

Improving the life chances of all students

What subjects does my child study? How many exams will they have?

Normally, all students have to take examinations in these core subjects:	Normally, all students will have examinations in two or more of these option subjects:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language (2 exam papers - 3 hours 30 minutes) • English Literature (2 exam papers – 3 hours 45 minutes) • Mathematics (3 exam papers – 4 hours 30 minutes) • Science (6 exam papers – 7 hours 30 minutes or 10 hours 30 minutes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art OR Photography (1 portfolio, 1 set task under exam conditions) • Creative Media Production (2 coursework projects, 1 exam – 2 hours) • Dance (3 projects, including written work and performances under exam conditions) • Design Technology (1 coursework project, 1 exam – 2 hours) • Drama (3 projects, including written work and performances under exam conditions) • Engineering (2 projects, 1 exam – 2 hours) • Enterprise (2 projects, 1 exam – 2 hours) • Food Preparation and Nutrition (2 projects, 1 exam – 1 hour 45 minutes) • French (One speaking exam and 3 other exam papers – 2 hours 30 minutes / 3 hours 10 minutes) • Geography (3 exam papers – 4 hours 15 minutes) • Health & Social Care (3 projects, 1 exam – 1 hour) • History (3 exam papers – 4 hours 20 minutes) • Sports Science (3 projects, 1 exam – 1 hour)

ENGLISH (GCSE - AQA)

	PAPER 1 (50% of GCSE)	PAPER 2 (50% of GCSE)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing 1 hour 45 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 reading questions • 1 writing question 	Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives 1 hour 45 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 reading questions • 1 writing question
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel 1 hour 30 minutes Two questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romeo and Juliet • A Christmas Carol 	Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry 2 hours 15 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Inspector Calls • Poetry Anthology (compare 2 poems) • Unseen poem • Compare 2 unseen poems

MATHEMATICS (GCSE – EDEXCEL/AQA)

Students will sit either the Foundation or Higher papers.

	Topics
PAPER 1 1 hour 30 minutes Non-calculator	1 Number 2 Algebra 3 Ratio, proportion and rates of change 4 Geometry and measures 5 Probability 6 Statistics
PAPER 2 1 hour 30 minutes Calculator allowed	
PAPER 3 1 hour 30 minutes Calculator allowed	

SCIENCE (GCSE - AQA)

ALL students do 6 exams, 2 for each science subject.

Most students take Double Science and exams are 1 hour 15 minutes.

A few students will take Triple Science and exams are 1 hour 45 minutes.

	Paper 1 (topics studied in Year 10)	Paper 2 (topics studied in Year 11)
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells • Human organ systems • Disease • Plants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nerves and hormones • Inheritance • Evolution • Ecology
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atomic structure and the periodic table • Ionic bonding and electrolysis • Covalent and metallic bonding • Reactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates of reaction • Organic chemistry • The atmosphere • Analysis and resources
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The particle model • Energy • Electricity • Radiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forces • Forces and movement • Magnets • Waves • (Space – Triple Science only)

ART OR PHOTOGRAPHY (GCSE - AQA)

	Theme 1 (25%)	Theme 2 (25%)	Theme 3 (25%)	Theme 4 (25%)
UNIT 1 Portfolio 60% of GCSE	Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist research pages • Artist studies • Mind maps • Mood boards 	Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring different media • Experimenting with different techniques • New artists to take influence from 	Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observational drawing • Own photographs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language • Combine ideas and intentions into a final piece
Unit 2 Set task 40% of GCSE				

CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (BTEC – Pearson)

Coursework 1 30% of BTEC	Exploring Media Products (Completed in Year 10)
Coursework 2 30% of BTEC	Developing Digital Media Production Skills (Due in January 2020)
EXAM 40% of BTEC 2 hours	Create a Media Product in Response to a Brief (May 2020)

Dance (BTEC Tech Award - Performing Arts – Edexcel)

COURSEWORK 1	PowerPoint presentation of three practitioners comprising the research they completed in year 10.
COURSEWORK 2	A - Develop skills and techniques for performance B - Apply skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance C - Review own development and performance This will be completed through videoed rehearsals, a performance and a log book that will show how they have tracked their progress over the unit.
COURSEWORK 3	Externally assessed unit with a theme set by the exam board. 8 hours of practical controlled assessment to create a 7 minute dance which will then be performed to a small audience. 3 hours of written controlled assessment writing about their ideas for their dance, skills they have used within their dance and evaluation of their performance.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (GCSE – AQA)

Coursework 1 50% of GCSE	Design and Make (Due in February 2020)
EXAM 50% of GCSE 2 hours	Section A Core Technical Principles 20 marks Section B Specialist Technical Principles (Timber) 30 marks Section C Designing and Making Principles 50 marks

DRAMA (BTEC Tech Award - Performing Arts – Edexcel)

COURSEWORK 1	PowerPoint presentation of three practitioners comprising the research they completed in year 10.
COURSEWORK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded development of acting skills and techniques through workshops • Performance to a live audience of a scripted group piece • Evaluative portfolio of progress and development
COURSEWORK 3	Performance to a live audience, of devised drama in response to a brief set by the exam board. Three controlled assessments: Ideas log Skills log Evaluation log

ENTERPRISE (BTEC – Pearson)

Coursework 1 30% of BTEC	Exploring Enterprises (Completed in Year 10)
Coursework 2 30% of BTEC	Planning for and Pitching an Enterprise (Due in September 2019)
EXAM 40% of BTEC	Promotion and Finance for Enterprise (2 hours - February 2020)

ENGINEERING (BTEC – Pearson)

Coursework 1 30% of BTEC	Exploring Sectors & Design Applications (Due in September 2019)
Coursework 2 30% of BTEC	Investigating an Engineering Project (Due in January 2020)
EXAM 40% of BTEC	Responding to an Engineering Brief (2 hours)

FRENCH (GCSE - AQA)

Students will sit either the Foundation or Higher papers.

	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3
PAPER 1 - Listening 25% of GCSE F35 OR H45 minutes	Identity & Culture	Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Current and future study and employment
PAPER 2 - Reading 25% of GCSE F45 minutes OR H1 hour			
PAPER 3 - Writing 25% of GCSE F1 hour OR H1 hour 15 minutes			
Paper 4 - Speaking 25% of GCSE Approximately 10 minutes			

FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION (GCSE – AQA)

Coursework 1 15% of GCSE	Food investigation (Due in October 2019)
Coursework 2 35% of GCSE	Food Preparation (Due in February 2020)
EXAM 45% of GCSE	1 hour 45 minutes

GEOGRAPHY (GCSE - AQA)

PAPER 1 35% of GCSE 1 hour 30 minutes	Living with the physical environment Section A: The challenge of natural hazards Section B: The living world Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK
PAPER 2 35% of GCSE 1 hour 30 minutes	Challenges in the human environment Section A: Urban issues and challenges Section B: The changing economic world Section C: The challenge of resource management
PAPER 3 30% of GCSE 1 hour 15 minutes	Geographical skills Section A: Issue evaluation Section B: Fieldwork

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE ((CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL - OCR)

COURSEWORK 1	Communication
COURSEWORK 2	Creative Activities
COURSEWORK 3	Body Systems
EXAM	Care Values

HISTORY (GCSE – OCR)

Paper 1 30% of GCSE 1 hour 15 minutes	Medicine in Britain • 1250–present • 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches
Paper 2 40% of GCSE 1 hour 45 minutes	• Early Elizabethan England (1558–88) • The American West (1835–1895)
Paper 3 30% of GCSE 1 hour 20 minutes	• Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918–39)

SPORTS SCIENCE (CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL - OCR)

COURSEWORK 1	Nutrition in Sport
COURSEWORK 2	The Body's Response to Physical Activity
COURSEWORK 3	Fitness Testing and Planning Fitness Programs
EXAM	Injury in Sport (January 2020)