

How can parents support their children in KS4?



How can parents support their child?

Each subject has provided some ideas as to how parents can support their children at home.

General revision and study help:

- <http://www.howtostudy.org>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/school-learning/exam-stress/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>
- <https://www.parentline.com.au/older-kids/issues/helping-kids-cope-exam-stress>

In addition parents can support their children by providing them with a quiet time and place to complete their homework. A healthy diet, exercise and ensuring that your child has enough sleep each evening is vital for their progress at school.

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Art

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Take them to a gallery or museum, locally or in London, or if away on holiday • Check the newspapers and the web to see what is on and if it might be appropriate to enrich their learning, • Encourage them to watch Art reviews and documentaries on TV, and on Digital sources, Tate shots are a good example • Discuss ideas and help them to analyse their own work Make sure that they have equipment to work with at home, pencils, rubbers, colour pencils, paint, glue etc

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Tate.org.uk

www.nationalgallery.org.uk, www.npg.org.uk

www.vam.ac.uk

www.saatchigallery.com,

www.royalacademy.org.uk,

sculpture.uk.com

www.sculpture.org.uk,

thephotographersgallery.org.uk

Google classroom codes might be set up by each class teacher whilst students are studying the course.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

AQA GCSE Art and Design Student Handbook, published by Nelson Thorne and available from most good booksellers.

Business Studies

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www.saatchigallery.com,

www.royalacademy.org.uk,

sculpture.uk.com

www.sculpture.org.uk,

thephotographersgallery.org.uk

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Computer Science

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?



Encourage their child to perform problem solving activities and become more independent. They must have an interest in coding, and should practise their coding skills as often as possible.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/computer-science-and-it/gcse/computer-science-8520>

<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-python>

<https://www.python.org/downloads/>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

AQA GCSE (9-1) Computer Science 8520 (Textbook)

S Robson and PM Heathcote ISBN:978-1-910523-09-4

Design and Technology: Product Design

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Free CAD software is available online. See Mr J Nash for further information.

Visits to design museums, galleries and exhibitions help with the course content. Access to YouTube videos on production processes often help with knowledge. Any use of tools, equipment and workshops are helpful but not essential.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.Technologystudent.com

www.Mr_dt.com

www.Core77.com

Google Classroom = Year 9 - qydmr4

Google Classroom = Year 10 - y6mcnxo

Google Classroom = Year 11 - dj8z68

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

AQA Design and Technology (9-1)

Author

[M. J. Ross](#)

ISBN-139781910523100

AQA Design and Technology: All Material Categories and Systems

Imprint: [Hodder Education](#)

ISBN: 9781510402102

Drama

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Show an interest in the subject, help with homework (but do not do it for them), discuss performances they have seen.
- Find out about TV programmes, theatre productions, films, exhibitions relevant to your child's learning and enjoying them together.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

AQA GCSE Drama – information about the course, specimen papers and mark schemes:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261>

National Theatre YouTube Channels – great videos about productions, acting techniques and styles.

Technical theatre and tutorials



<https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalTheatre>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Noughts and Crosses (Royal Shakespeare Company) by Malorie Blackman, adapted by Dominic Cooke. Nick Hern Books. ISBN: 9781854599391

AQA GCSE Drama by Annie Fox. Illuminate Publishing (2017). ISBN: 1911208217

New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Revision Guide. CGP Publishing (2018). ISBN: 1782949623

Economics

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Test students on subject vocabulary

Provide newspaper cuttings / links to news websites of relevant articles

Help them to research

Work through the Unit 1 and Unit 2 revision guides. Students can work through the questions and complete summaries of the material covered.

Encourage active revision (doing exercises and answering exam questions) is better than passive revision (reading a revision guide).

Read the examiners reports and mark schemes with your child. Talk to your child about what they are learning.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classroom code:

Yr 9 6k4h62o

Yr 10 530hn2

Yr 11 1yan730

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

OCR GCSE (9-1) Economics

Clive Riches, Christopher Bancroft, Jan Miles-Kingston

ISBN: 9781471888342

Published: 28/04/2017

English Language

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Read with them and share opinions on what you read
- Talk through homework tasks and encourage them to proof-read their work
- Purchase the revision guides listed below
- Encourage them to practise their skills in reading and writing; revision alone will not adequately prepare them to write extended responses under examination conditions
- Listen to any presentations they may be preparing and ask them questions that require them to develop their ideas further
- For longer pieces of writing such as examination essays, ask them to talk the plan through with you.
- Remind them that 5-10 minutes spent planning can result in a higher grade.



USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classroom code

Year 11: 4obh2s

Year 10: pesa8t

Year 9: 8jmb487

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision Guide (REVISE Edexcel GCSE English 2015)

- **ISBN-10:** 1447988086
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1447988083

REVISE Edexcel GCSE English Language Revision Workbook: For the 9-1 Exams (REVISE Edexcel GCSE English 2015)

- **ISBN-10:** 1447987896
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1447987895

English Literature

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Test them on key terminology – spelling and understanding.
- Learn key quotations with them. Use revision cards to aid recall.
- For longer pieces of writing such as examination essays, ask them to talk the plan through with you. Remind them that 5-10 minutes spent planning can result in a higher grade.
- Encourage them to proof-read their work.
- Listen to their individual talks and ask them questions that require them to develop their ideas further.
- Ask them to show you in their essays where they have met the requirements of the mark scheme in order to get their target grade.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classroom codes

Year 11: 4obh2s

Year 10: pesa8t

Year 9: 8jmb487

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Post 1914 Drama

Check with your son or daughter to find out which text they have studied.

An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE (9-1)

- **ISBN-10:** 1447982169
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1447982166

An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE Workbook: Grades 9-1

- **ISBN-10:** 1292100796
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1292100791

Journey's End: York Notes for GCSE

- **ISBN-10:** 1405835621
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1405835626

19th Century Novel

Check with your son or daughter to find out which text they have studied.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens (Wordsworth Classics) ISBN-10: 1853260045

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson (Wordsworth Classics) ISBN-10: 1853260614

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens ISBN: 9780007350865



Food, Preparation and Nutrition

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Encourage students to visit food outlets and supermarkets, to raise awareness of products, costs and packaging.
- Encourage students to cook healthy dishes on a regular basis and practice assessed work.
- Ask students when they are cooking and then provide them with the ingredients.
- Discuss the outcome of practical work completed at school, including any written feedback required.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com>

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/Healthyeating.aspx>

<https://www.jamieoliver.com>

<https://www.aqa.co.uk>

Google classroom

Year 9- 6l6h4q5

Year 10- avgxtn

Year11- 60rrb4z

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Anita Tull, Gary Littlewood AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition ISBN:9781908682789

CGP GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition for AQA . The Revision Guide ISBN: 9781782946496

French

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Even if you don't speak a word of French you can help:
- Test them on the meanings of French words when they have to learn vocab or grammar
- For longer pieces of writing, ask them to talk you through the plan of their work in English before they start – to make them think about the structure of what they write
- Ask them to show you where they have included the elements required by the markscheme to get the grade they are aiming for.
- If they are doing reading or listening, get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English – how fluently can they talk about it?
- Ask them what certain words mean – how spontaneously can they answer you?
- If they are preparing a speaking exam – listen to them for 10 minutes 2-3 times a day so they become confident in their topics.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

• <https://www.memrise.com/courses/english/french/>

• <https://quizlet.com/login>

• <https://www.linguascope.com/>

• <https://fr.duolingo.com/>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

STUDIO

AQA GCSE French Higher by Clive Bell, Anneli McLachlan, Gill Ramage



ISBN 978-1-4469-2719

Geography

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents can:

- Go through folder and help with organisation
- Help with case study revision (map mapping / recall)
- Check understanding of key terms in their glossaries

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035> - AQA Geography GCSE website

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc> - BBC Bitesize revision

Google classroom codes to be confirmed upon start of Year 9.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Main textbook: ISBN: 9781471859939 Hodder Education, July 2016

Main Revision guide: ISBN13: 9781782946106 CGP Books

Full Revision and Practice Guide: ISBN-13: 9781782946137 CGP Books

German

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Test them on the meanings of German words when they have to learn vocab or grammar
- For longer pieces of writing, ask them to talk you through the plan of their work in English before they start – to make them think about the structure of what they write
- Ask them to show you where they have included the elements required by the markscheme to get the grade they are aiming for.
- If they are doing reading or listening, get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English – how fluently can they talk about it?
- Ask them what certain words mean – how spontaneously can they answer you?
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USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- <https://quizlet.com/login>
- <https://www.linguascope.com/>
- <https://de.duolingo.com/>
- <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm>

Google Classroom Codes

GCSE ab initio: t5l3gm

Year 9: 9eewuo

Year 10: 80h1i1

Year 11: zfdidi

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Ab initio Course:

Echo Express 1 by Jeannie McNeill ISBN: 9780435388973

Echo Express 2 by Oliver Gray and Jeannie McNeill ISBN: 9780435389529



Stimmt! Higher Student's Book: 9781292118185/Stimmt! Foundation Student's Book: 9781292132600

Continuation Course:

Stimmt! Higher Student's Book: 9781292118185 /Stimmt! Foundation Student's Book: 9781292132600

Health and Social Care

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Read through and discuss the task and feedback with your child so they understand what they need to do.
- Go through the task sheet and assessment criteria to help them plan.
- Read through the course textbook and revision guides with your child to ensure they understand the key ideas and concepts (you could test them for example).

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv/latest.asp>

www.ageuk.org.uk/

www.nhs.uk

www.carersuk.org

www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/Pages/Allied-Health-Professionals.aspx

www.bbc.co.uk/news/health

Google Classroom codes:

Year 9 atfkzq

Year 10 899vbk

Year 11 w3mtr9

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

BTEC Tech award Health and Social Care Student Book. Brenda Baker, Colette Burgess, Elizabeth Haworth

ISBN 978-1-292-20092-7

History

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Even if you know very little about History you can support by:

- Helping students get their folders organised
- Reading through the work before it is handed in
- Encouraging wider reading
- Testing students on key terminology and definitions
- Talking to students about what they are learning
- Reinforcing the importance of effective revision over a longer period of time.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

The Google Classroom Code will be confirmed in first lessons.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

AQA GCSE History: Health and the People Paperback_– Student Edition, 27 May 2016

by [Alf Wilkinson](#) (Author)

- ISBN-10: 1471864219



- **ISBN-13:** 978-1471864216
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-History-Health-People/dp/1471864219>
AQA GCSE History: Understanding the Modern World Paperback – Student Edition, 29 Apr 2016
by [David Ferriby](#) (Author), [Dave Martin](#) (Author), [Ben Walsh](#) (Author)
- **ISBN-10:** 1471862941
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1471862946
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-History-Understanding-Modern/dp/1471862941>
AQA GCSE History: Medieval England - the Reign of Edward I 1272-1307 Paperback – 30 Sep 2016
by [Alf Wilkinson](#) (Author)
- **ISBN-10:** 147186426X
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1471864261
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-History-Medieval-1272-1307/dp/147186426X>

IT Creative iMedia

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Provide help with the presentation of written work, spelling, grammar and ensuring that homework is completed each week. Check their Planner/School Diary and Google Classroom Homework page for any homework issued. Help them plan their revision. Chat to them about what they have learnt in lessons.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/dida/graphics/>
- <https://zigzageducation.co.uk/synopses/6462-cambridge-nationals-creative-imedia-resources>
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zqrk7ty/revision/1>
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zmr9wmn>
- https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-Cambridge-Nationals-Pre-production-ebook/dp/B01LCOT8HI/ref=mt_kindle?_encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

My Revision Notes: OCR Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia L 1 / 2: Pre-production skills and Creating digital graphics. Author: Kevin Wells. Price: £4.99 Kindle version and £8.99 Paperback version
ISBN-13: 978-1471886683
ISBN-10: 1471886689
Publisher: Hodder Education Group
Creative iMedia Level 1 / 2 Cambridge Nationals Textbook. Authors: Kevin Wells, Victoria Allen, Sarah McAtominey, Tony Stepes. Price: £21.99
ISBN: 9781510457201
Publisher: Hodder Education Group

Mathematics

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Encourage a positive and “can do” attitude towards mathematics.
- Read through questions with your child and encourage them to pick out information needed to answer it
- Provide your child with a revision guide and help them plan their revision.



- Encourage your child to talk through topics and explain what they are currently covering. (Let them teach you!)
- Look at your child's work on a regular basis so that you can see the progress of your child.
- Help your child if you can but please annotate any help given by writing a note/comment in their exercise book.
- Ensure your child catches up on any work missed.
- Problem solving skills: Get your child to relate Mathematics to real life e.g.: percentages and best buys in shops. Use DIY projects to get your child to estimate and measure.
- Help your child to realise that mathematics is everywhere. For example when you read the paper or watch the news highlight where mathematics has been used.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://hegartymaths.com/> (Students have their own log in)

www.kerboodle.com (Students have their own log in)

www.mymaths.co.uk,

<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/>

<https://mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>,

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Textbooks:

EDEXCEL GCSE MATHS HIGHER (ISBN 978-0-19-835151-1),

EDEXCEL GCSE MATHS FOUNDATION (ISBN 978-0-19-835150-4)

Revision guides:

Collins Edexcel GCSE revision Higher (All-in-One revision and practice) ISBN 978-0-00-811036-9

Collins Edexcel GCSE revision Foundation (All-in-One revision and practice) **ISBN-10:** 9780008112493

Music

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Listen to and encourage them in their practising
- Ask them for a performance to be presented in front of family and friends at home
- Encourage them to take part in concerts and performance opportunities at school and outside of school
- Read through research to check for obvious cut & pasting!
- If they are preparing a presentation, ask them to present this to you!
- Test them on their musical vocabulary- e.g. once they have learnt five words to describe 'tempo'
- Encourage them to use this musical vocabulary when describing or analysing music
- Suggest possible listening from your own CD collection which might support the areas of study.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zpf3cdm>

<https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments>

<https://www.classicfm.com/>

<http://www.musictheory.net>

<http://www.sfskids.org/>

Google Classroom code to be shared in class

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES



Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anthology of Music (Edexcel GCSE Music 2016) – Julia Winterson **ISBN-13: 978-1292118383**
Edexcel GCSE Music Revision Guide – Paul Terry **ISBN-13: 978-1785581687**
New GCSE Music Edexcel Complete Revision & Practice (with Audio CD) - for the Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE Music 9-1 Revision) – CGP Books **ISBN-13: 978-1782946151**

Physical Education

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Encourage an enquiring mind towards sport and the media.
- Discuss with your child their work and asking them to explain the principles of what they are trying to achieve.
- Discuss relevant issues in sport and the media. Example could be who should host the next Olympics and why?
- Encourage your child to get actively involved in sport and activities to promote a healthy lifestyle

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.bbc.com/education

www.bbc.co.uk/sport

Google classroom

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education

ISBN: 978-1-292-12988-4

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide

ISBN: 978-1-29213-512-0

Purple Pathway

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Practical tips to support your subject e.g. visit a museum, create a quiz to aid revision

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Please see English and maths

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

Please see English and maths

Religion and Philosophy

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

- Students are issued with detailed booklets for all units of study. Please familiarise yourself with these and monitor the completion of activities.
- Engage in discussion with the student about different ethical issues.
- Encourage students to share with you what they have learnt in the lesson and question their understanding.
- Provide a quiet, focused environment for completion of essays.
- Help monitor time restrictions when necessary.



USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

Google classrooms page: 6005sqx Contains exemplar answers, practice questions and revision documents for all 8 units.

Science

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN?

Please refer to the Science website:

<https://sites.google.com/maidenerleghschools.co.uk/maidenerleghtrust/home>

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<https://sites.google.com/maidenerleghschools.co.uk/maidenerleghtrust/home>

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

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<https://sites.google.com/maidenerleghschools.co.uk/maidenerleghtrust/home>

Spanish

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Even if you don't speak a word of Spanish you can help:

- Test them on the meanings of Spanish words/sentences when they have to learn vocab or grammar
- For longer pieces of writing, ask them to talk you through the plan of their work in English before they start – to make them think about the structure of what they write
- Ask them to show you where they have included the elements required by the markscheme to get the grade they are aiming for.
- If they are doing reading or listening, get them to summarise what the text/extract is about in English – how fluently can they talk about it?
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- If they are preparing a speaking exam – listen to them for 10 minutes 2-3 times a day so they become confident in their topics.

USEFUL ONLINE INFORMATION/ONLINE RESOURCES

www.linguascope.com (password and username to be shared in class).

Googleclassroom – notices are added usually before assessment. Homework set weekly.

TEXTBOOKS OR REVISION GUIDES

MIRA AQA GCSE Spanish

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books_gcse_spanish