

## Art

Coursework is 60% of overall grade. Work produced in class and at home from year 10 September 2024 - year 11 December 2025

Exam is 40% of the overall grade. Students receive exam paper in year 11 first day back after the holidays in January 2025. 8 week preparation period then they will sit external 10 hour exam in school in April 2025



## Cymraeg

Students will sit the Unit 1 exam in March 2025, the remaining 3 units will be in March - June 2026

Unit 1: Speaking and listening exam 25% - group discussion responding to a clip they watch

Unit 2: Speaking and listening exam 25% - group discussion responding to an information sheet

Unit 3: Reading and Writing exam 25%

Unit 4: Reading and Writing exam 25%



## Business

BTEC Business is 75% coursework. Work produced in class and at home from Year 10 September through to Year 11 May. It covers an Introduction to Business, Enterprise and Recruitment.

The examination is 25% of the course. Students sit the paper in June of Year 10. The subject examined is Finance.



## Engineering

Unit 1: Manufacturing Engineering Products Controlled assessment: 20 hours 40% of qualification 80 marks

Unit 2: Designing Engineering Products Controlled assessment: 10 hours 20% of qualification 40 marks

Unit 3: Solving Engineering Problems Written examination: time of exam - 1 hour 30 minutes 40% of qualification 80 marks



## Computer Science

Written Exam 50% of overall grade. Exam May 2026. This examines the theory learnt in Years 10/11.

Practical Exam 30% of overall grade. Exam May 2026. This examines the practical skills learnt in Years 10/11.

NEA 20% of overall grade. Coursework Sept 2025-Jan 2026. This examines the theory and practical skills when developing a large computer solution.



## English

**Route 1 - English Literature and Language**  
**October:** Individual Presentation (10% of Language grade)  
**November:** Poetry Controlled Assessment (12.5% of Literature grade)  
**June:** 2025 GCSE Literature Exam Unit 2 (40% of Literature grade)

**Route 2 - Entry Level English & English Language**  
**October:** Topic Tests  
**November:** Practical/Oracy  
**February/ March:** Topic Tests  
**June:** Entry Level Exam

**Summer Term** Year 11- Students will prepare for GCSE English Language



## French

Students will sit all 4 units in Yr 11. Unit 1 will be in April 2026 and Unit 2-4 in May - June 2026

Unit 1: Speaking - Individual response to 1 roleplay task, 1 photocard task, 2 conversations 25%

Unit 2: Listening exam - individual response to spoken language 25%

Unit 3: Reading and translation exam 25%

Unit 4: Writing and translation exam 25%



## Food & Nutrition

Students will sit two units in year 11  
Unit 1 Principles of Food and Nutrition. This will be a written exam which is 40% of final marks.

Unit 2 NEA1 Food investigation assessment 20% of final grade NEA2 Food Preparation assessment 40% of final grade. This includes a 3 hour practical session, which will allow students to showcase the practical skills they have learnt



## Geography



The course has two written exams (Units 1 & 2) which are taken in the summer of Year 11 (2026) These account for 80% of the qualification.

The remaining 20% relates to the Unit 3 NEA. In preparation for this unit, students will attend two days of compulsory field work in the summer term of Year 10. They will then prepare for and complete the NEA in school when they return for the Autumn term in 2025.

The NEA is marked externally and results will be issued on results day in summer 2026.



## German

Students will sit all 4 units in Yr 11. Unit 1 will be in April 2026 and Unit 2-4 in May - June 2026

Unit 1: Speaking - Individual response to 1 roleplay task, 1 photocard task, 2 conversations 25%

Unit 2: Listening exam - individual response to spoken language 25%

Unit 3: Reading and translation exam 25%

Unit 4: Writing and translation exam 25%



## Health, Social Care & Childcare

In Year 10, students will sit their Unit 1, GCSE Health, Social Care and Childcare exam. This is worth 40% of their final grade.

In Year 11 students will complete Unit 2, in Children's Services and Health Promotion. This is a Non-exam assessment and worth 60% of their final mark.

The overall courses aims for students to develop their understanding of influences on human growth, development, behaviour and well-being.



## History

In the Autumn Term, students will complete their NEA which is worth 20% of their GCSE grade. This will be completed in class, but requires the students to be up to date with their work and to reflect and improve using teacher feedback.

In the Spring Term students will be studying for their Unit 2 exam which they will sit in June of Year 10. This will be on America: A nation of contrasts 1910-1929 and is worth 25% of their GCSE.

This will mean that students will have completed 45% of their GCSE by the end of this year. GCSE revision sessions will be available after school in the Spring Term





## Mathematics

Taught for 4 hours a week in Year 10 and 11. Two separate GCSE qualifications; 100% Exam based.

Each qualification comprises of a non-calculator and calculator paper. Mock exams in February.

Possibility of being entered for an exam in Summer 2025 depending on progress during Year 10.

Some students may have the opportunity to study additional Mathematics in Year 11.



## Music

Unit 1: Performing (35%). Perform at least 2 pieces, one as part of an ensemble. Also write a programme note to accompany one of the performance pieces.

Unit 2: Composing (35%). Compose two original pieces of music, one a free composition and the other in response to a brief released by WJEC. Write an evaluation of one of the compositions.

Unit 3: Appraising (30%). A listening exam, with each question having an extract of music which is played out loud for students to answer the questions on what they hear.



## Performing Arts

In Performing Arts there are three pathways to choose from: Acting, Dance or Production. Each comprises of three separate units:

### Unit 1: Individual Showcase

Promote yourself and your skills

### Unit 2: Preparing for a Production

Take part in a live production on/off stage

### Unit 3/4/7: Developing Skills (Acting, Dance, Production)

Develop your skills in your chosen pathway



## Product Design

Unit 1: Design and Technology in the 21st Century Written examination: 2 hours 50% of qualification

Unit 2: Design and make task Non-exam assessment: approximately 35 hours 50% of qualification

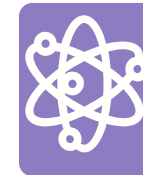


## RS

Unit 1: 2 hour examination sat at the end of year 11 worth 50% of the qualification.

Unit 2: 2 hour examination sat at the end of year 11 worth 50% of the qualification.

There is no coursework element for GCSE RS.



## Science

### Double Award Science

3 units in Year 10, 3 units in Year 11 - Each unit = 15% 45% of qualification completed in year 10 & 45 % in yr 11. Additional 10 % practical exam in Jan & Feb - in yr 11

### Double Award Applied Science

UNIT 1 - Written exam YEAR 10 - 22.5%

UNIT 2 - Written Exam Year 10 - 22.5%

UNIT 3 - Written exam Year 11 - 25%

UNIT 4 - Task based -Nov- Dec Year 11 - 20%

UNIT 5 - Practical exam - Jan – Feb Year 11 - 10%

### EXAM DATES Summer 2025

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Biology + Applied

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Chemistry

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Physics



## Spanish

Students will sit all 4 units in Yr 11. Unit 1 will be in April 2026 and Unit 2-4 in May - June 2026

Unit 1: Speaking - Individual response to 1 roleplay task, 1 photocard task, 2 conversations 25%

Unit 2: Listening exam - individual response to spoken language 25%

Unit 3: Reading and translation exam 25%

Unit 4: Writing and translation exam 25%



## Sport & Physical Education

### GCSE PE

Practical - 50% of overall grade. Students are assessed in 3 sports, one individual, one team and one other. The practical moderation happens in Year 11 around March/April. Students should have all recorded evidence in by December of Year 11. Students with off-site activities need to pay particular attention to this date. Alongside this, students complete the Personal Fitness Programme (PFP) which contributes to the 50%.

Theory - 50% of overall grade. Students will sit this during the examination period of year 11.

### BTEC Sport

Year 10 students will sit the Unit 1 exam around December. Students who have opted for BTEC should ensure they stick to deadlines.



## GCSE Skills

Students are taught for 1 hour a week in Year 10.

Students complete the Enterprise and Employability Challenge (25%) and the Global Citizenship Challenge (25%) in term 1.

In term 2 and 3, students work on their Individual Project (50%).

All GCSE Skills work should be completed by the end of Year 10.

There are no exams for GCSE Skills. Students will receive an A\*-C at level 2 or Pass\*-Pass at level 1.



## Support

If any student is finding any part of your work difficult or don't fully understand it, it's important to seek help from your subject teacher as soon as possible. The longer you try to manage on your own, the more stressful it can become.

If you're feeling particularly overwhelmed, you can also talk to your group tutor or head of year for additional support.

# Revision Techniques

Ten steps to revision success:

1. **Revision Space:** Find a good place to work. It should be quiet and uncluttered.
2. **Revision timetable:** Draw up a revision timetable - it's crucial. It should be realistic, cover all subjects and allow you time off to relax.
3. **Make notes:** Don't just read through your classwork, make notes. One useful tip is to gradually condense your notes so they fit on the back of a postcard.
4. **Revision Guides:** Get a recommendation from your teacher as to which are most useful and then make sure you use them!
5. **Questions and Answers:** Write out some questions and answers to see how much you're actually remembering.
6. **Listen in:** Record your notes and then play them back walking down the street or whilst you're in bed.
7. **Prompts:** Put key words and phrases on sticky notes around the house, so you'll see them
8. **Seek help!** Don't go it alone. They say a problem shared is a problem halved. So, get friends and family on board to help you revise.
9. **Past papers:** Make sure you have some past papers, they're a really good way of knowing what to expect in the exam.
10. **Relax:** If you panic you're lost! The exams are going to happen so you might as well give yourself the best chance of doing well by starting to revise early and by keeping calm.

