

JCG GCSE COURSE INFORMATION

Subject	Qual.	Exam board	Text book	How and when it is assessed	Quantity and potential dates (times of year) of assessments
English Language	IGCSE	Cambridge	None	50 % Coursework Portfolio (3 tasks) completed in Year 10 50% Reading Passages exam sat in the October or November of Year 11 (2 hrs)	Refer to Assessment calendar for coursework details in Year 10 Year 11: November exam (usually first week after half term but October 13 th 2020)
English Literature	IGCSE	Cambridge	Individual copies of texts to be bought depending on class teacher	25% Coursework (2 tasks) completed in Year 10 and Year 11 50% Poetry and Prose exam sat at the end of Year 11 (1 hr 30 mins) 25% Drama exam sat at the end of Year 11 (45 mins)	
Maths	GCSE	Edexcel (Higher Tier entries) Edexcel (Foundation Tier entries)* *Note: Tier of entry is not decided until Year 11	None required. Students use a range of textbooks and tailored resources in class. Revision and practice materials are printed or made available online.	There are 3 exams at the end of Year 11, each 1h 30 mins. Paper 1 is non-calculator, Papers 2 and 3 are calculator allowed. All carry equal weighting and cover the full specification.	A range of assessment methods are used including: Termly formal assessments, covering material recently studied. Past-paper question homework tasks three times per term, ensuring previous topics are revisited. Regular online homework tasks.
Further Maths (Students predominantly in set 1)	GCSE	AQA	Further Maths Practice Book by Trevor Senior (Collins)	There are 2 exams each lasting 1 hour 45 mins and carrying 80 marks each.	
French	GCSE	AQA	Oxford University Press AQA GCSE French Higher	There are 4 exams at the end of Year 11, each worth 25%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking (April/May Y11) – 10-12 minutes • Writing – 1 hour 15 minutes • Listening – 45 minutes • Reading – 1 hour 	Small written or speaking assessment points regularly through the year
Italian	GCSE	AQA	Amici (Used in class and	There are 4 exams at the end of Year 11, each worth 25%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking (April/May Y11) – 10-12 minutes 	Small written or speaking assessment points regularly through the year

			not a necessary purchase)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing – 1 hour 15 minutes • Listening – 45 minutes • Reading – 1 hour 	
Spanish	GCSE	AQA	Oxford University Press AQA GCSE Spanish Higher	<p>There are 4 exams at the end of Year 11, each worth 25%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking (April/May Y11) – 10-12 minutes • Writing – 1 hour 15 minutes • Listening – 45 minutes • Reading – 1 hour 	Small written or speaking assessment points regularly through the year
Biology	IGCSE	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel International GCSE and Certificate in Biology	<p>Biology paper 1 (61%) 2 hour written exam at end of Year 11</p> <p>Biology Paper 2 (39%) 1 hour written exam at end of Year 11</p>	End of unit tests approx. every 2 months using past paper questions
Physics	IGCSE	Edexcel	Pearson. Edexcel International GCSE and Certificate in Physics	<p>Physics Paper 1 (61%). 2 hour written exam at end of Year 11.</p> <p>Physics Paper 2 (39%). 1 hour written exam at end of Year 11.</p>	<p>End of topic tests:</p> <p>Year 10: December, March and June.</p> <p>Year 11: November, January and March.</p> <p>Mid topic tests reviewing previous IGCSE learning between the end of topic tests.</p>
Chemistry	IGCSE	Edexcel	Pearson. Edexcel International GCSE and Certificate in Chemistry	<p>Chemistry Paper 1 (61%). 2 hour written exam at end of Year 11.</p> <p>Chemistry Paper 2 (39%). 1 hour written exam at end of Year 11.</p>	<p>End of topic tests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Chemical calculations (October) 2) Structures and properties (December) 3) Gases of the atmosphere and chemical tests (February) 4) Acids, bases and salts (April) 5) Energy, rates and equilibrium (June)
History	GCSE	AQA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding the Modern World AQA GCSE History 2. Health and the People AQA 3. Elizabethan England AQA 	<p>Elizabethan England (25%) – Taught in Year 10</p> <p>Conflict and Tension (25%) – Taught in Year 10</p> <p>Health and the People (25%) – Completed in Year 10/11</p> <p>Germany 1890-1945 (25%) – Taught in Year 11</p> <p>ALL exams taken at the end of Year 11.</p> <p>Two exam papers both of 2hrs duration.</p>	<p>Five assessments in the style of the exam in each year.</p> <p>Assessment occurs at the end of teaching a unit. Approximately, early October, Mid November, end of December, mid-February and late March.</p>
Geography	IGCSE	Edexcel	Pearson – Edexcel International GCSE Geography Student book	<p>Assessed at the end of year 11 with 2 exams based on the whole two year course and field work.</p> <p>1x Physical paper 1hr10mins</p> <p>1x Human paper 1hr 45mins</p> <p>Content will be delivered in class, on island fieldwork and off-island city visit (Bristol 2019). There is no coursework.</p>	

Religious Studies	GCSE	AQA	AQA Religious Studies A (9-1) Christianity & Buddhism Revision Guide Oxford AQA Religious Studies A Christianity and Buddhism Workbook Oxford AQA Religious Studies A Themes through Christianity and Buddhism Workbook Oxford	2 exams at the end of Year 11 both worth 50%: 1 x 1h 45m exam: Religious Belief and Practice 1 x 1h 45m exam: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies	Each paper is split into 4 sections and at the end of each section there will be an assessment in the style of the exam. (4 per year) The EOY exam will reflect this as a paper with three of these sections.
Music	GCSE	Edexcel	Edexcel GCSE Anthology of Music	Unit 1 Performing Music (30% coursework) Two performances are required, one solo and one ensemble. Both are assessed by us and moderated by an examiner at Edexcel. Unit 2 Composing Music (30% coursework) Two pieces will be submitted from your composition portfolio, which you will have worked on throughout the year and complete in controlled assessment. Unit 3 Listening and Appraising (40% - exam at end of Year 11) You will be asked to listen and respond to questions on music from a variety of styles and traditions across four Areas of Study. An examiner from Edexcel marks this paper.	Year 11 Ensemble performance: confirm piece choice and ensemble partner/s by End of Sept. Solo performance: Early Nov. Record ensemble performance when ready and by Jan.
Drama	IGCSE	Cambridge	Collins <i>Cambridge IGCSE Drama</i> ISBN 9780008124670	Practical coursework (60%) – two pieces in Year 10 and one in Year 11. Students must act in all assessments. All practical work must be completed by December of Year 11 and students are marked on the following three categories: Solo Acting (script) / Group acting (script),	Practical exams are as follows: Year 10 - Devised work (Feb/March in school time – dates tbc) / Solo script work (June/July in school time). Year 11 – Group script work (Nov/Dec to

				<p>Group Devising. Written Paper (40%) – students sit this paper at the end of Year 11. There are three sections based on pre-release materials which will be sent to centres in September of Year 11. Questions relate to devising on a theme and two studied scripts. Students answer a range of short and long answers on the two scripts and on the devised work that they have done in their course.</p>	parents in the evening – date tbc)
Food & Nutrition	GCSE	AQA	<p>Illuminate AQA GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition Food & Nutrition Anita Tull (useful but not essential)</p>	<p>Two controlled assessments worth 50% -both carried out in Year 11. Food Science Investigation (15%) - carried out in September - to be completed by the end of October. 3.5 hour practical exam carried out in Jan (35%) students will be off timetable - all associated written work to be completed by February half term. Written paper - 1 hour 45 minutes at end of Year 11 – worth 50%</p>	<p>Year 11 Controlled Assessment 1 end of October. Year 11 Controlled Assessment 2 February Half Term. Year 11 Mock Exam in preparation for CA2- In December. Practical exam in January - on both occasions students will be off timetable from P1-end of P4.</p>
Textiles, Art and Design	GCSE	AQA	N/A	<p>Year 10 & 11: 60% coursework: There are four areas of assessment, developing, experimenting, recording and presenting a final piece for each piece of coursework. Year 11: 40% Externally set task: The assessment objectives are the same as for the coursework. There will be a preparatory period of several weeks, followed by 10 hours of supervised time.</p>	<p>Coursework portfolio is ongoing through both years concentrating on two coursework topics. There will be practical days so students can get used to time management when completing final outcomes. There is a Mock Exam in Nov/Dec of Year 11. Actual exam question paper is given out in January of Y11, module completed in April with a 10-hour practical session.</p>
Art	GCSE	AQA	N/A	<p>Coursework portfolio (60%) – completed throughout Years 10 and 11. Final practical exam, aka AQA-Set Task (40%) – end of Year 11 (for this, there will be a preparatory period of several weeks, followed by 10 hours of supervised time in April/May.) <i>see note opposite</i> Both modules are assessed according to 4 AOs: develop; explore; record; present</p>	<p>Coursework portfolio is ongoing through both years, with a Practical Art day in the second half of Year 10 summer term. Mock Exam in DEcember/January of Year 11. Actual exam question paper given out in February of Y11, and completed in April with a 10-hour practical session <i>nb: there have been changes to the exam structure this year (2020-21) and it is possible that the exam module may also be affected in 2022. Exam boards will be notifying us asap.</i></p>
Design &	GCSE	OCR	OCR Design &	Assessment overview – 2 components:	3 themes for the Iterative Design Challenge

Technology			Technology GCSE (9-1) Hodder Education	'Iterative Design Challenge' (50%) – design and make project , approx. 40 hours non-exam assessment (NEA) 'Principles of Design & Technology' (50%) – written exam paper - 2 hours	(NEA) released 1 st June 2020 – hand in date March 2021. Exam paper June 2021
Physical Education	GCSE	AQA	AQA Physical Education, Third Edition-Bizley	Written paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport: 1 hour 15 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78 marks • 30% of GCSE Written paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport : 1 hour 15 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78 marks • 30% of GCSE Practical performance 100 marks – 40% of GCSE Performance in three different physical activities in the role of player/performer (one in a team activity, one in an individual activity and a third in either a team or in an individual activity). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and evaluation of performance to bring about improvement in one activity. 	Coursework –Completion in the second year of the course by Christmas. Year 11: Practical evidence completion by the end of December.
Computer Science	IGCSE	CIE	Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science, Watson and Williams	Paper 1 – 60% 75 marks Short answer and structured questions Questions will be based on section 1 of the Subject content Paper 2 – 40% Problem-solving and Programming 50 marks Short answer and structured questions Questions will be based on section 2 of the Subject content 20 marks are from questions set on the pre-release material	End of topic tests: Year 10: December, March and June. Year 11: November, January and March. Mid topic tests reviewing previous IGCSE learning between the end of topic tests.