



Highworth Warneford School

Year 11
'Key to Success'

Subject information for Parents



GCSE: Art & Design

Exam Board

GCSE Art and Design is with AQA exam board.

Future Progression

A level in Art & Design:

Specializations can be in Fine Art, Graphics, Photography, Textiles, 3D Design or Critical Studies

BTEC National Diploma in Art & Design:

Specializations can be in Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Digital Art & Animation, Product Design or Illustration

Foundation Diploma in Art & Design: Fine Art, Graphic Design, Fashion

Technical Diplomas or Certificates (Level 2 or Level 3) in Creative Fields:

Photography, Media Production, Game Design or Film Production

T-Levels in Creative and Design: Media, Broadcast & Production, Craft & Design

Apprenticeships in Creative Fields : Visual Effects, Graphic Design, Digital Content or Web Design

Recommend revision resources/guides

GCSE Bitesize: Art & Design

Pinterest: GCSE Art Sketchbooks & Topic Ideas

Various You Tube Videos (Art Tutorial Channels)

Art2Day: A platform showcasing contemporary and modern art across various media and styles

The Art Story: Excellent for research and contextual studies, helping you understand different artistic influences.

DeviantArt: Explore different art styles, techniques, and media.

National Portrait Gallery Learning Website <https://shorturl.at/vuR6H>

Pitt Rivers Museum Website <https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/>

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Portfolio Total 60% of the GCSE

Unit 1: **2D** Portrait & Identity,

Unit 2: **3D** Multicultural Mask (MOCK EXAM—MASK MAKING)

External Task 40% of the GCSE

For their controlled assessment they will work in the media they are best at ie: **2D or 3D**

All work will be internally moderated and marked, followed by an externally moderation by the AQA Exam Board.

Key dates

Mock Exam Dates:

11B 2hrs Wed 27th Nov & 5 hrs Tues 3rd December 2024

11C 2hrs Fri 22nd Nov & 5 hrs Tues 3rd December 2024

Coursework Deadline:

Mon 6th January 2025

GCSE ART & DESIGN EXAMS (10 HOURS PRACTICALS)

Wed 23rd April and Wed 30th April 2025

Please note—All work is completed before the students leave school in the summer.



Cambridge Nationals IT

Exam Board

This subject is with OCR. The course is comprised of 60% Coursework, split over year 10 and Year 11 and 40% exam. Theory is taught alongside the coursework with the remaining theory taught from November in year 11 with each unit assessed as it is completed.

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form to study Digital Support Services (IT Support) or Digital Support Services (Cyber Security). All the courses will support applications to university or into the Computing industry.

Computer Science opens the door to so many opportunities including careers in data analysis, IT support, cyber security and many more.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in IT (J836): Second Edition Maureen Everett and Sonia Stuart Hodder Education ISBN 9781398352674

My Revision Notes: Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in IT: Second Edition Sonia Stuart Hodder Education ISBN 9781398352568

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Pupils will not be doing a mock exam they need to finish their R060 Coursework which is the following: -

In this unit pupils will learn how to plan, design, create, test and evaluate a data manipulation spreadsheet solution to meet client's requirements. Pupils will be able to evaluate their solution based on the user requirements.

Topics include:

- Planning and designing the spreadsheet solution
- Creating the spreadsheet solution
- Testing the spreadsheet solution
- Evaluating the spreadsheet solution.

Key dates (if applicable)

R060 Coursework Feb 2025:

Students have to create a piece of coursework which is worth 30% of the marks. They have already done one piece of coursework so need to do well in this one if they got a low mark.

Final Exam: May 2025

R050: IT in the digital world (40%)

This is assessed by taking an exam. In this unit pupils will learn

about design and testing concepts for creating an IT solution or product, and the uses of IT in the digital world.

Topics include:

- Design Tools
- Human Computer Interface (HCI) in everyday life
- Data and testing
- Cyber-security and legislation
- Digital Communications or Internet of Everything (IoE)



GCSE: *Citizenship Studies*

Exam Board

GCSE Citizenship Studies is with the AQA exam board. This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course.
There are 2 exam papers.

Future Progression

GCSE Citizenship Studies enables students to become thoughtful, active citizens. Through studying GCSE Citizenship Studies, students will gain a deeper knowledge of democracy, government and law which could lead to higher qualifications in Law and Politics.
Citizenship studies could also lead to careers in the public service sector and ignite an interest in criminology or local government.

Recommend revision resources/guides

AQA GCSE Citizenship (9-1) second edition
AQA GCSE Citizenship student workbook (9-1)

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1

Section A: Active citizenship

Section B: Politics and participation

Paper 2

Section A: Life in modern Britain

Section B: Rights and responsibilities

Key dates (if applicable)

Year 11 Mocks: November

- Paper 1 60minutes
- Paper 2 60 Minutes

(These are shorter papers to ensure only material covered is included)

Final Exams: May 2024

*Paper 1 (105 minutes) : Active Citizenship & Politics and Participation (50%/ 80 marks)

*Paper 2 (105 minutes): Life in Modern Britain & Rights and Responsibilities (50%/ 80 marks)

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GCSE: Computer Science

Exam Board

GCSE Computer Science is with the OCR exam board. Milestone assessments will occur throughout the two years and will be graded as a GCSE band to monitor progress. After each major unit, pupils will complete practice questions.

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form to study an A level in Computer Science or T-levels in Software development, Coding and Games Development; Digital Support Services (IT Support) or Digital Support Services (Cyber Security). All the courses will support applications to university or into the Computing industry. Computer Science opens the door to so many opportunities including careers in software engineering, IT support, cyber security and many more.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Python for GCSE Computer Science—Programming Guide CGP Books ISBN 9781789088625

GCSE OCR Computer Science— Revision Guide CGP Books ISBN 9781789085563

We have copies we use in lessons but it would be good for them to have copies at help.

GCSE Computer Science OCR Revision Question Cards CGP Books ISBN 9781789085600

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1

1.1 Systems architecture

1.2 Memory and storage

1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols

1.4 Network security

1.5 Systems software

1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology

Paper 2

2.2 Programming fundamentals

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

Two papers— Paper 1 (1h 30 mins), Paper 2 (1h)

Final Exam: May 2025

Paper 1: Computer systems (50%) 1h 30mins

Practical Programming:

Students are to be given the opportunity to undertake a programming task during their course of study which allows them to develop their skills to design, write, test and refine programs using a high-level programming language. Students will be assessed on these skills during the written examinations, in particular component 02.

Paper 2: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming (50%) 1h 30mins



GCSE: Digital Photography

Exam Board

GCSE Digital Photography is with the AQA exam board.

Future Progression

A-Level Photography , A-Level Art and Design , BTEC National Diploma in Photography , BTEC National Extended Diploma in Art and Design , Level 3 Diploma in Photography , Diploma in Fashion Photography & Apprenticeships .

At university there is a range of specific courses on offer such as Foundation Degrees in Photography or Art and Design or BA/BSc Degree in Photography or Fine Arts. Any BA Multi-Media /Creative Degrees where Photography is a key component are also valid options.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Various YouTube Online Tutorials
AQA GCSE Photography—AQA Resources
Photography Techniques AQA GCSE Art Bitesize
Adobe Photoshop Classroom in a Book (2024 release)
The Photographers's Gallery (London)
The National Portrait Gallery (London)

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Portfolio Total 60% of the GCSE

Unit 1 Portrait & Identity
Unit 2 Graphic Design CD
Unit 3 Macro Photography
Unit 4 Surrealism

All work will be internally moderated and marked, followed by an externally moderation by the AQA Exam Board.

External Task 40% of the GCSE

For their controlled assessment they will work in the media they are best at ie: **Graphic Design**

Key dates (if applicable)

Mock Exam Dates:

Fri 29th Nov (2 Hours) & Wed 4th Dec (5 Hours) 2024

Please note—All work is completed before the students leave school in the summer.

Coursework Deadline:

Mon 6th January 2025

GCSE ART & DESIGN EXAMS (10 HOURS PRACTICALS)

Fri 25th April 2025 (5 Hours)

Tues 29th April 2025 (5 Hours)



GCSE: Drama

Exam Board

GCSE Drama is with the AQA exam board. Practical assessments will occur throughout the two years and will be graded as a GCSE band to monitor progress. Component 1 of 3 is a written exam and is prepared for regularly.

Future Progression

GCSE Drama can be followed by A Level Theatre studies, T levels in stage make up, stage management and costume design. Technical theatre is also a popular choice. Drama has many transferable skills that are vital in the public sector and hospitality careers. Teaching Drama and following a teaching qualification requires educational experience and is a sound choice for pupils who have studied GCSE.

Recommend revision resources/guides

AQA GCSE Drama: revised edition
AQA GCSE Drama: Student book
GCSE English text Guide: Blood Brothers

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Component 1: The written paper

Characteristics of performance text(s) and dramatic work(s)

Set Text: Blood Brothers

Social, cultural and historical contexts

Live Theatre: The History Boys

How meaning is interpreted and communicated

Drama and theatre terminology and how to use it appropriately

The roles and responsibilities of theatre makers in contemporary professional practice

Key dates (if applicable)

Wednesday 25th September—Trip to The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham to see 'The History Boys' by Alan Bennett

November 2024—Mock written paper (80 marks)

March/ April 2025—External examiner visit—Texts in Practice module

8th May 2025—Written exam paper 80 marks— (90 minutes)



GCSE: Design and Technology

Exam Board

We follow the AQA GCSE Design and Technology syllabus. In Year 11 students complete their NEA coursework which is worth 50% of their GCSE and includes a design folder and practical element. They will also revise theory content from Year 10 in preparation for their exam in the summer.

Future Progression

Pupils will be able to progress to a Level 3 course and either study an A level in Product Design or a range of T Level courses. Both routes support applications to University or apprenticeships.

Design and Technology opens the door to so many opportunities including careers in Surveying, Interior Design, Architecture, Product Designer, Civil Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, electrician, Joiner and many more!

Recommend revision resources/guides

Exam Board AQA, link; <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology8552/specification-at-a-glance>

Hodder: My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Design & Technology: Product Design

Clear Revise: GCSE AQA Design and Technology: Illustrated Revision and Practice

CGP GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Question Cards & CGP GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Guide

BBC Bitesize; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm>

Technology Student.com; <https://www.technologystudent.com/>

Spotify Podcast Revision; <https://open.spotify.com/show/6dqepPKyp8sdL02DFI7eeW>

Study Rocket; <https://studyrocket.co.uk/revision/gcse-design-and-technology-aqa>

You Tube has many useful videos, just search topics.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks) A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks) Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.

Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

One 2 hour exam paper covering all content delivered so far.

Non-exam assessment (NEA) (Controlled assessment coursework)

Final submission Friday 4th April 2025, 100 Marks (50% of the final grade)

Final Exam: May/June 2025

The final exam paper is worth 100 marks and will take 2 hours to complete.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

What's assessed

- Core technical principles
- Specialist technical principles
- Designing and making principles

In addition:

- at least 15% of the exam will assess maths
- at least 10% of the exam will assess science.



GCSE: Food Preparation & Nutrition

Exam Board

We follow the OCR syllabus. In Year 11 students complete their NEA coursework which is worth 50% of their GCSE, this includes two assignments; a food investigation task and a food preparation practical task. They will also revise theory content from Year 10 in preparation for their exam in the summer.

Future Progression

Pupils will be able to progress to a Level 3 course and either study an A level in Food and Nutrition or a range of T Level courses. Both routes support applications to University or apprenticeships.

Food Preparation and Nutrition opens the door to so many opportunities including careers as a Clinical dietitian, Health and wellness manager, Public health nurse, Food technologist, Biologist, Epidemiologist, Naturopath,

Recommend revision resources/guides

The exam board used for GCSE is OCR; <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-j309-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

British Nutrition Foundation <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthy-sustainable-diets/>

My Revision Notes: OCR GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition <https://www.hoddereducation.com/food-preparation-and-nutrition/my-revision-notes-ocr-gcse-food-preparation-and-nutrition> ISBN:9781471887000

OCR GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition <https://www.hoddereducation.com/food-preparation-and-nutrition/ocr-gcse-food-preparation-and-nutrition>



Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

All content is covered in all components. There are four sections.

Section A: Nutrition

The relationship between diet and health
Nutritional and dietary needs of different groups of people
Nutritional needs when selecting recipes for different groups of people
Energy balance
Protein
Fat, Carbohydrate. Vitamins, Minerals, Water
Nutritional content of the main commodity groups

Section B: Food (food provenance and food choice)

Food provenance: source and supply
Food processing and production, Food security
Technological developments to support better health and food production
Development of culinary traditions (students study British cuisine and a minimum of two international cuisines)
Factors influencing food choice

Section C: Cooking and food preparation

Food science, Sensory properties, Food safety

Section D: Skills requirements (preparation and cooking techniques)

Knife skills, Preparation and techniques
Cooking methods, Sauces, Set a mixture
Raising agents, Dough

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

One 1hr 30 mins exam paper covering all content delivered so far.

Non-exam assessment (NEA) (Controlled assessment coursework)

1 Food investigation task (15%) — Hand in 25th October 2024

2 Food Preparation Task (35%) — February 2025 — individual candidate date to be confirmed by Mrs Kennedy January 2025

Final Exam: May/June 2025

The final exam paper is worth 100 marks and 50% of your GCSE grade and will take 1 hr 30 mins



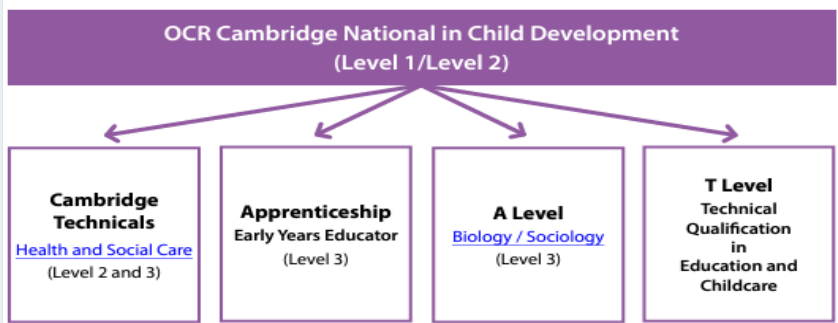
GCSE: Child Development

Exam Board

We follow the OCR Cambridge Nationals Child Development Level 1/Level 2 syllabus. In Year 10 students will complete their first NEA coursework assignment and then the second NEA assignment in Year 11. They will also revise theory content from Year 10 in preparation for their exam in the summer of Y11.

Future Progression

The diagram below shows the possible progression routes for your further study:



Recommend revision resources/guides

OCR Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Child Development <https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/child-development-level-1-2-j809/>

My Revision Notes: Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Child Development: Second Edition ISBN:9781398351196 <https://www.hoddereducation.com/childcare-and-early-years/my-revision-notes-level-1-level-2-cambridge-national-in-child-development-second-edition>

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Unit R057: Health and well-being for child development This is assessed by an exam.

Topics include:

- o Pre-conception health and reproduction
- o Antenatal care and preparation for birth
- o Postnatal checks, postnatal care and the conditions for development
- o Childhood illnesses and a child safe environment.

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

The exam is 1 hour and 15 minutes. It has two Sections

Section A has 40 marks

Section B has 30 marks

The exam has 70 marks in total

Non-exam assessment (NEA) (Controlled assessment coursework)

Assignment 1 (60 marks)—Hand in in Year 10/

Assignment 2 (60 Marks) —Hand in November 2024 —Date to be confirmed by Mrs Kennedy

Final Exam: May/June 2025

The final exam paper is worth 100 marks and 50% of your GCSE grade and will take 1 hr 30 mins



GCSE: English Language

Exam Board

For English Language GCSE, we use AQA as our exam board. The means of assessment are two equally-weighted exams, both of 1hr45mins, both at the end of Year 11.

Future Progression

As you will be well aware, English Language GCSE is considered essential for access to higher education, further education and employment. As such, this subject holds one of the sets of keys for most possible career paths. The ability to read perceptively, write fluently and speak and listen with authority are important in all lines of work; as such, beyond getting students the desired grade, we push them to be critical readers, confident writers and successful speakers.

Recommend revision resources/guides

As we use past-papers for teaching, any revision guides which contain practice questions would be advised. Two options are:

- CGP GCSE AQA English Language 'Complete Revision & Practice' - available from various online outlets for around £9.
- Oxford Book 1 AQA GCSE English Language 'Developing the Skills for Learning and Assessment' - available from various online outlets for around £20 first-hand and £10 second-hand.

Note: though we use past-papers in lessons, repeating the same past-paper is not to be discouraged either.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1—Fiction—1hr45mins (November Mocks Series)

4 Questions centred around understanding a fiction text, analysing the use of language and structure, and evaluating perspectives on the texts. (1hr)

1 Question on fiction writing—either descriptive or narrative writing. Students should prepare a wide vocabulary, develop a range of language techniques to use and practise the box/circle, drop, shift, zoom in, zoom out, cyclical structure. (45mins)

Paper 2—Non-Fiction—1hr45mins (March Mocks Series)

4 Questions centred around understanding two non-fiction texts, analysing the use of language, comparing the content of the sources and evaluating writing styles of the texts. (1hr)

1 Question on non-fiction writing—transactional writing. Students should prepare a wide vocabulary, develop a range of language techniques to use and practise the SPARCS structure. This will be a response to a thought-provoking statement on a wider social issue. (45mins)

Key dates (if applicable)

Y11 November Mocks—w/c 18/11/24—English Language Paper 1 Mock.

Y11 Core Subject Spring Mocks—w/c 10/03/25—English Language Paper 2 Mock.

Y11 GCSE Exams—May/June 2025—final exam dates still tbc.



GCSE: English Literature

Exam Board

For English Literature GCSE, we use AQA as our exam board. The means of assessment are two exams, one of 1hr45mins, the other of 2hrs15mins. Both are sat at the end of Year 11.

Future Progression

English Literature GCSE is considered a core subject, and is one of the school's mandated GCSEs. Unlike English Language, the focus is on specific texts from a range of eras, and the assessed skills centre around deep and layered reading. The subject is essential for studying English Literature at A Level and beyond; a strong grade is also considered favourably for careers in journalism, law, politics, and a range of other mainstream job markets.

Recommend revision resources/guides

English Literature is a more content-heavy GCSE than English Language, so having revision guides for each of the four texts we study (An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol, Romeo & Juliet and Power & Conflict Poetry) would be useful. Two options are:

- CGP 'The Text Guide' NAME OF TEXT—available from various online outlets for around £5;
- The Mr Salles Ultimate Guide NAME OF TEXT—available from various online outlets for around £7.

Note: past papers tend to be used for mocks and teaching, so should be avoided unless advised by the teacher.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1—Shakespeare & Victorian Literature—1hr45mins (March Mocks Series)

Section A – Shakespeare (Romeo & Juliet): 1 Question; an extract from anywhere in the play to refer to alongside the full text, usually on a theme. (55mins)

Section B – Victorian Literature (A Christmas Carol): 1 Question; an extract from anywhere in the play to refer to alongside the full text, usually on a theme. (50mins)

Paper 2—Modern Texts & Poetry—2hrs15mins (November Mocks Series)

Section A – Modern Texts (An Inspector Calls): 2 Questions (one character-based, one theme-based); **student CHOOSES ONE**. (45mins)

Section B – Comparative Poetry (Power & Conflict): 1 Question; a given poem; student chooses the second poem to compare it to. (45mins)

Section C – Unseen Poetry (no set texts); 2 Questions; you do **BOTH**: a 24-mark question on an unseen poem; an 8-mark question comparing the first unseen poem to a second one. (45mins)

Key dates (if applicable)

Y11 November Mocks—w/c 18/11/24—English Literature Paper 2 Mock.

Y11 Core Subject Spring Mocks—w/c 10/03/25—English Literature Paper 1 Mock.

Y11 GCSE Exams—May/June 2025—final exam dates still tbc.



GCSE: Enterprise and Marketing

Exam Board

This subject is with OCR. The course is comprised of 60% Coursework, split over year 10 and Year 11 and 40% exam. Theory is taught alongside the coursework with the remaining theory taught from November in year 11 with each unit assessed as it is completed.

Future Progression

Pupils can go on to study:

A-Levels in Business or Economics

T-Levels in Business, Administration, Finance or Marketing.

Vocational Qualifications such as Cambridge Technical in Business or BTEC

National in Business.

Apprenticeships.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Pupils have access to the digital version of the text book and a revision guide that they can print in school, as well as Knowledge Organisers.

Additional resources available to buy are:

My revision Notes: Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing , 2nd edition by Tess Bayley.

Full course book—Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Enterprise & Marketing (J837): Second Edition by Tess Bayley

Content Covered in Year 11

R067 Exam Topics include:

- o Characteristics, risk and reward for enterprise
- o Market research to target a specific customer
- o What makes a product financially viable
- o Creating a marketing mix to support a product
- o Factors to consider when starting up and running an enterprise

R069 Coursework topics include:

- o Develop a brand identity to target a specific customer profile
- o Create a promotional campaign for a brand and product
- o Plan and pitch a proposal
- o Review a brand proposal, promotional campaign and professional pitch.

Key dates (if applicable)

Final Pitch Presentation:

January—Culmination of two years coursework, pupils will be showcasing their final design and promotional plans.

AEP: (Controlled assessment written coursework)

February—Submission of R069 Coursework (30%)

Mock

April— 1 hour exam paper covering all content delivered so far

Final Exam:

May 2025— Enterprise and Marketing Concepts (40%)

Each exam paper is worth 70 marks and will take an hour and a quarter to complete.



GCSE: French

Exam Board

AQA (8658)

Exams in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The four skills are each worth 25% of the final grade.

Future Progression

A foreign language is seen as a facilitating subject by universities and employers often rank language skills as a high priority when recruiting. Knowledge of another language can help unlock a different culture and society and help you see the world from a new perspective.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Students are recommended to make use of the subject knowledge organisers and parallel texts we use in class and for homework. Online resources and apps such as Duolingo are also a great way to do some daily language learning, increasing vocabulary and working on grammar.

Students could purchase the Studio AQA GCSE French Grammar and Translation workbook by Stuart Glover ISBN 9 781292132884

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Exam Papers in Listening, Reading and Writing; these will be at Foundation or Higher tier. Individual speaking test times will be arranged with your class teacher.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

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

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

More information about the GCSE French specification is available at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658/specification-at-a-glance>

Key dates

4&5 November 2024 - Practice Speaking exam

November/December 2024 Mock exams in French
Listening, Reading and Writing

10&11 February 2025 Mock Speaking exam

6&7 May 2025 GCSE French Speaking exam

21 May 2025 GCSE French Listening and Reading exam

5th June 2025 GCSE French Writing Exam



GCSE: Geography

Exam Board

AQA GCSE Geography

Throughout the course there will be milestone assessments and monitoring to track the progress in line with GCSE grading. Throughout each unit, students will complete exam questions with support and guidance from teachers.

Future Progression

Students will go on to study A-Level Geography, Environmental Science or Geology. They could then study this to the degree level. In the future this subject will help you to demonstrate a wide range of transferable skills to employers and or colleges/universities. Through the study of Geography you will be able to show that you can analysis, interpret, explain, and produce extended answers using real life case studies to support these.

Recommend revision resources/guides

GCSE Geography AQA Revision Guide: Oxford

Revision Library- access through the Learning Zone on the school website. This is specific to students at HWS. It has past papers, model answers, knowledge organisers, revision workbooks, flashcard prompts, quizzes, retrieval sheets and videos.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1

Natural Hazards

Coasts and River

We will not be covering Living World and

Changing Economic World. Also, Paper 3 Geographical

Applications.

Paper 2

Urban Issues and Challenges

Resource Management

Key dates (if applicable)

Year 11 Mocks: November

•Paper 1 60minutes

•Paper 2 60 Minutes

(These are shorter papers to ensure only material covered is included)

Final Exam: May 2024

*Paper 1 Living with the Physical Environment (35%)

*Paper 2 Challenges in the Human Environment (35%)

*Paper 3 Geographical Applications (30%)



GCSE: German

Exam Board

AQA (8668)

Exams in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The four skills are each worth 25% of the final grade.

Future Progression

A foreign language is seen as a facilitating subject by universities and employers often rank language skills as a high priority when recruiting. Knowledge of another language can help unlock a different culture and society and help you see the world from a new perspective.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Students are recommended to make use of the subject knowledge organisers and parallel texts we use in class and for homework. Online resources and apps such as Duolingo are also a great way to do some daily language learning, increasing vocabulary and working on grammar.

Students could purchase the Studio AQA GCSE German Grammar and Translation workbook by Jon Meier ISBN 9 781292132617

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Exam Papers in Listening, Reading and Writing; these will be at Foundation or Higher tier. Individual speaking test times will be arranged with your class teacher.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

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

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

More information about the GCSE German specification is available at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/german-8668/specification-at-a-glance>

Key dates (if applicable)

4&5 November 2024 - Practice Speaking exam

November/December 2024 Mock exams in German

Listening, Reading and Writing

10&11 February 2025 Mock Speaking exam

6&7 May 2025 GCSE German Speaking exam

8 May 2025 GCSE German Listening and Reading exam

15th May 2025 GCSE German Writing Exam



GCSE: History

Exam Board

GCSE History (8145) is with the AQA exam board.

Future Progression

Many pupils will go onto study A'Level History at sixth form.

Studying history offers pupils many opportunities with its critical reasoning & analytical skills. Furthermore for problem solving & communicating effectively. These skills are applicable to many careers including: law, journalism, media, museums, tourism.

Recommend revision resources/guides

It is highly recommended that students purchase their own revision guide—My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) History, Second edition by Tim Jenner et al (ISBN10—1510455612)

On the schools website in the history section of the Learning Zone there are lots of resources. We particularly recommend listening to the podcasts.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Paper 1—

Period Study—Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship

Wider World Depth Study— Conflict and Tension, 1918-1939.

Paper 2—

Thematic Study— Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day.

British Depth Study— Norman England, c. 1066-c.1100

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: Exam period is 19th—29th November, 2024. For history this will comprise of a 2 hour Paper 1 & a 50 mins Paper 2 covering all of the content we have covered so far.

Final Exam:

Paper 1 : Germany & Conflict and Tension. 16th May, 2025.

Paper 2: Health & Normans. 5th June, 2025. Each exam paper is 2 hours in length.



GCSE: Mathematics

Exam Board

GCSE Maths is with the OCR exam board. Milestone assessments will occur throughout Year 10 and 11 and will be used to monitor progress. After each major unit, topics will be revisited as required.

Future Progression

Pupils can go to sixth form to study A level Maths, and the most able students may consider A level Further Maths. These are very academic A levels and would strongly support a University application.

Maths opens the door to many career opportunities including Finance, Banking Underwriting, Consultancy, Game Design, Accountancy and Engineering.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Pupils should use the website www.mathswatch.co.uk for their revision:

Username: 20SurnameInitial@warneford [e.g. 20BloggsJ@warneford]

Password: Highworth123

Students are familiar with this website having used it throughout the lower school. They should use mathswatch regularly to help consolidate work completed in class, and not just wait to be directed to the website by their teacher.

Year 11 mocks

Students will sit three Math papers in November:

Paper 1 Calculator [33% of grade]

Paper 2 Non-Calculator [33% of grade]

Paper 3 Calculator [33% of grade]

These papers constitute a complete past paper, and could therefore contain any topic from the Math curriculum. Students should therefore revise everything from the revision list that will be shared on Class charts.

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

Three 1.5 hour exam papers covering all content.

Core Mocks: March 2025

Three 1.5 hour exam papers covering all content.

Final Exam: May/June 2025

Three 1.5 hour exam papers covering all content.

Each exam paper is worth 100 marks and will take 90 minutes to complete. Papers contribute to GCSE Maths grade equally.



GCSE: MUSIC

Exam Board

GCSE Music study the **EDUQAS** specification.

Future Progression

GCSE Musicians generally tend to progress onto BTEC / A-Level courses at colleges or sixth forms such as Cirencester or GWA. Music is not yet offered as a subject at the Park Academies trust sixth form. Beyond that students can progress onto industry placements via apprenticeship schemes, or go onto study a Music or Music Technology degree at Uni-

Recommend revision resources/guides

In year 11 a text book is issued to them by school. If students want to get ahead, this can be purchased at the beginning of Year 10:

Illuminate publishing: WJEC/EDUQAS **GCSE MUSIC**—Revised Edition by Jan Richards—ISBN10—1912820692

Content Covered in Year 11 mock

Musical Elements

Instrumentation / Rhythm & Metre / Melody / Harmony & Tonality / Duration / Dynamics / Texture / Timbre / Structure /& Form / Tempo / Pitch

Musical Styles

Baroque / Classical / Romantic / Musical Theatre /Jazz / Blues / Rock / Pop / Bhangra / Fusion (Afro - Celt Rock) / Soul / Hip Hop / Reggae / Ballad / Minimalism / Film Music

Listening Skills

You will need well trained ears to identify things such as intervals, cadences, scales, chords, missing melody notes and rhythms. You will also need to identify instruments and instrumental performance techniques.

Set Works

You have to know the following set work pieces inside out to be able to write about them meaningfully. Bach - Badinerie / Toto - Africa

Key dates (if applicable)

Mock Exams: November 2024 and May 2025

NEA (Non Examined Assessments)

Composition Coursework (30%)

Performance Coursework (30%)

All due in / completed by April 25th 2025 latest

Final Exam—June 2025 (40%)



GCSE: Religious Studies

Exam Board

GCSE RS is with the Eduqas exam board. Assessment points will happen during each topic to check progress throughout the new content but also at the end of the unit, using GCSE questions, to assess students writing and knowledge.

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form or college to study A level Philosophy and Ethics, alongside a religion. In the Swindon area, it is usually Buddhism or Christianity. Religious Studies gives those studying the subject many life skills for living in our diverse world today as well as a vast variety of career opportunities such as Law, Journalist, Teacher, Social Worker, Police, Armed Forces and more—any career that will involve you working with others!

Recommend revision resources/guides

- *Pupils should purchase the revision guide— ‘**My Revision Notes WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Route A**’ by Joy White and Gavin Craigen - ISBN: 1510414622
- *Pupils could also purchase the following—‘**Eduqas GCSE Religious Studies (9-1): Route A: Christianity, Islam and themes**’ by Clare Lloyd—ISBN: 1382009526
- *Pupils could also purchase the following—‘**Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Route A Workbook**’ by Elena Haste —ISBN: 1398353930
- *Students can also access resources of the Eduqas page: <https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=26&lvlId=2>
- *Students can also access resources of the BBC Revision page: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z68sjhv>

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

Christianity : Component 2

- * The nature of God incl. Trinity
- * Creation of the world and Jesus
- * Salvation and the Afterlife
- * Worship and Sacraments
- * Pilgrimage and Celebrations
- * The Ecumenical Movement, Persecution and Mission
- * Christianity in Britain

Islam: Component 3

- * Nature of Allah, Prophethood and Angels
- * Predestination, Paradise and Hell
- * Scriptures
- * Foundations of the faith
- * The Five Pillars and the Ten Obligatory Acts
- * Jihad
- * Festivals

Key dates (if applicable)

Mocks: November 2024

Two 1 hour papers on Christianity and Islam — see content above.

Final Exam—May 2025 onwards

Component 1: Modern Day (50%) 2 hours (4x a-d questions)

Component 2: Christianity (25%) 1 hour (2x a-d questions)

Component 3: Islam (25%) 1 hour (2x a-d questions)



GCSE: Combined Science & Triple Science

Exam Board

GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Science is with the Edexcel exam board. Milestone assessments will occur throughout the course and will be graded to monitor progress.

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form or college to study A levels in Biology, Chemistry or Physics. These courses will support applications to university or into related careers / apprenticeships. Science courses are well recognised amongst Universities and future employers as great academic subjects.

Recommend revision resources/guides

All pupils have been given revision guides at the start of Year 9. You can purchase these to keep them, or return them after your exams at the end of Year 11.

Students also have access to the online textbook used in class through the Pearson Active Learn Website.

<https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com>

Links to the Exam board specifications and support materials can be found on the science pages of the school website

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

All scientists will be assessed on these topics:

Biology: Key Concepts, Cells & Control, Genetics, Natural Selection & Genetic Modification, Health & Disease

Chemistry: Key Concepts, States of Matter & Mixtures, Chemical Changes, Extracting Metals & Equilibria

Physics: Motions, Forces & Conservation of Energy, Waves & Electromagnetic Spectrum, Radioactivity (& Astronomy for triple scientists only)

Key dates (if applicable)

Mock Exams

Paper 1: 19th November—29th November

Paper 2: 10th March—14th March



Cambridge National : Sports Science

Exam Board

OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in sports studies

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form or college to study either an A level in Physical Education or a BTEC Level 3 course. Both courses will support applications to university or into the sport and leisure industry.

This is a course for pupils with a keen interest in the theoretical side of sport. Pupils who feel like they may want to learn how the body works and become a sports teacher,

Recommend revision resources/guides

Pupils *could* purchase Cambridge national Level 1/ 2. Sports science second edition for J828 specification: Hodder education
Pupils *could* purchase Cambridge national level 1/ 2. Sports science revision guide and workbook: Sue Harrington

We also provide cue cards and past papers and mark schemes throughout the year 11 content.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

We don't have mocks at the same time as every other subject as we start our exam teaching in January or Year 11.

There will be a mock in March/ April time. Exact date tbc

The content covered will be R184 content. This includes different factors which influence the risk and severity of injury, how to warm up and down appropriately to prevent injury, different types and causes of sports injuries, reducing the risk of injury, treatment and rehabilitation of sports injuries and medical conditions and causes symptoms and treatment of medical conditions.

Key dates (if applicable)

Coursework will be submitted for in January 2025

External exam will be on 22nd May 2025 (pm)



Cambridge National : Sports Studies

Exam Board

OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in sports studies

Future Progression

Pupils will go to sixth form or college to study either an A level in Physical Education or a sports vocational course at Level 2/ 3. Both courses will support applications to university or into the sport and leisure industry.

This is a course for pupils with a keen interest in sport. Pupils who feel like they may want to become a sports teacher, coach, work in the leisure industry, sports journalist or have a job in outdoor leadership and coaching.

Recommend revision resources/guides

Pupils *could* purchase Cambridge national Level 1/ 2. Sports studies second edition for J829 specification: Hodder education

Pupils *could* purchase Cambridge national level 1/ 2. Sports studies revision guide and workbook: Sue Harrington

We also provide cue cards and past papers and mark schemes throughout the year 11 content.

Content Covered in Year 11 mocks

We don't have mocks at the same time as every other subject as we start our exam teaching in January of Year 11.

There will be a mock in March/ April time. Exact date tbc

The content covered will be R051 content. This includes issues that affect participation in sport, the role of sport and promoting values, the implications of hosting a major sporting event for a city or country, governing bodies in sport and their roles, the use of technology in sport.

Key dates (if applicable)

Coursework will be submitted for in January 2025

External exam will be on 14th May 2025 (pm)