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Year 9 Options Booklet

KS4 2023-2025

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From the Principal

The decisions you make regarding your options choices can dramatically affect the path your life takes over the next few years, so it's crucial that you consider your choices carefully.

At Victory, we are passionate about ensuring you are able to choose from a wide range of courses to offer you as much flexibility as possible. Your learning pathway needs to be personalised, so don't be influenced by the choices made by your friends – your life is your own and we are all so very different.

You know the subjects you thoroughly enjoy and those where you are most successful. You may even have an idea about your future career. Speak to your family and the staff who know your strengths and aspirations, to help you decide what's best for you. There are lots of opportunities to seek advice if you would like to discuss your future.

You will get it right and we will give as much support as you need to choose, in order that you excel in the right subjects.

Here are some tips:

- Choose subjects that you will enjoy
- Choose subjects that you are good at
- Choose subjects that will support your career plans
- Choose a combination of subjects that gives you a broad experience of learning

Remember:

- Do not choose subjects because you want to be with your friends
- Do not choose subjects because you like the teacher

Here is a plan to follow:

Read the Options Booklet and talk to teachers to find out as much as you can about the different subjects you can choose. Discuss your plans with your parents/carers and your Form Tutor, Subject Teachers and Head of Year.

Attend the Options Evening at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 1st February. Make your choices by filling in the Options Form as per the instructions. Hand in the completed options form to your Form Tutor by Wednesday, 1st March.

Be excited and proud to know you are at such an exciting stage of your education – we will give you all the help you need to make the right decisions.

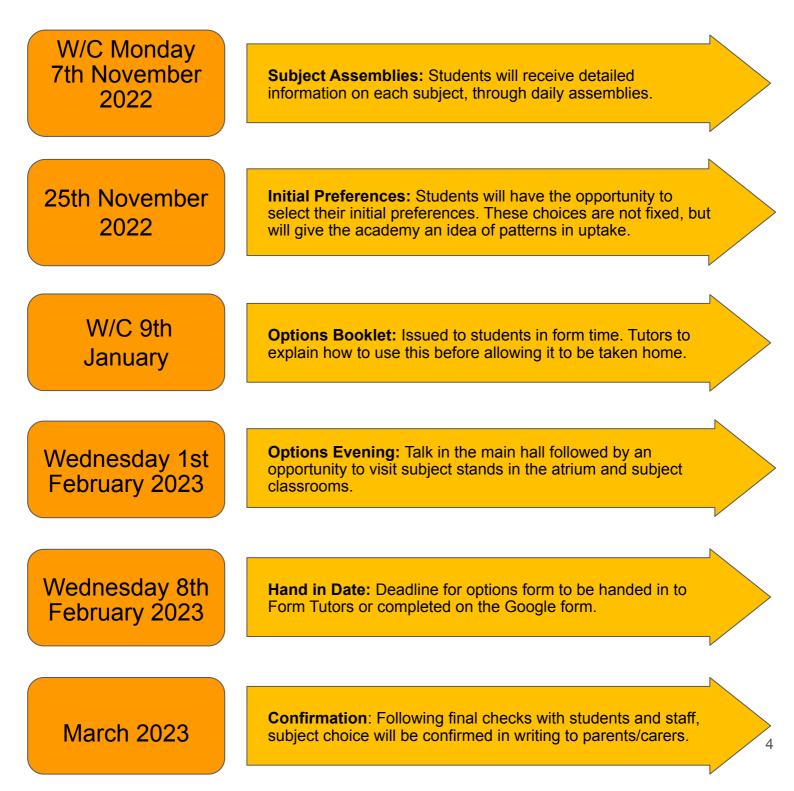
Naomi Palmer, Principal

Options Process

Introduction:

This booklet aims to guide Year 9 students and their parents/carers through the process of choosing their option subjects for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11). It provides detailed curriculum and subject information, so that students can make informed choices.

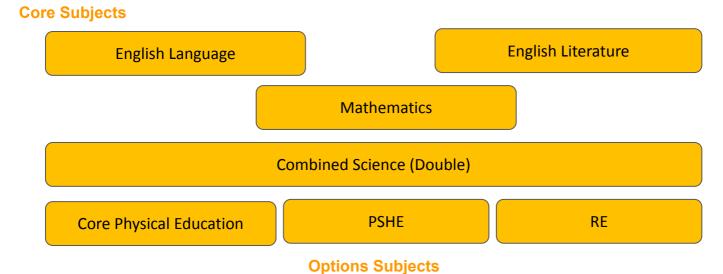
Timeline of key events:



KS4 Curriculum

Victory Curriculum Intent: To provide the depth of knowledge and fine technical skills that our students need to take advantage of opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in later life. In this way, it addresses social disadvantage and provides all students with the best possible chance in life. The curriculum has equally high ambition for academic, vocational and technical courses. Across each discipline, knowledge and skills are sequenced towards clearly defined goals. It is critical to us that our students enjoy all of their learning experience and thrive by being taught by high quality subject specialists in first class teaching environments.

KS4 Curriculum: The curriculum in Years 10 and 11 is split into core subjects which all students will follow and a choice of four options subjects.



We pride ourselves on the range of option subjects available for students to consider. Students can select four options subjects, which allows the KS4 Curriculum to remain as broad as possible with a wide choice of academic and creative subjects. Within this booklet you will be able to read information on each subject, helping you to decide which subjects are right for you, and will best support your future aspirations.

Beauty Therapy	Photography	Dance	
Business Studies	Geography	Drama	Subjects are tailored
Travel and Tourism	History	Music	to the local labour
Childcare	Classical Civilisation	Performing Arts	market promoting
Art, Craft and Design	Philosophy and Ethics	Sport	employment in a
Catering	Computer Science	Triple Science	range of sectors.
Creative Media	ICT - Digital Tools and	Retail	
Engineering	Technologies	Economics	
Fashion	MFL - German/French/Spanish /Mandarin	Film	

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Qualification Type & Assessment

Qualification Type: Qualifications can be split into the following three categories.

- Academic GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education): Provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to progress into higher education at sixth form, college and university.
- b) Vocational: Courses are focussed on a broad study of a vocational area such as Business Studies.
 They are designed to lead to higher education, training and employment in that sector.
- c) Technical: Perfect for students wishing to develop the specialist skills for a technical occupation or industry. They lead to recognised occupations, for example in Engineering and Catering.

Qualification Assessment: Qualifications are assessed differently, so it is really important to select subjects which best support your preferred way of working.

GCSE Assessment: Graded 1 - 9. Assessed with one or two main exams at the end of the course.

Vocational and Technical Assessment: Graded Pass, Merit and Distinction. Assessed continually with non-examined assessments (coursework) and a small exam which can be retaken once at different points in the academic year.

EBacc (English Baccalaureate)

The EBacc certificate is a measure of success in a range of subjects. To meet the EBacc measure, in addition to English, Mathematics and Science, students study **Geography or History** as well as a Modern Foreign Language in either **French, German, Spanish or Mandarin**. Meeting this criteria does not gain students an additional qualification, but success in these 'facilitating' subjects has been linked to a wider range of opportunities in higher education. If you are considering a career which requires University study, following the EBacc is highly recommended. Given the value placed upon these subjects all students will take at least one EBacc qualifying subject in Option Block A. To achieve the EBacc certificate, a second facilitating subject can be selected in block B, C or D.

Options Blocks

All students will study one subject from each option block. Whilst every effort is made to ensure students receive their first choice, a first and a second choice must be provided in each block.

EBacc Cerificate: To follow the EBacc, students will select one humanities subject (Geography or History) and a modern foreign language (French, Mandarin or Spanish).

Option A - 1st and 2nd choice		
Geography	French	
History	Mandarin	
Computer Science Spanish		
Additional English and Maths (Selected Students only)		

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Options B - 1st and 2nd choice	Options C - 1st and 2nd choice	
Geography	Geography	
History	History	
Computer Science	Spanish	
Art	Art	
Photography	Textiles	
Engineering	ICT	
Catering	Drama	
Creative Media	Business Studies	
Business Studies	Travel and Tourism	
Economics	Sport	
Philosophy and Ethics	Beauty	
Music	Classical Civilisation	

Option D - 1st and 2nd choice		
Triple Science	Performing Arts	
Beauty	Business Studies	
Film Studies	Retail	
Photography	Sport	
Engineering	Childcare	
Catering	ICT	

Careers Guidance

It is really important that you follow a broad and balanced curriculum that keeps your options open in the future. If however you are passionate about a job which you may decide to follow, it is important that you know the subjects that will support your progression in a career in this sector. If you need advise on careers please meet our Careers Adviser who will help you with making choices about your GCSEs and help put a plan in place for your future.

To make an individual appointment, please contact:

Email: careersguidance@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Telephone: 01603 343594 (Direct Line)

or see Mr Arger in VP Suite/Office 9



Should parents/carers wish to attend the appointment with their child, they are more than welcome to do so. Please contact Mr Arger to make the request and arrange a time.

Why Attend?

Career planning helps you to realise your ambition – what you would like to do in your working life. A plan helps you focus on what you should do when thinking about a new career. It also helps if you would like to progress in a particular career pathway. You will be guided to make informed choices.

Who will advise me?

1:1 Careers Guidance appointments take place inside the dedicated **Careers Office** which is Office 9, opposite Science 4 on the top floor of the main building.

Careers Advisers follow the CDI Code of Ethics and will always provide advice which is in the best interest of the student.

The Careers Leader also manages the Careers programme within school. The Careers programme includes a number of events such as Working Lunch talks which also play a role in educating students about the range of careers available to them after they leave school.

Careers Leader: Mr R. Arger

Follow us @CareersVictory for the latest advice, working lunches and other Careers News!

Top Resources for choosing GCSE Options



Key Stage 4 Options Booklet

OVA Website/Curriculum/ Year 9 Options

Read your academy's guide to Year 10 & 11 choices. Talk to staff who know you well. Ask older students in your school for tips on how to choose. Find out what resources you can look at online.





Read the advice on choosing your options:

https://icould.com/explore/categories/advice-and-guides/gcse-options





Explore careers on the National Careers Service website to find the skills and qualifications needed for different jobs. <u>https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers</u>





What are my GCSE options? How do I make a decision?

https://successatschool.org/advicedetails/508/What-are-my-GCSE-options%3F

Core Subjects

English Language English Literature Mathematics Science Combined (Double) PE Core PSHE+R

English Language

Subject Grading: 9-1

Director: Ms R. Maxwell-Hunt - R.Maxwell-Hunt@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Introduction to English Language

Qualification: GCSE AQA

An English Language GCSE equips students with essential communication skills, preparing them for continued education, training and future employment. This qualification allows students to develop skills in analysing language and writing skills for imaginative and practical tasks, as well as speaking and listening skills. The course is assessed through 100% final examinations in Year 11.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Response to unseen extract from a twentieth or twenty-first century novel or short story. Write your own short story or description.	Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	50
Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	Response to two unseen nineteenth / twentieth century non-fiction texts e.g. leaflet & article. Write your own transactional text e.g. letter or article.	Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	50

Course Expectations

Students who take English GCSEs will have the analytical skills that will support them in a wide range of A-level subjects, including History, Media, English Literature, English Language, Philosophy and Psychology. They will also have the speaking and listening skills that will support work in Performing Arts.

Progression and Careers

Students will gain invaluable communication skills, essential for all career choices. The careers that English can lead to are diverse and wide ranging, however specific careers linked to English might be journalism, careers in the creative and media industries, teaching, publishing, lecturing, as a librarian, law, civil service.



English Literature

Qualification: GCSE AQA

Subject Grading: 9-1

Director: Ms R. Maxwell-Hunt - R.Maxwell-Hunt@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Introduction to English Literature

An English Literature GCSE allows students to explore our vast literary heritage, studying a range of texts, including drama, poetry, prose and texts from other cultures. The main skills learnt are analytical reading skills. We aim to develop students with enquiring minds, who can apply their skills to literary texts and to the world around them. The course is assessed through 100% final examinations in Year 11. The exams are 'closed book' (i.e. no texts are allowed in the examination). Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Paper 1: Shakesearp and the 19th century novel	Response to a question on an extract as well as the rest of the Shakespeare set text. Response to a question on an extract as well as the rest of the 19th Century set text.	Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	50
Paper 2: Modern text and Poetry	Response to an essay question on the set twentieth century prose or drama text. Essay question comparing two poems from the anthology. Response to unseen poems	Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	50

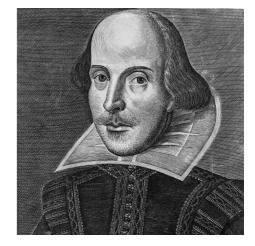
Additional course details can be found at www.aqa.org.uk

Course Expectations

Students who take English GCSEs will have the analytical skills for a wide range of subjects, including History, Media, English Literature, English Language, Philosophy and Psychology. They will also have the speaking and listening skills to support work in Performing Arts.

Progression & Careers

Students will gain analytical and communication skills which will be useful in a wide range of careers.Specific careers linked to English are journalism, careers in the creative and media industries, teaching, publishing, lecturing, librarian, law, civil service.



Mathematics

Qualification: GCSE Edexcel Director: Miss.Z.Bradshaw / Miss A.Hazell

Subject Grading: 9-1 Z.Bradshaw@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk A.Hazell@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Introduction to Mathematics

GCSE Mathematics underpins many different aspects of everyday life. From the bare minimum of demonstrating mathematical understanding at age 16 to prospective employers, through to a range of A-Levels and other courses of Further/Higher Education and on to cutting edge Mathematical Research Projects. Mathematics is an essential tool that consistently supports many other subjects. GCSE Mathematics covers the basics and attempts to provide a variety of taster opportunities from different disciplines within the scope of Mathematics. Mathematics is excellent training for an enquiring and logical mind. Simple jottings with a pencil and paper have led to great advances in Aviation, Genetics, Space Travel and Zoology to name just a few.

Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%					
Paper 1: Non - calculator	 Probability Statistics 	Exam: Foundation or higher tier - 1 hour & 30 minutes (80 marks)	Available in						33.3
Paper 2: Calculater	 Number Algebra Geometry Measures 	Exam: Foundation or higher tier - 1 hour & 30 minutes (80 marks)	June of Year 11. (Re-takes in November for	33.3					
Paper 3: Calculator	 Ratio Proportion 	Exam: Foundation or higher tier - 1 hour & 30 minutes (80 marks)	students 16+)	33.3					

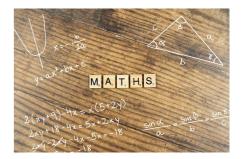
Progression Pathways C

Careers

AS & A2 Level Mathematics

AS & A2 Level Further Mathematics

Core Mathematics iGCSE Further Maths A significant majority of post 16 education providers and career pathways require applicants to have a GCSE grade 5 or higher in Mathematics. These courses or careers could include Architecture, Building, Cartography, Design, Engineering, Finance, Geology, Hair & Beauty, ICT, Jewlery and though this sequence may, t your choices are infinite.



Science - Combined

Qualification: GCSE AQA Subject Grading: 9 - 1

Director:Mr J. Kendrick-Eriksen J.Kendrick-Eriksen@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Introduction to - Combined Science (2 GCSEs) – Core

Science is the study of how the world works. It combines the language skills that you learn in English with the data skills that you learn in Maths as well as other 'Working Scientifically' skills that you have learned in KS3 science to explain the world around you.

GCSE Science is a core subject that all students must complete. Their is both a higher and a foundation level to Combined Science and over the course of year 10 and the first part of year 11 we will assess students abilities and skills so that we can enter them for the most suitable tier.

There are 6 exams in total to complete, each 1hr 15min long, and broken down into 2 for each subject. Paper 1 content will be covered in year 10 and paper 2 will be finished by the second mock window in year 11, allowing for time to go over the mock exams in detail as well as revise other units and build exam skills.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Biology	 Cell biology Transport systems Health, disease and the development of medicines Coordination and control Photosynthesis Ecosystems Inheritance, variation and evolution 	2 x Exam Combined Science (1h15m)	June 2025	33.3
Chemisty	 Atomic structure and the periodic table Structure, bonding and the properties of matter Chemical changes Energy changes in chemistry The rate and extent of chemical change Chemical analysis Chemical and allied industries Earth and atmospheric science 	2 x Exam Combined Science (1h15m)	June 2025	33.3
Physics	 Energy Forces Forces and motion Waves in matter Light and electromagnetic waves Electricity Magnetism and electromagnetism Particle model of matter Atomic structure 	2 x Exam Combined Science (1h15m)	June 2025	33.3 1 ²

Core Physical Education

Non - Qualification

Curriculum Leader: Mrs Bunning – L.Bunning@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

Students in KS4 continue on the core PE programme with 1 lesson a week. Over the course of each year, students will study 6 different activities for a half term block to allow a good level of skill development and progression in knowledge and understanding of the activity.

These 6 activities may differ year to year but always ensure that students experience a broad range of team games, individual sports and fitness based activities, which take place in a variety of facilities.

In addition to learning new skills and rules and tactics of sports, our aim is to also promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and well-being to our students, of which exercise is a very important factor.

We also aim to increase students' confidence and self-esteem, highlight the importance of teamwork and respect and encourage good communication and leadership skills amongst the students.

Course Outline

Activities covered during the academic year could include :

- · Aerobics
- · Athletics
- · Badminton
- · Basketball
- · Cricket
- · Dodgeball
- · Fitness
- · Football
- · Netball
- · Rounders
- · Rugby
- · Table Tennis
- · Tennis



PSHE

Religious Education

Non - Qualification

Subject Grading: N/A

Curriculum Leader: A.cordy - <u>A.Cordy@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk</u>

Course Introduction - PSHE

The PSHE+R curriculum offers the statutory content for PSHE including RSE, healthy lifestyles, careers and finance.

Course Introduction - RE

The Religious Education curriculum follows aspects of the Locally Agreed Syllabus with a key focus on promoting tolerance and respect.

Year	Elements	Year	Elements
Year 10	 Careers 1st Aid Online world Finance RSE 	Year 10	 Eastern philosophies Peace and Conflict Medical Ethics
Year 11	 Careers Finance Healthy Lifestyles RSE Drugs and alcohol education 	San PROVIDE explore	RTUNITIES CONSCIENCE OF CONSCI

Progression and Careers

Religious Education can follow onto A-Levels and university degrees. The subjects it would be beneficial to include Philosophy and Ethics, Law, Politics, Classics, History, Psychology and English.

PSHE prepares students for all aspects of their adult lives and includes specific units on careers. Students wil be able to identify where to gain support for future careers and any issues they may have throughout their adult lives.

Option Subjects

Subjects are listed by department.

Science Separate (Triple) **Beauty Therapy Business Studies Retail Business Business and Enterprise Economics Travel and Tourism** Child Development and Care Art, Craft and Design Catering **Creative Media Film Studies** Engineering Fashion and Textile Design Photography Geography History **Classical Civilisation** Philosophy and Ethics **Computer Science IT - Digital Information Technology** MFL - German/French/Spanish/Mandarin Drama **Music Performing Arts** Sport

Science - Separate (Triple)

Qualification: GCSE AQA Director: Mr J. Kendrick-Eriksen Subject Grading: 9 - 1 J.Kendrick-Eriksen@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Introduction to Separate Sciences (3 GCSEs) – Core

Separate Science contains all of the content of the Combined award, but with additional material that allows each subject to be awarded it's own GCSE. This route is most suited to students that wish to continue with the science's at A-Level, or those that just have a keen interest in how the world around them works.

Course Outline

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Module	Additional Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Biology	 Microorganisms Electrical and Chemical signals Genetics and Evolution Sustainability 	2 x Exam (1h45m)	June 2025	100
Chemisty	 Further work on bonding Chemical Calculations Energy Changes in the world Further organic chemistry Polymers Using our Resources 	2 x Exam (1h45m)	June 2025	100
Physics	 Uses of Nuclear Energy More Forces Wave Properties Manipulating Light Electromagnetism Space 	2 x Exam (1h45m)	June 2025	100

Progression and Careers

Science GCSE can lead to Science A levels or help supplement a variety of BTEC courses. After KS5, you could study a degree in pretty much anything you want to with Science A levels as they are highly regarded by universities. Science is essential for Medicine (Chemistry especially) and preferred in other healthcare based degree subjects and careers (although not essential). A degree in a Science subject can also be used to access many of the Post Graduate Schemes that companies offer, meaning Science can even get you into the world of business. Other careers could include: Agronomist, Archaeologist, Climate Scientist, Clinical Psychologist, Geneticist or Pathologist



Beauty

Qualification: VTCT Level 1/2 Subject Grading: NYA L1P, L1M, L1D, L2P, L2M, L2D,L2D* Curriculum Leader: Mrs T.Woodhouse – <u>t.woodhouse@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk</u>

Introduction to Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

This qualification has been developed for learners aged 14-16 with an interest in hairdressing and/or beauty therapy. It aims to support young people to:

· Develop a broad understanding of the hair and beauty sector

 \cdot Develop significant knowledge which spans the entire vocational sector and related industries.

 \cdot Develop academic and study skills that will support progression within the hair and beauty sector and more broadly, across the range of sectors.

Learners will gain an understanding of the hair and beauty sector and undertake a research project. They will also have the opportunity to study business enterprise, marketing and promotions in hair and beauty, to look at the science of hair and beauty and to respond to a hair and beauty design brief.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	Re-takes
UCO90 - Business and entrepreneuship	This unit will develop knowledge and understanding of business principles, types of businesses, marketing and entrepreneurship and different business opportunities within the hair and beauty sector	Exam	Year 10 & 11	Can be re-sat on one occasion
UC91 - Anatomy, Physiology and cosmetic science	This unit will enable learners to develop knowledge and understanding of cosmetic chemistry, the role of the inguementary system andthe development of hair and beauty	Exam	Year 10& 11	
UCO92 - Design in hair and beauty	This unit will provide learners with an understanding of the concepts and principles and development of design briefs including how to present and communicate design brief ideas and concepts to a range of audiences and develop analytical, reflective and evaluative skills.	Coursework	Year 10	Can be be re- sat

Course Expectations

You don't need any prior knowledge on this subject area but if you are interested in a career in the Hair or Beauty industry then this will help you to decide. There is no practical elements to this qualification and its all based on coursework and 1 exam. The topics you learn vary from knowing how the H&B industry effects our economy to designing a brief on a specific look and investigating more about the ingredients in our products.

Progression and Careers

Technical level 2 and level 3 Beauty Therapy or T-Level, apprenticships (Hair and Beauty) As this qualification is counted as a GCSE students that wish to progress to A-Levels this will count as 1 GCSE. Beauty or Spa Therapist, Cruise ship Therapist, Teaching/Training ,Make Up or Beauty Counter, Beauty Representative, Health and Beauty 9 Retreats, Nail Technician, Barbering African Caribbean Hair and Beauty, Aesthetic Nursing, Cosmetic Therapy.

GCSE Business Studies

Qualification: GCSE Curriculum Leader: Mrs J. Pepper Subject Grading: 9-1 J.Pepper@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

- Is this the right subject for me? If you enjoy:
- · Communicating and explaining your ideas.
- · Thinking creatively and making decisions.
- · Working with numbers to solve business problems.
- · Learning about the world of business through research and investigation, as well as through practical tasks.

...then the Business course is the right subject for you.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Paper 1 Business World	Business Activity Influences on business Business Operations Finance Marketing Human Resources	External Assessment	June 2025	62.5
Paper 2 Business Perceptions	Business Activity Influence on business Business Operations Finance Marketing Human Resources	External Assessment	June 2025	37.5

Course Expectations: It doesn't matter if you haven't studied business prior to taking this course. You might have an interest in business, and want to start your own business one day. You may have an enquiring mind and be interested in learning about the world around you, how businesses are set up, and what it is that makes someone a great entrepreneur. This course will help you to understand all this and more.

Progression and Careers

No matter which route you follow, business can help you prepare for further and higher education such as AS/A2 Levels and BTEC courses. You will become skilled in making decisions, being creative, solving problems, understanding finance, dealing with data, communicating and working as part of team. A Business course could lead to work in a business-related profession such as accountancy, law, marketing or the leisure and tourism industry.

Retail Business

Qualification: Level 1/ 2 Vocational Award Curriculum Leader: Mrs J. Pepper Subject Grading: P-D* J.Pepper@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

This course will introduce you to one of the most important employment sectors in the UK, exploring various aspects of retail business and investigating a range of retailers from large chains and department stores through to independent and virtual stores. We all spend money and we all make buying decisions. This course will enable you to understand why business work they do.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Unit 1 Customer Experience	You will learn about the principles of customer service and how retailers use these to set the standards that are at the heart of the customer experience.	Internal	June 2024	33
Unit 2 Retail Business	Through this unit you will learn about the issues faced by retailers in today's highly competitive market. You will gain knowledge of the retail sector and how its retailers organise their businesses to respond to change.	External	June 2025	33
Unit 3 Retail Operations	With this unit you will learn about the everyday activities of a retailer and how different retailers organise these activities. You will also learn how retailers prepare for changes by re-organising their operations to respond to change.	Internal	June 2025	33

Course Expectations: There is no specific requirement for prior learning with this specification. The qualification has been designed to build on the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired at Key Stage 3, particularly skills related to literacy, numeracy, problem solving and enterprise.

Progression and Careers: The WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Retail Business has been designed to develop in learners the skills needed for progression from Key Stage 4 and GCSE learning to further education, employment and training in Retail business.

Business and Enterprise

Qualification: Tech Level 2 Curriculum Leader: Mrs J. Pepper Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction* J.Pepper@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

Is this the right subject for me? If you enjoy:

- \cdot Communicating and explaining your ideas.
- · Thinking creatively and making decisions.
- · Working with numbers to solve business problems.
- · Learning about the world of business through research and investigation, as well as through practical tasks.

...then the Business course is the right subject for you.



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Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1	Investigate different Enterprises: Market research and understanding competition. Understand what makes businesses successful and apply knowledge to real business case studies	Internal	June 2024	30
Component 2	Explore, plan, pitch (like Dragons Den) and operate a micro business, then review the successes, or areas for improvement.	Internal	June 2024	30
Component 3	Learn how businesses promote products. Analyse the financial side to enable advice be given to selected enterprises.	External	June 2025	40

Course Expectations: It doesn't matter if you haven't studied business prior to taking this course. You might have an interest in business, and want to start your own business one day. You may have an enquiring mind and be interested in learning about the world around you, how businesses are set up, and what it is that makes someone a great entrepreneur. This course will help you to understand all this and more. You need to be able to set up and run your own business from school.

Progression and Careers

No matter which route you follow, business can help you prepare for further and higher education such as AS/A2 Levels and BTEC and NVQ courses. You will become skilled in making decisions, being creative, solving problems, understanding finance, dealing with data, communicating and working as part of team. A Business course could lead to work in a business-related profession such as accountancy, law, marketing or the leisure and tourism industry.

Economics

Qualification: GCSE Curriculum Leader: Mrs J. Pepper

Subject Grading: 9-1 J.Pepper@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

The subject content looks at economic activity through the lens of consumers, producers, government and the workings of the global economy. As students go through the course they're presented with opportunities to focus on real-world issues. Students should consider and reflect upon moral, ethical and sustainable issues that arise as a result of the impact of economic activity.

Students will develop quantitative skills relevant to the subject content. They should be able to make relevant calculations from economic data and be able to interpret data presented in the form of graphs and charts. Students should be able to recognise the possible limitations of both quantitative and qualitative data.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Paper 1	 Economic foundations Resource allocation How prices are determined Production, costs, revenue and profit Competitive and concentrated markets Market failure 	Externally assessed	June 2025	50
Paper 2	 Introduction to the national economy Government objectives How the government manages the economy Internation trade and the global economy The role of money and financial markets 	Externally assessed	June 2025	50

Course Expectations: If you're a naturally curious person and love to find out how things work, then studying Economics at GCSE could be the right move for you. Economics will develop your understanding of how the world works from local businesses to global corporations. You'll learn about the impact global markets have on us as a society and what the consequences of their behaviours are. Studying Economics allows you to explore this fascinating and practical subject in greater depth and build foundational knowledge.

Progression and Careers: A challenging and rewarding subject, you'll gain a solid base of understanding to build upon through further education such as A Levels or University. Some career options that are open to you are an Economist, Chartered account, Investment analyst, Financial risk analyst, Management consultant, Government officer.

Travel and Tourism

Qualification: BTEC Tech Award Level 2 Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction* Curriculum Leader: Mrs J. Pepper — J.Pepper@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

No matter which route you follow, Travel and Tourism can help you prepare for further and higher education such as A Levels and BTEC and NVQ courses. You will become skilled in making decisions, being creative, solving problems, understanding finance, dealing with data, communicating and working as part of team. A Level Travel & Tourism course could lead to work in a profession such as management, marketing, customer service and other careers within the leisure and tourism industry.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1 Travel and Tourism Organisations and Destinations	 The travel and tourism sector and tourist destinations The types and purpose of different travel and tourism destinations The importance of travel and tourism to the UK Differenet types of holidays and the reason for travel 	Internally assessed	June 2024	30
Component 2 Influences on Global Travel and Tourism	 Factors influencing the global travel and tourism industry Sustainability and destination management The impact of global tourism on local communities, the economy and the environment Tourism Developemnt 	Externally assessed	June 2025	40
Component 3 Customer Needs in Travel and Tourism	 Investigate how travel and tourism organisations use research to identify customer needs Explore the range of products offered buy the travel and tourism organisations Consider how organisations respond to market trends to meet customer needs Plan a holiday to meet customer needs and preferences 	Internally	March 2025	30

Course Expectations:

Students must be willing to work independently outside of school on coursework. They will have to carry out regular assessments throughout the course and revise for exam.

Progression and Careers

A travel and tourism course offers vocational training and helps you develop strong business management and communication skills, broadening your career prospects.

Childcare

Qualification: L2 Tech Award in Child Development and Care Subject Grading: L1/2 Technical Award Curriculum Leader: Mrs R. Willis - r.willis@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction: This qualification provides the opportunity for you to gain a vocational qualification that gives a basic introduction to caring for children. It includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being necessary for working with children in a variety of settings. It is aimed at students who wish to be introduced to childcare and development for children aged 0-5 years. It also gives students an insight into their preferred learning styles and assists in developing their ability to study.

Course Outline: This qualification will enable you to develop significant transferable knowledge and study skills which will support your progression into 6th Form including:

- an awareness of learning styles
- a basic introduction into working with children in a variety of settings
- • an understanding of roles and responsibilities when working in a setting with children
- an understanding of Equality and Diversity within a childcare setting
- • a basic understanding of the stages and sequence of child development
- an introduction to observing children and how it supports their development
- • an introduction to the influences that affect holistic development
- • an introduction to everyday care routines and the types of activities that can support the development of independence



Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Non Exam Course Work	This unit focuses on holistic development and factors that affect development. You will be introduced to ways of observing children so that you can support development through appropriate activities and care routines. You will also learn how to work with children when they move from one setting to another.	Non Exam Assessment. Synoptic Project	Year 10	50%
Exam	This unit will assess your knowledge about the development of children aged 0-5 years. You will be expected to know about the different types of care settings and your responsibilities if you were learning how to work with children. You will need to show that you understand how children develop, what can affect their development and the individual needs they have. You will need to show that you know ways to care for them and simple activities that help them to develop in a healthy and safe way. You will also need to show that you understand the ways that can support your own learning.	Exanimated Assessment—Written Exam	Year 11	50%

and Education or the BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care at Lord Nelson Sixth Form. Students will develop knowledge and a range of personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life. The acquired skills and knowledge will be of particular relevance for a career in teaching and the caring professions for example primary school teacher, classroom assistant, nurse, midwife, social worker, nursery nurse, speech and language therapist, youth worker. **Course Expectations:** Carry out regular assessments throughout the course and revise for exam.

Arts, Craft and Design

Qualification: GCSE Eduqas Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mrs R. Mizon R.Mizon@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk



Course Introduction: Creative thinking and expression are incredibly important skills. Arts and culture now contribute £101.5 billion directly to the UK economy each year and experts believe that creativity will survive the automation revolution. Film, gaming and TV are just a handful of industries that rely on artistic talent. It is a subject that breeds independence, confidence, resilience and an appreciation that any question may have multiple solutions.

Course Outline: Art, Craft & Design is about exploring an idea in a creative way and learning how to express it in order to create an original outcome. Within the GCSE students will explore a range of key skills, such as, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, 3D work and digital arts. They will develop an understanding of Art by looking at and responding to artists, ranging from traditional to contemporary artists. As the course develops, students will become more independent and have the opportunity to choose which direction their work goes in.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1	Students will research and investigate sources of ideas in Art, Craft & Design. They will explore and use Art, Craft & Design material and techniques to develop visual language. Students will complete a portfolio or sketchbook demonstrating their creative journey. This should evidence the process of developing both ideas and work. It should demonstrate research, supporting studies and work, showing the development of their ideas, leading to finished pieces.	Coursework: On-going We select the best work from the two years to meet the assessment objectives.	Y10 & Y11 Completion date December 2023	60
Component 2	The exam board provides students with a theme for their externally set assignment. Students are given a number of weeks to develop ideas and prepare. Students sit a 10 hour timed assessment in which they produce their final outcome	Exam: Students are examined on both their preparation work and the final outcome (10 hour exam).	Y11 Jan - May 2024	40

Progression and Careers: Students may go on to study A level Art or a similar appropriate qualification. Students could go into higher education or study a hands on apprenticeship. The options available for students with a creative background is ever growing with the new technologies available. Go to the Student Art Guide website to view a list of over 150 careers, with 25 examples showcased in detail: **Course Expectations:** Students must be willing to work independently outside of school on projects. They need to be curious: happy to organise photo-shoots, collect interesting materials and visit interesting places in their own time to progress their ideas. There is an expectation that students can critically analyse work.

www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-careers-list.

Catering

Qualification: WJEC Level 1/2 Subject Grading: L1 Pass - L2 Distinction* Lead Teacher: Miss C. Long - C.Long@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

The objectives of this qualification are to help learners to:

- Prepare and cook using basic skills
- · Understand food and its functions in the body and in recipes
- \cdot Understand balanced diets and modification of recipes for health
- \cdot Plan and produce dishes for a purpose

The hospitality and catering sector includes all businesses that provide food, beverages, and/or accommodation services. This includes restaurants, hotels, pubs and bars. It also includes airlines, tourist attractions, hospitals and sports venues; businesses where hospitality and catering is not their primary service but is increasingly important to their success. According to the British Hospitality Association, hospitality and catering is Britain's fourth largest industry and accounts for around 10% of the total workforce. Since 2015, the hospitality and catering sector has grown by 20%, with the majority of new roles falling within the 18-24 age groups. The courses offered in Catering aim to equip students with the knowledge and understanding of food preparation skills, nutrition and healthy eating and be able to apply these principles in real life applications. Throughout the course students will develop a wide range of practical skills to enable them to prepare and cook a variety of different dishes, confidently and independently.



Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
WJEC Level1 / 2 Catering	Unit 1: The Hospitality and Catering Industry	Externally assessed written exam paper (90mins)	Completed online: Summer Yr 11	40% Externally assessed written exam paper
	Unit 2: Hospitality & Catering in action	Internally assessed portfolio & practical cooking exam	Coursework: Throughout Yr 11 submitted May Yr 11	60%

Course Expectations: Students will be required to bring ingredients and suitable food storage containers on a regular basis. There is support available from school to enable students to access the course and help with the cost of ingredients.—please speak to Miss C. Long for further details.

Progression and Careers

During the course students will be given the opportunity to work with a variety of food professionals and experience many areas of food production. At the end of this course students will have developed knowledge about food products and food preparation which will be a good foundation for work in the food production industry.

Careers in the hospitality, food production industry, food processing, new product development, chef, nutritionist, bar/restaurant work, hotel front of house, events co ordinator, management, bakery, butchery, food technical/quality managers/

Creative Media

Qualification: OCR Cambridge National Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction* Head of Creative Media: Mr J. Colebrook - <u>J.Colebrook@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk</u>



Course Introduction: Media is now an everyday part of our lives and through this course students will have the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the industry, how media is constructed and how it impacts audiences. Working in real world scenarios, the course gives students the opportunity to develop knowledge about media practices, as well as key skills in using technology such as Photoshop and digital cameras.

Course Outline: The Level 2 Certificate is split into 1 exam and 2 coursework units. In year 10 students will be introruced to the industry and key concepts before applying this to the first coursework unit, responding to a brief and producing digital graphics for a client. In Year 11 these skills and knowledge will be further developed as students produce static and moving image based products for a client, before completing the exam. This course is synoptic, meaning the knowledge and skills learnet in one unit are also used in the others.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
R093: Creative iMedia in the Media Industry	Focus on knowledge of the industry, including job roles, sectors, audiences, project planning, legal issues and file types. Exam assesses both knowledge and skills in evaluating existing media texts.	Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 70 Marks	Jun 2025	40%
R094: Visual Identity and Digital Graphics	Focus on visual communication and how brands work with audiences. Students engage with a set brief producing a new visual identity for a client, as well as a digital graphic for a media product.	Coursework: 2 Practical tasks 50 marks	Jun 2024	25%
R098: Visual Imaging	Focus on visual communication and how brands work with audiences. Students engage with a set brief producing a new visual identity for a client, as well as a digital graphic for a media product.	Coursework: 2 Practical tasks & review 70 Marks	Mar 2025	35%

Course Expectations: Students should have good communication and creative skills. You do not need to have any prior technical skills, but should have an interest in digital media.

Progression and Careers:

Education: Students can go on to study either A-Level Media Studies or the Creative Digital Media BTEC. The skills learnt on the course are not limited to this though and students will find themselves prepared for a multitude of courses.

Careers: As the world's technology develops, so do the opportunities in the creative media sector. Students following this pathway can go into various industries, such as video games, film and television, web design, advertising and photography, in roles such as director, editor, games designer or producer.

Film Studies

Qualification: eduqas GCSE Subject Grading: 1 - 9 Head of Creative Media: Mr J. Colebrook - <u>J.Colebrook@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk</u>



Course Introduction: Film could be considered the major art form of the past 100 years and this course allows students to study a diverse range of films from contrasting cultures, examining how both film style and technologies have developed. Students will gain knowledge of film making techniques and be able to analyse how films reflect the social, cultural and political contexts in which they are made.

Course Outline: The GCSE is split into 2 exam units and one NEA (coursework) task. In year 10 students will examine the development of films from the US, studying one pre-1960 and one post-1960 film pair, as well as an independent one. They will then have the opportunity to go on to develop their own film extract based on a genre, which they will write, shoot and edit. In Year 11 students will finish this NEA unit before exploring global cinema, including contemporary UK films and a non-English language film.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1: Key Developments in US Film	Focus on US film, particularly how film form has developed, as well as the social, cultural, historical, political, technological and institutional contexts. 3 films studied from 1930 to 2018	Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 70 Marks	Jun 2025	35%
Component 2: Global Film: Narrative, Representation and Film Style	Using global film to examine narrative, representation and aesthetics. One global English language film, one global non-English language film and one UK film studied	Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 70 marks	Jun 2025	35%
Component 3: Production	Students create a film opening or extract from a specific genre. The focus is on using genre conventions as well as film making techniques, such as camera, sound and editing.	Coursework: Short film production 60 Marks	Mar 2025	30%

Course Expectations: Students should have good communication and writing skills. You do not need to have any prior knowledge of film, but should have an ability to write analytical essays and have an interest in all types of cinema.

Progression and Careers:

Education: Students can go on to study either A-Level Film Studies or the Creative Digital Media BTEC. The skills learnt on the course are not limited to this though and students will find themselves prepared for a multitude of courses.

Careers: As digital platforms for film increase, so do the opportunities in the film and television sector. Students following this pathway can go into various roles, including director, producer, editor, production designer, studio manager, location scout, cinema programmer and marketing executive.

Engineering

Qualification: WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Engineering Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction* Lead Teacher: Mr D. Grimes - d.grimes@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction: Engineering is the fastest growing sector in the UK. This course is designed to provide students with the skills to progress into an engineering career. With a focus in knowledge of materials, tools and manufacturing processes and developing skills in designing and manufacturing engineering products.

Course Outline: The course is comprised of 2 internal controlled assessments which have briefs that are set by the exam board and 1 external exam. Students are required to plan, carry out and evaluate the manufacture of an engineered product using a design brief and their own selection of tools and equipment. They will be assessed on their justification of materials, tools and equipment as well as their ability to accurately manufacture the components. They will then be given a brief to redesign the product and overcome specific design issues by using their knowledge of materials and demonstrate technical drawing skills. Their overall knowledge of engineering materials and processes will be assessed in the external exam.



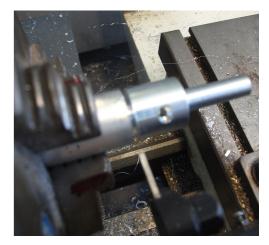
Module	Elements	Accessment	Date	%
Unit 1	Manufacturing Engineering Products Plan the independent manufacture of components based on a design brief and working drawings. Work independently to manufacture the components in the workshop. Evaluate the success of the process and the accuracy and precision of your work.	Internally assessed 20 Hours controlled assessment in lessons	June/July Year 10 - October Year 11	40
Unit 2	Redesigning Engineering Products Analyse the problems presented by an existing product and design brief. Provide design solutions to the problems and present these using a range of drawing techniques.	Internally assessed 10 Hour Controlled Assessment in lessonst	December Year 11	20
Unit 3	Solving Engineering Problems Use knowledge of engineering principles, materials, properties, tools and equipment to solve engineering problems and answer exam questions.	Externally Assessed 1 Hour 30 mins	June Year 11	40

Course Expectations: Create detailed plans of manufacture, select appropriate materials, tools and equipment, knowledge of materials, properties and uses, Practical skills in using a range of engineering tools and machinery, communicating designs using technical drawings, justifying design changes.

Progression and Careers

Education: BTEC Level 3 Engineering in KS5 at Lord Nelson Sixth Form

Training: Apprenticeship in one of the following Engineering Sectors; Aviation, Automotive, Communications, Civil, Chemical, Environmental, Electrical, Energy, Mechanical, Marine, Transport, Military etc...



Fashion & Textile Design

Qualification: GCSE Eduqas Subject Grading: 9-1 Lead Teacher: Miss A. Church - <u>A.Church@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk</u>



Course Introduction: Creative thinking and expression are incredibly important skills. Arts and culture now contribute £101.5 billion directly to the UK economy each year and experts believe that creativity will survive the automation revolution. Film, gaming and TV are just a handful of industries that rely on artistic talent. It is a subject that breeds independence, confidence, resilience and an appreciation that any question may have multiple solutions.



Course Outline: Textiles GCSE (Art - endorsement), develops a focus on technical skills as well as students learning to express themselves creatively through the medium of fabric. Over the three years the students will explore a wide range of textile and fashion techniques and processes, such as machine and hand stitch, printing, painting, tie dye, fabric manipulation and batik. They will be introduced to contemporary and traditional textile artists, fashion designers and cultures and given the opportunity to produce a range of textile and /or fashion outcomes informed by these investigations. These outcomes could take the form of fashion garments, constructed textiles, domestic textiles, embellished textiles or any combination of any of these areas. As the course progresses students will grow in confidence and become more independent to specialise in their chosen area.

Module	Element	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1	Students will research and investigate sources of ideas in Textiles & Fashion. They will explore and use textiles material and techniques to develop visual language. Students will complete a portfolio or sketchbook demonstrating their creative journey. This should evidence the process of developing both ideas and work. It should demonstrate research, supporting studies and work, showing the development of their ideas, leading to finished pieces.	Coursework: On-going We select the best work from the two years to meet the assessment objectives	Y10 & Y11 Completion date December 2024	60
Component 2	The exam board provides students with a theme for their externally set assignment. Students are given a number of weeks to develop ideas and prepare. Students sit a 10 hour timed assessment in which they produce their final outcome.	Exam: Students are examined on both their preparation work and the final outcome (10 hour exam).	Y11 Jan - May 2025	40

Course Expectations: Students must be willing to work independently outside of school on projects. They need to be curious: happy to organise photo-shoots, collect interesting materials and visit interesting places in their own time to progress their ideas. There is an expectation that students can critically analyse work

Progression and Careers: Students may go on to study A level Art, Textiles or Fashion or a similar appropriate qualification. Students could go into higher education or study a hands on apprenticeship. The options available for students with a creative background is ever growing with the new technologies available. 31 Go to the Student Art Guide website to view a list of over 150 careers, with 25 examples showcased in detail: www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-careers-list.

Photography

Qualification: GCSE Eduqas Subject Grading: 9-1 Lead Teacher: Miss F Cant f.cant@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk



Course Introduction: Creative thinking and expression are incredibly important skills. Arts and culture now contribute £101.5 billion directly to the UK economy each year and experts believe that creativity will survive the automation revolution. Film, gaming and TV are just a handful of industries that rely on photography artistic talent. It is a subject that breeds independence, confidence, resilience and an appreciation that any question may have multiple solutions.

Course Outline: Photography GCSE (Art - endorsement) develops a focus on technical skills as well as students learning to express themselves creatively. Photography is defined as the practice of producing images using light-sensitive materials or digital methods of development and the production of static or moving images. Over the three years the students will explore a wide range of photographic techniques and processes.

Module	Element	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1	Students will research and investigate sources of ideas in Photography. They will explore and use photographic and artistic materials and techniques to develop visual language. Students will complete a portfolio demonstrating their creative journey. This should evidence the process of developing both ideas and work. It should demonstrate research, supporting studies and work, showing the development of their ideas, leading to finished pieces.	Coursework: On-going We select the best work from the two years to meet the assessment objectives.	Y10 & Y11 Completion date December 2024	60
Component 2	The exam board provides students with a theme for their externally set assignment. Students are given a number of weeks to develop ideas and prepare. Students sit a 10 hour timed assessment in which they produce their final outcome.	Exam: Students are examined on both their preparation work and the final outcome (10 hour exam).	Y11 Jan - May 2025	40

Course Expectations: Students must be willing to work independently outside of school on projects. Students must set up photo-shoots in their own time out side of the school day. They need to be curious; collect interesting materials and visit interesting places to progress their ideas. There is an expectation that students can critically analyse work.

Progression and Careers: Students may go on to study A level Art or a similar appropriate qualification. Students could go into higher education or study a hands on apprenticeship. A career in photography could take many different formats; artist, freelance photographer, stylist, journalism, forensics, moving image etc. The options available for students with a creative background is ever growing with the new technologies available. Go to the Student Art Guide website to view a list of over 150 careers, with 25 examples showcased in detail. https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-careers-list

Geography

 Qualification: GCSE
 Edexcel A
 Subject Grading: 9-1

 Curriculum Leader: Mrs L. Rowe
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Course Introduction

Geography is a subject like no other – it allows you to link events that are yet to even happen with changes that have been happening for millions of years! It is a subject that goes well with the Sciences and Mathematics as well as the Humanities, Languages and Arts. It is very flexible in terms of what it can be combined with both at GCSE and A Level. Above all it is fun, engaging and allows those to want to excel to be able to! What are you waiting for...Geography is the future!



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
The Physical Environment	 The Changing Landscape of the UK Coastal Landscapes & Processes River Landscapes & Processes Weather Hazards & Climate Change Ecosystems, biodiversity and management 	External exam	Y11 June 2025	37.5
The Human Environment	 Changing Cities Global Development Resource Management Energy Resource Management 	External exam	Y11 June 2025	37.5
Fieldwork and UK Challenges	 Fieldwork Coastal landscapes Urban environments 	External exam	Y11 June 2025	25

Course Expectations: Students should keep up to date with current local and global events that relate to geography. Students must undertake fieldwork.

Progression and Careers

Further education: Geography opens doors to numerous options at A-Level. It is one of the most versatile GCSEs and therefore with success at this level you open up which ever A Levels you choose!

Further training and work: Pupils who have studied Geography have gone on to work in the following sectors: law, science, sales, business, environment, information technology, management, finance, banking, marketing, research, manufacturing, teaching, childcare, engineering and building, arts, design and media, town planning, working abroad and many (many) more...



History

Qualification: GCSE Edexcel Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mr L. Mayhew — L.Mayhew@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

 \cdot History enables students to make sense of the world around them by learning about events, important people and societies from the past.

 \cdot In History, students will become detectives and use evidence to draw conclusions about different eras and time periods.

Not only will students learn about the past they will also look at how it has influenced today's society and learn about the present day.
Students will study a brand new GCSE specification which will give them opportunity to study three main periods of history; Medieval, Early Modern and Modern History.

 \cdot History also enables students to develop their written and verbal communication skills which can lead to many careers.



Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	date
Unit 1: Crime and Punishment in Britain C1000-Today and Whitechapel C1870-1900.	 How has law enforcement changed? How have punishments changed? How have crimes changed. Case study of Whitechapel focussing on the social conditions and policing in the area. 	Exam: 1 hour 15 minutes	June 2025
Unit 2: The American West	 The Early settlement of the West. Life in the American West. Conflicts and Conquest. 	Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025
Unit 3: The reign of Henry VIII	 Henry VIII's early life. Henry's quest for a divorce. The Reformation. Henry VIII's wives. 		
Unit 4: Weimar and Nazi Germany	 The Weimar Republic. The rise of the Nazis Party. The Nazis take power. Life in Nazis Germany. 	Exam: 1 hour 20 minutes	June 2025

Course Expectations

Progression and Careers

Students who study GCSE history can progress on to study it further at both A Level and degree standard. Those who study a history degree should be practised in applying lessons of the past to help resolve problems of the present, and have the ability to apply an analytical mind set to all kinds of situations and challenges. These problem-solving and analytical skills are relevant in just about any industry which has a focus on current societies and future developments, particularly in the fields of business, politics and academia. For this reason history is a highly sought after degree for those wishing to attend university in a range of subjects. There is no typical career for history graduates with some working in careers ranging from law and accounting to teaching or³⁴ working in museums.

Classical Civilisation

Qualification: GCSE OCR Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mr L Mayhew — L.Mayhew@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

OCR's GCSE (9–1) in Classical Civilisation has been designed to provide learners with a broad, coherent and rewarding study of the culture of the classical world. It offers learners the opportunity to study elements of the literature and visual/material culture of the classical world, and acquire an understanding of their social, historical and cultural contexts.

Course Outline

Module	Elements	Assessment	date
Thematic Study Myth and Religion	Learners will also look at the role of religion in the everyday lives of ancient Greeks and Romans. The study of temples, sacrifice, festivals, death and beliefs in the afterlife will give a broad overview of religion in the ancient world, and provides opportunity for the study of a wide variety of material remains, including remarkable temples and works of art. Students will look at the following topics: • The Greek and Roman Gods • The Universal Hero: Heracles/Hercules • Religion and the City: Temples • Myth and the City: Foundation Stories • Festivals • Myth and Symbols of Power • Death and Burial • Journeying to the Underworld	1 hour 30 minutes Exam	June 2025
Literature and Culture Roman City Life	In this component learners will explore everyday life in Roman cities, with a particular focus on the Imperial period and popular sites and artefacts from Rome, Ostia, Pompeii and Herculaneum. • Roman Housing • The Roman Home and Family • Society • Leisure and Entertainment	1 hour 30 minutes Examination	June 2025

Course Expectations

Progression and Careers

Students who study GCSE Classical Civilisation can progress on to study it further at both A Level and degree standard. Studying a classics degree provides you with skills relevant for a number of sectors, including museum and gallery work, legal, teaching and academia, media and broadcasting, film and television, banking, consultancy and marketing. Those who study a Classics degree develop their intellectual flexibility and analytical thinking skills. Careers that would benefit from a Classical Civilisation degree include: archivist, barrister, civil Service fast streamer, editorial assistant, heritage manager, higher education lecturer, market researcher, museum/gallery curator, newspaper journalist, secondary school teacher, solicitor (from www.prospects.ac.uk).

should be practised in applying lessons of the past to help resolve problems of the present, and have the ability to apply an analytical mind set to all kinds of situations and challenges. These problem-solving and analytical skills are relevant in just about any industry which has a focus on current societies and future developments, particularly in the fields of business, politics and academia. For this reason history is a highly sought after degree 35 for those wishing to attend university in a range of subjects. There is no typical career for history graduates with some working in careers ranging from law and accounting to teaching or working in museums.

Philosophy and Ethics

Qualification: GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1

Curriculum Leader: Mrs A. Cordy – A.Cordy@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

Philosophy and Ethics offers a unique opportunity to look at two religious beliefs in detail and consider how these beliefs are applied to the modern world. There are a number of interesting and engaging topics and the opportunity to develop understanding and opinions on these modern day issues. Philosophy and Ethics is particularly good if you have an inquisitive mind and like to debate some of the key problems in the world today.



"Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do." --Potter Stewart, Justice of the Supreme Court

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1 - Philosophy and Ethics in the modern world	Issues of relationships Issues of life and death Issues of good and evil Issues of Human Rights	2 hour examination	2025	50
Component 2 - Christianity	Christianity – Beliefs and teachings Christianity – Practices	1 hour examination	2025	25
Component 3 - Judaism	Judaism – Beliefs and teachings Judaism – Practices	1 hour examination	2025	25

Course Expectations

Progression and Careers

Philosophy and Ethics can follow onto an A-Level and university degree in many subjects including Philosophy and Ethics. Other subjects it would be beneficial for include: Law, Politics, Classics, History, Psychology and English.

Philosophy and Ethics has many transferable skills which would benefit a range of future careers including: politician, historian, charity worker, careers in the army, lawyer, journalist, teacher, doctor, vet, working for large companies abroad and author.



Course Outine

Computer Science

Qualification: OCR GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mr M Smith - m.smith3@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction: This course gives students a real, in-depth understanding of how computer technology works. It offers an insight into what goes on 'behind the scenes', including computer programming, which many students find absorbing. It's a great way to develop critical thinking and analysis and problem-solving skills, which can be transferred to further learning and to everyday life. Computing is a more specialist course than ICT and students must have the ability to think logically and have a good knowledge of Mathematics.

Course Outline: The course is split into 2 Components and assessed during years 10 and 11. All students will also undertake a programming task, either to a specification or to solve a problem. Year 9 is a bridge year, which also allows students to broaden their knowledge beyond the specification.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
01	Computer Systems -Theory This component will assess: • Systems architecture • Memory and storage • Computer networks, connections and protocols • Network security • Systems software • Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology	External Exam: 1 Hour 30 Minutes Written Paper - 80 Marks Multiple choice, short response and extended response questions	Year 10 and11	50
02	Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming - Theory This component will assess: • Algorithms • Programming fundamentals • Producing robust programs • Boolean logic • Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments	External Exam: 1 Hour 30 Minutes Written Paper - 80 Marks Section A - Questions Section B - Write or refine algorithms	Year 10 and11	50

Progression and Careers

Education: BTEC Computer Science and then students who want to go on to higher study and employment in the field of computer science will find it provides a superb stepping stone.

Training: Since the development of the computing industry, it has fast become one of the largest and fastest growing industries around, directly affecting every aspect of our lives. Jobs within computing include Network Managers, Programmers, Web Designers and Teachers to name a few

Course Expectations: Keep up to date with theory and programming skills, attending catch up period 6 sessions for missed lessons, and revise for exams outside class time.



Digital Information Technology

Qualification: Pearson BTEC Tech Award Subject Grading: L1/L2Pass - Distinction* Curriculum Leader: Mr M Smith - m.smith3@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction: From personal computers to smartphones, from apps to websites, all of our lives, every day, are enhanced through the use of IT. This course in IT reflects this and provides students with a solid foundation for understanding and applying this subject in their future working lives. IT enables students to make the leap from passive consumers to active producers of quality digital content.

Course Outline: The course is split into 3 Components and assessed during Years 10 and 11. Year 9 is a bridge year, which also allows students to broaden their knowledge beyond the specification.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Component 1	Exploring User Interface Design Principles and Project Planning Techniques - Coursework Project Learning Aim A: Investigate user interface design for individuals and organisations Learning Aim B: Use project planning techniques to plan and design a user interface Learning Aim C: Develop and review a user interface	Internal Coursework: 36 Hours	May 2024	30
Component 2	Collecting, Presenting and Interpreting Data - Coursework Project Learning Aim A: Investigate the role and impact of using data on individuals and organisations Learning Aim B: Create a dashboard using data manipulation tools Learning Aim C: Draw conclusions and review data presentation methods	Internal Coursework: 36 Hours	December 2023	30
Component 3	Effective Digital Working Practices -Theory Learning Aim A: Modern technology and their impact on organisations Learning Aim B: Threats to digital systems and how an organisation can manage them Learning Aim C: Responsible, legal and ethical use of data Learning Aim D: Planning and communication in digital systems	External Exam: 1 Hour 30 Minutes Written Paper - 60 Marks	Year 11 February 2025 Retake: May 2025	40

Course Expectations: Keep up to date with coursework units, attending catch up period 6 sessions for missed lessons, and revise for exams outside class time.

Progression and Careers

Education: Sixth Form and college for Level 3 qualifications, such as the Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Nationals in IT or an IT/Creative Media apprenticeship. Training: Since the development of the ICT industry, it has fast become one of the largest and fastest growing industries around, directly affecting every aspect of our lives. Jobs within ICT include Software Developers, Systems Analysts, Web Designers and Games Designers to name a few .



German

Qualification: GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mrs Baião – E.Baiao@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

In our increasingly competitive global marketplace, the demand for language skills is increasing, and employers are recognising the value of multi-lingual employees who have the skills and flexibility to operate in international environments. A foreign language, can give access to a much wider range of jobs in the UK and overseas. In addition to this, a GCSE in a language is increasingly becoming an entry requirement for top UK universities.

Course Outline: This course will deliver a GCSE in two years. Pupils will study authentic German literature, and learn the valuable skill of translation both in to and out of the language. At GCSE, pupils will continue to develop upon skills and vocabulary taught during KS3.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	 A number of passages or interactions in the language with a variety of question types. The spoken material heard will include both formal (e.g. telephone message) and informal speech (e.g. social interaction). 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 2: Speaking	 Students must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings. There will be one final exam which will require them to take part in role plays and speak spontaneously. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	 Students complete exam tasks that consist of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in the language, which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 4: Writing	 The final written exam will require students to write an extended piece in the language, alongside translation both in to and out of the target language. 	One final exam	June 2025

Course Expectations: Pupils will be expected to use the language creatively and independently and they will be expected to use the language spontaneously to discuss their ideas (both verbally and in writing), and to revise for all four final exams.

Progression and Careers

Studying German will provide students with the ability to communicate confidently, think laterally and develop presentation and listening skills.



French

Qualification: GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mrs Baião – E.Baiao@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

In our increasingly competitive global marketplace, the demand for language skills is increasing, and employers are recognising the value of multi-lingual employees who have the skills and flexibility to operate in international environments. A foreign language, can give access to a much wider range of jobs in the UK and overseas. In addition to this, a GCSE in a language is increasingly becoming an entry requirement for top UK universities.

Course Outline: This course will deliver a GCSE in two years. Pupils will study authentic French literature, and learn the valuable skill of translation both in to and out of the language. At GCSE, pupils will continue to develop upon skills and vocabulary taught during KS3.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	 A number of passages or interactions in the language with a variety of question types. The spoken material heard will include both formal (e.g. telephone message) and informal speech (e.g. social interaction). 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 2: Speaking	 Students must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings. There will be one final exam which will require them to take part in role plays and speak spontaneously. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	 Students complete exam tasks that consist of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in the language, which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 4: Writing	 The final written exam will require students to write an extended piece in the language, alongside translation both in to and out of the target language. 	One final exam	June 2025

Course Expectations: Pupils will be expected to use the language creatively and independently and they will be expected to use the language spontaneously to discuss their ideas (both verbally and in writing), and to revise for all four final exams.

Progression and Careers

Studying French will provide students with the ability to communicate confidently, think laterally and develop presentation and listening skills.



Spanish

Qualification: GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mrs Baião – E.Baiao@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

In our increasingly competitive global marketplace, the demand for language skills is increasing, and employers are recognising the value of multi-lingual employees who have the skills and flexibility to operate in international environments. A foreign language, can give access to a much wider range of jobs in the UK and overseas. In addition to this, a GCSE in a language is increasingly becoming an entry requirement for top UK universities.

Course Outline: This course will deliver a GCSE in two years. Pupils will study authentic Spanish literature, and learn the valuable skill of translation both in to and out of the language. At GCSE, pupils will continue to develop upon skills and vocabulary taught during KS3.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	 A number of passages or interactions in the language with a variety of question types. The spoken material heard will include both formal (e.g. telephone message) and informal speech (e.g. social interaction). 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 2: Speaking	 Students must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings. There will be one final exam which will require them to take part in role plays and speak spontaneously. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	 Students complete exam tasks that consist of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in the language, which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 4: Writing	 The final written exam will require students to write an extended piece in the language, alongside translation both in to and out of the target language. 	One final exam	June 2025

Course Expectations: Pupils will be expected to use the language creatively and independently and they will be expected to use the language spontaneously to discuss their ideas (both verbally and in writing), and to revise for all four final exams.

Progression and Careers

Studying Spanish will provide students with the ability to communicate confidently, think laterally and develop presentation and listening skills.



Chinese Mandarin

Qualification: GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mrs Baião – E.Baiao@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

In our increasingly competitive global marketplace, the demand for language skills is increasing, and employers are recognising the value of multi-lingual employees who have the skills and flexibility to operate in international environments. A foreign language, can give access to a much wider range of jobs in the UK and overseas. In addition to this, a GCSE in a language is increasingly becoming an entry requirement for top UK universities.

Course Outline: This course will deliver a GCSE in two years. Pupils will study authentic Chinese literature, and learn the valuable skill of translation both in to and out of the language. At GCSE, pupils will continue to develop upon skills and vocabulary taught during KS3.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	 A number of passages or interactions in the language with a variety of question types. The spoken material heard will include both formal (e.g. telephone message) and informal speech (e.g. social interaction). 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 2: Speaking	 Students must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings. There will be one final exam which will require them to take part in role plays and speak spontaneously. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	 Students complete exam tasks that consist of a number of short texts,. The texts are written in both traditional and simplified characters. 	One final exam	June 2025
Unit 4: Writing	 The final written exam will require students to write an extended piece in the language, alongside translation both in to and out of the target language. 	One final exam	June 2025

Course Expectations: Pupils will be expected to use the language creatively and independently and they will be expected to use the language spontaneously to discuss their ideas (both verbally and in writing), and to revise for all four final exams.

Progression and Careers

Studying Mandarin will provide students with the ability to communicate confidently, think laterally and develop presentation and listening skills.



Drama

Qualification: OCR (J316) GCSE Subject Grading: 9-1 Lead Teacher: Mrs Dalgleish – L.Dalgleish@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

GCSE Drama students will get the opportunity to create drama, applying their knowledge and understanding to the process of creating and developing their performance work.

Studying Drama will help our students to become critical thinkers, independent learners and effective decision makers. These are all sought after attributes that can make them stand out from the crowd as they progress from education and into employment.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	%
Comp 1 Devising Drama	Students will create a devised performance, working as part of a group. The content of which will be based on a chosen stimulus from the exam board stimulus paper. In addition to the devised element, students are required to submit an accompanying portfolio which details the creative process.	Internally assessed	Year 10 -2023	30
Comp 2 Presenting and Performing Texts	This unit is presented as a showcase in front of an audience. Students will perform in or design for two performances from one text.	Externally Assessed	Summer 2025	30
Comp 3 Performance and Response	This unit is a written exam made up of two sections. Section A requires learners to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of drama, based around a performance text. Section B is an evaluation of a live performance.	Written Exam (1 hour 30 minutes)	Summer 2025	40

Course Expectations:

Students opting to take an acting route will be required to perform. Students opting to take a production role will work alongside actors to create and stage drama. Students will have the opportunity to see live theatre, it is expected that students take up these opportunities as it helps significantly with their understanding of live performance and drama analysis.

Progression and Careers:

Students can go on to study Drama at A - Level or a vocational course such as B-TEC Level 3 in Performing Arts Students may wish to pursue a career as an Actor, Director, Drama Therapist, Drama Teacher, Community Arts Worker, Education Officer, Children's Entertainer or any non-industry related career which requires a strong team player, an independent and critical thinker, an effective time manager and a confident speaker.



Music

Qualification: OCR GCSE Music Subject Grading: 9-1 Curriculum Leader: Mr T Shelbourn t.shelbourn@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

The OCR GCSE in Music provides an accessible and creative musical education, integrating the three main components : performing, composing and appraising.

Students broaden their musical horizons within five areas of study as they explore musical context, language, performance and composition.



Module	Elements	Assessment	Date
Component 01/02: Integrated portfolio	Students develop their understanding of performance and composition through exploration of their own instrument/voice within styles and genres of their choosing.	Internally assessed	Spring 205
Component 03/04: Practical component	Students develop their skills and understanding of performance and composition. The focus of the performance aspect of this component is on the demands of performing with an ensemble. Students are also required to compose a piece of music appropriate for one of the areas of study in response to a set brief.	Internally assessed	Spring 2025
Component 05: Listening and appraising	This component focuses on 4 areas of study. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of musical elements, contexts and language.	Written Exam (1 hour 30 minutes)	Summer 2025

Course Expectations: Students will need to learn a musical instrument or use singing as their instrument and are required to complete addittional tuition and coursework hours throughout the course as well. All prospective students will be required to complete an interview process to successfully enrole on the course however there is no minimum expected music grade, this is assessed on an individual basis.

Progression and Careers: Students can go on to study Music at A - Level or a vocational course such as Level 3 Cambridge Technical Award. They may wish to pursue a career as an musician, composer, teacher, music therapist, DJ, producer.



Performing Arts Qualification: Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction*

Curriculum Leader: Ms H. Curson – H.Curson@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction

The AQA Technical Award in Performing Arts gives students the opportunity to develop industry a knowledge and skills through realistic vocational contexts.

Students will have the opportunity to develop their performance skills, develop creative ideas from concept through rehearsal to performance. They will develop their personal management and communication skills and learn about roles and responsibilities in the performing arts industry.



Course Outline

The course is delivered over three units: Exploring the performing arts; Developing skills and techniques in the performing arts and responding to a brief.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	Retake
Component 1: Exploring the performing Arts	Students will develop their understanding of the performing arts by examining the work of performing arts professionals and the processes used to create performances.	Coursework: Internally assessed assignment, externally moderated.	December/ January 2024	May/June 2024
Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts	Students will develop their skills and techniques through the reproduction of acting, dance and/or musical theatre repertoire as performers or designers.	Coursework: Internally assessed assignment, externally moderated.	December/ January 2025	May/June 2025
Component 3: Responding to a brief	Students will apply performance or production skills and techniques in response to a brief and stimulus.	External synoptic assessment. Externally marked.	January- June 2025	N/A

All students wishing to take Performing Arts as an option will be required to:

· Involve themselves in at least 2 performing art activities that are offered each year.

Progression and Careers

Students studying Performing Arts will gain a wide variety of skill including performance, organisation, confidence, group work, independent learning and communication. They may go on to pursue a career in performing or technical areas of the Performing Arts industry, arts administration or production processes. This course can lead to Level 3 Cambridge Technical Award.

Sports

Qualification: BTEC Tech Award in Sport Subject Grading: Pass - Distinction* Curriculum Leader: Mrs M. Duncan M.Duncan@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Course Introduction: BTEC Tech Award in Sport gives students the opportunity to study the theory behind sport and fitness.

Course Outline: The Tech Award gives learners the opportunity to develop sector-specific applied knowledge and skills through realistic vocational contexts. Learners will have the opportunity to investigate provisions for sport including equipment and facilities to enhance sport, undertake planning and delivery of sport drills and sessions and develop knowledge and understanding of fitness for sport including fitness testing and methodology.

Module	Elements	Assessment	Date	Retake
Component 1: Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity.	 A: Explore types and provision of sport and physical activity for different types of participant B: Examine equipment and technology required for participants to use when taking part in sport and physical activity C: Be able to prepare participants to take part in sport and physical activity. 	Internal Assessment Externally moderated May/June 2023 Written coursework and practical assessment	Year 10 2023-2024 Aut/Spring	30%
Component 2: Taking part and improving other peoples sporting performance.	 A: Understand how different components of fitness are used in different physical activities. B: Be able to participate in sport and understand the roles and responsibilities of officials. C: Demonstrate ways to improve participants sporting techniques. 	Internal Assessment Externally moderated Dec/Jan 2024 Written coursework and Practical assessment.	Year 10 2023-24 Spring/Sum	30%
Component 3:Developing Fitness to improve other participants in sport and physical activity.	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the following: Physical components of fitness, Skill components of fitness, Fitness testing, Training methods, Principles of training Explain how the above will work together to improve performance, participation and enjoyment in sport and physical activity	External synoptic written exam. 1.5 hours - 60 marks External assessment.	Year 11 2024-25 May/June 25	40%

Course Expectations: Students are expected to respond to set assignment tasks with word processed written responses and presentations. They are also expected to demonstrate communication skills and planning by producing and demonstrating a warm up and their skill in a selected sport. Students are required to make detailed hand written notes on Component 3 to revise from to prepare for their written exam. Students are expected to keep up to date with coursework or they will be required to attend after school p6 support. Students are expected to bring and wear academy PE kit and participate fully in practical lessons.

Progression and Careers Further education: Sixth form and University. Personal Training, Sports Massage, Coaching, Physiotherapy, Teaching, Sports Psychology

Additional course details can be found at: www.pearson.com



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Options Form 2023 Student Name:

Deadline to hand in: 8th February 2023 Form Tutor:

All students will study one subject from each option block. Whilst every effort is made to ensure students receive their first choice, a first and a second choice must be provided in each block.

EBacc Cerificate: To follow the EBacc, students will select one humanities subject (Geography or History) and a modern foreign language (French, Mandarin or Spanish).

Option A - 1st and 2nd choice			
Geography	French		
History	Mandarin		
Computer Science Spanish			
Additional English and Maths (Selected Students only)			

Additional English and Maths (Selected Students only)

Options B - 1st and 2nd choice	Options C - 1st and 2nd choice
Geography	Geography
History	History
Computer Science	Spanish
Art	Art
Photography	Textiles
Engineering	ICT
Catering	Drama
Creative Media	Business Studies
Business Studies	Travel and Tourism
Economics	Sport
Philosophy and Ethics	Beauty
Music	Classical Civilisation

Option D - 1st and 2nd choice	
Triple Science	Performing Arts
Beauty	Business Studies
Film Studies	Retail
Photography	Sport
Engineering	Childcare
Catering	ICT

Options Form - Notes