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Subject: GCSE Art, Craft & Design	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1AD0
Textbook / Revision Guide	N/A	
Key dates/events	January 2027: Art Gallery trip (details TBC). December 2027: Coursework deadline. January 2028: Externally Set Assignment (ESA) theme released by the exam board. April/May 2028 (Dates TBC): Students sit a 10-hour practical art exam, producing a personal final outcome in response to the theme that was set by the exam board in January.	
Homework	Students will be set homework every week. Tasks will be explained during lessons as well as posted on Google Classroom, alongside any further information/resources that the students may need.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. End of Term (EOT) assessment of coursework completed so far. Cycle 2: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. EOT assessment of coursework completed so far. Cycle 3: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. EOT assessment of coursework completed so far.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC Bitesize GCSE Art (Edexcel): https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd Includes guides on using a range of materials, information about the formal elements of Art and Design and other tips for producing a successful GCSE Art project. https://artsandculture.google.com: Excellent website for exploring art and design from different places, times and cultures. Any information regarding exhibitions or competitions that students may be interested in will be posted by the art department on Google Classroom.	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mrs K Poxson: (Head of Art) kpoxson@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs M Young: (Teacher of Art/DT) mayoung@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Business Studies	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: GCSE (9-1) Business (2017)
Textbook / Revision Guide	Textbook: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business, Third Edition ISBN: 9781398356320. https://www.hachettelearning.com/business-and-accounting The below revision guides can be purchased from: www.amazon.co.uk -REVISE Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide, Workbook and Model answer book. ISBN: 978-1292190716. -Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE Business Revision Workbook - for 2025 and 2026 exams. ISBN: 978-1292190709. • Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE Business Model Answer Workbook - for 2026, 2027 exams. ISBN: 978-1292296661.	
Key dates/events	Summer 2027 - Y10 mock exam.	
Homework	Context in Action: Business research homework set and due each week (day depends on class timetable).	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	End of topic tests as per scheme of work (roughly one per half term), regular exam practice within lesson time with live marking and feedback. All topic assessments will be completed during class time (max 50 minutes).	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/business-2017.html Past Papers: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/business-2017.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials BBC Bitesize Business Edexcel: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk Youtube revision channels: https://www.youtube.com/@TwoTeachers https://www.youtube.com/@BusinessTeacherT https://www.youtube.com/@TakingTheBiz https://www.youtube.com/@BizzWizard https://www.youtube.com/@revisionstation https://www.youtube.com/@Bizconsesh https://www.youtube.com/@tutor2u-official/playlists	
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Subject: GCSE DT Timbers	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1DT0
Textbook / Revision Guide	GCSE Design and Technology (9-1). My Revision Notes: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology. ISBN-13: 978-1510480506.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams - Summer term 2027. NEA Theme released - 1st June 2027. NEA Final submission Easter 2028. Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - Autumn Term 2028 TBC. Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term May/June 2028 TBC.	
Homework	Fortnightly on Fridays - due the following Friday. Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) homework to begin after June 2027 release of contextual challenges from the exam board.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Modular tests for each scheme of work based on both the core and subject specific content. Approximately once per half term. Practical assessments to be scheduled throughout Year 10. There will be 2-3 assessments per term.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zb6h92p DTBase (includes past papers): https://designandtechbase.com/	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr Fleckney: wfleckney@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: BTEC Digital IT	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: 603/2740/6
Textbook / Revision Guide	Pearsons BTEC Tech Award 2022 Digital Information Technology Student Book: https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/fe-vocational/subjects/computer-science-and-ict/btec-tech-award-2022-digital-information-technology/btec-tech-award-2022-digital-information-technology-student-book ISBN: 9781292444604.	
Key dates/events	<u>Component 1: (Year 10)</u> Exploring User Interface Design Principles and Project Planning Techniques The exam will take place between October 2026 - April 2027. Exams will take place in the IT Suites under exam conditions during normal timetabled lessons. <u>Component 2: (Year 11)</u> Collecting, Presenting & Interpreting Data. The exam will take place between September & November 2027. Exams will take place in the IT Suites under exam conditions during normal timetabled lessons. <u>Component 3: (Year 11)</u> Effective Digital Working Practices. The exam will take place during May 2028 at the same time as other GCSE examinations.	
Homework	Year 10: Weekly reading on digital technology linked to coursework with a quiz at the end of reading. Students must score 70%. Year 11: Weekly worksheet / exam questions linked to theory of component 3.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	<u>Component 1: (Year 10)</u> Exploring User Interface Design Principles and Project Planning Techniques. The exam will take place between October 2026 - April 2027. Exams will take place in the IT Suites under exam conditions during normal timetabled lessons.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	KS3/4 Computing Club - Wednesday Lunch. YouTube Channels: Craig 'n' Dave - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0HzEBLIJxlrwBAHJ5S9JQg Know it All Ninja – https://www.knowitallninja.com BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z34k7ty	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mrs E-L Brant: ebrant@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Drama	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1DR0
Textbook / Revision Guide	Students may use their own copy of DNA by Dennis Kelly, there are class copies in school: www.amazon.co.uk/Oberon-Modern-Plays-Dennis-Kelly/dp/1840028408 DNA revision guide: www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Drama-Play-Guide	
Key dates/events	9th October 2026: Live Theatre trip. June 2027: Year 10 mock exam on DNA and Live Theatre. May 2027: Component 1 Exam. June 30th to July 14th 2027: Component 1 coursework submission.	
Homework	Rehearsals for practical exams will be once per week as exam preparation begins. Line learning will be set weekly as needed. Coursework and revision tasks will be set as needed.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: 6 and 9 mark live theatre questions. Cycle 2: 4, 6, 9, 12 and 14 DNA questions. Cycle 3: Component 1 Devising exam, Component 1 coursework (2000 words).	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC Bitesize is a recommended source for key terminology and DNA revision. Any live theatre that students see will enrich their understanding of staging, design and acting styles, which will greatly benefit their development of theatre making for their exams.	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mrs Jones: ljones@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE English Language	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: English Literature: 8700
Textbook / Revision Guide	CGP AQA Complete Revision and Practice ISBN 978-1782944140 https://www.amazon.co.uk/English-Language-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782944141	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exam: June 2027. English Language Paper 1.	
Homework	Set weekly on Monday via google classroom and due on the following Monday. Duration approximately 1 hour per week.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Paper 1 - Question 2. Cycle 2: Paper 1 - Question 4 & Question 5. Cycle 3: Mock Exams.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	senecalearning.com/en-GB/ www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize All lesson resources will be uploaded to google classroom.	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Head of Department: Mrs S Richards: srichards@bestacademies.org.uk Head of KS4 English: Mrs L Clark : lclark@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs H Payne : hpayne@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs R Stevenson: rstevenson@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs E Daplyn: edaplyn@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE English Literature	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: English Literature: 8702
Textbook / Revision Guide	All students to have their own copy of the following texts in order to make annotations for revision: 1. 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley. 2. 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. 3. 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. Revision Guides 1. CGP An Inspector Calls GCSE English text guide 2026 2027 exams ISBN 978-1841461151. 2. CGP Macbeth GCSE English text guide 2026 2027 exams ISBN 978-1841461168. 3. CGP A Christmas Carol GCSE English text guide 2026 2027 exams ISBN 978-1782943099.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams: June 2027. English Literature Paper 2 : An Inspector Calls Essay Question. Power and Conflict Poetry Essay Question. Unseen Poetry Essay Question.	
Homework	Set weekly on Monday via google classroom and due on the following Monday. Duration approximately 1 hour per week.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: English Literature Paper 2 question on 'An Inspector Calls'. Cycle 2: English Literature Paper 2 question on poetry. Cycle 3: English Literature Paper 1 question on 'Romeo and Juliet.' Mock exam: English Literature Paper 2.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize All lesson resources will be uploaded to google classroom.	
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Subject: GCSE Food and Nutrition	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8585
Textbook / Revision Guide	AQA GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition: Revision Guide by Anita Tull Official revision guide: https://amzn.eu/d/i602Jhc ISBN:1908682809. GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Revision Guide: https://amzn.eu/d/iK7v2bt ISBN:1782946497.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams - June 2027. NEA1 Theme released - September 2027. NEA2 Theme Released - November 2027.	
Homework	Theory based homework is set approximately once per fortnight, students have one week to complete. Recipes released once per week. Students should prepare their ingredients for practicals themselves at home.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Modular assessments once per half term. Practical assessments twice per half term.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhy Food a fact of life: www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/ BBC Teach: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkdBKb0nokM&list=PLEDSPhODRPQUK8o3mqTbnRcyoHHZDo9Qb Seneca: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/revision-notes/gcse/food-preparation/aqa/and-nutrition AQA GCSE Food Preparation: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVVH2JAatQQ&list=PL3dLLzA2y58ipAZdoefAl9OIMaeCF8wgX	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr Scott: ascott@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE French	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1FR1
Textbook / Revision Guide	The school uses the following textbooks. Pupils have access to an online version through their active hub log in. Edexcel GCSE French Higher Student book 2024 https://amzn.eu/d/cwK902V; ISBN: 978-1292734675. Edexcel GCSE French Foundation Student book 2024 https://amzn.eu/d/flOKkfc; ISBN: 978- 1292466590. Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French: Revision Guide for 2026 and 2027 exams https://amzn.eu/d/2Er9mdq; ISBN: 978-1292739700. Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French: Revision Workbook - for 2026 and 2027 exams https://amzn.eu/d/9l8G2Wl; ISBN: 978-1292739731.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams: Summer term. (The speaking assessment will be before May half term ahead of the other mocks.)	
Homework	Set weekly - Duration of 1 hour. Variety of vocabulary learning, exam style questions on Active Hub and worksheets. All homework will be indicated on Google Classroom.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Reading (PPC) / Writing (EOT) Week commencing November 16th 2026. Cycle 2: Listening and Reading (PPC) / Writing (EOT) Week commencing February 22nd 2027. Cycle 3: Y10 Mock exams (Speaking in May / Listening, Reading and Writing in June 2027).	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	- Active Hub for homework and independent learning: https://activehub.pearson.com/#/login - BBC Bitesize Edexcel GCSE French (For exams from 2026): https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhkvkhv - Seneca: Edexcel French GCSE (2026 exams): https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/854579b9-fee2-4977-b836-5923d8bfe954	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Ms E. Hallauer : ehallauer@bestacademies.org.uk Ms V. Lewis : vlewis@bestacademies.org.uk Mr D. Scheid: dscheid@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Geography	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: Edexcel, Spec B
Textbook / Revision Guide	Oxford university press, revision guide: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-GCSE-Geography-Oxford-Revise/dp/1382039867 Textbook: https://global.oup.com/education/content/secondary/series/gcse-geo-edexcel-2nd-ed/?region=uk	
Key dates/events	Fieldwork trip- 7th July 2027. Year 10 Mock Exams - Week beginning 14th June 2027.	
Homework	Homework is set once a fortnight, students have a week to complete.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Pupil Progress Check (PPC) - Development dynamics (from paper 1). EOT - UK's evolving physical landscape - rivers and coasts (from paper 2). Cycle 2: PPC - UK's evolving human landscape - urban and rural challenges (from paper 2). EOT - Practice exam questions from all subjects that have been covered in Year 10 (from paper 2). Cycle 3: PPC - People and the biosphere, specifically 8 mark questions (from paper 3). End of Term Test (EOT) - Forests under threat and people in the biosphere (from paper 3).	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsg Past papers: https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography/geography-gcse-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-geography-past-papers Revision topics: https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/gcse-edexcel-b/ Revision guide: https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-9-1-Geography-Edexcel-Revision/dp/0198436238 Videos on key concepts https://timeforgeography.co.uk/ Netflix documentary on Hurricane Katrina: Katrina: Come Hell and High Water	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Subject leader: Ms Pearce: jpearce@bestacademies.org.uk Course teacher: Mrs Ip: eip@bestacademies.org.uk Course teacher: Miss Hollyoake: ahollyoake@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE History	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8145
Textbook / Revision Guide	Oxford AQA GCSE History: Germany 1890-1945 Democracy and Dictatorship Revision Guide (9-1). Oxford AQA GCSE History: Elizabethan England c1568-1603 Revision Guide (9-1). Oxford AQA GCSE History: Britain: Power and the People c1170-Present Day Revision Guide. Oxford AQA GCSE History: Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-1975 Revision Guide.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams - Summer term. Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - Autumn Term 2027.	
Homework	Homework is set weekly and students have one week to complete. Assignments include practicing exam questions and skills and research tasks to consolidate subject knowledge.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Before half term first Germany assessment, December second Germany assessment. Cycle 2: February third Germany assessment, March/April Conflict in Asia assessment. Cycle 3: Year 10 mock exams - Summer term (paper 1 only). All exams/assessments will be GCSE question and paper format and on any topic covered during KS4 at that point.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6 Past Papers: https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Subject Lead: Ms C Burgin: cburgin@bestacademies.org.uk Miss E Burge: cburge@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Mathematics	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8300
Textbook / Revision Guide	The school uses text books: AQA GCSE Maths Higher Student Book ISBN 9780198351665: https://bit.ly/3VYf3g2 AQA GCSE Maths Foundation Student Book - ISBN: 9780198351658: https://bit.ly/4nBAkrE Revision guides that accompany these: Higher Complete Revision and Practice - ISBN: 978-1382039833: https://bit.ly/4nEsPAb Foundation Complete Revision and Practice - ISBN: 978-1382039826: https://bit.ly/48rRGtq	
Key dates/events	Year 10 mock exams - June 2027. Final examinations are 3 papers of 1 hour 30mins. Written (non-calculator) - May 2028 TBC. Written (calculator) - June 2027 TBC. Written (calculator) - June 2027 TBC.	
Homework	Set weekly on Sparx maths - Set on Friday and due on Friday. Duration of 1 hour. All homework will be indicated on Google Classroom.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Week commencing November 16th 2026. Cycle 2: Week commencing February 22nd 2027. Year 10 mock exams: June 2027. All exams will be GCSE question format and, on any topic, covered during KS3 or KS4 at that point.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Sparx Maths for homework and independent practice with video support on questions - https://sparxmaths.com/ Corbett maths for question banks, revision, practice papers with video tutorials - https://corbettmaths.com/ Maths Genie for revision, past papers and mark schemes - https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/ Exam Solutions for tutorials and exam questions - https://www.examsolutions.net/ Maths and Physics Tutor for questions, past papers and model answers - https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/ MME revise has revision for all topics including KS3. Notes, examples and questions for each topic - www.mmerevise.co.uk	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Head of Department: Mrs Powell: spowell@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Stevenson (Second in department): cstevenson@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs Mannion: dmannionl@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Mannion: jmannion@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Pring: mpring@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Wood: cawood@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Walker: lewalker@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Media Studies	Examining Body: Eduqas	Specification: C680QS
Textbook / Revision Guide	WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Media Studies Student Book (Illuminate Publishing / Revision Essentials). • Eduqas GCSE Media Studies Revision Guide. • Eduqas Digital Educational Resources (Free online factsheets & set text guides).	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Summer Term: Start of Non-Exam Assessment (NEA). Year 10 Summer Term: Component 1 Mock Examination. Year 11 Autumn Term: Final NEA Practical Submission. Year 11 Autumn Term: Component 2 Mock Examination.	
Homework	• Key terminology recall • Practical media skills practice (e.g. photo shoots / mock product mock ups). • Research tasks based on set texts (e.g. James Bond / newspapers).	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Autumn Term 1: Representation task based on advertising. Autumn Term 2: Media language task based on film marketing. Spring Term 1: Industry question based on newspapers. Spring Term 2: Audience question based on video games. Summer Term 1: Mock style questions based on texts studied including unseen practise. Summer Term 2: Mock exam.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	• Eduqas Digital Resources Website (Official revision factsheets & past papers) https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1885 • BBC Bitesize - GCSE Media Studies (Eduqas Specification) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7 • Mrs Fisher Media (YouTube channel) https://www.youtube.com/@mrsfisher8961/videos • Regular consumption & analysis of news, podcasts, radio, and advertisements	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Subject Lead: Mrs Daplyn: edaplyn@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Campbell: mcampbell@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Music	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: 1MU0
Textbook / Revision Guide	Pearson Music Revision guide - ISBN: 978-1785581687: https://amzn.eu/d/3fTfINL Pearson music study guide - ISBN: 978-1785581663: https://amzn.eu/d/gkCO1po Pearson Listening tests - ISBN: 978-1785581670: https://amzn.eu/d/2nTYW94	
Key dates/events	September 2027 - Composition briefs released by exam board. Easter 2028 - All performance and composition coursework due.	
Homework	Weekly completion of practice journal. This will be checked every Monday.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Week commencing 16th November 2026. Cycle 2: Week commencing 1st March 2027. Cycle 3: Week commencing 14th June 2027.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	musictheory.net - Recapping theory knowledge under 'exercises'. teoria.com - Ear training and theory practice.	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr Weed: tweed@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Physical Education	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8582
Textbook / Revision Guide	GCSE Physical Education AQA - Oxford University Press: https://global.oup.com/education/content/secondary/series/aqa-gcse-physical-education-3ed/?region=uk AQA GCSE Physical Education - ISBN 978-1789080094.	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams - 2027 (TBC). NEA (Coursework) - 2027 (TBC). Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - Autumn Term 2027 (TBC). NEA (Practical) - Spring Term 2028 (TBC). NEA Moderation - Summer Term 2028 (TBC). Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term May 2028 (TBC).	
Homework	Set bi-weekly on a Wednesday, due the following Wednesday.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Anatomy and Physiology, Movement Analysis. Pupil Progress Check (PPC). End of Term Assessment. Cycle 2: Physical Training. Pupil Progress Checks (PPCs) Cycle 3: Year 10 Mock Exams. Sport Psychology. Pupil Progress Checks (PPCs). Start of NEA (Coursework) - Analysis of performance.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	AQA GCSE PE Past Papers: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582/assessment-resources SENECA: https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/91c639c0-06b3-11e8-a7fa-d5f998ee5b98 GCSE POD: https://www.gcsepod.com/student-resources/ BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE PE: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr R. Nicholl: rnicholl@bestacademies.org.uk	



OCR CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL SPORTS STUDIES

Subject: OCR Cambridge National - Sports Studies	Examining Body: OCR	Specification: J829
Textbook / Revision Guide	Exam Practice Workbook: https://www.hachettelearning.com/sport-and-pe/level-1-level-2-cambridge-national-in-sport-studies-j829-exam-practice-workbook?campaignid=23178995507&adgroupid=&adid=&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23179006202&gbraid=0AAAAADekf7WaxuQpN6fo7i_Hvro3cw9d9&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI_aDtvY_nlgMVs5dQBh3XjB4GEAQYBiABEgJs3fD_BwE	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exams - 2027 (TBC). NEA (Coursework) - July 2027 (TBC). Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - Autumn Term 2027 (TBC). NEA (Practical) - February 2028 (TBC). NEA Moderation - February 2028 (TBC). Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term May 2028 (TBC).	
Homework	Set bi-weekly on a Wednesday, due the following Wednesday.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: R185 - Performance and Leadership. R184 - Contemporary Issues in Sport. Pupil Progress Check (PPC). End of Term Assessment. Cycle 2: R185 - Performance and Leadership. R184 - Contemporary Issues in Sport. Pupil Progress Check (PPC). End of Term Assessment. Cycle 3: R186 - Sport and the Media. R184 - Contemporary Issues in Sport. Pupil Progress Check (PPC). End of Term Assessment.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Specification, past papers and sample assessments: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/sport-studies-level-1-2-j829/	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr R. Nicholl: rnicholl@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Psychology	Examining Body: OCR	Specification: J203
Textbook / Revision Guide	Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Foundation (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sefr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Higher (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sehr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel	
Key dates/events	Year 10 Mock Exam : June 2026 Students will complete a full Paper 1 exam, consisting of Criminal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Psychological Problems, Research Methods and elements of Neural Psychology will be assessed throughout.	
Homework	Homework will be set on a weekly basis relating to content that has been taught or is upcoming. Students should endeavour to ensure they are completing any missed notes/creating revision resources where possible.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1 - PPC - Research methods (hypotheses, variables, experiments, maths skills). EOT - Criminal Psychology. Cycle 2 - PPC - Developmental Psychology. EOT - Psychological Problems. Cycle 3 - PPC - Research methods revisited and Neural Psychology. EOT - Social Influence.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Passmore Psychology - https://passmorespsychology.weebly.com/ PsychSpace youtube - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgDm72AD6WVXKZwXgw9RGpiEX3EPR3gBH Maths Genie (Summary content) https://mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse/psychology/ocr	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Miss Crellin: ccrellin@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Science Combined	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1SC0
Textbook / Revision Guide	Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Foundation (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sefr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Higher (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sehr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel	
Key dates/events	Year 10 mock exams - June 2027. 6 exams (3 per GCSE) Exact exam dates TBC, released 12-18 months before exams • Biology 1 - May 28, Biology 2 - June 28 • Chemistry 1 - May 28, Chemistry 2 - June 28 • Physics 1 - May 28, Physics 2 - June 28 • Duration = 1 hour 10 minute, Marks = 60	
Homework	Set weekly on Tuesday and due on Monday. Duration of 1 hour. Additional homework of up to 1 hour may be set at a teacher's discretion if required. All homework will be indicated on Google Classroom.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	End of unit tests as in previous years. Roughly one every 2 to 3 weeks.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Cognito: https://cognito.org/ GCSE Combined Science - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zqkww6f Combined science exam board specification https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/Specification/gcse-combinedscience-spec.pdf GCSE Physics equation sheet https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/gcse-physics-exam-aid-1ph01sc0.pdf	
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Textbook / Revision Guide	Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Biology, (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/biology/ber46-gcse-biology-edexcel-revision-guide Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Chemistry (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/chemistry/cer46-gcse-chemistry-edexcel-revision-guide Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Physics (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/physics/per46-gcse-physics-edexcel-revision-guide	
Key dates/events	Year 10 mock exams - June 2027. 6 exams (2 per GCSE). Exact exam dates TBC, released 12-18 months before exams. • Biology 1 - May 2028, Biology 2 - June 2028. • Chemistry 1 - May 2028, Chemistry 2 - June 2028. • Physics 1 - May 2028, Physics 2 - 18th June 2028. • Duration = 1 hour 45 minute, Marks = 100.	
Homework	Set weekly on Tuesdays and due on Mondays. Duration of 1 hour. Additional homework of up to 1 hour may be set at a teacher's discretion if required. All homework will be indicated on Google Classroom.	
Year 10 Assessment Schedule	End of unit tests as in previous years. Roughly one every 2 to 3 weeks.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	Cognito: https://cognitoedu.org/home BBC Bitesize Biology: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcq2j6f BBC Bitesize Chemistry: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy984j6 BBC Bitesize: Physics: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zqpshv4	
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