

Year 9 GCSE

Year 9 marks an important transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4, as students begin studying GCSE and vocational qualifications. Building on the knowledge, skills and understanding developed during Years 7 and 8, students are introduced to the content, expectations and assessment requirements of their chosen examination specifications. Learning becomes increasingly specialised, with a greater emphasis on independent study, critical thinking, practical application and subject-specific skills. Throughout the year, students develop the confidence, resilience and academic foundations needed to succeed in their qualifications and to prepare for the demands of Years 10 and 11.

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English (AQA)	19th Century Literature	19th Century Literature	Unseen Poetry	Non-Fiction Comparison	An Inspector Calls/ Spoken Language	An Inspector Calls/ Spoken Language
Maths (Edexcel)	Algebra & Graphs	Fractions, Ratio & Proportion	Geometry & Measures	Probability & Statistics	Equations & Functions	Revision & Problem Solving
Science (AQA)	Cells, Atomic Structure & Energy	Organisation & Chemical Changes	Disease & Electricity	Forces & Energy Transfer	Ecology & Sustainability	GCSE Skills & Assessment
History (WJEC Eduqas)	Medical knowledge and Elizabethan government	Causes of illness and disease and Elizabethan lifestyles of the rich and poor	Prevention of illness and Elizabethan entertainment	Treatment of illness and the Elizabethan religious settlement	Patient care and the Catholic threat	Public health and the Spanish Armada
Geography (AQA)	Natural Hazards and Tectonic Hazards	Weather Hazards and Climate Change	The Living World: Ecosystem and Tropical Rainforest	Tropical Rainforest and hot desert	UK Physical Landscapes: Coast	UK Physical Landscapes: River
Religious Studies (WJEC Eduqas)	Issues of Relationships - What makes a relationship committed and successful?	Issues of Relationships - Should religious teachings about relationships and gender change?	Issues of Life and Death - How did the universe and life begin, and why should life be protected?	Issues of Life and Death - Who should decide when life begins and ends, and what happens after death?	Issues of Good and Evil - Why do people commit crime and suffer, and should justice or forgiveness prevail?	Issues of Human Rights - How should believers respond to inequality, prejudice, poverty and injustice?
PSHE	Health & Wellbeing	Healthy Relationships	Living in the Wider World	Diversity & Equality	Careers Education	Financial Decision Making
French (AQA)	KS3 revision	Identity and relationships with others	Healthy living and lifestyle	Healthy Living and Lifestyle	Education and Work	Education and Work
Spanish (AQA)	KS3 revision		Healthy living and lifestyle	Healthy Living and Lifestyle	Education and Work	Education and Work

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		Identity and relationships with others				
Art & Design (AQA)	Natural Forms: Mixed Media	Natural Forms: 3D Sculpture	Acrylic Painting	Recording & Experimentation	Personal Response	Portfolio Development
Photography (AQA)	Camera Skills & Composition	Light & Exposure	Editing & Digital Techniques	Natural Forms Project	Personal Investigation	Portfolio Development
Drama (WJEC Eduqas)	Introduction to GCSE Drama	Devising Theatre	An Inspector Calls	Practitioners Revisited	Scripted Performance	Evaluation & Review
Dance (AQA)	Introduction to GCSE Dance Dance Terminology Technique	Dance Terminology Choreography project Performance skills	Production Feature Choreography project Fairy tales	Analysis of production feature Fairy tales	Musicals Analysis of production feature	Introduction to GCSE set works
Music (Edexcel)	Ensemble Performance	Music Theory	Composition	Popular Music Performance	Set Works	GCSE Performance Skills
PE (AQA)	Fitness & Conditioning	Team Sports	Dance	Invasion Games	Athletics	Striking & Fielding
Food Preparation & Nutrition (WJEC Eduqas)	Nutrition & Healthy Eating	Food Science	Commodities	Food Provenance	International Cuisine	Practical Assessment Skills
Media Studies (WJEC Eduqas)	Media Language	Media Representations	Media Industries	Audiences	Print & Digital Media	Production Skills
Construction (BTEC)	Health & Safety	Construction Technology	Tools & Materials	Practical Construction Skills	Construction Project	Evaluation & Employability

Please click on the link below to access the examination specification.

Subject	Awarding Body	Specification
English Language	AQA	English
English Literature	AQA	English Lit
Maths	Edexcel (Pearson)	Maths
Combined Science	AQA	Science
History	WJEC Eduqas	History
Geography	AQA	Geography
Religious Studies	WJEC Eduqas	PRE
PSHE	Non-examined National Curriculum	
French	AQA	French
Spanish	AQA	Spanish
Art & Design	AQA	Art and Design
Photography	AQA	Art and Design
Drama	WJEC Eduqas	Drama
Dance	AQA	Dance
Music	Edexcel (Pearson)	Music

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Physical Education	AQA	Physical Education
Food Preparation & Nutrition	WJEC Eduqas	Food
Media Studies	WJEC Eduqas	Media
Construction	Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award	Construction