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Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the course outlines for the subjects that your son / daughter will be studying throughout key stage 4. As you will be aware there has been a movement nationally towards final examinations at the end of the two-year course, as opposed to the more standard approach of controlled assessments that you may have been used to.

Subject	Assessment Analysis	Additional Notes
Maths	Paper 1 Written Paper 1hr 30 mins Calculator Permitted 33third% Paper 2 Written Paper 1hr 30 mins Calculator not Permitted 33third% Paper 3 Written Paper 1hr 30 mins Calculator Permitted 33third%	Pixl maths app, downloadable for a student's phone.
English Language	Paper1 <i>Written Paper 1hr 45 mins</i> <i>Exploring Creative Reading and Writing 50%</i> Paper 2 <i>Written Paper 1hr 45 mins</i> <i>Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives 50%</i> Speaking and Listening	Revision Guides available to buy at discounted prices next term.
English Literature	Paper 1 <i>Written Paper 1hr 45 mins</i> <i>Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel 40%</i> Paper 2 <i>Written Paper 2hrs 15 mins</i> <i>Modern Texts and Poetry 60%</i>	Pixl literature app, downloadable for a student's phone. Texts: <i>The Tempest, A Christmas Carol, The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night Time, AQA Poetry Anthology, Conflict cluster</i>
Combined Science Triology	Biology Paper 1 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15 mins 16.7%</i> Biology Paper 2 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15 mins 16.7%</i> Chemistry Paper 1 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15mins 16.7%</i> Chemistry Paper 2 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15 mins 16.7%</i> Physics Paper 1 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15 mins 16.7%</i> Physics Paper 2 <i>Written Paper 1hr 15 mins 16.7%</i>	This is worth 2 GCSE's.

Triple Science	<p>For each science subject (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) students will have the following:</p> <p>Paper 1 Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes Foundation and Higher Tier 100 marks 50% of GCSE</p> <p>Paper 2 Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes Foundation and Higher Tier 100 marks 50% of GCSE</p>	
GCSE Art	<p>Component 1 Personal Portfolio 60% Component 2 External Assignment over 10 hours 40%</p>	Themed project produced throughout the academic year. 10 hour controlled assessment in exam conditions.
BTEC Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)	<p>1 Individual Showcase 2 Preparation, Performance and Production 3 Musical Theatre Skills Minimum of Pass required for all units.</p>	External assessment 30 GLH Internal assessment 30 GLH Internal assessment 60 GLH
GCSE Computing Science	<p>Component 1 Written Paper <i>Principles of Computer Sc</i> 1hr 40 mins 40% Component 2 Written Paper <i>Applications of Computational Thinking</i> 2hrs 40% Component 3 Project Develop a Computer Program 20%</p>	Students will complete component 3 in March 2018 and sit exams for components 1 & 2 in May/June 2018.
BTEC Health and Social	<p>Unit 1 on-line test <i>Human Lifespan Development (mandatory)</i> Unit 2 Internal Assessment <i>Health and Social Care Values (mandatory)</i> Op Unit Internal Assessment <i>Effective Comms in Health and S Care (optional)</i> Op Unit Internal Assessment <i>The Impact of Nutrition on H and Wellbeing (optional)</i> Minimum of Pass required for all units.</p>	Revision booklet and past papers available.
EAL Engineering	<p>On-line assessment completed in Year 10. Synoptic tests (make an object)</p>	Y11 synoptic test (design & make).
GCSE Product Design	<p>Unit 1 2 hrs <i>Written Paper</i> 40% Unit 2 <i>Practical Activity</i> 45 hours over 2 years 60%</p>	Unit 2 is a design and make.

GCSE French	<p>Paper 1 Written Paper Listening and Writing Responses F 35 mins H 45 mins 25%</p> <p>Paper 2 Speaking Practical F 7-9 mins H 10-12 mins 25%</p> <p>Paper 3 Written Paper Reading F 45 mins H 1hr 25%</p> <p>Paper 4 Written Paper Writing F 1hr H 1hr 15mins 25%</p>	You will receive a vocabulary booklet to learn at home.
GCSE Spanish	<p>Paper 1 Written Paper Listening and Writing Responses F 35 mins H 45 mins 25%</p> <p>Paper 2 Speaking F 7-9 mins H 10-12 mins 25%</p> <p>Paper 3 Written Paper Reading F 45 mins H 1hr 25%</p> <p>Paper 4 Written Paper Writing F 1hr H 1hr 15mins 25%</p>	You will receive a vocabulary booklet to learn at home.
GCSE Geography	<p>Paper 1 Written Paper Living with the Physical Environment 1hr 30 mins 35%</p> <p>Paper 2 Written Paper Challenges in the Human Environment 1hr 30 mins 35%</p> <p>Paper 3 Written Paper Geographical Applications 1hr 15 mins 30%</p>	Geographical applications test geographical skills gained in class and during two fieldwork enquiries.
GCSE History	<p>Paper 1 Written Paper 1hr 15mins Thematic Study and Historic Environment 30%</p> <p>Paper 2 Written Paper <i>Period /British Depth Study</i> 1hr 45 mins 40%</p> <p>Paper 3 Written Paper <i>Modern Depth Study</i> 1hr 20 mins 30%</p>	We are hoping to take a trip to the World War One battlefields as part of our study for paper 1.
BTEC Sport	<p>Unit 1 1 on-line test <i>Fitness for Sport and Exercise</i> 1 hour</p> <p>Unit 2 Internal Assessment <i>Practical Sports Performance</i></p> <p>Op Unit Internal Assessment <i>Practical Sports Performance</i></p> <p>Op Unit Internal Assessment <i>The Mind and Sports Performance</i></p> <p>Minimum of Pass required for all units.</p>	BTEC Sport-Online exam taken in Yr 11. 1 Hour duration. Range of Multiple Choice, Short and Long Answer Questions. Subject content: Fitness Components, Exercise Intensity, Training Methods and Fitness Testing.

The additional notes will hopefully give you an indication of what the expectations are or the nature of study for each subject, if you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school directly on our usual number.

Yours sincerely

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