



Ormiston Park Academy

Progression Guide

Commencing September 2018

Welcome to your progression guide. The aim of this guide is to help you select the right subjects for your KS4 (Y9-11) studies which will begin when you return in September to start Year 9. Our KS4 curriculum offers all students the opportunity to gain a minimum of nine qualifications at Level 2 which includes GCSE, Certificates or Awards.

Which subjects will I study at Key Stage 4?

The Core Curriculum

All students will study a Core Curriculum of five GCSEs:

English Language and English Literature

Mathematics

Combined Science (a two GCSE qualification)

Students also continue a core Physical Education (**PE**) programme and undertake Citizenship, Personal and Religious studies (**CPRE**). Additional accreditation/qualifications may also be available within these programmes over the three years of study.

The Options Pathways

There have been many changes implemented recently with respect to both the qualifications available to students and the expectations of the study programmes that schools and Academies should offer by the Government. These have all been aimed at securing higher standards of education for students.

A great deal of effort and thought has gone into considering how best to provide for our students, not only in securing them success at KS4 but also offering progression routes forward through Sixth Form/Apprenticeships to University/Employment. We are delighted this year to be able to offer three pathways for our students to choose from within.

We have thought carefully about the progress you have made in Years 7 and 8. Using this information, as well as information about the levels you reached at primary school, we have decided which subjects will be available to you within the pathway you have been allocated.

These pathways offer further **GCSEs or equivalences** and ensure that our curriculum remains broad and balanced to provide progression into Sixth Form/College or Apprenticeships.

Subjects available for study within pathways at KS4 are:

Sciences – **Triple Science**

Humanities – **History and Geography**

Languages – **French**

Technology – **Technology and Food and Cookery**

Arts – **Art and Design, Performance (Drama)**

Other – **Business; ICT; Sports; Statistics**

The **Traditional** Pathway:

| Pathway | Option Choices | | | Progression at age 16 | Progression at age 18/19 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| | Qualification 1 | Qualification 2 | Qualification 3 | | |
| Traditional | One from Option Block A | One from Option Block B | One from Option Block C | Tech Levels; Intermediate / Advanced Apprenticeships; A Levels | Advanced/higher Apprenticeships or other skilled Employment or University |

The **Integrated** Pathway:

| Pathway | Option Choices | | | Progression at age 16 | Progression at age 18/19 |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| | Qualification 1 | Qualification 2 | Qualification 3 | | |
| Integrated | Pick one of History or Geography or French | One from the remaining Option Block | One from the remaining Option Block | A levels and Vocational Qualifications or the Technical Baccalaureate (TechBacc) | University or Advanced/Higher Apprenticeships |

The **Baccalaureate** Pathway:

| Pathway | Option Choices | | | Progression at age 16 | Progression at age 18/19 |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Qualification 1 | Qualification 2 | Qualification 3 | | |
| Baccalaureate | History or Geography | French | One from the remaining Option Block | 3 or more A levels; or as in above pathways | University; or as in above pathways |

Note: The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is not a qualification but a measure recognising performance at the higher GCSE grades (9-5/Dist*-Merit) in a suite of subjects that must include English, Mathematics, two Sciences, a Humanities course and a Modern Foreign language.

Subject choices

It is important you think about your own interests and studying a good range of subjects so that you continue to benefit from different lessons and experiences at the Academy. In the week ahead, speak to your subject teachers and tutor to make careful decisions about the subjects you would like to study.

The process will be completed using Options Online, which is a website. Please ensure you have checked your email is correct in our system, and if you need to change it, see Mr Farrer at reception before you leave. You will receive an email inviting you to the personalised page for your child where the available options will be displayed. If you have any queries relating to selecting the most appropriate subjects to begin studying at KS4 please see Mr Rivers. If you are having any technical issues with the online process please contact bfarrer@ormistonpark.org.uk.

The Option blocks are as follows:

| Option A | Option B | Option C |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| French | Triple Science | Statistics |
| Geography | French | History |
| History | Geography | Geography |
| Art & Design | Business | Art & Design |
| Performance | Food and Cookery | Technology |
| Sport | ICT | Sport |

We always try to allocate every student to their first choice, however this is not always possible. Reserve choices are sometimes used when a first choice course is oversubscribed or if too few students choose to take a first choice course.

The blocks of subjects have been designed to offer the widest choice of subject combinations given our current staffing and timetable arrangements. Detailed information about each of the subjects is contained in this booklet. Please spend time reading subject information and what progression pathways are available at the end of study in this subject. This will be very important to understand when selecting your choices.

Core Curriculum

English Language & Literature
Mathematics
Combined Science

English Language and Literature

Why study this subject?

English Language is an essential part of every student's education at Ormiston Park Academy. Across the key stages, students develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills through the analysis and creation of exciting and original materials.

GCSE English Literature offers students a chance to read and analyse a rich variety of texts. The English department strives to make challenging poetry, prose and drama accessible and enjoyable for all. The qualification is also extremely well respected by higher and further education institutions because of its academic rigour and demanding skill set.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE English and AQA GCSE English Literature (two single GCSE qualifications).

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

A grade 4 in **English** is the current minimum requirement to avoid resitting at post-16 study; however, for most further education courses and employment opportunities the required grade is 5. **English Literature** is widely regarded as one of the most intellectually demanding GCSE's and is ideal for anyone considering courses in Law, English, History, Psychology, Politics or Sociology.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study a variety of texts across their GCSE literature course.

Drama – Romeo and Juliet, A View from the Bridge and An Inspector Calls. (30% of overall grade)

Prose – Frankenstein, A Christmas Carol and/or Animal Farm. (30%)

Poetry – A selection of poetry including Dylan Thomas, Rudyard Kipling and Christina Rossetti (40%)

Under the new specification in English Language, students will study;

Paper 1: Analysing 19th and 20th century texts.
Writing to describe or narrate

Paper 2: Comparing 20th and 21st century non-fiction texts e.g. polemical/biographical/travel writing
Writing a response to non-fiction text.

Do I have to do any coursework?

No. Students will attain a Speaking and Listening Certificate that will be teacher assessed. However, this will not count towards their overall GCSE grade.

How much homework will I have to do?

You will be expected to do regular homework, which will be set using Show My Homework.

How will I be assessed on this course?

As noted above, all English and English Literature courses are 100% exam.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or Ask Mr Shercliff or Miss Mabbort

Mathematics

Why study this subject?

Mathematics encourages students to develop confidence in, and a positive attitude towards mathematics and to recognise the importance of mathematics in their own lives and to society. This qualification prepares students to make informed decisions about the use of technology, the management of money, further learning opportunities and career choices.

Students will have the opportunity to develop the ability to:

- acquire and use problem-solving strategies
- select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real-world situations
- reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions
- interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

Edexcel GCSE in Mathematics.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Mathematics provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in numerate disciplines, such as AS and A Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Science subjects, Geography, Psychology and further qualifications which require mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding. This qualification also further supports training and employment where mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding is desirable such as apprenticeships.

What topics will I study on this course?

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| 1. Number | 4. Geometry and Measures |
| 2. Algebra | 5. Statistics |
| 3. Ratio, proportion and rates of change | 6. Probability |

Do I have to do any coursework?

No

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework is a big part of the course. Online Homework on MathsWatch will be set weekly. In addition to this, students are also expected to complete paper homework occasionally.

How will I be assessed on this course?

100% externally assessed examinations

- Three equally weighted written papers
- Tiered papers: Foundation Tier grades 1-5 available with Higher Tier grades 4-9 available
- 1 hour 30 minutes (for both Higher and Foundation papers) 80 marks on each paper
- Paper 1F and 1H: Non-calculator
- Paper 2F/3F and 2H/3H: Calculator

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.qualifications.pearson.com or speak to Mr Rashid or Mr Duffy.

Science

Why study this subject?

Science is one of the most important qualifications that students will undertake at school as they are growing up in an increasingly scientific & technological world. There are few industries not using science these days, and a good understanding of the subject, is seen as a definite advantage by future employers.

Good qualifications in Science opens the door to pretty much any study or career choice, as it demonstrates the student's ability to fuse both written, analytical and mathematical skills, alongside the subject specific topics learned throughout the course.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE in Combined Science (worth two GCSEs).

What can this qualification lead afterwards?

Combined Science provides progression to Level 3 qualifications such as AS and A Levels or vocational qualifications such as BTEC. Some colleges and sixth forms prefer students on their A Level courses to have studied Separate Sciences at GCSE, as they will have studied the subjects at greater detail and in more depth. If a student is considering taking any Science, Engineering or Mathematical degree courses at University, the Separate Science GCSEs would be an appropriate starting point.

What topics will I study on this course?

| Biology | Chemistry | Physics |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cell biology2. Organisation3. Infection and response4. Bioenergetics5. Homeostasis and response6. Inheritance, variation and evolution7. Ecology | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Atomic structure and the periodic table2. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter3. Quantitative chemistry4. Chemical changes5. Energy changes6. The rate and extent of chemical change7. Organic chemistry8. Chemical analysis9. Chemistry of the atmosphere10. Using resources | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Energy2. Electricity3. Particle model of matter4. Atomic structure5. Forces6. Waves7. Magnetism and electromagnetism |

Do I have to do any coursework?

No

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework will be set regularly at least once every week for all classes, and every half term there will be a topic-based piece of work.

Revision for end of topic tests will be in addition to revision, and tests will feature 50% of the content in the topic as well as 50% of previous content studied, so that there is an emphasis on revisiting all content throughout the three years of the course.

How will I be assessed on this course?

All GCSE Science qualifications are now 100% exam-based and there are **no coursework** requirements.

As Science is a practical-based subject, these skills are assessed through students learning about a number of **Required Practicals** throughout the course. Assessment of a student's understanding of these practicals is through exam questions on practical skills, planning and analysis in all of the exam papers (worth at least 15% of marks).

Questions assessing students' use of **mathematical skills** will make up at least 10% of the marks in the Biology papers, 20% of the Chemistry & 30% of the Physics papers. There will also be some recall of formula equations required in Physics.

There are 6 written exams, 2 for Biology, 2 for Chemistry and 2 for Physics. Each paper lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes. Each paper has 70 marks available. The scores from each paper are combined to give your overall results.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or speak to Mrs Thacker.

Options Curriculum

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Triple Science

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Students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as three separate GCSE subjects. They will undertake additional topics to that studied in Combined Science, and will study each topic in greater detail and frequently at a higher level, in order to achieve **3 Science GCSEs**; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

We would only recommend students to consider Triple Science if they enjoy learning about Science through both practical and theory-based work, as both elements are required to do well in the course, and also because Science lessons will form a **third** of their timetable at school it is important they enjoy and have an interest in the subject.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE in Triple Science: 1 GCSE Biology, 1 GCSE Chemistry, 1 GCSE Physics (worth three GCSEs).

What can this qualification lead afterwards?

Triple Science provides progression to Level 3 qualifications such as AS and A Levels or vocational qualifications such as BTEC. Some colleges and sixth forms prefer students on their A Level courses to have studied Separate Sciences at GCSE, as they will have studied the subjects at greater detail and in more depth. If a student is considering taking any Science, Engineering or Mathematical degree courses at University, the Separate Science GCSEs would be an appropriate starting point.

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| Biology | Chemistry | Physics |
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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or speak to Mrs Thacker.

French

Why study this subject?

Languages are part of the cultural richness of our society and the world in which we live and work. Learning languages opens new horizons in terms of opportunities, be it at a professional, social or personal level. When you are learning a new language, you are also learning to appreciate different countries, cultures, communities and people. This process helps you make comparisons between different cultures and societies as well as gaining an insight into your own language, culture and society.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE in French.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

French provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in AS and A Level French.

What topics will I study on this course?

While learning French, students will be gaining an understanding and knowledge of the language. This will enable them to provide information and opinions about contexts relating to the three main themes:

1. Identity & Culture
2. Local, National, and International Areas
3. Current and future Study & Employment

These themes are further broken down into the following 8 modules:

1. Family & Leisure
2. Hobbies & Internet Use
3. Special Occasions
4. Local Area
5. Holidays & travel
6. School life
7. Employment
8. Environmental concerns

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. You have a speaking test to complete with the teacher during the qualification which you will undergo preparation for. This test lasts 7-12 minutes depending on the tier you have been entered for. This speaking test contributes 25% of your final mark and 60 marks are available.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework is a big part of the course, it is imperative that you revise vocabulary from the lesson after every lesson. You will be tested on this, and other learning tasks as given by the teacher, as well as handing in written homework on time.

How will I be assessed on this course?

You will be expected to complete final examinations in 3 skills in: Listening, Reading and Writing. Each examination will last between 35 and 75 minutes depending on the tier and the unit and each will contribute 25% towards your overall grade.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or speak to Mr Aldridge.

Geography

Why study this subject?

Students who choose Geography have an interest in people and the world around them. Geography is a highly topical subject, ever-changing as world events unfold. Every day, when you see newspaper items or television reports, Geography is involved.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE in Geography .

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Geography is one of the few subjects which helps to keep your options open, by helping you to develop a range of transferable skills for any career as well as vocational studies or AS/A2 level. For many jobs it is a real asset if you have a Geography qualification. Architecture, Marketing, Travel & Tourism, Risk Assessment, Environmental Management, The Armed Services and the Police Force are among the many careers you can effectively pursue.

What topics will I study on this course?

Geography is split into three units and each will be studied over the duration of your course:

| Unit 1: Physical Geography | Unit 2: Human Geography | Unit 3: Geographical Applications and Skills |
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| Section A: Natural Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural hazards Tectonic hazards Weather hazards Climate change | Section A: Urban Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban world Urban change Urban sustainability | 1. Issue evaluation 2. Fieldwork – physical and human In this unit, students will attend two compulsory field work sessions. Here students will test their skills and collect data ready to use in their final examinations. |
| Section B: Living World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystems Tropical rainforests Hot deserts | Section B: Changing Economic world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development gap Nigeria: Newly-emerging economy Changing UK economy | |
| Section C: Physical Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK's relief and landscapes Coastal landscapes River landscapes | Section C: Resource Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources Energy management | |

Do I have to do any coursework?

No.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework is a big part of the course, it will be set on a weekly basis using Show My Homework.

How will I be assessed on this course?

You will be expected to complete final examinations in 3 skills in the three units above at the end of Y11. Unit 1 and 2 will be 1 hour 30 minute exams with Unit 3 being 1 hour and 15 minutes. ∴

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or speak to Mr Syed.

History

Why study this subject?

History is an amazing subject for learning employability skills, which are valued by numerous sectors. History is a subject which provides students with the ability to analyse information, write reports, discuss and debate topics in a mature manner, assess causation and consequences, report on any changes and trends and produce written arguments. It teaches students about the world and how society has evolved, about economics, politics, the law, about how different groups have been able to fight for their rights, the value of citizenship and how to think critically.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

AQA GCSE in History.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

History provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in AS and A Level History. This subject has many transferable skills and as such, is highly valued by both universities and in the following professions: Law, Banking and finance, Politics, Teaching, Museums, Writing and journalism, Business and Management, and Stocks and Shares.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study a broad period of History over different centuries and countries:

Crime and Punishment

Paper 1 is on Crime and Punishment from 1000 to the present day. You will study how crimes and the methods of committing them have changed over time, including the use of technology and the rise of immigration. You will also study how policing communities has changed and about punishments over time and the role of key individuals in this. There is a Whitechapel depth study at the end of the unit focusing on Jack the Ripper and why he was never caught.

Henry VIII

Students study Henry VIII as a young king, his love of war and the impact of this on foreign policy. We study the rise of Wolsey, his impact on the running of the kingdom and how his failure to gain an annulment led to his downfall. We study the impact of Henry's annulment on religion on England, the dissolution of the monasteries, the pilgrimage of grace and opposition from his Ministers.

The British Americas

We will study the colonization of America, the impact on the Americans and trade with the Indies. We look at the rise of piracy and how it was treated and the introduction of the slave trade. We then look at slave uprisings, their fight for freedom and how Britain finally lost their control over America in the War of Independence.

American Civil Rights

In this unit we study how key individuals and events such as Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and the Montgomery Bus Boycott helped African Americans to gain their civil rights after centuries of repression.

Vietnam

The course ends studying Vietnam and the fight between communist and capitalist ideas. We will look at why Vietnam was fought, the methods used by both sides, the impact of the media and reasons for why America was not able to win.

Do I have to do any coursework?

No.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework is vital for historians to be able to consolidate their understanding, learn and practice essay writing skills and to read ahead to gather information in advance. All students in Years 9-11 will be expected to complete one piece of homework every week. This will mainly comprise of producing exam answers, revising for end of topic or unit exams, redrafting work based on individual and class feedback and preparing for future lessons by reading and researching.

How will I be assessed on this course?

Each unit is assessed by an exam at the end of the course in year 11. There are three exams: Crime and Punishment lasting 1 hour 15 minutes (30%), Henry VIII and the British Americas lasting 1 hour 45 minutes (40%) and Civil Rights and Vietnam 1 hour 15 minutes (30%). These exams are made up of a mixture of non-source and source work questions.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.aqa.org.uk or speak to Mrs Barber.

Art & Design

Why study this subject?

Art and Design is designed to provide pupils with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the applied study of good art and design practices and an understanding of working in the sector. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different media in order to explore your strengths and preferences. You will complete a series of projects as part of your coursework and one for your exam. You will develop your visual language skills and build a comprehensive portfolio of work to progress to further courses or employment.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Art & Design.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Art & Design will allow you to continue studying in this subject area at Level 3 in AS or A Level Art, vocational qualifications such as Technical Awards and Diplomas in Design and Technology, or start an apprenticeship within sectors such as Community Arts Coordinator, Creative Digital Designer, Museum and Galleries Technician, and Fashion Studio Assistant.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Understanding the creation of art and design work
2. Understanding organisations, employment and how art and design work is created in the industry

Topics will include: Factors that influence the creation of art and design works across different movements and disciplines; how visual language is used through art and design works; how art and design work is created,; employment opportunities; how to respond to design briefs; creating, presenting and reviewing own art and design work.

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework will be set on a weekly basis via Show My Homework and iAchieve. It is expected you complete this work to a high standard and it is handed in on time.

How will I be assessed on this course?

You will have to complete an external assessment which is a written exam and work 40% of your overall qualification grade. The exam paper is 1 hour 30 minutes and you will be thoroughly prepared by your teacher following learning time. This external exam mark will be combined with your coursework mark to provide your overall qualification grade.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mrs Berry.

Business

Why study this subject?

By studying Business you will gain a broad understanding of Business and Enterprise including the following: entrepreneurial characteristics and business aims and objectives legal structures; organisational structures and stakeholder engagement; market research, market types and orientation types; internal and external influences on business research; resource planning and growth for business; human resource requirements for a business start-up; sources of enterprise funding and business finance business and enterprise planning. This knowledge will allow for the understanding of business operation and the impact this has in all aspects of developed society.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Business & Enterprise.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Business provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in AS and A Level Business, vocational style qualifications in business or apprenticeships in a related field. This subject has many transferable skills and as such, is highly valued by many employment sectors. Examples are management studies, business studies, marketing, accounting/finance, human resources, economics and politics.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Introduction to Business and enterprise
2. Understanding resources for business and enterprise planning

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mr McCulloch.

Food & Cookery

Why study this subject?

Food and Cookery is designed to provide pupils with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the applied study of good food and cookery practices and an understanding of working in the sector. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different food types, methods of cooking and how to maintain safe and hygienic practices.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Food & Cookery.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Food & Cookery will allow you to continue studying in this subject area at Level 3 in the vocational sector with qualification options such as an Applied General or Technical Level qualification in Food Science and Nutrition or Professional Cookery. Apprenticeships within sectors such as Commis Chef or Food Technologist are also available.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Principles of food safety, food nutrition and food choice
2. Developing preparation and cooking skills

Topics will include: safe and hygienic practices for yourself and the cooking environment; main food groups and the key nutrients required for a healthy diet; food recommendations for specific needs/age groups; planning and producing dishes in response to a brief; how to create a recipe.

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

How much homework will I have to do?

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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mr Nicorici or Mrs Berry.

ICT

Why study this subject?

Information Communication Technology helps open the doors to a rewarding profession that emphasises multiple skill sets. In school, the skills you learn can be applicable not only in your research skills but also in the future as we see the emergence of driverless cars, increased use of robotics both in the workplace and at home, cyber security and of course in the design and building of IT systems. Digital Technology is designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the applied study of good digital technology practices and an understanding of working in the sector.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Digital Technology.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Digital Technology will allow you to continue studying in this subject area at Level 3 in AS or A Level Computing, vocational qualifications such as Technical Levels in Cyber Security, Digital Technologies or Information Technology; or start an apprenticeship within sectors such Software Developer, digital media roles and cyber security roles.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Understanding the creation of art and design work
2. Understanding organisations, employment and how art and design work is created in the industry

Topics will include: hardware and software in digital technology; data and information and how it can be collected and stored; digital safety and security; innovative applications of digital technologies; roles and responsibilities in the digital technology industry; how to import and manipulate data to develop a solution; how to apply appropriate software tools, the project life cycle.

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework will be set on a weekly basis via Show My Homework and iAchieve. It is expected you complete this work to a high standard and it is handed in on time.

How will I be assessed on this course?

You will have to complete an external assessment which is a written exam and work 40% of your overall qualification grade. The exam paper is 1 hour 30 minutes and you will be thoroughly prepared by your teacher following learning time. This external exam mark will be combined with your coursework mark to provide your overall qualification grade.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mr Samuels.

Performance Skills

Why study this subject?

Students who choose Drama have an interest in studying the behaviour of different characters, reading plays and interpreting the world of the play and in particular, bringing scenes to life for a live audience. Team work is a massive ingredient in creating a play ready for production. Students choosing drama must have a desire to perform in front of their peers and selected audiences as well as be interested in the production roles.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Performance Skills.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Drama has transferable skills for many career paths. From GCSE Drama you may choose to be a designer, performer, director, writer, presenter, drama therapist, entertainment agent, or broadcaster and many more. You could combine drama skills with English and look into career paths merging the subjects together. For further study after your GCSEs this qualification will allow you to progress onto AS and A Levels in Performing arts or Theatre Studies or Level 3 vocational qualifications such as an Applied General in Music Technology or a Technical Level in Performing Arts. Apprenticeships are also available in sectors such as Production Assistant, Creative Venue Technician or Assistant Technical Director.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Working in the performance industry
2. Planning and performing

Topics will include: how work is undertaken in the performance industry across a variety of disciplines; performance, production and promotional roles; skills and qualities required to work in performance and technical roles; performance and production skills in developing a performance; how to work in different roles; how to develop creative and technical skills in response to a brief.

Do I have to do any coursework?

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How will I be assessed on this course?

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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mrs Bridge.

Sport

Why study this subject?

A qualification in sport helps open the doors to a number of career opportunities and further studies after you leave school. The sport qualification of Health & Fitness is designed to provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the applied study of good health and fitness practices and an understanding of working in this sector.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Health & Fitness.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Health & Fitness will allow you to continue studying in this subject area at Level 3 in AS or A Level Physical Education and Sport or vocational qualifications such as Technical Levels in Sport & Physical Activity or Applied General qualifications in Sport Studies. Apprenticeships also become available to you when you complete Health & Fitness in sectors such as Health Assistants, Fitness Instructors or Personal Trainers.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. Body systems and principles of training in health and fitness
2. Preparing and planning for health and fitness

Topics will include: the principles of training and FITT; how physical activities affect the body in the short and long term, how relevant fitness tests can be used for specific health and skill components of fitness; different lifestyle analysis tools and how to apply them, creating a health and fitness programme.

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

How much homework will I have to do?

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How will I be assessed on this course?

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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mrs Fairest.

Statistics

Why study this subject?

In the real world we are constantly bombarded through the media with graphs, economical data such as retail price index (RPI) and various other statistical statements. This course will enable students to learn about the role statistics plays in all aspects of everyday life and how to interpret and use statistical statements. Students will learn how to collect, summarise and represent unbiased data. They will learn the skills necessary to read, analyse and interpret data and various diagrams and statistical statements accurately.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

Edexcel GCSE in Statistics.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

Statistics provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in AS and A Level Statistics and other qualifications which require statistical skills, knowledge and understanding. This qualification also supports further training and employment where statistical skills, knowledge and understanding is desirable.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study three main topics: the collection of data; processing, representing and analyzing data; probability.

Do I have to do any coursework?

No.

How much homework will I have to do?

Homework is a big part of the course. Homework will be set weekly.

How will I be assessed on this course?

- Three equally weighted written papers
- Tiered papers: Foundation Tier grades 1-5 available with Higher Tier grades 4-9 available
- 1 hour 30 minutes (for both Higher and Foundation papers) 80 marks on each paper

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.qualifications.pearson.com or speak to Mr Rashid or Mr Duffy.

Technology

Why study this subject?

Do you enjoy thinking of exciting new ideas and love seeing ideas come to life? Then Technology is the option choice for you! Designers invent all types of products from cars to mobile phones and modern technology. The creative design and production qualification is designed to provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the applied study of good creative design and production practices and an understanding of working in this sector.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award (GCSE Equivalent) in Creative Design and Production.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

A technology qualification will allow you to continue studying in this subject area at Level 3 in AS or A Level Design Technology, or vocational qualifications such as National Extended Diploma in Art and Design, or the Technical Level Diploma in 3D Design and Crafts. Apprenticeships also become available to you when you complete creative design and production in sectors such as Industrial Designer, Product Developers, Fashion Designer, Prototyping Engineers, Architects, Jewelry Maker, Leather Craft Worker, Puppet Maker, or Watch Maker.

What topics will I study on this course?

Students will study two different units:

1. The creative design and production industry
2. Employment and enterprise within the creative design and production industry

Topics will include: materials techniques and safe working practices; the work of practitioners and their products; employment and enterprise within the industry; the design and production process; producing craft products in response to a brief; how to review products; upcycling approaches to the creation of products.

Do I have to do any coursework?

Yes. Unit two is worth 60% of your overall qualification grade and it will be assessed by your teacher. This work will be completed by written, oral and presentation methods.

How much homework will I have to do?

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How will I be assessed on this course?

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Where can I find out more about this qualification?

www.ncfe.org.uk or speak to Mrs Berry.

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Student Name: _____

My Pathway: _____