Sixth Form Study Guide

A level Tips
Direct from A level Students 2017
A LEVEL TIPS: DIRECTLY FROM A LEVEL STUDENTS.

Questions (for A Level advice in general):

- Take one folder to school for all of your subjects, then transfer all of the notes from each topic to a larger folder for each subject once that topic is complete. It means you have to carry much less and also means you always have the notes that you may need for the lesson.
- Find out the exam board for each of your subject as soon as you can so that you can begin buying textbooks/revision materials.
- Notebook with hole-punched paper that you can put directly into your folder (again, less to carry if it’s in your folder!)
- Make revision aids from the beginning, start as you mean to go on. This will mean you can focus on past papers and general revision rather than making posters/cards/etc. in the weeks leading up to your exams.
- Make the most of your study periods. If you do the bulk of your homework at school then you can just focus on revision or relaxing at home!
- Also use study periods to relax on occasion (this can sometimes be just as useful)
- Further reading about subjects, this is a big difference between GCSEs and A levels
- Work out from the beginning what grades you need for the university courses you are interested in. This will avoid disappointment and will hopefully motivate you to do better.
- Mocks are really good practise and do your best – the revision you do for them will help in your exams/general understanding. But... don’t worry too much about your grade, you will have plenty of time to improve it before the summer exams!
1. What would your top tips be?

Look forward to the trip to London at the beginning of year 12, Art is great because you have the freedom to choose your own topic, so make the most of the London trip as it will give you some good ideas as to what style of art you may wish to experiment with and how you might focus your topic. You need the freedom to explore new techniques and go outside of your comfort zone and have to enjoy the subject enough to do it every day – it can be extremely time consuming! Exploit your freedom to be creative and spend plenty of time looking at different media techniques and themes before choosing what you want to do.

The initial product isn’t graded but allows you to practise.
Don’t think about your final piece straight away because your ideas may change.

2. Have you found any good resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.art2day.co.uk/

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Art2day

www.art2day.co.uk

Natasha Mills - Year 11 GCSE Photogrpahy
Exam Work Natasha's work was created in response to the artist Paul Kenny and created without the use of a camera.

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http://www.studentartguide.com/
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

One of the benefits of doing art is that there is no written exam in the summer. Therefore you have much more time to revise for your other subjects! However, you will have a lengthy exam to create your final piece. Make sure you are prepared for this and know what you will be doing otherwise you will waste time during the exam having to think of ideas.

Biology

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Keep on top of the work throughout the year, it was much easier to cope with revision near exam time as I already had a good understanding of each topic in comparison to those people who were leaving it all to the last minute and felt overwhelmed during the exam period. If there is something you don’t understand fully, go and see a teacher or go to clinic as all of the biology teachers are more than happy to help. Even if the clinic sessions are on a specific topic, you can speak to the teacher about other gaps in understanding from a different topic area.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   Physics and maths tutor is great for all science subjects, maths and even geography. It has most of the past papers there has been for all of the exam boards. With the new specification and the fact that there are fewer papers available, physicsandmathstutor is extremely helpful as it has question papers available per topic – meaning you can revise what would be on each of the new papers in comparison to the layout it used to be.

   McGraw hill is good for animations and feature in some lessons, so watching them at home to recap is useful! If you need to recap the lesson or you didn’t understand a bit then there are PowerPoints from most of the lessons on Office 365 (on the Biology SharePoint) plus information about the homework and some past papers.
A Level Biology Revision | S-cool, the revision website

www.s-cool.co.uk

A-level biology revision guides and question banks covering applications of genetic engineering, molecules and enzymes, photosynthesis and all core a-level topics.

http://www.sumanasinc.com/webcontent/animation.html

http://www.biologyguide.net/

https://mrsmillersblog.wordpress.com/as-biology/

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Revising from the book and watching animations is great to get and overall understanding of the topics, but make sure you do this early enough so that by a month or two before the exams you can focus on past papers. I find the Biology exam board particularly look for key words and if you do past papers and mark them, viewing the mark scheme will help you get used to using these key terms. Doing past papers throughout the year is also helpful, but you will get some from your teachers to do in lessons and at home.

Business

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Find business examples that can be applied to multiple topic areas and
learn them (e.g. Apple, JCB)!

Make revision cards/posters/etc. after every lesson so you don’t get overwhelmed having to make them all for each case study in one go.

Learn all equations

Practice calculations

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.tutor2u.net/business/reference/revision-quizzes

Any news websites (e.g. the BBC)

Business articles

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Plan the longer questions (i.e. the 12 and 20 markers)

Keep an eye on the time and be strict with yourself – time can go very quickly!

Chemistry

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Take lots of notes during class and then turn these class notes into colourful booklets and posters. Learn key definitions from the start rather than just before the exam – it makes everything so much easier to grasp if you understand the words your teacher are saying. You are given a lot more independence when doing practical’s in class- so you get to use equipment and substances which you wouldn’t have used before! Make the most of these practical’s and fully understand what you are doing and why you are doing it – then learning the experiments again for the exam will be so much faster!

You have to be prepared to work hard and be independent and you need to be willing to invest time outside of class. Chemistry was my most time consuming subject as it was hard, but once I grasped the concept after going over it numerous times I felt great and it stuck in my head. Chemistry is one of those subjects that takes time to understand something but once you’ve understood it you’ll be fine! You just then have to make sure you go over it occasionally so that you don’t forget it!

Seems like a lot of time and energy but when you understand it you feel great. It’s extremely challenging, but rewarding. You will need perseverance.
Target specific exam questions based on the topic you are covering. Do these practice questions as you go along and keep on top of the questions your teachers are giving you (you’ll only keep getting more and then you’ll become overwhelmed!). The questions are usually a lot harder than the actual content, so make sure you can apply what you know - you don’t want to be shocked in your exam!

There is quite a lot of maths involved, so if you’re not the biggest maths fan speak to your teacher about it as there is help available. Other members of the class are also great to ask help from, as them teaching you also helps them as it consolidates what they know.

1. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   http://www.chemguide.co.uk/
   
   http://www.hs.davyson.com/media/52/Notes%20-%20Reagents%20conditions.pdf
   
   http://www.doctbrown.info/
   
   http://www.knockhardy.org.uk/sci.htm
   
   https://www.youtube.com/user/tdewitt451

   The SharePoint

   If you are thinking about getting tuition, do it sooner rather than later as chemistry tutors are very popular and get booked up quickly! You certainly don’t need a tutor, but it is a difficult subject and the extra help can really make a difference, regardless of your ability.

2. Any exam tips or techniques?

   Work your socks off from day one but love it as you do it! Chemistry can’t be learnt in the weeks before the exam, so make sure you understand everything as you go along and the couple of months before the exam are filled with past papers!

   **English Lit/English Lit+Lang**

   1. What would your top revision tips be?

      How to balance essay workloads with other subjects: Keep a tick list stating what revision, essays and exercises you have been set by your teachers and yourself for the week. I find this more effective than daily timetables as it allows you the freedom to choose from your list whichever subject you feel most willing to study that day. Try and divide your essays in
between other subjects that are not purely writing exercises, as if an essay is taking longer than expected, you can find satisfaction in ticking off another piece of work due that week before going back to writing.

Keeping organised throughout the year: Keep folders at home for each new book or poet you study. In classes throughout the year I prefer to have a folder that I divide for all of my subjects, that then gets dispersed into topic folders once I have moved on to new areas in class. Another important aspect of keeping up with your work and revision is writing down what your teachers have set you, and even setting yourself extra work if you feel weak in certain areas.

General revision for exams: Start as early as you possibly can! English A level covers copious amounts of texts, characters and poets that you need to know inside out before you sit your exams at the end of the two years, so start early so you don’t drown in the workload later. I find it helpful to revise poetry by having clean copies of my poems that I then annotate with fresh eyes before looking at my previous notes for extra ideas. For the re-creative essay exam I make posters for all of the characters I will need to know, stating key features of their personalities, physical appearances, history’s and quotations of theirs from the book. As a general note, I also find it helpful to make up my own essay questions for myself and then plan these before attempting to write them closer to the exams.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

Make the most out of your teachers, they will be more than willing to help you if you are stuck in break, lunchtime, or even after school, so don’t be scared to ask for extra help or see if they will mark extra work for you.

http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/a-level_frameworks.htm

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Writing essays: Writing essays can seem overwhelming at first, but if broken down into small steps it can be easily conquered. Start by picking out key quotations from your texts and then start grouping them into themes relative to your essay question. Then begin to plan your paragraphs, with what opening sentence you will use, what techniques you will talk about and which quotations support this best. When writing your essay, ensure to end each paragraph with a mini conclusion that evaluates what has been said without being repetitive.

Reading your texts: Ensure you really get to know your books, plays and poems as best as you can. There is no point in skim reading over these and when you get into the exam you will be tested on how broad your knowledge is, and this cannot be limited to the extract given to you. When reading your books, try to take notes on key turning points and ideas that arise as you will likely come up with new ideas not yet explored in class.

Essential tips for exams: You will have heard this many times before, but take time in properly reading the question and analysing your extracts, it can only make it easier when you actually write your essay. On the other side of this, do not rush your conclusion either, these need to be the most well thought through and evaluative points you make, so do not end your work on an average point.
EPQ

One of the most important things when writing EPQ is to start early and stay on schedule! Obviously you will start EPQ early on in the year, and with the new A Levels being introduced, you won't have any exams at the end of year 12. Use this to your advantage! As the first year will be full of learning new things, a good thing to do is to use EPQ as a way to refine your essay writing and referencing skills; no matter what subject you are doing, they will come in handy somewhere, whether it's essays in humanities or referencing research in science. Also, pick a topic which you find interesting, and think about a question which is open to discussion but not too broad or complex, so you can focus your research and prevent yourself wasting time. Also make sure to document all of the research you do, and any mistakes you make along the way - they will come in handy when you have done your project and you come to do your evaluation. Additionally, when you come to writing the report, plan each paragraph in terms of the argument you are putting forward and which research you will use to contradict your points, and make sure it is well balanced and thoughtful - this will help to pick up marks!

I think that, in hindsight, I would have tried to use the time allocated more effectively so I could finish the project and put it to the back of my mind, whilst still using the skills I gained from doing it. That is my best advice.

Geography

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Create your case study notes as early in the year as you can, i.e.: as soon as you learnt that part of the course in the lesson. This means that when exams are close you’re not frantically trying to collate information and instead you can focus on memorising the key facts and doing past papers!

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

The exam board’s website has all of the past papers that you can access, the extra papers available you can ask for from your teacher. “Coolgeography” is a great website to get case study notes, particularly when you are in year 12. Keep up to date with what’s going on in the news for extra case study details.
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Make sure you know your case studies in detail! Examiners are looking for place knowledge as well as the things that are occurring in that area (e.g. a drought). Complete some practice questions and hand them into your teacher in order to get an idea about whether what you are writing is what the examiners are looking for and they will be able to help you improve it. Don’t waste time on the shorter questions and make sure you leave enough time for the 15 markers (year 12)/40 markers (year 13) at the end (time does manage to go very quickly in the exam)! A rough guide to stick to is 1.5 mins per mark.

History

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Essay plans are essential! General ones which can be adapted to multiple questions are most useful - find example questions in the textbook. Also putting together a good plan will help you revise more important events.

Don’t stress about revising every small detail – knowing a few good examples and how events fitted together is more important (*dates are important to understand the sequence of events, however. Make a big excel time line with multiple columns for the different areas and memorise from that).

Memorising from the textbook really is the best way to grasp everything but the thought might seem daunting! Don’t worry, once you’ve covered the course in class you will have a good understanding of most things, the stuff you will have to memorise is just extra detail.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/history-gcse-level
http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/
https://historyrevision.wordpress.com/
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Practice TIMED essays or you will run out of time in the exam – it is 45 minutes for most essays – then ask the teacher for feedback so you can improve your next essay.

Always answer the question in introduction and conclusion

Rank factors by importance for top marks

Mark schemes are very vague so anything relevant and persuasive will get marks – especially important in source questions where it can be hard to find enough factors to talk about.

Look at dates in the source questions and talk about them no matter what the period is.

Actually look at the dates in the question and make sure you are talk about the correct period!!!

Languages

1. What would your top revision tips be?

The difference between GCSE and A level languages is that it’s a lot more about being able to form sentences on the spot, rather than learning paragraphs for assessments. Sadly, there aren’t really any shortcuts with this. It’s a case of doing regular vocab tests, and learning grammar points regularly. To make it more interesting, rather than just sticking your nose into a textbook, reading articles in the language from sites like le Monde (for French) helps to improve vocab, puts grammar rules into context and gives good contextual information for the exam. Even watching French films (with or without subtitles) can help because you acclimatise to spoken German/French, ready for listening and oral exams. The key to it is making sure you do it regularly, it doesn’t have to be 2 hours every evening, but 20 minutes of learning the different tenses or small vocab tests in a study period go a long way.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Spend lots of time memorising your speaking piece and make sure that you feel confident when you walk into the room to do it. Do well in these pieces to take a bit of pressure off for the exam.

Leading up to the actual exam make sure you have learn lots of vocab so that it makes it easier to understand questions/texts in the exam and you won’t be shocked when you come across a word you may not otherwise have seen before!

Maths/Further Maths

1. What would your top revision tips be?

PAST PAPERS! As soon as you finish a big section (e.g. you’ve finished all of the C1 chapters) start doing past papers as soon as you can. For C1 I managed to complete every past paper available around 4/5 times each (so that is about 300 papers) before the exam, which made me really confident that I could complete any question that would come up in the exam, as the questions in the actual exam are all on the same technique but the wording or numbers/equations used in the questions are just slightly different.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

Physics and maths tutor is again a good website to use for maths, it has revision material as well as all of the past papers available to us from Edexcel plus other exam boards. I would recommend that before you start doing Edexcel papers do the ‘Solomon’ papers, as these are all the same topics that come up with Edexcel papers (as it was the old scheme Edexcel used to use) but the questions I find are a bit harder and mean you will find you’re much more prepared for your exam.

http://www.examsolutions.net/
http://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/
http://vle.woodhouse.ac.uk/topicdocs/maths/home.htm

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Remember that the majority of the marks are given for working out, so write down every stage even if you can do it in your head. This also means that even if you think your answer is way off in your exam to what the answer would be, then you will still get some of the marks so it’s not the end of the world! Also, don’t let a bad exam get you down – as if you find it hard many others probably did and this will reflect in the
grade boundaries! I personally thought that my C2 exam went really badly which made me upset for the next few days and I revised less effectively as a result for my next exam... but it turns out it was actually the exam I got the best marks in!

Media

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Taking BTEC Creative Media will involve doing a large amount of coursework, as the majority of the work you produce, will be put towards your final grade at the end of the year. This means that you have to record all the stages of your production process and all of your research and findings. Therefore the best advice I could give, is to ensure that you constantly update your WIX website and to keep taking photos and screenshots of evidence as you go along because in the long run, it'll be so much easier to manage. I recommend that you spread the work out over the year and stick to the deadlines, so that it is easily manageable. It is also a great idea to get a folder for all your notes and to ensure that you go over them after every lesson, to secure your understanding.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   https://brianair.wordpress.com/as-media-exam-tips/

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

   Use as much of the correct terminology that you can. Learn what you did for the media coursework and that part of the exam will be much easier and you can make sure your answers are detailed enough. Don’t waste time waffling and ensure that you are sticking to your time limits per question otherwise you will run out and lose marks on following questions!

Physics

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Keep on looking back on what you’ve already learnt -
Do the summary questions at the end of chapters

Practice papers and other questions

Test yourself on equations and definitions

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/

Quizlet

Bartsci on YouTube

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Like most of the science subjects, Physics can’t be learnt in the weeks before the exam, so make sure you understand everything as you go along and the couple of months before the exam are filled with past papers!

Politics

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Studying politics mainly surrounds knowing the political theory and relevant examples that could be applied to the theory. Therefore, trying to stay on top of examples is highly relevant to the course. I do this by watching the news every morning, and I have downloaded the BBC news app and Washington post app, which gives me alerts for anything political. I have a small book which I note these examples down in, and look back at this book when making essay plans. Coming up to exam time, I spend most of my time writing essay plans for past exam questions in each topic of politics. This is incredibly useful and an effective way to revise as it allows me to revise the content and also learn which essay writing style suits me. To plan my time I make a weekly plan which details how I will spend my studies, afterschool and in the evening.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

http://www.tutor2u.net/politics

https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/magazines/Print-Magazines

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Regardless of what exam question you are answering in any unit, you will still be using the same type of writing style. If you follow the following checklist more often than not you will hit all the marking points:

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At all times, you must have a clear argument and evidence to support this.

Psychology

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Make lots of notes each lesson and then I recommend that you copy notes up on to an A3 sheet and sort them into different topics and highlight the researchers in a different colour so that they are easy to distinguish. You could also make revision cards as there are lots of terminology and definitions to learn. Definitely buy the recommended text books – they are extremely useful and contain most (if not all) of the information you need. Lots of the topics are relatable, so if you make sure you are constantly keeping previous topics fresh in your mind it will help you learn the new ones (e.g. there is overlap between topics such as social psychology with many others - which looks at conformity). Have a way to learn lots of information quickly. Begin a revision schedule as soon as you start learning. You need to have an understanding of biology – aspects of psychology are very similar! Don’t be afraid to ask questions as that is the best way to understand it. One lesson leads on to the other so you need to be able to understand it before the next lesson.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

https://www.simplypsychology.org/a-level-psychology.html
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

If you have learnt/memorised all – if not most of – the case studies by the time the exam comes around then you will find it much easier to write quickly and concisely whilst maintaining the high enough level of detail. Write the amount necessary to get the marks – i.e. don’t write a side of A4 for just 4 marks and only half a side of A4 for 8 marks.

Theatre Studies

1. What would your top revision tips be?

Keep re-reading the texts so that you know them really well.

Do lots of the old exam papers on the website, as there aren’t as many for the new specification. Write lots of essays to understand the right structure. Print off mark schemes to help your writing style and structure. Read exemplar answers which will help you improve yours in the future.

Make sure you make free time for all of the rehearsals, extra reading and research.

Listen to the teachers because they know what they are talking about.

Be organised and meet deadlines otherwise you may become overwhelmed.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

www.sparknotes.com/lit/dollhouse
www.getrevising.co.uk/revision-cards/our_countrys_good_purpose_and_intentions
www.getrevising.co.uk/revision-cards/a_dolls_house_henrik_ibsen_al
www.schmoop.com/tartuffe
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:**

AO1: Demonstrate the application of performance
AO2: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and using appropriate terminology
AO3: Interpret plays from different periods and genres
AO4: Make critical and evaluative judgements of theatre

*Write these down before you answer a question, and make sure you deploy all of them liberally. You get a tick for each time you use one well.*

Examiners are marking loads of scripts, so make your script unique, by using your own notes and insights.
- Use quotations- they make the essay livelier.
- Keep a good structure: introduction, middle and end.
- Make sure the beginning of each paragraph tells you what comes next.
- Make each paragraph thematically about something new.
- Try to lead one paragraph fluently into the next.

Keep a sense of balance- you need to talk about many different factors (e.g. costumes, direction, lighting etc) so don’t spend the whole essay talking about one thing.

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**Sociology**

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Go over your notes from every lesson when you get home and make a resource (i.e. revision cards, posters, etc.) from it in order make sure you understand and keep on top of everything. If you make them as soon as you learn the topic you can make sure they’re detailed enough and then you can use them throughout the year to refresh your memory. It also saves time near exams and means you can focus on doing past papers.

   Make the case studies detailed and in a format that you can easily learn from/remember.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   www.Tutor2U.co.uk
3. Any exam tips or techniques?

It doesn’t matter if you do questions in the ‘order’ e.g. part e first, then b, then d, etc. But do ensure that all are clearly labelled. Write the amount necessary to get the marks – i.e. don’t write a side of A4 for just 4 marks and only half a side of A4 for 8 marks.
Revise! - you must know the names of sociologists, a few empirical facts, and the names of key concepts and theories.
If you can do all those things, your chances of success are high!

PE and BTEC Sport

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Learn all the key definitions, acronyms (e.g. SPORT) and key concepts as you go along – make revision posters and cards. Don’t delay coursework – it can be intense and if you get it out of the way early then you’ll have more time to focus on revision.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   http://www.teachpe.com/resources/a-level-pe/
   http://www.gordons.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=PE+Revision+Material&pid=79
   https://www.pe4learning.com/flippedlearning/
   https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/physical-education-level-revision

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

   Use examples – use a sport you that you have a great level of knowledge about so that you can focus your main revision on the other areas as you already know the sport in depth. If you revise from the text book and know the spec, answering questions should be easy. Reading the spec will help you to know which points will get you marks and save you time/stop you waffling.
Religious Studies

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Always ensure you understand the different theories and if you have any questions go to the teacher as soon as you can (don’t let your problems build up!)

   Make mind maps, posters, cards, etc. for each theory.

2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

   https://www.youtube.com/user/MrMcMillanREvis
   https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/religious-studies-level-revision
   https://www.toothillschool.co.uk/page.php?d=re&p=revcollege

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

   Try not to waffle – it won’t gain you marks! Always relate back to the question to ensure you are staying on topic.

Travel and Tourism

1. What would your top revision tips be?

   Turn the notes taken on the computer during the lesson into revision cards with the main pieces of information on them.

   You must be able to make up your own business and it must be very realistic- spend about two months.

   Keep to the deadlines that are set because it will start to build up.
2. Have you found any good revision sites/resources that have been of use to you?

BTEC Level 3 Travel and Tourism Edexcel Gillian Dale (textbook)

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

Leading up to the exams make sure you’ve completed loads of past papers, the exam board question the same skill areas and then at least if you’ve done similar questions before and know ‘model’ answers you can easily adjust them. There is quite a large time pressure during the exam so make sure you are keeping track of time and being strict with yourself as to when to move onto the next question.

Music

1. What would your top tips be?

Music is a challenging subject with three areas of focus: performing, composition and musical analysis. Throughout the year it is important to balance the workload between these three areas and to keep organised. It is helpful to get the composition done as soon as possible in the year as this leaves more time to concentrate on the musical analysis of the set works. It is also important to keep practicing for the performance throughout the year and to decide on the recital programme early to give you as long as possible to prepare.

2. Useful Resources/websites

https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/Category:A_Level_Music_Revision_Notes
http://www.maidenerleighschool.co.uk/download/NDAxNA==
http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music/as-and-a-level/music-2270

3. Any exam tips or techniques?

To get ready for the exam you need to focus on two areas: listening and writing. To prepare for the listening you need to listen to lots of different styles of music from every period; it is also important to remember the key dates of different composers. To prepare for the writing, it is useful to do many practice questions to learn the style of answering; it is also useful to listen to the set pieces and make notes on the anthology score.