



**WORKSOP COLLEGE**

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# GCSE Curriculum 2019/20

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## Business Studies

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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During this course, you will learn the steps you need to take when starting and then growing a business. From marketing to raising finance, people management to operations - this course is an exploration of the world of business.

During this course, you will learn about how businesses work. You'll learn how to put together a business strategy and the key elements of the marketing mix. You'll work on real-life briefs and visit businesses to understand how strategy is put into practice.

You will also develop an appreciation of globalisation, and how the internet and digital era has transformed the way we do business - creating both opportunities and threats for businesses of all shapes and sizes.

During this course you'll have the opportunity to hear from business speakers, as well as visit a number of organisations to understand how this works in practice.

### **This subject is for you**

If you want to develop an understanding of the world of business. This course provides a great foundation to go on to study a business-related subject at A level, such as Business Studies or Economics.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Computer Science

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GCSE

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2 years

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Cambridge iGCSE

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During this GCSE, you'll study the principles and practices of computing and gain confidence in computational thinking and programming.

You will learn to program by writing computer code and developing your understanding of the main principles of problem-solving using computers.

You'll learn to appreciate current and emerging computing technologies and the benefits of their use, as well as the ethical issues and potential risks involved when using computer technology.

You will learn to apply your understanding to develop computer-based solutions to problems, using algorithms and a high-level programming language. You'll also develop a range of technical skills, as well as the ability to test effectively and to evaluate computing solutions.

Learning will take place in one of our three ICT suites, with lessons split between theory and practical. We aim to ensure that every pupil learns to develop confidence and problem-solving skills, whilst learning a new computer language – right from the very start of the year.

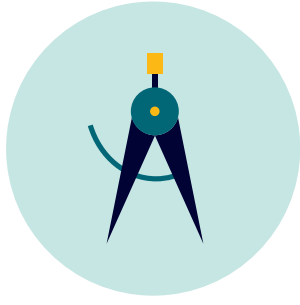
This subject is taught in a supportive, friendly environment that encourages everyone to fulfil their potential.

### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy solving problems. You'll have an aptitude for logical-thinking and attention to detail, but you'll also be creative. You'll be excited by the idea of learning new skills and putting them into practice.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Design & Technology

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2 years

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During this course, you will investigate a host of different influences on design and technology, gaining a real understanding of what it means to be a designer.

You will take part in both practical and theoretical study and enjoy opportunities to put your learning into practice by producing a variety of products.

You'll also be introduced to the concept of sustainability, learning about the impact of different materials on the environment and the increasing need for products to be environmentally-friendly.

Lessons take place in our well-equipped, custom-built, Design and Technology school – including a spacious workshop and extensive CAD/CAM facilities.

### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy problem-solving, being creative and developing your skills through a combination of practical and real-world design challenges.

You will have an aptitude for creativity and enjoy problem-solving. You will be excited by new challenges and open-ended problems.

### **Assessment**

50% coursework  
50% exam



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## Drama and Theatre Studies

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GCSE

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2 years

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Cambridge iGCSE

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During this GCSE, you'll learn about a wide variety of different ways in which theatre is created, what it means to us as human beings and how to create it successfully for yourself.

You will study a wide repertoire of historical and modern theatre, will devise theatre for yourself from researching and investigating real life human topics and learn to understand and use the various components that create a theatre production to further develop your existing performance skills.

Much of your learning will take place through experimentation and the drama studio is a perfect environment for this. More usually than not you will work in small groups with other pupils under the direction and guidance of your teacher. Theoretical knowledge will be introduced and explored in a practical context before being further investigated through written

assignments. Watching live theatre is, of course, essential and there are regular opportunities for this.

### **This subject is for you**

If you already love theatre and performance, or wish to increase your ability, skills, knowledge and importantly – confidence. You can be a shrinking violet or a bit of a show-off, but successful participation is equally possible. Knowing there are no limits to how something may be interpreted on stage is an exciting concept and this subject invites you to take up that challenge.

### **Assessment**

60% coursework (practical drama)  
40% exam (discussion of practical drama and methodology)



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## English Language

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GCSE

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2 years

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Pearson

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One of our core subjects at GCSE, the design of the new Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English Language A qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills.

The qualification tests a broad range of skills through the study of an interesting and varied range of material in the Anthology. The materials address a range of cultural backgrounds.

The course will provide appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring, as far as possible, that the assessment and texts are accessible to the full range of students.

In preparation for the exam, you will develop the skills of interpretation, analysis and evaluation. Text types studied will include a range of non-fiction forms, and students will be given the opportunity to practise a range of non-fiction writing techniques and planning and proofreading skills.

Everything you learn to do in reading and writing, you will also learn to powerfully transfer to speaking and listening - skills so prized in the modern world.

### **This subject is for you**

Because you will develop your abilities to: read and respond to materials from a variety of sources; make comparisons between texts and analyse the ways in which writers achieve their effects; and, construct and convey meaning in written language, matching style to audience and purpose.

### **Assessment**

40 % coursework  
60 % exam





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## English Literature

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GCSE

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2 years

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Pearson

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You will study a good range of literature from a range of cultures, with old favourite texts retained and joined by a collection of new material, gaining experience of comparing texts, analysis, close critical reading and constructing essays on all 3 genres.

You will also become used to reading around the texts, for example, to discover more about the contexts; an important part of the in-depth study required when one progresses beyond GCSE level. The experience which you will gain in understanding the methods and devices used by writers will furnish you with valuable knowledge and skills in approaching further study of literature.

You will undoubtedly become a better communicator, with frequent opportunities to express your ideas and opinions, both individually and in groups to peers and teachers.

Skills of critical thinking; reasoning, analysing and problem solving, negotiation and collaboration are also likely to be improved. There is also opportunity to embed

and improve IT skills in the day-to-day learning environment.

With the inclusion of a compulsory Shakespeare or literary heritage text, the content provides the course with more stretch and challenge which supports the progression to the new A-level qualifications.

### **This subject is for you**

If you would like to develop your abilities to: engage with and develop the ability to read and respond to a wide range of literary texts from around the world; develop an appreciation of the ways in which authors use literary effects and develop the skills needed for literary study; and, find enjoyment in reading literature.

### **Assessment**

40% coursework  
60% exam



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## Fine Art: Art and Design

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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During this GCSE course, you will learn how to draw from direct observation, to use your imagination and to take photographs to develop your work, as well as occasionally working from secondary sources.

You'll be introduced to a range of media, processes and approaches, responding to historical and contemporary artists, and working in a range of forms - such as sculpture, painting, drawing, mixed-media, conceptual art, printing, textiles and graphics.

There is an expectation that you be willing to accept challenge, learn from mistakes and take risks.

You'll learn how to explore ideas - developing personal and meaningful outcomes. Key elements of Art will be explored, such as line, shape, tone, form, colour, texture, pattern, symmetry and balance.

Y10 projects are initially quite prescriptive in nature, however, as you move into Y11 - expect to develop your own brief, to select artists of your own and to work more independently.

The Art School is open to all Art students during lunchtimes, priority sessions and until 8.30pm on a Thursday night each week. Every half-term there is a life class you'll be encouraged to attend. There is an expectation that Art students will spend at least two hours beyond taught lessons each week developing their work. Drawing is an essential part of all Art courses, as well as the ability to analyse the work of others, expressing your thoughts and opinions clearly in written form as well as visually.

### **This subject is for you**

If you don't mind working hard. You're creative and comfortable working independently. In Art, there is no such thing as right and wrong - so you'll enjoy exploring ideas, learning to be selective, creating displays of your own work in mini pop-up exhibitions.

### **Assessment**

60% coursework  
40% exam

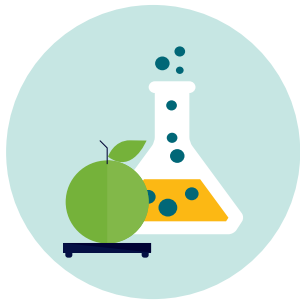
Your lessons will take place in our dedicated Food & Nutrition Department, as well as in one of our ICT suites.

### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy hands-on practical work, food and science. You will have an aptitude for culinary moments in the kitchen at home, as well as being well-organised. You'll enjoy testing out new ingredients, as well as understanding why ingredients behave in the way they do.

### **Assessment**

50% coursework (two pieces) - including a practical assessment  
50% exam



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## Food Preparation and Nutrition

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GCSE

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2 years

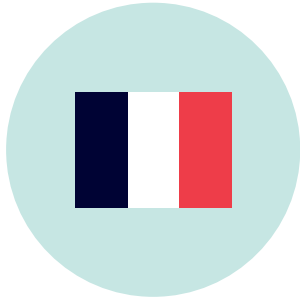
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This is a creative course which focuses on practical cooking skills to ensure you develop a thorough understanding of nutrition, food provenance and the characteristics of different types of food. At its heart, this qualification focuses on nurturing practical cookery skills to provide a strong understanding of nutrition.

You'll be involved in a mixture of theory and practical work - including culinary skills and food science investigations. Although there is a strong practical element to this course, there is also a theoretical component, as you learn about the effects of food on the body, as well as how food is grown and the industries it supports.



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## French

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2 years

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AQA

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With a significant number of French-speaking countries across the world, this GCSE will help unlock a number of opportunities, as well as helping you explore this beautiful culture in more detail.

You will develop a better understanding of language in general, as well as developing and expanding your knowledge of vocabulary. You'll learn about the structures in the French language and will develop greater competence and confidence in using French, in both written and spoken forms.

You'll begin to understand the impact that the French language has made across the world, as well as an appreciation of the cultural aspects of the countries where French is spoken.

You'll also develop a better understanding of modern French society and will take part in overseas trips and field studies.

You will take an active part in lessons, listening carefully, contributing to discussions and fulfilling your projects in a small group environment.

### **This subject is for you if**

You enjoy challenge, variety and communication. You'll enjoy discovering new things – as well as connecting with other people and cultures. You won't mind being challenged and will have an aptitude for working things out.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Geography

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GCSE

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2 years

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Cambridge iGCSE

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Learn how features of the natural landscape are formed and how they evolve over time. You'll look into dynamics of population, exploring where people live, why they live there and what causes the movements of people. You'll also explore the ways in which humans use the natural environment for economic gain and the impact on the world we live in.

You will use real-world examples to demonstrate the concepts you've grasped. You'll develop your numeracy skills through graph interpretation and simple statistical analysis, as well as becoming adept at proving your point through explanation.

As well as fieldtrips to see theory in practice, you'll also use technology to create podcasts and animation movies. The majority of learning

takes place in the classroom, but you can expect a number of excursions, to help support your learning.

### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy learning about the world around you, are interested in how the landscape is formed and why the people are distributed as they are. You will enjoy being challenged and will be excited by the idea of proving a theory or idea based on your sound research.

### **Assessment**

27.5% coursework  
72.5% exam





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## History

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GCSE

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2 years

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Cambridge iGCSE

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Study a GCSE in History and you'll gain a real understanding of key historical moments and their impact on our daily lives. You'll learn about the Great War – from the big battles to the tinned jam and the quest for peace in the years that followed. You'll look at peace treaties, the League of Nations and the collapse of peace through the actions of Hitler and Mussolini. You'll explore the Cold War in Europe and the Gulf – from the Shah to Saddam.

You will study original sources from a range of different media – from posters, cartoons and diaries, to novels, biographies and textbooks. You'll discuss, debate and share your ideas, using ICT to help your subject come to life.

Understanding the deep impact that historical figures and events have made on all aspects of our lives is at the heart of this fascinating subject.

### **This subject is for you**

If you have an interest in studying how history affects, and is affected by, both 'important' and 'ordinary' people – and seeing how societies, people and cultures change over time. You won't be afraid of challenge and will enjoy articulating your point – using research to back up your argument. You'll be excited by the past and keen on passionate discussion.

### **Assessment**

100% exam





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**Latin**

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GCSE

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2 years

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Latin is a fascinating subject - designed to inspire, motivate and challenge, and encouraging students to read widely to gain a deeper understanding of the life and culture of the ancient world.

During your GCSE in Latin, you will study language and literature and both prose and verse. This is one of the only language courses at GCSE which allows you to study literature in an un-adapted form.

You'll study book 4 of Virgil's epic poem *The Aeneid*, which focuses on the destructive madness of one of the most glorious female characters in all of literature, Dido, the Queen of Carthage. In terms of prose, you'll study Tacitus' account of both Boudicca's revolt and the Druids.

Teaching is based on the university seminar, where you will prepare translations of the set texts before the lesson, while discussing passages and analysing the literary techniques within class.

Teaching takes places mostly

in the classroom, but we also regularly run trips to Greece and Italy. Class sizes are generally no more than 12 students.

We are one of very few schools in the area and, increasingly, the country to offer a traditional Classical education, with all students studying some Latin and Classical Civilisation at Year 7 and 8 and getting the choice to take the subjects at both GCSE and A Level. We are proud of that tradition and our excellent results.

**This subject is for you**

If you enjoy puzzles, linguistic analysis and language. You'll have an aptitude for critical-thinking, code-breaking and will enjoy the ancient world, languages and poetry.

**Assessment**

100% exam



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## Mathematics

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GCSE

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2 years

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Pearson

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During this course, you'll learn about number, algebra, shape & space and handling data. You will be encouraged to problem-solve and to enjoy the beauty of maths.

You will also be expected to show good study skills and to enjoy your progression as you're able to understand increasingly more demanding mathematical reasoning.

Maths is a skill that's learned through practice – so you can expect a variety of different approaches to help develop your problem-solving skills, as well as regular maths 'clinics' and access to specialist teachers.

You can expect lots of teamwork and to be solving problems alongside your peers – you'll be expected to help others and to encourage your fellow classmates.

### **This subject is for you**

Because you'll learn that it's acceptable to fail as often as you succeed. You will learn to be independent and develop resilience in the way you work on your prep. You'll learn to enjoy problem-solving and numeracy, as well as the thrill of success when you master a problem.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Music

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GCSE

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2 years

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Pearson

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For keen musicians, the GCSE course is a natural progression from Year 9 and seeks to develop musicianship through focus on the key areas of Performing, Composing and Understanding Music.

You will develop the skills to organise musical ideas and make use of appropriate resources, broadening your musical experience and interests in a way that develops imagination and fosters creativity.

At the beginning of the course, you will be taught the fundamentals of composition through short tasks. The best composers develop their ideas through experimentation and refinement of ideas played on their instrument. These are then transferred onto specialist notation software for easy editing and playback, giving you an immediate realisation of your creative ideas. Listening and appraising skills are taught via study of set works and these form

the basis of the examination.

Your lessons will take place in the Mountgarret Music school, which houses our 9-foot Grotian Steinweg concert grand piano, composition-focused computer suite and a recording studio. Most students also attend our Music Department foreign tours and day trips.

### **This subject is for you**

If you have an aptitude for developing thoughts independently and musical ideas linger in your mind. You'll enjoy a wide range of musical styles and will be excited by learning to recognise contrasting genres, styles and traditions of music.

### **Assessment**

60% coursework (30% Performance, 30% Composition)

40% examination



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## Photography: Art and Design

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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During this GCSE, you will learn about the rules of composition and when to break them. You will learn to operate your camera confidently and control it in order to capture the image you want, rather than working in auto and letting the camera decide. You'll learn the effects of light on a photograph and how it makes a difference to the outcome of a shot.

You will work in our spacious studio, but also take your work outdoors – visiting urban and rural locations to create original artwork of your own in response to historical and contemporary artists. Your work will be personal and meaningful, developing themes such as structures, animals and movement in your coursework projects.

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### **Assessment**

60% coursework  
40% exam

### **This subject is for you if**

You are interested in the way the body works and how physical exercise can have an impact. You'll be passionate about nutrition and will be keen to challenge yourself, physically. The course is perfect for you, whether you're a sports enthusiast or keen to take your ability to a higher level.

### **Assessment**

60% exam  
40% practical



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## Physical Education

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GCSE

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2 years

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Eduquas

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Physical Education is an increasingly respected and popular subject for pupils to study at GCSE level - examining the effects of exercise and training, on performance.

We have a long history of sporting excellence at Worksop College, boasting a number of sporting greats across a wide variety of sports.

Taking a GCSE in Physical Education is ideal preparation for our A level PE qualification, and the course content links closely to Biology and Food Preparation & Nutrition.

During this course, you will have the opportunity to specialise in one sport, develop an ability to coach or officiate – as well as apply your knowledge of the subject matter to a piece of coursework relating to your own practical strengths.



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## Psychology

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GCSE

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2 years

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Our Psychology GCSE is made up of 2 components over the two years. In the first component, we research Criminal Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Psychological problems; in the second component, we look into Social Influence, Memory, Sleep and dreaming.

Through these topics, we delve into the many facets of Psychology, developing an understanding of human behaviour from cognitive perspectives (understanding thought and mental processes), social perspectives (the impact of society and the environment on human behaviour) and biological perspectives (considering brain structure and genetics).

We also focus heavily on research methods used by Psychologists, critically assessing the science that underpins research into human behaviour.

Psychology is a subject which complements most other GCSE choices and which can lead to professions in a broad variety

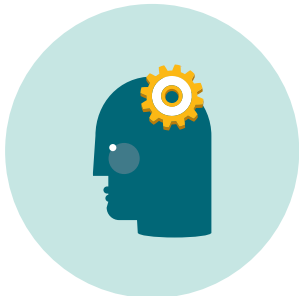
of sectors, from education and sport, to forensics and health.

### **This subject is for you**

You are interested in learning about human behaviour and the principles that underpin it – and have an inquisitive mind that will question the scientific nature of human research.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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Our Religious Studies GCSE is made up of four topics studied over two years: Philosophy, Ethics, Christianity and Islam. Each topic goes into detail – and you'll use case studies drawn from the modern world around us to examine the nature of knowledge and faith, and how religion and philosophy influence our everyday lives.

You'll spend your time thinking about 'big ideas' and how they relate to the decisions we make. You'll discuss the nature of 'truth' and the role that belief might play in contemporary societies.

You'll be encouraged to develop and explore your own beliefs, whatever they might be - and to write, think, and talk about belief systems.

This is a relevant and important subject for many areas of life and will help you become a reasoned person, with well-justified opinions.

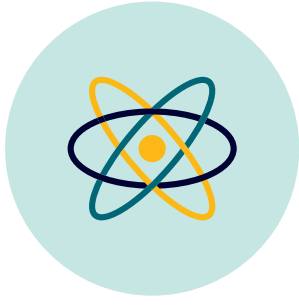
### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy the idea of discussing great philosophical questions about the purpose and meaning of life - and how that affects the modern world around us.

You'll enjoy debating 'big issues' such as terrorism, relationships, peace & war, justice, tolerance, and faith - and you'll be excited to challenge your own way of thinking through understanding the mindset of others.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Science

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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During the course, you'll study a range of scientific principles across a variety of areas. During Biology, you'll look at cells, infection and response, biogenetics, homeostasis and response, inheritance, variation and evolution. In your Chemistry lessons, you'll visit atomic structure and the periodic table, quantitative chemistry, chemical analysis and chemistry of the atmosphere. And in Physics, you'll look at energy, electricity, particle model of matter, atomic structure, forces, waves and magnetism.

With the majority of lessons taking place in one of our eight newly-refurbished science labs, you'll work in small groups, as well as on your own individual projects.

Outside the classroom, you can expect field trips to places of scientific interest, as well as to science fayres and exhibitions.

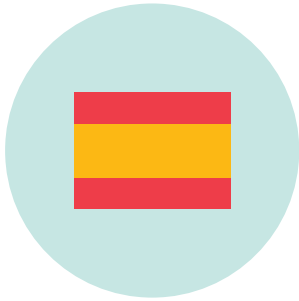
Double science is offered to everyone taking this GCSE, with Triple Science offered to those who show significant aptitude for the subject.

### **This subject is for you**

Because you'll enjoy understanding why things work the way they do! You'll be excited by the natural world and will be keen to prove or disprove your theories based on sound research and presentation of the facts. You'll enjoy working as part of a team and will have a keen passion for science.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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## Spanish

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GCSE

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2 years

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AQA

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During this course, you will gain a deep understanding of Spanish culture and its influences on the rest of the world. You'll also look at the origins of Spanish and how language evolves over time.

You'll develop a better understanding of language in general, as well as being able to expand your knowledge of vocabulary. You'll begin to understand the different structures that exist in language, and to develop competence and confidence in using Spanish in both written and spoken forms.

You will also learn to develop your comprehension skills and to develop strategies to help you unpick a problem when you encounter a challenge.

You will take an active part in

lessons, listening carefully, contributing to discussion and fulfilling work independently and as part of a small group.

### **This subject is for you**

If you enjoy challenge, variety and communication. You'll have an aptitude for communication and will enjoy thinking for yourself. You'll be excited about other cultures and will enjoy the challenge of conversing in another language.

### **Assessment**

100% exam



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