

Exam Board Websites

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OCR - www.ocr.org.uk

AQA - www.aqa.org.uk

EDEXCEL - www.edexcel.com

Year 10

Coursework Guidance



Maths - EDEXCEL

There is no coursework for Maths any more but your son or daughter may find the following revision guides and work books helpful:

Letts Higher for sets 1-4 or Foundation for sets 5 & 6.
All students require a scientific calculator for lessons and exams.

Religious Studies - EDEXCEL

There is no coursework completed in RS. All Year 10 students sit the first half of their GCSE in Religious Studies in June of Year 10. This is a two hour exam on St Mark's Gospel and counts for 50% of the entire GCSE.

Music - EDEXCEL

There will be major deadlines for Year 10 on the week beginning 15th December 2008 and the week beginning 18th May 2009. There is also a Year 10 Mock performance exam on Monday 8th June 2009.

There is one further piece of coursework to complete by the end of February in Year 11 and a performance exam will take place in March of Year 11.

History - EDEXCEL

Students cover two modules, Medicine through Time in Year 10 and Germany 1918 – 1945 in Year 11.

There are two pieces of coursework for History.

- a) Prohibition in 1920s America – five pieces of work which will be set in March in Year ten and completed by April / May
- b) Nazi Economic Policies – three essays set in Year 11 around November/December to be completed by January.

The following textbooks are useful and form an essential part of their study:

Medicine for Edexcel – an SHP study in Development (ISBN 9780719577277)

Germany 1918 – 1945 – a study in Depth (ISBN 9780719570599)

Dance - AQA

Coursework requirements for Dance (all in Year 11 but mock and preparatory examinations in Year 10 & 11):

Set Study Practical Examination
Choreography Practical Examination
Extended Programme Note Coursework
Group Dance Practical Examination

All set throughout the year and due for final assessment late Spring Term

Moderation early Summer Term (Year 11) – all students must attend

English - OCR

Coursework is set by individual teachers at the appropriate time in their teaching of the course this is ongoing over the two years which means that all classroom and homework is very important.

GCSE Business and Communications Systems EDEXCEL

The coursework element of the subject is officially started at the beginning of the students first term in Year 11. They are given the first half-term to complete it, the teachers will then mark the first draft ready to give back after their Year 11 mock examinations in December. The final deadline for completed coursework is the half-term break of the Spring Term. Coursework is worth 25% of the GCSE.

GCSE Double Award Applied Business OCR

With the nature of the applied course two of the three units are portfolio units and are being run throughout the whole of Year 10 by two different teachers taking one unit each. They will then be assessed by each teacher who will return them to the students for improvement. The final submission of both portfolio units is by the end of April in Year 11. The two portfolio units are Unit 1 Investigating Businesses (Coca-Cola plus one other) and Unit 2 People in Business (Cotswold Wildlife Park). The portfolio units are worth 66.66% of the whole GCSE.

ICT - AQA

ICT have two courses at KS4, the GCSE ICT short course and the Applied ICT course. Coursework for both is ongoing during year 10 and 11. Mini deadlines are set for specific coursework sub tasks and these may vary from teacher to teacher depending on the ability of the group being taught, below is a breakdown of our overall deadlines for coursework:

a) GCSE ICT Short Course

All work for the 13 sub tasks is taken in for moderation on the day we break up for the Easter holidays. Deadlines for each individual task are set by the individual teachers based on the progress of each class.

b) GCSE Applied ICT

This is a coursework only course and deadlines are set on a task by task basis by each individual teacher. All work for Units 1 and 2 is taken in for moderation on the day we break up for the Easter holidays.

GCSE PE - EDEXCEL

Students complete a 6 Week Personal Exercise Programme (PEP) which they will begin to plan for in the summer term of Year ten. They will complete the PEP by November in Year 11. Students will also receive grades for practical performances in their best sports, there is then a compulsory practical moderation around May in Year 11.

BTEC First Certificate in Sport - EDEXCEL

The pupils will be required to complete a series of assignments throughout the year. Each new assignment comes with a front cover which includes criteria that will allow students to work towards a distinction. Students always get time in lessons to work on assignments with the teacher but in order to receive a distinction grade they must do extra work at home.

Art & Design - OCR

The Year 10 students must complete one full coursework unit by July this academic year. This will include a supporting sketchbook and a final composition. All homework and class work will contribute directly to their GCSE coursework and it is vitally important that all students keep up with weekly assignments. A detailed breakdown of the course requirements is in their GCSE Art handbooks

Drama - EDEXCEL

Course work will be required in Year 11 covering two different units. This will involve the completion of a portfolio.

Paper 1 Unit 1: Portfolio (response, development, evaluation) completed in January of Year 11.

Paper 1 Unit 2: Portfolio (response, development, evaluation): February Half Term of Year 11.

French/German - AQA

Students take 2 Modules in Year 10

Module 1 & 2 represent (Module 1 = 12.5 %) (Module 2 = 25 %) 37.5 % of the overall percentage of their final GCSE.

It is vital to prepare very well for both of these:

Module 1 will be assessed in January straight after coming back from Christmas break. Students should have learnt their script for this taped speaking exam which covers six topics. They are allowed 60 words maximum in this oral exam, this should not include any verbs.

Module 2 will be tested formally in the hall at a date fixed by the board (end of May/ June) and this will test both listening and reading skills. (12.5% Listening & 12.5% Reading)

D&T- Resistant Materials - AQA
D&T - Graphics - AQA

The Year 10 resistant material and graphics coursework starts in the summer term. The small projects we work on are left to the individual demand of the teacher but are mostly school based and practical.

Year 11 pupils have to produce the design portfolio by the Christmas holidays. This should include all written work apart from the Evaluation.

D&T - Food Technology - AQA
D&T - Textiles - AQA

The coursework assignments are started in the summer term of Year 10 around May or June. They will continue to work on this into Year 11 and it will be due in by February half term of Year 11.

Geography - AQA

Coursework is not required until Year 11 and all assignments will be completed and handed in by January 31st.

Science

Double Award - OCR

The coursework case study was completed in Year 9. This will be improved on in lessons after the exams in June of Year 10.

The second piece of coursework is a practical investigation which will be completed in lesson time in January of Year 11.

Triple Science - OCR

This follows the same structure as Double Science but they will have two practical investigations to complete during lesson time.

Applied Science - OCR

All coursework is completed during lesson time but students have the opportunity to improve the level of their work at home. The deadlines for the two coursework assignments are December of Year 11 and April of Year 11.