

Using Past Papers to Revise



- Passing exams is as much about technique as it is about knowledge.
- You need to practise your timing as well as your recall of knowledge.
- To start with, download the exam papers from the relevant exam boards. Detailed below you will find direct links to all subjects and the past papers use that are available for public download.

PAST EXAM PAPERS

WHY IS THIS A GOOD REVISION TOOL?

Why use Past Exam Papers as a basis for revision?

Use notes / revision guides to answer exam questions

Make a mind map of the key points in a 'longer' answer

Make a study group with 2 / 3 friends and work together through an exam paper

Review past exam papers to identify topics not sure of

Use the markscheme to mark your work
4 marks = 4 points to be made

Write down a list of what you will need to know or find out to answer the question.

Practise questions types e.g. short / long topic area

Highlight key words used in exam questions with a highlighter – e.g. Explain, Describe, Evaluate, Calculate

Practice timing

Re-do past exam paper questions 2 / 3 times with or without notes

How do they mark? Are there similarities or common themes they are looking for?

Practise drawing and labelling accurate diagrams

Make model answers to revise from. Annotate and highlight points to focus on

PAST EXAM PAPERS

Access

YEARS 10 – 11

Subject	Exam Board	Written Paper Units	Web-link
Additional Science *	Pearson	5BI2	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/science-2011-mixed.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials&filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Qualification-Size%2FAdditional-Science
		5CH2	
		5PH2	
Biology *	Pearson	5BI1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/science-2011-mixed.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials&filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Qualification-Size%2FBiology
		5BI2	
		5BI3	
Chemistry*	Pearson	5CH1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/science-2011-mixed.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials&filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Qualification-Size%2FChemistry
		5CH2	
		5CH3	

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Core Science*	Pearson	5BI1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/science-2011-mixed.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials&filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Qualification-Size%2FScience
		5CH1	
		5PH1	
Engineering Design	OCR	R105	http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/153190-unit-r105-design-briefs-design-specification-and-user-requirements-sample-assessment-material.pdf (click on Past papers tab)
Engineering Manufacture	OCR	R109	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-engineering-manufacture-level-1-2-award-certificate-j832-j842/ (click on Past papers tab)
English Language* Year 11	AQA	ENG1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-4705/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
English Language* Year 10	AQA	8700/1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources
		8700/2	
English Literature * Year 11	AQA	97151	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-9715/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
		97152	
English Literature* Year 10	AQA	8702/1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources
		8702/2	

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German (GCSE) *	AQA	46651 – Listening	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/german/gcse/german-4665/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
		46652 - Reading	
ICT	OCR	R001	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-ict-level-1-2-j800-j810-j820/ (click on Past papers tab)
Mathematics A * Year 11	Pearson	1MA0: 1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-a-2010.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
		1MA0: 2	
Mathematics A * Year 10	Pearson	1MA1: 1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html (select Sample assessment materials and specimen papers)
		1MA1: 2	
		1MA1: 3	
Physics *	Pearson	5PH1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/science-2011-individual.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials&filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Qualification-Size%2FPhysics
		5PH2	
		5PH3	

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Principles in Engineering and Engineering Business	OCR	R101	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-principles-in-engineering-and-engineering-business-level-1-2-award-certificate-j830-j840/ (click on assessment materials)
Systems Control in Engineering	OCR	R113	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals-systems-control-in-engineering-level-1-2-award-certificate-j833-j843/ (click on Past papers tab)

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Biology	AQA	AS	7401/1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402/assessment-resources
			7401/2	
Chemistry	AQA	AS	7404/1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404-7405/assessment-resources
			7404/2	
English Language*	AQA	GCSE resit	ENG1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-4705/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
Mathematics A *	Pearson	GCSE resit	1MA0: 1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-a-2010.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
			1MA0: 2	
Mathematics	Pearson	AS	6663	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2008.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
			6664	
			6677	

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Subject	Exam Board	Qualification	Written Paper Units	Web-link
Physics	AQA	AS	7407/1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/assessment-resources
			7407/2	
Product Design	AQA	AS	Unit 1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/a-level/design-and-technology-product-design-3d-2550/past-papers-and-mark-schemes

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Chemistry	AQA	AS	Unit 1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-2420/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
			Unit 2	
Chemistry	AQA	A-level	Unit 4	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-2420/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
			Unit5	
Engineering	OCR	Principal Learning Level 3	F559	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/principal-learning-engineering-level-3-from-2008-h811/ (click on Past papers tab)
			F563	
English Language *	AQA	GCSE resit	ENG1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-9715/past-papers-and-mark-schemes

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Mathematics A *	Pearson	GCSE resit	1MA0: 1	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-a-2010.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
			1MA0: 2	
Mathematics	Pearson	AS	6663	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2008.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
			6664	
			6677	
Mathematics	Pearson	A-level	6665	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2008.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
			6666	
			6689	

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Physics	AQA	AS	Unit 1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-a-2450/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
			Unit 2	
Physics	AQA	A-level	Unit 4	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-a-2450/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
			Unit 5	
Product Design	AQA	AS	Unit 1	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/a-level/design-and-technology-product-design-3d-2550/past-papers-and-mark-schemes
Product Design	AQA	A-level	Unit 3	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/a-level/design-and-technology-product-design-3d-2550/past-papers-and-mark-schemes

Key	Explanation note
*	Paper is separated into foundation and higher tiers