Education

Spanish	Exam Board: AQA	
Link to Scheme of Work/Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/spanish/gcse/spanish-8692/specification	Recommended Revision Guide: New GCSE Spanish AQA Complete Revision & Practice with CGP RevisionHub (for exams from 2026): Includes Audio & Online Tests (CGP AQA GCSE Spanish) https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/languages/spanish/spar42-new-gcse-spanish-aqa-revision-guide	Publisher: CGP