

SUMMARY CHART OF GCSE REQUIREMENTS

2011/2012 - YEAR 10

Most GCSE grades are awarded using a combination of **final examination** (or **end of unit tests**) and **controlled assessment or coursework** which might include short assignments, written projects, practicals, performances, etc. Controlled assessments must be done in school.

Coursework assessments take place throughout the course. Each subject sets **deadlines** for planning their work. Students need to **organise** and **plan** in advance so that they can do well in the controlled assessment. All of this is **in addition** to regular homework set weekly. Some subjects still have coursework deadlines as indicated in the table below.

GCSE examinations take place throughout Year 10 and Year 11.

Please remember that **IN GCSE EXAMINATIONS, A STUDENT CAN GAIN UP TO 5% FOR GOOD SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR**. This ruling also applies to coursework.

This brief summary shows how the different subjects are assessed. The details below may vary from those published last February in the Year 10 Curriculum Booklet, issued as part of the Options process.

Subject	Board	Coursework as % of Final Mark	Nature of Coursework over the Duration of the Course	Coursework Information/Deadlines for Year 10
Art	AQA	60%	<p>Two painting assignments will be produced this year. The first is <i>'still life'</i>, then <i>'portraits'</i>.</p> <p>A sketchbook should be produced at home for each assignment. Students should be working on this every week at home.</p> <p>Controlled assessment will take place throughout the year in lesson times.</p> <p>See the Art website for full details.</p>	<p>The first assignment, <i>'still life'</i> and the sketchbook to accompany it, should be completed by Christmas.</p> <p>The second assignment, with sketchbook, <i>'Portraits'</i> to be completed by July 2012.</p>
Dance	AQA	60%	<p>Unit 1: Critical Appreciation Written paper – 1 hour 50 marks 20%</p> <p>Unit 2: Set Dance Practical Examination Solo Performance – 1-1.5 minutes 30 marks 20%</p> <p>Unit 3: Duo/Group Dance 3 minutes Controlled Assessment 12/14 hours 30 marks 20%</p> <p>Unit 4: Choreography 2 tasks: Unit total 60 marks – 40%</p>	<p>Students will be expected to attend a theatre trip and a workshop.</p> <p>By the end of Year 10, students must have completed the Controlled Assessment.</p>

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Design & Technology: Product Design; Electronic Products; Graphic Products; Textiles Technology	AQA	60% Controlled Assessment Task 40% Final Examination	Students will complete a series of mini projects in the Autumn term of Y10. They will be introduced to the principles of good design. This will enable them to make three-dimensional outcomes to a high standard. Controlled assessment tasks will be given out at the start of the Spring term in Y10. Students will focus their time on investigating the theme to produce design ideas. In the Summer term their focus will be on producing a final design solution. They will then plan out how they will make their final 3-D outcome.	Practical work will continue through the Autumn term of Year 11. The controlled assessment task will be completed by the Spring half term of Year 11.
Design & Technology: Food	Welsh Board	2 controlled assessment tasks 1: 20% 2: 40%	Students will complete a series of mini projects through the Autumn and Spring terms. This will allow students to extend their knowledge and understanding of design and making.	The first task will be done in Summer term 2012, the second task in the Autumn term of Year 11.
Digital Media	EDEXCEL	100%	6 Units containing several assignments each	Students will be required to complete a range of coursework tasks and meet deadlines. Four units will be completed in year 10 worth 25 credits and two units in year 11 worth 20 credits.
Drama	EDEXCEL	60%	Unit 1 Controlled assessment ~ 6 hour practical exploration 20% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Documentary evidence 2000 words max 10%</i> Unit 2 Controlled assessment ~ 6 hour practical exploration 15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Documentary evidence 1000 words max 5%</i> <i>Written response to live theatre 10%</i>	Students will be expected to attend at least one live theatre event in Y10 and complete a written response.

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English English Literature	AQA		There are 2 GCSEs: 1. English (single subject which incorporates elements of English Language & English Literature) 2. English Literature (stand alone taught only in Year 11).	Coursework has been replaced by controlled assessments; The controlled assessments are set by AQA and change every year. Once a controlled assessment has been submitted it cannot be redone. We aim to complete all single English in Y10, leaving us free to cover English Literature in Y11. If students don't do well in Y10 (minimum C grade) they will repeat single English in Y11, to allow them a second chance to improve their grades.
French (all Sets) Spanish (all Sets)	AQA	30% Speaking 30% Writing	The new GCSE course will have exams in Listening and Reading Comprehension (each worth 20%) at the end of Y11. There will be 2 controlled assessments for Speaking (30%) and 2 controlled assessments for Writing (30%).	In Y10 it is likely that students will complete two Speaking and two Writing Assessments. All this will be organised and completed in class time.
Geography	EDEXCEL	25%	1 Assignment – controlled assessment	Coursework/Fieldwork starts in June 2012: Data collection and collation. Analysis, conclusion and evaluation of fieldwork under high levels of control.
History	AQA	25%	2 questions to be completed under controlled assessment conditions.	Question 1 of the Controlled Assessment will be undertaken in the Summer term 2012 with question 2 being undertaken during the Autumn term 2012.
ICT - Award in Digital Applications (AIDA) Single	EDEXCEL	100%	1 Large Project	Students start the project in September 2011 and complete it in April 2013.
Mathematics	OCR	0%	Coursework has been removed as a requirement for GCSE Maths.	None

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Music	EDEXCEL	60%	Performing – solo and ensemble 30% Composing – 2 compositions 30%	1 st Solo Performance – 14 th October 2011 Composition 1 deadline – 13 th January 2012 1 st Ensemble Performance – 9 th December 2011 Composition 2 – deadline - 20 th April 2012 2 nd Solo Performance – 27 th April 2012 2 nd Ensemble Performance – 22 nd June 2012
Music BTEC	EDEXCEL	100%	Four Units to complete in total. Students to complete 4 different units on projects based on music technology and the music industry. Course is 100% coursework and there is NO FINAL EXAM at the end of the 2 years. Each unit has a number of different assignments with deadlines for pupils. Pupils can and are expected to work on these assignments at home. The units that are covered are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in the Music Industry • Professional Development in the Music Industry • Computer Systems used by musicians • Planning and Creating a Music Product If a pupil achieves all of the units – they will gain the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Music.	Complete all 4 Units by end of Year 11.
PE GCSE	EDEXCEL	60%	Pupils will be assessed in a variety of different activities (6) in a controlled assessment every half term. In total pupils have to submit 4 different practical activities. As well as the practical lessons, pupils also have a theory lesson to prepare them for the written exam at the end of the course; covers 40% of final mark. Pupils will have regular homework and tests for this. 2 other controlled assessments are producing a Personal Exercise Programme and Analysis of performance, to be covered in Y11.	Complete all practical activities and have an assessment in them.

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PE Diploma (Extended Certificate) Sport	EDEXCEL	100%	<p>Pupils to complete 8 different units on projects based on Sport. Course is 100% coursework and there is NO FINAL EXAM at the end of the 2 years.</p> <p>Each unit has a number of different assignments with deadlines for pupils. Pupils can and are expected to work on these assignments at home with access via the school's website and E Learning.</p> <p>The units that are covered in Y10 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Sport • Fitness testing & Training • Injury in Sport • Development of Personal Fitness • Planning & Leading Sports Activities. <p>If a pupil achieves all of the units – 8 in total, they will gain the Sport Diploma (equivalent to 4 GCSEs). If a pupil achieves some units – 4 in total, they will gain the Extended Certificate in Sport (equivalent to 2 GCSEs).</p>	Complete 5 units by end of Year 10.
RE (Modular)	EDEXCEL	0%	Regular Homework Tasks	None
GCSE Science Year 10	OCR 21st Century Science (new 2011 spec)	25%	Case Study 12.5% Data Analysis 12.5%	Completed under controlled conditions in class time; Case Study: November 2012 Data Analysis: Jan / Feb 2012
GCSE Science Year 11	OCR 21st Century Additional Science	33% (Additional)	1 practical investigation	To be completed in class: February 2012
Science Triple Award	OCR Biology A Chemistry A Physics A (new 2011 spec)	25%	1 practical investigation for each of the three Science GCSE subjects	All coursework to be completed during Year 11
Diploma Society, Health & Development Level 2	EDEXCEL	90% Worth 4 GCSEs	There are 9 units of study. 8 pieces of coursework all completed under controlled conditions. There is also one external exam in June of year 11 Because of the controlled conditions if a students is off school for whatever reason they must come in of their lunchtime to catch up on missed work...	Controlled assessments start every 3 weeks. Students gain the theory over a three week period and then start their coursework for approx two weeks. Bt this time coursework should be finished.

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BTEC HSC	EDEXCEL	100% Worth 2 GCSEs	The students have to complete four pieces of coursework over a two year period. Two pieces of coursework are worth 5 credits each. The other two pieces of coursework are worth ten credits each Overall students need to gain 30 credits to pass the course.	Unit 11 Deadline: December Year 10 will complete another piece of coursework before the end of year 10.

If your child's course is not listed above, please see individual teachers.

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