



TRINITY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
HIGH SCHOOL



**GCSE REQUIREMENTS
FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS - 2017-
18**



SUMMARY OF GCSE REQUIREMENTS

Most GCSE grades are awarded using a combination of **final examination** (or **end of unit tests**) and **controlled assessment or coursework** which might include short assignments, written projects, practicals, performances, etc. Controlled assessments must be done in school.

Coursework assessments take place throughout the course. Each subject sets **deadlines** for planning their work. Students need to **organise** and **plan** in advance so that they can do well in the controlled assessment. All of this is **in addition** to the regular homework which is set weekly. Some subjects still have coursework deadlines, as indicated in the table below.

Please remember that **IN GCSE EXAMINATIONS, A STUDENT CAN GAIN UP TO 5% FOR GOOD SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR.** This ruling also applies to coursework.

The brief summary in the following pages shows how the different subjects are assessed. The details may vary from those published last February in the Year 10 Curriculum Booklet, issued as part of the Options process.

Subject	Board	Coursework as % of Final Mark	Nature of Coursework over the Duration of the Course	Coursework Information/ Deadlines for Year 10
English Literature	AQA	There is no coursework element to the GCSE English literature Qualification	<p>Although there is no coursework, there are two exams:</p> <p>Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel (40% of overall grade). 1hr 45 minutes. Pupils will study 'Macbeth' by Shakespeare and 'A Christmas Carol' by Dickens.</p> <p>Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry (60% of overall grade). 2hrs 15 minutes. Pupils will study: either Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' or Kelly's 'DNA', poems from the AQA anthology and how to compare unseen poems</p>	None

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English Language	AQA	There is no coursework element to the GCSE English literature Qualification	<p>Although there is no coursework There are 2 exams of equal weighting (50%) and time (1hr 45 minutes) in which students will be assessed on both their reading and writing skills:</p> <p>READING: Students will be assessed on their ability to: interpret information, analyse language and structure, compare writers' ideas and evaluate texts critically.</p> <p>WRITING: Students will be asked to: communicate clearly and vary their writing for different audiences and purposes. They will also be assessed on their ability to use a range of vocabulary, sentence structures and accurate spelling and punctuation.</p> <p>PAPER 1: Section A: Reading one literature fiction text Section B: descriptive or narrative writing</p> <p>Paper 2: Section A: Reading one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text Section B: writing to present a viewpoint</p>	None

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Combined Science	AQA 'Trilogy' option	0%	There is no coursework for this GCSE course.	
Science Triple Award	AQA Biology, Chemistry, Physics	0%	There is no coursework for this GCSE course.	
Applied Business	OCR	60%	Two different business scenarios are set by the examining board. Students complete a number of tasks for each in controlled conditions. The controlled assessment is due to start in November and will continue until January 2019	Students are required to complete a range of controlled assessment tasks & meet deadlines throughout the course of the year.
Art	AQA	60%	Unit 1: Two painting assignments will be produced this year. The first is 'still life', then 'portraits'. A sketchbook must be produced at home for each assignment supporting & explaining practical work, with annotations. Students should be working on this and their paintings & drawings every week at home.	The first assignment, 'still life', and its sketchbook to be completed for marking by January. The second assignment, with sketchbook, 'Portraits' is to be completed for marking by June 2018.
Computer Science	OCR	20%	The examining board sets a number of problems that need to be solved using computer programs. There is one non examined assessment that is completed at the start of year 11.	The tasks are completed in controlled assessment conditions. Students are allowed 20 hours to complete the task.

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Design & Technology:	AQA	50% Non Examined Assessment (NEA) 50% Final Exam (2 hour length)	Students will complete small design and make projects. They will learn core and specialist technical principles relevant to Design Technology. NEA tasks are given out during the Summer term in Y10. The students then progress through the course to produce a design folder and a manufactured prototype.	NEA tasks will continue throughout years 10 & 11. All controlled assessment work will be completed by the end of the Spring term of Y11.
BTEC Tech Award in Engineering	Pearson	60%	Students will complete 5 assessed coursework modules between September of Y10 and Oct of Y11. These will be divided into: Section 1. Exploring Engineering Sectors and Design Applications: 2 assignments Section 2. Investigating an Engineering Project: 3 assignments	Tasks will be set by the exam board and must be complete within the time specified on each assignment.

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<p align="center">Food Preparation and Nutrition</p>	<p align="center">AQA</p>	<p>2 controlled assessment tasks 1: 15% 2: 35%</p> <p>Final written exam (1 hour 45 mins) 50%.</p>	<p>Both controlled assessments will start in year 11. Both will be set by the exam board. The first controlled assessment will start in September of the final year of the GCSE course and 10 hours are allocated for this food investigation. Students will be assessed on the understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients. The second controlled assessment will be given an allocated time of 20 hours. Students' knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen task.</p> <p>Students will prepare, cook and present a final menu of three dishes within a single period of no more than three hours, planning in advance how this will be achieved.</p>	<p>All tasks are completed in controlled assessment conditions which will all take place in year 11. Pupils will have a 3 hour assessed time to complete the final practical element of the second controlled assessment. All controlled assessment work will be completed by the end of the spring term of year 11.</p>

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Drama	Edexcel BTec Tech Award	60%	<p>Component 1 Exploring the Performing Arts (36 hours) Acting Skills Sessions on Voice and Movement with performances and written work to demonstrate progress.</p> <p>Component 2 Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts (36 hours) Preparing a group performance.</p> <p>Component 3 Performing to a Brief (externally assessed) small group devised performances produced under controlled conditions.</p>	<p>Component 1 Exploring the Performing Arts Unit 3 Acting Skills</p> <p>1. An analysis of different acting /theatre styles 2. Group scripted performances demonstrating different acting / theatre styles</p> <p>Component 2 Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts Continuous assessment of participation in skills workshops, preparation and performance of a devised piece. A Logbook with Target setting</p> <p>All completed by the end of the year</p>
Geography	AQA	0%	There is no coursework/controlled assessment element in the new GCSE Geography. Instead geographical skills and fieldwork will be assessed via a third written examination.	There will be rigorous testing to assess progress throughout the year. Although there is no formal coursework, students will be expected to undergo at least 2 examples of fieldwork.

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Health and Social Care Award BTEC	Pearsons Edexcel	More specific details will be supplied in due course.	<p>BTEC Tech Awards are skills-based Key Stage 4 qualifications, designed to be studied alongside GCSEs.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the Health & Social Care sector. Develop industry-specific knowledge and skills. Apply these to real-world scenarios through skills-based assignments. Transferable skills will give students the confidence to prepare them for their futures, whether in further education or employment. 	More specific details will be supplied in due course.
History	AQA	N/A	<p>There is no longer a coursework/ controlled assessment element of the course.</p> <p>Paper 1 (written exam, 1 3/4 hours) 50%</p> <p>Paper 2 (written exam ,1 3/4 hours) 50%</p>	None
Maths	AQA	0%	There is no coursework element to the GCSE Maths qualification.	None.

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MFL French Spanish	AQA	0%	<p>There is no coursework for this module but students will follow three main themes throughout the two years with assessments at the end of Year 11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Identity and Culture • Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global. • Theme 3: Current and Future Study and Employment 	<p>The exams at the end of Y11 are equally weighted:</p> <p>Listening: 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 mins – F - 45 mins – H <p>Speaking: 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7-9 mins – F - 10-12 mins - H <p>Reading: 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 45 mins – F - 60 mins – H <p>Writing: 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60 mins – F - 75 mins - H
Music	EDEXCEL	60%	<p>Performing – solo and ensemble 30%</p> <p>Composing – 2 compositions 30%</p>	<p>Students are expected to attend instrument lessons and to practice their instrument independently and regularly to prepare performances for assessment.</p> <p>Assessment Dates: Solo Performance: 17TH October 2017 Ensemble Performance: 5th Dec 2017</p> <p>Composition coursework will be completed during lesson time.</p>

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PE	EDEXCEL	105 Marks 30% Practical performance 20 Marks 10% Personal Exercise programme	<p>Pupils will be assessed in a variety of different activities via a controlled assessment every half term. In total, pupils have to submit 3 different practical activities. 1 must be a team activity, 1 individual activity and the third can be either team or individual.</p> <p>As well as the practical lessons, pupils also have a theory lesson to prepare them for the two written exams at the end of the course; covering 60% of final mark. Pupils will have regular homework and tests for this.</p> <p>The written coursework involves producing and analysis of a Personal Exercise Programme.</p>	<p>Pupils will have completed the Personal Exercise Programme by the end of Y10.</p> <p>In the practical lesson pupils will receive a mark for a practical activity which they have covered every half term.</p> <p>In the theory lesson pupils will sit a test at the end of each topic, and will be expected to achieve their target grade in those tests, throughout Y10 & Y11.</p>
RE	EDEXCEL	0%	<p>There is no coursework for RE but regular learning homework is set. Each half term students are tested on key concepts and they are given an end of unit test. It is an expectation that revision will take place at home and revision cards are provided. The end of unit test is an opportunity to develop the skills needed for GCSE and tests will be graded and feedback given.</p>	<p>The course is examined through 2 terminal exams each of 105 minutes duration.</p>

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BTEC SPORT		75%	This is a level 1/2 First Award in Sport & is taught over 120 guided learning hours. It has core & specialist units comprising 4 in total. The course is 75% coursework & 25% is a test in one unit which is completed on line.	Students over the 2 years will complete 3 units which will compromise of: Practical Sport, Training for Personal Fitness & Leading Sports Activities. These units are 100% coursework and students will complete a number of assignments to achieve these units. One other unit: Fitness for Sport & Exercise – students will sit an exam online in order to achieve this unit. Pupils will be assessed using the Pass, Merit & Distinction grades. Pass is the equivalent of a C, Merit a B & distinction A-A*.

If your child's course is not listed above, please see individual teachers.

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