



TRINITY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
HIGH SCHOOL



**GCSE & BTEC REQUIREMENTS
FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS 2021/22**



SUMMARY OF GCSE/BTEC REQUIREMENTS

Many GCSE/BTEC grades are awarded using a combination of **final examinations** (or **end of unit tests**) and **controlled assessments or coursework** which might include short assignments, written projects, practicals, performances etc. Controlled assessments must be done in school. The remaining is assessed entirely by examinations at the end of Year 11.

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 the regular homework which is set weekly. Some subjects still have coursework deadlines, as indicated in the tables that follow.

The brief summary in the following pages shows how the different subjects are assessed. The details 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
English Literature	AQA	0%	<p>Although there is no coursework, there are two exams:</p> <p>Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel (40% of overall grade) - 1hr 45 minutes</p> <p>Pupils will study 'Macbeth' by Shakespeare and 'Dr Jekyll' by Stevens.</p> <p>Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry (60% of overall grade) - 2hrs 15 minutes</p> <p>Pupils will study Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls', poems from the AQA anthology and how to compare unseen poems.</p>	

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English Language	AQA	0%	<p>Although there is no coursework, there are two exams of equal weighting (50%) and time (1hr 45 minutes) in which students will be assessed on both their reading and writing skills:</p> <p>Reading: Students will be assessed on their ability to interpret information, analyse language and structure, compare writers' ideas and evaluate texts critically.</p> <p>Writing: Students will be asked to communicate clearly and vary their writing for different audiences and purposes. They will also be assessed on their ability to use a range of vocabulary, sentence structures and accurate spelling and punctuation.</p>	<p>Paper 1: Section A: Reading one literature fiction text.</p> <p>Section B: Descriptive or narrative writing.</p> <p>Paper 2: Section A: Reading one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text.</p> <p>Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint.</p>
Combined Science	AQA 'Trilogy' option	0%	<p>There is no coursework for this GCSE course. Students will complete 6 exams at the end of Year 11 each lasting 1hr 15 minutes.</p>	<p>In summary there is a Biology, Chemistry and Physics paper to reflect the Year 10 learning (Paper 1) and a Biology, Chemistry and Physics paper to reflect the Year 11 learning (Paper 2).</p>
Science Triple Award	AQA Biology Chemistry Physics	0%	<p>There is no coursework for this GCSE course. Students will complete 6 exams at the end of Year 11 each lasting 1hr 45 minutes.</p>	<p>In summary there is a Biology, Chemistry and Physics paper to reflect the Year 10 learning (Paper 1) and a Biology, Chemistry and Physics paper to reflect the Year 11 learning (Paper 2).</p>

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Cambridge Nationals in Enterprise and Marketing	OCR	50%	<p>Students will create a financial plan for a new product, taking into consideration the tastes and preferences of its audience (R065). They will also create a marketing campaign for their new product (R066).</p> <p>Students will also complete an exam on Enterprise and Marketing concepts (R064)</p>	<p>Students are required to complete the majority of the coursework in Year 10 (R065/R066).</p> <p>From the very first lesson, students will be working on elements that will contribute towards their final overall grade.</p>
Fine Art	AQA	60%	<p>Unit 1: Two painting assignments will be produced this year. The first is 'Still Life' and the second is 'Portraits'.</p> <p>A sketchbook must be produced at home for each assignment, supporting & explaining practical work, with annotations. Students should be working on this and their paintings & drawings every week at home.</p>	<p>The Still Life assignment and its sketchbook is to be completed for marking by February Half Term.</p> <p>The Portrait assignment and its sketchbook is to be completed by the end of June of Year 10. During July and over the summer holidays, students produce a portrait painting of their choice.</p>
Computer Science	OCR	Pass	<p>The students will complete a programming project in Year 10. They will develop programming skills in Python before attempting the project.</p>	<p>The project is completed in controlled assessment conditions. Students are allowed 20 hours to complete the project. The deadline for final completion is Thursday 31st March 2022.</p>
BTEC Tech award in Creative Media Production	Pearson	60%	<p>Two different coursework tasks will be completed; these are 'Exploring Media Products' and 'Developing Digital Media Production Skills'.</p>	<p>Students are required to complete a range of assessment tasks and to meet deadlines throughout the course. Deadline for completion of Exploring Media Products is Friday 26th November 2021.</p>

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<p align="center">Food Preparation and Nutrition</p>	<p align="center">AQA</p>	<p align="center">Two controlled assessment tasks 1: 15% 2: 35%</p> <p align="center">Final written exam (1 hour 45 mins) 50%</p>	<p>Both controlled assessments will start in Year 11 and will be set by the exam board.</p> <p>The first controlled assessment will start in September of the final year of the GCSE course. 10 hours are allocated for this food investigation. Students will be assessed on the understanding of the working characteristics and the functional and chemical properties of ingredients.</p> <p>The second controlled assessment will be given an allocated time of 20 hours. Students are assessed on their knowledge, skills and understanding of the planning, preparation, cooking and presentation of food, and the application of nutrition related to the chosen task.</p> <p>Students will prepare, cook and present a final menu of three dishes within a single period of no more than three hours, planning in advance how this will be achieved.</p>	<p>All tasks are completed in controlled assessment conditions which will all take place in Year 11.</p> <p>Pupils will have a 3-hour assessed time to complete the final practical element of the second controlled assessment. All controlled assessment work will be completed by the end of the spring term of Year 11.</p>

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<p>BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts: Acting</p>	<p>Pearson</p>	<p>60%</p>	<p>Component 1: 'Exploring the Performing Arts' (36 hours)</p> <p>- Acting skills sessions on three different theatre/acting styles, with performances and written work to demonstrate progress</p> <p>Component 2: 'Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts' (36 hours)</p> <p>- Preparing a group performance</p> <p>Component 3: 'Performing to a Brief' (Externally Assessed)</p> <p>- Small group-devised performances produced under controlled conditions (Assessed in Year 11)</p>	<p>Component 1: 'Exploring the Performing Arts'</p> <p>1. An extended piece of written analysis of three different acting/theatre styles. 2. Group scripted performances demonstrating different acting/theatre styles.</p> <p>Component 2: 'Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts'</p> <p>- Continuous assessment of participation in skills workshops, preparation and performance of a devised piece. A Logbook with Target setting.</p> <p>All completed by the end of the year.</p>

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Geography	AQA	0%	<p>There is no coursework/controlled assessment element in the new GCSE Geography. Instead geographical skills and fieldwork will be assessed via a third written examination.</p> <p>Paper 1: Physical Geography (35%)</p> <p>Paper 2: Human Geography (35%)</p> <p>Paper 3: Geographical Skills and Fieldwork (30%)</p>	<p>There will be rigorous testing to assess progress throughout the year. Although there is no formal coursework, students will be expected to undergo at least two examples of fieldwork. There are five assessment points this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment 1: Oct 2021 • Assessment 2: Dec 2021 • Assessment 3: Feb 2022 • Assessment 4: Apr 2022 <p>Assessment 5: May 2022 (Year 10 mock exams)</p>
BTEC Health and Social Care Tech Award	Pearson	60% Coursework 40% External Examination	<p>The course content requires students to complete three core components. Two components are internally assessed through coursework tasks and one component is externally assessed.</p> <p>Year 10</p> <p>Component 1: 'Human Lifespan Development' - Internal assessment</p> <p>Component 2: 'Health and Social Care Services and Values' - Internal assessment</p> <p>Year 11</p> <p>Component 3: 'Health and Wellbeing' - Three-hour examination</p>	<p>July 2022</p> <p>March 2022</p> <p>February 2023</p>

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History	AQA	0%	<p>Paper 1: 'Understanding the Modern World' - A written exam covering: Germany 1890-1945, Democracy & Dictatorship, and Conflict & Tension in Asia 1950-1975.</p> <p>Paper 2: 'Shaping the Nation' - A written exam covering Health and the People c.1000 to the present day, as well as Elizabethan England, c.1568-1603.</p> <p>Both papers are 2 hours in length and each account for 50% of the final GCSE grade.</p>	
Maths	AQA	0%	There is no coursework element to the Maths GCSE. However, students have homework to complete each week. They also have a series of mini-tests, assessments and Mock exams through the year.	The course is examined at the end of Year 11 through three exams, each 90 minutes long.

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<p>MFL French Spanish</p>	<p>AQA</p>	<p>0%</p>	<p>There is no coursework for this course but students will follow three main themes throughout the two years, with final assessments at the end of Year 11.</p> <p>Theme 1: Identity and Culture Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global Theme 3: Current and Future Study and Employment</p> <p>It is important to note that in addition to school exams, pupils will have a mock speaking examination in week starting 4th July 2021</p>	<p>The exams at the end of Year 11 are equally weighted:</p> <p>Listening: 25% - 35 mins (Foundation) - 45 mins (Higher)</p> <p>Speaking: 25% - 7-9 mins (Foundation) - 10-12 mins (Higher)</p> <p>Reading: 25% - 45 mins (Foundation) - 60 mins (Higher)</p> <p>Writing: 25% - 60 mins (Foundation) - 75 mins (Higher)</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Edexcel</p>	<p>60%</p>	<p>Performing: Two performances by the end of Year 11: Solo and Ensemble worth 30% in total.</p> <p>Composing: Two compositions by the end of Year 11: worth 30% in total.</p>	<p>Students are expected to attend instrument lessons, and to practice their instrument regularly to prepare performances for termly assessment.</p> <p>Composition coursework will be completed during lesson time.</p>

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PE	Edexcel	<p>105 Marks 30% Practical performance</p> <p>20 Marks 10% Personal Exercise Programme</p>	<p>Pupils will be assessed in a variety of different activities via a controlled assessment every half term.</p> <p>In total, pupils have to submit three different practical activities. One must be a team activity, one an individual activity and the third can be either team or individual.</p> <p>As well as the practical lessons, pupils also have theory lessons to prepare them for the two written exams at the end of the course, covering 60% of the final mark. Pupils will have regular homework and tests for this.</p> <p>The written coursework involves production and analysis of a Personal Exercise Programme.</p>	<p>Pupils will have completed the Personal Exercise Programme by the end of Year 10.</p> <p>In the practical lesson pupils will receive a mark for a practical activity which they have covered every half term.</p> <p>In the theory lesson pupils will sit a test at the end of each topic and will be expected to achieve their target grade in those tests, throughout Year 10 & Year 11.</p>
RE	Edexcel	0%	<p>There is no coursework for R.E but regular learning homework is set.</p> <p>Each half term students are tested on key words and they are given an end of unit test.</p> <p>It is an expectation that revision will take place at home and revision cards are provided. The end of unit test is an opportunity to develop the skills needed for GCSE and tests will be graded and feedback given.</p>	<p>The course is examined through two terminal exams each of 105 minutes duration.</p>

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BTEC SPORT	Pearson	75%	This is a level 1/2 First Award in Sport and is taught over 120 guided learning hours. It has core & specialist units comprising four units in total. The course is 75% coursework & 25% is an exam in one unit which is completed online.	<p>Students over the 2 years will complete 3 units which will compromise of: Practical Sport, Training for Personal Fitness & Leading Sports Activities.</p> <p>These units are 100% coursework and students will complete a number of assignments to achieve these units.</p> <p>One other unit: Fitness for Sport & Exercise – students will sit an exam online in order to achieve this unit.</p> <p>Pupils will be assessed using the Pass, Merit & Distinction grades. Pass is the equivalent of a grade 4; Merit a grade 6 & distinction grade 7+.</p>

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

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 PUT RELEVANT DEADLINE DATES INTO YOUR PERSONAL ORGANISER