

NEW GCSE Course Information (For Yr11-12, 2019-2021)

Subject	Units to be covered	% Weighting of units	Approximately when each unit will be completed	Details of any practical/internal school assessments
Art and Design	Component 1: Part A: Exploratory Portfolio	60% Part A: 25% 50 marks	Component 1 Part A Completed Easter Year11	An experimental portfolio will be produced with no finished outcome.
	Part B: Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries	Part B: 35% 70 marks	Component 1 Part B. Completed December Year 12	A finished outcome will be produced for component 1, part B, integrating the skills and techniques discovered in component 1, Part A.
	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment	40% 80 marks	Paper released to pupils January Year 12 Completed Easter Year 12	The externally set assignment is completed within a 10hr period in the last week of the Spring term.
Business Studies	Unit 1: Starting a Business	40%	Unit completed by end of Year 11	External Examination taken end of Year 12
	Unit 2: Developing a Business	40%	Unit completed by Easter Year 12	External Examination taken end of Year 12
	Unit 3: Planning a Business	20%	Research from September 2020, Year 12, for a period of 12 hours throughout the first term. 1 hour written exam in February 2020	Internal Controlled Assessment - takes place in Year 12. Research will begin after the Mock exams and a 1 hour written exam will follow in March.

Child Development	Unit 1: Parenthood, Pregnancy and the Newborn Baby	30%	Completed Year 11, Exam at the end of Year 11.	Internal Controlled Assessment
	Unit 2: The Development of the Child (0–5 Years)	30%	Completed Year 12	
	Unit 3: Investigation Task.	40%	Throughout Year 12	
Digital Technology	Unit 1: Digital Technology	30%	Unit completed by June Year 11 Written examination 1-hour Summer 2020	Internal Controlled Assessment
	Unit 2: Digital Authoring Concepts	40%	Unit completed by May Year 12 Written examination 1 hour 30 mins – Summer 2021	
	Unit 3: Digital Authoring Practice	30%	Ongoing during GCSE years	
Drama	<u>Component 1</u> Devised Performance	25%	Practical assessment completed during Year 11.	Performance – 15% Student Log – 10% (moderated by DVD) Controlled Assessment
	<u>Component 2</u> Scripted Performance	35%	Practical assessment completed in Spring term of Year 12.	Performance – 35% (Visiting Moderator) Controlled Assessment
	<u>Component 3</u> Knowledge and understanding of Drama – ‘Blood Brothers’	40%	External examination - 1 hr 30 mins completed at the end of Year 12.	Stimulus for Devised performance is set annually by CCEA.

English Language	<u>Unit 1</u> Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts.	30%	Complete external exam:- 1 hour 45 mins Summer of Year 11.	Internal Controlled Assessment
	<u>Unit 2</u> Speaking + Listening (6 tasks integrated into classroom activities).	20%	Complete from Sept Year11- March Year 12	
	<u>Unit 3</u> Studying Written Language and studying Spoken Language.	20% (each worth 10%)	Written Language completed in Term 2 of Year 11. Spoken Language completed Term 2 of Year 12.	
	<u>Unit 4</u> Personal or Creative writing and Reading Literary + Non-Fiction texts	30%	Complete external exam :- 1 hour 45 mins, Summer of Year 12.	
English Literature	<u>Unit 1</u> The Study of Prose	30%	Complete external exam:- 1 hour 45 mins Summer of Year 11.	Internal Controlled Assessment
	<u>Unit 2</u> The Study of Drama and Poetry	50%	Complete external exam:- 2 hours Summer of Year 12.	
	<u>Unit 3</u> The Study of Shakespeare	20%	Complete in autumn term of Year 12.	

Geography	<p><u>Unit 1</u> Understanding our natural world</p> <p><u>Unit 2</u> Living in our world</p> <p><u>Unit 3</u> Fieldwork</p>	<p>Unit 1 – 40% (90 minute written examination)</p> <p>Unit 2 – 40% (90 minute written examination)</p> <p>Unit 3 – 20% (60 minute written examination)</p>	All units will be completed by the end of Year 12	<p><u>Unit 3</u> Pupils will collect first hand data (at Magilligan Field Centre) and use this data to submit a word-processed fieldwork statement and table of data. Pupils will have access to this statement and table of data during their Unit 3 examination</p>
HISTORY	<p>Unit 1: Section A: Modern World Studies in Depth</p> <p>Unit 1: Section B: Local Study</p> <p>Unit 2: Outline Study:</p>	<p>Option 1: Life in Nazi Germany 1933-45, 30%</p> <p>Option 1: Changing Relations: Northern Ireland and its neighbours 1965-98, 30%</p> <p>International Relations 1945-2003 40%</p>	<p>Completed by Feb half term in Year 11</p> <p>Completed by end of June in Year 11</p> <p>Complete end of Year 12.</p>	No Controlled Assessments
Home Economics	<p>Component 1: Food and Nutrition</p> <p>Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>	<p>Written paper, 2 hours at end of Year 12</p> <p>Ongoing during Winter Term of Year 12</p>	Controlled Assessment
Learning for Life and Work	Citizenship, Personal Development and Employability	<p><u>Modular</u> Citizenship – 20%, Personal Development – 20% and Employability 20%</p> <p>Controlled Assessment Task 40%</p>	Citizenship and Personal Development modules will be completed by June of Year 11 and controlled assessment will begin in June Yr11 and continue into Year 12.	<p>[There will be no completion of January Modules in the Revised Specification]</p> <p>Internal Controlled Assessment</p>

Leisure, Travel and Tourism	Unit 1- Understanding the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<u>40%</u>	Unit completed by end of Year 11	External Examination taken end of Yr11
	Unit 2- Promoting and Sustaining the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<u>40%</u>	Unit completed by Easter Year 12.	External Examination taken end of Yr12
	Unit 3- Working in the Leisure and Tourism Industry	<u>20%</u>	Controlled Assessment will begin in the summer term of Year 11 and continue until Easter of Year 12.	Internal Controlled Assessment
Mathematics	Unit 1 Module 3 or 4	45%	External Exam May 2020	No Controlled Assessment
	Unit 2 Module 7 or 8	55%	External Exam May 2021	
Modern Languages	4 units: 1) Listening 2) Speaking 3) Reading 4) Writing	Each unit is worth 25%	The new specification now requires pupils to sit all components at the end of Year 12. CCEA will set exam dates for all 4 units.	Speaking – CCEA will set the dates for us to conduct the orals. We are assuming this will be in May of Year 12.
Music	Component 1 Practical Performance	35%	April / May in Year 12.	Practical exam - assessed externally
	Component 2 Composition	30%	Throughout Year 12	Internal Controlled Assessment – composition folio. Internally marked, externally standardised.
	Component 3 Listening and Appraising	35%	June Year 12	One written exam, 1 ½ hrs.

Physical Education (CCEA Specification)	<p>Component 1: Factors Underpinning Health and Performance</p> <p>Component 2: Developing Performance</p> <p>Component 3: Individual Performances in Physical Activities and Sports.</p>	<p>Component 1 25%</p> <p>Component 2 25%</p> <p>Component 3 50%</p>	<p>Component 1 - Sept – April Year 11</p> <p>Component 2 April Year 11 - May Year 12</p> <p>Component 3 Ongoing throughout Year 11 and 12</p>	Pupils are required to provide 3 practical activities. The assessments will be continuous throughout the course.
Religious Studies	<p>Full Course</p> <p>Unit 3 – The Revelation of God and the Christian Church</p> <p>Unit 6 – An Introduction to Christian Ethics</p> <p>Short Course</p> <p>Unit 6 – An Introduction to Christian Ethics</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>End of Year 11/start of Year 12</p> <p>End of Year 12</p> <p>End of Year 12</p> <p>No units sat before the end of Year 12.</p>	No Controlled Assessment
Single Award Science	<p>Unit 2 Chemistry</p> <p>Unit 3 Physics</p> <p>Unit 1 Biology</p> <p>Unit 4- practical Booklet A</p> <p>Booklet B External written exam based on prescribed</p>	<p>25%</p> <p>25%</p> <p>25%</p> <p>7.5%</p> <p>17.5%</p>	<p>Feb Year 11</p> <p>Nov Year 12</p> <p>June Year 12</p> <p>Jan – April Year 12</p> <p>June Year 12</p>	<p>3 prescribed practicals examined as part of each module and in unit 4</p> <p>3 prescribed practicals examined as part of each module and in unit 4</p> <p>3 prescribed practicals examined as part of each module and in unit 4</p> <p>Internal Controlled Assessment - 2 practicals carried out in class time</p>

	practicals and practical techniques			
Biology	<p>UNIT 1: Cell Biology Organisation Infection and response Bioenergetics</p> <p>UNIT 2: Homeostasis and response Inheritance, variation and evolution Ecology</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>	<p>May Year 11</p> <p>April Year 12</p>	<p>Required practical tasks throughout Years 11 and 12. Tasks assessed in the external GCSE examinations in Y12.</p>
Chemistry	<p>Unit 1 Structures, trends, reactions, quantitative chemistry and analysis</p> <p>Unit 2 Reactions, rates, equilibrium, organic, calculations</p> <p>Unit 3 Practical skills</p>	<p>35%</p> <p>40%</p> <p>25% - in two parts as Booklet A and Booklet B. (See column on right)</p>	<p>Completed end of Year 11</p> <p>Completed end of Year 12</p> <p>Any time between Jan to June of Year 12.</p>	<p>Internal Controlled Assessment, Practical skills, Booklet A 7.5% Pupils will sit two pre-released practical tasks 2hrs. Booklet B 17.5% Examination Paper 1Hr, based on practicals and practical techniques.</p>
Physics	<p>Unit 1 Motion, Force, Density and Kinetic Theory, Energy and Atomic and Nuclear Physics</p> <p>Unit 2 Waves, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, Electromagnetism and Space Physics</p> <p>Unit 3</p>	<p>37.5%</p> <p>37.5%</p> <p>7.5%</p>	<p>End of Year 11</p> <p>End of Year 12</p> <p>Jan to April of Year 12 May/June of Year 12</p>	<p>Prescribed practicals (see details in unit 3)</p> <p>Prescribed practicals (see details in unit 3)</p> <p>Internal Controlled Assessment - 2</p>

	Practical Booklet A Booklet B Booklet B written examination	17.5%		practicals carried out in class time
Technology & Design	UNIT 1 Technology & Design Core content UNIT 2 Option A Electronic & Microelectronic Control Systems UNIT 3 Controlled Assessment	25% 25% 50%	May/June of Year 12 May of Year 12 October- February Year12	Internal Controlled Assessment - Students complete a design project comprising a design portfolio and associated manufacturing task.