

KS4 Curriculum overview 2023/24

Subject	Curriculum Leader	Board	Exam detail	Exam board link
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Maths	Ms A Ward	Edexcel Higher/Foundation tier	3 Exams, all 1.5 hours in length. Paper 1 is non-calculator, papers 2 & 3 are calculator	Link to subject specification HERE
English Language	Mr J Gill	AQA	2 Exams: both 1 hour 45 minutes and one non examined Speaking and listening presentation	Link to subject specification HERE
English Literature	Mr J Gill	AQA	2 Exams: Paper 1 -1 hour 45 minutes 40% of GCSE- Shakespeare and 19th Century Novels Paper 2- 2 hours 15 minutes 60% of GCSE Modern Texts. Poetry and Unseen Poetry	Link to subject specification HERE
Separate Science	Mrs K Brown	AQA GCSE Biology GCSE Chemistry GCSE Chemistry	Two papers for each GCSE (6 in total). Both papers: 1 hour 45 minutes. Both are worth 50% of each GCSE. Foundation and Higher Tier 100 marks	Link to subject specification GCSE Physics GCSE Chemistry GCSE Biology
Combined Science	Mrs K Brown	AQA Trilogy	Two papers for each discipline (6 papers in total). All papers 1:15 mins. Each one is worth 16.6% of GCSE. Foundation and Higher tier paper 70 marks per paper Biology – 10% maths Chemistry – 20% maths Physics – 30% maths	Link to subject specification GCSE Combined Science
French	Mr T Mulhearn	AQA Higher/Foundation tier	Paper 1 – Listening F= 35 minutes H= 45 minutes Paper 2 – Speaking; planned for w/c 6th May Paper 3 – Reading F= 45 minutes H= 60 minutes Paper 4 - Writing F= 60 minutes H= 70 minutes Each exam contributes 25% to overall GCSE grade	Link to subject specification HERE
German	Mr T Mulhearn	AQA Higher/Foundation tier	Paper 1 – Listening F= 35 minutes H= 45 minutes Paper 2 – Speaking; planned for w/c 6th May Paper 3 – Reading F= 45 minutes H= 60 minutes Paper 4 - Writing F= 60 minutes H= 70 minutes Each exam contributes 25% to overall GCSE grade	Link to subject specification HERE

Geography	Mrs J Peters	AQA	<i>3 papers, Living with the physical environment – 35%, 1 hr 30 mins; Challenges in the human environment – 35%, 1hr 30 mins ; Geographical applications – 30%, 1hr 30 mins.</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
History	Mrs F Askam Ms H James	AQA	<i>2 Exams - equal weighting for each of the 4 sections. Paper 1 (2 hours) – Understanding the Modern World (Section A Germany 1890-1945 and Section B Conflict & Tension 1918-1939). Paper 2 (2 hours) – Shaping the Nation (Section A Medicine c.1000 to present day and Section B Elizabethan England 1568-1603).</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Computer Science	Mr N Kiernan	OCR	<i>2 papers equal weighting paper 1 computer systems paper 2 computational thinking algorithms and planning each 1 hour 30 and 80 marks</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Food & Nutrition	Mrs M Zulkarnain	AQA	<i>Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50 % of GCSE NEA1- Food investigation Task 30 marks NEA2- Food preparation assessment 70 marks Both NEAs together are 50% of GCSE, they are internally assessed and externally moderated</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Engineering	Mrs M Zulkarnain	OCR Cambridge National L1/2	<i>Written exam 1h 15 min 70 marks (40% of overall grade) NEA 1 RO38 Communicating Designs 60 marks NEA2 RO40 Design, modelling, evaluation 60 marks Both NEAs together are 60% of overall grade, they are internally assessed and externally moderated</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Psychology	Mrs E Hardy	AQA	<i>Paper 1 50% 1 hr 45 Paper 2 50% 1 hr 45</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Health & Social Care	Mrs M Zulkarnain	OCR Cambridge National L1/L2	<i>Written exam 1h 15 min 70 marks (40% of overall grade) NEA 1 RO33 Supporting individuals through life events 60 marks NEA2 RO34 Creative and therapeutic activities 60 marks Both NEAs together are 60% of overall grade, they are internally assessed and externally moderated</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Business	Mr N Kiernan	AQA	<i>Paper 1 50% 1 hr 45 Paper 2 50% 1 hr 45</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Music	Mrs P Brady	Eduqas	<i>Component 1: Performing (30%) 4-6 minutes Component 2: Composing (30%) 3-6 minutes Component 3: Appraising - 1 hour 15 mins listening exam (40%) 8 questions. 2 on each AoS</i>	Link to subject specification HERE
Drama	Mrs R Nicholson	AQA	<i>Component 1 – Understanding Drama.</i>	Link to subject specification

			<p>1 hour 45 minute exam. 3 Sections, 80 Marks, 40%</p> <p>Component 2 - Devising. Coursework. Practical and written 80 marks, 40%</p> <p>Component 3- Texts in Practice. Scripted practical exam. 40 marks, 20 per extract, 20%</p>	HERE
Photography	Mr D Hopkins	AQA	<p>Unit 1 – Coursework – 60%</p> <p>Unit 2 – External set Exam – 40%</p> <p>Mock exam – 5hrs</p> <p>Final Exam is 10hrs</p>	<p>Link to subject specification</p> <p>HERE</p>
Art	Mr D Hopkins	AQA	<p>Unit 1 – Coursework – 60%</p> <p>Unit 2 – External set Exam – 40%</p> <p>Mock exam – 5hrs</p> <p>Final Exam is 10hrs</p>	<p>Link to subject specification</p> <p>HERE</p>
Media	Mr N Kiernan	EDUQAS	<p>Component 1 – Exploring the media (1hr 30 min) 40%</p> <p>Component 2 – Understanding media forms and products (1hr 30min examination) 30%</p> <p>Component 3 – Creating media products (internally assessed, externally moderated) 30%</p>	<p>Link to subject specification</p> <p>HERE</p>
PE	Mr M Rampling	OCR	<p>Component 1 – Applied anatomy and physiology - 1hr paper / 30%</p> <p>Component 2 - Socio-cultural influence - 1 hr paper / 30%</p>	<p>Link to subject specification</p> <p>HERE</p>
Sport	Mr M Rampling	OCR	<p>R180: Reducing the risk of sports injuries – 1HR PAPER</p>	<p>Link to subject specification</p> <p>HERE</p>