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## GCSE Easter Revision in London

2022: 28 March – 1 April, 4 – 8 April, 11 – 15 April





Mander Portman Woodward was founded in 1973 and is one of the country's best known independent colleges. Situated in the heart of South Kensington, MPW is fully co-educational and accepts about 600 students each year for GCSE and A level courses. We offer a broad range of courses and have a tradition of expertise in intensive, exam-oriented tuition. It is this expertise which forms the basis of our Easter revision courses.

## Why do GCSE Easter Revision Courses?

GCSE results have always been an important milestone but their significance today is greater than ever. Government-led reforms at both GCSE and IGCSE level mean that the examinations are now more challenging. Schools and colleges are also raising their requirements for sixth-form entry. Furthermore, with A levels becoming linear, university tutors are paying much closer attention to applicants' GCSE grades. Not surprisingly, students are keen to ensure that their exam preparations are as comprehensive and streamlined as possible during the final few weeks before their examinations begin.

## **Tuition**

Our tutors are all highly qualified graduates with considerable teaching experience. Many are GCSE or A level examiners and are therefore attuned to the requirements and approaches demanded by the various examining boards.

Small classes are essential in order to provide the close attention that each student requires. There is an absolute maximum of nine students in a GCSE group, although the average is usually six or seven.

## New specifications

Almost all GCSE/IGCSE course specifications have now changed under reforms designed to reduce coursework and to bridge the gap to the new A levels. At the same time grading has now substantially migrated to the numerical 9-1 scale. MPW runs Easter Revision courses targeted at all the main GCSE subjects and specifications offered under the new reforms.

Courses will focus on advanced information provided by exam boards in each subject and adjustments as specified by Ofqual for 2022 exams.

#### Course Structure

Each 20-hour GCSE course runs Monday to Friday either in the mornings or the afternoons (four hours each day including timed work and breaks). It is therefore possible to study up to two GCSE subjects each week. We also run a 30-hour IGCSE Combined Science course to cover Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the same week, though this is not applicable to those studying separate sciences. Specific details of the course content for each subject are given individually in the course outlines booklet.

Our courses are not meant as substitutes for work set at school. Rather, they facilitate the efficient revision of syllabus content, provide a framework for the development of a high level of understanding of the more challenging concepts and allow for the fine-tuning of questionanswering skills.

We target courses to the needs of the students by means of a detailed subject-specific questionnaire which is sent upon receipt of the registration form.

## Feedback

At the end of the course students are given a report in each subject which includes test scores, comments on areas of strength and weakness and specific suggestions for improvement. Students also receive a revision pack containing further revision advice, enabling them to build on the progress made during the course and helping them to make the best use of the weeks leading up to the GCSE examinations.

## Registration

In order to book a place, the person responsible for fees should complete and return the registration form along with the fees for the course. No place is guaranteed without both being presented at the time of booking. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to call our Course Directors.

## **Subjects Available**

Biology	History
Chemistry	Italian
Computer Science	Latin
English Language	Mathematics
English Literature	Music
French	Physics
Geography	Spanish
German	

For further details about the courses please refer to our Course Outlines Booklet.

The college is able to offer tuition in a range of subjects and specialist areas in addition to those listed above. Please contact us to discuss your precise requirements.

## **Director (Easter Revision)**

**Rachel Shaw MA PGCF** 

## **Course Directors**

Ellen Bowes BA Eoin Rafferty BA

#### Fees

#### 20-hour Courses

One subject	£906
Two subjects	£1,737
Three subjects	£2,464
Four subjects	£3,129

#### **GCSE Combined Science**

Three Sciences (30-hour)	£1,201
Two Sciences (20-hour)	£906

#### 4-hour Courses

English Literature text sessions	£259 each
Geography/History modules	£259 each

## **Course Dates**

Week 1	Monday 28 March – Friday 1 April
Week 2	Monday 4 – Friday 8 April

Week 3 Monday 11 – Friday 15 April

(includes Good Friday)



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BIRMINGHAM 16-18 Greenfield Crescent Birmingham B15 3AU

CAMBRIDGE 3-4 Brookside Cambridge CB2 1JE Focus on advanced information and adjustments as specified by Ofqual for 2022 exams

Intensive revision of core topics

Emphasis on understanding rather than learning

Identification of the most common types of question set on individual topic areas

Development of appropriate question-answering techniques

Improvement of study and revision skills



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