



ART GRAPHICS

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** April / May 2009 **Exam Board:** Edexcel

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

During this two year course you will:

- work in a variety of materials and media
- consider the work of a range of artists
- document your ideas
- produce design outcomes - packaging, typography, illustration, printmaking, photography, computer-aided-design design and advertising.

In year 10, you will work with a range of teacher led materials. In year 11, you will select the media area which reflects your strengths and interests. For the exam you will work independently to demonstrate what you have achieved throughout the course.

Coursework Units

- 1 Surfaces The Meal - skills unit
Start - September 2008 Year 10
Finish - December 2008 Year 10
- 2 Surfaces The Meal - design brief unit
Start - January 2009 Year 11
Finish - April 2009 Year 11
- 3 Surfaces The Meal Yr 10 Exam Preparation
Start - April 2008 Year 10
Finish - May 2008 Year 10
- 4 Structures
Start - September 2009 Year 11
Finish - December 2009 Year 11
- 5 Folder re-assessment and review
Start - January 2009
Finish - February 2009
- 6 Exam Paper issued, 8 week preparatory period, 10hr exam.
Start - February 2009
Finish - April/May 2009

Exam Component

Externally set paper, handed out eight school weeks prior to the exam. You must evidence your ideas and responses to this theme prior to the exam. It is worth 75% of the exam marks.

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

60% Coursework = 1 x A2 flip-file and a 4 outcomes.

40% Examination = 1 x A2 flip-file and an outcome produced in the 10hr exam.

Homework per week

One hour homework per week, set during the double lesson, to be handed in the following week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

Specialist paint, papers, print, adhesive materials are required throughout the year. All outcomes return to the student at the end of the course. Art packs and materials are available from the school art shop, which is non profit making.

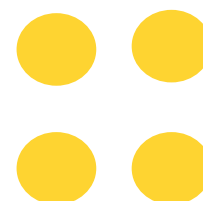
Trips or visits details

One gallery visit is offered at a cost of approximately £20

What this subject could lead to

This course is a requirement for A-level Art Graphics. Students can subsequently follow courses at: BTEC, Foundation Level, and Degree Level in a range of associated subjects. Career Opportunities: Graphic Design, Advertising, Media, Film, Photography, Design, Interior-design, Theatre design, TV, Illustration and Teaching.

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APPLIED BUSINESS

Qualification: GCSE (Double) **Exam Date:** January Yr 11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

- 1 Investigating Business – a study of two contrasting firms looking at their location, the way they are organised, how they communicate and the things which affect their success.
- 2 People in Business – a look at how firms get the most from the people they employ. How they recruit and retrain their staff. How they carry out their Customer relations.
- 3 Finance – a look at how firms raise finance and keep their accounts.

Coursework Units

- 1 Investigating Business
Start - September Year 10
Finish - March Year 10
- 2 People in Business
Start - April Year 10
Finish - March Year 11

Exam component

Finance
Jan Year 11

Assessment

Coursework 67%
Exam 33%

Homework per week

Tasks set each week to complete - roughly one hour per week.

Special equipment

None.

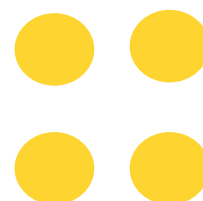
Trips or visits

None yet.

What this subject could lead to

A levels, Applied A level Business, IB Economics.

Key Stage 4 Information





BUSINESS STUDIES

Qualification: GCSE Tier: F/H Exam Date: June Yr 10/11 Exam Board: OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

- 1 Business Organisation – sections on Marketing, Production, Finance and Human Resources.
- 2 Coursework – a piece of coursework based upon the work in Module 1.
- 3 Business Environment – a look at all things outside a firm which affects its success.
- 4 Business Environment – a synoptic module which sums up all the work learned in Modules 1 and 3.

Coursework Units

Module 1 exam January Year 11 25%
Modules 3 and 4 exams June Year 11 50%

Assessment

75% Exam.
25% coursework.

Homework per week

One homework per week. At some times of the year homework will be to complete coursework tasks.

Special Equipment needing to be purchased

None.

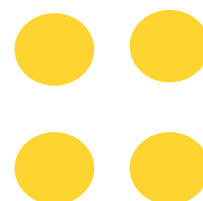
Trips or visits details

None planned yet.

What this subject could lead to

A level Business, Applied A level Business, IB Economics.

Key Stage 4 Information





DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Qualification: GCSE Tier: H/F Exam Date: June Y11 Exam Board: AQA

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

Year 10 consists of a series of short projects, working from a given 'Design Brief'. You will be asked to design a new product which meets this brief. During these projects you will be taught the various stages which must be followed when designing a new product. The aim of these short projects is to prepare you fully for the coursework project which is worth 60% of the final grade.

We begin the coursework project in the Spring term of year 10 and all lessons and homework's are devoted to completing this major piece of work. The deadline for completing this project is the end of February of year 11. Once the project is handed in you will be given an examination preparation sheet. This tells you the design theme and what to research for the written examination. All lessons from March to when you begin exam leave in May are then devoted to preparing you for this written examination

Coursework Units

Exam Component

Written examination consisting of one 2 hour paper. You can enter at Foundation level (at which you can achieve grades C -G), of higher level (for grades A*-D). You will be given a preparation sheet in March of year 11, which gives the 'Design theme' for that year's examination and some information about what to research.

Assessment

Percentage of coursework and terminal exam:

- 60% coursework
- 40% examination (1x 2hr paper)

You may sit Foundation level (for grades

C-G) or Higher level (for grades A*-D)

Homework per week

Once a week (approximately 1 hour).

Special equipment needing to be purchased

Ingredients for Food, Fabrics and components for Textiles. You will be expected to pay for any consumable materials you use. We recommend that you purchase a set Text book and a folder for presenting your project in. These will be available through the Department.

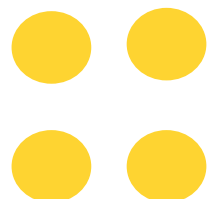
Trips or visits details

You will be expected to carry out visits to shops/showrooms to look at existing designs. This will be done in your own time as homework.

What this subject could lead to

AS and A level Product Design or Electronics. Degree or Diploma courses such as Industrial Design, Product Design, Graphic Design and Engineering etc.

Key Stage 4 Information





DRAMA

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** June 2009 **Exam Board:** Edexcel

Brief synopsis of Content

- 1 'Contrasts' performance project
Autumn Term Year 10
Autumn Term Year 10
- 2 War Poetry Performance to Year 9
Autumn Term Year 10
Autumn Term Year 10
- 3 The Crucible - Script
Spring Term Year 10
Spring Term Year 10
- 4 'Let Him Have It' project work
Spring Term Year 10
Spring Term Year 10
- 5 RSC Project – Performance in Stratford-upon-Avon
Summer Term Year 10
Summer Term Year 10
- 6 Too Much Punch for Judy – Script
Autumn Term Year 11
Autumn Term Year 11
- 7 Road/Two – Script comparison
Autumn Term Year 11
Autumn Term Year 11
- 8 Exam Performance preparation
Spring Term Year 11
Spring Term Year 11
- 9 A Level preparation module / Community drama project
Spring Term Year 11
Spring Term Year 11

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework is 60% of the overall grade. This is made up of practical tasks assessed during lessons and written

coursework. Written coursework requires students to respond to a text, write original script or technical/design proposals for a performance and finally to evaluate theatre they have seen, in lessons or professionally.

Examination Performance is 40% of their overall grade. Students can be assessed on performance of a script, their own devised work or provision of a technical/design element for their group's performance. An external examiner visits school to watch these performances to an audience of year 10 GCSE Drama students.

Homework per week

Homework will be set on average once a week, although longer project work maybe set for completion over several weeks and should amount to no more than 2 hours each week

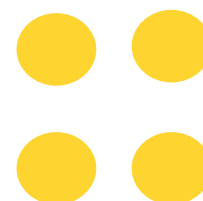
Special equipment needing to be purchased

N/A

Trips or visits details

Theatre visits are integral to success on the course and GCSE Drama students will be offered regular chances to attend theatre productions at the Warwick Arts Centre, Belgrade Theatre or even in London's West End. Students should aim to attend at least 2 performances each year. Where possible shows are selected with discounted tickets for groups/schools unfortunately the department cannot afford to fully subsidise trips for students.

Key Stage 4 Information





ENGLISH & ENGLISH LITERATURE

Qualification: GCSE Exam Date: June Y11 Exam Board: AQA

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

English

3 pieces of oral work (chosen from a range):

- individual extended contribution
- group interaction
- drama focused activity

4 pieces of coursework.

2 exam papers:

- Paper 1 Section A
Reading Media and Non-Fiction texts
- Paper 1 Section B
Writing to Argue, Persuade or Advise

Paper 2 Section A

- An essay on Poems from Other Cultures

Paper 2 Section B

- Writing to Inform, Explain or Describe

English Literature

3 Pieces of coursework

1 exam paper:

Section A: Essay comparing 2 short stories or set prose text.

Section B: Essay comparing 4 poems.

Coursework Units

- 1 Original Writing Coursework(s)
Completed by October half term
- 2 Media Coursework
Completed by end of Autumn term
- 3 Pre 1914 prose
- 4 Post 1914 Drama Assignment
- 5 Shakespeare Assignment

Exam Component

For the Literature exam, students are required to study a selection of poems from an anthology which is issued to students in Year 10. These will be studied throughout the course and examined in the terminal exam.

In the two English exams students take in

Year 11, they are required to read and respond to unseen Media and Non-Fiction texts, write for different purposes and audiences and respond to poems from other cultures (also studied in the English anthology). Preparation for these exams will be done alongside the coursework, throughout Years 10 and 11.

Assessment

GCSE English:

20% written coursework

20% oral coursework

60% exam

GCSE Literature:

30% written coursework

70% exam

Homework per week

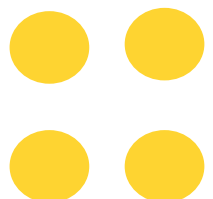
Students will be expected to complete at least one hour a week of homework. However, this amount will vary according to coursework deadlines. In the weeks preparing for coursework, less homework will be set but when coursework is underway, students may need to do much more than this to complete it.

Trips or visits details

Students may be invited to go on theatre visits to see the play they are studying.

What this subject could lead to

The obvious careers English can lead to are Journalism or Writing but it is a subject very well regarded in the fields of Law and Politics. It suits students who are creative, who like studying other people and cultures or students who enjoy discussion and debate. It is a very useful and enjoyable subject to study at AS Level too, especially alongside Psychology, a Language, Art or History.





FINE ART

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** April/May 2008 **Exam Board:** Edexcel

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

During this two year course you will:

- work in a variety of materials and media
- consider the work of a range of artists
- document your ideas
- produce large scale paintings sculptures, prints and mixed media pieces.

In year 10, you will work with a range of teacher led materials. In year 11, you will select the media area which reflects your strengths and interests. For the exam you will work independently to demonstrate what you have achieved throughout the course.

Coursework Units

- 1 Surfaces 3-D unit
Start - September 2008 Year 10
Finish - December 2008 Year 10
- 2 Surfaces 2-D unit
Start - January 2008 Year 10
Finish - April 2008 Year 10
- 3 Surfaces Yr 10 Exam Preparation
Start - April 2008
Finish - May 2008
- 4 Structures
Start - September 2009 Year 11
Finish - December 2009 Year 11
- 5 Folder Re-assessment and review
Start - January 2009 Year 11
Finish - February 2009 Year 11
- 6 Exam Paper issued, 8 week preparatory period, 10hr exam
Start - February 2009 Year 11
Finish - April/May 2009 Year 11

Exam Component

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Assessment

Percentage of coursework and terminal exam.

60% Coursework = 1 x A2 flip-file and a 4 outcomes.

40% Examination = 1 x A2 flip-file and an outcome produced in the 10hr exam.

Homework per week

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Special equipment needing to be purchased:

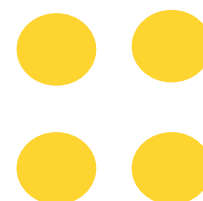
Specialist paint, canvas and print materials are required throughout the year. All outcomes return to the student at the end of the course. Art packs and materials are available from the school art shop, which is non profit making.

Trips or visits details

One gallery visit is offered at a cost of approximately £20.

What this subject could lead to

This course is a requirement for A-level Art. Students can subsequently follow courses at: BTEC, Foundation Level, and Degree Level in a range of associated subjects.





FRENCH

Qualification: GCSE **Tier:** H/F **Exam Date:** June Year 11 **Exam Board:** AQA

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

4 themes:

- My World
- Holiday Time and Travel
- Work and Lifestyle
- The Young Person in society

All contained in Expo 4 textbook.

Coursework Units

- 1 All at teacher's discretion according to the group.
- 2 Controlled pieces to be done during Year 10 exams and Year 11 mocks.

Exam Component

Speaking 25%

Listening 25%

Reading 25%

Assessment : Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework 25%

1 piece done in controlled conditions.

2 pieces done using notes.

Homework per week

1 per week which may combine skills.
Approx. 45 mins.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

Bi-lingual dictionary.

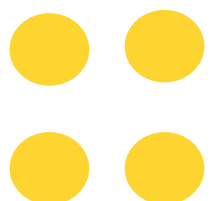
Trips or visits details

Exchange to Provins.

What this subject could lead to

AS and A2 French, IB.

Key Stage 4 Information





GEOGRAPHY

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** June 2009 **Exam Board:** OCR/WJEC

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

- Criccieth – Coast under attack
Start - 6th May 2008
Finish - 9th June 2008
- Coventry – Quality of Life
Start - 23th June 2008
Finish - 15th September 2008

Assessment

Case studies exam – 3 units 45%

Decision making exercise – 1 unit 30%

Coursework – Criccieth 10%

Coventry 15%

Homework per week

45 mins x 2.

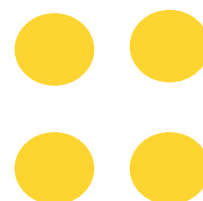
Special equipment needing to be purchased

Atlas (Philips Modern School Atlas).

Trips or visits details

Plas Dol-y-Moch, April / May 2008.

Key Stage 4 Information





GERMAN

Qualification: GCSE **Tier:** H/F **Exam Date:** June Year 11 **Exam Board:** AQA

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

4 themes:

- My World
- Holiday Time and Travel
- Work and Lifestyle
- The Young Person in society

All contained in Logo! 4 textbook

Coursework Units

- 1 All at teacher's discretion according to the group.
- 2 Controlled pieces to be done during Year 10 exams and Year 11 mocks.

Exam Component

Speaking 25%

Listening 25%

Reading 25%

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework 25%

1 piece done in controlled conditions.

2 pieces done using notes.

Homework per week

1 per week which may combine skills.

Approx. 45 mins.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

Bi-lingual dictionary.

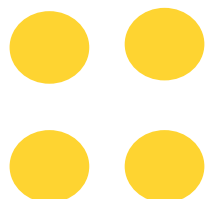
Trips or visits details

Visit to Berlin.

What this subject could lead to

AS and A2 German, IB.

Key Stage 4 Information





HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Qualification: GCSE (Double) **Exam Date:** June Year 10 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

You will study 3 units:

- 1 Health, Social Care and Early Years provision. In this unit you will study 2 Health/Social Care/Early years settings e.g. A nursery, Residential Home for the elderly, opticians etc. you will find out about how the setting is organised and run, look at how it is funded and study the job role of a key worker within the setting. You will have to make judgements about the efficiency and quality of the service being provided.
- 2 Promoting Health and Well being. In this unit you will carry out a detailed study on the Health of an individual and devise a health plan to help them maintain or improve their health.
- 3 Understanding Personal Development and Relationships. This unit involves the study of the 4 main areas of human development (Physical, Emotional, Social and Intellectual), throughout each life stage. Factors that affect development, such as the food we eat and the amount of exercise we do. We will look at the types of relationships in our lives and their effects upon development. A lot of the work in this unit involves looking at case studies.

Coursework Units

- 1 Health, Social Care and Early years Provision.
Start - June Year 10
Finish - April Year 11
- 2 Promoting Health and Well being.
Start - September Year 10
Finish - April Year 11
- 3 Understanding Personal Growth and Relationship.
Start - September Year 10
Finish - June Year 10

Exam Component

Unit 3 is assessed by written examination. This is a 1 hour 30 min paper. You will sit this in June of year 10.

Assessment : Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

66% coursework
33% examination (units 1 and 2 are assessed through a coursework portfolio, unit 3 through a written examination).

Homework per week

Twice a week (approximately 1 hour for each homework).

Special equipment needing to be purchased

We recommend that you purchase a set Text book and folders for presenting your portfolio in. These will be available to buy from your teacher.

Trips or visits details

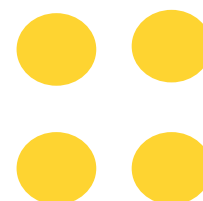
Unit 2 will involve a number of visits to collect information from the person you are studying. You may also be asked to visit places to collect relevant information about health care e.g. weight reduction, exercise plans, giving up smoking, relaxation courses.

Unit 1 includes a series of visits into each of the 2 settings you are studying. These visits will take place in one of your double Health and Social care lessons for 5 consecutive weeks for each of the 2 settings.

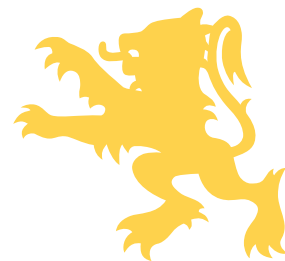
What this subject could lead to

AS and A level Health and Social care. GNVQ or NVQ or BTECS in Health and Social care or Child Care/Care. This G.C.S.E. could also lead to admission to other levels of training such as nursing, psychiatry, working with people with disabilities or social work. It is a useful subject if you are considering any careers in the NHS or private Health care sectors or for Social work, or working with children.

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HISTORY

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** June Year 11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content

- 1 American West
Start - September Year 10
Finish - December Year 10
- 2 History Around Us - Castles
Start - January Year 10
Finish - February Year 10
- 3 Modern World Study
Start - March Year 10
Finish - June Year 10
- 4 Medicine Through Time
Start - July Year 10
Finish - April Year 11

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework contributes 25% towards the final grade.

Exams are split into 2 papers:

- Paper 1 - 30%
- Paper 2 - 45%

Homework per week

There will be 2 sessions of homework per week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

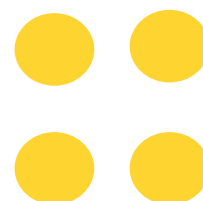
N/A

Trips or visits details

There will be opportunities for some students to visit:

- Kenilworth Castle (1/2 day) January
- Warwick town and Castle (1 day)

Key Stage 4 Information





ICT (SHORT COURSE)

Qualification: OCR GCSE **Tier:** F/H **Exam Date:** June Year 10 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

The Short Course GCSE in ICT has been developed to enable students who have followed the National Curriculum ICT programme of study at Key Stage 3 to continue their studies at GCSE level. The syllabus content includes: Tools, techniques and systems involving pupils in an awareness of the structure of information systems. Hardware, software, communications, the Data Protection Act, the growth of information and its effect on society.

Coursework Units

- 1 Use of ICT in the Health Services

Start - Feb '07

Finish - June '07

Exam Component

A single multi-choice exam is taken in the summer of year 10. This is worth 40% of the overall mark.

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

The single piece of coursework is completed in the spring term and is worth 60% of the overall mark.

Homework per week

Homework set will vary over the year, ranging from finishing work off to completing parts of coursework at home, where work has not been completed in class.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

It is recommended that a memory stick is purchased before the course starts. These start from £15-20 and can easily be bought from almost any computer shop. Text

books and all other resources needed on a day to day basis are provided.

Trips or visits details

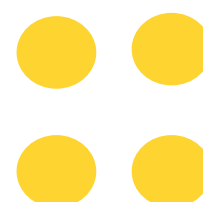
N/A

What this subject could lead to

Pupils who successfully complete the course will have learnt about software and hardware issues, the role of ICT at work and how systems are developed to satisfy the needs of users, employers and customers. They should hence be able to enter the world of work with practical skills, knowledge and understanding of the application of ICT in a number of scenarios.

Pupils who achieve D - G may wish to continue their studies with NVQ or GNVQ at intermediate level. Pupils achieving A* - C may wish to build upon this by studying for advanced qualifications, such as NVQ, VCE, or AS level in ICT or Computing.

Key Stage 4 Information





MEDIA STUDIES

Qualification: GCSE **Tier:** H/F **Exam Date:** June YR11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

Term 1 Intro

Media theory / Genre Analysis

- practical exercises

Term 2 OCR Coursework 1

Languages & Categories'

- a genre based analytical study

Term 3 OCR Coursework 2

'Messages & Values'

- representation study

Term 4 Exam preparation

2 papers at H/F each

- Paper 1 Unseen analysis(print or moving image)
- Paper 2 'Cross media theme' for FP that is advertising

Term 5 OCR Coursework 3

'Practical Production'

- one of 8 set briefs, students have open choice

Term 6 Exam preparation

Coursework Units

- 1 Term 1 Intro:
Media theory/genre analysis
- 2 Term 2 OCR Coursework 1:
'Languages & Categories'
- 3 Term 3 OCR Coursework 2:
'Messages & Values'
- 4 Term 4 Exam preparation
- 5 Term 5 OCR Coursework
'Practical Production'
- 6 Term 6 Exam preparation

Exam Component

Exam 50% (2 papers at H/F)

- Paper 1 - Unseen analysis(print or moving image)
- Paper 2 'Cross media theme'

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework 50% All lesson time Terms 2,3&5.

Homework per week

What ever is needed to deliver assessment work.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

None essential - although many students find a flash memory storage device or iPod useful for personal storage of coursework.

Trips or visits details

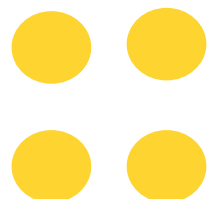
Students are encourage to visit media events when available. In certain instances they may carry out visits as part of course work.

What this subject could lead to

Media at Advanced level & a range of Media based courses in Higher Education and Further Education.

Career oportunities are vast and increasing including Print, Television, Radio, Film, Photography/Digital Imaging, Internet, Animation, Journalism, Marketing and Advertising.

Key Stage 4 Information





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** June YR11 **Exam Board:** EDEXCEL

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

- Applied anatomy and Physiology – bones, joints, muscular systems, respiratory system, circulatory system.
- Exercise and Training – health, fitness, exercise and training, principles of training, methods of training, PEP.
- Safety Aspects and Risk Assessment – sports injuries, first aid, knowledge of preparation and equipment.
- Reasons for Participation.
- Diet Health and Hygiene.

- CD Roms

Trips or visits

Warwick University pool and track.

What this subject could lead to

AS/A2 course, Healthy lifestyle, more time for physical education.

Coursework Units

1 Practical Component 60% - assessments ongoing throughout Year 10 and 11.

Made up of:

Oral analysis of performance – 10%

Ongoing practical teacher assessment – 25%

Final practical assessment – 25%

Exam component

Written paper – 1 hour and 45 mins 40%.

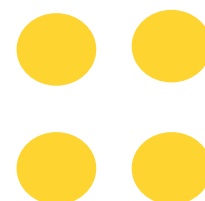
Homework per week

One approx half an hour – three quarters of an hour session per week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

- Textbooks
- Some better quality sports equipment
- Hire of external facilities (swimming pool, athletics track etc)
- Videos

Key Stage 4 Information





PHOTOGRAPHY

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** April/May 2009 **Exam Board:** EDEXCEL

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

During this two year course you will:

- work in a variety of photographic materials and media
- consider the work of a range of artists and photographers
- document your ideas
- produce and develop your own photographs and film processing.

In year 10, you will work with a range of teacher led techniques and materials.

In year 11, you will select the photographic area and techniques which reflect your strengths and interests. For the exam you will work independently to demonstrate what you have achieved throughout the course.

Coursework Units

- 1 Surfaces Photography without a camera unit
Start - September 2005 Year 10
Finish - December 2005 Year 10
- 2 Surfaces Photography with a camera unit
Start - January 2006 Year 10
Finish - April 2006 Year 10
- 3 Surfaces Yr 10 Exam Preparation
Start - April 2006 Year 10
Finish - May 2006 Year 10
- 4 Structures
Start - September 2006 Year 11
Finish - December 2006 Year 11
- 5 Folder Re-assessment and review
Start - January 2007
Finish - February 2007
- 6 Exam Paper issued, 8 week preparatory period, 10hr exam.

Start - February 2007

Finish - April/May 2007

Exam Component

Externally set paper, handed out eight school weeks prior to the exam. You must evidence your ideas and responses to this theme prior to the exam. It is worth 75% of the exam marks.

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

60% Coursework = 1 x A2 flip-file and 3 outcomes.

40% Examination = 1 x A2 flip-file and an outcome produced in the 10hr exam.

Homework per week

One hour homework per week, set during the double lesson, to be handed in the following week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

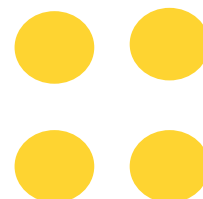
Photographic paper and film are required throughout the year. All outcomes return to the student at the end of the course. Photographic packs and materials are available from the school art shop, which is non profit making.

Trips or visits details

One gallery visit is offered at a cost of approximately £20.

What this subject could lead to

Students can subsequently follow courses at: BTEC, Foundation Level, and Degree Level in a range of associated subjects.





RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SHORT COURSE)

Qualification: GCSE Exam Date: June 2009 Year 10 Exam Board: EDEXCEL

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

Students will consider the following modules with reference to Islam and Christianity.

- Matters of Life and Death
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Life after death
- Social Harmony
- Prejudice and discrimination
- The role of women
- Marriage and Family Life
- Sex and contraception
- Marriage and divorce
- The role of the family in today's society
- The role of religion in today's society
- Believing in God
- Religious experience
- The problem of evil
- Religious upbringing

Coursework Units

- 1 Analyse and explain the way in which a religious or moral issue of concern to Christians has been dealt with in a soap opera. (300 words)
- 2 Analyse and explain the way in which a religious issue has been dealt with in a film. (300 words)
- 3 Describe the variety of religious programmes on the 4 main TV channels. (300 words)
- 4 "Religious people are portrayed on TV as out of touch with the modern world". Discuss. (600 words)

Exam Component

80% of the total mark is based on the written exam paper.

Assessment : Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

20% of the total mark is based on coursework.

Homework per week

Homework is set once a week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

N/A

Trips or visits details

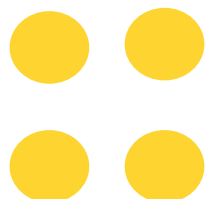
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What this subject could lead to

Employers and people in higher education seem to think it's an intense course to take because you can learn some excellent skills like:

- Learning how to talk properly. It's called communication
- Keeping your ideas to yourself and also sharing them
- Researching and investigating things.
- Using I.T
- Developing an awareness and open-mindedness, and considering different points of view

GCSE RS is a valid course for business based careers, and is particularly useful for those considering a career of a personal or social nature e.g. nursing, the police, social working or teaching. (In teaching it is a National Curriculum Core Subject).





RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Qualification: GCSE **Exam Date:** June Year 11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content/Modules

Two religions are studied in depth over the course. Normally Christianity and Hinduism are chosen but students with a particular interest in another faith can study that after consultation with staff.

Topics include beliefs, worship and holy books. Moral issues from a religious point of view are explored and work is done on festivals, pilgrimage and rites of passage. The course is varied and interesting and allows you to develop an understanding of faith, culture and society.

Coursework Units

- 1 Marriage in Hinduism
Start - June
Finish - Dec
- 2 Christian Pilgrimage
Start - June
Finish - Dec

Exam Component

Two exams at one and a half hours each. One exam on Hinduism, one exam on Christianity.

Assessment : Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

80% of the final mark is exam, 20% coursework.

Homework per week

Two homeworks per week.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

N/A

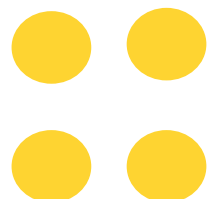
Trips or visits details

Visits to local places of worship.

What this subject could lead to

Anyone interested in working with people will benefit from this course as it helps develop an understanding of beliefs and culture. Careers including social work, teaching, medicine, travel, journalism or the police are some examples of GCSE RS being a useful qualification to have.

Key Stage 4 Information





SCIENCE (DOUBLE AWARD)

Qualification: GCSE (Double) **Tier:** H or F **Exam Date:** June Year 10/11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content

In this course, science facts and ideas are introduced, which will help pupils to understand the world around them. A range of scientific investigations are planned and carried out and the results analysed. Strong emphasis is placed on the active involvement of pupils in the learning process and a wide range of teaching and learning activities will take place. Skills in interpreting scientific information and in communicating scientific ideas are strongly encouraged.

Following the Science: Double Award course will result in two GCSE qualifications being awarded.

- 1 BD1: Supplying the Cell, CD2: Energy in Chemistry, PD1: Waves in Action
Start - September
Finish - December
- 2 BD2: Control in Animals and Plants, CD1 Rates of Reaction, PD2: Energy at Home
Start - December
Finish - March
- 3 BD3: Ecology, CD3: Rocks and Metals, PD3: Moving Around
Start - March
Finish - May
- 4 BD5: The Working Plant, CD4: Carbon Chemistry, PD4: Using Electricity
Start - September
Finish - November
- 5 BD4: Variation, Inheritance & Evolution, CD6: The Periodic Table, PD5: Physics at Work
Start - November
Finish - February

- 6 BD6: Health in the Balance, CD5: Chemical Economics, PD6: Earth, Space and Radiation

Exam Component

External examinations account for 80% of the overall result. A staged assessment paper taken at the end of Year 10 is worth 25% and three terminal papers taken at the end of Year 11 are together worth 55% of the overall result.

The Year 10 paper is divided into three sections: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The terminal exams consist of one paper for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Assessment: Examinations and Coursework

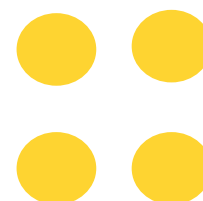
Assessment will be by externally marked examinations and internally marked coursework.

- External examinations are held in at the end of Year 10 and 11. The Year 10 exam is worth 25% of the Double Award GCSE and the Year 11 exams count for the remaining 55%
- The internally assessed coursework is worth 20% of the Double Award GCSE

6 pieces of coursework are completed during the two year course, two for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The titles and approximate dates are summarised below:

Year 10 coursework

- Factors affecting enzyme activity, November (Biology)
- The effect of mass on friction, December (Physics)





- The effect of concentration on rates of reaction, March (Chemistry)

Year 11 coursework

- The survival of animals in cold conditions, September (Biology)
- The heating effect of a current, December (Physics)
- The effect of temperature on rates of reaction, February (Chemistry)

Homework per week

A minimum of one homework task will be set per week for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Homework can, however, be set in every science lesson, giving a maximum of 6 homework tasks per week.

Pupils are asked to purchase a Science Homework book at the start of the academic year. This will then be used to set homework tasks to support and reinforce learning. The homework book will be available to purchase through the school.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

- Homework book (essential, purchased through school, £1.50 approx)
- Revision guide (recommended, can be purchased through school, £3.00 approx)
- Practice exam papers (recommended, can be purchased through school, £2.00 approx)

Trips or visits details

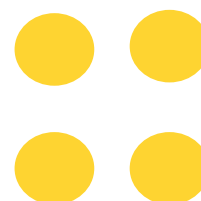
None.

What this subject could lead to

This qualification enables pupils to proceed

to further qualifications or to progress directly into employment. Success in Double Award Science can lead to AS or A2 studies in Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics. Pupils also have the option of undertaking the International Baccalaureate, which allows for up to two of the sciences to be studied.

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SEPARATE SCIENCE

Qualification: GCSE **Tier:** Higher **Exam Date:** June Year 11 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content

In this course, scientific ideas and facts are introduced which will help pupils develop an awareness of scientific issues in a range of domestic, industrial and environmental contexts. The course also encourages the development of skills in interpreting, evaluating and discussing scientific ideas and planning and carrying out practical investigations.

The Separate Science specifications consist of core content, which is common to the Science: Double Award, plus extension material for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Following the Separate Sciences course will result in three GCSE qualifications being awarded, one for each of the sciences.

Units Studied

Topics:

Biology - Biological Principles, Digestion, Respiration, Breathing, Photosynthesis, Transport, Ecology, Response to Stimuli, Homeostasis, Inheritance and Evolution.

Chemistry - Chemical Reactions, Metals, Atomic Structure & the Periodic Table, Rates of Reaction, Bonding, Structure & Reacting Quantities, Using Crude Oil, Earth Cycles, Equilibria & Industrial Processes.

Physics - Electric Circuits, Forces & Energy, Wave Properties, Using Waves, Radioactivity, The Earth & Universe, Using Electricity, Electromagnetism.

Exam Component

External examinations account for 80% of the overall result for each of the three sciences. Pupils will sit two external examinations at the end of Year 11 for each

of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The first of the two papers for each subject is common to the papers for the Science: Double Award and these carry a weighting of 53.3%. The second paper assesses materials from the extension topics and is worth 26.7% for each of the three sciences.

Assessment : Examinations and Coursework

Assessment will be by externally marked examinations and internally marked coursework.

External examinations account for 80% of each of the science GCSE qualifications. These are held at the end of Year 11.

The internally assessed coursework is worth 20% of each of the sciences.

6 pieces of coursework are completed during the two year course, two for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

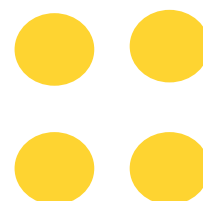
The coursework titles and approximate dates are summarised below:

Biology Coursework

- Factors affecting enzyme activity (November, Year 10)
- Survival of animals in cold conditions (September, Year 11)

Chemistry Coursework

- The effect of concentration on rates of reaction (March, Year 10)
- Effect of temperature on rates of reaction (February, Year 11)





Physics Coursework

- The effect of mass on friction (December, Year 10)
- The heating effect of a current (December, Year 11)

Homework per week

A minimum of one homework task will be set each week for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Pupils will be set a maximum of 6 science homework tasks per week.

Pupils will be issued with a Science Homework book for each of the sciences at the start of the academic year. These will then be used to set homework tasks to support and reinforce learning.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

None.

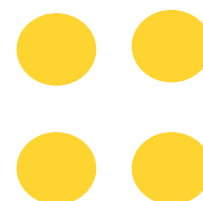
Trips or visits details

None.

What this subject could lead to

This qualification enables pupils to proceed to further qualifications or to progress directly into employment. Success in Separate Sciences can lead to AS or A2 studies in Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics. Pupils also have the option of undertaking the International Baccalaureate, which allows for up to two of the sciences to be studied.

Key Stage 4 Information





STATISTICS

Qualification: GCSE **Tier:** F/H **Exam Date:** June 2009 **Exam Board:** OCR

Brief synopsis of Content

- 1 Data Handling project
This is double entered for the Mathematics GCSE
Start - Autumn Term Year 10
Finish - Summer Term Year 10

Some software used in school can be purchased to use at home to enhance learning.

Assessment: Percentage of coursework and terminal exam

Coursework contributes 25% towards the final grade.

- There is only one project which is entered for both the Statistics and Mathematics GCSE examinations it is marked in 3 strands with a total mark out of 40 (Marked internally and internally & externally moderated)

There is one terminal examination contributing 75%.

- The exam is split into two sections- A short questions, B longer questions (Higher is 2 hours 30 mins Foundation 2 hours)

Homework per week

Homework will be set as part of the Mathematics lessons homework when appropriate to the statistical work being completed.

Special equipment needing to be purchased

All students will require a scientific calculator.

All students will need a ruler, protractor and compasses.

Students with access to ICT facilities at home would benefit from a USB memory stick, particularly for coursework.

Key Stage 4 Information

