



YEAR 10 GCSE SUBJECT CHOICES

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COMPULSORY SUBJECT INFORMATION



- English Language.
- English Literature.
 - Mathematics.
- Religious Studies; and either
 - Double Award Science or
Single Award Science (Limited Numbers)



ENGLISH LANGUAGE



"Creating, Connecting, Communicating."



What will English Language GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 40 minutes	30%
Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Assessment	20%
Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled AssessmentCCEA set the tasks each year	20%
Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-Fiction Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 40 minutes	30%

More detailed information on English Language GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet





ENGLISH LITERATURE



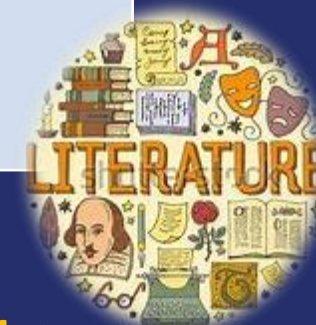
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What will English Literature GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: The Study of Prose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 45 minutes	30%
Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination2 hours	50%
Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled assessment2 hours	20%



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MATHEMATICS

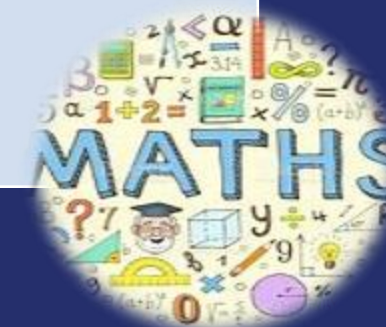


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What will Mathematics GCSE involve?

Course content 3 Assessment Objectives	3 Assessment Objectives are assessed through 3 Key Areas	Course content examined via a combination of modules
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use and apply standard techniques• Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically• Solve problems in mathematics and other contexts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number & Algebra• Geometry & Measures• Handling Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M2 & M6• M3 & M7• M4 & M7• M4 & M8



More detailed information on Mathematics GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES



"The glory of God is man or woman fully alive."



What will Religious Studies GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment – all 3 elements are examined at the end of Year 12	Weighting
Year 11: Christianity through a study of the Gospel of Mark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	50%
Year 12: An Introduction to Christian Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	50%



Religious Studies OCN will be recommended for identified students, to whom additional information will be issued.

More detailed information on Religious Studies GCSE /OCN is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



SCIENCE PATHWAYS



Double Award Science

(2 GCSE Grades)

Essential for many vocational courses, such as Biomedical Science, Dentistry, Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Veterinary Science.

Always check University Entry Requirements and seek advice from the Careers Department.

Single Award Science

(1 GCSE Grade)

This pathway is suitable for many Midwifery, Nursing and Healthcare courses, such as Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

Students who study Single Award Science **WILL NOT** be in a position to choose A' Level Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

The alternative pathway of A-Level Life and Health Sciences will be a suitable option.



DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE



*"Biology is for life... Chemistry unlocks the future...
Physics, we are launching the future."*

What will Double Award Science GCSE involve?

Unit	Assessment	Weighting
Biology Unit 1 (B1) Cells, Living Processes and Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour (2 tiers of entry) 	11%
Chemistry Unit 1 (C1) Structures, Trends, Chemical Reactions, Quantitative Chemistry and Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour (2 tiers of entry) 	11%
Physics Unit 1 (P1) Motion, Force, Moments, Energy, Density, Kinetic Theory, Radioactivity, Nuclear Fission and Fusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour (2 tiers of entry) 	11%
Biology Unit 2 (B2) Body Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour 15 minutes (2 tiers of entry) 	14%
Chemistry Unit 2 (C2) Further Chemical Reactions, rates and equilibrium, calculations and organic Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour 15 minutes (2 tiers of entry) 	14%
Physics Unit 2 (P2) Waves, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, Electromagnetism and Space Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour 15 minutes (2 tiers of entry) 	14%
Unit 7: Practical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally marked :three pre-release practicals 3 hours (2 tiers of entry) 	7.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [A] Practical Skills in Biology, Chemistry and Physics [B] External Written Examination on work covered in Year 11 & Year 12 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External written examination 1 hour 30 minutes (2 tiers of entry) 	17.5%

More detailed information on Double Award Science GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.





SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE



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What will Single Award Science involve?



Unit	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination Foundation and Higher Tiers:1 hour	25%
Unit 2: Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination Foundation and Higher Tiers:1 hour	25%
Unit 3: Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination Foundation and Higher Tiers:1 hour	25%
Unit 4: Practical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Booklet A Practical skills assessment Foundation and Higher Tiers:2 hours	7.5%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Booklet B External written examination Foundation Tier: 1 hourHigher Tier: 1 hour 15 minutes	17.5%



More detailed information on Single Award Science GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



ADDITIONAL SUBJECT CHOICES



Select **3 SUBJECTS** from the list below

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Digital Technology(Multimedia)
- Drama
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Home Economics: Child Development
- Home Economics: Food & Nutrition
- Irish
- Leisure, Travel and Tourism
- Music
- Exam Physical Education
- Spanish
- Technology & Design

Some subjects have restricted numbers and places are subject to availability.

Cannot study the following options together...

- Food & Nutrition and Technology & Design.

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FRENCH



*"An A-Z to discovering the French-speaking world:
Aventure, Beauté, Culture"*



What will French GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 2: Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One teacher facilitated and externally marked speaking examination(1 tier of entry)	25%
Unit 3: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 4: Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination(2 tiers of entry)	25%



More detailed information on French GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet



IRISH



"Growing your roots."



What will Irish GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 2: Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One teacher facilitated and externally marked speaking examination(1 tier of entry)	25%
Unit 3: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 4: Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination(2 tiers of entry)	25%



More detailed information on Irish GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



SPANISH



"Join the Conversation!"



What will Spanish GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 2: Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One teacher facilitated and externally marked speaking examination(1 tier of entry)	25%
Unit 3: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination with stimulus material in target language(2 tiers of entry)	25%
Unit 4: Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination(2 tiers of entry)	25%



More detailed information on Spanish GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



ART & DESIGN



"Creation in action."



What will Art & Design GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1	Part A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploratory portfolio	25%
Component 1	Part B: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating the creative and cultural industries	35%
Component 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Externally Set Assignment	40%



More detailed information on Art & Design GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



BUSINESS STUDIES



"Nurturing Entrepreneurship."



What will Business Studies GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Starting a Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written exam1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 2: Developing a Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written exam1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 3: Planning a Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Assessment	20%



More detailed information on Business Studies GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (MULTIMEDIA)



"Dynamic Times."



What will Digital Technology GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Digital Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour	30%
Unit 2: Digital Authoring Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 3: Digital Authoring Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Assessment	30%



More detailed information on Digital Technology GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



DRAMA



"Drama is dancing on the stage of your imagination"



What will GCSE Drama involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1: Devised Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Assessment – a performance or a design presentation, and a student log	25%
Component 2: Scripted Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Assessment – a performance or a design presentation	35%
Component 3: Knowledge and Understanding of Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination – 1 hour 30 minutes, three questions based on one set text	40%



More detailed information on GCSE Drama is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



FURTHER MATHEMATICS

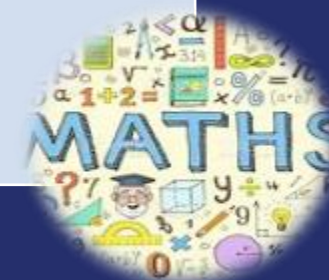


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What will GCSE Further Mathematics involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Pure Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination in the form of a single question-and-answer booklet that includes a formula sheet.2 hours	50%
Unit 2: Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination in the form of a single question-and-answer booklet that includes a formula sheet.1 hour	25%
Unit 3: Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination in the form of a single question-and-answer booklet that includes a formula sheet.1 hour	25%



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GEOGRAPHY

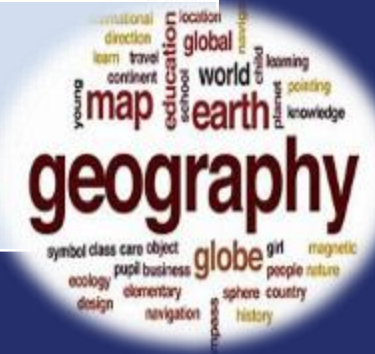


"Providing our students with a window to the world."



What will Geography GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Understanding Our Natural World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 2: Living in Our World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 3: Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour	20%



More detailed information on Geography GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



HISTORY



"The past, present, future..."



What will History GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: a) Life in Nazi Germany 1933-45 a) Changing Relationships: Northern Ireland and its neighbours 1965-1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External written examination• 1 hour 45 minutes	60%
Unit 2: International Relations 1945-2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External written examination• 1 hour 15 minutes	40%



More detailed information on History GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



HOME ECONOMICS – CHILD DEVELOPMENT



"Your health is your wealth."



What will Home Economics: Child Development GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Parenthood, Pregnancy and the New Born Baby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 15 minutes	30%
Unit 2: The Development of the Child (0–5 Years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 15 minutes	30%
Unit 3: Controlled Assessment: Investigation Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Externally set - Students complete one task from a choice of two	40%



More detailed information on Home Economics: Child Development GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



HOME ECONOMICS- FOOD & NUTRITION



"Your health is your wealth."



What will Home Economics: Food & Nutrition GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Food & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External written examination• 2 hours	50%
Unit 2: Practical Food & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Externally set - Controlled assessment	50%



More detailed information on Home Economics: Food & Nutrition GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



LEARNING FOR LIFE AND WORK



"Meeting the challenges and opportunities of modern society."



What will Learning for Life and Work GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Local and Global Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour	20%
Unit 2: Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour	20%
Unit 3: Employability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour	20%
Unit 4: Controlled Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Externally set - Students complete one task from a choice of threeTeacher Marked and Moderated	40%



More detailed information on Learning for Life & Work GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



LEISURE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM



"Your Journey Starts Right Here!"



What will Leisure, Travel & Tourism GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Understanding the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External written examination• 1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 2: Promoting and Sustaining the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• External written examination• 1 hour 30 minutes	40%
Unit 3: Working in the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlled Assessment	20%



More detailed information on Leisure, Travel and Tourism GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



MUSIC



"Getting in the groove!"



What will Music GCSE involve?

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1: Performing and Appraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External examination assessed by a visiting examiner	35%
Component 2: Composing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled assessmentStudents create two compositions	30%
Component 3: Listening and Appraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	35%



More detailed information on Music GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



"TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More."



What will Physical Education GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1: Factors Underpinning Health and Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 15 minutes	25%
Component 2: Developing Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 15 minutes	25%
Component 3: Individual Performances in Physical Activities and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled assessment	50%



More detailed information on Physical Education GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN (PRODUCT DESIGN)



"Where knowledge and creativity unite."



What will Technology & Design GCSE involve?



Content	Assessment	Weighting
Unit 1: Technology and Design Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	25%
Unit 2: Product Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External written examination1 hour 30 minutes	25%
Unit 3: Design Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coursework - Design and Manufacturing Project	50%



More detailed information on Technology & Design GCSE is available in your GCSE Choices Booklet.



TWILIGHT COURSES



Pupils may have an option to study the following GCSE subject as a twilight course, after the normal school day, from 3.30 - 5.00 pm:

- GCSE Drama (Omagh Learning Community)

This will take place one evening a week.

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