

This Curriculum Booklet outlines the content for each of the subjects that students study at JCoSS. It includes information about subject content, assessments that take place, an outline of the Home Learning that is normally set and the time required to complete it, useful website links to support learning and some tips for parents on supporting learning.

Key Dates for Year 11:

3rd November 2021 Open Evening for prospective 6th Form Students

By end of November Y11 First report sent home

22nd November 2021 –

3rd December 2021 Y11 Mock GCSE Examinations

(Dates of practical and oral examinations to be advised as

applicable)

5th January 2022 Y11 Parents' Evening (Subject conversation with teachers)

By end of February Y11 Second report sent home

1st March 2022 – 3rd March 2022 English and Maths second Mock GCSE Examinations

By end of April Y11 Third report sent home

To be confirmed GCSE written Examinations commence

To be confirmed GCSE Examinations End

I have a question / issue I would like to discuss with someone at JCoSS. Whom do I contact?

Nature of query	Whom to contact
Progress or behaviour in an individual subject	Subject teacher
Progress or behaviour in several subjects	Form tutor
Student's wellbeing or family circumstances	Form tutor
Incidents and issues outside lessons	Form tutor
Payments including School Trip payments	Finance Office
Examinations	Exams Office
Student absence	Student Services
JCoSS coaches	Transport Officer
All other enquiries (or where you are unsure)	Main Office

Curriculum organisation for Y11 students:

Kvutzah: Students are taught in their tutor groups.

Mathematics, English, Science & Jewish Education: Students are placed in sets across the year group. W ½ year.

Option subjects and Core P.E.: Students are taught in mixed ability groups.



Non-Examined Assessments

There are a small number of courses that contain a Non-Examined Assessment (NEA). Please see the relevant subject pages for details.

NEA's are essentially pieces of coursework, which must be the student's own work and not copied from someone else.

1. Attendance

It is absolutely vital that students attend lessons in the learning and planning stages in the lead up to the deadline for handing in their NEAs so that they are fully equipped to produce their best possible work. Students must hand in their NEA by the deadline given to them by their teacher. If any NEA is handed in after the deadline set by the subject teacher, the student will not be able to ask for a review of the centre assessed mark (more details of which are contained in the attached letter from the Examinations Officer and in JcoSS' Internal Appeals Procedure which can be found on Moodle).

2. Plagiarism

Plagiarism involves taking someone else's words, thoughts or ideas and trying to pass them off as your own. It is a form of cheating which is taken very seriously. Plagiarism includes, not just copying from the internet or text books without acknowledging sources, but also copying sections of work from friends. Students are required to submit signed declarations that the work they produce when submitting NEAS is their own. To uphold the integrity of their awards, exam boards take a range of measures to ensure that students' work is original. There are many ways exam boards can detect plagiarism including using Internet search engines and specialised computer software to match phrases or pieces of text with original sources and to detect changes in the grammar and style of writing or punctuation. The consequences can be severe in cases of coursework malpractice, and one of the following penalties will be applied by the Examination Board:

- the piece of work will be awarded zero marks;
- the student will be disqualified from that component for the examination series in question;
- the student will be disqualified from the whole subject for that examination series;
- the student will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

To protect our students from this, and to deter them from being tempted to plagiarise, it is JCoSS Policy that any NEA that is found by the teacher to be plagiarised will be not be submitted to be taken into consideration for the final GCSE grade: the student will therefore receive 0 marks in that section of the examination.

We appreciate your support in these important matters and our efforts to ensure that our students continue to make excellent and sustained progress in KS4.





Subject	GCSE Art	
Main topics/areas studied this year	 Continuing the second Coursework Unit for the Personal Portfolio (5FA01) which is 60% of the total GCSE. Learning to actively engage with Art and Design in order to develop as an effective and independent student. Developing creative skills through a range of media and processes, through learning to use imagination when exploring and creating images. Experimenting with a broad range of media, materials and techniques, including traditional and new media. Students will be required to keep a sketchbook/folder throughout the duration. Developing ideas and following a personal line of enquiry within the Exam theme as directed by the Exam Board. Producing a final outcome for the Coursework Unit that is a culmination of work produced in this unit. 	
	Starting the exam unit with the Externally Set Assessment (ESA) theme issued by the Exam Board – Edexcel. Students will have 30 hours of supervised preparation time followed by a 10-hour timed examination (2 Days). Sketchbooks showing ideas and developments on the theme given by the Exam Board. Detailed studies including in-depth critical study of the work of relevant Artists and Designers.	
	 Completed paintings/sculptures/prints with supporting studies to show the development of ideas leading to the final outcome of the Exam Unit of Work. Students will continue with their exam unit and get ready to sit the exam, producing outcome(s) under high level controlled conditions in 10 hours (2 Days). Students will have their work set up for the GCSE Art Exhibition and have an introduction to Art at A Level. 	
Assessment Headlines	 All assessment of coursework produced will be marked according to the exam board assessment objectives. Students work will be tracked in their sketchbooks/folders with targets given on how to achieve target grades and feedback given on how to improve upon existing grade. External Moderation of all Coursework and Exam units. 	
Useful websites or resources	http://www.wga.hu/frames-e.html/welcome.html - Online Gallery search for an artist. http://www.artmovements.co.uk/home.htm - Art Movements http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk - National Galleries http://www.tate.org.uk - Tate Galleries http://www.designmuseum.org - Design Museum http://www.axisartists.org.uk - Database of contemporary artists in the UK http://www.bfi.org.uk - The British Film Institute http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk - The Crafts Council http://www.design-council.org.uk - The Design Council	



	http://www.iniva.org – The Institute of International Visual Arts http://www.vam.ac.uk – Victoria and Albert Museum http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk – The British Museum http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk – The Saatchi Gallery https://www.pinterest.co.uk – Online mood board for research and inspiration. https://www.thisiscolossal.com – Current Art, Design and visual arts.	
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage the students to read up on the artists that will be looked at within each project, developing thoughts and opinions about the styles and work of each artist. Discussion about techniques, materials and processes and consolidating learning in class by stressing the importance of completing home learning. Encouraging students to visit galleries, exhibitions and museums to put art into context. Encourage students to take pictures and collect images of things that inspire them 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much home learning is expected per week?	Normally one task each week, taking 60 minutes on average. Some pieces may run over more than one Home Learning slot. Sometimes there may be multiple tasks that will be combined into one home learning - for example, presenting work, taking photos, printing etc.	



Subject	GCSE Business Studies (Edexcel - 1BS0)	
	 Autumn Growing the Business Making Marketing Decisions 	
Main topics/areas studied this year	 Making Operational Decisions Making Financial Decisions 	
	Summer Making Human Resource Decisions Revision	
Assessment Headlines	Paper 1: 1½ hour exam worth 50% of final grade Paper 2: 1½ hour exam worth 50% of final grade	
Useful websites or resources	 http://www.tutor2u.net/revision_notes_business_gcse.htm http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk/live/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/business/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/ 	
What parents can do to support learning	 Take every opportunity to discuss your work with your child. If possible, introduce them to family members or friends who have set up a business Encourage your child to take an interest in the wider world by watching the BBC news every day or by reading a good newspaper. Discuss news stories with them and the ways in which they affect businesses Help test key terms (definitions) 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Students can expect up to 1 hour per week.	



Subject		OCR GCSE in Computing (J277)
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Unit 1: Computer Systems Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology Unit 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming Algorithms Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments
	Spring	Unit 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming Boolean Logic Algorithms
	Summer	Revision & Exam Technique
Assessment Headlines	Examination: Unit 1: 1½ hour paper-based exam worth 50% of final grade Unit 2: 1½ hour paper-based exam worth 50% of final grade	
Useful websites or resources	Computing GCSE Page on JCoSS MOODLE Website http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-computing-j275-from-2012/ http://www.teach-ict.com/ http://cscircles.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/ http://www.codecademy.com/learn http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/intermediate2/computing/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology/ http://www.codeavengers.com/	
What parents can do to support learning	Encourage students to read around the subject and not just the course websites or textbook notes. This should include computing magazines, news articles and computing books. In addition, students will need to work independently on developing their coding skills for the programming elements of the course. Developing coding skills in languages such as Python and Javascript through tutorial sites such as Codecademy and Codeavengers is highly recommended.	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Home Learning will be set at least once per week and will vary between subject reading, online test activities and preparation for in-class topic tests. In addition, students will be expected to spend at least one hour per week outside of lessons on developing their computer programming/coding skills.	



Subject	GCSE Drama Edexcel	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	• Component 1 Devising 40% (60 marks)
	Spring	Component 2 Performance from a Text 20% (48 marks)
	Summer	Theatre Makers in Practice 40% (60 marks)
Assessment Headlines	Component 1 Devising. Create and develop a devised piece of theatre from a stimulus. Analyse and evaluate the devising process and performance creating a written portfolio. Component 2 Performance from a Text. Students will perform two key extracts from a performance text. Component 3 Theatre Makers in Practice. Practical exploration and study of one complete performance text. Live theatre evaluation. Text DNA by Dennis Kelly.	
Useful websites or resources	http://www.digitaltheatre.com/ http://www.digitaltheatre.com/education https://www.unicorntheatre.com/ https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/ http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/?gclid=CIn- sJT6w88CFUUq0wodizoIEg	
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to discuss the work completed in class regarding understanding of the drama process. Ensure students complete the evaluation of class work. Accompany students on theatre visits. In addition to the National, Barbican and West End theatres, local theatres offer extensive and varied theatre productions. Encourage students to read theatre reviews Encourage students to discuss their experience of live theatre 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Students are expected to complete their portfolios at home after each lesson, as the evaluation and analysis of the work in class informs the Portfolio assessment. Students should spend at least half an hour on this work. Diagrams, flowcharts, drawings, plans, sketches, illustrations, photographs may be included in this work. Students will be completing written tasks on their set texts.	





Subject	GCSE English		
Main	Autumn	19th Century Novel – The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde and A Christmas Carol English Literature Paper 1 English Language Paper 2	
topics/areas studied this year	Spring	Shakespeare text Romeo and Juliet	
	Summer	Revision Final Exams	
Assessment Headlines	 Year 11 mock exam English Language Paper 1 English Literature Paper 2 There will be in-class timed essay practice on all exam texts and topics. In March, we will sit further mock exams on all 4 papers: English Language Paper 1 & 2 English Literature Paper 1 		
Useful websites or resources	https://senecalearning.com/ – a great online resource to revise Literature units www.bbcbitesize.co.uk www.sparknotes.com www.aqa.org.uk • York Notes for GCSE on the texts your child is studying • AQA English Language revision guides (a variety of publications are available in book shops or on Amazon) • There are numerous revision resources on Moodle		
What parents can do to support learning	fiction Discussible Discussible Discussible Finsure Finsure Follow Learr explai -Comp	e that students read regularly from a wide range of genres of and non-fiction, including quality press and journals. It is state texts studied with students, considering different ole interpretations of them. It is ideas for writing with students and encourage them to plan work before writing. It is ideas for English exams effectively. Some ideas as the students revise for English exams effectively. Some ideas as the conventions of different writing styles e.g. writing to inform, and the conventions of different writing styles e.g. writing to inform, and describe, persuade, argue, advise And practice using them! To be past papers (available on the AQA website) answers to past questions through revision guides/textbooks	



	-Mindmap ideas and quotations about characters, themes, settings, structures and plot in texts studied. It is a myth that you can't revise for English!
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	8 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	4 pieces per fortnight. Work will include preparatory reading and annotating; written pieces; planning and preparing for assessments; making notes on a reading task and research. Each task should take approximately 40-45 minutes.



Subject	GCSE Film Studies	
	Autumn Completion of coursework component US film comparative study	
Main topics/areas studied this year	 US film comparative study US independent film 	
	Summer • Revision	
Assessment Headlines	Students will be externally assessed at the end of Year 11. There are two papers, each 1 hour 30 minutes in length (70% of final grade). Students also undertake a coursework assignment – a short film or screenplay, with evaluative analysis (30% of final grade) Students will complete practice pieces on completed course units throughout KS4.	
Useful websites or resources	 Websites: Eduqas film GCSE website: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies/gcse/ The BFI's Sight and Sound magazine Scriptwriting software: https://www.celtx.com/index.html 	
What parents can do to support learning	Encourage wider reading around the subject, with a focus on the history of film	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	2-3 Home Learnings are set a fortnight. The majority of these will take 45 minutes to complete and will not be required for the next day. The media suite is available during lunchtimes for completion of homework.	



Subject	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Main	 During the first half of this term students will be producing the NEA Task 1, to be submitted at the beginning of November. In order to complete this NEA Task they will need to: Students will select one of the 3 tasks set by AQA Students will investigate the working characteristics and the functional and chemical properties of a particular ingredient through practical investigation They will produce a report which will include research into how ingredients work and why. The written report must include photographic evidence and be between 1500-2000 words. During the second half of the term, students will begin the NEA Task 2, to be submitted at the beginning of the Summer term. Students will select one of the 3 tasks set by AQA Students will research the dietary group or culinary tradition related to the task Students will plan and prepare 4-5 dishes to demonstrate 	
topics/ar eas studied this year	 a range of technical skills During this term students will be continuing with NEA Task 2. This will be completed by the end of the Spring term and submitted at the beginning of the Summer term They will plan a final menu of 3 dishes, clearly explaining ingredients, processes, technical skills, nutrition, food provenance, cooking methods and portion size. Students will produce a time plan for producing the 3 final dishes. They will prepare, cook and present a menu of three dishes within a single period of 3 hours. Students will carry out sensory evaluation and record the results for all of their practical dishes. For the final dishes, students will carry out and record nutritional analysis, costing and identify improvements to their dishes. 	
	 During this term students will be preparing for their written examination. Revising topics covered in Year 10 Completing practice examination questions, along with looking at examination paper mark schemes. 	
Assessme nt Headline s	 Paper 1 – Food Preparation and Nutrition – 50% Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of nutrition, food, cooking and preparation Apply knowledge and understanding of nutrition, food, cooking and preparation Analyse and evaluate different aspects of nutrition food, cooking and preparation Non-exam assessment – 50% Task 1 – 15%: Food Investigation. Students are assessed on their understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients. Students will produce a written report (1500-2000) words including photographic evidence. This is internally assessed and externally moderated. 	





	Task 2 – 35%: Food Preparation Assessment. Students are assessed on their knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen task. Students will produce a portfolio including photographic evidence and plan, prepare, cook and present a final menu of three dishes. This is internally assessed and externally moderated.
Useful websites or resources	www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/foodtech www.dianasdesserts.com/ www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/basics/what-are-nutrients www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/healthyeating www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/seasons/why-eat-seasonally www.nutrition.org.uk/nutritionscience/allergy www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/foodtech/syst emspracticesrev6.shtml www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/food-technology www.videojug.com/film/how-to-make-fresh-pasta http://explorefood.foodafactoflife.org.uk/ The Food Technology Room has a range of recipe books that you can use to source recipes Nutrients (a program on the school network) is excellent for calculating and analysing the nutritional composition of food products that you design and make – Modelling TV programmes such as Master Chef and The Great British Bake Off are excellent sources for inspiring and creating original ideas.
What parents can do to support learning Number of lessons	 Help students fully prepare for food practical lessons by ensuring and a container and T Towel are supplied. Ensure all the only ingredients brought into school are fresh fruit and vegetables and kosher fish. Encourage students to evaluate their practical work the same day whilst it is still fresh in their mind; Encourage students to be independent learners; Encourage students to research and investigate food made by a wide range of chefs to use as inspiration when they are designing their own food products; Ensure all Home Learning and Coursework deadlines are met. Encourage students to revise through topics covered during lessons to help prepare for the written exam.
per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight



How	
much	
Home	
Learning	Two pieces of home learning per week each lasting 30 minutes. Preparation for
is	practical lessons is also expected.
expected	
per	
week?	



GCSE FRENCH

Examination Board:	AQA			
Why should I	Languages are an invaluable skill to have and is also a pre-requisite for lots of			
choose this	university courses. Languages can be combined with almost every subject at			
course?	university from Law to Maths, Fashion to Computer Science and taking a language			
	means spending a year abroad while at university.			
What will I gain				
from it?	The study of French, in particular, will open up a world of experiences and allow you			
	to access cultures across the globe, from Canada to the Ivory Coast. French is one of			
	the official languages of the United Nations, the European Union, the Olympic			
	Committee and the International Red Cross and is spoken by 79 million native			
	speakers and 190 million secondary speakers in over 24 countries. French is the			
	largest donor of foreign words in English and the impact of Francophone literature,			
	fashion, food, cinema and history on the United Kingdom is enormous.			
	What skills will I need? Learning a language requires a certain amount of drive,			
	patience and enthusiasm. So here's a quick reminder about how great languages are			
	to keep you motivated:			
	They increase your memory.			
	They make you and your CV stand out from the crowd when applying for			
	jobs.			
	 People who speak more than one language earn more money. 			
	 Languages enable you to travel all over the world and meet some really 			
	amazing people.			
What will I learn on	The topics on the course cover the following areas, some of which you have met at a			
this course?	less complex level during Year 9:			
	Theme 1: Identity and culture			
	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest			
	Theme 3: Current and future study & employment			
	You will be learning how to talk about these themes in relation to your own			
	experiences and those of other people, including people in			
	countries/communities where French is spoken.			
Do I have to have	In and as to take CCCC Franch vary will pood to have at adied Franch in Very Ctores 2 or			
Do I have to have prior knowledge?	In order to take GCSE French you will need to have studied French in Key Stage 3 or will need to have experience of speaking & learning French in another context. You			
prior knowledge:	will need to have a good understanding of the past, present & future tenses.			
	The manual of the past, present a ratare terises.			





How will I be examined?	 GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four papers at the same tier. Combinations of tiers across the skills will not be possible. All question papers must be taken in the same series. There will be an assessment of each of the four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing. Paper 1 – Listening 25 % of GCSE. Section A questions will be in English to be answered in English. Section B questions will be in French to be answered in French Paper 2 – Speaking 25% of GCSE. Non-exam assessment 7-9 minutes (Foundation), 10-12 minutes (Higher). The assessment will be split into three parts: Role Play, Photo Card and General Conversation. Paper 3 – Reading 25%. Section A questions will be in English to be answered in English. Section B questions will be in French to be answered in French. Section C translation from French to English. Paper 4 – Writing 25%. Students will be required to produce a written response in French to a variety of tasks including structured writing in which students respond to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing between 90 or 150 words depending on 			
	the Tier. At the Higher Tier students will also be expected to translate from English into French.			
More information can be found at:	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658			
Contact:	Ms McColgan – Head of Modern Foreign Languages			



Subject	GCSE History		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn Controlled Assessment: Russia & The USSR 1917-1939 - Unit 4 Edexcel Modern World History A		
	Controlled Assessment: Russia & The USSR 1917-1939 – Unit 4 Edexcel Modern World History A The Cold War – GCSE Edexcel Unit 1 Modern World History A		
	The Cold War – GCSE Edexcel Unit 1 Modern World History A		
Assessment Headlines	At the end of every section – mock exam questions Mock examination in the summer term Students will be assessed using examination mark schemes.		
Useful websites or resources	 www.schoolhistory.co.uk www.Johndclare.net www.bbc.co.uk/history www.bbcbitesize / history 		
What parents can do to support learning	 Use the recommended revision books to help their children to create little revision aids after every section Test their children before an assessment and help them gauge the depth of their knowledge Help their child join a library so they can request books to read around the subject Look at the resources and extend section of the Year 10 History page of Fronter with their children 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Approximately 1 ½ hours per week – this may vary depending on revision, and Controlled Assessments		



Subject	GCSE Jewish Education		
	Autumn Relationships and Lifestyle Teachings about human sexuality Jewish attitudes to chastity and to sex outside marriage; The purposes of Jewish marriage and attitudes to marriage; Jewish attitudes to divorce and remarriage; Gender Equality Religion, Peace and Conflict Violent protest and terrorism Reasons for war Nuclear war and Weapons of Mass Destruction The Just War Holy War Pacifism and Peacemaking Religious responses to victims of war		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Religion, Crime and Punishment Reasons for crime Jewish attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime Three aims of punishment Jewish attitudes to suffering and causing suffering Jewish attitudes to the punishment of criminals Jewish attitudes to forgiveness; Attitudes to the death penalty (capital punishment). Religion, Crime and Punishment Causes of Crime Jewish responses to law breakers Jewish attitudes towards suffering Types of punishment Forgiveness The Death Penalty		
	Summer • Revision		
Assessment Headlines	All students are expected to know British attitudes towards these issues and be able to compare British and Jewish values Two exams made up of short, medium and long answers. Each exam is worth 50% of the GCSE. Students will complete an end of unit test at the end of each unit that is modelled on the exam paper. Students will also complete a keywords test.		



	jewishvirtuallibrary.org	
	 jewfaq.org/index.htm 	
	• <u>maven.co.il</u>	
	• <u>g-dcast.com</u>	
Useful websites or	• <u>tali-virtualmidrash.org.il</u>	
resources	• www.chabad.org/	
	 www.masorti.org.uk/ 	
	 www.reformjudaism.org/ 	
	• www.theus.org/	
	Encourage the students to read around the topics covered;	
	Encourage discussion about topics of Jewish interest;	
What parents can do to	Encouraging students to visit Jewish museum s and events on the	
support learning	topics covered.	
	Encourage students to watch the news regularly as these issues	
	are often in the headlines	
Number of lessons per	5 lessons per fortnight	
fortnight in this subject	o lessons per fortilight	
How much Home	Namedly 2 pieces and work and taking 1 hours on average	
Learning is expected per week?	Normally 2 pieces each week, each taking 1 hour on average.	
per week:		



Subject	Kvutzah – PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Healthy Living Vaccinations and HPV Organ and Tissue Donation Intro to First Aid Careers and Employability Future Choices CV Writing Communication Skills Interview Skills		
	Relationships and Sex Education Gender, Coming Out and Allyship STIs Contraception Pregnancy Domestic Abuse, Power and Law Pornography		
Assessment Headlines	 Kvutzah (PSHCE) is delivered by a team of PSHCE specialist teachers and they will be evaluating the impact of learning over time. Teachers regularly monitor students and interventions are put in place for students that teachers have concerns about. 		
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to discuss the issues that they have been learning about in Kvutzah (PSHCE). There may be questions that they may only feel comfortable asking parents or they may wish to discuss a particularly interesting topic. Encourage students to engage with current affairs. 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	1 lesson per fortnight. There will be a number of informal opportunities outside of lesson for students to take part in.		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Home learning will be minimal however project work may be set.		



Subject	GCSE Latin			
Main topics/areas studied this year	Cambridge Latin Course Book IV: Stages 31-34 Main language features:			
	Language Revision and Momentum Tests Roman Civilisation Topics: Entertainment and Leisure • Public Baths • Theatre • The Amphitheatre • Dinner Parties • Recitationes Revision and Past Papers			
Assessment Headlines	 Three assessments over the year testing three skills from Translation (Latin-English), Literature and Roman Civilisation Sources All students will be following the WJEC Eduqas Latin syllabus for first examination in 2018. 			
Useful websites or resources	 http://www.cambridgescp.com (see esp the online vocab tester) http://latinipadapps.com/ http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures/europe/ancient_rome.as px http://www.theclassicslibrary.com http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/ https://quizlet.com/ Apps Lexidum Quizlet Memrise – good vocab learning app! 			



What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to spend a good amount of time learning vocabulary and word tables. 'Little but often' should be the mantra! Offer to test them on these. Make sure they spend their time on the words that they do not yet know (rather than going over ones which they are confident with). Flashcards can enable them to do this very efficiently. Work with students on using the dictionary at the back of their text books and their grammar notes, rather than Google Translate. Translating word for word rarely works but many students at this stage of their learning do rely on it when completing tasks at home. This inhibits their progress as it is precisely the process of translation – i.e. the steps involved in figuring out what the Latin means - that they need to learn.
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally one piece each week, taking 40-60 minutes on average. Students will be given regular vocabulary and grammar tests - not reaching the pass mark will result in a lunchtime re-test. Sometimes extended learning pieces will be set but these will never be due in for the next day. Worksheets, grammar exercises or short passages for translation may be set for completion over night.



Subject	GCSE Maths		
		Higher	Foundation
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Vectors and geometric proofProportion and graphs	 Fractions, indices and standard form Congruence, similarity and vectors
	Spring	Similarity and congruenceFurther TrigonometryFurther Algebra	Further TrigonometryFurther Algebra
	Summer	• Revision	Revsion
Assessment Headlines	 Mini assessments are set after each topic; this will be in the form of a class test or home learning. Students will sit a mock GCSE paper in December and March and the GCSE paper in June. These exams will consist of three papers, one non-calculator paper and two calculator papers. 		
Useful websites or resources	 http:/ https:/ http:/ http:/ http:/ https: https: https: https: https: https: 	/www.mymaths.co.uk (login deta /www.mathswatchvle.com (login //hegartymaths.com/ (login deta /www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/ma /nrich.maths.org/secondary-lowe /www.ukmt-resources.org.uk/ind //corbettmaths.com/ //www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.h //www.piximaths.co.uk/ks2-ks3- //www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/ s/key-stage-3-ks3-sat-past-paper	n details are provided by JCoSS) ails are provided by JCoSS) aths/ er dex-tr.html tml ks4-resource-index //student-resources/past-
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to complete Home learning on the day it is set, to use notes provided, Moodle or the websites above to support learning. Encourage students to log onto MyMaths, Mathswatch or Hegarty Maths (even when it is not set for Home Learning) to discover new areas of maths and practise Key Skills. When it comes to revision in the summer, print off past papers and work through at home under timed conditions. 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	8 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Students are set home learning tasks twice a week		



Subject	GCSE Media Studies			
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Promoting Media - Study media products from the same global conglomerate producer illustrating the media forms of film, advertising and marketing, and video games		
	Spring	News - one in-depth study covering online, social and participatory media. Students will also engage with newspapers and three set historic front covers.		
	Summer	Revision for the summer GCSE Exam		
Assessment Headlines	Students will be externally assessed at the end of year 11, however there will be end of unit tests throughout year 11. These assessments focus on the four key concepts of Media Studies: 1. Media Language 2. Audience 3. Representation 4. Institution			
Useful websites or resources	Websites: • The Lego Move Advertisment -			
What parents can do to support learning	they are i	e students to consume all types of media, rather than just those nterested in. E.g. Magazines, newspapers, radio. e students to watch/listen to the set texts		
o de la composición dela composición de la composición dela composición de la compos	Ensure that students are up to date with blog posts and set exam questions.			
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight			
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	2-3 Home Learnings are set a fortnight. The majority of these will take 45 minutes to complete and will not be required for the next day. The media suite is available during lunchtimes for completion of homework.			



Subject	Y11 Cambridge Nationals in Creative imedia		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Media Audiences and products	
	Spring	Improving previous coursework and Video Game Proposals	
	Summer	Video Game Proposals	
Assessment Headlines	Students are assessed continuously throughout the year with 3 coursework based units and an exam. There are resit opportunities for the exam, and resubmission opportunities for the coursework elements.		
What parents can do to support learning	Encourage students to consume all types of media, rather than just those they are interested in. Eg. Magazines, newspapers, radio, comics		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	2-3 Home Learning tasks are set a fortnight. The majority of these will take 45 minutes to complete and will not be required for the next day. The media suite is available during lunchtimes for completion of homework.		



Subject	GCSE Modern Hebrew		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	 Travel and tourism My studies Life in school and College and Future Plans 	
	Spring	 Education post age of 16 Jobs, careers choices and ambitions 	
	Summer	Revision on all the topics	
Assessment Headlines	Students are assessed continuously throughout the course of Key Stage Four through: • Monitoring and feedback from classwork, home learning, practice GCSE questions • End of unit tests (GCSE questions) –Reading, Speaking, Listening & Writing • Tests on new vocabulary and grammatical patterns. • Mock examination.		
Useful websites or resources	AQA- GCSE Specification-Modern Hebrew (8678) https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/modern-hebrew-8678		
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to spend time learning vocabulary for spelling tests. Show students how to proof read their work, with a particular emphasis on verbs, adjectival agreements and spelling. Students will always have their grammar notes needed to complete work accurately in their books but they will have to look back at it when working at home. Working with students on using a good online or paper dictionary rather than google translate. Translating word by word rarely works but many students at this stage do rely on it when completing tasks at home, which often limits their progress. Encouraging students to revise well for their Speaking assessments putting an emphasis on pace, accuracy and content. 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Two Home Learning tasks are set each week taking about 40-60 minutes each. In addition students may also be given vocabulary to learn on a regular basis.		



Subject	Edexcel GCSE Music		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn Set Works: Release & Samba en Preludio Unfamiliar listening Composing: Set brief from Edexcel: Performing: Solo or Group Performance		
	Spring Set Works revision of all four AoS Practice Exam Papers FINAL COURSEWORK DEADLINE (Composition) PERFORMANCE RECORDINGS (Solo and group)		
	Summer Set Works revision of all four AoS Unfamiliar listening Practice Exam Papers		
Assessment Headlines	Mock Exam: Performance (Solo and Group) Composition (One finished composition) Listening Exam Solo and Group performance recording by 30/3/18 Two compositions completed by 30/3/18 Final listening exam (1hr 30 mins) June 2018 date tbc		
Useful websites or resources	Weighting: Listening 40%, Performing 30%, Composing 30% BBC Bitesize GCSE Music http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpf3cdm Music Theory https://www.musictheory.net/ Edexcel GCSE Site https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html		
What parents can do to support learning	Support students with their performance practice and ensure that they regularly play. Attend students' performances. Encourage students to listen to the set works as much as possible. Students should also be encouraged to attend and perform at as many concerts and performances as possible. Support students with vocabulary – keyword tests		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight.		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Recommended 30 minutes practice or more everyday on their instrument(s). Written task - 30 minutes per week (textbook questions/essay practice/composition task). Practice exam papers		



Subject	Physical Education - Core		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Sports Badminton Basketball Dance Dodge ball Fitness Training Football Netball Rounders Softball Table Tennis Trampolining		
Assessment Headlines	 Students continue to learn how to lead healthy active lifestyles Students are assessed on their physical effort in Core PE lessons Continue to take part regularly in competitive sports and activities outside school through community links or sports clubs. 		
Useful websites or resources	 BBC Sports Academy - http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/academy/default.stm Youth Sport Trust –		
What parents can do to support learning	 Aid participation in clubs outside of school Watching sporting events/ competitions on the television and at stadium events 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	2 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Not applicable		



Subject		GCSE Physical Education	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	PEPHealth, Fitness and Well-being	
	Spring	Sport PsychologySocio-cultural Influences	
	Summer	Socio-cultural InfluencesExam Practice	
		/ritten Examination 1 – 90 marks – 1 hour 45 mins = 36% of ualification	
Assessment Headlines	 Written Examination 2 – 70 marks – 1 hour 15 mins = 24% of qualification 		
	Practical Assessment (3 sports)— 105 marks = 30% of qualification		
		ersonal Exercise Programme (PEP) – 20 marks = 10% of ualification	
Useful websites or resources	 www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/pe www.teachpe.com/gcse.php www.bbc.co.uk/academy www.theeverlearner.com 		
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to discuss the work completed in class Ensure students complete the evaluation of class work and any home learning Encouraging students to read sports books and magazines Encourage students to use The Ever learner to revise and to complete quizzes 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight		
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	1 hour per week.		



Subject	GCSE Product Design	
Main topics/areas studied this year	 During this term students will be continuing to work on Unit 2 - Controlled Assessment and this will carry on through to Spring Unit 2 is 60% of the total GCSE Marks Students will be focussing on 'Criterion 2 - Development of Design Proposals (including modelling)' and 'Criterion 3 - Making' Selecting a wide range of design ideas to make and develop Developing an understanding of how to select and use materials and manufacturing methods with full regard to their working properties. Developing and understanding the implications of a wide range of issues including social, moral, environmental and sustainability Carrying out detailed testing and evaluation throughout the designing and making of their ideas Evaluating the design ideas against the requirements of the design criteria Students will select their final design idea and fully evaluate this against the design criteria Students will develop their chosen idea through experimentation with a wide variety of techniques and modelling in order to produce a final design solution Students will be required to produce A3 pages for their controlled assessment portfolio. 	
	 During this term students will be continuing to work on Unit 2 – Controlled Assessment and will complete this by the end of this term Students will be focussing on 'Criterion 2 Development of Design Proposals (including modelling)', 'Criterion 3 – Making' and 'Criterion 4 – Testing and Evaluating' A fully detailed and justified product/manufacturing specification will be produced Students will produce their final outcome. This should show a high level of making, modelling, finishing skills and accuracy Students will fully evaluate their final outcome. Students will develop and understanding of how their final product can be made commercially and suggest modifications that may need to be made for this 	
	 During this term students will be preparing for their written examination – Unit 1 Preliminary Material for Unit 1 will be given to students. The context of the preliminary material will then be thoroughly researched to prepare students for the written examination Revising topics covered in Year 10 Completing practice questions and papers, along with looking at examination paper mark schemes. 	



	UNIT 1 – Written Paper
	Materials and Components
	Design and Market Influences
	Process and Manufacture
Assessment Headlines	UNIT 2 – Designing and Making Practice
	Investigating the Design Context
	Development of Design Proposals (including modelling)
	Making
	Testing and Evaluating
	Communication
	www.technologystudent.com
	www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/
Useful websites or	www.designmuseum.org
resources	www.robives.com
	The AQA Product Design textbook covers all knowledge needed for
	the exam and gives examples of how to set out and complete each
	section of the controlled assessment.
	Ensure students remain up to date with their controlled assessment
	and meet the deadlines for each Criterion
	Encourage students to visit exhibitions and museums.
What parents can do	Encourage students to be independent learners.
to support learning	Encourage students to research and investigate existing products,
	designers and manufacturing methods, relevant to their chosen
	design task.Encourage students to attend lunchtime and after school booster
	sessions.
	Ensure all Home Learning and Coursework deadlines are met.
Number of lessons per	
fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight
How much Home	
Learning is expected	2 pieces of Home Learning per week each lasting 30 minutes.
per week?	







Subject	GCSE Sciences		
Exam Board and GCSE Courses Studied	Exam Board: AQA Separate (formerly known as 'Triple') Science: GCSE Biology (8461) GCSE Chemistry (8462) GCSE Physics (8463) Trilogy (formerly known as 'Double') Science: GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)		
Further detail on content of GCSE	Subject Content GCSE Exams Trilogy GCSE Exams Biology 1. Cell Biology 2. Principles of Organisation 3. Infection and Response 4. Bioenergetics 5. The Bodies Control 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution 7. Ecology Paper 1: • Topics 1-4 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • 70 marks • 16.7% of GCSE Paper 2: • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • Topics 5 – 7 • Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) • Foundation or Higher Tier • 70 marks • 16.7% of GCSE		
content of GCSE Courses	Chemistry 1. Atomic Structure and the periodic table 2. Bonding, Structure, and the Properties of Matter 3. Quantitative Chemistry 4. Chemical Changes 5. Energy Changes 6. The rate and extent of Atomic Structure and the Propics 1-5 Written exam (1 Hour 45 mins) Foundation or Higher Tier 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE Paper 2: Topics 6 – 10 Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) Foundation or Higher Tier 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE Paper 2: Topics 6 – 10 Written exam (1 Hour 45 mins) Foundation or Higher Tier 70 marks 16.7% of GCSE		





	chemical		
	chemical change 7. Organic chemistry 8. Chemical analysis 9. Chemistry of the atmosphere 10. Using resources Physics 1. Forces 2. Energy 3. Waves 4. Electricity 5. Magnetism and Electromagnet ism 6. Particle model of matter 7. Atomic Structure 8. Space Physics chemical change 7. Organic chemical and Paper 1: Topics 1-4 Topics 1-4 Written exam (1 Hour 45 Foundation or Higher Tier Foundation or Higher Tier Foundation or Higher Tier Topics 5 – 8 Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) Foundation or Foundation or Foundation or Higher Tier Topics 5 – 7 Written exam (1 Hour 15 mins) Foundation or		
	mins) Foundation or Higher Tier To marks 16.7% of GCSE Tolomarks 50% of GCSE Both Trilogy Science and the separate GCSEs cover the same topics in their		
	learning. However, there is more content in each section for the separate courses. This extra content will equate to an extra GCSE's worth of learning. Therefore, the topics still maintain the same the names etc.		
Main topics/areas studied this year	In Year 10, Units 1 – 4 in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics will be taught. In Year 11, the rest of the units are to be taught.		
Assessment Headlines	Students are assessed continuously throughout the course of KS4 by: 1. Monitoring and feedback from Classwork including mini quizzes/ Home Learning / assessed Hinge Questions / Practice GCSE questions 2. End of unit tests (GCSE questions) 4. Mock examinations		
Assessment Key Dates	There is no coursework in the Science GCSE courses. Internal assessments will be run throughout the year, when it is appropriate based on the timeline of each individual class. There will be mock examinations during the school exam periods in the Summer Term and during Year 11 in preparation for the final GCSE exams.		



	All external exams will take place in the summer of Year 11			
Useful websites or resources	Kerboodle: Students can access electronic textbooks and other resources. They have been issued usernames and passwords. http://www.kerboodle.com Seneca Learning: Teachers will set home learning through this website, and there are other activities to engage our students in science that they can complete in their own time. www.senecalearning.com Other useful websites: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa/ http://www.freezeray.com/ http://www.echalk.co.uk/ http://www.planet-science.com/ http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/ http://www.arkive.org/ http://royalsociety.org/ http://royalsociety.org/ http://scienceteachinglibrary.wordpress.com/			
What parents can do to support learning	Encourage students to Think Pink: Students are issued a mini pink book to practise recall of key knowledge as defined as question and answers on pink sheets for all topics. Make it funquiz them, let them quiz you, maybe build in some rewards if you can. There is a lot of information that has to be retained to be successful in GCSE Science. The more automatic this recall is the easier they will find the subjects. Learning by rote seems old fashioned but it is absolutely vital and is something parents can really help with and encourage. Encourage students to write using the PEE strategy: P - Point - Make a point E - Evidence - What evidence do you have to support your point? E - Explanation - Explain your point and evidence using your scientific knowledge and understanding, expand your answer to include scientific detail, keywords and diagrams.			
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	9 lessons for Trilogy science (3 lessons of each of biology, chemistry and physics) 14 lessons for the separate sciences (5 of Physics & Chemistry and 4 of Biology)			
How much home learning is expected per week?	Two to three home learning tasks are set each week taking about 40 - 60 minutes each.			



Subject	GCSE Sociology		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Crime and Deviance	
	Spring	Social Stratification	
	Summer	Examination preparation and practice	
Assessment Headlines	 One mock mini exam at the end of each unit – real past paper questions. Regular short and longer answer essays/exam questions throughout the course. Key words tests and quizzes after each subtopic. Pre-exam past paper questions 		
Useful websites or resources	Get Revising: http://getrevising.co.uk/ Useful for ready-made revision guides, flashcards and PowerPoint presentations. Tutor2U: https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/store/selections/aqa-gcse-sociology-teaching-revision-resources Great for revision notes. Soc Images: https://twitter.com/SocImages Twitter page featuring topical sociological images and discussion. BBC News: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/ Use the search bar and tabs at the top to search for Sociology related issues/pages and articles. The Guardian: https://www.theguardian.com/uk This website enables students to read articles on key contemporary issues. The Independent: https://www.independent.co.uk/ This website features a wide range of thought-provoking articles that cover key sociological issues in the family, education, crime, workplace. UK Parliament Website: https://www.parliament.uk/ Great website to follow the latest news in government. AQA Website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/assessment-resources This website gives you access to free exam		
What parents can do to support learning	 Students are encouraged to read the news regularly in order to keep up-to-date with issues in Society so they are able to apply this knowledge in their exam. Encourage students to watch the news e.g. The BBC, Prime Minister's Questions. Bookmark relevant online news articles/stories. Stress the importance of using evidence and examples to link their learning and real world events. Invest in an affordable and useful revision guide: AQA GCSE Sociology All-in-One Revision and Practice (Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision) (ISBN: 978-0008227456) from £7.04 at Amazon.co.uk. This Sociology Revision and Practice guide contains clear and accessible explanations of all the GCSE content, with lots of practice opportunities for each topic throughout the book. 		



	 There are clear and concise revision notes for every topic covered in the curriculum, plus seven practice opportunities to ensure the best results. AQA Website: Make use of the AQA website to make use of free exam papers, mark schemes and examiner's reports.
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight.
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally 2 pieces each fortnight, taking 30-45 minutes on average. In addition, students are expected to consolidate work in class with regular recapping and revision of Y10 work in preparation for the summer 2019 exams.





Subject	GCSE Spanish		
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	AQA Topics: Environment and poverty, homelessness Talking about ways of protecting the environment Discussing environmental problems Talking about homelessness and how to help Using if sentences Algo/alguien Reflexive constructions: Se debe/se puede Modal verbs of obligations Me preocupa/ me encanta School subjects, buildings & curricula School uniform, rules & routines Talking about options & post 16 education Talking about the good and bad aspects of school Imperative tense Perfect tense Using personal A Deberia AQA Topic: Jobs, Career Choices & Ambitions AQA Topic: Jobs, Career Choices & Ambitions Work or University Talking about the attributes needed for certain jobs Wirting letters of application Talking about the attributes needed for certain jobs Writing letters of application Talking about ideal jobs Using a variety of verb tenses Subjunctive after expression of time and in hypothetical situations AQA Topics: Customs and festivals Learn about Spanish life and routines Learning about local customs Talking about topanish festival and Latin American culture Preterit tense Imperfect tense Using the preterit and imperfect tense Using the preterit and imperfect tense	
	Summer	Revision skillsPast papers	
Assessment Headlines	Transl	nts will be assessed in Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and ation skills throughout the year. exam: listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking	



	 Speaking assessments in the Autumn term and writing in the Spring term Students' overall report card levels are a mixture of the level in the assessment and their work throughout the term. 		
Useful websites or resources	 www.linguascope.com (your child will have a username and password) www.wordreference.com (a good online dictionary) www.languagesonline.org www.kerboodle.com (your child will have a username and password) www.activeteachonline.com (your child will have a username and password) Revision guide provided free of charge for home revision and support in lessons 		
What parents can do to support learning	 Encourage students to spend a good amount of time learning vocabulary for spelling tests. Show students how to proof-read their work, with a particular emphasis on checking verb endings, adjectival agreements and spellings. Students will always have the grammar notes needed to complete work accurately in their books but they will need to look 		
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight		
How much home learning is expected per week?	Normally 1 piece each week, taking 1 hour on average. Students will be given spellings to learn on a regular basis and not reaching the pass mark will result in a lunchtime re-test. Sometimes extended learning pieces will be set but these will never be due in for the next day. Worksheets and grammar exercises may be required to be completed over night.		