Dyslexia Courses Ireland

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Useful websites/APPS on revision notes, subject specific resources, study skills, exam preparation, assistive technology and on-line tutorials

General sites for study notes

www.litcharts.com
Litcharts, from the creators of Spark notes, have a library of 1,156 literature guides, 130 poetry guides, 136 literary devices and terms, and modern English translations of every Shakespeare play

www.sparknotes.com
- Literature study guides including a wide range of Shakespearian plays and many novels.
- A number of animated video guides to some of the plays (Hamlet, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, etc.) and some novels (To Kill a Mockingbird, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 1984 etc.).
- There are also No Fear Guides for some of the plays (Merchant of Venice, King Lear, Macbeth, Hamlet, etc.) and some novels. These provide the original text on one half of the page, with modern English language version on the other half of the page.
- There are study notes on subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Physics, History and Maths. It includes a section on poetry with specific poets such as Dickinson, Donne, Eliot, Frost and Yeats.

www.shmoop.com   Shmoop is an American site whose slogan is 'We speak student'. This refers to a relaxed form of English which is easy to understand. There is a free version which gives access to learning guides in English, Maths and Science. In the Maths section it covers Algebra, Geometry and Calculus. In Science Physics, Biology and Chemistry are covered. The English section covers Grammar, Poetry, well-known novels and bestsellers, and Shakespeare. There is a premium subscription costing $24.68 a month.

www.studynotes.ie   Includes revision notes, flashcards for key vocabulary, list of key quotations, videos for JC and LC in a wide range of subjects including technical subjects such as Engineering and DCG. Poems in the Irish syllabus are read aloud.

www.s-cool.co.uk   Website for the UK GCSE and A levels, with free revision guides and study tips in subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Maths, Economics etc.

Subject specific resources

Agricultural Science
http://www.pdst.ie/sc/agscience/resources

Business, Economics and Accounting
www.thebusinessguys.ie   Free Leaving Certificate notes in business, accounting and economics. Signing up to their mailing list means the student will receive a monthly newsletter during term-time, focusing on one key topic in each of the three Business subjects.

Engineering, DCG, Technology, Construction Studies
www.studynotes.ie has material for Engineering, DCG and Technology on their website.
www.pdst.ie/Sc/subjects Look at the curriculum resources under each of the subjects.

English
www.connemarafm.com/education-programmes/ Connemara FE has podcasts under the heading The West Wind Blows for Leaving Certificate subjects such as English, Chemistry and French. There are pod casts on key poets and some Shakespearian plays.

www.leavingcertenglish.net   Full of information and articles for JC and LC English. Winner of a Blog Award 2014. There is a charge for some of the topics such as Poetry Guides.   The account is now dormant but there is an archive of material.

www.loyalbooks.com , www.openculture.com Free downloads of audio books including Shakespearian plays, poetry and some textbooks for MP3s, computers, iPads, and Kindle.

www.sccenglish.ie   Website for St. Columba's English Department. It covers poetry, drama, essays and includes podcasts on key texts for the LC such as Hamlet, King Lear and MacBeth. An example is Podcast 21 which is the third in a series of 6 podcasts on King Lear which are about 10 minutes each. This Podcast features 10 quotations and examines the quotations as key moments in the play, linking them to the rest of the text and prompting fresh reflection on the themes and characters.   Podcast 24 is about patterns in poetry.

Geography
www.lcgeography.preswex.ie
Website designed for the Geography students in Presentation School Wexford, but has grown to help all students studying Geography at LC level. (If the above link does not open, search for Leaving Certificate Geography Presentation Wexford).

History
www.historymatters365.com This website has been created as a resource for Irish secondary school history students and teachers. The site is a mix of videos, images, notes, links, inter-activities, a blog**,** etc.

Irish
App: Irish Grammar for iOS
Irish Grammar-Gramadach na Gaeilge is an Irish language app to help Leaving and Junior cert students to master their grammar in the run up to exams. Price €3.99

APP: Nemo Irish Gaelic (iOS and Android)
Nemo Irish Gaelic is a free language app concentrating on pronunciation in the Irish language. It mixes flashcards and spoken words.

Languages
www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/tv/ (also German, Spanish and Italian)
Access to French news channels and programmes as well as French programmes on the BBC with downloadable transcripts.

www.duolingo.com (also iOS and Android) This site provides interactive learning of languages in progressive stages with extensive writing and diction exercises. Languages include Irish, French, Spanish, German and Italian.

www.memrise.com (iOS and Android)   Memrise focuses on teaching languages to students and uses visual flashcards to help them remember words and phrases for many different languages. Although the app focuses on languages it can be used to learn geography, history and sciences.

APP: Think Bilingual! (iOS)
This App guides the learner to *think* in the language through immersion in real-life situations. The current version is free.

Maths
www.alison.com   Free on-line course in Project Maths with video tutorials of lessons at JC and LC levels in both ordinary and higher levels. The site also covers topics in Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

www.khanacademy.com Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized record of learning. Free on-line tuition is by topic such as calculus, trigonometry, geometry etc.

Science

www.biodigital.com (iOS and Android)   The Biodigital Human allows thousands of 3D visualisations of the anatomy of the human body. Available free or with additional features at a premium rate.

www.theconicalflask.ie.   This site offers video lessons, notes and model questions and solutions in the subjects of Agricultural Science, JC science, Biology and Chemistry.

App: The elements by Theodore Gray (iOS and Android) Describes the periodic table, told in words and pictures

www.khanacademy.com Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning record.   It has free on-line tuition in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

www.periodicvideos.com   Interactive website for the Periodic Table.

www.thephysicsteacher.ie   Study notes in JC Science, LC Physics and Applied Maths with some material on Biology.

www. sciencequiznet.weebly.com/ This site offers quizzes to help with revision in Junior Biology, Physics and Chemistry and Senior Physics and Chemistry.

Study skills and exam preparation sites

Memory Quest: www.edtech.ie/product/memory-quest-flex-special-education-1-year.   This programme provides working memory training. It has been developed based on recent scientific findings on training of cognitive skills. The programme is adaptive i.e. automatically adjust the difficulty level based on the performance of the trainee. Memory Quest have been produced with financial support from the Swedish National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools.

Dyslexia Quest: www.nessy.com/uk/dyslexia-quest/
Dyslexia Quest tests memory and learning skills. The games are designed to assess working memory, phonological awareness, processing speed, visual memory, auditory memory and sequencing skills.
It has been developed, researched and tested at the Bristol Dyslexia Centre. The app is designed for a single player and does not support simultaneous multiple users. There are three age ranges: 7-10 years, 11-16 years and 17+.

www.questforlearning.org
This provides support for students heading into third level courses. It helps the student set up an effective study system, how to take effective notes, planning and writing academic papers, writing bibliographies, etc.

Quizlet www.quizlet.com
Quizlet helps students learn via flashcards and various games and tests. As of November 2015, Quizlet has over 100 million user-generated flashcard sets in a vast range of subjects from Sciences, to English, to Home Economics and Languages.   Quizlet is a place where everyone can share knowledge in any subject, at any level and gain confidence as a learner. It has an interactive option where the students work in small teams to learn a Quizlet study set.

www.studentenrichment.ie   Study tips, templates for goals setting and timetables, links to revision sites.

www.studystack.com   This site allows the student use existing sets of flashcards or the teacher or student can prepare their own. The flashcards can be used for learning and then there are games.

www.studyclix.ie This site provides an analysis of past papers in the LC and JC by topic as well as the marking schemes. It also has notes and videos on different topics. Basic access to 2 questions and 2 marking schemes is free. Otherwise it is €40 for the Plus version or €60 for the premium version

Assistive Technology
www.pselis.com/cloudcal/ Cloudcal is a colour based scheduling app.

www.coggle.com is a web based mind mapping app.

www.cogi.com captures audio highlights of a lecture. Uses 15 sec buffer so when you realise this is an important part and tap 'Rec' it starts recording from 15 sec previously. Recording app designed to assist people who already take reasonably good paper notes.

www.dashlane.com helps by storing logins, passwords etc. and keeping them secure.   The free version allows 50 to be stored.

www.evernote.com (also IOS and Android) Evernote helps to organise revision by taking notes, images, audio, pdfs, with export options to email.   Everword Flashcards help with memorising important information such as words or phrases.

www.goodnotesapp.com/ (iOS) GoodNotes lets you take handwritten notes and annotate PDF documents for the iPad. The handwritten notes are searchable. Thanks to iCloud sync, documents in GoodNotes synchronize between the iPad and iPhone automatically.

www.grammarly.com   Grammarly makes sure everything typed is easy to read, effective, and mistake-free. It corrects over 250 types of grammatical mistakes while also catching contextual spelling errors and poor vocabulary usage.   Correctly spelled words used in the wrong context are identified such as erroneous use of *lose/loose, affect/effect, lie/lay, there/their/they're*, and many other commonly confused words.

For spell checkers specifically for dyslexia, look up Verity, Ginger and Ghotit at www.bdatech.org/what-technology/spell-checkers

www.howjsay.com Howjsay is a free online talking dictionary of English pronunciation. Very useful for new words in subjects such as Biology. It also provides definitions and translates words into different languages.

Immersive Reader is a free learning tool from Microsoft. It allows text to be read aloud, break it into syllables, and increase spacing between lines and letters among its many features. It can provide a coloured background colour. It can identify different grammar elements such as verbs or nouns.   It allows one or multiple line of texts to be read.   It is very easy to use.

APP: Notability (iOS, Android)
This app can be used to record lectures or meetings. You can hand-write or type notes at the same time, and then click on that section to jump to that point in the recording. Notability can also be used to import PDF, Word, PowerPoint and other documents and these can then be annotated with your own notes. Android options are also available. Checkout AudioNote, Audio Note Player for Android.

www.officelens.com Office Lens uses the camera on your phone to scan documents and allows you to save to your cloud storage accounts

Prizmo App   www.creaceed.com/prizmo
Take a picture of text with a smartphone and Prizmo reads it aloud. It uses Optical Character Recognition (OCR) in 23 languages. It works with pictures taken with the iPhone, iPad, or digital camera. Each word is highlighted as it is pronounced.

www.trello.com is a task management app with 'to do' lists, reminders, task completion status and several other project planning functions.