

GCSE Course Information (For Yr11-12, 2023-2025)

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 with external examination taken summer of Year 11	Internal Controlled Assessment - takes place in Year 12. Research will begin after the February half term and a 1 hour written exam will follow in March/April.
	Unit 2: Developing a Business	40%	Unit completed by Easter Year 12 with external examination taken end of Year 12	
	Unit 3: Planning a Business	20%		

Child Development	Unit 1: Parenthood, Pregnancy and the Newborn Baby	30%	Completed Year 11, Exam, summer 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 (Programming)	Unit 1: Digital Technology	30%	Unit completed by June Year 11 with external examination taken summer Year 11	Internal Controlled Assessment
	Unit 4: Digital Development Concepts	40%	Unit completed by May Year 12 Written examination 1 hour 30 mins – Summer Yr12	
	Unit 5: Digital Authoring Practice	30%	Ongoing during GCSE years	
Digital Technology (Multimedia)	Unit 1: Digital Technology	30%	Unit completed by June Year 11 Written examination 1-hour Summer of Yr11 with external examination taken summer of Year 11	Internal Controlled Assessment
	Unit 2: Digital Authoring Concepts	40%	Unit completed by May Year 12 Written examination 1 hour 30 mins – Summer Yr12	
	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’ or ‘Philadelphia, Here I Come’	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.	
	<u>Unit 2</u> Speaking + Listening	20%	Complete from Sept Year11- March Year 12	Internal Controlled Assessment(tasks integrated into classroom activities)
	<u>Unit 3</u> Studying Written Language and studying Spoken Language.	20% (each worth 10%)	Spoken Language completed Term 2 of Year 11. Written Language completed in Term 1 of Year 12.	Internal Controlled Assessment
	<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	<u>Unit 1</u> Understanding our natural world, (River and Coastal Environments, Weather and Climate, The Restless Earth)	Unit 1 – 40% (90 minute written examination)	Unit 1 exam will be completed summer of Year 11	<u>Unit 3</u> Pupils will complete a residential fieldwork study, mid to late June of Yr11. They will collect first hand data 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
	<u>Unit 2</u> Living in our world (Population and Migration, Changing Urban Areas, World Development, Managing our Environment.)	Unit 2 – 40% (90 minute written examination)	Unit 2 exam will be completed summer of Year 12	
	<u>Unit 3</u> Fieldwork	Unit 3 – 20% (60 minute written examination)	Unit 3 exam will be completed summer of Year 12	
Government and Politics	Unit 1: Democracy in Action	50%	Unit 1 completed by May of Year 11 with Unit 1 external summer Yr11	No Controlled Assessments
	Unit 2: International Politics in Action	50%	Unit 2 by end of Year 12	

History	Unit 1: Section A: Modern World Studies in Depth	Option 1: Life in Nazi Germany 1933-45, 30%	Completed by Feb half term in Year 11	No Controlled Assessments
	Unit 1: Section B: Local Study	Option 1: Changing Relations: Northern Ireland and its neighbours 1965-98, 30%	Completed by May of Year 11, with Unit 1 external exam to follow summer of Yr11	
	Unit 2: Outline Study:	International Relations 1945- 2003 40%	Complete end of Year 12.	
Food and Nutrition	Component 1: Food and Nutrition	50%	Written paper, 2 hours at end of Year 12	Controlled Assessment
	Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition	50%	Ongoing during Winter Term of Year 12	
Learning for Life and Work	Citizenship, Personal Development and Employability	Modular Citizenship – 20%, Personal Development – 20% and Employability 20%	Citizenship and Personal Development modules will be completed by June of Year 11 and controlled assessment will begin in September Yr12. Employability module is at the end of Yr12	[There will be no completion of January Modules in the Revised Specification]
		Controlled Assessment Task 40%		Internal Controlled Assessment
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	Unit 1- Understanding the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<u>40%</u>	Unit completed by May of Year 11, with Unit 1 external summer Yr11	External Examination taken end of Yr12
	Unit 2- Promoting and Sustaining the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<u>40%</u>	Unit completed by Easter Year 12.	
	Unit 3- Working in the Leisure and Tourism Industry	<u>20%</u>	Controlled Assessment will begin in the summer term of Year	
				Internal Controlled Assessment

			11 and continue until Easter of Year 12.	
Mathematics	Unit 1 Module 2, 3 or 4	45%	External Exam, summer of Year 11	No Controlled Assessment
	Unit 2 Module 6, 7 or 8	55%	External Exam, summer of Year 12	
Further Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics: M4	45%	External examinations sat at the end of Year 11	No Controlled Assessments
	M8	55%		
	GCSE Further Mathematics: <u>Unit 1</u> – Pure	50%	External examinations sat at the end of Year 12	
	<u>Unit 2</u> – Mechanics	25%		
<u>Unit 3</u> – Statistics	25%			
Modern Languages	4 units: 1) Listening 2) Speaking 3) Reading 4) Writing	Each unit is worth 25%	The specification 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.
Moving Image Arts	Component 1: Critical Understanding of Creative and Technical Moving Image Production	40%	Component 1 completed June of Year 12	This is an online exam testing knowledge of film language & practice and professional roles within the film industry
	Component 2: Acquisition of Skills in Moving Image Production	20%	Component 2 completed June of Year 11	Four Controlled Assessment tasks will be completed covering Storyboarding, Sound, Camera & Editing and Animation.
	Component 3: Planning and Making a Moving Image Product	40%	Component 3 completed May of Year 12	A short film will be made with supporting documents (Script, storyboard, etc.)

Music	Component 1 Practical Performance	35%	April / May in Year 12.	Practical exam - assessed externally
	Component 2 Composition	30%	Throughout Years 11 and 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)	Component 1: Factors Underpinning Health and Performance	Component 1 25%	Component 1 - Sept – April Year 11	Pupils are required to provide 3 practical activities. The assessments will be continuous throughout the course.
	Component 2: Developing Performance	Component 2 25%	Component 2 April Year 11 - May Year 12	
	Component 3: Individual Performances in Physical Activities and Sports.	Component 3 50%	Component 3 Ongoing throughout Year 11 and 12	
Religious Studies	Full Course Unit 3 – The Revelation of God and the Christian Church	50%	End of Year 11/start of Year 12	No Controlled Assessment
	Unit 6 – An Introduction to Christian Ethics	50%	End of Year 12	
	Short Course Unit 6 – An Introduction to Christian Ethics	100%	End of Year 12 No units sat before the end of Year 12.	
Single Award Science	Unit 2 Chemistry	25%	Feb Year 11, with external exam to follow Feb/March	
	Unit 3 Physics	25%	Nov Year 12, with external exam to follow in November	

	Unit 1 Biology	25%	May Year 12, with external exam to follow in May/June	
	Unit 4- Practical Booklet A	7.5%	Jan – April Year 12	
	Booklet B External written exam based on prescribed practicals and practical techniques	17.5%	June Year 12	Internal Controlled Assessment - 2 practicals carried out in class time
Double Award Science	Biology Unit 1 Biology Unit 2 Chemistry Unit 1 Chemistry Unit 2 Physics Unit 1 Physics Unit 2 Practical Unit Booklet A Booklet B -External written exam based on prescribed practicals and practical techniques	11% 14% 11% 14% 11% 14% 7.5% 17.5%	June Year 11 June Year 12 June Year 11 June Year 12 June Year 11 June Year 12 Jan – April Year 12 June yr 12	External exam units will be sat in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, at end of Yr11 provided topics are all completed 1hr practical in each science
Biology Yr11 (CCEA)	UNIT 1: Cells, Living Processes and Biodiversity	35%	April of Year 11 Unit 1 exam will be completed summer of Year 11	
Yr12(AQA)	UNIT 1: Cell Biology Organisation, Infection and Response. Bioenergetics UNIT 2: Homeostasis and response Inheritance, variation and evolution Ecology	50% 50%	 April Year 12	Required practical tasks throughout Years 11 and 12. Tasks assessed in the external GCSE examinations in summer of Yr12

Chemistry	Unit 1 Structures, trends, reactions, quantitative chemistry and analysis	35%	Completed end of Year 11, to include Unit Examination	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.
	Unit 2 Reactions, rates, equilibrium, organic, calculations	40%	Completed end of Year 12	
	Unit 3 Practical skills	25% - in two parts as Booklet A and Booklet B. (See column on right)	Any time between Jan to May of Year 12.	
Physics	Unit 1 Motion, Force, Density and Kinetic Theory, Energy and Atomic and Nuclear Physics	37.5%	End of Year 11, with external exam summer Yr11	Prescribed practicals (see details in unit 3)
	Unit 2 Waves, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, Electromagnetism and Space Physics	37.5%	End of Year 12	Prescribed practicals (see details in unit 3)
	Unit 3 Practical Booklet A	7.5%	Jan to April of Year 12	Internal Controlled Assessment - 2 practicals carried out in class time
	Booklet B Booklet B written examination	17.5%	May/June of Year 12	
Technology & Design	UNIT 1 Technology & Design Core content	25%	May of Year 11, with external exam summer Yr11	
	UNIT 2 Option A Electronic & Microelectronic Control Systems	25%	May of Year 12	

	UNIT 3 Controlled Assessment	50%	October- February Year12	Internal Controlled Assessment - Students complete a design project comprising a design portfolio and associated manufacturing task.
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