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Year group 9 **Option** **Subject name** GCSE Product Design
Periods/week 2 **Qualification** AQA GCSE Product Design
Weblink <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-product-design-4555>

Overview

Pupils who opt to study Product Design at GCSE will have the opportunity to develop and expand the skills they learnt in Key Stage 3. Year 9 & 10 concentrate on honing skills such as investigating design opportunities, developing design proposals, making, testing and evaluating and communication. Year 11 focuses on using these skills to complete a final Controlled Assessment which accounts for 60% of the final qualification.

Units studied

- 1)The evoluCon of product design,
- 2)MeeCng consumer needs,
- 3)Design in practice,
- 4)Packaging and markeCng,
- 5)Design in human context,
- 6)Global responsibility,
- 7)Product manufacture,
- 8)The use of ICT in producCon,
- 9)Manufacturing processes,
- 10)Sources and properCes of materials,
- 11)ManipulaCng and combining materials.

Assessment

Written paper: 40% of total marks. 120 marks, 2 hours
Controlled Assessment: 60% of total marks.
A single design-and-make activity selected from a choice of set tasks, consisting of the development of a made outcome and a concise design folder and/or appropriate ICT evidence

Other info

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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE Art

Option

Periods/week 2 **Qualification** AQA GCSE Art and Design

Weblink http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/art_dan_dra_m

Overview

A general art course which enables students to explore a wide range of media, themes and approaches to art and design.

Year 9 is seen as a "Foundation" year when students extend their experience of media, develop basic skills and learn about different traditions of art and design.

Units studied

Areas of study may include:

- Patterns around the world
- Colour
- Expressionist art and artists
- Still life
- Print making
- Textile and fabric
- Ceramics
- Mixed media and
- Painting techniqu

Assessment

In line with GCSE marking scheme.

Other info

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Year group 9 **Option** **Subject name** GCSE Catering
Periods/week 2 **Qualification** WJEC GCSE Catering
Weblink <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/hospitality-and-catering/>

Overview

The GCSE Catering specification offers a unique opportunity for candidates to develop their knowledge and extend their skills within catering in a vocational context. It is a suitable qualification for those who want a broad background in this area and for those who wish to progress to further education.

Units studied

GCSE Catering requires learners to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- the industry: accommodation; food and beverage; front of house
- the types of products and services provided
- a range of customer groups
- job roles, career opportunities and relevant training
- appropriate forms of communication within the industry
- the importance of record keeping
- the range of equipment used in the hospitality and catering industry.

Assessment

Unit 1: TWO practical tasks (controlled assessments) that pupils research, plan and evaluate.
Unit 2: ONE written paper of 1¼ hours externally set and marked.

Other info

Subject area	Business	Department	Business
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Year group	9	Option		Subject name	BTEC Business
Periods/week	2	Qualification	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate		
Weblink	http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/business#\				

Overview

Learners have the opportunity to develop skills to support them as they build relationships with a wide variety of customers internal and external to a range of business environments. Specialist areas also include:

- Finance, both personal and business, together with bookkeeping, which supports development of basic financial principles
- Working in business teams and team leading business support or administration, which supports development of practical administration skills including office systems and equipment,
- Meeting support and filing systems personal selling, which helps learners to understand the personal selling process aspects of business on-line and how this can support businesses to develop opportunities
- Enterprise and business start-up, which is available at both Level 2 and Level 3.

Units studied

Mandatory Units:

- 1 Business Purposes
- 2 Business Organisations

Optional Units:

- 3 Financial Forecasting for Business
- 4 People in Organisations
- 5 Using Office Equipment
- 6 Providing Business Support
- 7 Verbal and Non-verbal Communications in Business Contexts
- 8 Business Communication Through Documentation
- 9 Training and Employment in Business
- 10 Personal Selling in Business
- 11 Customer Relations in Business
- 12 Business Online
- 13 Consumer Rights
- 14 Business Ethics
- 15 Bookkeeping for Business
- 16 Business Enterprise
- 17 Starting a Small Business
- 18 Working in Business Teams
- 19 The Marketing Plan
- 20 Managing Personal Finances

21 Promoting and Branding in Retail Business
22 Visual Merchandising and Display Techniques for Retail Business
23 Lean Organisation Techniques in Business
24 Business Improvement Tools and Techniques
25 Enterprise in the Workplace
26 Sourcing and Buying in the Supply Chain
27 Technology in the Logistics Sector
28 Warehousing Skills in Logistics
29 Transport, Distribution and the Storage of Goods within the Logistics Industry

Assessment

Coursework is internally assessed and students are able to gain a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Other info

Subject area **Department**

HoD **HOD email**

Department staff

Year group **Subject name**

Periods/week **Qualification**

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Overview

Students of our Applied Business GCSE will:

- actively engage in the study of business to develop as effective and independent students and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop and apply their knowledge, understanding and skills to contemporary issues in a range of local, national and global contexts
- appreciate the range of perspectives of different business stakeholders
- consider the extent to which business activity can be ethical and sustainable.

Units studied

The business world is constantly changing. The new course has been updated to give pupils the chance to learn about these changes as well as covering conventional material. There are two units to study on this course.

Unit 1

This unit is an investigation into what business enterprise is all about, including how businesses are organised and how people are involved. It also looks at new issues such as 'ethical' and 'green' business. You will focus on one local and one national or international business.

Unit 2

This unit focuses on how businesses record financial transactions, make payments and keep records of how they are doing. You will learn about balance sheets, profit and loss accounts and how to use these to understand business performance in a practical context.

Assessment

Unit 1 60% Controlled Assessment:

Pupils will carry out an investigation into you their two chosen businesses and will use the information gathered to respond to tasks set by the examining board. These tasks will be published in advance so that you will know what to expect. The completed tasks will be submitted to the exam board once they have been marked by your teachers.

Unit 2 40% Examination:

Pupils will apply their learning to the questions asked in an externally assessed test.

Other info

Subject area **Department**
HoD **HOD email**
Department staff

Year group **Option** **Subject name**
Periods/week **Qualification**
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Overview

This course is aimed at anyone who has an interest in working within the early years sector, in one of the many childcare settings. The course will prepare students for the different types of jobs within the child care sector and for study at a higher level.

This course will appeal to you if you:

- Have a keen interest in children's welfare care and development.
- Would like a career that includes child development, caring for and supporting children
- Enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to your life and experiences.

Want to move onto a related career or further education.

Units studied

All students will study 3 core units these include one externally assessed unit

- Health and well-being for child development. This unit looks at the different stages of development a child will go through from conception to the age of 5.
- Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years, This unit will concentrate on the different types of equipment and food children will need to develop through early life
- Understand the development of a child from birth to five years. This unit looks at all the developmental stages through a child's early life and the different ways that children can develop through play.

Assessment

You will be externally assessed by OCR on Health and well-being for child development, which will be a 1 hour exam. This exam is worth 50% of the overall mark for the qualification. The other 2 units will be coursework based with each unit being worth 25% of the overall qualification. These two units will be assessed internally by your subject teacher.

Other info

Subject area **Department**

HoD **HOD email**

Department staff

Year group **Subject name**

Periods/week **Qualification**

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Overview

Lots of extra curriculum activities on offer.

- Opportunities for live performances and theatre trips.
- Whole school productions and visitor workshops.

Units studied

Component 1: Performance & Choreography

Performance 30%

- Solo performance
- Duet/Trio performance

Choreography 30%

- Solo or group choreography

Component 2: Dance Appreciation 40%

- Knowledge & understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills.
- Critical appreciation of own work.
- Critical appreciation of professional works.

Assessment

External exam 1 hour 30 mins 'written paper' and controlled 'practical' assignments. Greater focus on practical work with 60% of the total marks for performance and choreography and the written exam 40%.

Other info

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Year group	<input type="text" value="9"/>	Subject name	<input type="text" value="BTEC Performing Arts"/>
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Periods/week	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Qualification	<input type="text" value="BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts"/>
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Overview

This vocational course allows students not only the chance to perform, but also develop valuable skills and techniques in different performance disciplines, and explore potential careers in the industry.

Units studied

Component 1 - Exploring the Performing Arts (weighting 30% - internally assessed)
Aim: get a taste of what it's like to be a professional actor, dancer or musical theatre performer across different styles.

During Component 1, you will observe and reproduce existing repertoire, as well as explore:

- performance styles, creative intentions and purpose
- performance roles, responsibilities and skills
- performance techniques, approaches and processes
- how practitioners create and influence what's performed.

Component 2 - Developing skills and techniques (weighting: 30% - Internally assessed).

Aim: develop skills and techniques in the chosen discipline(s) of acting, dance and musical theatre.

During Component 2, you will:

- gain physical, interpretative, vocal and rehearsal skills during workshops/classes
- apply their technical, stylistic and interpretative skills in performances
- reflect on their progress and use of skills in performance, as well as how they could improve.

Component 3 - Performing to a brief (weighting: 40% - externally assessed)

Aim: consider how practitioners adapt their skills for different contexts, and put this into practice in a performance. Assessment: externally assessed task where students work in groups of between 3 and 7 members to create a performance based on a set brief.

During Component 3, you will:

- use the brief and what they've learned to come up with ideas for the performance • choose the skills and techniques they'll need
- build on their skills in classes, workshops and rehearsals
- review the development process within an ideas and skills log
- perform a piece lasting 10–15 minutes (which is filmed) to their chosen target audience
- reflect on the performance in an evaluation report.

Assessment

Both Internal and external. Assignments and live performances.

Other info

- Extra- curricular activities including 'The Cast Academy' to enrich development and learning.
 - Opportunities for live performances and theatre trips.
 - Productions and opportunities to work with the 6th form, 'The Cast' as role models.
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Year group	<input type="text" value="9"/>	Subject name	<input type="text" value="GCSE Drama"/>
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Periods/week	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Qualification	<input type="text" value="Edexcel GCSE Drama"/>
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Overview

Students will complete mock examinations of each of the three units they will be studying for their GCSE examination. Students will focus mainly on component one: Devising. This component requires students to use skills which they will use for all three of the units.

Units studied

Component One: Devising 40% of qualification

Content

Students explore stimuli in a group, developing ideas, rehearsing and refining these to create a devised piece of theatre for an assessed performance. The stimuli are a free choice for centres. Students record the creation and development process of this group performance in a portfolio and evaluate their contribution to the process and the performance.

Assessment

Participation in group-devised performance as a performer or designer. Individual portfolio (log book**).

Component Two: Performance from text 20% of qualification

Content

Students explore two extracts from one play text, this text must be from a contrasting time period to their Component 3 set text. It must also be by a different playwright and a different genre. They create a performance from the text, rehearsing and refining their performance/ design realisations for an assessed performance.

Assessment

Performance in realisation for two key extracts from a performance text. Each of the extract performances is assessed independently. Students participate as a performer and may submit a monologue, duologue or group piece for each extract.

Component Three: Theatre Makers in Practice 40% of qualification

Content

Students practically explore a chosen set text. This can come from either List A (pre-1954) or List B (post-2000). Students are audience members for a live performance. They make and refine notes on the performance. They practice responding to questions for both sections in examination conditions.

Assessment

Written examination:

Section A – Bringing texts to life

Section B – Live theatre evaluation (students can take in 500 words of notes)

Other info

Students will be expected to attend at least one after school rehearsal per week as their exam approaches.

The specification requires each student to attend at least one live theatre performance as part of their study. This will be in the form of an external visit and costs approximately £25.

**Students will also need a log book which will last them throughout the course. Students can purchase their own or they can be provided by the Drama department.

Subject area **Department**
HoD **HOD email**
Department staff

Year group **Subject name**
Periods/week **Qualification**
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Overview

Year 9 students are exposed to a broad curriculum with opportunities to enjoy all aspects of English, including writing, reading and speaking and listening. Students have separate English Language and Literature teachers, with specific focus given to the exam specification for both subjects.

Units studied

Autumn Term – ‘Dystopian Fiction’

This scheme gives students the opportunity to explore and develop reading comprehension and analysis skills using modern texts similar to those that will be explored in Component 1. Exploration of narrative techniques, building tension and creative writing will allow students to understand and cultivate the analytical skills needed for GCSE examination.

Spring Term 1 – War and Conflict

Students will explore fiction and non-fiction texts related to war and conflict. Different creative and imaginative texts will be explored and opportunities will be given for students to engage in their own original writing using a range of imagery and linguistic devices. In addition, transactional texts, such as leaflets, speeches and articles, will be explored and analysed.

Spring Term 2 – World Affairs

Developing a knowledge and understanding of current world events and cultures will be explored in this scheme, allowing students to explore context, alternative values and new perspectives. Comprehension and language analysis will be developed and practised. Students will explore a range of contemporary non-fiction texts, exploring how information is presented and its impact, as well as applying these techniques to their own transactional writing.

Summer Term – Childhood

Preparing students for the demands of the reading analysis needed for both fiction and non-fiction texts across both Language components, both 19th and 21st century extracts will be studied and compared. This scheme allows students to analyse and apply reading analysis skills, deepening understanding and application of the skills needed in the exams. There will also be the opportunity to explore narrative and transactional writing as part of this scheme.

Assessment

Students will be assessed formatively throughout schemes through the use of questioning, a range of tasks and regular marking of books using the two week department policy.

Each term, students will be assessed using a formal PPE modelled on an exam specification paper. This will include both Literature and Language GCSE specifications which will be assessed and moderated in department, with external verification used to ensure marking is accurate. These grades will be communicated to parents formally.

Other info



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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE English Literature
Core
Periods/week 2 **Qualification** WJEC GCSE English Literature
Weblink <http://www.wjec.co.uk>

Overview

Year 9 students are exposed to a broad curriculum with opportunities to enjoy all aspects of English, including writing, reading and speaking and listening. Students have separate English Language and Literature teachers, with specific focus given to the exam specification for both subjects.

Units studied

Autumn Term – ‘A Christmas Carol

This scheme gives students the opportunity to explore and develop comprehension and analysis of a GCSE Literature text. Students will engage in exploration of character, plot, themes and motives will be completed through discussion, individual, paired and group work activities. Solid understanding of the text and plot is needed in preparation for the GCSE examination and exploration of key quotations will be completed within lessons.

Spring Term 1 – War and Conflict

Students will explore fiction and poetry from the GCSE anthology related to war and conflict. Analysis of the poetry will allow students to memorise and deepen understanding of poetic devices in preparation for the poetry section of the Literature paper, where students will be required to memorise a number of poems and key quotations. Wider reading of war and conflict themed texts will allow students to understand the historical context and the realities of war.

Spring Term 2 – Gothic Literature extracts

Developing a knowledge and understanding of the genre of gothic fiction will allow students to developing understanding of thematic texts, conventions of the genre and practise analysis of literacy texts. Exploration of linguistic techniques, such as pathetic fallacy, imagery and extended metaphors will aid students understanding of Literature analysis as well as widening their exposure to texts that could prompt and influence their own writing.

Summer Term – Romeo and Juliet

Students will read, analyse and discuss this Shakespeare play, exploring character, key events, themes and motives within the text. Solid understanding of the plot is needed for the Literature exam and students will probe the text as a class, groups, pairs and individually to strengthen their understanding of this text. Regular opportunities will be given to analyse and explore the text through written analysis as well as speaking and listening opportunities for discussion.

Assessment

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Overview

The aim of Enrichment is to allow students learning opportunities and activities that engage them in developing essential knowledge, skills, values, and relationships as a vehicle for inspiring learning and encouraging

Units studied

All activities are linked to academic standards and are creative, exciting, fun, engaging and relevant. The enrichment programming will hold pupils attention, awaken imagination, and inspire the desire for broader learning. The specific activities vary from year group to year group.

Assessment

Pupils will be assessed through written prices and photographic evidence of meeting their success criterion.

Other info

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Periods/week **Qualification**

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Overview

The GCSE will cover 4 skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each of the skill areas will be examined in a final linear exam. Each skill is worth 25% and students will take Foundation or Higher level.

Units studied

Units Studied

Core content

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

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

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Assessment

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

Students are encouraged to invest in the following revision booklet located at:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-French-AQA-Revision-Guide/dp/1847622852>

Other info

Subject area **Department**
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Department staff

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Overview

Over the three year GCSE course you will cover lots of interesting topics.

Living with the physical environment

Discover more about the challenge of natural hazards and the living world, physical landscapes of the United Kingdom and human interaction with them. This unit develops an understanding of the tectonic, geomorphological, biological and meteorological processes and features in different environments. It provides you with the knowledge about the need for management strategies governed by sustainability and consideration of the direct and indirect effects of human interaction with the Earth and the atmosphere.

Challenges in the human environment

This unit is concerned with human processes, systems and outcomes and how these change both spatially and temporally. You will develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.

Units studied

You'll have three written exams. Papers 1 and 2 are 1 hour 30 minutes long and together, they contribute to 70% of your final mark. Paper 3 is 1 hour 15 minutes and contributes to the final 30% of your GCSE grade

Water on the Land.

The key ideas are as follows: The shape of river valleys changes as rivers flow downstream due to the dominance of different processes. Distinctive landforms result from different processes as rivers flow downstream. The amount of water in a river fluctuates due to a number of reasons. Rivers flood due to a number of physical and human causes. Flooding appears to be an increasingly frequent event. The effects of and responses to floods vary between areas of contrasting levels of wealth. There is discussion about the costs and benefits of hard and soft engineering and debate about which is the better option. Rivers are managed to provide a water supply. There are a variety of issues resulting from this.

Human geography:-

Changing Urban Environments.

The key ideas are as follows: Urbanisation is a global phenomenon. Urban areas have a variety of functions and land uses. There are aspects of urban living in a richer part of the world that need careful planning in order to support the population and environment of cities and towns. Rapid urbanisation has led to the development of squatter settlements and an informal sector to the economy. Rapid urbanisation in a poorer part of the world requires the management of the environmental problems caused. Attempts can be made to ensure that urban living is sustainable.

Assessment

Changing Urban Environments - Pupils will study a wide variety of places and at a range of scales and must include places in various stages of development. Pupils will look at the opportunities and challenges within cities.

Challenge of Resource Management – This will be looking at the significance of food water and energy across the world, and how its use varies across the globe. Pupils will look at solutions to some of the earths largest resource issues.

Coastal Landscapes – Pupils will study a range of coastal landforms and processes. Pupils will also look at sea defences and the impact they have on coastal areas.

Other info

Where will GCSE Geography take you?

In GCSE Geography you will learn how today's world was shaped and understand the challenges we face in the future. You'll also examine the Earth's natural resources and the increasing battles between the man-made and natural world. This knowledge, paired with your essential curiosity, will give you the sought-after transferable skills for success in further education and the workplace.

Subject area Health and Social Care **Department** Health and Social Care
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Department staff C Shillito, M Sanderson, E Harrap

Year group 9 **Option** **Subject name** BTEC Health and Social Care
Periods/week 2 **Qualification** BTEC Level 1 & 2 Award in Health and Social Care
Weblink <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/health-and-social-care>

Overview

This course is aimed at anyone who has an interest in working with people of all ages, in one of the many caring professions. The course will prepare students for the different types of jobs within the health and social care sector and for study at a higher level.

This course will appeal to you if you:

- Have a keen interest in Health and Social services and how they operate.
- Enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to your life and experiences.
- Want to move onto a related career or further education

All students will study 2 core units which are Human Lifespan Development and Health and Social Care Values, alongside a range of specialist units that will include promoting health and well-being, Child Care development, the impact of diet on health and the opportunity to gain a vocational experience in a Health, Social or Early years setting. You will follow a programme of study that enables progression to further courses and employment in the health and care services, and have the opportunity to develop key skills which are highly valued by employers and further education providers.

Units studied

Unit 3 – Effective Communication in Health and Social care

In this unit students will investigate the different forms of communication and how they are used effectively in health and social care. You will look at the importance of using clear speech, body language that shows you are interested in that people are saying.

Students will also investigate the difficulties some people experience in accessing health and social care, owing to barriers of communication. Students will learn how these can be overcome so that people can access health and social care services.

Unit 6 – The Impact of Nutrition on Health and wellbeing

In this unit students will explore what is meant by a balanced diet and its effects on the body. Students explore what is meant by an unbalanced diet and how this may lead to various types of ill health.

Assessment

This course is 80% coursework and 20% exam. All work is internally and externally verified. Students can achieve grade pass, merit, distinction or distinction*

You will be externally assessed by Edexcel on Human Lifespan Development, which will be a 1 hour exam. The rest will be coursework which will be assessed internally by your subject teacher.

Other info

Subject area **Department**
HoD **HOD email**
Department staff

Year group **Subject name**
Periods/week **Qualification**
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Overview

History sparks pupils' curiosity and imagination, moving and inspiring them with the dilemmas, choices and beliefs of people in the past. It helps pupils develop their own identities through an understanding of history at personal, local, national and international levels. It helps them to ask and answer questions of the present by engaging with the past. Pupils find out about the history of their community, Britain, Europe and the world. They develop a chronological overview that enables them to make connections within and across different periods and societies.

Units studied

Term One:

Medicine Through Time; students will investigate how medicine has developed over time and how this impacts on the way we live today.

Term Two:

Medicine Through Time with a WWI depth study; students will discover how WWI influenced the advancement of medicine due to the new methods of warfare.

Term Three:

The Anglo Saxons and Norman conquest; students will begin to understand the way that the Anglo Saxons lived in Britain and how their settlements were organised.

Throughout the three terms students are able to develop their source analysis and analytical skills through a variety of activities. They explore criteria for making judgements about the historical significance of events, people and changes. They investigate historical problems and issues, asking and beginning to refine their own questions.

Assessment

Assessment:

Students will be assessed on a half-termly basis using a combination of end of unit tests and assessed pieces of writing. Students will be assessed on their historical knowledge and ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate historical evidence. They will be assessed in accordance with the edexcel exam questions.

Final Assessments to be taken in year 11:

Paper 1 – Medicine Through Time and WWI medical depth study = 30% of overall GCSE

Paper 2 – American West c1835 – 1895

The Anglo Saxon and Norman England = 40% of overall GCSE

Other info

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Year group	<input type="text" value="9"/>	Option	<input type="text" value=""/>	Subject name	<input type="text" value="BTEC Media"/>
Periods/week	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Qualification	<input type="text" value="BTEC First Award in Creative Digital Media Production"/>		
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Overview

BTEC Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production aims to provide a practical, real-world approach to learning and develop specific knowledge and skills learners need to work successfully in the Media industry. The qualification allows students to develop an understanding about the digital media sector and its many products. It also requires students to research, plan and present ideas for a new digital media product in response to a client brief.

Units studied

Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences – in this unit, learners will explore the digital media industry and all the five key sectors that fall under it (Digital Moving Image, Digital Audio Production, Digital Publishing, Website Production and Digital Games Production). They will also explore the different types of audiences and how audiences can engage with each sector.

Unit 2: Planning and Pitching a Digital Media Product – in this unit, learners will use their verbal, written and visual communication skills to enable them to formulate, develop and pitch ideas for a product, which they then plan to produce.

Unit 3: Digital Moving Image Production – in this unit, learners investigate key features of digital moving image productions, including structures and generic conventions. Practical production focuses on the use of camerawork and how it is used to convey meaning in a specific product.

Unit 7: Digital Games Production – in this unit, learners will gain knowledge of 2D and 3D digital games platforms and audiences. Learners will then choose either a 2D or 3D game as the focus for practical production and will create pre-visuels for it as well as documenting all aspects of the game and the requirements of the player. A working game demo will be produced using assets that are placed in a game engine.

Assessment

Unit 1 is an online test (25%)
 Unit 2 is controlled assessment (25%).
 Unit 3 is controlled assessment (25%).
 Unit 7 is controlled assessment (25%).

Other info

Subject area **Department**

HoD **HOD email**

Department staff

Year group **Subject name**

Periods/week **Qualification**

Weblink

Overview

Computing is fast becoming a part of curriculums in schools, with the advancement of technology and with the need for more technical people in many work areas. GCSE Computing is an introduction to the world of computers and similar devices, how they work, how they communicate, and how we make them work. With elements of computer hardware, software, networking, programming and study of technology in society this is perfect for developing not only an understanding of technology, but of logical thinking and problem solving.

Units studied

Unit A451 - Computer systems and programming
Unit A452 - Current trends in computing (Controlled Assessment)
Unit A453 - Programming project (Controlled Assessment)

Assessment

Unit A451 is worth 40% of the overall grade (Written paper, examiner verified)
Unit A452 is worth 30% of the overall grade (centre marked and examiner verified)
Unit A453 is worth 30% of the overall grade (centre marked and examiner verified)

Other info

GCSE Computing is part of the EBacc.

Subject area **Department**
HoD **HOD email**
Department staff

Year group **Subject name**
Periods/week **Qualification**
Weblink

Overview

In Y9 Mathematics pupils begin to study topics for their GCSE. This allows them time to make the transition from their KS3 work and lays the foundations for an outstanding GCSE result in Y11. Their work is assessed using grades rather than levels and they learn to tackle GCSE style questions. Topics are structured as in KS3 to aid transition but using GCSE content and assessments.

We study the Edexcel Linear Mathematics A (1MA0) GCSE course which means that pupils will sit an examination at the end of year 11 comprising of 2 papers: one Non-calculator paper and one Calculator paper. There is no coursework for Mathematics GCSE.

Pupils are set. Nominally pupils in sets 1 and 2 sit the Higher paper and those in sets 3 onwards sit the Foundation paper. Grades awarded are as follows:

- Higher - A*, A, B, C, D, E, U.
- Foundation C, D, E, F, G, U.

Units studied

Pupils learn about the Mathematics of Number; Shape, Space and Measure; Algebra; Data Handling; and Functional Skills (the ability to use mathematical skills in real life situations).

Pupils also acquire the following key skills along the way:

- Interpreting (deciding what the question is asking)
- Representing (defining the problem)
- Analysing (selecting the data and method required to produce a correct solution)
- Evaluating (doing the actual calculations)
- Communicating (describing the solution and method used to others)
- Reflecting (asking whether the answer makes sense, is it the only method and comparing the advantages, disadvantages and efficiency of methods where more than one exists)

Topics Studied:

Term 1:

Integers, powers and roots

Sequences, functions and graphs

Geometrical reasoning: lines, angles and shapes

Construction and loci

Probability

Ratio and proportion
Equations, formulae, identities and expressions
Measures and mensuration; area
LEARNING REVIEW 1

Term 2:
Sequences, functions and graphs II
Place value, calculations and checking
Transformations and coordinates
Processing and representing data; Interpreting and discussing results
Equations, formulae, identities and expressions

LEARNING REVIEW 2

Term 3:
Fractions, decimals and percentages
Measures and mensuration
Equations, formulae, identities and expressions II
Calculations and checking
Geometrical reasoning: coordinates and construction
Measures and mensuration; volume
Statistical enquiry

LEARNING REVIEW 3 (End of Year Exam)

Assessment

All MATHS PUPILS

-Students are expected to know:

- Times tables up to 12x12
- Square numbers up to 15x15
- Cubed numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10

-Students are expected to take PRIDE in their work. We will expect to see:

- Underlined date, title and subheadings (starter, plenary, example, red, amber, green etc)
- Worked examples with any additional notes
- Numbered questions
- Clear method with all workings out shown
- Students responding to feedback

-Should students want to undertake independent study they can access the following websites:

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.kerboodle.com

They can get their individual logins/passwords from their class teacher.

Each topic is assessed with a short mini-test to track progress.

Each term's progress is measured in an End of Term Review using actual GSCE questions for a realistic measure of achievement.

Other info

-Students should be prepared to complete weekly homework to inform their independent learning.

-Students should come to lesson equipped with: pens, pencil, rubber, planner, ruler, calculator (Casio FX-83GT Plus).

-Students should be prepared to practise and learn the formulae and facts in preparation for the weekly quizzes.

-It is imperative that students attend weekly revision sessions on a Tuesday afternoon.

Subject area **Department**
HoD **HOD email**
Department staff

Year group **Option** **Subject name**
Periods/week **Qualification**
Weblink

Overview

Students who opt for GCSE Music receive three lessons per week throughout the course. The course follows the Eduqas specification and consists of three components:

Units studied

Year 9 is a bridging year which focuses on bringing all students up to the standard required for GCSE. Initially the class will work in bands and individually to enhance their performance skills through a variety of performance tasks. Next students will use their performance skills to compose their own music and get used to work individually. Finally the class will start work on their study piece Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Movement 3, Mozart before taking a PPE on this topic.

Assessment

Other info

At Airedale we have a thriving extra-curricular programme that will further students development in music. Students can attend singing, before/after school practise, rock band and new for 2017 elite singers.
In addition students can take extra-lessons on a variety of instruments.

Subject area PE **Department** PE

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Department staff K Ball, R Singleton, E Ward, A Dean and B Coleman

Year group 9 **Option** **Subject name** BTEC Sport

Periods/week 2 **Qualification** BTEC First in Sport

Weblink <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts10/sport/Pages/default.aspx>

Overview

The BTEC First In Sport qualification is very demanding with an average of 70% of the teaching time being spent in the classroom. Throughout the course students will develop both their theoretical and practical understanding of sport as well as enhancing their independent learning skills, time management, group work skills, communication, ICT skills and literacy skills.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities which are closely related to the assignments that they will be completing. Students will be expected to adapt to different roles within the sporting industry such as coaches, sports leaders, analysts and much more. The variety of activities covered with the course will enable students to gain a clear insight into possible future education and employment pathways available to them in the sports industry.

Units studied

The BTEC First In Sport qualification covers a wide range of topics. Students will develop their knowledge in the following areas:

Unit 1: Fitness for Sport and Exercise Students will learn about a range of fitness tests used to measure an athlete's sporting prowess. They will be expected to take part and conduct these tests alongside their classmates.

- Unit 2 Practical Sport: Students will analyse the tactics, skills, rules and techniques used in a selected team and individual sport. They will be expected to take part in practical sessions linked to their assignment.

- Unit 5 Training for personal Fitness Students will produce an individual training programme which is linked to their specific requirements. They will be expected to design and take part in practical sessions linked to their PEP.

- Unit 6 Leading Sport Activities Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of how to lead sports sessions They will deliver skills sessions to groups of students and take ownership of running a sports session.

Assessment

Assessment is completed through 75% coursework. Each individual module is assessed at a Pass, Merit or Distinction level. Accumulative scores from all modules will determine the overall grade. Students will also have to complete a multiple choice exam worth 25% of overall grade.

Other info

Subject area PE **Department** PE
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Year group 9 **Option** **Subject name** GCSE PE
Periods/week 2 **Qualification** Edexcel GCSE Physical Education
Weblink <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/.../edexcel-gcses/physical-education-2016.html>

Overview

GCSE PE will appeal to you if you're active and want to study a course which is physically and academically challenging, It is ideal for students who have a keen interest in sport in and out of school and see PE and sport as part of their future careers.

Units studied

Students will receive a well-rounded and full introduction to the world of PE, sport and sport science by developing an understanding of how the mind and body works in relation to performance in physical activity. Students will learn;

- Anatomy and physiology – the key body systems and how they impact on health, fitness and performance
- Physical training – the principles of training and training methods
- Health, fitness and well-being – the benefits of participating in physical activity and sport
- Movement analysis – the basic principles of movement and biomechanics
- Sports Psychology – the psychological factors that can affect performance
- Socio-cultural influences – the socio-cultural factors that impact on physical activity and sport and the impact of sport on society

Develop their knowledge and practical skills in a variety of physical activities

Assessment

The course assessment is divided into 4 sections

1. Written examination – Fitness and Body Systems, 1 hour 45 minutes, 36% of the qualification
2. Written examination – Health and Performance, 1 hour and 15 minutes, 24% of the qualification
3. Practical Performance – One team, one individual and one other activity, 30% of the qualification

Personal Exercise Programme – Controlled assessment coursework, 10% of the qualification

Other info

MUST be able to participate in 3 sports to a high level
Be motivated to participate in both theory and practical lessons.
Be committed to extra-curricular activities and teams and show a willingness to attend after school revision and catch up sessions.
Be organised when participating in practical lessons by bringing full Airedale Academy PE kit

Subject area PE **Department** PE

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Year group 9 **Subject name** PE

Core

Periods/week 1 **Qualification** None

Weblink None

Overview

The Physical Education curriculum at Airedale Academy enables all pupils to enjoy and succeed in many kinds of physical activity. Students will develop a wide range of skills and the ability to use tactics, strategies and compositional ideas to perform successfully. They will develop the confidence to take part in different physical activities and learn about the value of healthy, active lifestyles. Physical Education helps students to discover what they like to do and what their aptitudes are at school, and how and where to get involved in physical activity helps them make informed choices about lifelong physical activity

Units studied

Students are encouraged to take on different roles and responsibilities, including leadership, coaching and officiating. Lessons are taught through game orientated activities to develop students' tactical ability and knowledge of rules. Lessons explore exciting new sports from around the world and give students the opportunity to enhance their engagement with the new concepts, processes and techniques.

Sporting areas including;

- Invasion games - football, rugby, netball, basketball, tchoukball, handball, american football, unihockey
- Net and wall activities – badminton, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- Striking and fielding sports – rounders, baseball, table tennis, cricket
- Physical Challenge – athletics, orienteering
- Artistic performance– trampolining, gymnastics
- Health and Fitness – circuits, weights, fitness suite, cross country, method of training, bikes

Assessment

Assessment is through successful completion of ten targets that are set according to the Key Stage 4 Curriculum. Students have to achieve all targets various sporting areas. Attitude to learning grades are also given to students in line with the school policy.

Other info

Extra-curricular activities provide great opportunities for students to participate in an Airedale Academy team. A successful PE inter-house system takes place throughout the year. Students have the opportunity to represent their house and compete in different sporting activities. Enrichment Opportunities such as educational trips, Inter-School sporting events and coaching courses will be offered. Airedale Academy is proud to have designed a comfortable and smart PE kit that students wear with pride in all lessons.

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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE Biology

Core

Periods/week 6 **Qualification** AQA GCSE in Biology

Weblink <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>

Overview

GCSE Biology is designed to be taken alongside GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics. The GCSE is split into two parts. The first part is taught in Y9 and the second part is taught in Y10. Y11 is a consolidation year.

Units studied

The GCSE is split into 7 topics. In Year 9, students will study topics 1-4 and in Year 10, students will study topics 5-7:

1: Cell biology

In this topic, students will learn about: eukaryotes and prokaryotes, animal and plants cells, cell specialisation, cell differentiation, microscopy, culturing microorganisms, chromosomes, mitosis and the cell cycle, stem cells, diffusion, osmosis and active transport.

2: Organisation

In this topic, students will learn about: organisational hierarchy, the human digestive system, the heart and blood vessels, blood, coronary heart disease: a non-communicable disease, health issues, the effect of lifestyle on some non-communicable diseases, cancer, plant tissues and organs and plant organ systems.

3: Infection and response

In this topic, students will learn about: communicable diseases, viral diseases, bacterial diseases, fungal diseases, protist diseases, human defence systems, vaccinations, antibiotics and painkillers, discovery and development of drugs, producing monoclonal antibodies, uses of monoclonal antibodies, detection and identification of plant diseases.

4: Bioenergetics

In this topic, students will learn about: the photosynthetic reaction, rates of photosynthesis, uses of glucose from photosynthesis, aerobic and anaerobic respiration, response to exercise and metabolism.

5: Homeostasis and response

In this topic, students will learn about: the structure and function of the nervous system, the brain, the eye, control of body temperature, the human endocrine system, controlling blood glucose concentration, maintaining water and nitrogen balance in the body, hormones in human reproduction, contraception, the uses of hormones to treat infertility, negative feedback, control and coordination and uses of plant hormones.

6: Inheritance, variation and evolution

In this topic, students will learn about: sexual and asexual reproduction, meiosis, advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction, DNA and the genome, DNA structure, genetic inheritance, inherited disorders, sex determination, variation, evolution, selective breeding, genetic engineering, cloning, the theory of evolution, speciation, the understanding of genetics, evidence of evolution, fossils, extinction, resistant bacteria and classification.

7: Ecology

In this topic, students will learn about: communities, abiotic factors, biotic factors, adaptations, levels of organisation, how material are cycled, decomposition, impact of environmental change, biodiversity, waste management, land use, deforestation, global warming, maintaining biodiversity, trophic levels, pyramids of biomass, transfer of biomass, factors affecting food security, farming techniques, sustainable fisheries role of biotechnology

Assessment

2 external papers in June of Y11. (1hr, 45 minutes each):

Paper 1: Topics 1–4

Paper 2: Topics 5–7

Students are also required to carry out 10 'required practicals', which will be examined in the two external tests.

Grades will be awarded on a 9-1 scale

Other info

The department holds regular revision sessions after school. Ask your teacher for more information. A range of revision guides are on sale. See Mr Miller for more details.

Breakfast revision is available most mornings – Mondays and Wednesdays it is available until 8 am

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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE Chemistry

Core

Periods/week 6 **Qualification** AQA GCSE in Chemistry

Weblink <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462>

Overview

GCSE Chemistry is designed to be taken alongside GCSE Physics and GCSE Biology. The GCSE is split into two parts. The first part is taught in Y9 and the second part is taught in Y10. Y11 is a consolidation year

Units studied

The GCSE is split into 10 topics. In Year 9, students will study topics 1-5 and in Year 10, students will study topics 6-10:

1: Atomic structure and the periodic table

In this topic, students will learn about: atoms, elements and compounds, mixtures, scientific models of the atom, relative electrical charges of subatomic particles, size and mass of atoms, electronic structure, the periodic table, development of the periodic table, metals and non-metals, group 0, group 1, group 7 elements and typical properties of transition metals,

2: Bonding, structure and the properties of matter

In this topic, students will learn about: chemical bonds, ionic bonding, ionic compounds, covalent bonding, metallic bonding, the three states of matter, the state symbols, properties of ionic compounds, polymers, giant covalent structures, properties of metals and alloys, metals as conductors, diamond, graphite, graphene and fullerenes, size of nanoparticles and uses of nanoparticles.

3: Quantitative chemistry

In this topic, students will learn about: conservation of mass and balanced chemical equations, relative formula mass, mass changes when a reactant or product is a gas, moles, amounts of substances in equations, uses moles to balance equations, limiting reactants, concentration of solutions, percentage yield, atom economy, using concentration of solutions in mol/dm³ and use of amount of substance in relation to volumes of gases.

4: Chemical changes

In this topic, students will learn about: metal oxides, the reactivity series, extraction of metals and reduction, oxidation and reduction in terms of electrons, reactions of acids with metals, neutralisation of acids and salt production, soluble salts, the pH scale and neutralisation, strong and weak acids, the process of electrolysis, electrolysis of molten ionic compounds, using electrolysis to extract metals, electrolysis of aqueous solutions and representation of reactions at electrodes as half equations.

5: Energy changes

In this topic, students will learn about: energy transfer during exothermic and endothermic reactions, reaction profiles, the energy change of reactions, cells and batteries and fuel cells.

6: The rate and extent of chemical change

In this topic, students will learn about: calculating rates of reactions, factors which affect the rates of chemical reactions, collision theory and activation energy, factors that increase the rate of reaction, catalysts, reversible reactions, energy changes and reversible reactions, equilibrium, and the effect of changing different conditions.

7: Organic chemistry

In this topic, students will learn about: crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes, fractional distillation and petrochemicals, properties of hydrocarbons, cracking and alkenes, structure and formulae of alkene, reactions of alkenes, alcohols, carboxylic acids, addition polymerisation, condensation polymerisation, amino acids, DNA and other naturally occurring polymers.

8: Chemical analysis

In this topic students will learn about: pure substances, formulations, chromatography, tests for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine, flame tests, metal hydroxides, carbonates, halides, sulfates, instrumental methods and flame emission spectroscopy.

9: Chemistry of the atmosphere

In this topic, students will learn about: the proportions of different gases in the atmosphere, the Earth's early atmosphere, how oxygen increased, how carbon dioxide decreased, human activities which contribute to an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, global climate change, the carbon footprint and its reduction, atmosphere pollutants from fuels and properties and effects of atmospheric pollutants.

10: Using resources

In this topic, students will learn about: using the Earth's resources and sustainable development, portable water, waste water treatment, alternative methods of extracting metals, life cycle assessment, ways of reducing the use of resources, corrosion and its prevention, alloys as useful materials, ceramics polymers and composites, the Haber process and production and uses of NPK fertilisers.

Assessment

2 external papers in June of Y11. (1hr, 45 minutes each):

Paper 1: Topics 1–5

Paper 2: Topics 6–10

Students are also required to carry out 8 'required practicals', which will be examined in the two external tests.

Grades are awarded on a 9-1 scale.

Other info

The department holds regular revision sessions after school. Ask your teacher for more information. A range of revision guides are on sale. See Mr Miller for more details.

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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE Combined Science (Trilogy)

Core

Periods/week 5 **Qualification** GCSE Combined Science (Trilogy)

Weblink <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy-8464>

Overview

Students will gain 2 GCSEs through this route. In Year 9, students will learn the topics for paper 1 of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In Year 10, students will learn the topics for paper 2 of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Year 11 will be a consolidation year in preparation for the 6 exams in June

In Year 9, students will learn the topics for paper 1 of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

In Year 10, students will learn the topics for paper 2 of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Year 11 will be a consolidation year in preparation for the 6 exams in June.

Units studied

Biology Topics

1: Cell biology

In this topic, students will learn about: eukaryotes and prokaryotes, animal and plants cells, cell specialisation, cell differentiation, microscopy, chromosomes, mitosis and the cell cycle, stem cells, diffusion, osmosis and active transport.

2: Organisation

In this topic, students will learn about: organisational hierarchy, the human digestive system, the heart and blood vessels, blood, coronary heart disease: a non-communicable disease, health issues, the effect of lifestyle on some non-communicable diseases, cancer, plant tissues and organs and plant organ systems.

3: Infection and response

In this topic, students will learn about: communicable diseases, viral diseases, bacterial diseases, fungal diseases, protist diseases, human defence systems, vaccinations, antibiotics and painkillers, discovery and development of drugs.

4: Bioenergetics

In this topic, students will learn about: the photosynthetic reaction, rates of photosynthesis, uses of glucose from photosynthesis, aerobic and anaerobic respiration, response to exercise and metabolism.

5: Homeostasis and response

In this topic, students will learn about: the structure and function of the nervous system, the human endocrine system, controlling blood glucose concentration, maintaining water and nitrogen balance in the body, hormones in human reproduction and contraception

6: Inheritance, variation and evolution

In this topic, students will learn about: sexual and asexual reproduction, meiosis, DNA and the genome, genetic inheritance, inherited disorders, sex determination, variation, evolution, selective breeding, genetic engineering, evidence of evolution, fossils, extinction, resistant bacteria and classification.

7: Ecology

In this topic, students will learn about: communities, abiotic factors, biotic factors, adaptations, levels of organisation, how material are cycled, biodiversity, waste management, land use, deforestation, global warming and maintaining biodiversity

8: Key ideas in Biology

The complex and diverse phenomena of the natural world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas in biology. These key ideas are of universal application, and we have embedded them throughout the subject content. They underpin many aspects of the science assessment.

Chemistry Topics

9: Atomic structure and the periodic table

In this topic, students will learn about: atoms, elements and compounds, mixtures, scientific models of the atom, relative electrical charges of subatomic particles, size and mass of atoms, electronic structure, the periodic table, development of the periodic table, metals and non-metals, group 0, group 1 and group 7 elements.

10: Bonding, structure and the properties of matter

In this topic, students will learn about: chemical bonds, ionic bonding, ionic compounds, covalent bonding, metallic bonding, the three states of matter, the state symbols, properties of ionic compounds, polymers, giant covalent structures, properties of metals and alloys, metals as conductors, diamond, graphite, grapheme and fullerenes.

11: Quantitative chemistry

In this topic, students will learn about: conservation of mass and balanced chemical equations, relative formula mass, mass changes when a reactant or product is a gas, moles, amounts of substances in equations, uses moles to balance equations, limiting reactants and concentration of solutions.

12: Chemical changes

In this topic, students will learn about: metal oxides, the reactivity series, extraction of metals and reduction, oxidation and reduction in terms of electrons, reactions of acids with metals, neutralisation of acids and salt production, soluble salts, the pH scale and neutralisation, strong and weak acids, the process of electrolysis, electrolysis of molten ionic compounds, using electrolysis to extract metals, electrolysis of aqueous solutions and representation of reactions at electrodes as half equations.

13: Energy changes

In this topic, students will learn about: energy transfer during exothermic and endothermic reactions, reaction profiles and the energy change of reactions.

14: The rate and extent of chemical change

In this topic, students will learn about: calculating rates of reactions, factors which affect the rates of chemical reactions, collision theory and activation energy, factors that increase the rate of reaction, catalysts, reversible reactions, energy changes and reversible reactions, equilibrium, and the effect of changing different conditions.

15: Organic chemistry

In this topic, students will learn about: crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes, fractional distillation and

petrochemicals, properties of hydrocarbons, cracking and alkenes.

16: Chemical analysis

In this topic students will learn about: pure substances, formulations, chromatography, tests for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine.

17: Chemistry of the atmosphere

In this topic, students will learn about: the proportions of different gases in the atmosphere, the Earth's early atmosphere, how oxygen increased, how carbon dioxide decreased, human activities which contribute to an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, global climate change, the carbon footprint and its reduction, atmosphere pollutants from fuels and properties and effects of atmospheric pollutants.

18: Using resources

In this topic, students will learn about: using the Earth's resources and sustainable development, portable water, waste water treatment, alternative methods of extracting metals, life cycle assessment and ways of reducing the use of resources.

19: Key ideas in Chemistry

The complex and diverse phenomena of the natural world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas in biology. These key ideas are of universal application, and we have embedded them throughout the subject content. They underpin many aspects of the science assessment.

Physics Topics

20: Energy

In this topic, students will learn about: energy stores and systems, changes in energy, energy changes in systems, work, power, energy transfers in a system, efficiency and national and global energy resources.

21: Electricity

In this topic, students will learn about: standard circuit diagram symbols, electrical charge and current, current, resistance and potential difference, resistors, direct and alternating current, mains electricity, power, energy transfers in everyday appliances and the National Grid

22: Particle model of matter

In this topic, students will learn about: density of materials, changes of state, internal energy, temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity, changes of heat and specific latent heat and particle motion in gases

23: Atomic structure

In this topic, students will learn about: the structure of the atom, mass number, atomic number and isotopes, the development of the model of the atom, radioactive decay and nuclear decay, nuclear equations, half-lives and the random nature of radioactive decay and radioactive contamination.

24: Forces

In this topic, students will learn about: scalar and vector quantities, contact and non-contact forces, gravity, resultant forces, work done and energy transfer, forces and elasticity, describing motion along a line, forces, accelerations and Newton's Law of motion, forces and braking.

25: Waves

In this topic, students will learn about: transverse and longitudinal waves, properties of waves, type of electromagnetic waves, uses and applications of electromagnetic waves,

26: Magnetism and Electromagnetism

In this topic, students will learn about: poles of a magnet, magnetic fields, electromagnetism, Fleming's left-hand rule and electric motors.

27: Key ideas in Physics

The complex and diverse phenomena of the natural world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas in biology. These key ideas are of universal application, and we have embedded them throughout the subject content. They underpin many aspects of the science assessment.

Assessment

6 assessments in Year 11, all 1hr 15 minutes each:

Biology Paper 1: Topics 1-4

Biology Paper 2: Topics 5-7

Chemistry Paper 1: Topics 8-12

Chemistry Paper 2: Topics 13-17

Physics Paper 1: Topics 18-23

Physics Paper 2: Topics 24-26

Students are also required to carry out 21 'required practicals', which will be examined in the two external tests.

This course is double weighted, so students will be graded on a seventeen point scale, ranging from 1-1 (lowest) to 9-9 (highest)

Other info

The department holds regular revision sessions after school. Ask your teacher for more information. A range of revision guides are on sale. See Mr Miller for more details.

Breakfast revision is available most mornings – Mondays and Wednesdays it is available until 8 am

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Year group 9 **Subject name** GCSE Physics

Core

Periods/week 6 **Qualification** AQA GCSE in Physics

Weblink <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463>

Overview

GCSE Physics is designed to be taken alongside GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Biology. The GCSE is split into two parts. The first part is taught in Y9 and the second part is taught in Y10. Y11 is a consolidation year.

Units studied

The GCSE is split into 8 topics. In Year 9, students will study topics 1-4 and in Year 10, students will study topics 5-8:

1: Energy

In this topic, students will learn about: energy stores and systems, changes in energy, energy changes in systems, work, power, energy transfers in a system, efficiency and national and global energy resources.

2: Electricity

In this topic, students will learn about: standard circuit diagram symbols, electrical charge and current, current, resistance and potential difference, resistors, direct and alternating current, mains electricity, insulation, fuses and circuit breakers, power, energy transfers in everyday appliances, the National Grid, static charge and electric fields.

3: Particle model of matter

In this topic, students will learn about: density of materials, changes of state, internal energy, temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity, changes of heat and specific latent heat, particle motion in gases, pressure in gases and increasing the pressure of a gas.

4: Atomic structure

In this topic, students will learn about: the structure of the atom, mass number, atomic number and isotopes, the development of the model of the atom, radioactive decay and nuclear decay, nuclear equations, half-lives and the random nature of radioactive decay, radioactive contamination, background radiation, different half-lives of radioactive isotopes, uses of nuclear radiation, nuclear fission and nuclear fusion

5: Forces

In this topic, students will learn about: scalar and vector quantities, contact and non-contact forces, gravity, resultant forces, work done and energy transfer, forces and elasticity, moments, levers and gears, pressure in a fluid, atmospheric pressure, describing motion along a line, forces, accelerations and Newton's Law of motion, forces and braking, momentum, conservation of momentum and changes in moment.

6: Waves

In this topic, students will learn about: transverse and longitudinal waves, properties of waves, reflection of waves sound waves, waves for detection and exploration, type of electromagnetic waves, uses and applications of electromagnetic waves, lenses, visible light, emission and absorption of infrared radiation, perfect black bodies and radiation.

7: Magnetism and Electromagnetism

In this topic, students will learn about: poles of a magnet, magnetic fields, electromagnetism, Fleming's left-hand rule, electric motors, loudspeakers, induced potential, uses of the generator effect, microphones, transformers

8: Space physics

In this topic, students will learn about: our solar system, the life cycle of a star, orbital motion, natural and artificial satellites and red-shift.

Assessment

2 external papers in June of Y11. (1hr, 45 minutes each):

Paper 1: Topics 1-4

Paper 2: Topics 5-8

Students are also required to carry out 10 'required practicals', which will be examined in the two external tests.

Grades will be awarded on a 9-1 scale

Other info

The department holds regular revision sessions after school. Ask your teacher for more information. A range of revision guides are on sale. See Mr Miller for more details.

Breakfast revision is available most mornings – Mondays and Wednesdays it is available until 8 am.

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Overview

Student Wellbeing allows students to develop their personal skills as well as their understanding of the wider world outside of school and how they can keep themselves safe from harm. It gives pupils the opportunity to learn about topics they would not learn about in conventional lessons within set lessons and also through guest speakers.

Units studied

Student wellbeing is split into six different topics of learning each with a different teaching focus throughout the year pupils will look at risk and keeping themselves safe, finance and career pathways, sex and relationships, identity society and equality, citizenship and health and wellbeing. Within each of these areas pupils will do different activities including discussions, debates, group work and individual research tasks.

Assessment

Pupils will assess themselves at the beginning and the end of each of the topics of work against set knowledge based criteria, they will also reflect on their own learning throughout each unit of work to see how their attitudes, thoughts and opinions of different topics have changed.

Other info
