



REDRUTH SCHOOL

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GCSE Information Booklet
FOR PARENTS/CARERS

TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 05/09/16– 16/12/16

Half term 24/10/16–28/10/16

SPRING TERM 03/01/17–31/03/17

Half term 13/02/17–17/02/17

SUMMER TERM 18/04/17–26/07/17

May Holiday 1 May 2017

Half term 29/05/17–02/06/17

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

(School closed to students)

5 September 2016

21 October 2016

24 July 2017

25 July 2017

26 July 2017

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Calendar for Year 11 Students and Parents

13 October	AP1 (Assessment Point) Progress Reports to parents
20 October	Year 11 Parents' Evening
24 – 28 October Half-Term	Subject Catch up sessions
7 November	GCSE Information Evening
28 November	Mock Exams begin
18 January	AP2 Progress Reports to parents
6 January	Year 11 Mock Result Assembly
25 January	Year 11 Parents Clinic (invite only)
10 February	Coursework/controlled assessments hand in deadline
13 -17 February Half-Term	Year 11 Revision School
20—21 March	Mock Exams begin
29 March	AP3 Progress Reports to parents
Easter (3—13 April)	Year 11 Revision School
18 April	Potential English and maths Mock exam TBC
20 April	Year 11 Parents' Evening
15 May	GCSE exams begin
16 May	AP4 Progress Reports to parents
May Half-Term	Year 11 Revision School
16 June	Study leave (last day if all exams have been taken)
29 June	Leavers Assembly
30 June	PROM



**REDRUTH SCHOOL
STAFFING
STRUCTURE
2016/17**

HEADTEACHER C MARTIN

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER S MINNERS

SENIOR ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER A KETTELWELL

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHERS C BONDS B HASLAM O JERRY L MCITREARE

PROGRESS YEAR LEADS	CURRICULUM and SUBJECT LEADS	T&L LEADS
Year 7 Dave Barrett – Maggie Fuller Year 8 Richie Kennedy – Mike McGovern Year 9 John Pughaz – Matt Roberts Year 10 John Rodgers – Dave Horam Year 11 Craig Bonds – Ben Tame Year 12/13 Kirsty Treloar – Julie Rundle	English Owen Jeremy/Tracey Guilford/Rachel Barratt/Layla Crabtree Maths Beth Haslam/Tony Robson/A James Science/DT Jayne Thomas/ Glenn Lean Creative Arts Helen McGovern/Jade Peel Humanities Tom Hosking/Tracey Maclellan Languages Lucy Goy/Karen Horner PE Julie Bonhillroo Kirsty Treloar	Arnbud Houslet Chris Phillips Sarah Platt Claire Richards
LANGUAGES (Sally Miners) J Bouchard A Houslet B Morales-Patron H Wilson	CA (Cara McCreare) C Banks T Hosking T Macfarlane H McGovern L McCreare M Kettlewell S Macart P Goy L Sprague	TECHNOLOGY (Sally Miners) M Lavery M Lavin T O'Garra B Vowle
HUMANITIES (Craig Bonds) P Carley-James S Davies L Goy A H Bally A Horner C Layton L Leone A Moore K Pearce	PE (Ales Kettlewell) D Barrett C Bonds J Borras S Dobbie A Kennedy A Kettlewell D McLain C Richards C Phelan K Sheehan K Treloar	SCIENCE (Sally Miners) B Clifford N Clavin J Dwyer R Phelan A Powell P Quinn M Quinn S Quinn J Thomas M Wright
ENGLISH (Owen Jeremy) L Austin R Ball R Clayton-James L Crabtree S Deane S Deane (NCT) M Endean T Guilford F Hosking O Jerry P Lister J Oliver	COMPUTER STUDIES B Roberts A Rogers	VOCATIONAL S Carmichael (SECCO) S Clements VFE
PSHE S Davies	G&T L McCreare	

YEAR 11 KEY CONTACT POINTS

Progress Leader **Mr C Bonds** cbonds@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk

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Contact email addresses for subject teachers are available on the school website.

GCSE Course Information—Provisional Dates

Subject	Level	Exam Date	Unit	Exam Board
Animal Care	BTEC/GCSE	tbc	Re-take	Edexcel
Art & Design	GCSE	Coursework		AQA
Beauty Therapies	BTEC/GCSE	Coursework		Edexcel
Biology	GCSE	Tue 16th May	Unit 1	AQA
Biology	GCSE	Fri 9th June	Unit 2	AQA
Biology	GCSE	Fri 9th June	Unit 3	AQA
Business	GCSE	tbc	Re-take	OCR
Catering (Single)	GCSE	Tue 13th June	Unit 2	WJEC
Chemistry	GCSE	Thu 18th May	Unit 1	AQA
Chemistry	GCSE	Wed 14th June	Unit 2	AQA
Chemistry	GCSE	Wed 14th June	Unit 3	AQA
Computer Studies	GCSE	Wed 7th June	A451 Unit 1	OCR
Construction	BTEC / GCSE	tbc	Re-take	Edexcel
Drama	GCSE	Thu 18th May	Unit 3	Edexcel
Engineering	GCSE	Wed 24th May	Unit 1	AQA
English Lang	GCSE	Tue 6th June	Component 1	WJEC/Edeqas
English Lang	GCSE	Mon 12th June	Component 2	WJEC/Edeqas
English Lit	GCSE	Wed 22nd May	Component 1	WJEC/Edeqas
English Lit	GCSE	Fri 26th May	Component 2	WJEC/Edeqas
Food Tech	GCSE	Tue 23rd May	Unit 1	WJEC
French	GCSE	Tue 16th May	Unit 1 and Unit 2	AQA
Geography	GCSE	Mon 22nd May	Unit 1	AQA
Geography	GCSE	Tue 6th June	Unit 2	AQA
History	GCSE	Mon 5th June	Crime/Punishment	AQA
History	GCSE	Wed 14th June	Germany	AQA
History	GCSE	Tue 20th June	Surgery	AQA
Maths	GCSE	Thu 25th May	Paper 1 Non-calc	AQA
Maths	GCSE	Thu 8th June	Paper 2 Calculator	AQA
Maths	GCSE	Tue 13th June	Paper 3 Calculator	AQA
Media Studies	GCSE	Tue 23rd May	Unit 1	AQA

Music	GCSE	Fri 9th June	Unit 3	Edexcel
Photography	GCSE	Coursework		AQA
Physical Education	GCSE	Fri 19th May	Unit 3	AQA
Physics	GCSE	Wed 24th May	Unit 1	AQA
Physics	GCSE	Fri 16th June	Unit 2	AQA
Physics	GCSE	Fri 16th June	Unit 3	AQA
Product Design	GCSE	Mon 26th June	Unit 1	AQA
Religious Studies	GCSE	Mon 15th May	Unit 1	Edexcel
Religious Studies	GCSE	Wed 17th May	Unit 8	Edexcel
Spanish	GCSE	Fri 19th May	Unit 1 & Unit 2	AQA
Sport Studies	GCSE	Coursework		OCR

*Please note, coursework deadlines will be provided to the students by their teachers.

CURRICULUM and SUBJECT LEADS

English	Owen Jermy	ojermy@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk
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Science	Jayne Thomas	jthomas@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk
DT	Ginny Lean	vlean@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk
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Humanities	Lucy Goy	ljohnson@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk
Languages	Julie Bonhême	jbonheme@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk
PE	Kirsty Treloar	ktreloar@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk

Year 11 Afterschool Study Timetable 2016-17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core Science Biology/Chemistry	Art Computer Science Drama Engineering Geography History Photography Product Design RS	English Language/ Literature	Maths	Sport/PE

*Additional study time is available in room 108 from 4 pm–5 pm.

Year 11 Easter Revision School 2017

	Monday 3 April	Tuesday 4 April	Wednesday 5 April	Thursday 6 April	Friday 7 April
9-12	Computing 10 am-1pm	Drama – D1/D2	Maths (As per normal classroom)	Engineering (As per normal classroom)	
12-3					
Session	Monday 10 April	Tuesday 11 April	Wednesday 12 April	Thursday 13 April	Friday 14 April
9-12	Science 9 am-1pm (As per normal classroom)	English (Please meet in the LRC/library)	Maths (As per normal classroom)	History (As per normal classroom)	Good Friday
12-3	RS 1 pm-3 pm Room – 9 Business 1 pm – 3 pm Room -31	Drama – D1/D2	Sport (rooms 16 and 17) 12 – 3 pm	Geography (As per normal classroom)	

Session times are as above unless stated otherwise. Students must only access the rooms where sessions are running, staff will take a register for the session. These are non-uniform sessions. Students can bring food and drink for the day. When sessions are complete can all students please leave the site, unless they are attending another session afterwards where they go straight to that room.

Exam Countdown

Preparation

It is vital that student, school and home, work closely together to ensure that the preparation for summer examinations is thorough. This guide is intended to help support revision so that each student can make the most of what they know, understand and can do. However, it does not offer a way around any lack of effort in the past, but can help make the best of the time remaining. Within school, each subject is already implementing its own strategies for supporting exam preparation. This includes extra lessons, revision programmes and past examination practice.

Memory tips

- Good sleeping habits, a healthy diet and regular exercise can all help with concentration and will improve your memory
- Avoid cramming material when revising. Take short breaks and stay motivated with rewards. Remove Facebook, mobile phone or ipad distractions
- Review what you have learnt at the end of a study day
- Structure and organise the information you are studying. Find a quiet place where nobody can interrupt you. Pay attention and avoid distractions.

Time Management

- Create a plan of what you need to achieve
- Prioritise tasks and challenges. Be sure to set short and long-term targets that will help you realise what needs to happen to reach those goals
- Make the most effective use of your time. It is important to consider and constantly re-evaluate your deadlines
- Allow additional revision time for those subjects which you find most challenging.

Checklist for Students

Ten Weeks to go...

- ◆ Check all notes. Now is the time to ask teachers to clarify points. Make sure that you understand everything. It is much harder to revise something if you don't understand it
- ◆ Organise revision time. Plan weekly blocks, allocating time to each subject. Build in extra time for weaker subjects. Plan revision periods of about 50 minutes—don't forget breaks between sessions and make time for relaxation. Create a wall chart so that you can tick off the session
- ◆ Work out how to revise. Will you re-work your notes or make revision cards? Don't just copy notes out, reorganise them in different ways
- ◆ Make sure you find time to relax
- ◆ Pay attention to diet and exercise. Exercise relieves stress and makes you alert
- ◆ Remember to review your plan and change it if it isn't working.

Checklist for Students

The Final Week ...

- Revise subjects in a day to day timetable
- Take at least 15 minutes fresh air every day of this week
- List all you need for the first two or three days of exams—get them ready
- Take care with your diet—fresh food and avoid caffeine
- Don't join in doom and gloom talk with friends
- Don't think negatively. Don't panic. Remember a little stress makes you perform better.

Exam Day...

- Make sure you have plenty of time - don't rush
- Don't cram information. Read vital notes
- BE EARLY! Don't rush or arrive late
- Relax just before you enter the hall
- Read instructions for every question carefully before you start to write
- Keep a close eye on the time. Check your answers and leave 10 minutes at the end for checking
- If you have another exam on the same day, eat well in between. Get fresh air. Relax and read through last minute notes.

Effective Revision Techniques

1. Summarising notes or handouts into 'distilled' notes (key words, phrases) of no more than two sides of A4 for each possible question topic. Some people find flash cards useful for this. Flash cards can incorporate colour for different layers of information and for making links.
2. If you are a very *visual* learner, you could draw charts/maps of key ideas using *visual symbols/shapes*, which act as a metaphor for key concepts and ways in which they relate to one another.
3. If you would rather listen, because you have a preferred style of learning which is *auditory*, you could use *cd/audio tracks* to read key notes onto, then play them back several times so that you can become more familiar with the language of your discipline and with the key ideas relevant to the exam.
4. It can really help to enlist the help of a friend in any or all of these approaches, as long as you promise not to distract each other from the task in hand. Some students enjoy working with others and can learn by discussing ideas and explaining concepts to each other – this helps to consolidate knowledge and picks out where gaps in understanding occur.
5. Whichever revision methods you use, work towards a situation where you can imagine a *map* of the topics needed for the exam: which are the bigger and smaller areas? How do they relate to one another? Are there themes running across different areas, like streams through a varied landscape? Become a cartographer of your subject.
6. Some people prefer to use *branching notes* which put information in a hierarchy of importance but also show links. It is often useful to use colour with this type of method of note-making so that the various levels of information clearly stand out.

Memory Strategies

1. Mind maps, diagrams and flow charts



2. Associations – making links with the information.

3. Writing out information.

4. Remembering information in lists – re-arrange the order of the list so that the first letters of each word on the list make up something silly or amusing – a memorable mnemonic.

5. Using shapes and colour on notes.

6. Saying the information – to yourself or out aloud.

Examination Techniques

Review and practise the *skills* needed in the examination. Skills may include:

- analysing exam questions
- planning essays
- writing appropriately and accurately
- arguing effectively, using appropriate concepts and theories
- close analysis of texts (verbal or visual) or other kinds of 'evidence'
- selecting areas of knowledge in support of an argument
- synthesising and reaching a conclusion
- deciding which type of questions you are good at answering
- getting your ideas down in a specified time
- managing your time during an exam
- prioritising information in an exam question
- prioritising questions during an exam
- ATTEND STUDY SESSIONS AND VISIT EXAM BOARD WEBSITES (TO PRACTISE PAST PAPERS AND ANALYSY MARK SCHEMES FOR GOOD ANSWER EXAMPLES).

Subject Revision Materials

English	<p>www.gcse.com/English www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/English CGP Revision Guide—Available from Mrs Gulliford £2.50</p>
Maths	<p>www.mymaths.co.uk and vle.mathswatch.com www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths</p>
Science	<p>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science www.doddlelearn.co.uk</p>
Art	<p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/art www.studentartguide.com www.googleartproject.com www.lightboxresource.co.uk</p>
Business Studies	<p>http://www.baffledbee.co.uk/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjxcfKPa1NE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjxcfKPa1NE http://www.beebusinessbee.co.uk/index.php/business-qualifications/revision-exams/121-btec-unit-2-finance-exam-revision-resources www.beebusinessbee.co.uk</p>
Computer Science	<p>BBC Bitesize GCSE Computer Science Cambridge GCSE Computing: www.cambridgegcsecomputing.org/</p>
Drama	<p>Read set text 'FACE' Visit You Tube for previous productions and design ideas Visit Bitesize-Drama-Drama WJEC-Written paper</p>
French	<p>CGP AQA GCSE French Revise AQA GCSE Revision Workbook Vocab Express, Linguasstars (Redlang, Redruth), languagesonline www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize</p>

Geography	www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes CGP GCSE Geography AQA A Specification
History	www.schoolhistoryproject.co.uk Revision Guide—History B (Available at £2 from Mrs Goy) www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize/history all revision resources are on the school website under students / revision
PE	Topic on a Page Revision Aid available from Mr Phillips CGP Revision Guide GCSE PE AQA www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/PE
Photography	www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/art www.lightboxresource.co.uk www.gcsephotography.co.uk www.studentartguide.com www.googleartproject.com www.lensculture.com
RS	Revise Edexcel GCSE RS—Revision Guide (only students sitting the exam)
Spanish	CGP AQA GCSE Spanish Revise AQA GCSE Revision Workbook www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize
Technology	Engineering - Specific Study Pack (see Mr Laramy) Product Design—Essential D and T Product Design (Collins) Food Tech/Catering—Student Workbook (Lonsdale)

Other Key Information

Student Support

- Students that are not making their expected progress will be given a specific after school study timetable. Subject support is provided for students in areas of underachievement. We strongly recommend students attend these sessions
- After school study sessions are available to all students to attend (even those not specifically highlighted)
- Mr Tame/Tutors/Mr Bonds are available to deal with any student concerns.

Assessment Procedure throughout Year 11

Students are assessed regularly in Year 11. Below are the deadline dates of these assessments, which we use as the basis for our school reports. Subjects provide GCSE level assessment materials, and where possible, closely replicate GCSE level questions.

13 October	Year 11 Progress Report to Parents
20 October	Year 11 Parents' Evening
6 January	Year 11 Mock Results Assembly
18 January	Year 11 Progress Report to Parents
29 March	Year 11 Progress Report to Parents
20 April	Year 11 Parents' Evening
16 May	Year 11 Progress Report to Parents

Important Websites

SHOW MY HOMEWORK

You and your child have been set up with an account. Passwords and logins will have been given to you . You will need to visit the school website or use the following link:

redruth.showmyhomework.co.uk

GET REVISING

This is a revision website where students can build revision timetables and access revision resources.

getrevising.co.uk

DODDLE

Your child has been set up with an account. Passwords and logins are known by the students. Teachers can assign work and track the progress of students using the Doodle mark book. This is a very useful revision tool for students and covers all GCSE subjects.

www.doddlelearn.co.uk