



THE
CORSHAM
SCHOOL

ACADEMY GROUP

**Courses at Key Stage 4
2022/2024**

Optional Subjects

Art

Board AQA: 8202

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

Students who enjoy drawing and painting, mixed media, sculpture and printmaking. Students will benefit from a strong foundation to progress onto art and design related courses or career pathways. The course provides students with a wide range of creative and exciting opportunities to explore their interests in fine art in ways that are personally relevant.

Course Content and Assessment:

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of fine art media, techniques and processes, including both traditional and new technologies.

In Year 10 you will be asked to complete a sustained project alongside a selection of further work. A project should demonstrate an ability to sustain work from initial starting points or project briefs to the realisation of intentions and include evidence of research, the development of ideas and meaningful links with critical/contextual sources.

Currently, the first project in year 10 follows the themes of 'Identity' or 'Structures and Spaces'. Within these projects you will be able to exercise a good deal of choice in the size, media and subject content of your work. It is recognised that you will have individual interests and skills, which will be encouraged throughout the year.

In Year 11, students will complete an externally set assignment, which is a practical project set by the exam board. The students receive the exam paper in the beginning of January and complete preparation work before their final timed (10 hours) piece of work.

The structure of Fine Art GCSE:

<i>Component 1</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	60%
<i>Component 2</i>	<i>Externally Set Assignment</i>	40%

Assessment for GCSE Art is at the end of Year 11 when coursework provides 60% marks and an externally set assignment provides 40% marks. Work will be marked by the centre and moderated by the exam board AQA. Students need to evidence the four assessment objectives in their sketchbooks:

AO1 Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.

AO2 Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.

AO3 Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.

AO4 Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

Exam board link for more detailed information:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206>

What the course could lead to: A further art and design related course, like an A Level Art course or an equivalent course at college. The course will also lead to career pathways in art and design.

VCert Level 2 Technical Award in GRAPHIC DESIGN

Board: NCFE

This course is a “Technical Award” and is the vocational equivalent to a GCSE. It is for anyone who is interested in any aspect of graphic designing and the course is appropriate for learners who are motivated and challenged by leaning through hands-on experiences. During the course you will be expected to work to design briefs which will give you a feel for Graphic Design in industry. Through different projects you will gain a wider understanding of the different types of Graphic design and create a range of exciting outcomes.

This qualification shows learners how to:

- Research ideas and use various sources
- Use a variety of tools, materials and techniques
- Explore a range of media and materials
- Build a portfolio of ideas
- Use their knowledge of the chosen graphic design elements to produce an item in response to a brief or scenario
- Work safely and securely when creating their graphic design item.

Successful completion of this qualification will fulfil the entry requirements for relevant academic and vocational study post-16. The subject areas that will complement this course are Enterprise skills, Design and Technology and Creative/Media.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Board AQA 8206

Who would benefit from this course:

Self-motivated and well-organised students who enjoy looking at their surroundings with an imaginative eye, learning new skills, and working both technically and creatively.

Course Requirements

It is advisable that students have their own digital camera (not a smartphone). Teachers are happy to advise.

Course Content etc

This course will teach students to look at the world in a creative way, in order to visually communicate their ideas through photography. Students will develop critical analyses of artists' work, helping to develop their own ideas through personal response, practical application and written reflections.

The emphasis will be on project work that allows students to fully develop ideas over time. Students will produce a portfolio that consists of a number of short, teacher-led projects leading to a sustained, independent project. A typical theme might be 'Unusual Viewpoints', which takes inspiration from famous photographers and encourages students to see their world from a different angle. There is an externally set assignment at the end of the course.

Throughout this course, students will learn about a variety of photographic media, techniques and processes including some hands-on experimentation with traditional techniques in our dedicated darkroom, lighting in our studio and of course the use of computers for Photoshop and digital media. We encourage students to use these techniques and equipment to make thought-provoking work that shows a high degree of skill and technical knowledge, and personally developed ideas.

This coursework earns marks over the entire course resulting in a final grade. Students will use workbooks to demonstrate all practical learning, idea development and critical analysis.

The Externally Set Assignment is a similar format to the sustained project, but the themes are set by the exam board AQA. Students will have approximately 12 weeks to research, take photos, and develop ideas further. They then have 10 hours of supervised time to produce a final portfolio.

Students will develop valuable transferable skills in creative and practical problem solving, developing ideas through research, practical application, analysis and evaluation, and gain better organisation.

TEXTILES

Board: AQA 8204

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

Students who have enjoyed textile lessons in KS3. Students who enjoy exploring a range of textile media, techniques and processes, including both traditional and new technologies.

Course Content and Assessment:

The course requires you to complete a portfolio of work about Fine Art Textiles and Fabric Manipulation.

In Year 10, the course focuses on art and textile techniques in the form of 2D, relief and 3D work based on a culture of the student's choice. There will be the opportunity to develop 2D art skills such as drawing, stencilling, printing and collage as well as being introduced to photography techniques within the darkroom and exploring methods of image transfer on to fabric. Students will learn a range of textile techniques such as weaving, embroidery, appliqué, machine stitching and fabric manipulation. Students will explore a range of materials and techniques in a sketchbook and will also have the opportunity to study the work of artists, designers and craftspeople, which will lead to the production of larger mixed media pieces.

In Year 11, students will complete an externally set assignment, which is a practical project set by the exam board. The students receive the exam paper in the beginning of January and complete preparation work before their final timed (10 hours) piece of work.

The structure of Art Textiles GCSE:

Component 1 Portfolio 60%

Component 2 Externally Set Assignment 40%

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Exam board link for more detailed information:

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What the course could lead to:

A further art and design related course, like an A Level Textiles course or an equivalent course at college. The course will also lead to career pathways in art and design.

L1/2 BUSINESS STUDIES

Board: NCFE

NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise offers an introduction to business and enterprise in a vocational and hands-on approach which will not only enthuse and inspire learners about a career in business and enterprise but it will also offer a progression onto A Levels and Level 3 qualifications. This qualification allows students to demonstrate their progression through the course by researching, planning, developing and evaluating a business/enterprise project.

Content Overview

Unit 01 Introduction to business and enterprise

In this unit learners will show an understanding of what it means to be an entrepreneur and how businesses are organised. Learners will develop knowledge of marketing, operations management and the influences that affect a business. Level Combined L1/L2 Assessment Externally assessed written examination Unit weighting 40%

Learning outcomes

LO1: Understand entrepreneurship, business organisation and the importance of stakeholders

LO2: Understand the marketing mix, market research, market types and orientation types

LO3: Understand operations management

LO4: Understand internal influences on business

LO5: Understand external influences on business

Unit 02 Understanding resources for business and enterprise planning.

In this unit learners will understand business planning, including research, resource planning and growth. Learners will develop knowledge of human resources and finance and how they support business and enterprise planning.

Assessment Internal synoptic project Unit weighting 60%

Learning outcomes

LO1: Understand research, resource planning, growth and development for business and enterprise

LO2: Understand human resource requirements for a business start-up

LO3: Understand sources of enterprise funding and business finance

LO4: Understand business and enterprise planning

Subject name: Examining Board: NCFE BUSINESS STUDIES

Assessment Overview

To achieve the NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise, learners must successfully demonstrate their achievement of all assessment objectives of the units. Learners must achieve a minimum of a Level 1 Pass in the internal and external assessment to achieve the overall qualification. Students will be encouraged throughout the course to make links with local businesses and entrepreneurs to gain first-hand experience of setting up and running a successful business.

What will the course lead to: - A level Business Studies, A level Economics, apprenticeship and employment in Business.

GCSE Computer Science

Board: OCR J276

Which computing course?

GCSE Computer Science is the course to choose if you want to learn programming skills and learn technical details about how computers work. Computer Science is a more academic choice and is all exam based. Choose this course if you enjoy computer programming and problem solving.

BTEC DIT is the course to choose if you want to learn how to use IT in business situations including running projects, budgeting and networking. Most of your grade is based on coursework projects in class. Choose this course if you want to improve your general IT skills, enjoy working on big projects and prefer coursework to exams.

Is this course relevant to me?

Yes! Computer based technologies are all around us. The modern world would not function without this technology. Of course, this technology has to come from somewhere and this is where creative innovative and dynamic individuals with a background in Computer science come in. Every walk of life has been and continues to be impacted by new technologies. Whether you want to go into the IT industry, engineering, financial, science and medicine, creative arts, film or media then Computer science is relevant to you.

What are the main aims of the course?

For an increasing number of people, producing and using digital applications to create digital content is the way they make a living. People serve whole industries by using their skill and expertise in this growing sector. The OCR GCSE in Computer Science has been developed to provide an excellent opportunity to investigate how computers work and how they're used, and to develop computer programming and problem-solving skills. You will learn how this dynamic and rapidly changing subject affects us now and in the future.

Course content and Assessment

The course is made up of two units that are designed to give you an in-depth understanding of how computer technology works and a look at what goes on 'behind the scenes. You don't need to have studied this subject before, and assessment is quite simply based on two written exams. The course will help you learn about critical thinking, analysis and problem solving. We hope you'll find it a fun and interesting way to develop these skills, which can also be transferred to other subjects and even applied in day-to-day life.

Component 1: Computer systems

Introduces students to the central processing unit (CPU), computer memory and storage, data representation, wired and wireless networks, network topologies, system security and system software. It also looks at ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns associated with computer science. The computational thinking and programming unit will teach you the importance of algorithms and programming techniques in producing efficient and logical solutions to problems.

Component 2: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming

Students apply knowledge and understanding gained in component 01. They develop skills and understanding in computational thinking: algorithms, programming techniques, producing robust programs, computational logic and translators.

How could it help with my future?

The increasing importance of information technologies means there'll be a growing demand for professionals who are qualified in this field. The course is also an excellent preparation if you want to study or work in areas that rely on the skills you'll develop, especially where they're applied to technical problems. These areas include engineering, financial and resource management, science and medicine. Computational thinking will help you in all areas and improve your problem analysis and solving skills.

Assessment

Component 1 is assessed through a written paper of 1 hour and 30 mins. It carries 80 marks and is equivalent to 50% of the overall grade.

Component 2 is assessed through a written paper of 1 hour and 30 min. It carries 80 marks and is equivalent to 50% of the overall grade.

For more information on this exciting new course check out the web site at <http://www.ocr.org.uk>

BTEC Digital Information Technology

Board: Edexcel

Which computing course?

BTEC DIT is the course to choose if you want to learn how to use IT in business situations including running projects, budgeting and networking. Most of your grade is based on coursework projects in class. Choose this course if you want to improve your general IT skills, enjoy working on big projects and prefer coursework to exams.

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Aims of the course:

The BTEC Award in DIT allows learners to develop skills through vocational work. You learn by doing practical tasks. The course focuses on project planning, interpreting data, and creating user interfaces.

Brief outline of the content of the teaching units:

Component 1 – Exploring user interface design principles and project planning techniques

In this unit you get to be creative by designing a customer help system for a stadium. You will learn how real businesses use IT to manage projects from start to finish. Learn a range of techniques to plan a large project such as Gantt charts and critical path analysis. Design, develop and review an interface.

Component 2 – Collecting, presenting and interpreting data

In this unit you will learn how to use spreadsheets effectively to organise and manipulate data. Learn how real businesses can use spreadsheets to work with customer and sales data. Learn how to create a dashboard of information suitable for presenting to a business audience.

Component 3 – Effective digital working practices

In this unit you will learn how modern technology allows effective communication. Learn about IT security and legal issues. Learn how cloud technology is used in real life situations.

Assessment

30% coursework on designing user interfaces and project planning

30% coursework on collecting, presenting and interpreting data

40% exam on effective digital working practice.

GCSE FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION

Board: AQA 8585

This exciting course equips students with a wide range of skills and techniques as well as an in depth knowledge of topics such as nutrition, food science, food safety and food provenance. The course is designed to inspire and motivate students to embrace the global impact of the role that food plays in today's environment and society.

The course is assessed and graded by completing:-

- A written examination taken at the end of the course (1hr 45mins) which is worth 50% of the final marks
- Two Non- Exam Assessments worth together 50% of the final mark. The first assessment is an investigative piece of work and the second NEA is an assessment of practical skills.

Students who are interested in careers in areas such as Food Science and Nutrition, Product Marketing, Food Purchasing/Sales and Food Preparation would find this course stimulating and an excellent introduction to the food industry.

GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Board: AQA 8552

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN? You will learn about the world of materials and design; including fabrics, plastics, woods, metals, smart and modern materials. You will develop your awareness of the design industry and learn much more about the role of the designer in product development. Assuming the role of the designer you will continue to extend your problem-solving skills and express your ideas creatively and artistically whilst expanding your portfolio of practical techniques. Through product analysis you will be able to broaden your design appreciation of trends and materials; you will also have the opportunity to enhance transferable skills such as time management and analytical thinking. You will be encouraged to use the school's Laser Cutter and 3D printer.

WHO IS THE COURSE AIMED AT? Are you passionate about Designing and Making? Do you enjoy problem solving? Do you enjoy being creative whilst learning new techniques and skills? Do you want to try out your own ideas and perhaps follow a path which leads into Design, for any area, Engineering or Architecture? Then this course is an ideal choice for GCSE. It is important to note that this is a rigorous, academic GCSE, with written communication, research and problem solving featuring in this course. 15% of the exam paper is based on Maths and Science; pupils will be supported in this area if needed.

Skills applicable to this subject

- ◆ Written communication
- ◆ Using ICT
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Active work
- ◆ Verbal communication
- ◆ Group work
- ◆ Practical work
- ◆ Creative/artistic
- ◆ Working with numbers
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Global awareness

What do current students have to say?

“DT allows you to expand your skills and you gain an appreciation of how designers create and make products”

“I didn't realise the impact that products had on the environment!”

"I really enjoy making products that solve real life problems!"

Year 10 and 11 pupils

WHERE DOES THE COURSE LEAD? The diversity of this course means it can lead towards a career in Fashion Design, Architecture, Marketing, Engineering, Interior Design, Materials Science, Medical Design and Development, Design Communication, Graphic Design and Product design to name but a few. Universities value D&T as a subject for those wishing to pursue all types of careers, including Science, Medicine and Art. If A-Levels or University are not for you, employers will value a GCSE D&T qualification as it develops creative, technical and transferable skills, such as ability to plan, organise and work independently.

WHICH SUBJECTS COMPLIMENT D&T? Really, any subject compliments D&T, ranging from Art, Graphics, Drama and Art-Textiles to History, Geography and PE. It all depends how you want to progress after GCSEs.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE? You can speak to Mrs Knight or you could speak to any of the current yr10 or yr11 students to find out what the course is like from a student perspective.

HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED? During the first two terms of yr10 you will develop your practical skills in lessons in all material areas, whilst covering the theory content of the course through several homework research projects. Following on from this you will complete a design and make assignment in class (NEA – Non-Examined Assessment), selected from a set of Exam Board approved tasks. For the NEA you can choose to specialise in one material area eg Polymers, Textiles, Wood or Metal. **Final GCSE: Non Examined Assessment 50%, Examination 50%**

DANCE

Board: AQA 8263

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

All students with a special interest in contemporary dance, who are committed to working hard and improving their movement skills. This course is 60% practical dance work and 40% theory work. You must have an interest in performing dance and be prepared to put in extra work outside school hours.

Course Content and Assessment:

Performance

This will include a study of:

- Good studio practice
- The technical nature of dance skills
- The expressive nature of dance skills
- Factors which influence the achievement of high quality dance performance

Composition

This will include a study of:

- The process of creating choreography
- Choreographic structure
- Constituent features of dance

Appreciation

This will include a study of:

- Analysis and interpretation of dances
- The historical and social context of dances
- A study of professional works

The GCSE Examination:

Component 1: PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY 60%

Performance 30%

Perform solo set phrases set by the Exam Board

Perform in a duet/trio

Choreography 30%

Choreograph a group piece

Component 2 : DANCE APPRECIATION 40%

Written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

Questions based on own practice in performance and choreography Questions on a set list of professional dance works

What the course could lead on to: Dance can be studied at A level and may be assessed as part of A level Physical Education. Very able dancers could become professional dancers, train to be choreographers or become a teacher of dance.

DRAMA

Board: Eduqas C690QS

Text based performance 20%

Devised performance 40%

Written exam – 40%

What is GCSE Drama all about?

GCSE Drama is your chance to work practically with your peers and be creative. You will have the opportunity to develop skills in empathy and team work as you play many parts in differing imaginary situations; all the while considering a range of viewpoints and perspectives. You will have the time and space to create your own performance work as well as to practically-explore plays published by professionals. In addition, your learning will be supported by experiencing live theatre events created by both peers and at professional venues.

The GCSE Drama Course is in three parts:

Component One: 40%

Devising Theatre.

You will apply a variety of Explorative Strategies to practically explore and *create your own* drama scenes, based on a range of externally set stimuli linking to a key theme or issue. You will be required to write continuous supporting notes, which will then form a 900word portfolio, as part of your assessment. You will perform your final devised piece to an audience and write an evaluation of it.

Component Two: 20%

Performance from text

You will use a variety of Drama Mediums to practically explore play-texts . In groups of 2- 4 you will read the play, explore characters, themes and plot lines and will create a finished piece. You will select an extract from your chosen play to perform in front of a visiting examiner.

Component Three: 40%

Interpreting theatre

This is an externally set and assessed exam lasting 1hr 30mins. You will study the set text practically during your drama lessons, you will make a set model box, design and make a costume and explore lighting and directing ideas

Section A: Set Text
A series of questions on one set text .DNA,

Dennis Kelly.

Section B: Live Theatre Review

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

GEOGRAPHY

Board: OCR B J384

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

GCSE Geography is for those students who want to make sense of the world around them as well as building on their Key Stage Three knowledge and skills. The course will give students the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions, which affect our world through content that is relevant to any citizen of the planet in the 21st century. Students should be interested in developing their independent learning skills, communication skills, technological skills such as ICT and GIS and be looking to improve their literacy, numeracy and problem-solving ability.

Content	Assessment
Unit (01) – Our Natural World Topic 1: Global Hazards – climatic and tectonic hazard events. Topic 2: Changing climate – the causes and impacts (national and global) Topic 3: Distinctive landscapes – rivers and coasts Topic 4: Sustaining ecosystems – tropical rainforests and Arctic regions Fieldwork – students will be given the opportunity to carry out fieldwork that will include the exploration of a physical environment (river or coastline).	1 hour 15 mins written paper 70 marks 35% of the GCSE (9-1)
Unit (02) – People and Society Topic 5: Urban futures – the causes, consequences and management urbanisation. Topic 6: Dynamic Development – the changing nature of countries along the development spectrum Topic 7: UK in the 21 st Century – population, economic, cultural and political change Topic 8: Resource Reliance – food, energy and water Fieldwork – students will be given the opportunity to carry out fieldwork that will include the exploration of a human environment (town or city).	1 hour 15 mins written paper 70 marks 35% of the GCSE (9-1)
Unit (03) – Geographical Exploration Although there is no specific content prescribed, it is anticipated that content from a range of topics within both the Our Natural World (01) and People and Society (02) components will be applied, as appropriate, in relation to a specific unseen country context.	1 hour 30 mins written paper 60 marks 30% of the GCSE (9-1)

What the course could lead on to:

Geography is recognised as one of only a few subjects that helps develop a range of essential skills for further education and the world of work. It will obviously lead onto to the opportunity of studying the subject at A Level, but it is also a very useful foundation for other A Level or BTEC courses such as Economics, Business Studies, Leisure and Tourism, Biology. Later a wide selection of degree courses and other studies in Geology, Ecology, Agriculture, Planning, Environmental Management, Conservation, Leisure Management, Local Government, Travel Companies, Property Researcher to Film/TV location Unit, Tour Operator, Government Statistician.

HISTORY

Board: Edexcel (1HI0)

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

Any students who have found their study of History interesting but particularly students who enjoy questioning, discovering answers and developing their understanding about the world we live in. History GCSE is accessible to all abilities. **Our key aims are** to acquire knowledge and understanding of the past, investigate events, people and issues, use historical sources critically and understand how the past is represented and interpreted.

Content	Examinations
<p><u>Migrants in Britain 800-present and case study on Notting Hill 1948-70</u> We look at the main areas of change and continuity in migration to Britain across a wide time period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Migration in Medieval England (including Vikings)2. Migration in early modern England3. Migration in eighteenth and nineteenth century Britain4. Migration in modern Britain (including Notting Hill case study) <p>By the end of the unit, students will understand the contribution migrants have made to Britain as well as their experiences of life.</p>	<p>Paper 1. One hour and 15 minute exam paper with a range of questions and a case study investigation into Notting Hill.</p>
<p><u>Superpower relations: The Cold War 1941-1991</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The origins of the Cold War 1941-582. Cold War crises 1958-70 (including Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia)3. The end of the Cold War. 1970-91 <p>By the end of this unit, students should understand the causes of the Cold War, how this impacted on the world and the reasons why the Cold war ended.</p>	<p>Paper 2 One hour and 45 minute exam paper with non-source questions.</p>
<p><u>Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588</u></p> <p>Key areas will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Elizabeth and her government and religion (including the questions over marriage and an heir)2. Life in Elizabethan England (including exploration, theatre and poverty).3. Challenges at home and abroad (war with Spain and the Armada). <p>By the end of the topic, students will understand how Elizabeth overcame the problems that she faced as well as the impact she had on England and its past.</p>	
<p><u>The USA. Trouble at home and abroad. 1954-1975</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The success of the civil rights movement in the USA.2. Why the USA became involved in Vietnam3. The impact of the Vietnam war on the USA <p>Students will examine a range of sources to understand this age of conflict for the USA.</p>	<p>Paper 3. One hour and 20 minute exam with a range of questions including source questions and interpretations.</p>

What the course could lead on to:

History GCSE is recognised as significantly improving skills in organisation, research and communication. It has high status in a great breadth of careers: these include business, administration, mass media, law, finance, personnel work, museums, archive and library work, marketing, journalism, advertising, civil service and local government, teaching and academic research, and management. Beyond GCSE there is a popular A Level course in History in the Sixth Form.

MEDIA STUDIES

Board: AQA 8572

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course?

We realise that many students choose GCSE Media Studies for its relevance to their lives and for the opportunities it provides for exploring contemporary issues through the use of different media in creative and practical ways. That's why AQA have made the written assessment clear, well-structured and easy for students to understand.

Students will enjoy the variety of question styles, which include multiple choice, short and extended answer. There are also exciting non-exam assessment briefs that provide our students with clear guidance and support to help them to create media products which they can be truly proud of.

Students are required to study media products from all of the following media forms:

- **audio-visual forms** (TV, film, radio, advertising and marketing, video games and music video) •
- **online forms** (social and participatory media, video games, music video, newspapers, magazines, advertising and marketing)
- **print forms** (newspapers, magazines, advertising and marketing).

Course Content and Assessments: 70% exam and 30% non-exam assessment:

Paper 1:

- Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 84 marks
- **35% of GCSE**

+

Paper 2:

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

- 84 marks
- **35% of GCSE**

+

Non exam assessment – creating a media product

- A choice of topics related to the over-arching (annually changing) theme
- 72 marks
- 30% of GCSE
- Assessed by teachers
- Moderated by AQA **Students produce:**
- a statement of intent
- a media product for an intended audience

MODERN LANGUAGES

FRENCH GERMAN & SPANISH

Board: AQA

Who would benefit from and enjoy these courses?

Anyone who enjoys languages, who plans to travel or who is looking for exciting job opportunities. These two-year courses in each of the foreign languages offered will give students the opportunity to study their chosen language(s) for enjoyment, for practical reasons such as travel or work, or as a foundation for further study. In this increasingly globalised world, it is a great advantage for any young person to be able to offer to their employer knowledge of one or more modern foreign languages, and a foreign language will, in turn, open up increased job opportunities.

Course Content and Assessment

The course covers three broad themes which are divided into sub-themes:

Identity and culture

Youth Culture

Self and relationships
Technology and social media

Lifestyle

Health and fitness
Entertainment and leisure

Customs and Traditions

Food and drink
Festivals and celebrations

Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Home and Locality

- Local areas of interest
- Transport

France and French speaking countries

Local and regional features and characteristics
Holidays and tourism

Global Sustainability

- Environment
- Social issues

Current and future study and employment

Current Study

School/college life
School/college studies

World of Work

Work experience and parttime jobs
Skills and personal qualities

Jobs and Future Plans

Applying for work/study
Career plans

These themes are assessed by exams in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the summer of year eleven. Each of these exams is worth 25% of the overall mark.

What the course could lead to:

A GCSE in a foreign language could, of course, lead on to further study at AS, A level or at university. It would prove useful on courses such as Business Studies, Economics, Events Management or Travel and Tourism and can be combined with almost any subject at degree level, giving students the opportunity to work or study abroad as part of their degree course. Many Russell Group universities like to see a GCSE in a foreign language, even for non-language courses.

Level 2 Certificate in Music Performance

Level 2 Certificate in Music Technology

Board: RSL

There are two pathways if you choose music as an option. You will either complete a Level 2 Certificate in Performance or a Level 2 Certificate in Technology & Composition. The level 2 courses are equivalent to GCSE and you will receive a pass, merit or distinction at the end. You will be graded on a combination of coursework as well as a practical exam at the end of the course. The units for both courses are explained in more detail below:

Level 2 Certificate in Performance:

Unit 201ta: Music Knowledge Development (30% - internally assessed)

The aim of this unit is to build students' musical knowledge and give them the ability to articulate their thoughts about music using the appropriate industry and theoretical language. Students will study various styles of music and then complete a presentation about two contrasting musical styles of their choice.

Unit 202ta: Live Music Performance (40% - externally assessed)

In this unit students will complete a live music performance in front of an audience. Students will need to decide on the pieces they are going to play and rehearse them in time for their final performance.

Students will then choose one of the following optional units:

Unit 204ta: Instrumental Study (30% - internally assessed)

This unit aims to enhance the students' capacity to understand how to maximise their development as an instrumentalist/vocalist, to recognise their strengths and encourage areas for improvement.

Students will set goals at the start of this unit and evaluate their progress on a regular basis.

Unit 205ta: Composing Music (30% - internally assessed)

In this unit students will learn about different composing styles and be able to create their own piece of music which reflects their chosen style.

Students will need to play an instrument or sing in order to complete the performance course.

Level 2 Certificate in Technology:

Unit 201ta: Music Knowledge Development (30% - internally assessed)

The aim of this unit is to build students' musical knowledge and give them the ability to articulate their thoughts about music using the appropriate industry and theoretical language. Students will study various styles of music and then complete a presentation about two contrasting musical styles of their choice.

Unit 203ta: Music Sequencing & Production (40% - externally assessed)

In this unit students will be using Mac computers with Logic software. They will compose their own music and complete a 3-5 minute piece following set criteria for their final assessment.

Students will then choose one of the following optional units:

Unit 206ta: Sound Recording (30% - internally assessed)

This unit aims to introduce students to the sound recording process. Students will be shown the skills needed to record effectively and understand the principles behind the recording process. They will also learn mixing techniques and apply these to their own recorded work.

Unit 207ta: Using a DAW (30% - internally assessed)

In this unit students will learn the functions of a DAW (digital audio workstation). They will develop their keyboard skills in order to sequence music effectively. It is not necessary for students to already play an instrument or sing in order to study the Level 2 Certificate in Technology & Composition course. Students will learn basic keyboard skills at the start of the course in order to assist them with the sequencing units.

What the courses could lead on to:

These courses will prepare you for various courses at Sixth Form level : BTEC Level 3 in Music Technology, AS and A Level Music, Arts and Entertainment Industries, or maybe contribute to Theatre Studies. Many employers value qualifications in music, as it demonstrates an awareness and understanding of multi-cultures; creativity; working independently and working with others.

GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Board: OCR J587

GCSE Physical Education

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

Those with a strong interest in sport and human performance and who want to understand how the body works and adapts to physical activity, while fulfilling their potential when being assessed for their performance in three areas of activity. Students are expected to be regularly participating in at least one activity at a competitive level.

Course Content and Assessment:

1. Physical Factors affecting performance – 30% - written paper • Applied anatomy and physiology • Physical Training
2. Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology – 30% - written paper • Socio-cultural influences • Sports psychology • Health, fitness and well-being
3. Performance in physical education – 40%
 - Practical activity assessment – 3 activities. One activity from the ‘individual’ list, one from the ‘team’ list and one from either list. See <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/234827-guide-tonon-exam-assessment.pdf>
 - Evaluating and analysing performance (EAP) controlled assessment

OCR SPORTS SCIENCE

Board OCR: J828

Who would benefit from and enjoy this course:

Students who enjoy physical activity and wish to learn about the positive impact sport can have on the body and mind. There is no practical assessment on this course.

Course Content – mandatory units:

Reducing the risk of sports injuries – 1 hour and 15 minutes written paper (70 Marks)

Applying principles of training – coursework Optional units (coursework) – any 2 from (these will be tailored to the needs of the students on the course) Sport psychology, sports technology, sports nutrition and the body's response to physical activity.

Please speak to your PE teacher(s) and Mrs Humphreys/Mrs Killigrew about your suitability for the two courses on offer.

What courses could lead on to:

Together with success in Science, a good grade in GCSE Physical Education or Sports Science would be a good background for A Level Physical Education and BTEC Level 3 in sport.

Examining Board: AQA

Biology 8461

Chemistry 8462

Physics 8463

SCIENCE: TRIPLE AWARD

This is covered in CORE Science time and one option block time.

Specification title:	AQA GCSE Biology AQA GCSE Chemistry AQA GCSE Physics
Aims/approaches adopted:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• encourages students to explore explaining, theorising and modelling in science• also encourages students to develop a critical approach to scientific evidence• is suitable as a basis for further study of science
Brief outline of the content of the teaching units:	<p>Biology - Cell biology, Organisation, Infection and response, Bioenergetics, Homeostasis and response, 'Inheritance, variation and evolution' and also Ecology.</p> <p>Chemistry – 'Atomic structure and the periodic table', 'Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter', Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Energy changes, 'The rate and extent of chemical change', Organic chemistry, Chemical analysis, Chemistry of the atmosphere, Using resources.</p> <p>Physics – Forces, Energy, Waves, Electricity, Magnetism and electromagnetism, Particle model of matter, Atomic structure, Space Physics</p> <p>The teaching and learning of 'Working Scientifically' is integrated into teaching and learning of science content.</p>
Brief outline of the scheme of assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• there are two exam papers for each subject each of 1 hour 45 minutes. These must both be Higher Tier or Foundation Tier. Students could take Higher papers in one science subject and Foundation in another.• assessment of 'Working Scientifically', are integrated into all units • 15% of the marks are for practical skills, apparatus and techniques.• students are awarded 3 GCSEs
Progression to which level 3 courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Level Biology• A Level Chemistry• A Level Physics• All other non-science AS levels.

GCSE Sociology

Board: AQA 8192

Sociology is an exciting and challenging GCSE that enables pupils to understand the impact of society on their lives. Sociology is the scientific study of human behaviour, based on their social characteristics (social class, ethnicity, gender and age). It seeks to understand why different people are more or less likely to be successful, based on the advantages they are born with.

Sociology has been offered at degree level since the late 1800s and sociological reasoning has been traced back to the ancient Greeks. Sociology is closely related to psychology and philosophy as schools of thought. Despite its long history, sociology has always remained contemporary and seeks to explain social events and behaviour in current society.

Families and Households

- Why do families exist?
- What are the different types of family in the UK?
- How have families changed?
- Are the roles within families fair?
- Is there a dark side to the family?
- Is childhood now in a 'golden age' or has it become 'toxic'?

Education

- What is the point in school?
- How has education changed over time?
- Is education fair?
- Are educational differences between students caused by society or the school?
- How does social class, gender and ethnicity impact your education?

Crime and Deviance

- Who commits crime?
- Who benefits from crime?
- Why do people commit crime?
- Who escapes punishment for crime?
- How do we prevent and punish crime?

Social stratification

- Who has power in society?
- What is poverty?
- How does your position at birth impact your future?

All students take the same examination paper and therefore the highest grades are accessible to all.

Sociology is a highly academic and well-respected subject that will be relevant in the work place as well as providing a good foundation for further study.

The course is recommended for the study of A level courses within People and Community Studies such as Religious Ethics and Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology and stand-alone Philosophy.