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**GREY COURT**

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**SCHOOL**

**Year 11  
Curriculum Booklet  
2023-2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 11: The Final Stage**

This is the year during which year 11 students build towards their futures. Therefore careful consideration needs to be given to what students plan to do when they leave school, what they need in order to achieve their plans and to consider carefully how they are going to be successful. It is a year that flies by with little time to catch up on missed opportunities.

This is a crucial and busy year and commitment and organisation are essential components to success. Students will find that the path to their future plans will be smoother if they meet the following expectations:

- .Attend school regularly, aiming for 100% attendance, on time and in full school uniform
- .Keep up with homework and course deadlines, and to honour GCSE commitments
- .Bring the correct equipment and books required for learning to all lessons
- .Use the planner correctly for organisation, deadlines and target setting
- .Participate positively in lessons
- .Attend designated intervention sessions
- .Involve themselves in the extra-curricular experiences offered during the year.

A number of events have been organised to help you and your child make informed post-16 choices. These are delivered through tutor time, assemblies, activity days, PDW (Personal Development and Wellbeing) sessions, drop down days and information evening. Please do access the weekly e-Bulletin for updates. In addition, there are academic tutoring days, college talks and visits, careers interviews, and trial examinations in December.

Grey Court sixth form opened in September 2014 and we look forward to many of our current year 11 students remaining within our care and expertise. Please be mindful that students who have been offered a place at our sixth form must be here to register in person on enrolment day and they are advised not to book holidays away at this time. Details for this will be sent out over the course of the year.

Highlights of the year are the year 11 prom and the record of achievement (ROA) ceremony. These are held in the summer term. In the run up to the GCSE series, we have the 'Passport to Success' programme, which will run throughout the GCSE exam period. Students follow an individual revision timetable with special booster sessions run at school before major examinations.

I have every confidence that our year 11 students will rise to the challenges they face throughout the year, will try their best and will be successful. All staff at Grey Court look forward to working with year 11 students, parents and carers to ensure that this final year is a positive, successful and memorable one.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Clark

**Head of Year 11**

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# Key Dates for Year 11

2023

## September

Mon 4th	<b>Autumn Term Begins</b> (Inset day for staff)
Tues 5th	Years 7 & 12 return
Wed 6th	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 return
Thurs 7th	Year 13 return
Tue 26th	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
Fri 22nd	School Photo Day

## October

Fri 18th	Activity Day (normal timetable suspended)
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## Half Term

	<b>Thu 19th - Fri 27th Oct - Staff &amp; Years 11, 12 &amp; 13</b>
	<b>Thu 19th Oct - Tue 31st Oct - Years 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10</b>
Mon 30th	Inset Day for Staff - Years 11,12 & 13 return
Mon 30th - Tue 31st	Year 11 English and Maths Exams

## November

Wed 1st	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 return
Thu 23rd	Academic Tutoring day
Mon 27th- Fri 15th DEC	Year 11 Trial Exams Including Practicals and Orals

## December

Mon 4th	Inset Day for Staff
Thu 14th	Christmas Concert
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>

2024

## January

<b>Mon 8th</b>	<b>Spring Term Begins - all students return to school</b>
Thu 25th	Year 11 Parents' Evening

## February

<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Friday 9th - Friday 16th Feb</b>
Mon 19th	Inset Day for Staff - Year 11 and selected Year 12/13 students attend
Tue 20th	Students return to School

## March

Tue 5th Activity Day (normal timetable suspended)  
Wed 20th MOGOs Spring Competition

## April

**Easter Break** **Mon 1st - Fri 12th**  
**Mon 15th** **Summer Term begins - students return to school**

## May

Mon 6th May Day Bank Holiday  
**Half Term** **Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May**

## June

**Mon 3rd** **Students return to School**

## July

tbc Sports Day  
Wed 10th - Fri 12th Activity Week (normal timetable suspended)  
**Summer Term Ends** **Thurs 18th July 12pm**

All dates are subject to change – please check the website or e-bulletin for changes.

We aim to keep you informed at all times and always confirm important information as the date gets closer.

## Year 11 Pastoral Team

Head of Year 11	Ms Clark
Student Support Officer	Ms Ilett & Ms Smith
Assistant Headteacher i/c KS4	Ms Weston
Deputy Headteacher i/c Key Stage 4	Mr Clements
Director of Wellbeing/ Deputy DSL	Mrs Mercer
Associate Headteacher/ DSL	Ms V Price

## Tutors 2023-24

ASH	Ms Casey
BEECH	Ms Heron
CEDAR	Ms Lopez
ELM	Ms Angus
MAPLE	Mr Anim and Ms Rose
OAK	Ms Niss and Ms Moran
ROWAN	Ms Howell
WILLOW	Mrs Scott

# Organisation of Teaching Groups

## Definitions

**Bands** - the whole year group is split into two equal groups for timetabling purposes.

**Mixed Attainment** - students from the full ability range are taught within one class.

**Setting** - students are placed into class sets based on attainment. A student might be in a Set 2 for one subject and a Set 4 for another.

- **Mathematics**
  - Mathematics is taught in bands. Students are placed into classes set by attainment. There are 5 mathematics sets in each band. Setting is reviewed regularly by the Head of Faculty and students will be moved sets if appropriate.
  
- **English**
  - English is taught in bands. Students are placed into classes set by attainment. There are 5 English sets in each band. Setting is reviewed regularly by the Head of Faculty and students will be moved sets if appropriate. All students study GCSE English language and GCSE English literature.
  
- **Science**
  - Students are taught in bands and placed in classes set by attainment and according to the course they are following (i.e. Separate Sciences, Combined Science). The Head of Faculty reviews the placement of students in sets once a term.
  
- **Core Physical Education**
  - Students are taught in bands. The groups may change depending on the module being covered.
  
- **Options Subjects**
  - Students are taught in mixed attainment option groups, although where there is more than one class of a subject in the option block, students might be set according to attainment, as decided by the Head of Faculty.



# GCSE Grading

All GCSE subjects are now on the 9 - 1 grading system.

Examinations will be graded from 9 - 1, instead of A\* to G.

Under this system, a 'good pass' – which used to be a C grade - is now a grade 5.

A 'pass' is a grade 4, which is comparable to an old low grade C.

The highest grades you can achieve are 9, 8 and 7 with a 7 being comparable to an A grade.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

# Homework

All students receive a personalised homework timetable at the start of the new school year which should be stuck into their planners. A copy of the school homework timetable can be found in this booklet and on the website. Details of homework tasks set will be posted by teachers onto Google Classroom, students will also record homework in their planners.

## Definition

Homework refers to tasks that are required to be completed outside the timetabled curriculum but not necessarily at home. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually supervised directly or controlled by a teacher, and represents an extension of the learning activities provided. Such tasks include: investigations, research, reading, drawing, interviews, designing, learning facts/formulae/vocabulary, word processing, simple experiments, drafting, revision, desktop publishing, essay writing, report writing, making a model and projects.

## Why set homework?

The aims of homework tasks are to:

- encourage independent study and develop perseverance and self-discipline
- embed learning that has taken place in class and skills that will form the basis for lifetime education
- encourage students to work at their own pace and in a manner appropriate to their aptitudes
- enable classwork to concentrate on those activities for which a teacher is required
- allow access to materials outside the classroom
- reflect the needs of the National Curriculum and the demands of examination courses.

## Role of parents/carers

- provide encouragement and interest by checking, listening and testing
- offer a suitable environment where their child can work
- ensure the task is completed to the best of their child's ability
- monitor the homework set and sign the planner every week
- raise any subject-specific concerns regarding homework with the subject teacher and general concerns with the form tutor

## Marking homework

Homework is graded on a four point scale – Very Good (VG), Good (G), Fair (F) or Inadequate (I)

VG Very Good - Homework deadlines are always met. Very good effort put into work

G Good - Homework regularly completed, good effort put into work

F Fair - Occasionally missing homework, basic effort put into work

I Inadequate - Homework rarely attempted or poorly done, lack of care

## Homework Timetable : Yr 11 2023-2024

Students in year 11 should be spending, on average, 1.5 hrs to 2.5 hrs per day on homework - this includes work set by teachers and independent revision, research, reading and coursework/controlled assessment preparation. Students should try as far as possible to complete homework on the day it has been set.

### By Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Band	Science Option B	Option C	Science Option A	English Option D	Maths Science
B Band	Science Option B	Science Option C	Science Option A	Maths Option D	English

### By Subject/ Option

	A Band	B Band
Option A	Wednesday	Wednesday
Option B	Monday	Monday
Option C	Tuesday	Tuesday
Option D	Thursday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Friday	Thursday
Science	Monday Wednesday Friday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday

# Personal Development & Wellbeing

## A Statement of Policy

Personal Development and Wellbeing is an important part of every student's curriculum. Indeed, we currently not only meet but exceed all statutory requirements, including recommendations from leading groups such as the PSHE Association and Citizenship Foundation.

Our curriculum has been updated to account for the 2019 Sex and Relationships guidance, set out by the Department for Education. Whilst we feel that Sex and Relationships education is vital for all students to access, we accept that, under the new guidance, parents can withdraw their children from Sex and Relationships education in PDW if they wish. Please note that this does not apply to other aspects of Sex and Relationships, taught in subjects like Biology or Sociology. If you wish to consider this withdrawal, please email Miss H James (Associate Assistant Head - Head of PDW) at [hjames@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:hjames@greycourt.org.uk) and Ms V Price (Associate Head) [vprice@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:vprice@greycourt.org.uk)

Our wider PDW curriculum aims to encourage our students to think carefully about all choices they make in life, which contribute to their overall development and the development of others within our inclusive community. We want all of our students to develop a positive self-image and a sense of personal worth and of a healthy physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. A termly outlining the topics covered for that term will be included in the e-bulletin.

Grey Court School prides itself on good working relationships between staff, parents and students and it is in this atmosphere of trust that development and wellbeing topics are covered. A variety of teaching methods are used to deliver PDW - these include group work, discussion, individual research and problem solving. We accept that there are differences and diversities of opinions which students may hold and within the framework of the school's expectations these differences are respected. The use of outside speakers and professionals has formed a positive supportive base for the staff and the students.

The Grey Court personal development and well-being curriculum is a responsive and fluid one, which actively listens to student and staff voices.

PDW is often brought into topics across many subjects within the planned curriculum, notably Science, Technology and Physical Education, with issues addressed in English and Humanities. PDW lessons are mainly taught by form tutors, with lessons taking place on a rolling timetable once a week throughout the year.

## The Curriculum

At Grey Court School we aim to match the curriculum to each student's age, developmental stage, particular social pressures they are likely to encounter, interests and needs. We offer a co-ordinated programme in the following components: substance misuse, sex and relationship education (SRE), safety, health-related exercise, nutrition, personal hygiene, environmental aspects of health education, psychological aspects of health education, the individual as a citizen, extremist views, online media and free press, politics, friendships, civil rights, globalisation and skills based learning. Progression in learning is ensured through the development and expansion of these topics at regular intervals throughout the Key Stages. At each Key Stage, students are offered experiences which allow them to develop the understanding and skills to help themselves and others. We also invite specialists such as community health workers, to help deliver some sessions. Additional support is given through the school's inclusion policy to those students who need it and students may access counselling through their student support officers or phase leaders.

## Year 11 Curriculum

The PDW curriculum at Grey Court is incredibly fluid, and will remain flexible throughout the year.

This is to ensure that we constantly meet the ever changing needs of the students in our care.

However, the draft curriculum for the Autumn Half-Term 1 is below:

What are your post-16 options?

Helping you apply to Grey Court 6th Form and UniFrog

What to look out for a Post-16 interviews and events

Revision skills and application

Throughout this year, Year 11 will also study:

Sex and Relationships, including the impact of Pornography

Body image and expectations

Online safety including the Dark Web

Crime in London

New substances and their dangers

Managing stress and mental health

# Year 11 Curriculum Topics Studied

## Core Subjects

### English

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Head of Faculty: Shabana Rose
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA English Language & English Literature GCSEs (8700 and 8702)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Students are set according to attainment.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Language Paper 2 (Sections A and B) Frankenstein
<b>Spring</b>	Macbeth, Frankenstein and Language Papers 1 and 2 revision Pigeon English, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen poetry revision
<b>Summer</b>	In-class revision Passport to Success Final, public exams
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
English Literature: Paper 1	Shakespeare and 19th Century Novel	1 hour 45 minutes	40%
English Literature: Paper 2	Modern Texts, Anthology Poetry and Unseen Poetry	2 hours 15 minutes	60%
English Language: Paper 1	Exploration in Creative Reading and Writing	1 hour 45 minutes	50%
English Language: Paper 2	Writer's viewpoints	1 hour 45 minutes	50%
Spoken Language assessment	Presentation in a formal setting which is endorsed separately		

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Assessments each half term. Trial exams will be in line with the school calendar.

### Equipment Needed

- A dictionary and thesaurus
- A set of post it notes
- Highlighter pens
- Texts: Students are encouraged to buy their own editions of Macbeth, Frankenstein and Pigeon English so that they can write notes and highlight – this serves as a great advantage when studying a text.
- Guides and Support notes. For each text we also encourage the use of a study guide. These are available as books or through online resources. York Notes have a comprehensive range.

## Main Texts / Reading List

Course reading list:

- Pigeon English by Stephen Kelman
- Macbeth by William Shakespeare
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Recommended reads:

### **Classics:**

- 'Nineteen Eighty Four' by George Orwell
- 'Wuthering Heights' by Bronte
- 'Pride & Prejudice' by Austin
- 'Dracula' by Bram Stoker
- 'If Beale Street Could Talk' by James Baldwin

### **Contemporary:**

- 'Grand Union' by Zadie Smith
- 'His Dark Materials' by Phillip Pullman
- 'The Knife of Never Letting Go' by Patrick Ness
- 'Don't Touch My Hair' by Emma Dabiri
- 'Poor' by Caleb Femi

More comprehensive reading lists and recommendations are available from the English teachers

## Recommended Websites

- [www.englishbiz.co.uk/](http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks4bitesize/english/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks4bitesize/english/)
- [www.englishplus.com/grammar/](http://www.englishplus.com/grammar/)
- [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)
- [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)
- [www.litcharts.com](http://www.litcharts.com)
- [www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff](http://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff)
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

## Mathematics

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mrs Scott
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Edexcel (1MA1)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Students are set according to attainment
<b>Topics Studied - Higher</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Algebra Probability Area & Volume Trigonometry
<b>Spring</b>	Circle Theorems Vectors Graphs & Functions
<b>Summer</b>	Revision and exam preparation
<b>Topics Studied - Foundation</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Ratio & Proportion Probability Multiplicative reasoning Constructions, Loci & Bearing Quadratic Equations & Graphs
<b>Spring</b>	Perimeter, Area & Volume Fractions, Indices & Standard Form Congruence, Similarity & Vectors Algebra: Graphs, rearranging & Proofs
<b>Summer</b>	Revision and exam preparation
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1	Non Calculator	Foundation—1hr 30 Minutes	33.30%
	Calculator	Higher—1hr 30 Minutes	
Paper 2	Calculator	Foundation—1hr 30 Minutes	33.30%
		Higher—1hr 30 Minutes	
Paper 3	Calculator	Foundation—1hr 30 Minutes	33.30%
		Higher—1hr 30 Minutes	

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

No coursework. Assessment dates not released yet

### Equipment Needed

Scientific calculator, protractor, compass, ruler, pen, pencil

### Main Texts / Reading List



## Recommended Websites

- [www.sparxmaths.uk](http://www.sparxmaths.uk)
- [www.savemyexams.com/gcse/](http://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/)
- [www.mathsgenie.co.uk](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk)
- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- [www.nrich.maths.org](http://www.nrich.maths.org)
- [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

## Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Scott
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths 8365
<b>Setting Policy</b>	This qualification is suitable for students who already have or are expected to get grades 7 to 9 in GCSE Mathematics and who are likely to progress to A-level study in Mathematics and possibly Further Mathematics.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Algebra: Geometry; Matrices
<b>Spring</b>	Calculus: Trigonometry; Functions; Graphs.
<b>Summer</b>	Review and revise
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1	Written Paper Non-Calculator	50
Paper 2	Written Paper Calculator	50

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

No coursework. Assessment dates not released yet.

### Equipment Needed

Scientific calculator

### Main Texts / Reading List

AQA Level 2 Certificate Further Maths Complete Study and Practice (5-9)  
Author Trevor Senior

### Recommended Websites

[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/further-mathematics-8365](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/further-mathematics-8365)

- [www.savemyexams.com/gcse/](http://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/)
- [www.mathsgenie.co.uk](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk)
- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- [www.nrich.maths.org](http://www.nrich.maths.org)
- [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

## Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Science

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Moran (Head of Science/ Biology), Mr Gundry (Chemistry), Dr Alaian (Physics)		
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson Edexcel Science Separate sciences - 1Bi0, 1CH0, 1PH0 Combined sciences - 1SC0		
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Students are set by attainment based on performance in year 9 and year 10		
<b>Topics Studied</b>			
	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Physics</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	Evolution Gene Technology Control and coordination - nervous system	Metals and equilibria Quantitative Chemistry (separate only) Electrolysis Transition Metals (separate only) Fertilisers and Equilibria (separate only)	Extension and energy transfers Magnets Electromagnetic conduction Power
<b>Spring</b>	Control and coordination - hormones Control and coordination - Homeostasis (separate only) Ecosystems	Chemical tests (separate only) Hydrocarbons and fuels The atmosphere Organic chemistry (separate only)	Radioactivity EM spectrum Astronomy (separate only)
<b>Summer</b>	Public Exams	Public Exams	Public Exams
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>			

There are 6 external exams regardless of whether a student is taking the combined or separate course.

x2 Biology

x2 Chemistry

x2 Physics

The exams last 1 hour and 10 minutes for combined, and 1 hour and 45 minutes for the separate course. The 6 external exams will take place in May and June of Y11.

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

There is no coursework for any of the GCSE science courses we run.

Internal assessments will be completed throughout the year by all of the students. There will be a mocks before Christmas and in April

### Equipment Needed

Pen, pencil, ruler, green pen, highlighter, scientific calculator, revision guides

## **Main Texts / Reading List**

The students have access to the textbook through ActiveLearn online  
It is highly recommended that students purchase a revision guide AND workbook. There are various companies that publish these, CGP and edexcel are the most popular

## **Recommended Websites**

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/)
- [www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/sciences-2016.html](http://www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/sciences-2016.html)
- [www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)

## PE (Core)

### Setting Policy

One double lesson per week. Mixed ability groups.

### Topics Studied

Pupils receive 4/5 options each half term to choose what they would like to participate in. Some options, such as: spinning, fencing, golf driving range or yoga may be chargeable. Any chargeable activities should be paid for in advance and in full for the duration of the half term.

Full Grey Court PE Kit: blue round-neck t shirt, shorts, GC track pants and GC track top. Blue Grey Court socks or white sport or trainer socks. Rugby top for those taking rugby. Baselayer when extremely cold (blue or white preferably).

Football boots, sports trainers (no plimsolls or skate shoes). Shin pads, gum shield and hairbands (if hair is longer than shoulder length). If ill or injured, students must still wear their PE kit (if a practical lesson) as they can undertake another role in the class (eg coach or referee). Failure to do this will lead to a PE detention. Students must remember asthma pumps, epipens and any other medication for every lesson.

## Religious Studies (Core)

### Teacher in Charge

Mr R Hurley

### Topics Studied

Statutory religious studies (ie non-GCSE) at Key Stage 4 is delivered through several different ways. These include regularly scheduled PDW sessions and a two day drop down project in the Summer term of Year 10 on the theme of 'Identity'. The PDW and project are delivered in conjunction with Computing. These sessions (whatever the format) are designed to be stimulating, active and challenging and will meet the requirements recommended by Richmond Borough's standing advisory council on religious education (SACRE). SACRE stipulates that 'teaching must acknowledge the importance of Christianity as well as incorporating other world religions and life stances.'

Sessions will take various forms including the use of guest speakers, a range of classroom activities and cross-curricular links, and different elements of philosophy and ethical studies.

The following key concepts will be covered:

1. Beliefs, teachings and sources
2. Practices and ways of life
3. Expressing meaning
4. Identity, diversity and belonging
5. Meaning, purpose and truth
6. Values and commitments

## Computing (Core)

Teacher in Charge

Mr Clements

### Topics Studied

Statutory religious studies and computing (ie non-GCSE) at Key Stage 4 is delivered through several different ways. These include: one assembly per half term for each year group (RS only), 1 in 4 of the allocated PDW sessions (1 period per week) and drop-down sessions over three days at the end of year 10 on the theme of 'Identity'.

Students will use their allocated time to work towards their iDEA (inspiring digital enterprise award) Bronze Award. iDEA badges have been mapped against several inputs including National Curricula and the Skills Builder Framework. This helps support life, employability and soft skills, as well as a range of specialist subjects such as enterprise and formal computing (digital literacy, computer science and IT). These sessions have been planned in conjunction with taught elements of both computing and RS to ensure our students are upskilled for their future no matter their path. We have mapped badges against pastoral themes and to tie in with PDW across the key stage.

Through these activities all pupils will have the opportunity to study aspects of information technology and computer science and be taught to:

- develop their capability, creativity and knowledge in computer science, digital media and information technology
- develop and apply their analytic, problem-solving, design, and computational thinking skills
- understand how changes in technology affect safety, including new ways to protect their online privacy and identity, and how to report a range of concerns.

## Option Subjects

### Art & Design

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Miss Bowie
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA GCSE Art & Design – AQA GCSE 8201
<b>Setting Policy</b>	GCSE Art students are taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Extended personal project and portfolio update and refine
<b>Spring</b>	Externally Set Assignment
<b>Summer</b>	Deadline for teacher marking all GCSE Art – by 31st May
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Coursework	Students' work is assessed throughout the course. They are expected to complete an interesting, creative and varied portfolio of coursework, which includes a sketchbook and final piece for each of the three projects studied.	60
Exam (or Externally Set Assignment)	A separate ESA paper is issued in January 2023. Students spend approximately 13 weeks (including holiday periods) preparing a sketchbook with teacher guidance and support. They then conclude the assignment by making a final piece under exam conditions over a 10-hour period.	40

#### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

##### Coursework details:

A selection of further work resulting from activities such as trials and experiments; skills-based workshops; mini and/or foundation projects; responses to gallery, museum or site visits; work placements; independent study and evidence of the student's specific role in any group work undertaken. Students must identify and acknowledge sources which are not their own and provide evidence of drawing activity and written annotation. The work submitted for this component will be marked as a whole. Students should carefully select, organise and present their portfolio and must ensure that it provides evidence of meeting all four assessment objectives.

Students will be expected to compile a presentation portfolio of their best work produced across the four assessment objectives. This takes the form of A3 size sketchbooks (or A4 when appropriate) and additional preparation work with final responses to the themed projects; either in 2D or 3D. Some sketchbook work may be mounted for the final presentation.

This will be completed through Year 10 with a deadline of January in Year 11.

**Externally Set Assignment** details as above.

Deadline to submit all coursework and Externally Set Assignment marks for moderation = 31st May.

## Equipment Needed

GCSE Art students should have a range of art materials or purchase the GCSE Grey Court Art pack. This will help them develop and complete work in sketchbooks at home using different media; paints, oil pastels, felt-tip pens, chalk pastels, drawing pencils, glue, scissors etc. We also strongly recommend that Art students purchase an A3 portfolio for protecting and carrying A3 sketchbooks to and from school.

In Year 11 students should purchase an A1 portfolio for storing and presenting their work for assessment.

## Main Texts / Reading List

Where possible, we recommend Art students see live art through galleries and exhibitions. There are many free galleries in London which can be hugely inspiring to artists. These can be found in specific art galleries (such as the Tate Modern) but also within museum collections (such as the Imperial War Museum). Even visiting specific parts of the city, buildings or places of interest outside London are often of great interest to GCSE Art students. Please check booking requirements, age-appropriate content and be aware of any safety measures in place prior to visiting.

## Recommended Websites

- A great website for finding out what's on, what's free and what's worth seeing -

[www.timeout.com/london](http://www.timeout.com/london)

• [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

• [www.hayward.org.uk](http://www.hayward.org.uk)

• [www.serpentinegallery.org](http://www.serpentinegallery.org)

• [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)

• [www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk](http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk)

• [www.arts.ac.uk](http://www.arts.ac.uk) University of the Arts, London – UK's leading Arts University, includes Wimbledon School of Art, Chelsea College of Art, Camberwell School of Art, St Martin's, London College of Communications



## Computer Science

Computer Science	
Teacher in Charge	Mr Clements
Syllabus board and code	OCR J277 (From 2020)
Setting Policy	Computer Science is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
Topics Studied	
Autumn	2.1 Algorithms 2.3 Producing Robust Programs 2.4 Boolean Logic 2.5 Programming languages and integrated development environments Revision of Year 10 Topics
Spring	1.4 Network Security 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology 1.5 Systems Software Revision of Year 10 Topics
Summer	Revision & Exams
Examination Breakdown	

Title	Details	Time	%
Computer Systems	Systems architecture, Memory and storage, Computer networks, connections and protocols, Network security, Systems software and Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology. This paper consists of multiple choice questions, short response questions and extended response questions.	1 hour 30 minutes	50%
Computational thinking, algorithms and programming	Algorithms, Programming fundamentals, Producing robust programs, Boolean logic and Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments. This paper has two sections: Section A and Section B. Students must answer both sections. In Section B, questions assessing students' ability to write or refine algorithms must be answered using either the OCR Exam Reference Language or the high-level programming language they are familiar with.	1 hour 30 minutes	50%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

2 GCSE Exams Summer 2024

## Equipment Needed

Stationary and access to Google Classroom.

Textbook / Revision book below may be helpful but is not a requirement of the course.

## Main Texts / Reading List

- Clear Revise OCR GCSE Computer Science J277 (PG Online) ISBN: 978-1-910523-23-0  
This is a new course from September 2020 please ensure any textbooks / revision materials you purchase have the code OCR Computer Science J277
- We have a selection of [eBooks available from www.tinyurl.com/qccsreading](http://www.tinyurl.com/qccsreading)
- [We also have a collection of physical books relating to Computer Science in T1.](#)
- [Recommended book for students studying python: Learning to programme in python – PM Heathcote](#)

## Recommended Websites

- <https://classroom.google.com/h>
- <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/computer-science-j277-from-2020/>
- [www.w3schools.com/](http://www.w3schools.com/)
- [www.docs.python.org](http://www.docs.python.org)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk>

## Drama

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Burton
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA 8261
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Drama is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Component 2: Devising Drama and Log Coursework Component 3: Texts in Practice Exam
<b>Spring</b>	Component 3: Texts in Practice Exam Component 1: Written Exam - Blood Brothers Revision & Response to Live Theatre Production
<b>Summer</b>	Component 1: Written Exam - Blood Brothers Revision & Response to Live Theatre Production
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Component 1: Understanding Drama	Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre Study of one set play from a choice of six (Current Text: Blood Brothers by Willy Russell) Analysis and evaluation of live theatre makers It is assessed through an open book written exam, which is marked externally.	1 hour 45 minutes	40%
Component 2: Devising Drama	Process of creating devised drama Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer) Analysis and evaluation of own work It is marked internally and then moderated by AQA.	Up to 20 minutes (dependent on group size)	40%
Component 3: Texts in Practice	It is assessed through the performance of two extracts from one play, in which students may contribute as performer or designer. Each extract is marked separately out of 20. There is a free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1. It is marked by an external AQA examiner.	Up to 20 minutes (dependent on group size)	20%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Component 2: Devising Drama Practical Exam & Log - Deadline before Christmas, Texts in Practice Practical Exam - Early Feb

### Equipment Needed

- Students should keep an organised folder on their google drive to store all work so that they can revisit it for revision at a later date.
- Students will need to complete homework and written work and submit this on Google Classroom, which will be marked and returned online.
- A copy of the Blood Brothers text will be required at the start of the school year. Students will be asked to purchase their own copy so that they can annotate it and take notes.

## Main Texts / Reading List

- AQA GCSE Drama Student Book by Annie Fox (Illuminate Publishing)
- Blood Brothers by Willy Russell
- Blood Brothers Play Guide for AQA GCSE Drama (Illuminate Publishing)
- GCSE Bitesize Drama by Andy Kempe (BBC Active; 2006)
- Theatre reviews in newspapers and online

## Recommended Websites

- [www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/)

### Practitioner Websites

Frantic Assembly <https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/>

The Paper Birds Theatre Company <https://www.thepaperbirds.com/>

### Local Theatres

The Rose Theatre [www.rosetheatrekingston.org/](http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org/)

The Orange Tree Theatre [www.orangetreetheatre.co.uk/](http://www.orangetreetheatre.co.uk/)

Richmond Theatre [www.atgtickets.com/venues/richmond-theatre/](http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/richmond-theatre/)

Theatres Further Afield

The Lyric Hammersmith <https://lyric.co.uk/>

The National Theatre [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/)

Shakespeare's Globe [www.shakespearesglobe.com/](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/)

## Food Preparation & Nutrition

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Miss Clark
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition (8585)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
	Theory recap of all five topics covered in year 10 and assessment. NEA1 Task: Food Science Investigation NEA2 Task: Research
<b>Autumn</b>	Mock exam
<b>Spring</b>	NEA2 Task: Food Preparation and Nutrition
<b>Summer</b>	Revision for exam
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1: Written examination	Theoretical knowledge of food preparation and nutrition from subject content: Food, Nutrition & Health, Food Science, Food Safety, Food Choice and Food Provenance  Task 1: Food Science Investigation. Students' understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients. Task 2: Food Preparation and Nutrition assessment Students' knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen task. Students will prepare, cook and present a final menu of three dishes within a single period of no more than three hours, planning in advance how this will be achieved.	50%
Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)		50%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Exam in summer term of year 11  
NEA Tasks – April of year 11

### Equipment Needed

Students will need to bring in all ingredients for practical lessons, as well as a good sized container with a lid. Pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpener

### Main Texts / Reading List

- AQA Food Preparation & Nutrition – (Illuminate) Anita Tull & Gary Littlewood
- AQA Food Preparation & Nutrition – Hodder Education
- AQA Design and Technology: Food Technology student book – Nelson Thornes 2009

### Recommended Websites

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/> - BBC Food  
<http://foodafactoflife.org.uk/> - Food a Fact of Life  
<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/> - British Nutrition Foundation  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv>

## Fench

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms López
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9 - 1) in French (1FR0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	French is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Themes – School and future aspirations, study and work Grammar – pronouns, using il faut, using the imperative, using past, present and future, comparatives and superlatives, talking about plans, using the subjunctive, direct object pronouns, verbs followed by à or de.  Theme – international and global dimension Grammar – modal verbs, using the passive, indirect object pronouns, giving for and against arguments.
<b>Spring</b>	Assessment – speaking exam (25% of final grade)
<b>Summer</b>	Speaking exam and exam practice
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Written Exam	Open response questions plus a translation into the target language.	25%
Speaking Exam	One role-play, one picture-based task and one general conversation on two themes.	25%
Listening Exam	Final examination	25%
Reading Exam	Final examination including a translation into English	25%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Students will have to complete four externally examined papers. Students will complete their speaking assessment in March/April of year 11 and all the other assessments in May/June of year 11

### Equipment Needed

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick (see planner for full equipment list)

### Main Texts / Reading List

Pupils can best extend their linguistic skills by reading magazines and publications in the target language. A French/English dictionary for reference is very useful. All students use Edexcel Studio GCSE French - Higher. Vocabulary books can be purchased from the finance office. Revision guides, workbooks and vocabulary cards can be purchased from Amazon.

### Recommended Websites

- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)
- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

## Geography

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mrs Angus
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA - 8035
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
	Hazards (tectonics and extreme weather)
<b>Autumn</b>	Field trip 2
<b>Spring</b>	Resource management
<b>Summer</b>	Issue evaluation

### Examination Breakdown

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1: Living with the physical environment	written exam	1 hour 30 minutes	35%
Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment	written exam	1 hour 30 minutes	35%
Paper 3: Geographical applications	written exam	1 hour 15 minutes	30%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Please note with the new GCSE specification there is no coursework. The course is completely linear and all examinations will be at the end of year 11.

### Equipment Needed

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils, calculator.

### Main Texts / Reading List

- GCSE Geography (AQA approved) By Simon Ross, Rowles, Holmes & Digby
- CGP – GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA A Specification The Revision Guide

### Recommended Websites

- [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk/)

## German

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Moore
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9 - 1) in German
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	Themes – local area, holiday and travel (transport, accommodation, buying tickets), asking for directions, ordering at a restaurant buying souvenirs, weather, holiday preferences, future holiday plans, advantages and disadvantages of where you live Grammar – comparatives, superlatives, demonstrative article, zu + dative case, imperatives, subjunctive, genitive case, pluperfect tense
<b>Autumn</b>	Theme – future aspirations, study and work (jobs and places of work, job applications, dream job, future plans)
<b>Spring</b>	Grammar – imperfect tense, pluperfect tense, future tense
<b>Summer</b>	Exam skills Assessment – speaking exam (25% of final grade) Listening, Reading and Writing exams (May/June)

### Examination Breakdown

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Written Exam	Open response questions plus a translation into the target language.	25%
Speaking Exam	One role-play, one picture-based task and one general conversation on two themes.	25%
Listening Exam	Final examination	25%
Reading Exam	Final examination including a translation into English	25%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Students will have to complete four externally examined papers. Students will complete their speaking assessment in March/April of year 11 and all the other assessments in May/June of year 11.

### Equipment Needed

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick (see planner for full equipment list).

### Main Texts / Reading List

Students can best extend their linguistic skills by reading magazines and publications in the target language. A German/English dictionary for reference is very useful. All students use the textbook 'Stimmt Edexcel GCSE German (Higher)'. Vocabulary books can be purchased from the finance office. Revision guides, workbooks and vocabulary cards can be purchased from Amazon



## Recommended Websites

- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)
- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)
- [www.dw.de](http://www.dw.de)

## Graphics Design (NCFE Level 2)

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr S. Nair
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	NCFE – Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design (603/0845/X)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	At Key Stage 4 NCFE Graphic Design is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	<p>1st Half term: Unit 01 Introduction to graphic design Understand the components of Graphic design (LO1)</p> <p>2nd half term: Experimentation with the graphic design components. (LO2) Internal assessment of work for LO1 &amp; LO2</p>
<b>Spring</b>	<p>1st Half term: Unit 01 Review of design experimentation (LO3) Evaluation of design experiments for: 1. Visual impact of experimentation. 2. Choices made during experimentation. Final internal assessment of Unit 01</p> <p>2nd half term: Unit 02 Understand the work of recognised graphic designers ( LO1) Should use more than one source to gather information. Produce a graphic design inspired by the work of a chosen graphic designer (LO2) Internal assessment of work for LO1 &amp; LO2</p>
<b>Summer</b>	<p>1st half term: Unit 02 Review of students own graphic design work (LO3) Evaluation of designs: 1. How their designs reflects the work of the graphic designer 2. Their technical skills 3. Their use of graphic design components 4. Ways of improving their designs. Final internal assessment of Unit 02</p> <p>2nd half term: Unit 03 Understand the requirements of a graphic design brief (LO1) 1. Know how to respond to a brief 2. Develop a minimum of 3 ideas.</p>
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
Unit 01	Introduction to Graphic Design	30 hours	Internal
Unit 02	Graphic design practice	30 hours	Internal
Unit 03	Responding to a graphic design brief	30 hours + 10 hours External Assessment	Internal and external
Unit 04	Graphic design portfolio	30 hours	Internal

To be awarded the Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design, learners are required to successfully complete 4 mandatory units. Learners must also achieve a minimum of a Pass in the external assessment.

## Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Coursework all units : 10.05.2021 External assessment : 08.02.2021

## Equipment Needed

Range of drawing pencils, rubber, 30cm ruler, fine liner, pencil sharpener, watercolour colouring pencils, coloured drawing pens, paints/inks, A3 folder, USB memory stick, a calculator.

## Main Texts / Reading List

- Design and Technology AQA GCSE (9-1) M J Ross
- AQA GCSE D&T: Graphic Products – 2010 edition
- Lonsdale: GCSE Graphic Products Essentials Revision Guide
- Lonsdale: GCSE Graphic Products Essentials Student Workbook

## Recommended Websites

- [www.design-technology.org/](http://www.design-technology.org/)
- [www.technologystudent.com/](http://www.technologystudent.com/)
- [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)
- [www.designboom.com](http://www.designboom.com)
- [www.threadbanger.com](http://www.threadbanger.com)
- [www.drapersonline.com](http://www.drapersonline.com)
- [www.vogue.co.uk](http://www.vogue.co.uk)
- [www.style.com](http://www.style.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/textiles](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/textiles)
- [www.Pinterest.com](http://www.Pinterest.com)

## BTEC SPORT

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr Murphy
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Sport (603/7068/3)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn, Spring, Summer</b>	This qualification shows learners how to: investigate provisions for sport including equipment and facilities to enhance sport planning and delivery of sport drills and sessions fitness for sport including fitness testing and methodology.
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Component 1	Preparing Participants to Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity. Non-exam internal assessment set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson. Assessment window December/January and May/June	5 hours	30%
Component 2	Non-exam internal assessment set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson. December/January and May/June	4 hours	30%
Component 3	External assessment set and marked by Pearson, completed under supervised conditions. Assessment window January/February and May/June	1.5 hours	40%

### Equipment Needed

A4 exercise book needed for each theory lesson. Full pencil case needed for each theory lesson. Practical lessons (will run alongside theory lessons at the discretion of the teacher).

### Main Texts / Reading List

Syllabus: BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Sport (603/7068/3)

### Recommended Websites

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-tec-awards/sport/2022/specification-and-sample-assessments/btec-tech-award-sport-spec.pdf>

### Recommended Websites

<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/schools/subject-areas/health-and-fitness>

## Health & Social Care

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Braham
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
	The components are interrelated and they are best seen as part of an integrated whole rather than as totally distinct study areas.
	One component studied throughout the year
	<b>Component 3 : Health and Wellbeing</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of factors that affect health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Interpret health indicators</li> <li>• Design a person-centred health and wellbeing improvement plan</li> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how to overcome obstacles relating to health and wellbeing improvement plans</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn</b>	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Component 3 written exam.</b>
	<b>Component 2 : Health and Social Care Services and Values</b>
	• Students will explore and practise applying the different care values that are key to the delivery of effective health and social care services. Students could be assessed through a practical demonstration.
<b>Summer</b>	
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
	<b>Two internally assessed assignments.</b>		
1) Human Lifespan Development	<b>Component 1:</b> Human lifespan and development: • Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it • Investigate how individuals deal with life events.	n/a	30%
2) Health and Social Care Services and Values	<b>One internally assessed assignment.</b> Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values: • Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them • Demonstrate care values and review own practice.	n/a	30%
3) Health and Well-being	Component 3 builds directly on Components 1 and 2, and enables learning to be brought together and related to a real-life situation. Externally assessed written examination in spring term. • 60 marks synoptic assessment. • Task set and marked by Pearson, completed under supervised conditions. • The set task will be completed in two hours in the period timetabled by Pearson.	2 hrs	40%

## Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

- The externally assessed task (component 3) will be taken in the spring term of year 11, with the dates yet to be confirmed by the exam board. There will be an opportunity for students to resit this exam in May/June of year 11 if necessary.
- For setting assignments, we provide authorised assignment briefs and guidance in each component. This means that you can adapt materials to your local contexts and assess assignments that provide the valid and rigorous final summative assessment for each component.

## Equipment Needed

- BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Student Book
- A range of pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Colouring pencils/felt tips, ruler, rubber, A4 folder.

## Main Texts / Reading List

## Recommended Websites

- [www.doh.gov.uk](http://www.doh.gov.uk) Department of Health
- [www.scieco.uk](http://www.scieco.uk) Social Care Institute for Excellence
- [www.skillsforcare.org.uk](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk) Sector Skills Council for Social Care
- [www.skillsforhealth.org.uk](http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk) Sector Skills Council for Health
- [www.society.guardian.co.uk](http://www.society.guardian.co.uk) The Guardian
- [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) The World Health Organisation
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health> BBC News

## History

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Miss Hawkins
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Edexcel (1HI0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	The Cold War 1943-1991
<b>Spring</b>	Elizabeth I
<b>Summer</b>	Revision

### Examination Breakdown

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1 (Medicine)	Written exam	1 hour 15 minutes	30%
Paper 2 (Cold War and Elizabeth)	Written exam	1 hour 45 minutes	40%
Paper 3 (Germany)	Written exam	1 hour 20 minutes	30%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

No coursework for this course, all will be assessed in summer exams

### Equipment Needed

Pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils, glue, scissors, exercise books, revision guide and text books (not required but helpful)

### Main Texts / Reading List

- History A The making of the Modern World Unit 2A: Germany 1918-39
- History A The making of the Modern World Unit 1: International relations The Era of the Cold War
- Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine through time, c1250-present Student Book
- New GCSE History Revision guide for the new 9-1 course.

### Recommended Websites

- Google Classroom
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/>
- <http://www.johndclare.net/>
- <http://spartacus-educational.com/>

## Mandarin Chinese

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr McCrohan
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9 - 1) in Chinese (1CN0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Themes – local area, holiday and travel, international and global dimension. Grammar – expressing proximity, conditional tenses.
<b>Spring</b>	Themes - future aspirations, study and work Grammar - complex sentence structures – paired conjunctions, comparisons, duration of time, too/really, the more the... Exam skills
<b>Summer</b>	Exam skills Speaking exam (April) Listening, Reading and Writing exams (May/June)
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Written Exam	Open response questions plus a translation into the target language.	25%
Speaking Exam	One role-play, one picture-based task and one general conversation on two themes.	25%
Listening Exam	Final examination	25%
Reading Exam	Final examination including a translation into English	25%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Students will have to complete four externally examined papers. Students will complete their speaking assessment in March/April of year 11 and all the other assessments in May/June of year 11.

### Equipment Needed

Pen (green and blue or black), pencil, ruler, glue stick, highlighter, whiteboard marker, and scissors.

### Main Texts / Reading List

Students can best extend their linguistic skills by reading magazines and publications (either in digital or paper format) in the target language. All students would benefit from having a Chinese/English dictionary/app. All students use Edexcel GCSE Chinese (9-1) text book, which can be purchased from Amazon.

### Recommended Websites

- [www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary](http://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.eu.gochinese.net/goChinese/](http://www.eu.gochinese.net/goChinese/)



## Media

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Miss Howell
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson - Creative Digital Media Production – BTEC Tech Award
<b>Setting Policy</b>	
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Component 2: Developing Digital Media Production Skills Learners will develop skills and techniques in media production processes by reworking media products from the audio/moving image sector. This component is internally assessed.
<b>Spring</b>	Component 3: Create a Media Product in Response to a Brief  This external component builds on knowledge, understanding and skills acquired and developed in Components 1 and 2. Learners will apply and develop their planning and production skills and techniques to create a media product in response to a client brief. Learners will then submit their ideas, pre-production planning and final media products in a portfolio of evidence. The task is worth 60 marks and will be completed under supervised conditions (maximum 9 hours) in May.
<b>Summer</b>	
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	
	This course is 100% coursework based. Components 1 and 2 are internally assessed. Component 3 is a practical in exam conditions and is externally assessed
<b>Coursework deadlines and assessments dates</b>	
	Component 3 is worth 60 marks and will be completed under supervised conditions (maximum 9 hours) in May.
<b>Equipment Needed</b>	
	A4 folder for hand-outs and Home Learning. It would be an advantage to have access to the following equipment: A DSLR digital camera, SD-Card, USB to save and transfer work with, a PC or Apple Mac with Final Cut Pro.
<b>Main Texts / Reading List</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MediaMagazine (school subscription)</li><li>• Attendance to Film Club</li></ul>
<b>Recommended Websites</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YouTube tutorials on Final Cut Pro</li></ul>

## Music

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr Millar
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	EDEXCEL MUSIC 2016 (1MU0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Option is taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Re-visit Fusions ('Release' and 'Samba em Preludio' ). Film music - (Star Wars Episode IV). Wider listening topics. Solo performance - techniques and recordings
<b>Spring</b>	Revisit vocal music, instrumental music, music for stage. Extended analysis/SMIRTH and ensemble performance and composition. Music theory and dictation. Wider listening topics. Submission of performance and complete compositions . Revise/review all set works.
<b>Summer</b>	Music theory and dictation. Exam.

### Examination Breakdown

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1	Performing (solo performance final recording)	1 X 30%
Paper 2	Composing (composition final submission)	1 X 30%
Paper 3	Listening and appraising (recorded extracts )	40%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

By December of year 11 – controlled assessment: Final solo performance recorded

By April of year 11 – Completion of five hours composition, controlled assessment & final ensemble recorded

### Equipment Needed

- Musical instrument
- Lesson resources/notes/folder with notes and google classroom
- Stereo/MP3 player/portable listening device

### Main Texts / Reading List

Edexcel GCSE Music

### Recommended Websites

- [www.projectgcse.co.uk/gcse\\_music](http://www.projectgcse.co.uk/gcse_music)
- [www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVmusic.htm](http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVmusic.htm)
- [www.musicalcontexts.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.musicalcontexts.co.uk/index.htm)
- [www.djemberhythms.com/books/soloing.htm](http://www.djemberhythms.com/books/soloing.htm)
- [www.rpfuller.com/gcse/music/romantic.html](http://www.rpfuller.com/gcse/music/romantic.html)
- [www.djembe.net/djembe-e.shtml](http://www.djembe.net/djembe-e.shtml)
- [www.musictheory.net/](http://www.musictheory.net/)
- [www.edexcel.co.uk](http://www.edexcel.co.uk)

## Music Technology BTEC

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr M Allchurch
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Music Technology is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Sound creation, Multitrack recording
<b>Spring</b>	Multitrack recording, Non-exam assessment (NEA) delivery
<b>Summer</b>	Examined assessment preparation, Examined assessment
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Non-exam assessment (NEA)	Externally-set, internally marked and externally moderated synoptic project (17 hours)	60%
Examined assessment	Externally-set and externally marked written exam (1.5 hours)	40%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Students will complete pieces of work to embed and support the knowledge learnt in each content area throughout year 10 and the start of year 11. Assignment deadlines for formative assessments, tests and projects will vary throughout the year.

The exam board set an assessment brief for the synoptic project (NEA) at the start of year 11, which will assess students' knowledge and practical application of the 5 content areas, with students completing this in the Spring of year 11.

The exam will take place in the Summer of Year 11 and will also assess students' knowledge of the 5 content areas.

### Equipment Needed

- Folder for hand-outs
- Bound notebooks for each content area
- USB storage devices to backup practical work (ideally at least 64GB)
- Headphones with a regular minijack connector - bluetooth and phone connectors are incompatible. Headphones can be provided but some students may wish to use their own.

### Main Texts / Reading List

- Music: The Business – Ann Harrison
- The Dance Music Manual – Rick Snoman
- Music Theory for Computer Musicians – Michael Hewitt
- Creative Recording 1 and 2 – Paul White
- Magazines such as Sound on Sound, Future Music and Music Week

## Recommended Websites

- [www.musictheory.net](http://www.musictheory.net)
- [www.soundonsound.com](http://www.soundonsound.com)
- [www.musiciansunion.org.uk](http://www.musiciansunion.org.uk)
- [www.youtube.com/user/MusicTechHelpGuy](http://www.youtube.com/user/MusicTechHelpGuy)
- [www.youtube.com/c/TheHouseofKushTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/TheHouseofKushTV)

## Physical Education GCSE

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr Murphy
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA PE GCSE 8582
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Practical analysis assessment, socio-cultural influences, revision of year 10 and exam preparation. Practical Mock Moderation
<b>Spring</b>	Revision exam preparation. Practical Moderation
<b>Summer</b>	Revision and exam preparation
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Practical Element	Practical performance in three different physical activities in the role of player/performer (one in a team activity, one in an individual activity and a third in either a team or in an individual activity). • Analysis and evaluation of performance to bring about improvement in one activity.	40%
Theoretical Element	Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport. What's assessed: Applied anatomy and physiology, movement analysis, Physical training, Use of data. 30% of final mark.	60%
	Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and wellbeing in physical activity and sport: What's assessed: Sports psychology, socio-cultural influences, health, fitness and well-being, Use of data. 30% of final mark.	

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Controlled assessments will take place during the year 10/11.

### Equipment Needed

A4 exercise book and pencil case needed for theory lesson. Practical lessons (will run alongside theory lessons at the discretion of the teacher) - Full Grey Court PE Kit: blue round-neck t shirt, shorts, GC track pants and GC track top. Blue Grey Court socks or white sport or trainer socks. Rugby top for those taking rugby. Baselayer when extremely cold (blue or white preferably). Football boots, sports trainers (no plimsolls or skate shoes). Shin pads, gum shield and hairbands (if hair is longer than shoulder length). If ill or injured, students must still wear their PE kit (if a practical lesson). Students must remember asthma pumps, epipens and any other medication for every lesson. Students will receive one double theory and one single theory lesson per week. Each student will receive a PE classroom online learning account and a kerboodle online account which will enable them to access the PE textbook and online activities from home.

### Main Texts / Reading List

• AQA Physical Education, accessed online • Zig Zag revision materials, accessed online

### Recommended Websites

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>

## Politics AS

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms James
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson (Edexcel) Advanced Subsidiary (AS) GCE in Politics (8PL0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Must have attained level 5S in English, Maths and History by the end of year 9
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	The Constitution – 15 hours Prime Minister and the Cabinet – 20 hours
<b>Spring</b>	Parliament – 15 hours Relations between institutions, including devolution and Parliament checking the executive – 20 hours
<b>Summer</b>	Revision Examination (UK Politics and UK Government)

<b>Examination Breakdown</b>			
<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Component 1: UK Politics	Democracy and Participation		
	Political Parties		
	Electoral Systems	1 hour 45 minutes	
	Voting behaviour and the media		50%
Component 2: UK Government	The Constitution		
	Parliament		
	PM and Executive		
	Relationships between the branches of government	1 hour 45 minutes	50%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Practice questions throughout the year

### Equipment Needed

An agile mind and thirst for learning! A pack of eight coloured highlighters, a folder with four dividers; students will be required to purchase a textbook.

### Main Texts / Reading List

- Politics Review Magazine
- Two newspapers per week
- One left-leaning
- One right-leaning - not the Daily Mail!

### Recommended Websites

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

## Religious Studies GCSE

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mr Hurley
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Edexcel B 1RB0
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Religious Studies is an option taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Christianity: Equality Christianity: Religious experience
<b>Spring</b>	Christianity: Belief in God
<b>Summer</b>	Christianity: Living the Christian Life

### Examination Breakdown

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Religion and Ethics: Christianity	Written exam	1 hour 45 minutes	50%
Religion, peace and conflict: Islam	Written exam	1 hour 45 minutes	50%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

N/A

### Equipment Needed

Pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils, glue, scissors, highlighters, exercise books

### Main Texts / Reading List

'Religion, Peace and Conflict through Islam' Oxford – 978 019 8370437

Regularly reading a quality newspaper will cover many of the topics we study and will enhance understanding.

### Recommended Websites

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion>
- Wikipedia

## Spanish

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Ms Lopez
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9 - 1) in Spanish (1SP0)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	All classes will be mixed ability
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
	Themes - local area, holiday and travel, identity and culture
<b>Autumn</b>	Grammar - Se puede(n), question words, the future, demonstrative adjectives, the conditional, using the passive, avoiding the passive, reflexive verbs, superlatives, irregular verb patterns in the preterite. Themes - future aspirations, study and work
<b>Spring</b>	Grammar - the imperfect tense, the preterite and the imperfect used together, indirect object pronouns, the conditional, the subjunctive with cuando. Exam skills Exam skills
<b>Summer</b>	Speaking exam (April) Listening, Reading and Writing exams (May/June)

<b>Examination Breakdown</b>		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>%</i>
Written Exam	Open response questions plus a translation into the target language.	25%
Speaking Exam	One role-play, one picture-based task and one general conversation on two themes.	25%
Listening	Final examination	25%
Reading	Final examination including a translation into English	25%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Students will have to complete four externally examined papers. Students will complete their speaking assessment in March/April of year 11 and all the other assessments in May/June of year 11.

### Equipment Needed

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, scissors, etc (see planner for full list).

### Main Texts / Reading List

Students can best extend their linguistic skills by reading magazines and publications (either in digital or paper format) in the target language. All students would benefit from having a Spanish/English dictionary/app. All students use Edexcel GCSE Spanish – Higher. Revision guides and workbooks (9-1) can be purchased from Amazon.

### Recommended Websites

- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)
- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)
- [www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)



## Statistics

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Mrs Scott
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	Edexcel GCSE Statistics 1ST0
<b>Setting Policy</b>	Taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Probability, regression, Spearman's rank, Pearson product moment correlation coefficient. Time series, moving averages and seasonal effects, further statistical diagrams.
<b>Spring</b>	Skewness, Quality assurance, standardised scores, normal distribution, binomial distribution.
<b>Summer</b>	Structured revision of all topics.
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Paper 1	Paper 1 assesses all content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions on statistical methods, familiar and unfamiliar contexts and the component parts of the statistical enquiry cycle</li> <li>• The paper contains short response, medium response and extended response questions</li> </ul>	1 hour 30 minutes	50%
Paper 2	Paper 2 assesses all content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions on statistical methods, familiar and unfamiliar contexts and the component parts of the statistical enquiry cycle</li> <li>• The paper contains short response, medium response and extended response questions</li> </ul>	1 hour 30 minutes	50%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Dates not released yet

### Equipment Needed

Scientific calculator, graphical calculator provided by the school. Protractor, compass, ruler, pen pencil

### Main Texts / Reading List

Edexcel 9-1 GCSE Statistics

### Recommended Websites

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)  
[www.statisticsgenie.co.uk](http://www.statisticsgenie.co.uk)  
[www.statsacademy.co.uk](http://www.statsacademy.co.uk)

## Textiles Design

<b>Teacher in Charge</b>	Miss Casey
<b>Syllabus board and code</b>	AQA GCSE Art & Design- Textile design (8204)
<b>Setting Policy</b>	GCSE Textile Art students are taught in mixed attainment groups.
<b>Topics Studied</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	Extended personal project – Portfolio update and refine
<b>Spring</b>	Portfolio update
<b>Summer</b>	Portfolio refine:Deadline for teacher marking all GCSE Art Textiles – by 31st May 2023
<b>Examination Breakdown</b>	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>%</i>
Component 1: Portfolio	Students' work is assessed throughout the course. They are expected to complete an interesting, creative and varied portfolio of coursework, which includes a sketchbook and final piece for each of the three projects studied.	Yr10 work + work completed Sept-May	60%
Component 2: External Set	At present this is a seperate ESA paper which will be issued in January 2023. Students spend approximately 13 weeks (including holiday periods) preparing a sketchbook and then conclude the assignment by making a final piece under exam conditions over a 10-hour period. At present this will run in January 2023, however there are on-going discussions between the exam body and other teaching bodies.	10 hours (N/A)	40%

### Coursework deadlines and assessments dates

Coursework deadline to submit marks for moderation May 31st 2023.

### Equipment Needed

GCSE Textiles students should have a variety of Art materials and Textiles equipment and purchase the Grey Court GCSE Textiles pack. This will help them further develop and complete work at home using different media such as paints, oil/chalk pastels, drawing pencils, felt tip pens/fineliners, scissors, glue etc A good sewing kit including shears.

An A3 plastic wallet folder to present work and an A3 handled folder to carry practical work and fabrics.

### Main Texts / Reading List

Where possible, we recommend Textiles students see live Textiles/Textiles Art through galleries, exhibitions, fashion shows and high street/designer fashion and homeware stores. There are many free exhibitions in London which can be hugely inspiring to designers/artists. These can be found in specific museums/galleries (such as the Design museum and the Textiles museum) but also within museum collections (such as the Victoria & Albert Museum). Even visiting specific parts of the city, buildings or places of interest outside London are often of great interest and inspiration to GCSE Textiles students. Please check booking requirements, age-appropriate content and be aware of any safety measures in place prior to visiting.

## Recommended Websites

- A great website for finding out what's on, what's free and what's worth seeing - [www.timeout.com/london](http://www.timeout.com/london)
- [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)
- [www.hayward.org.uk](http://www.hayward.org.uk)
- [www.serpentinegallery.org](http://www.serpentinegallery.org)
- [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)
- [www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk](http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk)
- [www.arts.ac.uk](http://www.arts.ac.uk) University of the Arts, London – UK's leading Arts University, includes Wimbledon School of Art, Chelsea College of Art, Camberwell School of Art, St Martin's, London College of Communications

# Rewarding our Students

## The House System at Grey Court

The house system aims to enhance student achievement and motivation through promoting inter-house competition. In 2022-23, we had House competitions across 12 subject areas. The four houses are Aztec, Roman, Spartan and Trojan.

### Allocating a House

In order to promote a strong tutor group ethos, whole tutor groups are allocated to the same house. Each house consists of two tutor groups from each year, one from A band and one from B band.

### House Points

House points are an important part of motivating students in their day to day lessons. Staff allocate house points to reward student achievement such as: sustained effort, exemplary work, high attainment or excellent class participation. Points are also awarded for representing the school at extra-curricular activities and showing respect and courtesy. A high number of points results in the award of a certificate at end of term celebration assemblies.

### House Competitions

Each year we hold a number of inter-house sporting and faculty competitions. Each of these contributes towards the final totals which decide the overall winning house. All members of that house are awarded a fun afternoon out during the following academic year. The more people you have involved in House competitions, the more points you will collect as a House!

## Safeguarding

Grey Court School recognises that all adults in our school have a full and active part to play in protecting our students from harm. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms V Price ([vprice@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:vprice@greycourt.org.uk)) and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs S Mercer ([smercerc@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:smercerc@greycourt.org.uk)) The nominated governor (safeguarding) is Julian Knott.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact Ms Price or Mrs Mercer, or if you prefer to remain anonymous, contact Achieving for Children SPA (Single Point of Access) Call 020 8547 5008 from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, or 020 8770 5000 out of hours. If a child is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.

## Conditions of Use of Photographs of Students

Throughout the school's academic year and your child's school life, photographs may be taken of your son/daughter. These photographs may be used in a range of contexts:

School publications, for example the prospectus

School noticeboard displays

Local newspapers as part of the media coverage of a school event

School website

Grey Court facebook and twitter pages, Grey Court Youtube channel.

Internal teacher training materials and or conferences

Local education authority publications and website.

If you do not want your son or daughter to appear in any photographs, please contact Ms V Price as soon as possible.

## Acceptable Use of IT

Grey Court School expects all students to be safe and responsible when using any of the IT resources. This includes the use of the internet, email and social networking sites. In particular, students must ensure that all IT communication is respectful and sensible. Any online activity, in and outside school, must not cause distress to others, nor bring the reputation of the school into disrepute. If students come across offensive or illegal material online or within the school's systems, they should report this immediately to a member of staff.

Students must understand that there are consequences to inappropriate or unacceptable use of IT, which could result in parents or the police being informed and/or suspension of access to their school IT account. This is especially true of any forms of abuse like cyber bullying.

# School Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

**1. School network:** The school network provides filtered access to the internet to support student learning. Student use of the IT services is monitored by the school. We use filtering software in an attempt to ensure that all inappropriate websites are blocked.

Each student is provided with a secure area on our network in which to store work. Periodic random checks will be made as to the content of these files. Students found storing inappropriate material on our network may have the facility withdrawn and action taken.

Users will not attempt to gain unauthorised access to the Grey Court School network or go beyond their authorised access. This includes attempting to log-on through another student or staff account or try to access another user's files. These actions are deemed illegal under the computer misuse act - even if only for the purposes of "browsing" or "exploring".

An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that users have violated this policy. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

Users will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.

Storage of non-school data and applications is prohibited.

Any attempt to install unauthorised software, apps or games is strictly prohibited.

**2. Email and Internet:** The school will issue every student with an email address which they can use both in school and at home. This is a filtered service and is programmed to automatically intercept the use of profanity, suspicious words and other abuse or inappropriate attachments. The school will be notified if any student abuses the email system. Random checks of email accounts will be made as part of our monitoring procedures and students found to be using the system inappropriately will have their accounts closed and action will be taken. Students who repeatedly try to access non educational or unapproved websites like gaming sites, inappropriate video websites, music streaming, social networking and any other sites deemed to be inappropriate by the school may have their access to the internet withdrawn and action taken. Any student viewing adult material will automatically have their network access withdrawn and the student's parents/carers will be notified, and action will be taken. Users will not attempt to bypass the ISP filtering system. Such attempts will result in a permanent ban of Internet access and further action may be taken.

**3. System Security:** Users are responsible for their individual user area and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use it. Under no circumstances should users let any other student know their password. Users will immediately notify a teacher or a member of IT staff if they have identified a possible security problem. Users MUST NOT go looking for security problems because this will be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. Users should take every precaution to avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses. Unchecked USB flash/pen drives must not be used and email attachments that are suspect or from unknown sources should not be opened. Users will not download computer programs or files from the Internet without permission from a member of staff. Users will not try to load computer programs onto the Grey Court School Network or attempt to run programs that are not accessed through the Start Menu or Desktop screen. Monitoring software alerts the school to inappropriate web searches by individuals. These alerts are followed up and appropriate action is taken by the school.

**4. Misuse of resources:** Any student found to be tampering, damaging or otherwise abusing the school's IT facilities will be dealt with in the strongest possible manner.

Users will avoid unnecessary printing. A record of all printing is logged automatically by the printing accounting software. Any student found to be abusing their printing quota will have their ability to print withdrawn and will be invoiced for the excessive paper and toner used.

Accessing and playing games via the Internet is not allowed. A limited number of games do have some significant educational value and these listed 'games' are the only ones users are permitted to access.

For copyright reasons, users must not download or store commercial music or video files anywhere on the school network, at any time.

Shared areas on the school network are for sharing and transferring school files; users are responsible for their removal when they are no longer needed. If users place inappropriate files in a shared area then their network access is liable to be suspended.

Listening to online radio broadcasts or watching website video clips online slows the whole network. Unless this is for educational reasons and permission has been given by a member of staff, this is not allowed.

Users of iPads must not tamper with the settings or any application that has not been instructed for use. Misuse of the school's iPads is taken very seriously, students found to be using them inappropriately will be banned from using them and further action will be taken.

## EduLink One

EduLink One is Grey Court's parental communication tool which can be accessed via the app or browser, providing parents and carers access to information held by the school on students including: achievement and behaviour points, timetables, homework, attendance, clubs, and catering balances.

If you need help setting up your account, please contact [rjacob@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:rjacob@greycourt.org.uk).

You will need to use the School ID: grey or greycourt, or tw107hn when asked. Once you have finished setting up your account, if you notice one of your children is missing from EduLink One, please email [rjacob@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:rjacob@greycourt.org.uk) with the full name and year group of your child who is not appearing.

Students can also access EduLink One via the app or browser, using the School ID (grey or greycourt), and their school network (not email) login details. e.g. Freddie James who joined Greycourt in September 2022 username would be fjames22.

(\* Year 7 student passwords will be issued in their first computing or DT lesson).

## Google Classroom

Google Classroom is our VLE (virtual learning environment). Teachers will provide resources for students on the platform which they can access from home. Students will also have access to a variety of free Google software including a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation, and unlimited storage.

Students should login to the Grey Court Google Classroom platform directly from the Google homepage by clicking 'Sign in' in the top right hand corner.

Students' usernames and passwords will be issued by their computer science teacher.

Please contact Mr Jacob or the IT Technician team if you require any support.

[rjacob@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:rjacob@greycourt.org.uk)

[helpdesk@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@greycourt.org.uk).

Teachers will use Google Classroom to either set or log homework for students. Students may be required to hand in their homework via Google Classroom, or check Google Classroom to find out the details of the homework and complete it in their exercise books.

## Mobile Phones

The school acknowledges that for many parents and young people, the ownership of a mobile phone is considered to be a necessary and vital part of modern life.

We recognise the smartphone has great potential to support a student's learning experiences. However, the consequences of misuse can be serious. This is reflected in our school mobile phone policy.

On the first infringement of the mobile policy, the mobile phone will be confiscated by the member of staff and taken to the attendance officer in the attendance office, where it will be securely stored. A record will be made of the incident on SIMS/ Edulink One so that parents/carers are informed of a behaviour incident by the teacher who confiscated the phone. The student will be placed into the daily 'PM' detention, for 30 minutes that afternoon, and can collect their phone after the detention. On the third occasion within a half term, the student will be placed into SLT detention and the mobile phone will need to be collected by a parent/ carer.

## Grey Court Expectations

Arrive at lessons on time and with the proper equipment to learn effectively.

Enter quietly when asked to and quickly get ready to learn by removing outdoor clothes and taking out your equipment.

Remain silent and concentrate while your teacher talks to the class. Your teacher has a right to teach and all of your classmates have a right to learn.

Follow all the school rules and instructions from teachers all of the time.

Pack away and leave only when your teacher tells you to do so. Make sure the room is tidy before you leave.

RESPECT for each other is most important. There is no excuse for rudeness.