

Key Stage 4 Courses 2009 – 2011.
Assessment Information and Exam Boards.

ENGLISH: GCSE AQA

Assessment

Coursework	-	20%	-	Written
	-	20%	-	Speaking and Listening
Examination	-	60%	-	two papers - Paper 1 - 1¾ hours - Paper 2 - 1½ hours

ENGLISH LITERATURE: GCSE AQA

Assessment

Coursework	-	30%	-	Written
Examination	-	70%	-	One 2 hour paper

MEDIA STUDIES: AQA

Assessment

Candidates are required to submit:

- 1 Three pieces of coursework mainly in Year 10, and an extended practical project in Year 11, totalling **50%** of GCSE marks.
- 2 A Controlled Test: a mix of theory and practical work, on a set topic, at the end of Year 11, also **50%**.

MATHEMATICS GCSE: AQA

Module 1	Written paper on Handling Data	18%
Module 2	Written paper on mainly Number	27%
Module 3	Two written papers ~ Non-calculator paper ~ With-calculator paper	55%

SCIENCE: AQA

Modular Science: 2 GCSEs

ASSESSMENT

GCSE 1 (Year 10)

- Core Science – 6 module tests	- 30 minutes per test	- 12.5% each
ISA - Individual Skills Assessment	- In class practical Exam	- 20%
PSA – Practical Skills Assessment	- Teacher Assessment	- 5%

GCSE 2 (Year 11)

- Additional Terminal Papers - 3 x 1 hour written exam at the end of Year 11 – 25% each
ISA - Individual Skills Assessment 20%
PSA – Practical Skills Assessment 5%

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE GCSE- OCR

Assessment:

Unit 1 assessed by controlled coursework assessment = 60%
Unit 2 assessed by a written examination = 40%

Children's Care, Learning and Development.

BTEC First Certificate : Edexcel

Assessment: There are assessed tasks for each unit. There is no final examination in this subject, so your final grade will depend entirely on these tasks.

BTECs are graded differently to GCSEs. You can achieve a Pass, a Merit or a Distinction in this course. The grid below shows the equivalent grades at GCSE.

BTEC grade	Pass	Merit	Distinction
GCSE grade	2 x C grade	2 x B grade	2 x A grade

Each student must complete 60 hours of Work experience in a care setting with children under the age of 8 years old.

SPANISH: AQA / FRENCH: AQA / GERMAN: AQA

Assessment:

- There will be a listening exam and a reading exam of about 45 minutes each at the end of year 11.
- The speaking exam will last for 12 minutes maximum and will be conducted by your teacher.

The written exam is completed in school and is based on a topic of your choice

Design and Technology

Food, Graphics, Resistant Materials: Textiles, Electronics: AQA

All technology GCSEs (those shown above) are assessed in the same way:

- Examination 40% 1 written paper
- Coursework 60% 1 single project

Catering: Welsh Board

Assessment: 60% coursework - 2 practical assignments.

40% written examination. Emphasis is on practical skills throughout.

ICT

AWARD IN DIGITAL APPLICATIONS (AiDA)

CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL APPLICATIONS (CiDA):

There is no exam as both units are assessed through coursework. You will build an online e-portfolio which will contain all of your work for the units.

GCSE Business Studies (full course)

AQA Specification 3210

Assessment:

Unit 1 – Setting up a Business – Written Paper (1 hour) 60 marks / 40%

Unit 2 – Growing as a Business – Written Paper (1 hour) 60 marks / 35%

Unit 3 – Investigating Business – Coursework (Controlled) 40 marks / 25%

GEOGRAPHY: OCR B

Assessment

Unit 1 Sustainable Decision Making: 25%

This will be an hour long exam.

Unit 2 Key Geographical Themes: 50%

This will be an hour and a half exam with a choice of questions.

Unit 3 Geographical Enquiry: 25%

You will complete 2 pieces - one will have a fieldwork focus. The second piece will be a short geographical investigation.

HISTORY: AQA

Assessment

Medicine = 1hr 45mins exam paper worth 35%

Germany = 1hr 45mins exam paper worth 40%

Bath = 1 controlled coursework assignment worth 25%

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: EDEXCEL

Short Course GCSE

There is no coursework. There will be an examination lasting 2 hours at the end of the course.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: OCR

Full Course GCSE

Assessment

There will be one piece of coursework in Year 10 and a second piece in Year 11 – totalling 20% of the final mark. At the end of Year 11 there will be 2 exams of 1½ hours each (40% each).

ART AND DESIGN: OCR

3 coursework units - 60%

1 examination paper - 40%

You will have at least three weeks to make preparatory studies for your examination piece and ten hours to complete it.

DRAMA: EDEXCEL

Unit 1 30% **Drama Exploration**

Teacher assessed practical work based on the exploration of an issue or topic decided by your teacher. This work is supported by a portfolio of documentary evidence.

Unit 2 30% **Play Text Exploration**

Teacher assessed practical work based on the exploration of a play. The work is supported by a portfolio of documentary evidence. You will also have to write a review of a live theatre performance.

Unit 3 40% **Drama Performance**

Externally assessed practical examination. You will work in a small group to produce a play for performance to an audience as well as an outside examiner.

MUSIC: EDEXCEL

Assessment:

Paper 1	Solo and Ensemble Performing	30%
Paper 2	Composing	30%
Paper 3	Listening Exam	40%

Dance: AQA

Assessment

Written paper 20%
Set study solo 20% (practical examination)

Coursework:

Performance in a group 20%
Choreography 30%
Extended programme note 10%

Sport: OCR

Level 2 National Award in Sport (equivalent to 2 GCSEs A* - C)

100% Coursework.