

KS4 Qualifications Overview 2025/2026

Subject: GCSE English Language & Literature

Exam Board: Lit AQA Lang Edexcel
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	A Christmas Carol	Reading (Non – fiction) and transactional writing	Reading (Fiction) and Creative writing	Unseen Poetry and anthology poems (5 Poems)	Unseen Poetry and Anthology poetry (5 Poems)	An Inspector Calls
Year 11	Macbeth	Anthology Poetry (5 poems) and revision Language Paper 1	Unseen poetry and revision Language Paper 2	Revision		

Subject: GCSE Mathematics

Exam Board: Pearson
Course Overview - Higher

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Algebra: the basics, setting up, rearranging and solving equations. Sequences. Averages and range.	Calculations, checking and rounding. Indices, roots, reciprocals and hierarchy of operations. Factors, multiples, primes, standard form and surds. Representing and interpreting data and scatter graphs.	Fractions and percentages. Ratio and proportion. Polygons, angles and parallel lines.	Pythagoras' Theorem and trigonometry. Graphs: the basics and real-life graphs. Linear graphs and coordinate geometry.	Quadratic, cubic and other graphs. Perimeter, area and circles. 3D forms and volume, cylinders, cones and spheres.	Accuracy and bounds. Transformations. Solving quadratic and simultaneous equations. Revision. Mocks.
Year 11	Inequalities. Probability. Multiplicative reasoning.	Collecting data. Cumulative frequency, box plots and histograms. Direct and inverse proportion.	Graphs of trigonometric functions. Further trigonometry. Quadratics, expanding more than two brackets, sketching graphs, graphs of circles,	Circle theorems. Circle geometry. Changing the subject of formulae (more complex), algebraic fractions, solving equations arising from algebraic fractions,		

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			cubes and quadratics.	rationalising surds, proof.		
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Course Overview – Foundation

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Algebra: the basics. Expressions and substitution into formulae. Integers and place value. Decimals. Factors, multiples and primes.	Fractions, decimals and percentages. Percentages. Equations and inequalities. Sequences.	Properties of shapes, parallel lines and angle facts. Interior and exterior angles of polygons. Perimeter, area and volume.	Real-life graphs. Straight-line graphs. Transformations. Ratio. Proportion.	Right-angled triangles: Pythagoras and trigonometry.	Probability. Revision Mock Exams
Year 11	Tables, chart and graphs. Multiplicative reasoning. Statistics, sampling and the averages.	Plans and elevations. Constructions, loci and bearings. Quadratic equations: expanding and factorising.	Quadratic equations: graphs. Circles, cylinders, cones and spheres. Fractions and reciprocals. Indices and standard form.	Similarity and congruence in 2D. Vectors. Rearranging equations, graphs of cubic and reciprocal functions and simultaneous equations.		

Subject: GCSE Combined Science

Notes:

Students cover some GCSE topics in Year 9 and this continues into Year 10.
Students study units on a rotation to help with demands on practical equipment.

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

Course Overview

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Year 10	Key concepts in Biology (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Cells & Control Forces & Motion Atomic Structure (RECAP from Yr9 Transition unit)	Groups in the Periodic Table (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Bonding & Types of Substance (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Genetics	Genetics Health & disease (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Chemical Changes Natural Selection & Genetic Modification	Natural Selection & Genetic Modification Extracting Metals, Equilibria & Electrolysis	Extracting Metals, Equilibria & Electrolysis Radioactivity (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Quantitative Chemistry	Quantitative Chemistry Forces doing Work Revision for Mock Rates of Reaction
Year 11	Exothermic & Endothermic Reactions Exchange & Transport in Animals Coordination & Homeostasis	Coordination & Homeostasis Electrical Circuits Magnetic Fields	Magnetic Fields Fuels & Earth Chemistry Ecosystems	Forces & energy (Continue from Yr9 Transition unit) Matter Revision		

Subject: GCSE History

Exam Board: AQA
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Germany 1890 – 1945	Germany 1890 – 1945	Migration, Empires and the People c. 793 to present	Migration, Empires and the People c. 793 to present	Elizabethan England 1568 – 1603	Elizabethan England 1568 – 1603
Year 11	Elizabethan England 1568 – 1603	Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950 - 1975	Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950 - 1975	Revision		

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Subject: GCSE Geography

Exam Board: AQA
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	The challenge of natural hazards	Urban issues and challenges	The living world Ecosystems Tropical rainforests Desert environments	The living world Ecosystems Tropical rainforests Desert environments	The challenge of resource management Water resource management	Mock Exams Fieldwork
Year 11	The changing economic world Global development gap Nigeria Changes to UK economy	Physical landscapes in the UK Coastal landscapes in the UK	Physical landscapes in the UK Rivers landscapes in the UK	DME prep Revision		

Subject: GCSE Spanish

Exam Board: AQA
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Free-time Activities	Free-time Activities Celebrity Culture	Where People Live	Customs, Festivals and Celebrations	Identity and Relationships with Others	Travel and Tourism
Year 11	Education	Future Study and Work	The Environment and Social Issues	Healthy Living and Lifestyle Media and Technology		

Subject: GCSE RE

Exam Board: AQA
Course Overview

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
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Year 10	GCSE course not currently running		
Year 11	GCSE course not currently running		

Subject: BTEC Child Development

Exam Board: Pearson
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Component 1 – Children's growth and development	Component 1 – Children's growth and development	Component 1 – Children's growth and development	Component 1 – Children's growth and development	Component 2 – learning through play	Component 2 – learning through play
Year 11	Component 2 – learning through play	Component 2 – learning through play	Component 3 – Supporting children to play, learn and develop.	Component 3 – Supporting children to play, learn and develop.		

Subject: BTEC Health and Social Care

Exam Board: Pearson
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Component 1 – Human lifespan and development	Component 1 – Human lifespan and development	Component 1 – Human lifespan and development	Component 1 – Human lifespan and development	Component 2 - Health and Social Care Services and Values	Component 2 - Health and Social Care Services and Values
Year 11	Component 2 - Health and Social Care Services and Values	Component 2 - Health and Social Care Services and Values	Component 3 - Health and Wellbeing	Component 3 - Health and Wellbeing		

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Subject: BTEC Sport

Exam Board: Pearson
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Component 1 – Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 1 – Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 1 – Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 1 – Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 2 – Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance	Component 2 – Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance
Year 11	Component 2 – Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance	Component 2 – Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance	Component 3 – Developing fitness to improve other participants performance in sport and physical activity	Component 3 – Developing fitness to improve other participants performance in sport and physical activity		

Subject: GCSE 3D Design

Exam Board: EDUQAS
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Developing Skills	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Refining skills	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Refining skills
Year 11	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Personal project	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Personal project	Component 1: Experimentation Component 2: Exam preparation	Component 2: Exam/ preparation		

Subject: GCSE Photography / Art / Textiles

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Exam Board: EDUQAS
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Developing Skills	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Refining skills	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Refining skills
Year 11	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Personal project	Component 1: Coursework portfolio Personal project	Component 1: Experimentation Component 2: Exam preparation	Component 2: Exam/ preparation		

Subject: Vocational award in Hospitality and Catering

Exam Board: EDUQAS
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Mock Coursework: Hospitality and catering in Action	Mock Coursework: Hospitality and catering in Action	Unit 2: Hospitality and Catering in Action	Unit 2 Hospitality and Catering in Action	Unit 1 Hospitality and catering in Industry	Unit 1 Hospitality and catering in Industry
Year 11	Unit 1 Hospitality and catering in Industry	Unit 1 Hospitality and catering in Industry	Unit 1: Hospitality and catering in Industry	Unit 1 Hospitality and catering in Industry		

Subject: Vocational Award in Performing Arts (Music Pathway)

Exam Board: EDUQAS
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Exploring Practical Skills and Music Theory	Working as an ensemble and Compositional Music Theory.	Unit 2: Creating Music	Unit 2: Creating Music	Unit 1: Performing Music	Unit 1: Performing Music

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Year 11	Performing Arts in Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Roles Marketing Promotion Venues Budgeting 	Performing Arts in Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating Music to a Brief 	Unit 3: Performing Arts in Practice	Unit 3: Performing Arts in Practice		
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Subject: Vocational Award in Performing Arts (Drama Pathway)

Exam Board: EDUQAS

Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Exploring Practical Skills and Practitioners; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brecht Berkoff Stanislawski 	Scripted Performance and Design Elements	Unit 2: Creating Drama	Unit 2: Creating Drama	Unit 1: Performing Drama	Unit 1: Performing Drama
Year 11	Performing Arts in Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Roles Marketing Promotion Venues Budgeting 	Performing Arts in Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating Drama to a Brief 	Unit 3: Performing Arts in Practice	Unit 3: Performing Arts in Practice		

Subject: Computer Science

Exam Board: AQA

Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Programming Selection	Data Representation	Programming Iteration	Computer Systems	Programming	Cyber Security Python
Year 11	Networks Programming Recap Pseudocode, 2D arrays and Records	Database and SQL Subroutines	Data Representation Computer Systems	Ethics Search and Sort Algorithms		

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Subject: Cambridge National Award in Creative iMedia

Exam Board: OCR
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	R082: Creating Digital Graphics	R082: Creating Digital Graphics	R082: Creating Digital Graphics	R086: Creating Digital Animation	R086: Creating Digital Animation	R086: Creating Digital Animation
Year 11	R081: Pre Production Skills	R081: Pre Production Skills	R085: Creating a Digital Website	R085: Creating a Digital Website		

Subject: Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT

Exam Board: WJEC
Course Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Planning, creating, manipulating and storing images	Planning, creating, modifying and using spreadsheets	Planning, creating and modifying an automated document	Planning, creating, modifying and using databases	Planning, creating, modifying and using databases Review and submission	How IT can be used to fulfil the needs of organisations 4F 5 and individuals
Year 11	How IT can be used to fulfil the needs of organisations 4F 5 and individuals	How data and information is used and transferred	Legal, moral, ethical, cultural and environmental impacts of IT and the need for cybersecurity	Legal, moral, ethical, cultural and environmental impacts of IT and the need for cybersecurity		

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