

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre



‘True Teaching’

Aiming for Success at GCSE

An Informative and Supportive Guide
for Students and Parents

YEAR 10 – Year 11 2023-2025

“Outstanding School”
Section 48 Inspection



Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre



October 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your GCSE courses for the next two years.

You will have an exciting two years of hard work ahead of you, but the recent examination successes enjoyed by pupils in the school indicate that if you are prepared to apply yourself and co-operate with your teachers you will be very successful.

As part of our “Aiming for Success” curriculum evening, we are taking the opportunity to issue this booklet. It will enable everyone to have a clearer picture of each stage of their course, with particular emphasis on:

- Course name, specification, number of exam board.

All subject examination specifications, including course content, past examination papers etc. can be found on the Exam Board websites.

The main Exam Boards are:

www.edexcel.com
www.ocr.org.uk
www.aqa.org.uk
www.eduqas.co.uk

The booklet details the courses issued in the Options Booklet and brings together much of the day to day advice given by teaching staff. Experience shows that achieving good levels of organisation depends upon having a keen awareness of what is expected.

GCSE Courses

GCSE courses are linear courses that are assessed at the end of Year 11. Assessment has now moved to 100% external examinations for the majority of subjects, with some still having internally assessed components.

The national grading system has been designed so that there are comparable points to the previous GCSE grading system:

Grade 9	Indicates exceptional performance.
Grade 7	The bottom of grade 7 is comparable to the bottom of the previous grade A.
Grade 5	A “strong pass” Is comparable to the top of the previous grade C.
Grade 4	Indicates a “standard pass” The bottom of grade 4 is comparable to the bottom of the previous grade C.

Please see the diagram below:

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
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When the Government published its league tables in 2018, the Grade 5 (not 4) was the figure used in these tables, even though a Grade 4 is equivalent to a current Grade C.

Your child **must** keep the booklet with them until the Summer examinations of 2025.

We have in place a range of strategies to assist those who need additional support to meet deadlines. These include voluntary and compulsory workshops, voluntary and compulsory revision classes, supervised study sessions, coursework catch up classes, etc. depending on the degree of support that is appropriate for the individual.

There are so many opportunities available to embed success. Just ask us if you want more!

I would also like to remind you that we have a great Sixth Form here at Blessed Hugh Faringdon and you should be thinking of the courses you would like to study in the Sixth Form and meeting any entry requirements they have – don't leave anything until it is too late.

Be assured of our prayers and best wishes for your studies.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon R. Uttley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr Simon Uttley
Headmaster

2023/2024

Head of Year 10

Miss E Wright

Tutors

10DB

Mrs E Alexander & Mrs J Dayantis

10MK

Mr P Windibank

10ML

Miss L Brennan

10MT

Miss R Monaghan & Mr B Platt

10OR

Mrs M Magdziak

10BL

Miss J Greaves

Core Subjects

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AQA GCSE Religious Studies B (8063A)

www.aqa.org.uk

Component 1: Catholic Christianity
Component 2: Perspectives on Faith

Year 10 Units of Study:

Perspectives on Faith - Judaism:

Students will study the beliefs, teaching, and practices of Judaism, and how these influence individuals, communities, and societies.

Catholic Christianity:

Students will study the beliefs, teaching, and practices of Catholics from the two remaining topics: Church and the Kingdom of God and Eschatology.

Year 11:

Perspectives on Faith: Theme A: Religion, relationships, and families
Theme B: Religion, human rights, and social justice

Followed by a thorough and detailed programme of revision of both components studied in years 9 and 10, and preparation for the exam at the end of the year.

Equipment:

- A Bible with the Old and New Testament.
- Textbook is provided in the lesson.
- A Bible is **not** allowed in the examination

Homework:

PowerPoint presentations, reading, research using the internet and library, examination questions, learning Bible passages through visualisation, e.g., symbols/illustrations, mind map summaries, revision tasks, media research.

Revision:

Before each mid unit and end of unit assessment
Before the Year 10 mock examinations
December of Year 11 onwards

AQA have produced a fantastic revision guide. This is a must for all students and will be available on Parent Pay, for the highly subsidised price of only £4!

Examinations:

The assessment consists of two written GCSE examination papers:

Year 11	100% exam	
Component 1:	Catholic Christianity	50%
Component 2:	Perspectives on Faith	50%

Year 10 mock examination:	End of Year 10
Year 11 mock examination:	November/December of Year 11

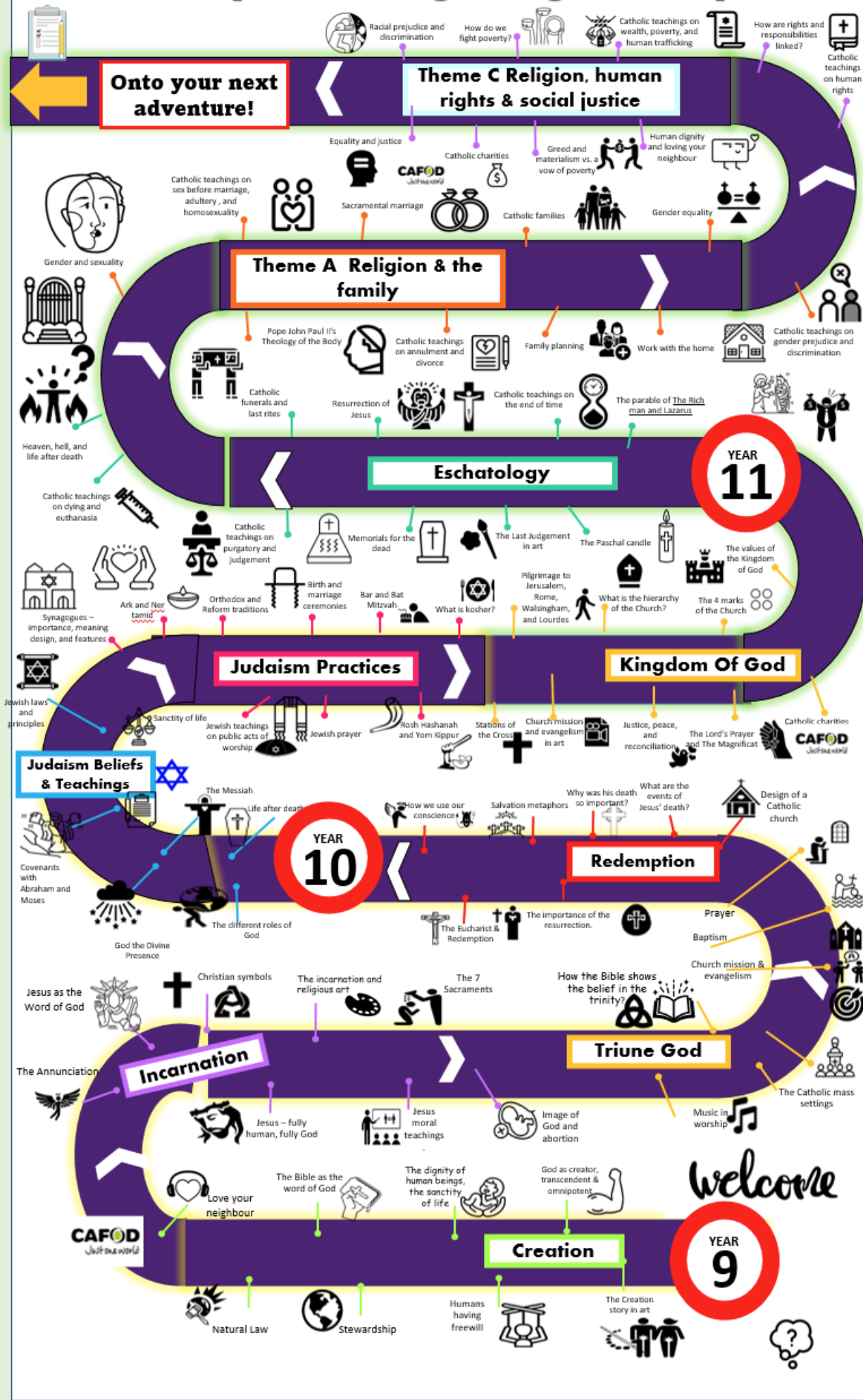
Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- Students to practice knowledge by 'teaching' parents
- Focus on achieving grade 9 through exam practice
- Modelling answers, paired and self-assessment
- Targeted, detailed revision booklet
- Challenge as presented through the extended writing evaluation questions

Extra resources for basic skills students:

- Appropriate revision skills taught
- Organisational skills developed
- Targeted, differentiated revision booklet
- Internet resources as advised – www.aqa.org

GCSE Road map – Blessed Hugh Faringdon R.E Department



AQA English Language 8700
AQA English Literature 8702

www.aqa.org.uk

English Language will be taught both through the Literature course – as outlined below – and as distinct units, also outlined below over a two-year period, which will also include transitional skills from KS3 to KS4.

Years 10 and 11 Units of Study

(a chronology is in place that will be shared with student)

Literature: “*Macbeth*” by William Shakespeare - 17th century
“*Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*” by R L Stevenson - 19th century
“*An Inspector Calls*” by J.B Priestly OR Lord of the Flies
Poetry Anthology (Power and Conflict)

Language: Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing
Paper 2: Writers’ viewpoints and perspectives (as above)

Skills Assessed:

Reading: Identify, interpret, synthesise and evaluate meanings
 Compare ideas and perspectives

Writing: Communicate clearly and imaginatively with appropriate register and form.
 SPaG

Spoken Language will be graded separately from the Language GCSE, i.e., it will be awarded a grade in its own right.

This will assess over a ten-minute period:

- presentation skills
- ability to listen appropriately
- use of standard English

Equipment:

Pen, pencil, ruler, exercise book, colouring pencils/pens, glue stick, scissors and imagination!

Homework:

One piece of homework per week. This ranges from online bi-weekly Bedrock Vocabulary to Literature essays to English Language workbook revision and intervention booklets on spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Revision:

This will be based around both mid-term formative assessments and end of unit summative assessments. Students will be assessed every three weeks.

Examinations:

These are linear exams, i.e., English Language and English Literature to be taken at the end of Year 11.

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

Provision through differentiated questions in each lesson, class leaders on lesson starters and plenaries and introduction to and developing their understanding of literary concepts necessary for A level literature study.

Extra resources for basic skills students:

A range of differentiated texts will be available to match the needs of different levels of ability.

Context/ Perspectives	Structural analysis	Comparative analysis
Creative Writing	Reading Analysis	Evaluation
Writing to Opine	Speaking & Listening	Author Methods
Grammar/ Core skills	Authorial Intention	Vocabulary Development

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Learning Journey - English



MATHEMATICS

Edexcel GCSE 9 – 1 in Mathematics

www.edexcel.com

Year 10 Programme of Study

GCSE in Mathematics gives students the opportunity to develop the ability to:

- Acquire and use problem-solving strategies.
- Select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real-world situations.
- Reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions.
- Interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.

Year 10	
Geometry 1	Perimeter Area Volume
Algebra 1	Indices Standard Form
Geometry 2	Bearings
Statistics 1	Collection Data
Ratio & Proportion 1	Growth & Decay Compound Measures Proportion
Statistics 2	Processing Data Representing Data
Geometry 3	Vectors
Statistics 3	Summarising Data
Higher	
Geometry 4	Trigonometry in non-right-angled triangles
Algebra 2	Algebraic fractions
Foundation	
Ratio & Proportion 2	Using Ratio
Algebra 2	Non-Linear Graphs

Year 11	
Higher	
Geometry 1	Circle Theorems
Algebra 1	Graphs of trigonometric functions Graph Transformations Graphing simultaneous Equations Graphing Inequalities Functions
Probability	Binomial Distribution Normal Distribution
Foundation	
Algebra 1	Graphing simultaneous Equations Functions

Throughout Year 10 and 11 students:

- Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts, including Number, Algebra, Geometry, Measures, Statistics, Probability, Ratio and Proportion.
- Use their knowledge and understanding to make connections between mathematical concepts
- Apply the functional elements of mathematics in everyday and real-life situations.

Equipment:

Pen, pencil, eraser, and pencil sharpener

Maths set to include ruler, 180-degree protractor and pair of compasses

Scientific Calculator: Casio FX-83GTX Black or Casio FX-85GTX Black

Maths Sets and calculators are available on parent pay, individually or as a bundle.

Homework:

Students are given two pieces of homework per week either online or as a written homework.

Revision:

- www.mymaths.co.uk
- www.pearsonactivelearn.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.mathsgenie.co.uk
- www.corbettmaths.com

Examinations:

Three written papers: each contributes one-third of the final grade

- Tiered papers Higher and Foundation
- Foundation Tier grades 5-1 available
- Higher Tier grades 9-4 available
- Each paper 1 hour 30 minutes
- Paper 1: Non-calculator
- Papers 2 and 3: calculator required
- Students in Set 1 will also sit statistics.
 - Statistics GCSE is 2 Papers, both Calculator.

Recommended Reading

- **Revision Guides**
 - Purposeful Practice
 - Higher ISBN 9781292273709
 - Foundation ISBN 9781292273716
 - Revision Guide
 - Higher ISBN 9781447988090
 - Foundation ISBN 9781447988045
 - Revision Workbook
 - Higher ISBN 9781447988090
 - Foundation ISBN 9781292213712
- **Textbooks**
 - Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Student Book 1
ISBN: 9781292346144
 - Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Student Book 2
ISBN: 9781292346380
 - Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher Student Book 1
ISBN: 9781292346137
 - Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Student Book 1
ISBN: 9781292346397
 - Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Statistics
ISBN: 9781292190310

Extra Resources for Gifted and Talented:

- <https://nrich.maths.org/>
- Intermediate Mathematical Challenge archive | UK Mathematics Trust (ukmt.org.uk)
- 5-a-day GCSE 9-1 – Corbettmaths
Higher
Higher Plus
- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics: Higher Extension Practice, Reasoning and Problem-solving
ISBN: 9781292105055
- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Statistics Student Book
ISBN: 9781292190310
- The Man Who Counted: A Collection of Mathematical Adventures by Malba Tahan
- Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors by Matt Parker

Extra Resources for Basic Skills students:

- 5-a-day GCSE 9-1 – Corbettmaths
Numeracy
Foundation
- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics - Access to Foundation Workbook: Number
ISBN: 9781447983583
- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics - Access to Foundation Workbook: Statistics & Geometry
ISBN: 9781447999768

SIXTH FORM

College

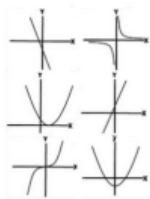
Apprenticeship



MATHEMATICS



GCSE Mathematics – ALL students
GCSE Statistics – SOME students



YEAR 10

YEAR 11

YEAR 9

YEAR 8

YEAR 7

REVISION
Take part in the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge (FEBRUARY)
Algebra: Graphs of Trigonometric Functions
Geometry: Circle Theorems
Probability: Probability Distributions
Algebra: Algebraic Fractions

Foundation
Probability: Using Probability
Algebra: Simultaneous Equations
Geometry: Trigonometry in Non-Right-Angled Triangles
Higher

Foundation
Statistics: Collection of data
Statistics: Processing and Representing Data
Geometry: Vectors & Geometric Proof
Ratio & Proportion: Using Ratio
Higher

Geometry: Perimeter, Area, Volume and Bearings
Algebra: Graphs
Ratio & Proportion: Growth and Decay, Compound Measures and Proportion
Take part in the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge (FEBRUARY)
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Higher

Separate SCIENCE – Biology/Chemistry/Physics GCSE

AQA GCSE Biology 8461
GCSE Chemistry 8462
GCSE Physics 8463

www.aqa.org.uk

This course is available to pupils who are on pathway 1 or have obtained consistently good grades (6 or above) in Science assessments during Year 9.

Year 10 Units of Study:

BIO Infection and response (B3), Bioenergetics (B4) and Ecology (B7)
CHEM Quantitative chemistry (C3), Chemical changes (C4) and Energy changes (C5).
PHYS Electricity (P2) and Forces (P5)

Year 11 Units of Study:

BIO Homeostasis (B5) Inheritance, variation and evolution (B6)
CHEM The rate and extent of chemical change (C6), Organic chemistry (C7),
Chemical analysis (C8), Chemistry of the atmosphere (C9) and using resources (C10)
PHYS Waves (P6), Magnetism and electromagnetism (P7) and Space physics (P8)

The topics taught in Years 10 and 11 build upon the basics covered in Year 9. In addition to the content that is covered in the Science Double award, separate Science pupils will cover extra content in each of the units of study and in greater detail.

The qualifications awarded at the end are three separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Equipment

In addition to the basic school equipment, every pupil needs to bring a calculator to all Science lessons. Students are also very strongly advised to buy the Revision books which are available at a discount from the department.

Homework:

Researching topics, planning and writing up investigations, reading, revising for module tests, practice exam type questions etc

Practical Skills:

There are eight required practical investigations for GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Pupils will be expected to answer questions on the practical investigations carried out via the external exams.

Revision:

- Structured revision will occur prior to each module test
- Revision boosters are available prior to every test and examination

Assessment:

Pupils will sit cumulative assessments 3 times over the course of the year 10. This will be in November, February and June. In year 11, the two Mock periods will form the foundation for assessment. Each assessment will include GCSE level questions and focus on key knowledge and skills needed to progress within science.

Examinations:

- External Module exams are linear and sat at the end of the course
- Mock Exams are sat at the end of year 10

Extra resources To Aim Higher:

Focus on achieving 8/9 through exam practice

- Exam question booklets on application, analysis, prose and synthesis questions to target grade 8/9
- Focused revision and intervention sessions

Combined SCIENCE: Trilogy

AQA GCSE Science (Trilogy) Double Award

www.aqa.org.uk

Students study GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy 8464 (Double Award)

Year 10 Units of Study:

BIO Infection and response (B3), Bioenergetics (B4) and Ecology (B7)
CHEM Quantitative chemistry (C3), Chemical changes (C4) and Energy changes (C5).
PHYS Electricity (P2) and Forces (P5)

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Chemical analysis (C8), Chemistry of the atmosphere (C9) and using resources (C10)
PHYS Waves (P6), Magnetism and electromagnetism (P7)

Equipment:

In addition to the basic school equipment, every pupil needs to bring a calculator to all Science lessons. Students are also very strongly advised to buy the set of CGP Revision books which are available at a discount from the department.

Homework:

Researching topics, planning and writing up investigations, reading, revising for module tests, practice exam type questions etc.

Practical Skills:

There are twelve required practical investigations that will be taught throughout the course. Pupils will be required to answer questions based on the practical investigations in the exam papers.

Revision:

Structured revision and booster sessions will occur prior to each module test.

Assessment:

Pupils will sit a test to assess progress and understanding at the end of each unit studied.

Examinations:

- External Module exams are linear and sat at the end of the course
- Mock Exam are sat in November and March

Extra resources To Aim Higher:

- Focus on achieving 8/9 through exam practice
- Exam question booklets on application, analysis, prose and synthesis questions to target grade 8/9
- Focused revision and intervention sessions

Extra Resources for Basic Skills students:

- Differentiated learning strategies
- Extra help with exam technique
- Focused revision sessions.



BHFCS KS4 Science Trilogy

AQA
Realising potential



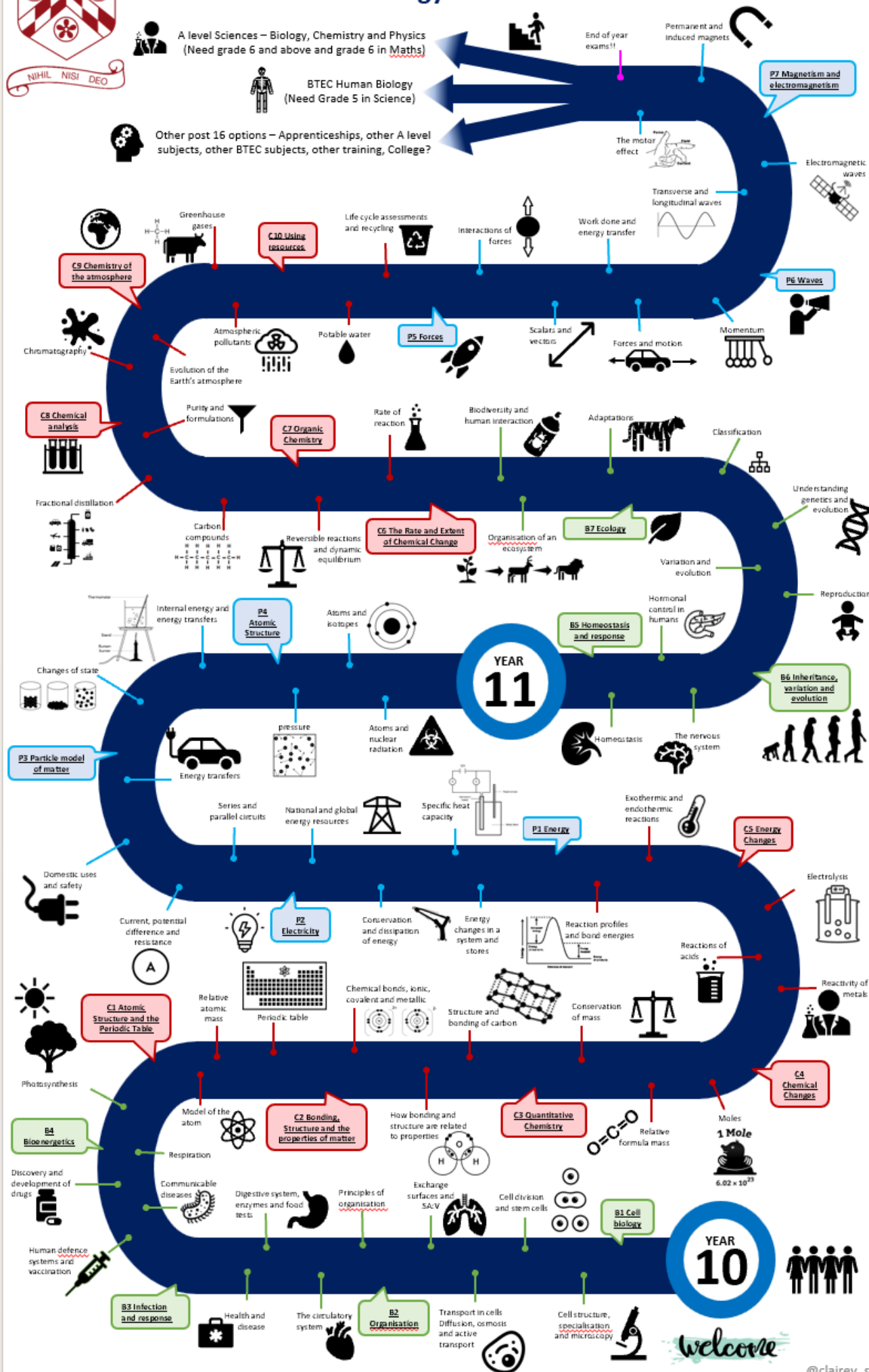
A level Sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics
(Need grade 6 and above and grade 6 in Maths)



BTEC Human Biology
(Need Grade 5 in Science)



Other post 16 options – Apprenticeships, other A level subjects, other BTEC subjects, other training, College?



CORE P.E.

EVERY STUDENT IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CORE P.E.

Year 10 Unit of Study

Each lesson the students will be allowed to choose out of 3 sports on offer to participate in and to encourage versatility as well as teamwork and organisation for game play.

AUTUMN: Term 1

Option 1	Football
Option 2	Fitness
Option 3	Basketball

Term 2

Option 1	Basketball
Option 2	Football
Options 3	Netball

SPRING: Term 3

Option 1	Football
Option 2	Badminton
Option 3	Fitness

Term 4

Single	Football
Single	Alternative Games
Single	Volleyball

SUMMER: Term 5

Single	Softball
Single	Cricket
Single	Rounders

Term 6

Single	Cricket
Single	Softball
Single	Rounders

Year 11 Unit of Study

AUTUMN: Term 1

Single	Football
Single	Fitness
Single	Basketball

Term 2

Single	Basketball
Single	Football
Single	Netball

SPRING: Term 3

Single	Football
Single	Badminton
Single	Fitness

Term 4

Single	Football
Single	Alternative Games
Single	Volleyball

SUMMER: Term 5

Single	Softball
Single	Cricket
Single	Rounders

Equipment:

Compulsory:

Black shorts, black polo shirt, black/white rugby top, black football socks, white trainer socks, football boots/moulds, indoor trainers, shin pads and gum shield

(Astro-trainers can be worn but NOT in place of boots due to health and safety on the pitches)

Optional:

Black tracksuit, black and white fleece, Black/white skins

Assessment Schedule:

- Practical assessment at the end of each unit of work
- Our departmental focus is evaluating and improving performance

Option Subjects

ART

OCR J171 Art and Design (Fine Art)

www.ocr.org.uk

Unit 1: Controlled Assessment Portfolio

Component 1 is 100% coursework and is worth **60%** of the final mark. This Unit begins in Term 1 of Year 10 and concludes during Term 2 of Year 11.

- Recording skills: observing, imagining, analysing, interpreting
- Investigative skills: gathering, researching, selecting, organising, exploring and experimenting
- Evaluative skills: Describing, modifying, refining, concluding
- Critical skills: analysing how meaning is communicated through visual language. Expressing own opinions and interpreting contexts, metaphors and symbolism
- Practical and technical skills: controlling and manipulating visual language, learning processes and techniques, innovation and creativity

Unit 2: Externally Set Task

An exam paper, outlining five project themes, will be issued to students in Term 3 of Year 11. Students will then have a preparatory period during which they will research, plan, and develop ideas leading to a final outcome based on one of the five themes.

The final outcome will be completed during a 10-hour supervised time period which will take place over two school days.

- Develop ideas through investigations informed by selecting and critically analysing sources
- Refine ideas as work progresses through experimenting with media, materials, techniques and processes
- Record ideas, observations, insights and independent judgements, visually and through written annotation, using appropriate specialist vocabulary, as work progresses
- Use visual language critically as appropriate to their own creative intentions and chosen area(s) of study through effective and safe use of media, materials, techniques and processes
- Use drawing skills for different needs and purposes, appropriate to the context in which it is used
- Realise personal intentions through the sustained application of the creative process

Summer exam: April 2024

Equipment:

A range of pencils, paintbrushes, colouring pencils, pens, watercolours, an acrylic paint set, eraser and sharpener and A3 sketchbook(s).

Homework:

Observational drawing activities, artist research, gathering resources for practical class work, completing coursework.

Revision:

- Mock exams in Year 10 and Year 11.
- Group critiques and self/peer assessments to review and refine progress.
- Mini exhibitions

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- Invitation to meet with A' level art students to share ideas and view their work
- Opportunities to work on a larger scale and with a wider range of art media
- Opportunities to explore alternative themes and work with more independence
- After school workshops.
 - www.tate.org.uk
 - www.axisartists.org.uk
 - www.art2day.co.uk
 - www.theartstory.org
 - www.artuk.org

Extra resources for Basic Skills students:

- Exam preparation day
- Basic skills worksheets
- Intervention workshops
- Personal Learning Checklists

BUSINESS

OCR J204

www.ocr.com

Course Outline:

Entry Code	2 Year Course	Component Title	Assessment Type
J204	Year 10: Component 01	Business 1: Business activity, Marketing and People	External Assessment
	Year 11: Component 02	Business 2: Operations, Finance, and Influences on business	

Course Overview:

Year 10

Business 1: Business Activity, Marketing and People (01)

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| 1. Business Activity | 1.1 | The role of business enterprise |
| | 1.2 | Business planning |
| | 1.3 | Business ownership |
| | 1.4 | Business aims and objectives |
| | 1.5 | Stakeholders in business |
| | 1.6 | Business growth |
| 2. Marketing | 2.1 | The role of marketing |
| | 2.2 | Market research |
| | 2.3 | Market segmentation |
| | 2.4 | The marketing mix |
| 3. People | 3.1 | The role of human resources |
| | 3.2 | Organisational structures and different ways of working |
| | 3.3 | Communication in business |
| | 3.4 | Recruitment and selection |
| | 3.5 | Motivation and retention |
| | 3.6 | Training and development |
| | 3.7 | Employment law |

Year 11

Business 2: Operation, Finance and Influences on Business (02)

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| 4. Operations | 4.1 | Production process |
| | 4.2 | Quality of goods and services |
| | 4.3 | The sales process and customer service |
| | 4.4 | Consumer law |
| | 4.5 | Business location |
| | 4.6 | Working with suppliers |
| 5. Finance | 5.1. | The role of the finance function |
| | 5.2 | Sources of finance |
| | 5.3 | Revenue, costs, profits and loss |
| | 5.4 | Break-even |
| | 5.5 | Cash and cash flow |

6. Influences on Business	6.1	Ethical and environmental considerations
	6.2	The economic climate
	6.3	Globalisation

Year 11 – Summer: The exams come in the form of two external examinations

Business 1 (01) 80 marks 1 hour 30 minutes

Assesses content from business activity, marketing and human resources

Business 2 (02) 80 marks 1 hour 30minutes

Assesses content from operations, finance and influences on business and assumes knowledge from marketing and human resources

Both papers are split into two sections

Section A contains multiple choice questions worth 15 marks.

Section B includes short, medium and extended response style questions which use case studies based on real business, worth 65 marks.

Equipment Needed:

Pens, rulers, pencils, exercise books, colouring pens/pencils, a calculator and a revision guide (in Year 11).

Revision and Exams:

Students will be required to prepare for two exams. In order to prepare for these, they will be set several interim examinations that should test their knowledge and understanding.

Students will be required to attend revision days organised by the department

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Pearson Edexcel GCSE Computer Science 2020 (1-9)

www.pearson.com

Overview of Qualification:

Edexcel have developed the GCSE Computer Science 2020 in collaboration with teachers and the Computer Science community to create an engaging qualification that equips students with the knowledge and practical skills to thrive in the fast-changing world of Computer Science. The qualification provides a practical approach to developing computational skills.

Paper 1 is a written examination and Paper 2 is a practical onscreen assessment.

Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science (*Paper code: 1CP2/01)

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes 50% of the qualification 75 marks

Content overview:

This paper will assess Topics 1 to 5.

- Topic 1: Computational thinking
- Topic 2: Data
- Topic 3: Computers
- Topic 4: Networks
- Topic 5: Issues and impact

Assessment overview:

This paper consists of five compulsory questions, each one focused on one of the topic areas. The questions consist of multiple-choice, short-, medium- and extended-open response, tabular and diagrammatic items.

Paper 2: Application of Computational Thinking (*Paper code: 1CP2/02)

Onscreen examination:

2 hours

50% of the qualification

75 marks

Content overview:

This paper will assess Topic 6: Problem solving with programming.

- understanding what algorithms are
- understanding how to decompose and analyse problems
- ability to read, write, refine, and evaluate programs.

Assessment overview:

This practical paper requires students to design, write, test, and refine programs in order to solve problems. They will be provided with:

- coding files
- a hard copy of the question paper to support completion.

This assessment consists of six compulsory questions.

Homework:

You will be set one formal homework, each week, in line with the homework timetable and will, also, be expected to spend time at home, or in school, working on developing the skills required to complete assessment assignments. You should enjoy coding in at least one language and working with technology as a hobby in your spare time.

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- www.codecademy.com
(Learn to Code - for Free | Codecademy)

Extra resources for Basic Skills students:

- www.codecombat.com
(CodeCombat - Coding games to learn Python and JavaScript | CodeCombat)
- <https://hourofcode.com/uk>
(Join the largest learning event in history, October 10-25, 2020 (hourofcode.com))

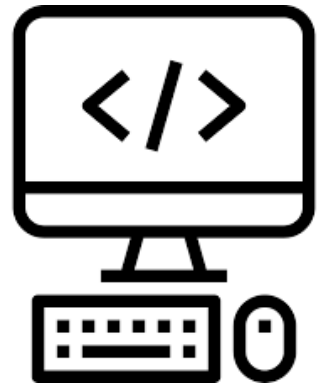
Assessment Schedule:

The course is 100% external examination

- Paper 1 – Written exam 50%
- Paper 2 – Computer based exam 50%

Useful Websites:

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/computer-science-2020.html>



Units of Study:

The GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition specification sets out the knowledge, skills and understanding required to cook and apply the principles of food science, nutrition, and healthy eating. The topics are Food, Nutrition and Health, Food Science, Food Safety, Food Choice, and Food Provenance.

Equipment:

Pupils are expected to supply all ingredients for all practical lessons, however in some cases, some ingredients can be purchased to help with costing/budgeting.

Homework:

Homework will take the form of research projects based on the lesson topics. It is expected that students spend approximately 2 hours per week researching and revising in preparation for the NEAs and final exam.

Coursework Units (NEA 1 and NEA 2):

Final submission for folder and practical work:

March 2024 (starting in Sept 2023)

The 'non-exam assessments' are worth 50% of the overall GCSE grade.

This is completed in two tasks:

Task 1: Food investigation:

Students' understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients.

Task 2: Food preparation assessment:

Students' knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen task.

Students will prepare, cook, and present a final menu of three dishes within a single period of no more than 3 hours, planning in advance how this will be achieved.

Revision:

A revision guide and exam practice booklet are available on SharePoint.

Examinations:

Written exam:	1 hour 45 minutes	100 marks	50% of GCSE
Food investigation task:	10 hour written report	30 marks	15% of GCSE
Food preparation task:	3 hour practical	70 marks	35% of GCSE

Resources available for all

- Focused revision and intervention sessions
- Refer to exemplar folders
- Border templates for coursework
- Attend intervention sessions
- Field visits to food-based industries
- Visiting guest speakers

Units of Study:

The Year 10 course will cover a wide range of skills, processes, and techniques to prepare students to apply investigative, analytical, and problem-solving skills to the 'design and make task' set by the exam board (OCR). This coursework unit ('non-exam assessment') will begin at the end of Year 10 and conclude in March. Students will then prepare for a written exam paper in June.

Equipment:

An A3 folder – this **must** be brought to all lessons. Drawing equipment - includes coloured pencils, fine liners, ruler and compasses. Students must be prepared to have this equipment ready for all lessons, mock exams and the final exam. In addition, it is also a great advantage to have the use of a personal computer and printer for out of school use.

The above will also be needed for the examination in December (mock) and June, and for **all lessons**.

Homework:

All Design and Technology homework should take approximately 2 hours a week in Year 10. The assignments will consist of a mixture of the following: researching, investigating, disassembly, drawing, sketching, analysing, planning, evaluating and recording results.

Coursework Unit (NEA):

Final submission for folder and practical work:

March 2024 (starting in Sept 2022)

The 'non-examination assessment' (NEA) will be in A3 format and consist of approximately 20 pages. From a series of test samples, one model or product will be selected and produced in 3D.

All controlled assessment will need to be completed on a weekly basis and should it not be completed, then students will have to attend a compulsory after-school session to complete the outstanding work.

Revision:

Read the revision textbook on SharePoint, make notes and complete the set activities.

Examinations:

Written exam:	2 hours	100 marks	50% of GCSE
NEA (Non-exam Assessment):	30-35 hours	100 marks	50% of GCSE

Resources available for all

- Include manufacturing perspective
- Collect student CAD software version
- Research based visits
- Use of 3D printer
- Involvement of industry expert
- Non-destructive testing of product
- Refer to exemplar folders
- Border templates for coursework
- Attend booster sessions
- Access to all specialist machinery and equipment in workshop

Year 10 and Year 11 Units of Study

Component 1	Devising Theatre	40% of GCSE
Component 2	Performance from a Text	20% of GCSE
Component 3	Interpreting Theatre	40% of GCSE

Equipment:

- Classwork folder and paper

Homework:

- Research based
- Written analysis and evaluation
- Written reflection on classwork
- Practical rehearsals with group
- Reading of set text
- Analysing set text
- Revision

Component 1: Devising Theatre **40% of qualification**

Non-exam assessment: Internally assessed and externally moderated.

Content overview:

Learners will be assessed on **either** acting **or** design. Learners participate in the creation, development, and performance of a piece of devised theatre using **either** the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner **or** a genre, in **response to a stimulus** set by WJEC.

Learners must produce:

- A realisation of their piece of devised theatre
- A portfolio of supporting evidence
- An evaluation of the final performance or design.

Component 2: Performance from text **20% of qualification**

Non-exam assessment: externally assessed by a visiting examiner.

Content overview:

- Learners will be assessed on **either** acting **or** design
- Learners study **two** extracts from the **same** performance text chosen by the centre
- Learners participate in **one** performance using sections of text from **both** extracts

Component 3:	Interpreting Theatre	40% of qualification
	Written examination:	1 hour 30 minutes

Content overview:

Section A: Set Text

A series of questions on one set text from a choice of seven:

1. Macbeth William Shakespeare
2. An Inspector Calls J.B. Priestley
3. Find Me Olwen Wymark
4. Noughts & Crosses Malorie Blackman
5. Refugee Boy Benjamin Zephaniah
6. I Love You Mum – I Promise I Won't Die Mark Wheeler
7. The IT Vivienne Franzmann

Section B: Live Theatre Review

One question, from a choice of two, requiring analysis of evaluation of a given aspect of a live theatre production seen during the course.

How will I study?

- In class workshop rehearsals
- Live theatre experience
- Practical exploration of theoretical ideas
- Exploration of Design skills
- External theatre company workshops
- Focused revision and exam technique sessions



How will it be assessed?

- Component 1: Internally examined (externally moderated) by the end of year 10
 - Practical performance piece as **either** actor **or** designer
 - Devising portfolio of 750 -900 words
 - Controlled Assessment Evaluation of performance 1 hour 30 mins
- Component 2: Externally examined at the start of year 11
 - Practical performance piece as **either** actor **or** designer
- Component 3: Externally assessed written examination at the end of the course
 - Written paper of 1 hour 30 mins

Extra resources

- A range of visual and audio learning resources in SharePoint
- EDUQAS website
- One-to-one support
- Extra sessions outside timetabled lessons
- A wide range of theatre books in the Drama department and the library

Year 10 Units of study:

- Natural Hazards
- Tectonic Hazards
- Weather Hazards
- Climate and Change
- Coasts
- Glaciation

Year 11 Units of study:

- Development Gap
- Nigeria
- Changing UK Economy
- Resource Management
- Energy
- Study of pre-release material

Equipment:

Normal basic equipment, percentage protractor, normal protractor, calculator

Homework:

Set reading tasks, activities, sample exam questions, research

Skills examination – preparation:

- Swanage coastal / tourism study
- A day will be spent gathering information which will be written up by the students and used in skills examination

Revision:

There will be intensive revision sessions at the end of the course and at the end of each unit

Examinations:

Three written examinations and a controlled assessment

All written papers are taken at the end of the two-year course

Unit 1:	The Physical Environment	35%	1 hour 30 minutes
Unit 2:	The Human Environment	35%	1 hour 30 minutes
Unit 3:	Skills	30%	1 hour 15 minutes

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented students:

- Focused revision sessions
- Differentiated learning strategies
- Encouraged to develop independent coursework assignments within the general framework

HISTORY

Edexcel GCSE – History

www.qualifications.pearson.com

Year 10 and Year 11 Units of Study:

Paper code: 1HI0/12	Warfare and British society, c1250-present London and the Second World War, 1939-45
Paper code: 1HI0/26-27	Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91
Paper code: 1HI0/B1	Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-88
Paper code: 1HI0/31	Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39

We also study Black History Week in October and The Holocaust in January

Equipment: Standard

Homework: Background reading and ICT research, source work, essays, and exam questions.

Revision:

- In-house revision
- Regular sessions after school for target groups
- After school workshops
- Schoolhistory.co.uk website

Examinations:

Paper 1:	Thematic study and historic environment Combination of structured and sources-based question
Written examination	30% of the total GCSE - 52 marks 1 hour and 15 minutes
Paper 2:	Period study and British Depth Study Students answer questions that assesses their knowledge and understanding
Written examination	40% of the total GCSE - 64 marks (32 for the period study, 32 for the British depth study) 1 hour and 45 minutes
Paper 3:	Modern depth study Students answer a question based on a provided source and a question that assesses their knowledge and understanding. For section B students answer a question based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.
Written examination	30% of the total GCSE - 52 marks 1 hour and 20 minutes

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- Timed tasks
- CGP revision books
- History Association articles
- Extra sessions targeted at achieving Grade 8/9
- Extension work activities for Grade 9 practice

Extra resources for Basic Skills students:

- Key fact sheets
- Differentiated work sheets
- Targeted questions
- Extra sessions targeted at developing skills

FRENCH

Year 10 Programme of Study

Subject Leader, Mrs E Hargreaves

AUTUMN: Term 1 and 2	SPRING: Term 3 and 4	SUMMER: Term 5 and 6
<u>Module 4 : Where I live</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about paces in town, weather and transport Describing a town and a region/ asking the way Using more complex grammar: pronouns/ negatives/different tenses 	<u>Module 5: Holidays</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing your holidays: what you like doing, what your idea holiday would be etc Booking and reviewing hotels Ordering in a restaurant Using more complex grammar: conditional/pluperfect tense/reflexive verbs 	<u>Module 6: School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about your school Understanding differences between schools in the UK versus schools in francophone countries Discussing school rules

Year 11 Programme of Study

AUTUMN: Term 1	SPRING: Term 2	SUMMER: Term 5 and 6
<u>Module 7: World of work</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs and work preferences Career choices Plans, hopes and wishes The subjunctive 	<u>Module 8: The environment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems facing the world Protecting the environment Discussing ethical shopping Talking about volunteering 	<u>Preparation for GCSE examinations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1: Listening Paper 2: Speaking Paper 3: Reading Paper 4: writing

Core Skills (Year 10 and 11):

- Accurate pronunciation and intonation
- Listening and responding
- Reading comprehension
- Conversation
- Translation
- Giving opinion

Equipment:

Textbook AQA Studio, A4 exercise book. A French-English/English-French dictionary, a verb guide and the AQA GCSE workbook are essential

Homework:

- As per homework timetable.
- Frequent learning of vocabulary / phrases

Assessment Schedule:

- End of unit assessments
- Mock exam as per school timetable
- Frequent vocabulary test

Recommended Reading / Useful Websites:

- www.languagenut.com Each student will be given login details to access this online platform.
- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/>
- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>
- <http://www.wordreference.com>
- www.francais-extra.co.uk
- www.mflgames.co.uk
- www.channel4.com/extra
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french

Extra Resources:

- Extension tasks
- Group work
- A focus on building thinking skills so pupils can modify and use learning for their own needs
- Projects with partner school in France: Le Collège François Mitterrand
- Projects about French culture
- Intervention

This qualification is linear. This means that students sit all the examinations at the end of the course.

Course breakdown:

Listening:	examination comprising 25% of the overall mark
Speaking:	internally taken and externally moderated assessment comprising 25% of the overall mark.
Reading:	examination comprising 25% of the overall mark
Writing:	examination comprising 25% of the overall mark

All elements are available at either higher or foundation levels to reflect individual levels of attainment (Foundation – grade 1 to 4 or 5; Higher – grade 5 to 9)

Units of study:

Over the three years, students develop their understanding, grammatical knowledge, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills via an in-depth study of French speaking countries and their culture focusing on the following themes:

- **Identity and culture** (family and friends; technology; free time activities; customs/festivals in French speaking countries)
- **Local, national, international and global areas of interest** (home, town, region; social issues; global issues; travel and tourism)
- **Current and future study and employment** (studies; life at school; education post -16; jobs, career choices and ambitions)

Equipment Required:

A French-English / English-French dictionary, a verb guide and a French grammar book are essential.

Homework:

Formal homework will be set once per week and will be supplemented by preparation or research task as required.

Mock examinations across four skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing):

These mocks will be scheduled to take place at appropriate times during the course, and in line with the school assessment calendar. They will be preceded by in-class revision and, where necessary, after school preparation opportunities. Further details will be forwarded to parents as appropriate.

Revision:

Learning a language is a life-time commitment. A commitment to learning vocabulary and grammar in detail and accurately is essential and a 'little and often' approach supplemented by focused, intensive revision at key points is the most successful way forward.

Key resources and opportunities, for all students, including the Gifted and Talented:

- Clear learning objectives with differentiated outcomes
- Extension activities for key skills
- Manipulation and application of language in a variety of settings
- Developing pupils' skills in constructing complex sentences
- Use of modelling and exemplar work
- Consolidation of vocabulary and linguistic concepts across the four skills areas.
- Developing skills in using vocabulary to apply within defined contexts
- Link with a French school and possibility to exchange emails with French students

Year 10 Programme of Study

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

Topic 3: Free-time activities

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

Topic 3: Global issues

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Year 11 Programme of Study

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Core Skills (Year 10 and 11):

- Accurate pronunciation and intonation
- Listening and responding
- Reading comprehension
- Conversation
- Translation
- Giving opinion with justification

Homework:

- As per homework timetable.
- Frequent learning of vocabulary / phrases

This qualification is linear. This means that students sit all the examinations at the end of the course.

Course breakdown:

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Speaking:	non-exam assessment comprising 25% of the overall mark.
Reading:	examination comprising 25% of the overall mark
Writing:	examination comprising 25% of the overall mark

All elements are available at either higher or foundation levels to reflect individual levels of attainment (Foundation – grade 1 to 5; Higher – grade 4 to 9)

Units of study:

Over the two years, students develop their understanding, grammatical knowledge, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills of the Polish language. Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where Polish is spoken:

- **Identity and culture** (family and friends; technology; social media; free time activities; sport; music; customs and festivals in Poland)
- **Local, national, international and global areas of interest** (home, town, region; social issues; global issues; travel and tourism)
- **Current and future study and employment** (studies; life at school; education post -16; jobs, career choices and ambitions)

Equipment Required

A Polish-English / English-Polish dictionary, a Polish grammar book is desired.

Homework

Formal homework will be set once per week and will be supplemented by preparation or research task as required.

Mock examinations across four skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing):

These mocks will be scheduled to take place at appropriate times during the course, and in line with the school assessment calendar. They will be preceded by in-class revision and, where necessary, after school preparation opportunities. Further details will be forwarded to parents as appropriate.

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Year 10 and Year 11 Units of Study:

There are three components to the GCSE music specification which are studied throughout the course. They are:

Component 1: Understanding Music

Listening and contextual understanding are assessed with an exam at the end of the course. The listening exam has a number of exercises and questions using excerpts of music.

The exam is split into two main sections:

Section A: Listening to unfamiliar music

Section B: Set Works

The exam is 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 40% of the final mark.

Component 2: Performing Music

Two performances will need to be recorded, marked and submitted to the board for moderation.

Each performance is worth 15% of the total mark and can be recorded at any time throughout the course as many times as is required.

Component 3: Composing Music

Two compositions worth 15% each must be produced, recorded, marked and submitted to the board for moderation.

Composition 1 is a free brief

Composition 2 has to meet a brief set by the board.

Equipment:

- Musical instruments and standard writing equipment.
- Music files will be provided.

It is necessary for students have an instrument they can use at home. It is also extremely beneficial (almost necessary) for students to have instrumental lessons on the instrument (or voice) of choice - *contact* Mr Windibank for details on p.windibank@hughfaringdon.org.

Homework:

1. Instrumental/vocal practice
2. Research tasks related to styles/genres of music
3. Learning musical vocabulary/terminology
4. Completing theory sheets
5. Participating in public performances or school concerts.

Revision:

- Music files
- www.bbcbitessize.co.uk
- Practice papers

Examinations:

Composing coursework	30%	April year 11
Performing coursework	30%	April year 11
Listening and Appraising Exam	40%	May/June year 11

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

Students are encouraged to work in groups and complete more complex compositions to a higher standard, perform more technical pieces and become familiar with a greater range of vocabulary and theory.

Extra resources for Basic Skills students:

Differentiated learning tasks according to ability.

Year 10 and Year 11 Units of Study

GCSE PE consists of 2 externally examined papers and 2 non examined assessment components.

Components 1 and 2 will be assessed in May/June 2021.

Components 3 will be assessed throughout the course and results submitted prior to moderation in April 2021 and written examinations.

Component 1: Physical Factors Affecting Performance

Written examination: **1 hour** 30% of qualification - 60marks

Content: Applied anatomy and physiology, movement analysis, physical training, use of data

Component 2: Socio-cultural issues and Sports Psychology

Written examination: **1 hour** 30% of qualification - 60marks

Content: Socio-cultural influences, sports psychology, health, fitness and well-being.

Component 3: Performance in Physical Education

Non examined assessment internally marked and externally moderated

40% of qualification - 80 marks – 35 marks per activity = **3 activities**

Skills during individual and team activities. Either two individual sports and one team sport or two team sports and one individual sport. They are also required to demonstrate their ability to analyse and evaluate their own performance to produce an action plan for improvement.

Assessment:

Practical Component 3 Performance in Physical Education

The assessment consists of students completing **three** physical activities from a set list.

- One must be a team activity
- One must be an individual activity
- One other individual or team activity

Students will be assessed against set assessment criteria set out by OCR.

Equipment:

- Exercise books and text books will be provided by the school.
- Students are expected to have full school PE kit for all practical lessons.

Homework:

Homework will be given out every week that will consist of research, further reading, coursework and revision as well as work to embed class information. This will all be made accessible via their Microsoft Teams channel. Students will need access to a computer that has internet.

Revision:

Students will be given the opportunity to purchase a revision guide provided by the department as recommended by OCR as well as the department's own guide and revision sessions in Year 11.
Useful website: BBC bitesize and Edexcel

Year 10 and Year 11 Units of Study

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Sport, Activity and Fitness

Component 1: Preparing Participants To Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity

Internally assessed coursework unit with 36 guided learning hours

Learners will explore the different types and provision of sport and physical activities.

Component 2: Taking Part And Improving Other Participants Sporting Performance

Internally assessed coursework unit with 36 guided learning hours.

Learners will investigate the components of fitness and their effect on performance, take part in practical sport, explore the role of officials in sport and learn to apply methods and sporting drills to improve other participants' sporting performance.

Component 3: Developing Fitness To Improve Other Participants Performance In Sport And Physical Activity

External component. 90 minute exam. Exam is worth 60 marks.

Learners will be introduced to and develop an understanding of the importance of fitness and the different types of fitness for performance in sport and physical activity. They will also develop an understanding of the body and fitness testing.

Equipment

- Exercise books and text books will be provided by the school
- Students are expected to have full school PE kit for all practical lessons

Homework

Homework will be given out every week that will consist of research, further reading, coursework and revision as well as work to embed class information. This will be accessible through their Microsoft Teams channels. Students will need access to a computer that has internet

SOCIOLOGY

WJEC Eduqas GCSE Sociology (C200QS)

www.eduqas.co.uk

Component 1: Understanding Social Processes

Component 2: Understanding Social Structures

Year 10 Units of Study

Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission

Students will study key concepts used in sociology and how our culture is passed on and how we acquire our identities including all of the characteristics which make up an individual's 'self', including our sense of self and how we think other people see us.

Families

Students will study how families are changing in contemporary society and the purpose of the family including the functions the family performs for the stability of society.

Education

A sociological exploration of the patterns of inequality in the education system evidenced by differences in attainment between social classes, ethnic groups and genders. Different sociological theories will be examined to account for these differences and the function of education for society.

Sociological research methods

Students will study the skills of social research that sociologists base their ideas about society on.

Year 11

Social differentiation and stratification

Students will understand the differences between individuals and groups in order to evaluate the changing nature of society and the effects of this on groups within society. Debates about power, wealth and life-chances.

Crime and deviance

Examining the debates about the causes and impacts of crime.

Applied methods of sociological enquiry

Examining the use of sociological research methods to inform and shape sociological debates.

Equipment:

Textbook is provided in the lesson.

Homework:

PowerPoint presentations, reading, research using the internet and library, examination questions, learning through visualisation, e.g., symbols/illustrations, mind map summaries, revision tasks, media research.

Revision:

Before each end of unit assessment

Before the Year 10 mock examinations

December of Year 11 onwards

Examinations:

The assessment consists of two written GCSE examination papers:

Year 11	100% exam	
Component 1:	Understanding Social Processes	50%
Component 2:	Understanding Social Structures	50%

Year 10 mock examination:

End of Year 10

Year 11 mock examination:

November/December of Year 11

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- Students to practice knowledge by 'teaching' parents
- Focus on achieving grade 9 through exam practice
- Modelling answers, paired and self-assessment
- Challenge as presented through the extended writing evaluation questions

Extra resources for basic skills students:

- Appropriate revision skills taught
- Organisational skills developed
- Internet resources as advised – www.edugas.co.uk

BTEC Tech Award

Tech Awards have been developed by Pearson to give learners at Key Stage 4 in England, Northern Ireland and Wales the opportunity to study one or more vocational areas as part of their curriculum. We have developed the qualifications in consultation with secondary school and further education representatives, and subject specialists to ensure that they engage and prepare learners for either academic or vocational progression post-16.

As part of a Key Stage 4 programme, learners will be studying a broad range of GCSEs, including English, mathematics and science. The BTEC Tech Award suite has been designed to allow learners to draw on the knowledge and skills acquired from these subjects where relevant. When studying for a 'BTEC', learners can use the knowledge and skills from GCSEs, giving them the opportunity to apply their academic knowledge to everyday and work contexts.

The BTEC Tech Award suite is an introduction to vocational learning. The qualifications give learners the opportunity to build applied knowledge and skills that show an aptitude for further learning, both in the sector and more widely. The approach to the suite is based on well-established BTEC assessment approaches that are proven to be successful in building applied knowledge and skills and motivating learners to engage fully with challenging study. There are many progression options as the skills acquired are applicable to a range of post-16 study options.

The BTEC Tech Award suite differs from other BTECs designed to be taken post-16 as the qualifications offer a basis for further study, rather than meeting all the vocational requirements that learners need to progress directly to a job role in a defined occupational area. The focus is on building applied knowledge and skills to show aptitude and improving understanding of progression options so that learners who achieve one or more of the qualifications are equipped to go on to become work ready for an occupation post-16

Enterprise

The Tech Award gives learners the opportunity to develop sector-specific applied knowledge and understanding through realistic vocational contexts. Learners will have the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and skills in the following areas:



- knowledge that underpins an effective use of skills, such as the activities, skills and characteristics of enterprises and entrepreneurs, and the internal and external factors that can affect the success of an enterprise; in addition, the process of developing a business plan and using and applying marketing and finance knowledge
- development of key skills that prove aptitude in planning an enterprise idea, including market research, planning, carrying out financial transactions, communication and problem solving
- attitudes and ways of working that are considered most important for enterprise, including monitoring and reflecting on the performance of an enterprise idea and own use of skills.

The qualification, if achieving a Level 2, paves the way for a range of further study options including, for the right students, A level study or other vocational courses

Those who achieve level 1 can go on to study level 2 or level 3 via apprenticeship.

The course:

Over the 2 years, students will study the following mandatory units which will lead to a Level 1 or 2

1. Exploring Enterprise
2. Planning and Presenting a Micro enterprise idea
3. Marketing and Finance for Enterprise

ALL components must be achieved in order to secure a qualification.

The BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise:

This award is designed for students who wish to study Enterprise and develop their knowledge of the Business world. This will help learners develop their researching, planning, decision making skills; alongside their personal skills such as creativity, innovation, and time management.

Assessment Schedule:

Component 1 and 2 are assessed through **non-exam internal assessment** which are designed to show application of the knowledge through realistic tasks.

The tasks are set by Pearson (the board) marked by the teacher and moderated by Pearson.

There are two assessment windows open through the academic year in December/ January and May/June.

Component 3 is an **external assessment** set and marked by Pearson under supervised conditions. The assessment window is in 2nd year from January/February and May/ June.

Overview of Qualification:

This course gives students the opportunity to study how people grow and develop over the course of their lives, from infancy to old age, and the factors that may affect this, such as major life-changing events like marriage or parenthood. Students will learn how people adapt to these changes as well as the types of support available to help them.

Students will also learn about the different health and social care services, and about 'care values' and their importance in making sure that the people who use these services get the care they need. Students will be able to demonstrate these care values practically. Students will develop skills in interpreting data about someone's state of health in order to design a plan that will allow them to improve their health and wellbeing.

Component 1: Human Lifespan Development

This unit will be internally assessed through a written assignment
This unit will make up 30% of the overall qualification.

Content Overview

- Explore how individuals develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually over time
- Investigate how various factors, events and choices may impact on individuals' growth and development
- Discover how people adapt to life events and cope with making decisions

Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values

- This unit will be internally assessed through a written assignment
- This unit will make up 30% of the overall qualification

Content Overview

- Learn which health and social care services are available
- Identify why people might need to use these services
- Discover who is involved in providing these services
- Explore what might stop people from accessing the services they need
- Look at the care values they have to make sure people get the care and protection they need

Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

This unit will be externally assessed through a written assignment in which students create a health and wellbeing improvement plan.

This unit will make up 40% of the overall qualification

Content Overview

- Learn what 'being healthy' means to different people
- Explore the different factors that might influence health and wellbeing
- Create a health and wellbeing improvement plan for that person which includes targets

Equipment:

Fully equipped pencil case.

Course booklets and resources will be provided for each student

Extra resources for Gifted and Talented:

- Workshops and intervention available after school for specific skills development
- Extension activities and reading to challenge the more motivated
- Differentiated resources for tasks and activities with the classroom and for homework

Extra resources for Basic Skills students:

- Regular contact with SEN and ASD departments for support
- Intervention sessions on Monday after school for those who need extra support for Unit 1
- Differentiated resources for tasks and activities with the classroom and for homework.

Pathways

Through the Key Stage 4 at BHFCS students are placed onto one of three pathways. The pathways are designed to support students to achieve highly.

Pathway 1 – EBacc + Optional Subjects

These subjects are shown to provide students with greater opportunities in further education and are considered essential prerequisites to many degree courses.

- All students following this pathway will study the compulsory core courses; English Language and Literature, Mathematics, RE and Science. Biology, Chemistry and Physics are taught as individual GCSE subjects.
- All students will study a language - French, Polish or another language (native speakers) if possible.
- All students will be required to choose either History or Geography GCSE.
- All students will choose 2 options from the open option subjects.

Pathway 2 – Core + Optional Subjects

This is the most common pathway through Key Stage 4 at BHFCS.

- All students following this pathway will study the compulsory core courses; English, Mathematics, RE and Science. Science consists of the Trilogy Science award (2 GCSEs).
- All students will take an option from the History, Geography or language subjects.
- Students will choose 3 option subjects.
- Students may opt to follow the EBacc programme by selecting a Humanities and Language subject similar to the Pathway 1 model.

Pathway 3 – Alternative Curriculum Pathway

The balance of subjects on this pathway supports students to fully engage with their assessed subjects, and develop life skills that are useful far beyond formal education.

- All students following this pathway will study the compulsory core courses; English, Mathematics, RE and Science. Science consists of the Trilogy Science award (2 GCSEs). There will be the option for students to study 'Entry Level' core qualifications rather than full GCSEs within these subjects.
- All students will choose 3 option subjects.
- Students complete an alternative ASDAN course, where key skills involving health, finance and work are studied.

Personal and Social Development

ASDAN Level 1

The Personal and Social Development ASDAN course helps young people become confident individuals who are physically, emotionally and socially healthy. It is a Level 1 course.

Objectives:

The ASDAN Personal and Social Development Level 1 course has been developed to give you the opportunity to:

- understand the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle
- prepare for life in the future, exploring options and opportunities for further study and careers
- make a positive contribution to society and embrace change
- to manage risk together with your own wellbeing

Units of Study will include:

- Healthy eating- Understand key food groups and the benefits they have on your health.
- Healthy lifestyle- Undertake new hobbies and activities that will benefit your lifestyle.
- Managing your own money- Understand different banking options and how to take responsibility for your own finances later in life.
- Preparation for work- Understand how to complete a job application, complete a mock interview and how to apply for jobs of interest to you.
- Working towards goals- How to achieve your goals and targets linked to school and life.

In addition, students will have the chance to work on their study skills, independent study, presentation skills, computer skills, collaboration with others.

How will I study? / What will I learn?

The course will provide students with the necessary skills to manage their lives, whilst improving valuable ICT, English and Maths skills for their lives outside of the classroom. They will develop key soft skills and prepare for employment in the future. There will be challenges and tasks to complete to show an understanding and awareness of the subject content. The teaching will aim to match the students' needs and strengths, to ensure they can access the course content. Students will need to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through presentations, posters, record books and practical based activities. There will also be an opportunity to take online courses, leading to work experience opportunities.

Assessment Schedule:

The ASDAN Level 1 is assessed through internal assessments. These include a variety of pieces of work and evidence provided by students to show they have completed each unit. They must complete 4 units to achieve the Level 1 Pass. Students will complete a portfolio for each unit including worksheets, posters, projects and controlled challenges.