

Getting ready for Year 11!

The Summer holidays provide time for much needed rest however, it is a long six weeks, so you may find yourself with some spare time to further develop your knowledge and skills as you move into Year 11.

Your teachers have created a summer curriculum for you in an easy format – something to watch, listen to and read as well as any other additional tasks they think may be useful to you to help you excel.

Find a comfortable place to do this and work through as many areas as you are able and that are relevant to you and your GCSEs!

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Subject	Watch	Listen to	Read	Other activities
Art and Ceramics	Ceramics The Great Pottery Throw Down where amateur potters from across the country compete to be named the Top Potter. Across the episodes, contestants tackle creative "main makes" and technical "spot tests" while facing elimination. Watch The Great Pottery Throw Down Stream free on Channel 4 Art Portrait Artist of the Year is a popular televised British competition. Both amateur and professional artists race against the clock to paint famous sitters over a four-hour period. PAOTY – Sky Artist of the Year	Talk Art podcast Talk Art - Hosted by Russell Tovey and Robert Diament Hosted by actor Russell Tovey and gallerist Robert Diament, Talk Art is a popular podcast dedicated to making the contemporary art world accessible. The show features casual, enthusiastic conversations with leading artists, curators, and cultural figures The Tate gallery podcast Podcasts Tate Tate produces several official podcasts that explore the human stories behind famous artworks, the historical intersections of art and activism, and practical approaches to viewing art.	the lady in gold book The Lady in Gold by Anne-Marie O'Connor is the true story of Gustav Klimt's 1907 masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer. Stolen by the Nazis during World War II, the painting became the subject of a monumental, decade-long legal battle between the Austrian government and the heirs of its original Jewish owners The Art Book 2020 by Phaidon The latest, thoroughly revised edition of Phaidon's award-winning and globally bestselling art survey, featuring works from more	Ikon Gallery, Birmingham Address: 1 Brindley Pl, Oozells Sq, Birmingham B1 2HS Ikon Gallery Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Birmingham Museums

			than 600 of the world's greatest artists	
Business Studies	Short videos on Component 3 Marketing and Business Finance Topics from Know-it-all Ninja. Types of Market - BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise Segmenting the Market - BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise Choice of Marketing Methods - BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise Videos show how to construct answers to past paper questions. Bizzy Pods on youtube 1 BTEC extended Q - PR methods 1 BTEC Q - PR comparison ANSWERS 2 BTEC extended Q - loyalty incentives 2 BTEC Q - loyalty incentives ANSWER	Podcasts on the 4'ps in GCSEPod Product https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12911 Price https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12911 Place https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12911 Promotion https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12911 Using Marketing Mix https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12911	Read through the revision workbooks which include a range of scenarios and answer the questions. Component-3---Promotion---Learning-Aim-A.pptx Component-3---Promotion---Learning-Aim-B.pptx Component-3---Promotion---Learning-Aim-C.pptx	Retrieval Questions 1 Promotion and Marketing Mix.docx 2 Financial Documents and Calculations.docx 3 BreakEven and CashFlow.docx 4 ExamStyle Mixed Questions.docx
Citizenship	Watch the following clips as a form of revision/retrieval of the content we have covered so far: - Theme A: https://youtu.be/xmzH7Aafd90 - Theme B: https://youtu.be/GBeghpomE7Q - Theme C: https://youtu.be/LUTUU_45pUQ - Theme D: https://youtu.be/mAoSqsnuF_I	Identity and British values (Theme A) https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/86843 House of Commons/Lords (Theme B) https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/86849 Rights of individuals (Theme C) https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62318	Read through the revision textbook provided to you.	Courts

Computer Science	A mix of documentaries, explainers, and computing related storytelling. • Crash Course Computer Science- brilliant for theory reinforcement. • The Secret Rules of Modern Living- Algorithms • Computerphile - short videos on algorithms, security, hardware. • BBC Click -weekly tech news and innovations.	The Codebreaker Podcast- accessible stories behind computing. TED Tech Talks-short, inspiring, and great for curiosity Tech Stuff Podcast- beginner-friendly tech explanations.	Hello World by Hannah Fry - how algorithms shape society. The Code Book by Simon Singh - cryptography through history. GCSE CS Revision Guide and Knowledge organisers. Pick one and annotate it over summer.	Learn Cyber Security TryHackMe Cyber Training - sign in with Google account. Access over 900 training labs and learning pathways suited to all levels, from the complete beginner to the seasoned hacker. Learn Python - Free Interactive Python Tutorial- free online Python Tutorials.
Design Technology	The Secret Genius of Modern Life is a BBC science and technology series hosted by mathematician Professor Hannah Fry. It uncovers the mind-blowing histories, engineering, and surprising (sometimes accidental) origins behind every day modern objects, gadgets, and technologies BBC Two - The Secret Genius of Modern Life The Great British Sewing Bee is a hit reality competition on BBC One where talented amateur sewers compete to be named Britain's best home sewer. Across 12 weeks, contestants complete three rigorous challenges per episode—a pattern challenge, a transformation challenge, and a made-to-measure task. BBC One - The Great British Sewing Bee	On design podcast Whether you are looking for a show like On Design with Justyna Green or a general-purpose design summary, "podcast summary" usually refers to either summarizing a specific design episode or finding a roundup of top-rated design podcasts. On Design with Justyna Green Podcast on Spotify The run-through podcast The Run-Through with Vogue Podcast on Spotify	How design makes the world How Design Makes the World by Scott Berkun is a beginner-friendly book that explores how intentional design shapes everyday objects, technology, and environments. It emphasizes that everything we interact with is the result of human decisions, and provides frameworks to critique, question, and improve the designs we use.	The Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum is located at Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham The Museum of the Jewellery Quarter is located at 75-80 Vyse Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 6HA. It sits in the heart of Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter, just a short walk or quick journey from the city center. ham, B4 7XG
English	A Christmas Carol: Watch: Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol': Top Set Analysis — A deep dive by Mr Bruff mapping high-level	A Christmas Carol: Listen: The BBC In Our Time: The Poor Laws podcast episode (available via BBC	A Christmas Carol:	

	conceptual themes and analytical points tailored for top grades. Romeo and Juliet: Watch: BBC Teach: Romeo and Juliet: Shakespeare Unlocked — Features actors and directors from the Royal Shakespeare Company breaking down performance choices and character design. An Inspector Calls Watch: Mr Everything English: An Inspector Calls Complete Essay Plan — Look up his specific "Fits ALL Questions" guide for Grade 9 structures.	Sounds) which outlines the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act—essential context for understanding Scrooge's cold stance on workhouses. Romeo and Juliet: Listen: Stream the Oxford University: Approaching Shakespeare Podcast. Scroll directly to the <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> lecture to listen to a top-tier academic breakdown of how the play's structure forces the audience to think about fate vs. human choice. An Inspector Calls Listen: Stream the GCSE English RevisionPod on Buzzsprout. Look through their dedicated episodes on <i>An Inspector Calls</i> to listen to deep character profiles and breakdowns of the structural shifts from Act 1 through Act 3. Power and Conflict Poetry Listen: Stream the AQA-specific GCSE English RevisionPod on Buzzsprout.	Read: Stave 1 and Stave 5. Notice the stark contrast in Scrooge's language, tone, and the physical atmosphere surrounding him. Romeo and Juliet: Read: Read the full text of the Prologue, Act 1 Scene 5, and Act 3 Scene 1 online via the RSC Shakespeare Learning Zone: Romeo and Juliet Key Scenes. This allows you to look at the text alongside staging and character insights from the Royal Shakespeare Company. An Inspector Calls Read: Read the full script and focus on the Inspector's final speech in Act 3 ("We are members of one body...") using the Ormiston Horizon	Romeo and Juliet:
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	Power and Conflict Poetry Watch: Mr Everything English: How to Compare ANY Power and Conflict Poem — A game-changing strategy for exam comparison. BBC Teach: Poetry Insights (Power & Conflict) — Contextual backgrounds to the major poets. Language Paper 1: Watch: Mr Everything English: AQA English Language Paper 1 Q5 Unpacking — A fantastic breakdown of how to structure the 40-mark creative writing piece.	Language Paper 1: Listen: Stream the AQA-specific GCSE English RevisionPod on Buzzsprout. Hosted by two experienced English teachers, this podcast series explicitly breaks down exam-style writing questions, analyzing the structural choices and advanced vocabulary required to move your creative writing pieces from a Grade 4 to a Grade 8 or 9. Language Paper 2 Listen: Stream the AQA-focused GCSE English RevisionPod on Buzzsprout. Look through their Paper 2 episodes to listen to how examiners mark your analysis of a writer's viewpoint and how to successfully compare perspective between a 19th-century text and a modern one.	Academy: An Inspector Calls Full Script. Memorizing this section is crucial, as it delivers Priestley's core socialist message about collective social responsibility. Power and Conflict Poetry Read: Read the full annotated versions of <i>Ozymandias</i>, <i>London</i>, <i>Exposure</i>, and <i>Kamikaze</i> using the Save My Exams: AQA Power and Conflict Poems Guide. This hub provides full text breakdowns along with structural notes, making it easy to see how the layout matches the themes. Language Paper 1: Read: Short descriptive openings from gothic or dystopian novels (e.g., <i>1984</i> or <i>The Woman in Black</i>).	
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	Mr Everything English: Mastering Paper 1 Question 5 — Focuses on tackling description regardless of what image you are given. Language Paper 2 Watch: Mr Everything English: How to Smash Language Paper 2 Question 5 — A high-energy, direct breakdown of how to structure a persuasive speech, article, or letter to hit the top marks for organization and technical accuracy.		Language Paper 2 Read: Read two opposing viewpoints on the concept of school uniforms using the BBC Bitesize: Form, Audience, and Purpose Guide. This resource provides clear examples of how non-fiction texts adapt their tone depending on whether they want to argue, persuade, or advise.	Language Paper 1: Mr Everything English Paper 1 Walkthrough Language Paper 2 Mr Everything English Paper 2 Video Great British Food Festival at Compton Verney Warwickshire
Food Technology	The Great British Bake Off (often known as The Great British Baking Show in the US) is a beloved television competition where amateur bakers gather in a tent to prove their skills across various baking disciplines. Over the course of the season, contestants face weekly eliminations as they tackle three challenges until a winner is crowned.	The Food Friends podcast (officially titled Food Friends: Home Cooking Made Easy) is a bi-weekly show hosted by Kari Lauritzen and Sonya Sanford, two former private chefs turned best friends. The podcast is designed to inspire home cooks to try new	Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus is a feminist historical novel	

	Watch The Great British Bake Off Stream free on Channel 4	dishes and make mealtime easier and more delicious Food Friends: Home Cooking Made Easy Podcast on Spotify	about Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant and fiercely independent research chemist in the 1950s and 60s. Faced with rampant sexism, she becomes the unlikely star of a revolutionary TV cooking show, using her platform to challenge the patriarchy and inspire housewives	
French	Discover the wonders of France in this extraordinary French documentary that will take you to explore the most beautiful places in France! From the romantic streets of Paris to the spectacular lavender fields of Provence, from the majestic French Alps to the wonderful coasts of the French Riviera, this video will show you everything that France has to offer. Wonders of France Most Amazing Places and Villages in France Ultimate 4K Travel Guide	A fun and easy way to learn French for the busy learner. 3 Minute French - Lessons 1-9 - Album by Kieran Ball Spotify	French newspapers: Monde - BBC News Afrique 20 Minutes - Toute l'actualité en direct et les dernières infos en continu	Websites/Apps: Language Gym GCSEPod Oak Academy SENECA ActiveLearn Duo Lingo
Geography	Watch this documentary on Climate Change as a reminder of Unit 1: Climate Change - The Facts - BBC iPlayer Watch this documentary on the slums of Mumbai ready for Unit 3 in January: Kevin McCloud: Slumming It (2010) - Ep1	Listen to these 'Ask the Geographer' podcasts – pick anyone you think might be interesting to you: Ask the geographer podcast series RGS	Read the news over the summer and pay attention to things happening across the world: Home - BBC News	Go for a walk in one of the following parks (the link is to a map): Sutton Park: Sutton Park map Birmingham City Council Lickey Hills: Lickey Hills country park map Birmingham City Council Sandwell Valley : Layout 1
Health and Social Care	BBC Ambulance – Follow paramedics and emergency call handlers as they care for patients and make important decisions.	The NHS Podcast https://www.england.nhs.uk/podcast/	NHS – Types of Health Services https://www.nhs.uk	PSA Preparation: Making notes on: Primary and secondary care services

	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p04bx3bq/ambulance [londonambu...nce.nhs.uk] 24 Hours in A&E – Gain an insight into patient care, teamwork and communication in a busy hospital setting. https://www.channel4.com/programmes/24-hours-in-ae [channel4.com] NHS Health Careers Videos – Explore different careers available within the NHS and health sector. https://www.youtube.com/NHSCareers [youtube.com]	BBC Sounds – Health & Wellbeing https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/factual-healthandwellbeing	Mind – Mental Health Information https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/	Social, voluntary and informal care Barriers to accessing services and how they can be overcome Skills, attributes and values needed in Health & Social Care (organisation, problem solving, patience, trustworthiness, compassion and communication)
History	Playlist of videos focusing on all aspects of the British Sector of the Western Front. https://www.youtube.com/@chsghistory5995	GCSE Medicine Through Time History Podcast Series History Revision - BBC Bitesize	British Sector of the Western Front Purple Revision guide (p.24-28) British Sector of the Western Front Revision Cards	Complete the British Sector of the Western Front Booklet given to you by your History teacher.
IT	Microsoft YouTube Channel Explore videos on: - Microsoft Teams - OneDrive - Online Collaboration - Digital Communication Focus Question: What are the benefits of modern digital workplaces?	TED Talks (Audio or Video) Suggested talks: - How Data Shapes Decisions - Cyber Security and Privacy - Future Technologies Reflection Task: Summarise three key points from a talk.	Pearson BTEC DIT Student Resources Review notes on: - User Interface Design - Data Collection and Presentation - Cyber Security - Online Systems - Cloud Technologies These are key areas assessed throughout the qualification	Make use of the online textbook AND your revision guides provided by your teacher!
Maths	To help with your GCSE exams next year you can watch online lessons here: Free online GCSE Maths Lessons Pearson UK	Below are some great podcasts to show you how maths is used in real life situations:	<i>Hidden Figures.</i> By Margot Lee Shetterley	Useful Maths sites: Sparx Maths

	Watch this inspirational film about a self taught Indian mathematician who overcomes poverty and cultural barriers to earn a place at Trinity College, Cambridge The Man Who Knew Infinity Ramanujan FULL MOVIE Starring Dev Patel	10 Best UK Math Podcasts to Listen to in 2026	<i>Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Who Helped Win the Space Race</i> (2016) is a non fiction book that tells the story of African-American women mathematicians at NASA who played a crucial role in the United States space program. The book was later adapted into an Oscar-nominated feature film of the same name in 2016	Seneca BBC Bitesize Mathslinks Mathsgenie CorbettMaths 1stclassmaths
PE	To help you get ready for Year 11, we recommend watching the following videos which explore how sport is changing in the modern world. How Technology Changes Sports The FUTURE of Athletics shows how advancements such as performance tracking, equipment design, and data analysis are helping athletes improve and push the limits of what is possible. Enhanced Games: A Sporting Revolution or Dangerous Doping? Full Documentary BBC Sport challenges you to	Podcast To support your preparation for Year 11, listen to the podcast “Is VAR Ruining Football?” This podcast explores the use of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology in football and debates whether it improves fairness or takes away from the excitement of the game. It looks at different viewpoints from players, officials, and fans, helping you understand the impact of technology on sport.	To help you prepare for Year 11, read the following articles which explore key issues in modern sport. The articles cover a range of current topics, including the use of new offside technology at the 2026 World Cup, the idea of a so-called “Steroid Olympics,” and debates around fairness and eligibility in elite sport.	

	think critically about fairness, ethics, and the role of performance-enhancing methods in sport. As you watch, try to consider: <i>Is technology making sport better, or does it create unfair advantages?</i>	<u>Is VAR Ruining Football? - Newstalk Daily Podcast on Spotify</u> As you listen, think about: <i>Does VAR make football more fair, or does it spoil the flow and enjoyment of the game?</i>	Together, they highlight how rules, technology, and ethics are constantly shaping the sporting world. Article <u>World Cup 2026: Fifa adds new offside technology to help VAR - BBC Sport</u> Article <u>Athletes compete in 'Steroid Olympics' (Reading Level 3) - The Day</u> Article <u>Olympic champion wins victory in hormone row (Reading Level 4-5) - The Day</u> As you read, think about: <i>How can sport stay fair while still allowing innovation and inclusion?</i>	
Psychology	PsychBoost revision videos <u>GCSE Psychology for AQA specification - YouTube</u> Visual illusions Ted Talk <u>Optical illusions show how we see Beau Lotto - YouTube</u>	Research methods podcast - (also on Spotify) <u>Research Bias: Sort It Out, Science STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW</u>	Bad Science - Ben Goldacre (2008) This book criticises certain physicians and the media for a lack of critical thinking and	Museum of Illusions, Manchester <u>Museum of Illusions Manchester</u>

			misunderstanding of evidence and statistics which is detrimental to the public understanding of science.	
RE	GCSE PODS Marriage and family https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/46767 Muslim Practices https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/80260 SOW&A https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/78691 https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/78575	Podcast – Muslim Beliefs Religious Studies GCSE Religious Studies: Islamic Beliefs and Teachings Revision for AQA Paper 1 (12th May 2026) GCSE Religious Studies: Christian Beliefs and Teachings Revision for AQA Paper 1 (12th May 2026)	Complete pre reading on SOW&A provided in class.	Complete PLC Booklets given in class.
Science	Biology Biology paper one quiz - https://youtu.be/iGnMXfN7yDc?si=KmitJTc3mAsk6hv Biology required practicals - https://youtu.be/i9pfkLECKUw?si=BMI_AhAF1O7qo3NA Cells – https://youtu.be/Mr29iwFGUZs?si=PNheHyBJ774vyU99 Organ systems – https://youtu.be/Mr6Sz4-5nbk?si=kwY7GmBoxn8oHS8M Infection – https://youtu.be/fqURxN2qpfk?si=OkR_Ec7E6tKgqcUL Bioenergetics - https://youtu.be/Mt18APMb_TE?si=J08e9cN1TGSaOnWr	Biology The cell GCSE Science podcasts - The Cell - BBC Bitesize Organisation in animals and plants GCSE Science podcasts - The organisation of plants and animals - BBC Bitesize	Read through the Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics on Kerboodle.	Work through the Science summer curriculum booklet that you will find on Teams.

	Chemistry Chemistry paper one quiz - https://youtu.be/iBjFRKYS7zc?si=pVpJW9nMpTBbYIz1 Chemistry required practicals - https://youtu.be/wP7xt_6cgFg?si=6mLPU56hfk4_B65g Atoms and bonding – https://youtu.be/e6utUiU-dJQ?si=ViKefLFPL61kwc1Q Quantitative chemistry - https://youtu.be/12SraV_tsQ?si=GOCBHT0fMoKM3E2u Chemical reactions – https://youtu.be/wBjjEB4snJE?si=RHJ76xhovOzweXoN Energy changes - https://youtu.be/WNaVyJdQ1rg?si=4A-xNrMZbNXYB0q2 Physics Physics paper one quiz - https://youtu.be/F409p5RL0pY?si=ROk-K4d3D_G6PWXm Physics required practicals - https://youtu.be/ZxU53QQAnis?si=v5Yy1BWX3qNDAGnf Energy – https://youtu.be/LFIP9wqYgIM?si=mFCcF2F8rL0w1p-2 Electricity - https://youtu.be/XiUC_W4ELc0?si=515MfXKNYCKhl3Kx Particles – https://youtu.be/IyHJZln9JuQ?si=rO5b-Scv2i1mgx-N Atomic structure – https://youtu.be/QDwyGflgvho?si=8unK72wXgWgmdjfl	Infection and response GCSE Science podcasts - The organisation of plants and animals - BBC Bitesize Chemistry Atomic structure Revise atomic structure and the periodic table - BBC Bitesize Bonding and structure Revise bonding, structure and properties with the BBC Bitesize science podcast - BBC Bitesize Physics Energy Revise energy for your GCSE Science exam - BBC Bitesize Electricity Revise electricity for your science GCSE exam with the BBC Bitesize podcasts - BBC Bitesize		
Sociology	Watch through the following playlist as a form of revision and retrieval for Paper 1 – Families and Education: (36) The Whole of AQA GCSE Sociology Exam Revision Paper 1 - 10th May 2024 & Paper 2 - 21st May 2024 - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJFr3kEhIUM&list=PL7O6CcKg0HaFlmZaTky0GIPO59KkQ1j0r	Listen to the following podcasts to help enrich your knowledge for families and education (Paper 1) Families: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/95233 https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/95235 https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/95237	Read through the following books to enrich your knowledge on topics studied so far: Chang, Ha-Joon (2010) 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism. Penguin Group. Essential concepts in sociology – Anthony	

		Documentaries / SOCIOLOGY SUPPORT Hectic Teacher Resources	Giddens and Philip W. Sutton	
Spanish	An epic journey through the most beautiful and spectacular places in South America, where nature and culture blend to create landscapes that seem to belong to another world. This 4K documentary will take you on a journey to discover the hidden wonders of a continent that holds some of the most incredible places on the planet. Wonders of South America Most Amazing Places in South America 4K Travel Guide	This channel is here to help you improve your Spanish and practise for the speaking exam. The podcast is intended as a supplementary learning resource to support your classroom lessons and independent study. GCSE Spanish 2026 Learn Spanish. Podcast on Spotify	Spanish newspapers: Noticias - BBC News Mundo EL PAÍS: el periódico global	Websites/Apps: Language Gym GCSEPod Oak Academy SENECA ActiveLearn Duo Lingo