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Alongside the core curriculum, students choose **four option subjects** from a **broad and balanced range**. These options allow students to pursue individual interests and talents, while developing knowledge and skills that support future pathways into further education, apprenticeships or employment.

Our curriculum is designed to be both ambitious and inclusive, ensuring every student is challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their full potential.

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English Language (EBacc) WJEC	Explore persuasive techniques, form and audience in writing. Opportunity to explore modern themes similar to AIC. Opportunity for	Explore and experiment with narrative and structural devices to engage the audience. Opportunity to write an engaging piece of	Respond to a variety of prose Fiction extracts, using structured exam style questions.	Use narrative and structural devices to engage the audience. Opportunity to write an engaging piece of creative, narrative writing. Focus on	Compare 2 Non-Fiction texts using structured exam style questions. Use of past papers as a model.	Revision of key rhetorical / persuasive devices in preparation for Speaking and Listening Endorsement



	Non-Fiction Speech/letter writing.	creative, narrative writing.		characterisation, setting and plot. Could be inspired by poems studied so far.		
English Literature (EBacc) WJEC	An Inspector Calls. A play by JB Priestley	A Christmas Carol A novella by Charles Dickens	Poetry Anthology A collection of 18 poems	Poetry Anthology/Unseen Poetry	Key Literature Retrieval /Revision strategies/ activities linked to key Lit texts and Language skills studied so far in preparation for PPE exams.	Key Literature Retrieval and timed tasks to practise for pace required in the exam.
Mathematics Edexcel 1MA1 F = Foundation tier H = Higher tier	Core algebra skills(F) Higher algebra skills (H)	Fractions, Decimals, Percentages (F) Compound Measures (H) Iteration (H) Bounds (H) Similar Shapes (H)	Statistical techniques (F) Construction and loci (F) Higher statistical techniques (H) Construction and loci (H)	Geometry (F+H)	Statistics and probability (F + H)	Transformations and Vectors (F) Equation of a circle (H) Vectors (H)
Combined Science (EBacc) AQA 8464	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B4 Organising Animals and Plants <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C3 Structure and Bonding <u>Combined Physics:</u> P4 Electrical Circuits	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B5 Communicable Disease <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C5 Chemical Changes <u>Combined Physics:</u> P5 Electricity in the Home	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B6 Preventing and Treating Disease/ B7 Non-Communicable Disease <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C6 Electrolysis <u>Combined Physics:</u> P6 Molecules and Matter	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B8 Photosynthesis /B9 Respiration <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C7 Energy Changes <u>Combined Physics:</u> P7 Radiation	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B16 Adaptations <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C9 Crude Oil/ C12 Chemical Analysis <u>Combined Physics:</u> P8 Forces in Balance	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B10 Nervous System <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C4 Chemical Calculations <u>Combined Physics:</u> P9 Motion
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	RSHE: Mental and physical wellness		RSHE: Appropriate Relationships - consent		RSHE: Intimate Relationships - consent	
Geography (EBacc) Edexcel B 1GB0	Evolving Physical Geography of the UK: Geology	Evolving Physical Geography of the UK: Coasts	Evolving Physical Geography of the UK: Rivers	The UK's Human Landscape	The UK's Human Landscape and Fieldwork Investigations	Challenges of an Urbanising World
History (EBacc) Edexcel 1H10	The Development of the Civil Rights movement, 1954-1975	The conflict in Vietnam, 1954-1975	Challenges to Elizabeth, at home and abroad 1558-1569	Elizabethan lifestyle and exploration	British America: Colonial Society	The decline in relations between Britain and America
Art and Design AQA 8202: Fine Art	Still Life/ Natural Form	Animal/ Man Made	Animal / Portraits	Component 1: Portfolio		
Business Studies Edexcel 1BS0	1.1.1: The dynamic nature of business 1.1.3: The role of business enterprise 1.1.2: Risk and reward 1.2.1: Customer needs 2.3.4: The sales process	1.3.1: Business aims and objectives 2.1.2: Changes in business aims and objectives 1.5.1: Business stakeholders 1.2.2: Market research 1.2.3: Market segmentation	1.2.4 The competitive environment 1.4.1 The options for start-up and small businesses 2.1.1 Limited Companies 1.4.1 Franchises 1.4.3 The marketing mix	2.2.1: Product 2.2.2: Price 2.2.3: Promotion	2.2.4: Place 1.4.2: Business location 1.4.3: The marketing mix 2.2.5: Using the marketing mix to make business decisions	1.3.4: Sources of business finance 2.1.1: Finance options for Limited Companies 1.3.2: Business revenues, costs and profits 2.4.1: Business calculations 1.3.3: Cash and cash-flow 2.4.2 Understanding business performance



Citizenship AQA 8100	Principles and values in British society Identity The Media and Free Press	The UK's role in key organisations Making a difference in society	Politics and power in the UK Local and devolved government	Where political power resides How others govern themselves	Bringing about political change	Recap of unit 1 and 2 Human Rights introduction projects
Computer Science OCR J277	2.1 Algorithms 2.1.1 Computational thinking 2.1.2 Designing, creating and refining algorithms 2.2 Programming fundamentals 2.2.1 Programming fundamentals 2.2.2 Data types	2.1 Algorithms 2.1.3 Searching and sorting algorithm 2.2 Programming 2.2.3 Additional programming techniques 2.3 Producing robust programs 2.3.1 Defensive design 2.3.2 Testing	2.4 Boolean logic 2.4.1 Boolean logic 1.6 Ethical impacts of digital technology 1.6.1 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact	1.1 Systems architecture 1.1.1 Architecture of the CPU 1.1.2 CPU performance 1.1.3 Embedded systems	1.2 Memory and storage 1.2.1 Primary storage (Memory) 1.2.2 Secondary storage 1.2.3 Units 1.2.4 Data storage 1.2.5 Compression	1.5 Systems software 1.5.1 Operating systems 1.5.2 Utility software 1.6 Legal impacts of digital technology 1.6.1 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact
Creative iMedia OCR J834	Introduction to Creative iMedia	Unit RO97 Interactive Multimedia Products			Unit RO94 Visual Identity	
Dance Pearson 603/7054/3 BTEC Tech Award	Introduction to Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts Exploring 'Work One'	Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts Exploring 'Work Two'	Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts Exploring 'Work Three' Introduction to Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts	Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts Examination Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts	Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts	Mock Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts
Drama AQA 8261	Blood Brothers		Introduction to Devising	Exam Preparation	Devising	Devising



	Understanding Drama		Understanding Drama			Section C – Everybody's Talking About Jamie
Food Preparation and Nutrition WJEC C560P1	Food commodities	Food commodities	Food commodities	Food commodities	Food commodities	Food commodities
	Principles of nutrition	Principles of nutrition	Principles of nutrition	Principles of nutrition	Principles of nutrition	Principles of nutrition
	Diet and good health	Diet and good health	Diet and good health	Diet and good health	Diet and good health	Diet and good health
	The science of food	The science of food	The science of food	The science of food	The science of food	The science of food
	Where food comes from	Where food comes from	Where food comes from	Where food comes from	Where food comes from	Where food comes from
	Cooking and food preparation	Cooking and food preparation	Cooking and food preparation	Cooking and food preparation	Cooking and food preparation	Cooking and food preparation
French Edexcel 1FR0	Module 1: Media and Technology		Module 2: My personal World	Module 2: My Personal World Module 3: Studying and Discussing my Future	Module 3: Studying and Discussing my Future Module 4: Discussing Healthy Lifestyles	Module 4: Discussing Healthy Lifestyles
Health and Social Care Pearson 603/7047/6 Tech Award	Human Lifespan Development				HSC Services and Values	
Music AQA 8271	The Elements of Music and Solo Performance	Composition using DAW, Ensemble Performance and Analysing Musical Extracts	Beethoven and Queen	Exam Revision	Free Composition, Written Exam PPE	Free Composition and Performances
Photography AQA	Introduction to	Abstract	Multiple Images	Component 1: Portfolio		



8206	Photography					
Psychology AQA 8182	Memory and research methods	Memory, Research Methods, Development	Development and research methods	Perception	Perception and Language, thought and communication	Language, thought and communication
Religious Studies AQA 8062	Religion, Crime & Punishment	Religion, Crime & Punishment Christian Beliefs	Christian Beliefs	Religion & Life		Islamic Beliefs
Spanish Edexcel 1SP1	End of Module 1 + Module 2	End of Module 2 + Module 3	End of Module 3 + Module 4	End of Module 4 + Module 5	End of Year Assessments + Module 5	Module 6
Sport Pearson 603/7068/3 Tech Award	Component 1: Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity Worth 30% of overall BTEC grade			Component 2: Taking part and improving other participants' sporting performance Worth 30% of overall BTEC grade		
Textiles AQA 8204	The Human Body			Component 1: Portfolio		
Three-Dimensional Design AQA 8205	Introduction to 3D Design, skills and knowledge.		Development: Tealight Holder Project Start of Component 1: Portfolio.		Component 1: Portfolio	
Triple Science AQA 8461 (Biology)/ 8462 (Chemistry)/ 8463 (Physics) (EBacc)	Biology: B4 Organising animals and plants	Biology: B5 Communicable disease/ B6 Preventing and treating disease	Biology: B7 Non-communicable disease/ B8 photosynthesis	Biology: B9 Respiration	Biology: B10 The human nervous system	Biology: B16 Adaptations
	Chemistry: C3 Structure and bonding	Chemistry: C5 chemical changes	Chemistry: C6 Electrolysis	Chemistry: C7 Energy Changes	Chemistry: C4 Chemical Calculations	
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		Molecules and Matter				
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For more in-depth information about the topics, please also see our GCSE options booklet with the course outlines available from our website



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Our Year 11 curriculum is focused on **maximising achievement**, **securing progression**, and **supporting every student** to move confidently into their next phase of education or training.

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English Language (EBacc) WJEC	Language Comp 2 Comparing Non-Fiction Texts	Lang Comp 2 Comparing Non Fiction Texts Revision for November PPEs (18 th Nov)	Lang Comp 1 Prose Study/ Revision of Language Component 1 and 2	Lang Comp 1 & 2 Revision	Revision GCSE EXAMINATIONS Language Component 1 and 2	



			Practice for upcoming PPEs Knowledge and skills to be structured into the greater part of the lesson.			
English Literature (EBacc) WJEC	Macbeth A play by William Shakespeare Revision of Poetry Anthology Preparation for Extract based Literature Paper 1 exam.	Literature Revision for PPEs (Nov) Macbeth/ Poetry Anthology Revision of Poetry Anthology and Exam Gap Analysis post PPEs.	Key Revision and Essay writing skills An Inspector Calls/ A Christmas Carol Knowledge and essay writing skills to be structured into the first part of the lesson.	Revision/ In class timed assessments for Literature Paper 1 & 2 Macbeth/ Poetry Anthology/ Unseen Post Language PPE's structure of lessons can reflect upcoming exams.	Revision / In class timed assessments for Literature Paper 1 & 2 All texts. GCSE EXAMINATIONS	
Mathematics Edexcel 1MA1	-Indices -Standard Form -Surds -Transformations	-Constructions and geometry -Proof -Quadratics (H)	-Linear Functions -Statistical Charts and techniques	-GCSE Preparation (closing remaining gaps)		
Combined Science (EBacc) AQA 8464	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B10 Nervous System/ B11 Hormonal Control <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C4 Chemical Calculations <u>Combined Physics:</u> P10	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B13 Reproduction <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C8 Rates of Reactions <u>Combined Physics:</u> P12 Wave Properties	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B14 Variation and Evolution/ B15 Genetics and Evolution <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C14 The Earth's Resources	<u>Combined Biology:</u> B17 Organising and Ecosystem/ B18 Biodiversity and Ecosystems <u>Combined Chemistry:</u> C13 The Earth's Atmosphere	<u>Revision</u>	



	Forces and Motion		<i>Combined Physics:</i> P13 Electromagnetic Waves	<i>Combined Physics:</i> P15 Electromagnetism		
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	Employability and financial wellbeing	RSHE: Inappropriate Relationships - coercive/ manipulation/ sexual harassment/ abuse. RSHE: Sexual Health - self examination/ STIs/ risky behaviour		RSHE: Sexual Health - self examination/ STIs/ risky behaviour/ consent		RSHE: Health and prevention - De-fib/ drugs/ alcohol/ organ/ blood donations/ vaccines
Geography (EBacc) Edexcel B 1GB0	Hazardous Earth		Development Dynamics	Revision in preparation for Public Examination		
History (EBacc) Edexcel 1HI0	Whitechapel Crime and Punishment	Crime and Punishment	Revision			
Art and Design AQA 8202/C 8202/X Fine Art	Component 1: Portfolio		Component 2: Externally set assignment			
Business Studies Edexcel 1BS0	2.3.1: Business operations 2.3.3: Managing quality 2.3.2: Working with suppliers	2.1.1: Business growth 1.4.4: Business plans	1.5.2: Technology and business 1.5.3: Legislation and business 1.5.4: The economy and business	2.1.3: Business and globalisation 2.5.1: Organisational structures 2.5.2: Effective recruitment	Revision	



			2.1.4: Ethics, the environment and business	2.5.4: Motivation 2.5.3: Effective training and development		
Citizenship AQA 8100	Laws in contemporary society Rights and responsibilities within the legal system	How laws protect citizens and deal with criminals Universal human rights Bringing about change in the legal system	Active citizenship project	Revision		
Computer Science OCR J277	1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols 1.3.1 Networks and topologies 1.3.2 Wired and wireless networks, protocols and layers 1.4 Network security 1.4.1 Threats to computer systems and networks 1.4.2 Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities 1.6 Cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology	2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments 2.5.1 Languages 2.5.2 The Integrated Development Environment (IDE) Revision - 2.1 Algorithms 2.2 Programming fundamentals 2.3 Producing robust programs	Revision - 2.4 - Logic 1.1 - Computer systems 1.2 - Memory and storage 1.3 - Data representation 1.4 Networks	Revision - 1.4 Networks 1.5 - System software 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology	Exam preparation Revision techniques Command words used in exam papers	
Creative iMedia OCR J834	RO97 Interactive Multimedia Products		RO97 Interactive Multimedia Products	RO93 The Media Industry		



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Drama AQA 8261	Devising Exam Section C – Everybody’s Talking About Jamie	Section C – Everybody’s Talking About Jamie	Texts in Practice	Texts in Practice Exam Exam Preparation	Exam Preparation	
Food Preparation and Nutrition WJEC C560P1	Component 2; NEA1	Component 2; NEA1 PPE	Component 2; NEA 2	Component 2; NEA 2 Exam	Component 1 Exam Preparation	
	Preparation and undertaking of Component 2 – non examination assessments contributing 50% (combined) to overall GCSE grade. Students cover A02, A03 and A04 .				Preparation and undertaking of Component 1 – written examination contributing 50% to overall GCSE grade. Students cover A01, A02 and A04 .	
French Edexcel 1FR0	Module 5: Travel and Tourism	Module 5: Travel and Tourism Module 6: Discussing the Environment	Module 6: Discussing the Environment Module 7: Describing my Local Area	Module 7: Describing my Local Area Module 8: My Plans for the Future	Revision	
Health and Social Care Pearson 603/7047/6 Tech Award	HSC Services and Values		Health and Wellbeing (synoptic)			



Music AQA 8271	Brief Composition and Exam Revision	Exam Revision, Brief Composition, Solo and Ensemble Performances	Free Composition	Brief Composition, Solo and Ensemble Performances	Exam Preparation	
Photography AQA 8206	Component 1: Portfolio		Component 2: Externally set assignment			
Psychology AQA 8182	Perception	Language thought and communication	Brain and neuropsychology	Psychological problems	Revision	
Religious Studies AQA 8062	Religion, Peace & Conflict		Religion & Relationships	Christian Practices, Islamic Practices	Revision	
Spanish Edexcel 1SP1	End of Module 6 + Module 7	End of Module 7 + Year 11 PPEs + Module 8	End of Module 8	Revision		
Sport Pearson 603/7068/3 Tech Award	Component 2: Taking part and improving other participants' sporting performance Started in Year 10: worth 30% of overall BTEC grade			Component 3: Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants Performance in Sport and Physical Activity Worth 40% of overall BTEC grade		
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(Physics) (EBacc)	Chemistry: C8 Rates of reactions	Chemistry: C9 Crude Oil and Fuels/ C10 Organic Reactions	Chemistry: C11 Polymers/C12 Chemical Analysis	Chemistry: C13 & 14 Earth's Resources/ C15 Using our Resources	Chemistry: Revision	
	Physics P12 Wave Properties	Physics P13 Electromagnetic waves	Physics P14 - Light/ P15 Electromagnetism	Physics P16 - Space	Physics Revision	