

Eden Girls

**Key Stage 4
Curriculum, advice and
guidance**

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Foreword

Why are GCSE exams important? What's the point of completing them?

Well, one reason is that, for the first time in over 10 years of education, you will sit exams that mean something for you. When you entered primary school, you did not sit exams to get in. When you came to Eden Girls', you did not need exams to be allowed to study here. (Yes, you did exams at the end of primary school – but really that was to judge the quality of your school. After all, you didn't get a SATs certificate, did you?)

However, the exams that you sit at the end of Year 10 or Year 11 do matter – for you. They will decide whether you get to go to study the A Level or BTEC course that you want and, ultimately, whether you enjoy the career of your choice.

So, these GCSE courses and exams are crucial. Not just to determine what you do next, but to decide what you will be doing in another 10 years' time. Doors of opportunity will open, or they will close.

It is also important to remember that these are new, tougher GCSEs – with a new grading system from 9-1 instead of A*-G.

So that you do well in these new GCSE courses, your teachers will work very hard over the next few years to deliver the learning, stimulate your interest in the subjects and give you feedback on your progress. And your parents will free you up from the chores at home, encourage and praise you when you do well and pray for your success.

However, there are two things that your parents and your teachers cannot do for you. They cannot work hard in lessons for you and they cannot sit the exams for you. Over the next two and a half years, we want you to take personal responsibility for your studies and for your grades, work hard in each and every lesson and put the time in to do homework and revise at home.

To achieve great things, we must be prepared to give up things. We may need to give up social networking for a while, stop going out so frequently and watch a little less T.V. However, a little bit of sacrifice and time now will mean a lot of happiness at the end of the next two and a half years.

Some courses described in this booklet are ones which you will have chosen to study. Others will be subjects that we have told you are compulsory. Regardless of the GCSE, BTEC or AS courses you study over the next two and a half years, a lot of hard work and enthusiasm is needed to succeed.

I pray that the Almighty inspires you to work hard over the next few years, make the necessary sacrifices and strive to do well in the exams. Ameen.

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Introduction

At Key Stage 4, there will be a number of courses and subjects that you will complete.

This guidance provides details of each of the courses that you could take. It gives information on:

- What you will learn on each subject.
- Why the subject is important for everyday life.
- How you will be assessed in the subject.
- What you will need to do to succeed in the subject.
- What you can study after completing a GCSE in the subject.
- What career options there are from this subject?

Each student will complete some of the following subjects during the course of the next three years:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Core</u>
Arabic	GCSE	Y9	Y10	
Art	GCSE	Y9	Y11	
Citizenship	GCSE	Y9	Y11	
English Language	GCSE	Y9	Y11	Core
English Literature	GCSE	Y9	Y11	Core
French	GCSE	Y9	Y10	
Geography	GCSE	Y9	Y11	
History	GCSE	Y9	Y11	
Computer Science	GCSE	Y9	Y10	Core
Creative i-Media	Level 2 Certificate	Y9	Y10/11	
Sports Studies	Level 2 Certificate	Y9	Y10/11	
Mathematics	GCSE	Y9	Y11	Core
OCR Health and Social Care	Level 2 Certificate	Y10	Y11	
Religious Studies	GCSE	Y9	Y10	Core
Science: Combined	GCSE	Y9	Y11	Core
Separate Sciences: Biology, Chemistry & Physics	GCSE	Y9	Y11	Core – Set 1

During your time at Eden Girls', there have been choices that you made with advice from teachers.

GCSE Arabic or French?

On entering the school, you began to study Arabic and French. At the end of Year 7 you had to choose one of these. This will determine which language exam you will sit.

GCSE computer science or Level 2 Certificate in Creative i-Media?

In Year 9 you will either study GCSE Computer Science or the Level 2 Certificate Course in Creative i-Media.

GCSE Double Award Science or GCSE Single Sciences (Triple Award)

Depending on your ongoing assessments in Years 7, 8 and 9 you will study either a GCSE in Combined Sciences or three separate Science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

English Baccalaureate

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is an additional award, given by the Government, to any student who achieves the following:

1. Grade 9-5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature (equivalent to A*-C).
2. Grades 9-5 in GCSE Mathematics (equivalent to A*-C).
3. Grades 9-5 in GCSE Science (if studying single sciences, get 9-5 in two of the Sciences).
4. Grades 9-5 in GCSE French or Arabic (only one required).
5. Grades 9-5 in GCSE History or Geography (only one required).

In order to qualify for the EBacc, you will need to do well in each of these subjects.

The English Baccalaureate is important because it is recognised by Government and employers as a sign that the student has completed a broad range of subjects successfully.

New GCSEs and the new Grading System

Over the last few years, 'old' GCSE courses (which were graded A*-G) have been replaced by new GCSEs (which are graded 9-1).

This is shown below:

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Grading</u>	<u>Completed</u>
English Language	Grades 9-1	End of Y11
English Literature	Grades 9-1	End of Y11
Mathematics	Grades 9-1	End of Y11
Double Award Science Or Separate Sciences in Biology, Chemistry & Physics	Grades 9-1	End of Y11
History/Geography	Grades 9-1	End of Y11
French	Grades 9-1	End of Y10/11
Religious Studies	Grades 9-1	End of Y10
Arabic	Grades 9-1	End of Y10/11
Computer Science	Grades 9-1	End of Y10
Art or Design Technology	Grades 9-1	End of Y11

The new GCSEs are tougher and have longer exams. They are also graded 9-1 instead of A*-G. You can compare the new grading system, using the table below:

<u>Old GCSE Grade</u>	<u>New GCSE Grade(s)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
A*	8, 9	A high 'A*' is a grade 9.
A	7, 8	A low A* and high A is a grade 8.
B	5, 6	A low and mid 'A' is a grade 7.
C	4, 5	A mid and high 'B' is a grade 6.
D	3	A low 'B' and a high 'C' is a grade 5.
E	2, 3	A low and mid 'C' is a grade 4.
F	1, 2	A 'D' grade and a high grade 'E' is a grade 3.
G	1	A low grade 'E' and a high grade 'F' is a grade 2.
U	U	A low 'F' and a 'G' grade is a grade 1.

'Core Curriculum' GCSE Subjects

English Language (AQA)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>The English exam is made up of two components: Paper 1 (50%) and Paper 2 (50%). Paper 1, section A is an Exploration in Creative Reading and Writing; focusing on either a nineteenth or twentieth century fiction extract and in section B, there is an opportunity to write a transactional (creative) piece of writing. Paper 2, section A, is a Comparison of Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives by analysing two non-fiction extracts drawn from the 19th century, and either the 20th or 21st century. Your daughter will have the opportunity to write a discursive piece of writing in which they give their own perspective on the theme that has been introduced to them in section A. During the GCSE course, your daughter will study a variety of British fiction ranging from the classics to more modern texts as well as a variety of non-fiction texts on issues or themes that are important to the way we think and live our lives. These texts will help your daughter develop her analytical and critical skills.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>English language equips your daughter with the ability to be a perceptive reader, an effective analytical writer and an ability to communicate confidently. An awareness of language is, therefore, one of life's essentials. The skills in English are transferable to all aspects of life, both personal and professional. Reading a variety of literary texts helps to sharpen your written responses and develop an awareness of the world and people around you.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>Grading will be on a nine-point scale (9-1), with 9 being the highest available. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'. You will be assessed through two exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first exam will assess your reading skills in a fictional text. In this exam, your narrative or descriptive writing skills will also be tested. • The second exam will test your reading skills in non-fiction texts and in the writing section, you will argue for a viewpoint. • An individual presentation to assess your spoken language which does not count towards the written exam. This will be recorded separately on your GCSE English Language certificate.
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>To achieve the best possible level in GCSE English Language, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have outstanding attendance and punctuality to lessons. • Read from a wide range of high-quality, challenging fiction and non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries in your own time. • Watch the news regularly and make notes of the key points of a news story to develop your wider knowledge.
	<p><u>What can I do after a GCSE in this course?</u></p> <p>Achieving a good standard at GCSE is essential for any course you choose. Employers and further and higher education institutions value good levels in English Language as it demonstrates your ability to communicate effectively. GCSE English Language will allow you to study English Language and English Literature at A Level which is an increasingly popular choice.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>An English degree is highly regarded by employers. The flexibility of skills English offers results in a range of career options, opening doors in publishing and advertising. Education and legal fields are also popular.</p>

<p>English Literature (AQA)</p>	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>The English Literature exam has two components: Paper 1 (40%) and Paper 2 (60%) Paper 1, Section A is a response to Shakespeare. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole. Section B is a response to the 19th-century novel and students will answer one question and will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and the novel as a whole.</p> <p>In Literature Paper 2, students will respond to: A Modern Text, a poetry anthology focusing on poems from pre and post 1914, and unseen poetry from a modern context.</p> <p>This course aims to encourage an understanding and appreciation of a wide range of literature. Studying English Literature teaches you how to analyse complex information and sophisticated narratives, ideas and themes. It also teaches your daughter to be a reflective and critical thinker.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>The ability to read and respond to a range of literature will enhance an appreciation of other perspectives. Literature is enlightening and can open your mind to new experiences and ways of looking at things – even in your daily life.</p> <p>English Literature teaches you a great deal about life, history and society. It will inspire a love of reading, fire your creativity and help you to be more articulate.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>Grading will be on a nine-point scale (9-1), with 9 being the highest available. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a ‘good pass’.</p> <p>You will be assessed through two exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 will assess your ability to analyse a 19th Century novel and a Shakespeare play worth 40% of the exam. • Paper 2 will assess your response to drama and poetry including unseen poetry worth 60% of the exam.
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>To achieve the best possible level in GCSE English Literature, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have outstanding attendance and punctuality to lessons. • Read from a wide range of texts in your own time if you want to achieve the top grades. • Take ownership of your learning and be prepared to read and work hard on difficult texts. • Watch the news regularly and make brief notes on the news stories to develop your wider knowledge.
	<p><u>What can I do after a GCSE in this course?</u></p> <p>Gaining a good level at GCSE will further your chances of studying English Literature at A-Level. It will also give the necessary essay writing and critical thinking skills you will need to enrol for other Humanities-based courses.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>The skills you learn when studying GCSE English Literature are transferable to all areas - an English degree is highly regarded by employers. Journalism, including editorial work, is a popular choice as well as teaching.</p>

Maths (Edexcel)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>In this course, you will study familiar topics such as data-handling, algebra and number work in more depth as well as investigate new areas such as trigonometry, circle theorems, vectors, and proof. You will also further develop your communication and reasoning skills and learn problem solving strategies.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Mathematics is the language of the universe and so helps us to understand the amazing and complex world around us. Your Mathematics GCSE is also an essential qualification if you would like to pursue further studies.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will sit the new Maths GCSE course. The new Maths GCSE is more demanding with additional content and longer exams. A new grading system has been introduced. Grading is on a nine-point scale (9-1), with 9 being the highest available. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'. There will be two tiers of exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation tier: Grades 1 to 5. • Higher tier: grades 4 to 9. <p>There will be three exams (one Non calculator paper and Two calculator papers) taken at the end of Year 11.</p> <p>The course will cover the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number • Algebra • Ratio, proportion, and rates of change. • Geometry and Measures • Probability and Statistics <p>In the new GCSE specification, there are more questions involving solving problems, which may need you to complete several steps to get to an answer.</p> <p>At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'.</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Mathematics, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work, completing homework tasks on time and asking questions to clarify understanding. • Build competency and fluency in numeracy skills. • With the greater focus on problem solving, attempt more worded and functional type questions independently.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>If you get a grade '5' or above in this course, you will be able to pursue further studies. If you get a grade '7' or above, you would have the opportunity to study A Level Mathematics.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>A good GCSE grade in Mathematics will allow you to choose A Levels and a degree in a variety of fields including Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics. These include careers in accountancy, engineering, economics, teaching and computing.</p>

Combined Science (AQA) YEAR 10 and 11	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>During this course, you will learn about a range of topics from across all three sciences, including genetics and health in Biology, acids and reactions in Chemistry, and radioactivity and static electricity in Physics. You will also learn practical scientific skills, carrying out many experiments and learning to take accurate results and make good conclusions and evaluations which will be tested during the exams.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Learning about science will fire your curiosity about the world around you. You will learn about how science works, how it affects everyday life and how you can use your science when you work, rest, shop and play. Learning about science will also help you to understand how our world is in a delicate balance, how our actions affect the world around us and how we can work together to use science to improve lives.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will be assessed in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be six 1 hour 15 minutes examinations (Biology 1, Biology 2, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, Physics 1 and Physics 2) at the end of the course in Year 11. • These papers will include testing of experiments carried out during the delivery of the course. <i>There is no controlled assessment component to Science.</i> • This GCSE course is completed in Year 11 and you will be awarded two grades (Double Award) after completing the exams.
	<p>As it is a Double Award GCSE, you will receive two grades. At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'.</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Science, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all lessons (because any absence will affect the grade that you achieve). • Learn the skills of scientific investigation (planning, concluding and evaluating). • Thoroughly practice carrying out scientific calculations as they now contribute to 30% of the overall grade. • Take personal responsibility for revising for the exams as all the exams for the double award will all be completed at the end of Year 11.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>If you get a grade '6-6' or above in this course, you will be able to study A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. If you get grade '5-5', you will be able to study a full-time vocational course in Science at college.</p>
<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>A very good GCSE grade in Double Award Science in Year 11 will allow you to choose A Levels and a degree that can lead to all sorts of scientific careers such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, audiology, midwifery, forensic Science and many more. A good grade in Science will also help you to go into careers such as laboratory technician, nursing and childcare.</p>	

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What will I need to do to succeed in this course?

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Religious Studies (AQA)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u> Students will be studying Christianity and Islam. You will learn to develop your skills in drawing out and explaining the meaning and religious significance of the key elements of the religion studied. You will also support, interpret and evaluate a variety of responses, recognising the complexity of issues, weighing up opinions and making reasoned judgements supported by a range of evidence and well-developed arguments.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u> Religious Studies is not about making you 'religious', it is about enabling you to think for yourself about religious and moral issues. It is about you, your life and the issues you will face when you leave school and go into the multi-ethnic, multi-faith society which is the UK. This course is vital in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about other people's beliefs, the nature of the society you live in and the big issues in life which generate debate. • Gaining an understanding of what causes prejudice, hatred and violence in our world. • Having the opportunity to explore religious and moral beliefs in a safe environment.
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u> You will have two written exams that are 1 hour 45 minutes long each. The Beliefs Paper explores the beliefs and practices of Islam and Christianity and is out of 102 (96 plus 6 marks for spelling, punctuation, and grammar (SPaG)). The second paper is the Themes Paper which explores how religion is applied and practised in everyday life and is out of 99 marks (96 plus 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, and grammar (SPaG)). For this paper, there is a focus on Islam and in some topics Christian and non-religious approaches are also explored. You will have to answer four questions on each paper. Each question has a common structure of five-parts worth 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 marks (with SPaG marks added to some questions.)</p> <p>At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To actively participate in classwork and discussions • To revise regularly (weekly) • To prepare thoroughly & perform well in internal assessments
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u> A-Level Religious Studies, Social Sciences, History, English.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u> Teaching, social work, journalism, politics, law, charity & development work.</p>

Arabic (Edexcel)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>During this course, you will build on and further develop your ability to listen, read, speak and write in Arabic. During the course you will return to some topics you have seen before (self and family, school, free time) to study them at a higher level and also encounter some more complex topics such as the internet, the environment, and more advanced grammar.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Arabic is not only the language of the Quran but also a major world language spoken by over 300 million people. Languages teach many transferrable skills and they are sought after by many if not all potential employers. Everybody, regardless of their age, has one time or another have thought about learning Arabic and being able to speak it to GCSE standard will allow you to explore and show respect to different Arab cultures. It will also broaden your knowledge of the world and people around you, making your holidays in the Arabic-speaking world extra special.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will be assessed at the end of Year 11 through four exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and understanding of short passages of spoken Arabic (25% of your grade). • Speaking and understanding. There are three tasks, which must be conducted in the following order: (25% of your grade). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Task 1 – a role play based on one topic. - Task 2 – questions based on a picture card based on one topic - Task 3 – conversation based on two themes. • Reading and understanding a number of short texts in Arabic with translation into English (25% of your grade). • Writing exam consisting of two short essay writing tasks and translation into Arabic (25% of your grade).
	<p><u>What will I need to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Arabic, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to participate as much as possible in lessons by speaking in Arabic. • Attend all lessons. Complete all homework to the best of your ability. • Ensure you have an Arabic dictionary. • Take personal responsibility to keep work up to date and to learn key vocabulary. • Watch Arabic programmes. • Try and communicate with native Arabs on your visits to the Arabic-speaking world
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>Apart from allowing you to study Arabic at A level and even further at University level, a GCSE in any modern language shows colleges, universities and employers that you are willing to work hard, have good problem-solving skills and that you are an effective communicator.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there for this course?</u></p> <p>Choosing to study the Arabic language allows you to go in to many fields of work such as translation, interpretation, teaching or doing a job of your choice working for one of many international companies in the UK and around the world.</p>

Art (AQA)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>During this GCSE course, you will learn about idea development and the use of a wide variety of resources. You will learn the digital manipulation process through editing imagery on Photoshop. This will develop your imaginative powers and the skills to express your ideas, feelings and meanings visually and written. You will also develop an understanding of the language of art and design and an understanding of the place of art and design in history and in society.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Learning about Art and Design will help to fire your creativity and imagination. It will allow you to value artistic expression and understand different perspectives and ways of communicating feelings. Art can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity. The subject helps to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will be assessed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Portfolio of work that must include a journal of all of your artwork – this counts towards 60% of your grade. (Projects: Cultures, Here and Now and Collections) • A set assignment that is timed (10 hours) and completed under test conditions – this is worth 40% of your grade. <p>At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'.</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Art, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be really interested in Art and good at drawing and design. • Be able to write about your work, ideas and research. • Maintain your journal of artwork throughout the year. • Work hard to be organised and keep on top of time to complete good Art coursework. • Have a creative imagination.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>If you get a good grade in GCSE Art, you could go on to take an AS or A level in Art, a Vocational A level in Art or a related subject. If you know the area of art and design you want to specialise in, you could study for a National Certificate or National Diploma in Art.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>A good GCSE grade in Art will allow you to choose A levels and further study that leads to careers in graphics, advertising, marketing, design, therapist, photographer, fashion design and architecture.</p>

French
(AQA)

What will I learn on this course?

During this course, you will build on and further develop your ability to listen, read, speak and write in French. During the course you will return to some topics you have seen before (self and family, school, free time) to study them at a higher level and also encounter some more complex topics such as the internet, the environment, and more advanced grammar.

Why is this course important for everyday life?

French is a major world language spoken in 58 countries by over 280 million people. Languages teach many transferrable skills and they are sought after by many if not all potential employers. Being able to speak French to GCSE standard will allow you to explore and show respect to different French-speaking cultures. It will also broaden your knowledge of the world and people around you, making your holidays in the French-speaking world extra special.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed at the end of Year 11 through four exams:

- **Listening** and understanding of short passages of spoken French (25% of your grade).
- **Speaking** and understanding. There are three tasks, which must be conducted in the following order: (25% of your grade).
 - Task 1 – a role play based on one topic.
 - Task 2 – questions based on a picture card based on one topic
 - Task 3 – conversation based on two themes.
- **Reading** and understanding a number of short texts in French with translation into English (25% of your grade).
- **Writing** exam consisting of two short essay writing tasks and translation into French (25% of your grade).

What will I need to succeed in this course?

In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE French, you will need to:

- Try to participate as much as possible in lessons by speaking in French.
- Attend all lessons. Complete all homework to the best of your ability.
- Ensure you have a French dictionary.
- Take personal responsibility to keep work up to date and to learn key vocabulary.
- Watch French programmes.
- Try and communicate with native speakers on your visits to the French-speaking world

What can I do after GCSEs from this course?

Apart from allowing you to study Arabic at A level and even further at University level, a GCSE in any modern language shows colleges, universities and employers that you are willing to work hard, have good problem-solving skills and that you are an effective communicator.

What career opportunities are there for this course?

Choosing to study the French language allows you to go in to many fields of work such as translation, interpretation, teaching or doing a job of your choice working for one of many international companies in the UK and around the world.

Geography (AQA)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>You will study the physical and human aspects of the world. You will learn the extent to which Human Beings have had an impact on physical changes of the earth. Fieldwork is an essential element of this. Geography will inspire you to become global citizens by exploring your own place in the world, your responsibilities to other people, to the environment and to the sustainability of the planet.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>The study of geography stimulates an interest in and a sense of wonder about our planet. It helps young people make sense of a complex and dynamically changing world. It builds on pupils' own experiences to investigate places at all scales, from the personal to the global. Geographical enquiry encourages questioning, investigation and critical thinking about issues affecting the world and people's lives, now and in the future.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>Three exams take place at the end of Year 11. There is no coursework requirement.</p> <p>Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment (1 hour and 30 minutes) Paper 2 - Challenges to the Human environment (1 hour and 30 minutes) Paper 3 - Geographical applications (1 hour and 15 minutes)</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have a keen interest in Geography, in particular physical Geography where maths and science play a key role. • Work really hard to achieve a good level at KS3.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>You can study AS Level Geography, Geography & supporting subjects like Biology, Sociology and Psychology. Vocational subjects like travel and tourism or health and social care can be studied. (It can be specialized into geology, travel and tourism and environmental studies at University).</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Careers for keen Geography students include Urban Planner, Development, Climatologists, Environmental Management, Surveyor and Teaching.</p>

History (Edexcel)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>We believe in the importance of learning from history. That's why we have chosen a specification that enables students to study different aspects of the past, so they can engage with key issues such as conflict, understand what drives change and how the influence the present.</p> <p>The specification includes exciting new topics for today's world that will resonate with students, helping them to gain new insights into the world around them. You will learn to make important connections and comparisons between different aspects of the events and themes studied. You will also learn to describe, analyse and evaluate the important causes and consequences of historical events and situations. You will be challenged to assess the significance of individuals, events, developments and ideas in the history studied and assessed on the use of your source analysis skills.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>The study of History stimulates an interest in how far our lives, and world, have been shaped by the past. By studying twentieth century History, it helps young people to make sense of a complex and dynamically changing world. It also challenges students to investigate historical questions and issues by reflecting upon the progress made throughout time.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>There are 3 examinations:</p> <p>Paper 1 – Thematic study and historic environment (Medicine through time and treatment, injuries and the trenches) 30% of the overall grade.</p> <p>Paper 2 – Period study and British Depth Study (The American West and Elizabethan England) 40% of the overall grade</p> <p>Paper 3 – Modern Depth Study (Weimar and Nazi Germany) 30% of the overall grade.</p> <p>At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To actively participate in class work/discussions • To revise regularly (weekly) from class notes and any additional research carried out on the topic
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Level History • A-Level Sociology • A-Level Psychology • A-Level Politics • A Level Business/Finance
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Teaching, research, journalism, politics, law, policy making.</p>

Computer science (OCR)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>Critically evaluate and apply computational thinking, computing theory as well as Information technology confidently, responsibly, collaboratively and effectively to solve real-life problems and work creatively. Understand the fundamental principles of computer science, including computer systems, algorithms and programming, data representation, and communication protocols.</p> <p>Learn to see problems in computational terms, to think logically and solve complex problems. Students will develop programming skills throughout the course and have repeated practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve them efficiently.</p> <p>Develop awareness of the individual and societal opportunities, challenges and risks raised by digital technology.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Computer Science is concerned with the development of students' problem-solving skills and learning to see problems in computational terms. Computer science is used throughout your daily life; in fact, life without computer science is unimaginable these days. You will gain invaluable transferable skills which can be used within most other subject areas. You will also benefit from the opportunity to learn how to use collaborative tools of communication safely and sensibly. GCSE computer is a valuable qualification for all career options.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will have two exams. Two exams will be marked externally. The two externally marked exams are worth 50% each.</p> <p>Each examined component consists of an exam paper with a duration of 1 hour 30 minutes.</p> <p>At the end of the course, you will receive a grade 9-1, with 9 being the highest. A Grade 5 is the minimum the Government expects for a 'good pass'</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in C.S., you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have access to a computer at home - though internet connection is desirable, but not essential. • Work with commitment and have a positive attitude to solve problems. • Be a good team-worker willing to help others and also learn from them.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>If you achieve a grade 6 or above, you will be able to study A Level computer science. Grade 5 or above will give you the opportunity to study Level 3 courses such as engineering, BTEC in computing or iMedia qualifications.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Computer skills and knowledge are useful in whichever direction you choose to embark upon. Possible career choices are: Graphic Design, Web Development, Accountancy, Software Developer, Engineering, Cyber Security, Game developing and Teaching.</p>

Citizenship (AQA)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>The overarching theme of Citizenship Studies is 'How citizens can try to make a difference'. This aim is supported by three content themes: Life in modern Britain, Rights and responsibilities and Politics and participation.</p> <p>The first theme, Life in modern Britain, looks at the make-up and dynamics of contemporary society, what it means to be British, as well as the role of the media and the UK's role on the world stage.</p> <p>The second theme, Rights and responsibilities, looks at the nature of laws, rights and responsibilities within the UK and has a global aspect due to the nature of international laws, treaties and agreements by which the UK abides.</p> <p>The third theme, Politics and participation, aims to give the student, through an understanding of the political process, the knowledge and skills necessary to understand how to resolve issues, bring about change, and how the empowered citizen is at the heart of our society.</p> <p>Students are also required to undertake an 'Active Citizenship' investigation into a citizenship issue of their own choice which involves research, action and reflection.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>GCSE Citizenship Studies has the power to motivate and enable young people to become thoughtful, active citizens. Students gain a deeper knowledge of democracy, government and law, and develop skills to create sustained and reasoned arguments, present various viewpoints and plan practical citizenship actions to benefit society.</p> <p>They will also gain the ability to recognise bias, critically evaluate argument, weigh evidence and look for alternative interpretations and sources of evidence, all of which are essential skills valued by higher education and employers.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>Citizenship Studies has 2 formal exams, sat at the end of Year 11.</p> <p>Paper 1 - Active citizenship and Politics and participation (Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes worth 50% of GCSE)</p> <p>Paper 2 - Life in modern Britain and Rights and responsibilities (Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes worth 50% of GCSE)</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>Enquiry skills are very useful in order to study GCSE Citizenship. You also need a keen interest in current affairs and issues in modern Britain. You need to be a keen reader and an investigative mind.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Citizenship Studies students develop skills of enquiry, debate and presentation and go into jobs like journalism, business, law, politics and the media. Citizenship Studies also develops high level communication skills. Communication skills are increasingly sought after by employers. This course will enhance students' writing and speaking style.</p>

Health and Social Care (OCR)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>This qualification offers an effective introduction to the health and social sector, this qualification look at the role the sector plays in health, well-being and care of individuals across all age ranges. It also introduces students to the specialist knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings.</p> <p>Underpinning the qualification is a focus on core values and communicating with individuals to maintain their dignity and sense of being valued.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>You will complete 4 units in the qualification</p> <p>You will be assessed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 units are set assignment that will be completed under supervision – this is worth 75% of your grade. • One mandatory exam worth 25% <p>At the end of the course, you will be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* depending on the scores you accumulate through the assessments.</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Health and Social care, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be really interested in care and good at communication. • Be able to write about your work, ideas, and research. • Be able to apply knowledge to health and social care settings • Work really hard to prepare excellent coursework.
	<p><u>What can I do after GCSEs from this course?</u></p> <p>If you get a good grade in GCSE Health and Social Care, you could go on to take a Vocational A level in Health and Social care or a related subject. If you know the area of health and social care is where you want to specialise in, you could study for a National Certificate or National Diploma in the subject.</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>A good GCSE grade in Health and Social Care will allow you to choose A levels and further study, that leads to careers in; child care, care work, carer at home, nursery worker, work with disabilities, mental health and learning disabilities.</p>

Sports Studies (OCR)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>Throughout this course you will learn about the bigger picture of sport.</p> <p>In the practical unit you will explore one individual sport either badminton or athletics and one team sport either netball or basketball. You will develop skills and tactics within these sports to a high level. You will also learn how to referee a sport and write a development plan for a chosen sport for how you could improve.</p> <p>In the leadership module you will learn about different leadership roles in sport, qualities of a leader, how to write a session plan, how to deliver a sports session which you will then deliver and evaluate.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Throughout this course you will develop leadership skills where you will improve your confidence, communication, organisation, and resilience. Having these skills will support you in your future careers.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>This course is divided into 4 different units and each are assessed differently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RO51 – Exam unit worth 25% ➤ RO52 – Practical unit worth 25% ➤ RO53 – Leadership unit – practical delivery and coursework 25% ➤ RO55 – Sports industry unit – coursework 25%
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>To succeed in this course, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have an interest in sport ➤ Have good practical ability in an individual and team sport ➤ Be confident to communicate to others ➤ Be able to complete individual research ➤ Work hard to write up your coursework to meet deadlines
	<p><u>What can I do after completion of this course?</u></p> <p>After completing this course there are several options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete Sports Studies / Sports Science in Cambridge Technical level 3 ➤ Complete BTEC sport level 3 or A level Physical Education ➤ Complete an NVQ level 3 in sport ➤ Complete a sport based apprenticeship ➤ Complete a personal trainer course ➤ Complete any sports NGB coaching qualifications
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Completing Sports Studies to a good level will allow you to study Sport at level 3. Once completing this you could go on to complete a degree which is related to sport, from this there are many career paths you could pursue including: Personal trainer, nutritionist, physiotherapist, sports psychologist, PE Teacher, sports coach, sports development officer and outdoor activities leader.</p>

Creative i-Media (OCR)	<p><u>What will I learn on this course?</u></p> <p>If you enjoy creating things on a computer, then this is the course for you. Gain a range of creative media skills and provide opportunities to develop, in context, necessary, transferable skills such as research, planning, and review. Recognise the importance of working with others and communicate creative concepts effectively. Through learning these skills, you will be creating creative media products.</p> <p>The specification introduces you to how the entertainment and media industry works. The topics you will learn include how to create professional projects from scratch and understand the law and rules associated with digital media.</p>
	<p><u>Why is this course important for everyday life?</u></p> <p>Digital created content is all around and seen daily in our lives; Websites, mobile apps, digital adverts, movies and animation. Learning how they are created and why we create them has become an important part to the digital future.</p>
	<p><u>How will I be assessed?</u></p> <p>It has 4 units, 3 of them are based on your coursework in making and changing images using photoshop, creating interactive multimedia product and designing game concept. One unit has a written exam to do, which is normally taken in January of Year 9, but may be retaken if needed.</p> <p>All the 4 units are worth 25% of the overall grade each.</p>
	<p><u>What will I need to do to succeed in this course?</u></p> <p>In order to achieve the best possible grade in i-Media, you will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interest in Information and Creative Technology area. • A desire to use your creativity and skills to create products • Work with commitment and have a positive attitude. • Be able to write about your work, ideas and research. • Be a good team-worker willing to help others and also learn from them
	<p><u>What can I do after completion of this course?</u></p> <p>Apprenticeship, Media Studies, Computing (BTEC), Cambridge Technicals (IT and Digital Media)</p>
	<p><u>What career opportunities are there from this course?</u></p> <p>Website developer, Graphics designer, Digital marketing, Radio/TV/Internet advertising/Screenplay, Project manager. Broadcast journalist, public relations officer, Digital games design and development.</p>

'Core curriculum' Non-GCSE Subjects.

Physical Education

All students in Key stage 4 will have timetabled time for physical education. In addition to this, there will be a termly Sports' Days and other programmes relating to sports' leadership that will provide a second hour of physical education on average each week. Physical education lessons will focus on individual and team skills in a range of sports as well as focusing on improving personal fitness and health.

Technical and Creative Learning

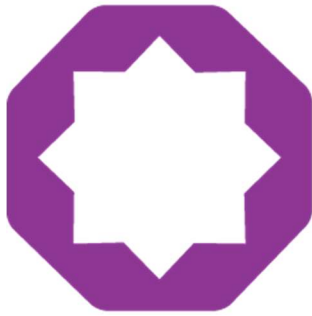
All students in Year 9 will have the equivalent of one hour a week of technical and creative learning. This will involve aspects of design technology, music and drama.

Community Service

As part of our commitment to *Khidmah*, all students will have the opportunity to undertake community service. This may involve projects to raise money for charity or improve awareness of important issues such as racism and autism.

Work-Related & Enterprise Skills

Work-related and enterprise skills will be provided through 'Enterprise Week' where students will take on a real-life business scenario in a work-related setting. The learning will be coordinated by enterprise specialists and students will learn about risk-taking, marketing, negotiation, problem-solving and other skills needed in the workplace.



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