

**UPPER SCHOOL
COURSES**

2009/2011

This booklet describes the courses that we offer to students in Year 10 and 11.

In Year 10, for the first time in your school career, you have real choice about what you study. You do not have complete freedom of choice - several subjects are compulsory - but you are able to drop some subjects and to start some new ones. It is absolutely vital that you make these choices carefully.

Some careers do require you to have studied particular subjects. If you are interested in such a career, or at least do not want to exclude it from your future options, you need to choose accordingly. For instance, medics will need high grades in Science subjects - Triple Science may be a very wise choice for them.

However, most occupations do not require you to follow particular courses - getting the best possible grades will usually be more important. As such, it makes good sense to choose subjects that you will do well in.

Remember, you cannot tell which teacher you will get; you cannot be sure which class you will be in and who else will be in it. It is much better to put these things to one side when making your choices.

I would urge you to take as much advice as you can. Talk to your parents; talk to older brothers and sisters; talk to students that you know in Years 10 and 11; talk to your teachers and your tutor. Several of the subjects will be new to you - do take the trouble to find out about them (but do not assume that they will be good just because they are new).

We will be holding an Upper School Courses Evening on Thursday 12th February, starting at 7:00pm. It is absolutely essential that you come to that - there will be detailed information about all the courses and teachers will be available to answer your questions.

Choosing subjects that you enjoy and that you are good at is a good starting point. Remember, you will want to leave us in two years time with the best possible grades and to be able to look back on an interesting and rewarding set of courses. Good luck!

Mr Leeming
Headteacher

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The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

You will have to study the following core subjects at Key Stage 4

- English
- Mathematics
- Science – either triple or double.
- PE
- PDL (Personal Development Learning)

In addition to your core curriculum most students study four subjects at GCSE level.

Please be aware of the following:

- In order to timetable our curriculum you need to express a first preference for **four** of the subjects below.
- In addition we would like you to choose a reserve. This will allow us some flexibility to give most students most choice. In the event that we cannot timetable one of your first preferences your reserve preference **will** be used.
- If, having used your reserve, there is still a problem with your timetable, a senior member of staff will consult you.
- You will not be allowed to study three subjects from any one preference block.
- For Technology subjects there is a common core so you can only choose one D and T subject but you could, for example choose one D and T subject and either ICT or Business.
- The number of teaching groups in each subject is dependent on staff availability.
- Learning Support is available by arrangement with Mr Wootton (SENCO)
- **Diplomas.** If you select Diploma Level 1 (or Foundation) select two GCSE options; if you select Diploma Level 2 (or Higher) select 1 GCSE option.

For the purposes of balancing your curriculum, preference subjects are organised as follows:

You are **strongly advised** to choose at least one subject from each preference area.

Preference A	Preference B	Preference C	Preference D	Preference E
French German	History Geography Religious Studies	Art Drama Music PE Media Studies	D & T Graphics D & T Textiles D & T Food D & T Resistant Materials D & T Systems & Control ICT Business Studies	Diplomas Work-related Learning Young Apprenticeship Learning Support

Out of Lesson Study Support

As you increase your skills and knowledge in Years 10 and 11, it is vital that you develop your organisation and independent study skills. Homework is an important at KS4 as it is in KS3. There is no homework timetable at KS4 because we expect you to organise your own time and plan your homework time effectively. Every subject will set homework regularly to be completed at home with the exception of PDL and core PE.

Successful students in the upper school spend on average up to 2.5 hours on their studies per evening. This will not only include ongoing written work but also coursework and revision. In KS4, you will be issued with a planner which is more like a filofax and includes several useful pages to support your learning. You will be asked to write your homework down with the deadline dates and it is important that these deadlines are met.

If deadlines are not met then subject teachers will impose a sanction such as a detention to ensure the work is completed or a study support session if there is genuine confusion or need for support. If tutors, subject staff or the Head of Year are concerned about the quantity or quality of homework being completed, then parents will be informed. If you fail to complete coursework to deadlines it may jeopardise your exam entry for that subject.

In order to help you study, the library is open every afternoon except Fridays until 4.00pm. The computer facilities in the library are available for you to use after school. In addition, many subjects offer support and revision sessions, particularly in Year 11. There is an independent learning club available with staff support after school on a Monday and a Thursday in L11 and the library. During Years 10 and 11 your parents will be invited to several Parents' Information Evenings when the Heads of Years 10 and 11 will explain coursework requirements and revision techniques as well as other relevant issues.

Key dates

- Beginning from Monday 2nd February, students in Year 9 receive additional briefing in assemblies and classes about Upper School Courses.
- Year 9 Parents' Evening is Tuesday 3rd February.
- The Upper School Courses booklet is issued on Wednesday 4th February.
- Thursday 12th February - Upper School Courses evening. 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Parents and students are welcome.
- Friday 13th February - Upper School Preference Sheets issued.
- Wednesday 25th February - Upper School Preference Sheets to be returned to Tutors.
- Finalisation of the curriculum for each Upper School student takes place before the beginning of the summer term.

EXPRESSIVE AND CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY



Staff

Faculty Leader: Mr P Williams

Subject Leader

Art	Miss N Howard
Dance & Drama	Miss C Titcombe
Music	Mr J Oliver
Physical Education	Mrs M Cope

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

Art	-	Preference Subject
Drama & Theatre Arts	-	Preference Subject
Music	-	Preference Subject
Core Physical Education	-	Core Subject
GCSE Physical Education	-	Preference Subject

Art and Design



With a few exceptions, everything made by man is designed by an artist, from architecture to fashion design, from furniture to landscape design, from interiors to jewellery design and photography to graphics and publishing. The huge range of Art careers and further education courses available require a diverse and broad approach at GCSE.

Course Title & Exam Board

The syllabus followed is **AQA Art and Design** which enables you to explore a wide range of exciting approaches, subject and media.

Course Description

During the GCSE course a number of projects will be completed. You will work on producing:

- Visual Theme research
- Visual Artists research
- Your own development of ideas
- and an individual and unique final outcome.

Some written work is required in the form of notes about your own and others work and a project evaluation.

Evidence from this work will make up a portfolio to be submitted to the examining board towards the end of the course.

You will complete a practical exam, in the form of another project.

Skills & Concepts

Various interesting stimuli are used as starting points for your work and may include:

- Still life and natural forms
- Landscapes
- Art movements and Cultures
- Individual Artists

Your ideas will be realised in a variety of media which may include:

Pencil, colour pencils, black biro, oil and chalk pastels, paint, collage, print, fabrics and textiles, clay, ICT and new technologies.

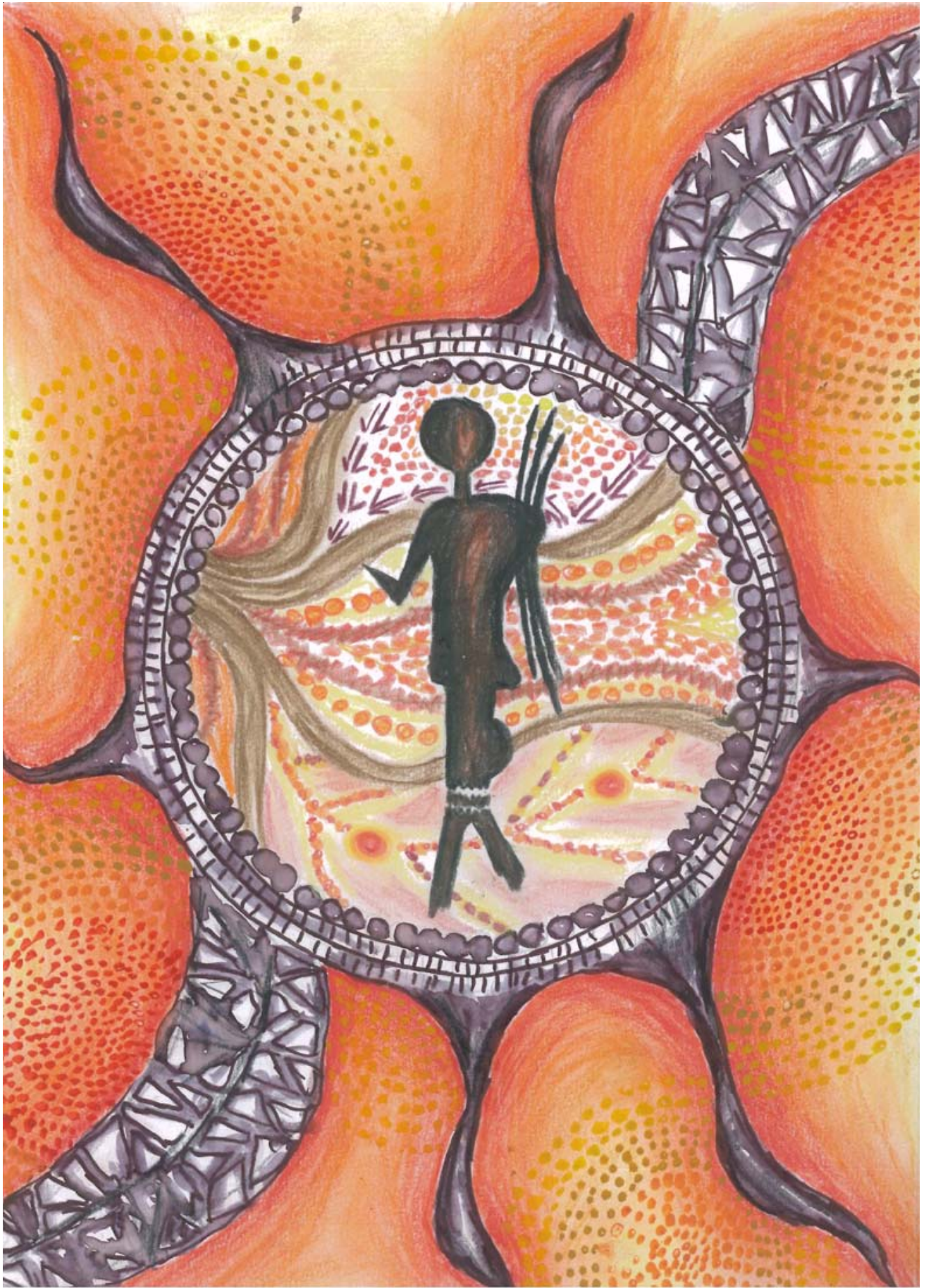
Method of Assessment

Portfolio (Unit 1)	=	60%
Externally set task (Unit 2)	=	40%

Equipment needed

You are required to purchase an A3 clear sleeve display file (expected to be available from the Art Department) and attend each lesson with a range of drawing equipment.

The course may offer the opportunity for you to visit the Tate Modern in London.



GCSE Art Student

Drama and Theatre Arts



The skills you develop in this subject will be of considerable benefit to you in whatever career choice you eventually make.

Course Title & Exam Board

Drama and Theatre Arts with the Edexcel Exam Board

Course Description

The course is in three parts: Units 1, 2 and 3

- Unit one of the course you will use drama to express your feelings and ideas about a range of issues and themes
- Unit two of the course you will look at a play to see how a playwright expresses their ideas about a theme or topic and explore ways of making the play work on stage
- Unit three of the course you will have the choice of being involved in the performance of a play from an existing script or one you can create yourselves. There is a possibility for some students to do performance support.

Skills & Concepts

GCSE Drama is all about understanding what it is like to put yourself in somebody else's shoes. You will play many parts in different imaginary situations. You will have the opportunity to create your own work as well as look at plays written by other people.

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that is both practical and creative. You may have done some acting before or helped out backstage on a production. You may have always wanted to have a go at making a play, performing, making costumes, building a set or operating the lights but never had the chance. You will enjoy this course if you enjoy working as part of a team as Drama involves a lot of group work.

What makes a successful student? A person who enjoys lessons and rehearsals and is prepared to appreciate that learning and fun can go together.

The ideal student knows that because Drama is essentially a group activity you have to be able to co-operate with others. This means putting your group first, for what is good for the group is good for you. You will be attending rehearsals in your own time, usually an hour, on the same weekday when a production is being prepared for performance. This will increase towards the end of the rehearsal period if the production is a large one. This is called **commitment, which is very important and requires self discipline.**

Method of Assessment

The course is divided as follows:

Unit 1	20% practical and 10% written portfolio		
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	Total	=	60%
Unit 3	Practical Performance	=	40%

The 60% coursework consists of practical performance work and a written notebook of evidence. During your course you will take part in two different workshops. In one of the workshops you will use all that you have learnt about Drama to explore your responses to a range of material presented to you. In the other workshop you will explore a play and show your understanding of drama by taking part in a number of exercises based on the play. You will be assessed on your practical work and on the supporting notes you keep during the workshops. These must be written up to produce your two portfolios during lesson time. This requirement is set by the exam board and is new to the 2009 specification.

The examination is a practical performance. You will take part in a play that you have created as a group or rehearsed from a script. You can either be examined on your acting skills in the performances or on your design and technical skills (stage design, costume, masks and makeup, lighting or sound). You will perform the play in front of an audience and the examiner will be present at one of the performances.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL practical exam work is videoed as requested by the exam board.

Student Groupings

You will be taught in mixed ability groups.



Music



Course Title and Exam Board

GCSE Music with AQA Exam Board.

Course Description

GCSE music ...

- Is based on five areas of study
 - ❖ Film Music
 - ❖ Dance Music
 - ❖ Orchestral Landmarks
 - ❖ Music for Special Events
 - ❖ Popular Song since 1960
- Builds on skills, knowledge and understanding achieved during years 7, 8 and 9
- Allows you to follow your own interests and develop your own strengths e.g. writing your own music
- Enables you to use a wide variety of instruments (acoustic and electric) and other resources such as computers, keyboards and multi-track recording facilities for performing and composing.



Skills & Concepts

GCSE music allows you to develop your skills in three main areas

- Performing – you will develop your instrumental or singing skills within each area of study as well as having the opportunity to develop your ability to perform music of your own choice as a soloist and as part of an ensemble.
- Composing – you will develop composition skills in each area of study and are also given the opportunity to compose music of your own choice.
- Listening and Appraising – you will develop your knowledge and use of music vocabulary and learn how to identify a wide range of musical characteristics and techniques. This will underpin your work in performing and composing.



Method of Assessment

Coursework Composing (25%)

You will submit a composition based on the area of study: music for special events.

Coursework Performing (25%)

You will perform one solo piece on your chosen instrument/voice and one ensemble (group) performance. You can perform any style of music.



Integrated Assignment (25%)

One composition based on a set assignment arising from one of the five areas of study (excluding music for special events). This is set by the exam board to be completed within the spring term of year 11. It also includes a 30 minute written exam.

Listening and Appraising Exam (25%)

A listening/written paper lasting for 1 hour 15 minutes.

All five areas of study will be included in the test.



Student Groupings

You are taught in mixed ability classes.



Instrumental Lessons

You do not...

- have to be good at reading music, although you do need a basic knowledge of reading pitches and rhythms
- have to have reached a certain grade on your instrument/voice

However...

- you will be encouraged to participate in the musical life of school
- if you opt for GCSE Music, you will be given priority in receiving vocal or instrumental lessons, depending on space
- it does help if you have instrumental lessons and can read music

Core Physical Education



In Year 10, students follow a compulsory programme. Students are taught in single sex, mixed ability groups. They take part in courses which include, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, multi-gym, outdoor games, cricket, tennis, athletics, dance and basketball. Each course lasts for approximately twelve lessons.

Option Courses:

On-Site Activities

In Year 11, students opt to follow a particular pathway for 1½ terms. The four pathways are:

- Invasion Games e.g. rugby, football, hockey
- Net Games e.g. Badminton, table tennis, volley ball
- Aesthetic Activities e.g. gymnastics, dance, trampoline
- Sports Leader Award This course develops the student's leadership skills through the medium of sport. In lessons, students take part in numerous sporting activities and various other teambuilding and group exercises.

In the spring term of Year 11, students can opt to take part in a ballroom dancing course with an outside professional company delivering the lesson. This is an ideal way to prepare for the final Prom!

Skills & Concepts

Our aims include you:

- Gaining enjoyment and satisfaction from being involved in physical activity.
- Continuing to develop your physical competencies.
- Enhancing your self esteem through the development of your physical confidence.

- Coping with the challenges of competitive and co-operative situations.
- Encouraging you to adopt an active lifestyle while at school and throughout life.

Parental Contributions

To increase choice and experience for our students the Physical Education Option Programme includes some activities which are taught by qualified experts, but who are not Crofton School staff members (ballroom dancing is an example of this). These courses may need additional funding to help cover the cost of the professional tuition and required resources. Without parent contributions towards costs it may not be possible for the courses to run.



GCSE Physical Education



Course Title and Exam Board:

Physical Education: Edexcel Full Course Physical Education

Course Description:

You will have one double practical lesson each week and one single theory lesson each week. The practical lessons will cover a wide variety of activities. Badminton, cricket, netball and rugby are but a few. You will also take on different roles such as performer, coach, choreographer, leader and official. GCSE PE builds on the skills and understanding that you have achieved in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Skills & Concepts

This course helps you to:

- Develop your own performance skills
- Apply these skills in game situations
- Evaluate and analyse performances; your own and others
- Gain a further understanding of the link between fitness and health

Methods of assessment:

The scheme of assessment is not tiered.

The course is based on:

Final written exam:	40%
Practical Coursework:	60% This includes a fitness training coursework module which is completed in Year 10.

Homework is set on a weekly basis.

Please Note: Some practical exam/coursework is video taped as requested by the exam board.

Student groupings:

You will be taught in mixed ability and mixed gender groups for theory lessons. You will be taught in single sex groupings for practical lessons.

HUMANITIES & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT FACULTY



Staff

Faculty Leader:

Mr S Barnes

Subject Leader

Geography

Mrs S Evans

History

Mrs E McNally

Personal Development Learning

Mr S Barnes

Personal, Social & Health Education

Mr D Clark

Religious Education

Mr R Milliken

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

Geography

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Preference Subject

History

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Preference Subject

Personal Development Learning

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Core Subject

Religious Education

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Preference Subject

Geography



Course Title & Exam Board

GCSE Geography - Specification B with OCR Exam Board.

Course Description

This course looks at people and their interaction with the environment. Different activities and environments are studied in a variety of ways and on different scales from local to global. Skills such as map reading, collection and interpretation of data and decision making will be developed. This course also seeks to promote an awareness of the significance of attitudes and values in social, economic and environmental issues, aiming to give an understanding of the world in which we live and enable well informed decisions to be made about it.

There are four main areas of study (themes) and they are interlinked:

- I Rivers and Coasts:
 - Hydrological Cycle
 - River systems and Flooding
 - Weathering and Erosion
 - Coastal Landforms and Management
- II Population and Settlement:
 - Where People Live
 - Population Change
 - Migration
 - Changing Cities and Services
- III Natural Hazards:
 - Hazard Distribution
 - Plate Tectonic Activity
 - Weather Hazards
 - Management of Hazards
- IV Economic Development:
 - Differences between LEDC/MEDC
 - Trade and Aid
 - Sustainable Development
 - Economic Activities and the Environment

Skills & Concepts

The examination will assess by testing these skills and concepts:

- Your geographical knowledge, which is shown by remembering facts from your studies.
- Your understanding of the geographical ideas shown by your explanations.
- Your ability to use geographical skills to interpret graphs, maps, photographs, statistics and also to draw maps, graphs etc.
- Your ability to realise that peoples' attitudes and values play a significant part in any geographical decision and to discriminate between desirable and undesirable consequences of some actions.
- Your ability to investigate and solve problems.

Method of Assessment:

The assessment takes the form of two written examination papers worth 25% and 50% respectively. The two written papers are set at two tiers (Foundation and Higher). Candidates must enter for a single tier in a particular examination sitting. Each tier examines broadly the same issues and resources. The Foundation Tier (grades C - G) utilises short structured questions. The Higher Tier (grades A* - D) includes opportunity for some more extended answers. Both tiers have opportunities for extended prose. Candidates achieving less than the minimum mark for grade D on the Higher Tier will be recorded as 'U'.

The first of the two papers will be a Sustainable Decision Making worth 25%. You will study a pre-released Resource Booklet for this paper.

The second paper will cover the course content and will contain many evidence based questions and test knowledge of the case studies covered, worth 50%.

Student Groupings

Geography will be taught to mixed groups.

Coursework (Geographical Enquiry)

The coursework element in this subject is common to both tiers and is based on two tasks, which will be worth up to 20%. The enquiry work is planned to extend some of the ideas covered by the course and will include field studies off site and involve the collection of first hand or primary data. There are two tasks:

1. Fieldwork Focus
2. Geographical Investigation.

You will be given more information as the tasks are set under controlled conditions.

Geography tackles the big issues! Without geography..... you're nowhere!

- As international links become closer, easier and faster, we need more than ever to understand the geography of the world;
- To help protect the environment - both at home and abroad - we need to understand geographical influences, and the geographical relationships linking people and their surroundings;
- To make the most of our multicultural society we need to understand and appreciate the cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world.



Geography - helping you make sense of the world

History



Course Title & Exam Board

Modern World B History with OCR Exam Board

Course Description

The course is made up of four components:

Unit 1 Britain 1890-1918

- Living and working conditions at the end of the Victorian era
- The Liberal Reforms
- The position of women
- The fight for female suffrage
- The effect of World War One on civilians in Britain
- The attitude of British people to the Paris Peace Conference in 1919

Unit 2 A New World 1948-2005

- The Collapse of the Soviet Empire
- The Hungarian and Prague uprisings
- The Fall of the Berlin Wall
- Terrorism ideologies
- The IRA and the Northern Ireland Peace Process
- Yasser Arafat and the Middle East Peace Process
- Al-Qaeda, 9.11 and the War on Terror
- The significance of the Iraq War

Unit 3 will be one of the following options:

The USA 1919-1945

- The economic boom of the 1920s
- Mass production, the impact of credit, the increased standard of living and consumerism
- The roaring twenties, tolerance and race relations
- Prohibition and gangsterism
- The Wall Street crash and the election of FDR
- The New Deal and its impact on American lives

OR

The USA 1945-1975 Land of Freedom?

- The Red Scare and McCarthyism
- The struggle for Civil Rights
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Martin Luther King vs Malcolm X
- Hispanic immigration and the fight for equality
- The fight for equality by women

Unit 4 Controlled Assessment - A Study in Depth

Content Question: Why did the Cold War develop after the Second World War?

Please note: The exam board will change the style of the question each year but we will essentially be writing a piece in controlled conditions around this period.

Method of Assessment

Unit 1 is 30% of final mark. The exam is 1 1/2 hours long, taken in June of Year 10 and the skill tested is Evidence Analysis.

Unit 2 and 3 are examined together and these carry 45% of the final mark. The exam is 2 hours and is taken in June of Year 11. The skills tested are Understanding, Explanation and Evidence Analysis.

Unit 4 is 25% of the final mark. The exam length is 8 hours, completed in class during Year 10. The skills tested are Evidence Analysis, Understanding and Explanation.

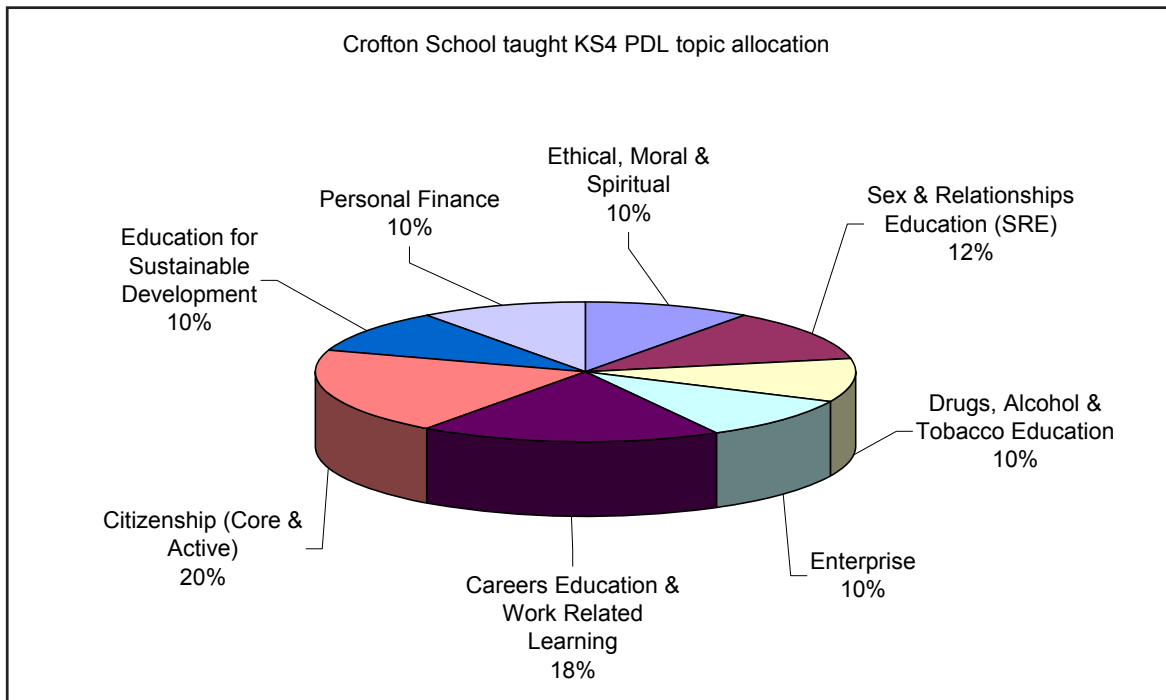
Please feel free to see Mrs McNally, Mr Hillier or Mr Barnes if you have any questions related to the new GCSE History course.



Personal Development Learning (PDL)

Course Description

All students in Year 10 and 11 at Crofton School will study *Personal Development Learning*. It is an important element in the preparation for your life after school. It provides a unique opportunity for you to develop knowledge and skills about social, political, economic and health issues that will enable you to make the most of your life as one member of a larger society. The main themes of the course are outlined in the pie chart below and you can see how much time and emphasis is put on each one:-



Skills & Concepts

PDL teaches many key skills and informs you about some of the important and challenging decisions that you may have to take in your young adult life. As well as developing your role as a young active citizen who recognises their rights AND responsibilities, the course will invite you to become a moral consumer who is able to work with others in a team, and identify the strengths and weaknesses of yourself and others. It invites you to develop more ways of solving problems peacefully and celebrate and respect a diverse society. An important part of being an Active Citizen is knowing how you can make your voice be heard and learning about the structures that govern our lives enables you to do this effectively.

Method of Assessment

You will be assessed in a variety of methods to enable specialist teachers to comment accurately on particular life skills.

Student Groupings

You will be grouped in mixed ability classes and be taught on a carousel basis.

Religious Studies



Course Title & Exam Board

You will study Religious Studies World Religions with OCR Exam Board. The Religious Studies course for the GCSE examination consists of a practical study of Christianity and Judaism.

Course Description

The course covers:

- Festivals
- Rites of Passage such as birth, marriage and death
- Beliefs
- Pilgrimage
- Places and forms of worship
- Religion and conflict
- Religion and the family
- Sacred writings

Skills & Concepts

As well as an academic study of the facts behind these two faiths, a variety of approaches are used to form an understanding of the way of life involved for the believers. This will enable you to appreciate how beliefs affect everyday decisions today. The course will include visits to a synagogue and churches, surveys on the street, and a wide use of texts and visual aid equipment.

Areas of study include:

- Jewish food laws and views on marriage and divorce.
- Debates on issues such as capital punishment, abortion, should a nation ever go to war and should women be priests.
- Responses to the holocaust, leading us to question social prejudice.
- Attempts to understand the conflict in Palestine.
- Looking at religious views on environmental issues.



Skills gained by the R.E. student:

- Can interact in group work
- Can conduct interviews
- Can formulate reasoned opinions
- Can understand various moral issues
- Can appreciate differing life styles
- Can have a better understanding of world news
- Can relate to people of different cultures and religion
- Can be better prepared for facing life issues

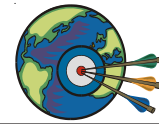
Method of Assessment

Employers will readily appreciate both the academic achievement, and the way in which the course has helped each student to learn the principles of tolerance and respect towards every human being, and an ability to work with others. Assessment is by modular examination; two taken each year. These can be re-sat to improve grades and each exam only contains material studied in the previous six months.

Student Groupings

You will be in medium sized mixed ability groupings, enabling the teacher to devote good quality personal care and support.

Things We Do



Canterbury (possibly)

Guided Tour of Canterbury Cathedral, visit the pilgrims' routes, see the shrine to Thomas A Becket and the symbolism evident there.



London

Coach trip to London to visit synagogue at Golders Green. Study of Jewish traditions and symbols, Mesuzah, scrolls, Jewish traditions. Visit Jewish young people, see Jewish Kosher food, taste samples, visit Jewish shops, take part in a Kosher meal.



London

Holocaust Memorial visit to view how the Jews survived in the Holocaust. Meet actual survivors of the Holocaust; find out how they lived in the barbed wire camps. Discuss the meaning of human rights in today's society.



Local Churches

Visit the local Churches: Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Church of England, Greek Orthodox Church, Free Church and go to St. Peters Church in Titchfield. - Wedding ceremony + reception.



Surveys

Carry out surveys with detailed questionnaires on topical subjects. Clipboard interviews in Stubbington village (umbrellas!). Discuss results and debate how we could change our society for the better.



Local Visits

Investigate local traditions, see local antiquities, churches and abbeys. Visit a Funeral Parlour to see what goes on behind the scenes. Look at the local culture and visit Asda for shopping to purchase Jewish foods.

Visit to London Synagogue

Surveys in the Village

Use of Computers
Slideviewers
Headphones

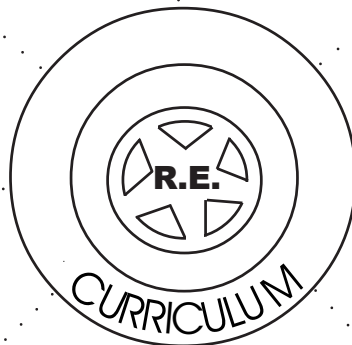
A possible visit to Canterbury

Visit the Holocaust Museum

Shopping for Kosher Meal

Wedding

Visiting Local Churches



ENGLISH FACULTY

Every Lesson Counts...



ENGLISH FACULTY

Staff

Faculty Leader:

Miss V Burr

Subject Leader

Deputy Faculty Leader:

Miss T Noble

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

English

- Core Subject

Media

- Preference Subject

English



Course Title & Exam Board

English and English Literature with Edexcel Exam Board.

Course Description

You are expected to take both the English and the English Literature examinations at the end of the GCSE course. You will be assessed on your Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening skills, across a range of activities, in line with the requirements of the Edexcel Examining Board. The assessment criteria for both examinations are set out below:

ENGLISH

	Coursework 40% (Internally assessed)
Paper 1A: Speaking and Listening 20% (Both Tiers)	3 Assessments
Paper 1B: Reading and Writing 20% (Both Tiers)	Coursework Portfolio 3 units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal and imaginative writing (10%) • Work reflecting different cultures and traditions (5%) • work based on a play by Shakespeare (5%)
	Terminal Examinations 60% (Externally assessed)
Paper 2F (Foundation Tier) or Paper 4H (Higher Tier) 30% 2 hours	The Craft of the Writer: Poetry and Non-Fiction (Pre-Released Material) Three sections: A: A choice of questions based on the reading of modern poetry from the Edexcel Anthology of pre-released material. B: A question based on the reading of the non-fiction section of the Edexcel anthology of pre-released material. The anthology must be taken into the examination. C: A choice of writing tasks to inform, explain, describe.
Paper 3F (Foundation Tier) or Paper 5H (Higher Tier) 30% 2 hours	Three sections: A: A question based on the reading of an unprepared media text of texts. B: A choice of writing tasks to argue, persuade, advise. C: A choice of writing tasks to analyse, review, comment.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 1	Coursework 30%
Written and Oral Coursework Portfolio (both tiers)	Three units Pre-1914 Drama unit (10%) Pre-1914 Prose unit (10%) Pre-1914 Poetry unit (10%)
Paper 2F or 3H	Terminal examination 70% - 2 ¹ / ₄ hours
2F (Foundation Tier) or 3H (Higher Tier)	Written examination paper Section A: Post-1914 Poetry Section B: Post-1914 Prose Section C: Post-1914 Drama Section D: Literary Non-fiction Candidates answer three questions, each from a different section.

Skills & Concepts

As well as preparing you for the examination, we also endeavour to equip you with the necessary skills to succeed in the wider world.

Student Groupings

You will be taught in mixed gender groups, set by ability. Moderated teacher assessment, and the result of the Key Stage Three examination, will determine in which group you are placed.

Media Studies



Course Title & Exam Board

GCSE media Studies with AQA Exam Board.

Course Description

The current AQA GCSE Media Studies course is an increasingly popular subject because it makes learning interesting, challenging, creative and fun. It encourages the development of critical understanding of the impact of mass media and its technologies on contemporary society. Candidates cover a range of media forms and are assessed on the Pre-production and Planning Skills, Production Skills and Evaluation of work produced.

Unit	Details
Unit 1: Investigating the Media	External examination - 40% of the overall GCSE
Unit 2: Understanding the Media	3 Controlled Assessments - 60% of the overall GCSE. Introducing the Media Cross media Study Practical Production

Skills & Concepts

The course aims to offer students an extensive coverage of media theory and practice, as well as the opportunity to learn about real media products and industries.

Student Groupings

Media will be offered as a preference subject, based on a mixed ability grouping of C and above.

LANGUAGE FACULTY

**Every Lesson Counts...
Jede Stunde zählt
Chaque leçon compte**



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Staff

Faculty Leader:

Mrs B Hlavaty

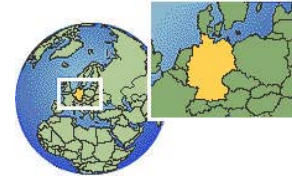
Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

Modern Foreign Languages - Preference Subject



Modern Foreign Languages

French & German



Course Title & Exam Board

GCSE German/French with the Edexcel Examining Board.

Course Description

At the end of Year 9 it is expected that you will continue the study of at least one foreign language to GCSE examination level. **Why?**

- It is essential in the world of today to be able to use another language other than English. Employers are looking for people who have already acquired the skills necessary for success at language learning. They don't want to teach these skills. Some major companies are adopting policies of employing only those people who have a knowledge of at least one foreign language. This is where your GCSE language qualification will prepare you for real life situations at work and on holiday.

Skills & Concepts

- Here at Crofton you have had many opportunities to practice speaking, reading, writing and listening to French and/or German, but your language is not yet ready for the world that you will find yourself in when you leave school. The next two years leading to the examinations will help you.
- During the next two years you will not only continue to gain in confidence in the four skills, but you will have a qualification which is recognised as very important. In fact some Universities say that you must have a GCSE grade A* to C in a language, for admission, even if your degree course is not in languages. If you want to become a primary school teacher, remember that all primary schools must be teaching a language from 2010.
- Many of you do not yet have firm ideas about future plans and so why not continue with two languages. You certainly will be in demand in the world of the future as so few people have two languages. You have been successful so far and with effort will continue to be so. Do not waste this excellent opportunity to have something more to offer and so, if you have the option, why not continue with two languages.

Method of Assessment

- You will study topics which you have touched on already such as: leisure, home life, relationships and also look at new ones such as advertising, the environment and media.
- You will continue to develop your skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing. ALL four skills will be tested. The new GCSE examination divides the course into two units. In Year 10 you will be preparing for the listening and reading examination which will take place at the end of Year 10. Year 11 will focus on the speaking and writing skills which will be tested at the end of Year 11.
- Coursework will help you to achieve a good grade. If you complete your coursework successfully you will not need to sit the writing paper.





Equipment

- Remember: you need a dictionary of your own and a file will help with your organisation. Bring your equipment with you to each lesson.
- But most of all you need to bring along your enthusiasm and we will help you to achieve success.

Computers

- We encourage you to use computers to support your language study.
- We have acquired language programmes where you can progress independently by accessing the language programmes as extra curricular activities as well as in class.
- We also recommend independent study by using TV/radio and Internet to experience the language as much as possible.

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MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Staff

Faculty Leader: - Mr P Michelmore

Deputy Faculty Leader - Mrs C Henderson

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

Mathematics - Core Subject

Mathematics



Course Title & Exam Board

Mathematics with Edexcel Exam Board.

Course Description

All students follow the national curriculum in Mathematics. You will study number (Arithmetic), Algebra, Shape, Space and Measures (Geometry) and Data Handling (Statistics), which together with Using and Applying Mathematics form the Attainment Targets on which your final assessment for GCSE will be based.

Skills & Concepts

You will be encouraged to develop your knowledge of a wide variety of mathematical concepts, skills and techniques in order to develop problem solving abilities when presented with more open-ended tasks where there is no 'right' answer.

A great deal of emphasis will be placed on communication skills including both written and oral explanations of mathematical ideas.

Method of Assessment

There are two tiers of assessment. Higher grades available A* to D and Foundation C to G. These are 100% exam and there will be no coursework component.

There will probably be six groups taking the Higher Level course and four groups doing the Foundation Level course.

The Higher Level course will be examined 2010. The Foundation Level course will be modular with modules taken in March and November 2010 and a final paper in June 2011.

Teaching Groups

You will be set according to your ability after discussions with your teachers and with reference to the National Curriculum level obtained in your KS3 test.

Statistics

Course Title & Exam Board

Statistics with AQA Exam Board.

Course Description

This is a separate GCSE subject, which covers the same content as the Data Handling sections of the Mathematics Syllabus with some additional material. It is particularly suited to those who are considering studying courses beyond GCSE level with a high Statistical content e.g. psychology, sociology and biology, as well as 'A' level mathematics.

It will be taken by students in the two top Higher sets at the end of Year 10.

Skills & Concepts

The course concentrates on developing your ability to handle and to interpret data so that you become more aware of the potential uses and pitfalls of the statistics that you may meet in other subjects. You will be expected to analyse data using a variety of techniques and to examine critically the conclusions that others have made.

Method of Assessment

Only the Higher level will be offered (grades available A* - D). This will consist of a single terminal examination (75% of marks available) and a single piece of coursework (25%).

SCIENCE SPECIALIST COLLEGE FACULTY

Staff

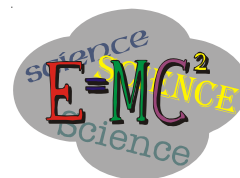
Faculty Leader: -

Deputy Faculty Leader - Mr C Brown

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

Science - Core Subject

Science



Course Title & Exam Board

The courses offered are:

1. **Science A:** AQA (GCSE) Year 10 course - 6 periods a week
2. **Science B:** AQA (GCSE) Year 10 course - 6 periods a week
3. **Additional Science:** AQA (GCSE) Year 11 course - 6 periods a week
4. **Separate Sciences:** This is made up from:-
AQA Biology (GCSE) Year 11 course - 2 periods a week
AQA Chemistry (GCSE) Year 11 course - 2 periods a week
AQA Physics (GCSE) Year 11 course - 2 periods a week

Most students will study the following route:

Science B in Year 10 and Additional Science in Year 11. These students will be awarded two GCSEs in Science.

Some students will be selected to study the modular route:

Science A in Year 10 and Additional Science in Year 11.

Some students will be selected to study the following route:

Science B in Year 10, Additional Science in Year 11 and Biology, Chemistry and Physics. These students will be awarded three GCSEs in Science.

GCSE Syllabus A Modular award

This is a Year 10 course for a small number of selected students. Students who follow this Programme of Study will then follow the Additional Science Year 11 course.

Course Description

The Science A course covers the legal requirement for Key Stage 4 Programme of Study. The course has the same content and assessment objectives as the Co-ordinated award and students gain the same skills and concepts.

Method of Assessment

There are six modules which are assessed as follows:

1. Biology: Two 30 minute multiple choice Objective Tests - 25% of the marks
2. Chemistry: Two 30 minute multiple choice Objective Tests - 25% of the marks
3. Physics: Two 30 minute multiple choice Objective Tests - 25% of the marks
4. Centre Assessed Unit: An Investigative Skills and Practical Skills Assessment - 25% of the marks

Student Groupings

You will be set according to your performance in Year 9.

GCSE Syllabus B Co-ordinated award

The majority of students will follow this course.

Course Description

The Science B course covers the legal requirement for Key Stage 4 Programme of Study for Science education. The Additional Science builds on the knowledge and understanding of the Science GCSE. Completion of these courses will lead to the award of GCSE levels (G - A*) for the whole subject.

Attainment will be based on three Assessment Objectives (AO):

AO1	Knowledge and understanding of Science and how Science works
AO2	Application of skills, knowledge and understanding
AO3	Practical, enquiry and data handling

These courses will contain integrated units of Biology, Chemistry and Physics base on topics, which are interesting and relevant.

You will have the opportunity to obtain two full grades on completion of the courses. Good grades will enable you to continue with Science at AS Level in one or more subject areas.

Skills & Concepts

The aims of the course are to:

1. Help you acquire a systematic body of knowledge and develop an understanding of Science together with the relevant skills.
2. Help you to appreciate that the concepts of Science are constantly developing
3. Stimulate interest in Science and encourage you to undertake further studies

Method of Assessment

The Scheme of Assessment is the same for both GCSEs. For each GCSE there are four assessed units:

1. Biology: A 45 minute short answer question paper - 25% of the marks
2. Chemistry: A 45 minute short answer question paper - 25% of the marks
3. Physics: A 45 minute short answer question paper - 25% of the marks
4. Centre Assessed Unit: A test Investigative Skills Assignment and Practical Skills Assessment - 25% of the marks

The core Science exam will be taken at the end of Year 10.

Student Groupings

You will be set according to your performance in Year 9.

Separate Sciences



Course Description

The most able students in Year 10 will be invited to follow the Separate Science option, further details of which will be explained at the Parents' Evening at a later date. You will have Science for six periods a week, two periods per week allocated to each discipline. This award requires students to follow the Science B, Additional Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics syllabus of work.

Attainment will be based on three Assessment Objectives (AO):

AO1	Knowledge and understanding of Science and how Science works
AO2	Application of skills, knowledge and understanding
AO3	Practical, enquiry and data handling

Skills & Concepts

The aims of the course are to:

1. Help you acquire a systematic body of knowledge and develop an understanding of Science together with the relevant skills.
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Method of Assessment

The Scheme of Assessment is as follows:

1. Biology:
 - a. Three 45 minute short answer question paper - 75% of the marks
 - b. Centre Assessed Unit: A tested Investigative Skills Assignment and Practical Skills Assessment - 25% of the marks
2. Chemistry:
 - a. Three 45 minute short answer question paper - 75% of the marks
 - b. Centre Assessed Unit: A tested Investigative Skills Assignment and Practical Skills Assessment - 25% of the marks
3. Physics
 - a. Three 45 minute short answer question paper - 75% of the marks
 - b. Centre Assessed Unit: A tested Investigative Skills Assignment and Practical Skills Assessment - 25% of the marks

TECHNOLOGY, ICT & BUSINESS STUDIES FACULTY

Staff

Faculty Leader: Miss C Jeffery

Subject Leader

Technology Mr E Champion

Contributions to the Upper School Curriculum:

D & T Graphics	-	Preference Subject
D & T Textiles	-	Preference Subject
D & T Food	-	Preference Subject
D & T Resistant Materials	-	Preference Subject
D & T Systems & Control	-	Preference Subject
ICT	-	Preference Subject *
Business Studies	-	Preference Subject

* Please note that all students are encouraged to develop their ICT skills through all the subjects they study in the Upper School.

TECHNOLOGY - Design & Technology

PRODUCT DESIGN



Course Title & Exam Board

GCSE Design & Technology - Resistant Materials, Textiles, Graphics, Systems & Control with the OCR Exam Board.

Course Description

The course covers all aspects of the National Curriculum for Design and Technology. It continues to offer a broad based technology experience, building upon the work that you have done at Key Stage Three. You will learn about a range of materials, manufacturing processes, techniques and technologies and be able to use them as appropriate to the design and make process.

Skills & Concepts

You will use tools and equipment effectively and safely to make products that match your specification. You should have some understanding of a range of industrial processes. In your work you will manufacture single items and products in quantity ensuring high quality at all times. ICT will be used wherever possible; you will use CAD (Computer Aided Design) and CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture) as part of the designing and making process.

In this course you will be taught how to cut, shape and form materials to specific tolerances. You will combine and process materials to create materials with more useful properties. The finishing processes applied to these materials will also be studied. Quality Assurance procedures will be applied to all practical work.

Method of Assessment

Unit 1: Introduction to Designing and Making

- Developing research and investigation skills
- Developing drawing skills
- Modelling/Making
- Evaluating process

Internally controlled assessment project accounts for 30% of marks.

Unit 2: Sustainable Design

- Consideration of products
- Consideration of the environment
- Consideration of society and the economy

Externally assessed written examination which accounts for 20% of the marks.

Unit 3: Making Quality Products

- Designing and making for a need
- Working with tools and equipment
- Evaluating the product

Internally controlled assessment project which accounts for 30% of the marks.

Unit 4: Technical Aspects of Designing and Making

- Working with tools and materials
- Selecting processes
- Designing for success

Externally assessed written examination which accounts for 20% of the marks.

Student Groupings

Students may study one area from:

- Food
- Graphics Materials
- Systems & Control
- Textiles
- Resistant Materials

Materials Areas



In the Food Materials area you will be designing and making food outcomes. This will involve recipes, nutritional analysis, packaging, planning for special occasions and special diets. You will use CAD to help in your designing dishes and menus of your own choice.



In the Graphic Products area you will be using a variety of graphical media in your designing and making. You will use a range of processes and skills to broaden your practical ability and CAD and CAM to enhance your skills.



In the Systems and Control area you will be overcoming design problems using a variety of modern technological skills and techniques. You will use analogue and digital electronics and computer control to design and make systems or design outcomes.



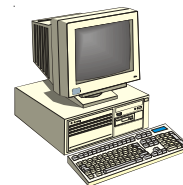
In the Textiles area you will learn more skills and techniques to help you make quality products. You will also use and learn about a range of fibres, fabrics and components. You will use CAD/CAM techniques to help in your designing, and making a variety of textile outcomes.



In the Resistant Materials area you will be designing and making products in wood, metal and plastic. You will have the opportunity to use CAD and CAM techniques and learn about a variety of workshop techniques and practices.

ICT

Upper School DiDA Course



Course Title & Exam Board

Aida is the Award in Digital Applications, a revolutionary course from Edexcel that focuses on the practical application of technology.

Course Description

"...designed to stimulate students' creativity and develop real world, practical skills..."

The Aida qualification prepares students for the real world of work or further education. They are designed to stimulate students' creativity and develop real-world, practical skills that will motivate learning across a wide range of subjects.

The Aida qualification is the equivalent of one GCSE and can be taken separately or paired with GCSE Business Studies. Either way this GCSE will offer invaluable skills, which will complement any subject options.

Skills & Concepts

The Aida qualification is designed to teach students how to:

- develop their ability to select and use digital applications appropriately and produce high quality outcomes;
- promote the use of digital applications for achieving a goal, rather than for their own sake;
- enhance creativity and communication;
- equip students with some of the skills that they will need in the workplace or in further education or training;
- develop project management skills;
- free students' work from paper, making it organised, searchable, dynamic and transportable; and
- encourage students to reflect critically on their own and others' use of digital applications.

Method of Assessment

This GCSE is assessed via a 'summative project' in which students apply their knowledge, skills and understanding they have acquired throughout the course to produce a number of specified 'deliverables', they present their work in an E Portfolio which is marked by the teacher and externally moderated. Students complete the project toward the end of the course. The assessed project is completed at school and as a result students do not sit a traditional exam at the end of Year 11.

Business Studies



Course Title & Exam Board

Business Studies GCSE has been designed to offer students the opportunity to learn entrepreneurial skills that will be invaluable in the work place.

Course Description

This course aims to increase students' ability to explore **independently** the business environment and:

- provide a rigorous yet flexible programme for delivery and promote a student-centred and practical approach
- offer some choice in the mode of assessment to enable students to demonstrate their capabilities in a way which is best suited to them.
- encourage students to develop independent thinking to solve problems
- encourage students to develop decision-making skills.

This course will appeal to students who are interested in the business environment and who have confidence and the ability to communicate well. **You must enjoy taking responsibility for your own investigations.**

Skills & Concepts

You will study five main units during your GCSE, all designed to help to understand the dynamics of business activity and the influence this has on the decision-making processes within a business.

Unit 1 - Business and its environment

Focusing on different types of business and how they operate in the UK and global economy.

Unit 2 - Human Resources

You will learn about the role of the Human Resource Department, Employment Law, Motivation Theory and Methods of Communication.

Unit 3 - Finance and Accounting

The function of the Finance Department is critical to any business and is a critical part of this course. You will learn about sources of finance and the evaluation of businesses profitability.

Unit 4 - Marketing

You will learn about the role of the Marketing Departments, how to market products and services.

Unit 5 - Production

In this wide ranging unit, you will learn about locations of business, methods of production, use of Computer Aided Design and other production methods.

Method of Assessment

You will complete one piece of coursework worth 25% of the overall grade. The coursework will be a business case study in which you will have to solve a variety of business issues covered in the five main units. There will be a final exam worth the remaining 75% of the grade, which will take place at the end of Year 11 and will take two hours to complete. A research brief will be issued prior to the final examination to enable students to revise in a particular context.



Skills Academy, Young Apprenticeship and Diplomas



During Year 10 and 11, students can spend some of their time studying off-site with a college or training provider. The courses fall into three groups.

Skills Academy

This is completed at Fareham College, which teaches Level 1 courses and is a half day at the college. Students return to school in the afternoon.

Courses available:

Animal Care	Hairdressing
Beauty Therapy	Motor Vehicle
Catering	Photography
Construction	Sport
Engineering	Theatrical Costume

Young Apprenticeship

These are Level 2 courses and are also at Fareham College or Paragon Training and last all day.

Courses available:

Healthy & Social Care	Motor Vehicle
Business Admin	Hospitality & Catering
Hairdressing	Sport

Diplomas

The third type of course is the new diploma which takes place all day at a variety of schools and colleges. Diplomas are available at Level 1 and Level 2.

Courses available:

Hair & Beauty	Engineering
Creative and Media	IT

If students are interested in any of these, they must see Miss Knight before completing the Preference Form.

Key Stage 4 Preference Form 2009

Name

Tutor Group

1. Write the numbers 1-4 against **FOUR** subjects that you would like to study for GCSE (1 = your favourite preference and so on). If you select 'Diploma' you will choose one or two additional GCSEs, depending on the level of diploma.
Remember, you are strongly advised to choose at least **one subject from each column** unless you have positive reasons for choosing two from the same column.
2. Write the name of your reserve subject in the box below - REMEMBER this subject may have to be used. **This box must be completed.**
3. Take care you have not chosen more than one D & T subject.
4. **Underline** any subject that is particularly important for you to study and say why in the box below.

<p style="text-align: center;">Preference A</p> <p>French <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>German <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preference C</p> <p>Art <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Drama <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Music <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>PE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Media Studies <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preference D</p> <p>D&T Graphics <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D&T Textiles <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D&T Food <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D&T Resistant Materials <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D&T Systems & Control <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preference E</p> <p>Diploma (Higher) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Diploma (Foundation) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Work-related Learning <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Young Apprenticeship <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Learning Support <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Preference B</p> <p>History <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Geography <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Religious Studies <input type="checkbox"/></p>			

Reserve preference (This must be completed)	Write name of subject here:
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I particularly want to study because

The positive reasons for my preferences are:

It is important that you understand that you are indicating a preference and it may not always be possible for you to have all your first choices.

Signed (student)(parent)

**Please ensure the copy of this form is returned to your tutor
by Wednesday 25th February**
This copy is for you to keep