



TRINITY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
HIGH SCHOOL



**GCSE REQUIREMENTS
FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS - 2014-
15**



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 below 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	25%	Unit 1: Exploring Modern Texts Exam (40%) 1hr 30 mins Unit 2: Poetry Across Time Exam (35%) 1hr 15 mins Unit 3: 1 Controlled Assessment (40 marks). Time allocated: 3-4 hours. "The Significance of Shakespeare and the English Literary Heritage"	Pupils will complete this Controlled Assessment in December 2014.
Science Year 10	OCR 21 st Century Science	25%	Case Study 12.5% Data Analysis 12.5%	Completed under controlled conditions in class time: Data Analysis: January 2015 Case Study: October 2014
SEE TABLE AT END OF BOOKLET FOR LIST OF STUDENTS THIS AFFECTS				

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Science Year 11	OCR 21 st Century Additional Science	25%	1 practical investigation	To be completed in class during Y11.
Science Triple Award	OCR Biology A Chemistry A Physics A	25%	1 practical investigation for each of the three Science GCSE subjects	All coursework to be completed during Y11.
Science BTEC First Award	EDEXCEL	75%	Applications of Applied Science is studied in Y11	A portfolio of assignments worth 75% will be completed in class & one exam worth 25%
Applied Business	OCR	60%	A business scenarios is set by the examining board. complete a number of tasks in controlled conditions. The controlled assessment is due to start in November and will continue un til January 2016	Students are required to complete a range of controlled assessment tasks & meet deadlines.
Art	AQA	60%	Unit 1 Two painting assignments will be produced this year. The first is ' <i>still life</i> ', then ' <i>portraits</i> '. A sketchbook should be produced at home for each assignment. Students should be working on this every week at home.	The first assignment, ' <i>still life</i> ', and sketchbook to be completed for marking by January. The second assignment, with sketchbook, ' <i>Portraits</i> ' is to be completed for marking by June 2015.

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<p>Children's Play, Learning and Development Award BTEC</p>	<p>Pearsons Edexcel</p>	<p>75% C/W 25% Exam</p>	<p>Three units will be covered during the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Patterns of Child Development (external exam 1 hour) ✓ Promoting Children's Development Through Play (controlled assessment) ✓ The Principles of Early Years Practice (controlled assessment) <p>Students can achieve a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.</p> <p>The external exam is assessed in the January of Year 10 (with the option to resit at the end of Year 11 if necessary).</p>	<p>One piece of coursework will be completed in Year 10 alongside preparation for the external exam. The other piece of coursework will be completed in Year 11.</p>
<p>Computer Science</p>	<p>AQA</p>	<p>60%</p>	<p>The examining board sets a number of problems that need to be solved using computer programs.</p> <p>There are 2 short controlled assessment tasks 1 is completed in year 10 the other in year 11.</p>	<p>The tasks are completed in controlled assessment conditions. Students are allowed 20 hours to complete the tasks. The first controlled assessment task starts in January and the deadline for completion is Friday 22nd May.</p>

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Dance	AQA	60%	<p>Unit 1: Critical Appreciation Written Examination – 1 hour; 20%</p> <p>Unit 2: Set Dance Practical Examination Solo Performance; 20%</p> <p>Unit 3: Duo/Group Dance 3 minutes Controlled Assessment over 12/14hrs; 20%</p> <p>Units 4A & 4B: Choreography 2 coursework tasks; 40% controlled assessment.</p>	Students are expected to attend several live dance performances over the course. To enhance dance knowledge students should participate in a live dance production within the 2 year course. By the end of Y10, students must have completed the Controlled Assessment.
<p>Design & Technology:</p> <p>Product Design; Electronic Products; Graphic Products; Textiles Technology</p>	AQA	<p>60% - Controlled assessment Task</p> <p>40% Final Exam (2 hour length)</p>	<p>Students will complete a series of mini projects in the Autumn term of Y10. They will be introduced to the principles of good design. This will enable them to make three-dimensional outcomes to a high standard.</p> <p>Controlled assessment tasks are given out during the Spring term in Y10. Students will focus their time on investigating the theme to produce design ideas. In the Summer term their focus will be on producing a final design solution. They will then plan out how they will make their final 3D outcome.</p>	<p>Practical work will continue through the Autumn term of Y11.</p> <p>The controlled assessment task will be completed by the end of the Spring term of Y11.</p>
Home Economics – Food and Nutrition	Welsh Board	2 controlled assessment tasks 1: 20% 2: 40%	Students complete a series of mini projects through the Autumn & Spring terms focusing on practical skills. This allows students to extend their knowledge and understanding of research, planning and making in the Food industry.	The first task will be done in Summer term 2015, the second task in the Autumn term of Y11.

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Drama	BTec	60%	<p>Unit 3 Acting Skills 60 hours Acting Skills Sessions on Voice and Movement with performances and written work to demonstrate progress,</p> <p>Unit 2 Preparation, Performance and Production. 30 hours Preparing a group performance.</p> <p>Unit 1 Individual Showcase (externally assessed) Individual audition performance and a letter of application produced under controlled conditions.</p>	<p>Skills audits the completion of a working logbook as regular ongoing tasks for Units 3 and 2. Students must keep up to date with logbook entries.</p>
Geography	AQA	25%	<p>1 Assignment. Controlled assessment; based on data collected on a field-trip. Destination of trip decided once controlled assessment questions are released by AQA.</p> <p>Unit 1 Physical Geography – 1 hr 30 mins (37.5%)</p> <p>Unit 2 Human Geography – 1 hr 30 mins (37.5%)</p>	<p>Coursework/field-work starts in May/ June 2014: Data collection & collation. Analysis, conclusion & evaluation of fieldwork under high levels of control.</p>

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Health and Social Care Award BTEC	Pearsons Edexcel	75% C/W 25% Exam	<p>Four units will be covered during the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Human Lifespan Development (external exam 1 hour) ✓ Health and Social Care Values (controlled assessment) ✓ Promoting Health and Wellbeing (controlled assessment) ✓ The Impact of Nutrition on Health and Wellbeing (controlled assessment) <p>Students can achieve a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.</p> <p>The external exam is assessed in the January of Year 10 (with the option to resit at the end of Year 11 if necessary).</p>	One piece of coursework will be completed in Year 10 alongside preparation for the external exam. The other pieces of coursework will be completed in Year 11.
History	AQA	25%	<p>2 questions to be completed under controlled assessment conditions.</p> <p>Unit 1 (written exam 1 3/4 hours) 37.5%</p> <p>Unit 2 (written exam 1 3/4 hours) 37.5%</p> <p>Unit 3 (controlled assessment) 25.5%</p>	Question 1 of the Controlled Assessment will be undertaken in Summer term 2015 with Question 2 being undertaken during Autumn term 2015.
ICT	EDEXCEL	60%	4 board-set tasks to be completed in controlled conditions. The controlled assessment is due to start 14 October 2014 and will finish in January 2016.	Students start the Controlled Assessment in October 2014 and complete it in May 2016.
Maths	EDEXCEL	0%	There is no coursework element to the GCSE Maths qualification.	None.

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MFL French (all Sets) Spanish (all Sets)	AQA	30% Speaking 30% Writing	The GCSE course has exams in Listening and Reading Comprehension (each worth 20%) at the end of Y11. There will be 2 controlled assessments for Speaking (30%) and 2 controlled assessments for Writing (30%).	In Y10 it is likely that students will complete 2 Writing Assessments. These will be organised and completed in class time.
Music	EDEXCEL	60%	Performing – solo and ensemble 30% Composing – 2 compositions 30%	1 st Solo Performance: 23 rd October 2013 1 st Ensemble Performance: 11 th December 2013 Composition 1 deadline: 16 January 2014
PE	EDEXCEL	60%	Pupils will be assessed in a variety of different activities (6) via a controlled assessment every half term. In total, pupils have to submit 4 different practical activities. As well as the practical lessons, pupils also have a theory lesson to prepare them for the written exam at the end of the course; covers 40% of final mark. Pupils will have regular homework and tests for this. 2 other controlled assessments are producing a Personal Exercise Programme and Analysis of performance, to be covered in Y10.	Pupils will have completed the Personal Exercise Programme & Analysis of Performance by the end of Y10. In the practical lesson pupils will receive a mark for a practical activity which they have covered every half term. 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.

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RE	EDEXCEL	0%	<p>Regular Homework Tasks. Each student has 96 key words and meanings to learn over the 2 years and will be regularly tested. These are available on the school website.</p> <p>In addition, each half term students have an end of unit test which they are expected to revise for at home.</p>	<p>All key words required for year 10 are included in the pupil planner.</p> <p>The course is examined through 2 terminal exams each of 90 minutes duration.</p>
BTEC SPORT		75%	<p>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.</p>	<p>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*.</p>

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

DON'T FORGET – IT PAYS TO PLAN AHEAD

PUT RELEVANT DEADLINE DATES INTO YOUR PERSONAL ORGANISER