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Subject: GCSE Art, Craft & Design	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1AD0
Textbook / Revision Guide	N/A	
Key dates/events	<p>December 2026: Coursework deadline.</p> <p>January 2027: Externally Set Assignment (ESA) theme released by the exam board.</p> <p>April/May 2027: (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.</p>	
Homework	<p>Students are expected to spend 1-2 hours per week on their coursework/ESA work, either at home and/or at art club at school. Homework is individual to each student and their project, and could include tasks such as (but is not limited to); artist research, working on an artwork (drawing, painting, sculpture etc.), presenting work into their sketchbook, taking photographs etc.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Cycle 1: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. End of Term (EOT) assessment of coursework completed so far.</p> <p>Cycle 2: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. EOT assessment of coursework completed so far.</p> <p>Cycle 3: Regular verbal and written feedback throughout. EOT assessment of coursework completed so far.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC Bitesize GCSE Art (Edexcel): https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd Includes guidance 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.</p> <p>https://artsandculture.google.com: Excellent website for exploring art and design from different places, times and cultures.</p> <p>Any information regarding exhibitions or competitions that students may be interested in will be posted by the art department on Google Classroom.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Head of Art: Mrs K Poxson: kpoxson@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs M Young: mayoung@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

Subject: GCSE Business Studies	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: GCSE (9-1) Business (2017)
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>Textbook: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business, Third Edition ISBN: 9781398356320. https://www.hachettelearning.com/business-and-accounting</p> <p>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.</p>	
Key dates/events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention - Monday lunch times in room 141. • GCSE exams: Paper 1: Investigating Small Business. Date: Monday 10 May 2027 - Duration: 1 hour and 45 minute Paper 2: Building a Business. Date: Wednesday 19 May 2027 - Duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes. End of topic tests will be announced on Google Classroom. 	
Homework	Context in Action - Business research homework set each Wednesday.	
Year 11 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	<p>Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.html Past Papers: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials</p> <p>BBC Bitesize Business Edexcel: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk</p> <p>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</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Miss McGuigan: nmcguigan@bestacademies.org.uk	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students began the Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) in June 2026 based on a contextual challenge. • Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - November 2026. • NEA Final submission - Easter 2027. • Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term May/June 2027 - TBC. 	
Homework	<p>Set weekly - homework tasks are based around the extended learning for the Non-Exam Assessment.</p> <p>These tasks will focus on investigation and research, design and evaluation of the final product.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>NEA is assessed every half-term with tailored and detailed feedback to all students.</p> <p>GCSE practice questions to be assessed at the end of each half-term.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC Bitesize - GCSE Edexcel Timbers: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zb6h92p</p> <p>Use of resources uploaded to google classroom, including example design folders and past GCSE papers/mark schemes.</p> <p>Intervention sessions held on Wednesdays from 3pm - 4pm.</p> <p>There will be a lunch time club to offer support for the student's practical work and final GCSE product. This will run 4 days a week in the Spring term.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr Fleckney: wfleckney@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: BTEC Digital IT	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: 603/2740/6
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>Pearsons BTEC Tech Award 2022 Digital Information Technology Student Book: https://tinyurl.com/kybj2w2x ISBN:9781292444604.</p> <p>Pearson Revise BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Revision Guide (2022):https://tinyurl.com/ysyvu77e ISBN:9781292436098.</p> <p>Pearson Revise BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology, Practise Assessment Plus (2022): https://tinyurl.com/3s88yxh6 ISBN: 9781292436227.</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>Component 2: (Year 11) Collecting, Presenting & Interpreting Data. The exam will take place between September - November 2026 Exams will take place in the IT Suites under exam conditions during normal timetabled lessons.</p> <p>Component 3: (Year 11) Effective Digital Working Practices The exam will take place on 3rd May 2027 at the same time as other GCSE examinations.</p>	
Homework	<p>Year 11 - weekly reading on digital technology linked to coursework with a quiz at the end of reading. Students must score 70%.</p> <p>Year 11 - weekly worksheet /exam questions linked to theory of component 3.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p><u>Component 2: (Year 11)</u> Collecting, Presenting & Interpreting Data The exam will take place between September - November 2026 Exams will take place in the IT Suites under exam conditions during normal timetabled lessons.</p> <p><u>Component 3: (Year 11)</u> Effective Digital Working Practices The exam will take place on 3rd May 2027 at the same time as other GCSE examinations</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>Know it All Ninja – https://www.knowitallninja.com BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z34k7ty Attendance at all Year 11 Intervention sessions on Thursday lunchtime.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mrs E-L Brant: ebrant@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Drama	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1DR0
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>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</p> <p>DNA revision guide: www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Drama-Play-Guide</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>November 2026 - Y11 mock exam on DNA and Live Theatre.</p> <p>March 2027 - Component 2 performance exams.</p>	
Homework	<p>Rehearsals for practical exams will be held once per week as exam preparation begins.</p> <p>Line learning will be set weekly as required.</p> <p>Revision tasks will be set as required.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Cycle 1: Live Theatre 6 and 9 mark questions, refinement of C1 Portfolio coursework.</p> <p>Cycle 2: 4, 6, 9, 12 and 14 mark questions. Component 2 exam.</p> <p>Cycle 3: Mock exam questions - whole paper.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC Bitesize is a recommended source for key terminology and DNA revision.</p> <p>Any live theatre students see will enrich their understanding of staging, design and acting styles which will greatly benefit their development of theatre making for their exams.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Mrs Jones: ljones@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

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 11 mock exam 2: February 2027 - English Language Paper 2.	
Homework	Set weekly on Monday via google classroom and due on the following Monday. Duration approximately 1 hour per week.	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: English Language Paper 2 Question 4. Cycle 2: English Language Paper 2 Question 5. Cycle 3: Various assessments on Paper 2.	
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 English - Mrs S Richards: srichards@bestacademies.org.uk 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	<p>All students to have their own copy of the following texts in order to make annotations for revision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley. 2. 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. 3. 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. <p>Revision Guides</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>December 2026 - Mock Exam: Paper 1: Essay question on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Essay question on 'A Christmas Carol'.</p> <p>February 2027 - Mock Exam: English Literature Paper 2 - Poetry and An Inspector Calls.</p>	
Homework	<p>Set weekly on Monday via google classroom and due on the following Monday. Duration approximately 1 hour per week.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Cycle 1: English Literature Paper 1 Mock Exam. Cycle 2: English Literature Paper 2 Mock Exam. Cycle 3: Various assessments of both papers in the lead up to GCSEs.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize All lesson resources will be uploaded to google classroom.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Head of English - Mrs S Richards: srichards@bestacademies.org.uk 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</p>	

Subject: GCSE Food and Nutrition	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8585
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>AQA GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition: Revision Guide by Anita Tull. Official revision guide: https://amzn.eu/d/i602Jhc ISBN:1908682809.</p> <p>GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition - AQA Revision Guide: https://amzn.eu/d/iK7v2bt ISBN:1782946497.</p>	
Key dates/events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-exam Assessment (NEA) 1 Theme released - 1st October 2026. • NEA 2 Theme Released - November / December 2026. • Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - Autumn Term 2026. TBC. • 3-Hour Practical Exam - Circa Easter 2027. • Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term May 2027. 	
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory based homework is set approximately once a week, students have a week to complete. This is set on google classroom and completed on SENECA. • Recipes released roughly a week in advance of the lesson. Students should prepare their ingredients for practicals themselves at home. Ingredients list/recipe is set on google classroom. 	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular assessments approximately once per half term. • Practical assessments twice per half term. 	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv</p> <p>Food a fact of life: https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/</p> <p>AQA GCSE Food Preparation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVVH2JAatQQ&list=PL3dILzA2y58ipAZdoefAI9OIMaeCF8wgX</p> <p>BBC Teach: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkdBKb0nokM&list=PLEDSPhODRPQUK8o3mqTbnRcyoHHZDo9Qb</p> <p>Seneca: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/revision-notes/gcse/food-preparation/aqa/and-nutrition</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	Mr Scott: ascott@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE French	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1FR1
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>The school uses the following textbooks. Pupils have access to an online version through their active hub log in.</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE French Higher Student book 2024 https://amzn.eu/d/cwK902V; ISBN: 978-1292734675.</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE French Foundation Student book 2024 https://amzn.eu/d/flOKkfc; ISBN: 978- 1292466590.</p> <p>Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French: Revision Guide for 2026 and 2027 exams https://amzn.eu/d/2Er9mdq; ISBN: 978-1292739700.</p> <p>Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French: Revision Workbook - for 2026 and 2027 exams https://amzn.eu/d/9l8G2Wl; ISBN: 978-1292739731.</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>Intervention - Thursday at lunch times in room 230-231.</p> <p>Year 11 Mock Exams: Speaking - beginning of November.</p> <p>Reading, Listening and Writing - From 4th December 2026.</p> <p>Year 11 Final GCSE Examinations:</p> <p>Paper 1: Speaking - after Easter.</p> <p>Paper 2: Listening - 26/05/27</p> <p>Paper 3: Reading - 08/06/27</p> <p>Paper 4: Writing - 14/06/27</p>	
Homework	<p>Set weekly - Duration of 1 hour.</p> <p>Variety of vocab learning (Quizlet), exam style questions on Active Hub and worksheets.</p> <p>All homework will be set on Google Classroom.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Cycle 1: Y11 Mock exam.</p> <p>Cycle 2: Listening and Reading (PPC) / Speaking (EOT) Week commencing February 22nd 2027.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Ms E. Hallauer : ehallauer@bestacademies.org.uk</p> <p>Ms V. Lewis : vlewis@bestacademies.org.uk</p> <p>Mr D. Scheid: dscheid@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

Subject: GCSE Geography	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: Edexcel, Spec B
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>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</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams - 4th December 2026.</p> <p>Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term. May 2027. TBC.</p>	
Homework	<p>Homework is set once a fortnight, students have a week to complete. Intervention sessions held 2 times a week Tuesday and Wednesday 3.00-4.00, by invitation only.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Cycle 1: Pupil Progress Check (PPC): Practice answering an 8-mark question based on paper 3 (Consuming energy resources or forests under threat.) End of Term (EOT) test: Paper 3 mock. Cycle 2: PPC: Practice a 12 mark question (Paper 3 topics). EOT: Practice exam questions from all topics that have been covered in year 10 and 11 (from all papers).</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsq 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 Video's on key concepts https://timeforgeography.co.uk/ Netflix documentary on Hurricane Katrina: Katrina: Come Hell and High Water.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Subject leader - Ms Pearce: ipearce@bestacademies.org.uk Course teacher: Mrs Ip: eip@bestacademies.org.uk Course teacher: Miss Hollyoake: ahollyoake@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

Subject: GCSE History	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8145
Textbook / Revision Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA GCSE History: Understanding the modern World textbook • 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 11 Autumn Mock Exams - December 2026. (please note there will be no History mock in February) Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term. May 2027. TBC.	
Homework	Homework set weekly students have a week to complete. Research or exam skills based. Intervention sessions will be held on Monday lunch time and Tuesday after school.	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	Year 11 Mock Exams - December 2026. Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term - May 2027 - TBC.	
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 Leader - Ms Burgin: cburgin@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Mathematics	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: 8300
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>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/48rRGTr</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>Year 11 mock exams - Week commencing November 30th 2026 Year 11 mock exams - Week commencing February 22nd 2026. Final examinations are 3 papers of 1 hour 30 minutes. Written (non-calculator) - May 14th 2027. Written (calculator) - May 27th 2026. Written (calculator) - June 14th 2026.</p>	
Homework	<p>Set weekly on Sparx maths - Set on Friday and Due on Friday. 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.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Topic assessments (PPCs) given after each 2-3 week topic. 2 sets of mock exams in November and February. All exams will be GCSE question format and, on any topic, covered during KS3 or KS4 at that point.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>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</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Head of Maths - Mrs Powell: spowell@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Stevenson (Second): cstevenson@bestacademies.org.uk Mrs Mannion: dmannion1@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Mannion: jmannion@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Walker: lewalker@bestacademies.org.uk Mr Wood: cawood@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

Subject: GCSE Music	Examining Body: Pearson	Specification: 1MU0
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>Pearson Music Revision guide - ISBN: 978-1785581687: https://amzn.eu/d/3fTfINL</p> <p>Pearson music study guide - ISBN: 978-1785581663: https://amzn.eu/d/gkCO1po</p> <p>Pearson Listening tests - ISBN: 978-1785581670: https://amzn.eu/d/2nTYW94</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>September 2026 - Composition briefs released by exam board. Easter 2027 - All performance and composition coursework due.</p>	
Homework	<p>Weekly completion of practice journal. This will be checked every Monday.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Thursday 17th December 2026 - Solo performances being recorded. Thursday 18th March 2027 - Ensemble performances being recorded.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>musictheory.net - Recapping theory knowledge under 'exercises'. teoria.com - Ear training and theory practice.</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Mr Weed: tweed@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	



GCSE PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Subject: GCSE Philosophy and Religious Studies	Examining Body: AQA	Specification: A/8062
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A Christianity, Islam, Judaism and the Themes:</p> <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=AQA+GCSE+%289-1%29+Religious+Studies+Specification+A+Christianity%2C+Islam%2C+Judaism+and+the+Religious%2C+Philosophical+and+</p> <p>AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A Christianity, Judaism and the Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Themes.</p> <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-Specification-Christianity-Philosophical/dp/1398324531/ref=pd_lpo_d_sccl_1/523-5330446-6265564?pd_rd_w=ZvSI1&content-id=a</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>Year 11 Mock exams - November 2026.</p> <p>Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term.</p>	
Homework	<p>Once weekly. Homework related to skills, e.g. 12 mark questions related to topic of study.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>Year 11 Mock Exams - November 2026.</p> <p>Year 11 Final Exams - Summer Term.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>BBC Bitesize:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h</p> <p>Past Papers</p> <p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-8062/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Mr S Brooks: sbrooks@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	



GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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 11 mock exams - Week commencing November 30th 2026. NEA Deadline (Coursework) - Week commencing February 2027. Year 11 Spring Mock Exams - Week commencing February 22nd 2027. Non-Exam Assessment (Practical) - Week commencing 22nd March 2027. Year 11 Final Exams - Paper 1 - 13th May 2027. Paper 2 - 20th May 2027.	
Homework	Set bi-weekly on a Wednesday.	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	Cycle 1: Pupil Progress Checks (PPCs) - Socio-cultural influences. End of Term Assessment. Cycle 2: PPCs - Health, Fitness and Wellbeing. Paper 1 Revision. Cycle 3: Year 11 Mock Exams. Targeted Revision. NEA (Coursework) - Completion of 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 Mr M. Dawson: mdawson@bestacademies.org.uk	

Subject: GCSE Science Combined	Examining Body: Edexcel	Specification: 1SC0
Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Foundation (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sefr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Combined Science Higher (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/combined-science/sehr46-gcse-combined-science-edexcel</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>6 final science exams (3 exams per GCSE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 1- 11th May 2027, Biology 2 - 10th June 2027 • Chemistry 1-17th May 2027, Chemistry 2 - 15th June 2027 • Physics 1- 25th May 2027, Physics 2 - 18th June 2027 • Duration = 1 hour 10 minute, Marks = 60 	
Homework	<p>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.</p> <p>All homework will be indicated on Google Classroom.</p>	
Year 11 Assessment Schedule	End of unit tests as in previous years. Roughly every 3 weeks.	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>Cognito: https://cognitoedu.org/home</p> <p>GCSE Combined Science - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zqkww6f</p> <p>Combined science exam board specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/Specification/gcse-combinedscience-spec.pdf https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/Specification/gcse-combinedscience-spec.pdf</p> <p>Required practical videos: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/GCSE%20Science%20video%20links%20sheet.pdf</p> <p>GCSE Physics equation sheet: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Science/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/gcse-physics-exam-aid-1ph01sc0.pdf</p>	
Subject leader / Course teachers	<p>Head of Science - Mrs Adams: eadams@bestacademies.org.uk</p> <p>Dr Hills: Shills@bestacademies.org.uk</p> <p>Miss Anderson-Trickey: canderson-trickey@bestacademies.org.uk</p> <p>Mrs Crighton- Rook: hcrightonrook@bestacademies.org.uk</p>	

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Textbook / Revision Guide	<p>Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Biology, (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/biology/ber46-gcse-biology-edexcel-revision-guide</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Chemistry (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/chemistry/cer46-gcse-chemistry-edexcel-revision-guide</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Physics (Pearsons): https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science/physics/per46-gcse-physics-edexcel-revision-guide</p>	
Key dates/events	<p>6 Science exams (2 per GCSE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 1 - 11th May 2027, Biology 2 - 10th June 2027. • Chemistry 1 -17th May 2027, Chemistry 2 -15th June 2027. • Physics 1 - 25th May 2027, Physics 2 - 18th June 2027. • Duration = 1 hour 45 minute, Marks = 100. 	
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 11 Assessment Schedule	<p>End of unit tests as in previous years. Usually every 2-3 weeks.</p>	
Recommended websites / Extended learning opportunities	<p>Cognito: https://cognitoedu.org/home</p> <p>BBC Bitesize Biology: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcq2j6f</p> <p>BBC Bitesize Chemistry: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy984j6</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: Physics: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zqpshv4</p>	
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