SHS Year 10 Parents Evening – Exam Information



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SHS Year 10 – English Language GCSE

English Language	Pearson Edexcel Quan - 60148366
Exam Structure	100% exam Paper 1 – 40% Paper 2 – 60%
Course	Paper one: Section A Reading (40%), section B Writing (60%) Paper two: Section A Reading (60%), Section B Writing (40%)
Assessment	Your child will be tested on each relevant unit studied- one formative and one summative test per half term, as well as termly knowledge gap tests. Your child will complete a mock on Paper One at the end of year 10.
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE English Language (2015) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE English Language Guided Revision Workbook - for 2027, 2028 exams : Pearson: Amazon.co.uk: Books GCSE English Language - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize Revise Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision Guide sample

SHS Year 10 – English Literature GCSE

English Literature	Quan 60147891
Exam Structure	100% Exam Paper One: 50% Paper Two: 50%
Course	19th Century British novel; A Christmas Carol Modern British prose: An Inspector Calls Shakespeare: Rome and Juliet Poetry: Power and Conflict anthology, unseen poetry
Assessment	Your child will be tested on each relevant unit studied- one formative and one summative test per half term. Your child will complete a mock on Paper Two at the end of Year 10.
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE English Literature (9-1) from 2015 | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	Romeo and Juliet - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize A Christmas Carol - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize An Inspector Calls - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize

SHS Year 10 – Mathematics GCSE

Mathematics GCSE	Quan: 601/4700/3
Exam Structure	100% Exam Papers, x3 at end of Yr 11 Paper 1 non calculator, Paper 2 & 3 calculator
Course	The assessments will cover the following content: 1. Number 2. Algebra 3. Ratio, proportion and rates of change 4. Geometry and measures 5. Probability 6. Statistics • Two tiers are available: Foundation and Higher
Assessment	Assessments at the end of each half term on topics covered. Mocks at end of Year 10 and twice in Year 11 (Dec & March)
Website Link	Maths GCSE | Edexcel GCSE Mathematics (2015) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	Maths Genie • Learn GCSE Maths for Free GCSE (Edexcel) Revision | 1st Class Maths MathsWatch (provided by the school)

SHS Year 10 – Science Combined (Double) GCSE

Edexcel GCSE Combined Science	Quan: 601/8612/4
Exam Structure	Students sit six written papers in total (two for Biology, two for Chemistry, and two for Physics) Each paper is 1 hour and 10 minutes long with 60 marks per paper. High and Foundation tier are available.
Course	Biology (Papers 1 & 2): Cells, genetics, natural selection, health, plant structures, homeostasis, and ecosystems. Chemistry (Papers 1 & 2): States of matter, reactions, extracting metals, equilibria, the periodic table, rates, energy, and Earth science. Physics (Papers 1 & 2): Motion, forces, energy, waves, radioactivity, electricity, magnetism, and the particle mode
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE Sciences (2016) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	GCSE Combined Science - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize. GCSE / IGCSE Science Past Papers – PMT CGP combined science revision guide

SHS Year 10 – Biology GCSE

Edexcel GCSE Biology	Quan: 601/8610/0
Exam Structure	Students sit two written exam papers, each lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes and worth 100 marks (50% of the total GCSE each) Foundation and higher tier are available
Course	Paper 1 (1BI0/1B): Covers Topic 1 alongside Cells and control, Genetics, Natural selection/genetic modification, and Health, disease and medicines. Paper 2 (1BI0/2B): Covers Topic 1 alongside Plant structures, Animal coordination/homeostasis, Exchange and transport, and Ecosystems/material cycles
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE Sciences (2016) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	GCSE Biology (Single Science) - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize. GCSE / IGCSE Biology Past Papers - PMT CGP Biology revision guide

SHS Year 10 – Chemistry GCSE

Edexcel GCSE Chemistry	Quan: 601/8611/2
Exam Structure	Students sit two written exam papers, each lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes and worth 100 marks (50% of the total GCSE each) Foundation and higher tier are available
Course	Paper 1: Key concepts in chemistry, States of matter and mixtures, Chemical changes, Extracting metals and equilibria, Separate chemistry 1 Paper 2: Key concepts in chemistry (revisited/synoptic elements), Groups in the periodic table, Rates of reaction and energy changes, Fuels and Earth science, Separate chemistry 2 (triple-only content)
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE Sciences (2016) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	GCSE Chemistry (Single Science) - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize. GCSE / IGCSE Chemistry Papers - PMT CGP Chemistry revision guide

SHS Year 10 – Physics GCSE

Edexcel GCSE Physics	Quan: 601/8609/4
Exam Structure	Students sit two written exam papers, each lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes and worth 100 marks (50% of the total GCSE each) Foundation and higher tier are available
Course	Paper 1: Key concepts of physics (common), motion and forces, conservation of energy, waves, light and the electromagnetic spectrum, radioactivity, and astronomy Paper 2: Key concepts of physics (common), energy and forces doing work, electricity, magnetism and electromagnetism, particle model of matter, and forces and matter
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Edexcel GCSE Sciences (2016) | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	GCSE Physics (Single Science) - BBC Bitesize GCSE / IGCSE Physics Past Papers – PMT CGP Physics revision guide

SHS Year 10 Exam – Art & Design GCSE

GCSE 3D Art and Design AQA 8205	Quan: 601/8088/2
Exam Structure	60% Coursework / 40% Externally Set Assignment
Course	1 Coursework Unit (which starts in Year 10 and is completed in Year 11) and Unit 2 an Externally Set Assignment.
Assessment	Assessment is based on 4 Assessment Objectives for both Unit 1 and 2
Website Link	GCSE Art and Design 8205 | Specification | AQA
Revision/Textbooks	AQA GCSE Art and Design - Softcover Piercy, Martin; Stewart, Anne; Barnes, Frank; Ager, Mike ISBN 10: 1408503204 ISBN 13: 9781408503201 Colour - Colour - AQA - GCSE Art and Design Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize

SHS Year 10 – Fine Art GCSE

GCSE Fine Arts AQA 8202	Quan: 601/8088/2
Exam Structure	60% Coursework / 40% Externally Set Assignment
Course	1 Coursework Unit (which starts in Year 10 and is completed in Year 11) and Unit 2 an Externally Set Assignment.
Assessment	Assessment is based on 4 Assessment Objectives for both Unit 1 and 2
Website Link	GCSE Art and Design 8202 | Specification | AQA
Revision/Textbooks	AQA GCSE Art and Design - Softcover Piercy, Martin; Stewart, Anne; Barnes, Frank; Ager, Mike ISBN 10: 1408503204 ISBN 13: 9781408503201

SHS Year 10 – Business GCSE

Edexcel GCSE Business (9-1)	Papers 1BS0/01 and 1BS0/02
Exam Structure	100% Exam Paper
Course	Theme 1: Investigating a Small Business Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice Topic 1.4 Making the business effective Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business Theme 2: Building a Business
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Links	GCSE Business - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize businessgcse.com | Free GCSE Business Revision — Edexcel Paper 1 & 2 Bizconsesh: What is a Business? - YouTube
Revision/Textbooks	Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE Business: Revision Guides CGP Business Edexcel Revision Guide

SHS Year 10 – Child Development NCFE

NCFE L1/2 Child Development & Care	Quan: 603/7012/9
Exam Structure	50% Controlled Assessment / 50% Exam Paper
Course	Content Areas- 1 Child Development 2 Factors that influence the child's development 3 Care routines, play and activities to support the 4 Early years provision 5 Legislation, policies and procedures 6 Expectations of the early years practitioner 7 Roles and responsibilities within early years 8 The importance of observations in early years 9 Planning in early years childcare
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care in the Early Years | NCFE
Revision/Textbooks	Childcare & Early Years textbooks, revision and digital resources | Hachette Learning

SHS Year 10 – Creative Media BTEC

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Creative Media Production	Qualification Number: 603/7053/1
Exam Structure	60% Controlled Assessment /40% External Exam
Course	Component 1 – Exploring Media Products Component 2 – Developing Digital Media Production Skills Component 3 – Create a Media product in response to a brief
Assessment	Component 1 and 2 are sat in Year 10, with resit opportunities available (if needed) in Year 11. Component 3 exam is completed in Year 11. T
Website Link	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/creative-media-production-2022.html

SHS Year 10 – Film Studies GCSE

Eduqas GCSE Film Studies	Qualification Number: 603/0889/8
Exam Structure	Component 1 - 35% Component 2 – 35% Component 3 – 30%
Course	Component 1 – Key Developments in US Film Component 2 – Global Film, Narrative, Representations and Film Style Component 3 – Production (Non-Exam Assessment)
Assessment	Each key component is taught and assessed across the course. Pupils sit mock exams in Year 10 and Year 11 and create their coursework in Year 11.
Website Link	**https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments**
Resources/Revision guides	**https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=50&lvlId=2 Blended Learning Activities** WJEC Eduqas GCSE Film Studies: Student Book ISBN 978-1-911208-02-0

SHS Year 10 – French GCSE

GCSE French	Quan: 610/2718/2
Exam Structure	4 exams: Speaking Exam 25%, Listening Exam 25%, Reading Exam 25%, Writing Exam 25%
Course	Is made up of 8 Modules that are based around 6 themes, and 20 sub-themes. Students will learn between 1200 and 1700 frequently used French words and the grammar to use them confidently.
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every module, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	**Pearson Edexcel GCSE French (2024) | Pearson qualifications**
Revision/Textbooks	**Pearson Edexcel GCSE French**

SHS Year 10 – French GCSE Themes

GCSE Spanish and GCSE French – Themes and Sub-themes					
My personal world	**Lifestyle and wellbeing**	**My neighbourhood**	**Media and technology**	**Studying and my future**	**Travel and tourism**
Family	Friends		Relationships		Equality
Physical well-being	Mental well-being		Food and drink		Sports
Places in town	Shopping		Transport		The natural world
Environmental issues	Social media and gaming		Future opportunities (work, travel)		School
Music	TV and film		Accommodation		Tourist attractions



SHS Year 10 – Geography GCSE

Geography Edexcel	Quan: 1GA0
Exam Structure	Paper 1 – The Physical Environment, 94 marks, 90 minutes. Paper 2 – The Human Environment, 94 marks, 90 minutes. Paper 3 – Fieldwork & UK Challenges, 64 marks, 90 minutes.
Course	GCSE Geography is made up of 3 papers, the first being the Physical Environment. Paper 2 is focused on the Human Environment. Paper 3 is fieldwork, based on your child's fieldwork experiences, and UK Challenges, a synoptic unit.
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every unit, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11. Knowledge checkers will also be completed during each unit.
Website Link	Geography A (9–1) from 2016 | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A Revision Guide

SHS Year 10 – Health & Social Care OCR

Cambridge Nationals Health and Social Care Level 1/Level 2	QAN: 603/7116/X
Exam Structure	60% coursework. 40% exam.
Course	R032: Principles of care in health and social care settings (exam unit) R033: Supporting individuals through life events R035: Health promotion campaigns
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Cambridge Nationals - Health and Social Care Level 1/Level 2 – J835
Revision/Textbooks	Health & Social Care textbooks, revision guides and workbooks | Hachette Learning



SHS Year 10 - History GCSE

GCSE History	Quan: 601/8217/9
Exam Structure	100% Examination
Course	Four units across the two papers. Paper 1; Germany 1890-1945 & Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-1975. Paper 2; Health and the People & Elizabethan England c1568-1603.
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice, and mock exams in Years 10 & 11.
Website Link	GCSE History 8145 | Specification | AQA
Revision/Textbooks	History resources, textbooks, revision guides and workbooks | Hachette Learning



SHS Year 10 – Hospitality & Catering WJEC

WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering (Technical Award)	603/7022/1
Exam Structure	Unit 1: The hospitality and catering industry Written examination: 1 hour 20 minutes 40% of qualification Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action Controlled assessment: approximately 12 hours 60% of qualification
Course	Unit 1 is made up of 4 units based on Hospitality /Catering Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11 for Unit 1 Assessment for Unit 2 will be based Time plan, food preparation, How the Food meets the brief and Self Evaluation.
Website Link	Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering
Revision/Textbooks	https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision/revision-resources/

SHS Year 10 – Information Technology BTEC

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology (DIT)	Quan: 603/7050/6
Exam Structure	60% Coursework (Internal Assessment) / 40% Exam Paper (External Assessment)
Course	The course is made up of 3 components that develop practical digital skills, data handling, project planning and understanding of the impact of digital systems.
Assessment	Your child will be assessed through coursework assignments for Components 1 and 2, regular knowledge checks, exam-style question practice and mock examinations in Years 10 and 11. Component 3 is assessed through an externally examined paper.
Website Link	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/digital-information-technology-2022.html
Revision/Textbooks	Pearson Revise BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Revision Guide and Pearson BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology Student Book

SHS Year 10 – Media Studies GCSE

Eduqas GCSE Media Studies	Qualification Number: 603/1115/0
Exam Structure	Component 1 - 35% Component 2 – 35% Component 3 – 30%
Course 978-1-911208-48-8	Component 1 – Exploring the Media Component 2 – Understanding Media Forms and Products Component 3 – Creatine Media Products (Non-Exam Assessment)
Assessment	Each key component is taught and assessed across the course. Pupils sit mock exams in Year 10 and Year 11, and create their coursework in Year 11.
Website Link	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments
Resources/Revision guides	Eduqas GCSE Media Studies - Student Book ISBN 978-1-911208-48-8 https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=20&lvlId=2

SHS Year 10 – Music GCSE

OCR GCSE in Music	Quan: 603/7008/7
Exam Structure	60% Coursework (2 recordings and 2 compositions)/ 40% Exam Paper
Course	Is Made Up Of 5 Content Areas. 1) Your instrument (coursework). 2) Concertos through time. 3) World Music. 4) Film and Game Music. 5) Rock and Pop Music 1940's to present.
Assessment	Your Child will complete their independent instrument/Singing recordings in the year of qualification. They will also sit a listening exam in year 11.
Website Link	**GCSE - Music (9-1) - J536**
Revision/Textbooks	**CGP – GCSE MUSIC for grade 1-9 exam. Complete revision and practice (Purple Book).**

SHS Year 10 – Music Technology NCFE

NCFE L1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology	Quan: 603/7008/7
Exam Structure	60% Controlled Assessment / 40% Exam Paper
Course	Is Made Up Of 5 Content Areas. 1) Introduction to music technology and the music business. 2) The digital audio workstation (DAW) 3) Musical elements, musical style and music technology. 4) Sound creation. 5) Multitrack recording
Assessment	Your child will sit a 2-day practical exam and a written exam at the end of the course.
Website Link	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology | NCFE
Revision/Textbooks	Music Technology Content Area 2 Resource Pack | NCFE **Content areas packs available on the website**

SHS Year 10 – P.E. GCSE

OCR GCSE PE	Quan: 601/8442/5
Exam Structure	60% Exam Paper/40% Practical controlled assessment
Course	Paper 01 = Physical factors affecting performance Paper 02 = Sociocultural issues & sports psychology
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	GCSE - Physical Education (9-1) - J587
Revision/Textbooks	OCR GCSE (9-1) PE Second Edition - Honeybourne, John: 9781471851728 - AbeBooks



SHS Year 10 – Performing Arts & Acting BTEC

BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts We run two courses: • Performing Arts (acting, singing and dancing) • Acting (acting/drama) *You cannot take both courses*	Quan: 603/7054/3
Exam Structure	60% Controlled Internal Assessment / 40% Externally Assessed Controlled Assessment
Course	The course is made up of three components: **Component 1** – Exploring the Performing Arts (internal) **Component 2** – Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts (internal) **Component 3** – Responding to a Brief (external)
Assessment	Students will be assessed for each period of controlled work within each component. All units have a mixture of practical and classroom-based work. All assessment work is completed during lesson time
Website Link	**Performing Arts (2022) | BTEC Tech Awards | Pearson qualifications**
Revision/Textbooks	**Pearson REVISE BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts Revision Guide (2022)**

SHS Year 10 – Religious Studies GCSE

GCSE AQA Religious Studies A: full course (Non-Textual Studies route)	
Exam Structure	100% exam. Paper 1 beliefs and practices. Paper 2: Thematic Studies.
Course	GCSE RS is made Up of 8 units in total. ❑ Paper 1: consists of 4 units: Christian beliefs and practices and Buddhist beliefs and practices. ❑ Paper 2: consists of 4 units: Theme A: Religion, Relationships and Families Theme B: Religion and Life Issues Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment
Assessment	Your child will be assessed: ❑ At the end of every unit ❑ During in-class exam question practice ❑ Mock exams in Years 10 and 11.
Website Link	GCSE Religious Studies 8062 | Specification | AQA
Revision Guides	Religious Studies and Philosophy resources for all levels | Hachette Learning

SHS Year 10 – Sociology GCSE

GCSE Sociology	QAN: 603/0798/5
Exam Structure	Two exam papers, 50% each. No coursework
Course	Paper 1: The sociology of families and education. Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance and social stratification Areas of social theory and methodology are assessed across both papers.
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	GCSE Sociology 8192 | Specification | AQA
Revision/Textbooks	My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology | Hachette Learning

SHS Year 10 – Spanish GCSE

GCSE Spanish	Quan: 610/3469/1
Exam Structure	4 exams: Speaking Exam 25%, Listening Exam 25%, Reading Exam 25%, Writing Exam 25%
Course	Is made up of 8 Modules that are based around 6 themes, and 20 sub-themes. Students will learn between 1200 and 1700 frequently used Spanish words and the grammar to use them confidently.
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every module, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	**Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish (2024) | Pearson qualifications**
Revision/Textbooks	**Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish**

SHS Year 10 – Spanish GCSE Themes

GCSE Spanish and GCSE French – Themes and Sub-themes					
My personal world	**Lifestyle and wellbeing**	**My neighbourhood**	**Media and technology**	**Studying and my future**	**Travel and tourism**
Family	Friends		Relationships	Equality	
Physical well-being	Mental well-being		Food and drink	Sports	
Places in town	Shopping		Transport	The natural world	
Environmental issues	Social media and gaming		Future opportunities (work, travel)	School	
Music	TV and film		Accommodation	Tourist attractions	



SHS Year 10 – Sport BTEC

BTEC Tech Award Level ½ in Sport	Quan: 603/7068/3
Exam Structure	60% Internal coursework/40% External exam
Course	Component 1 (internal coursework) Component 2 (internal coursework) Component 3 (external synoptic exam)
Assessment	Your child will be tested at the end of every content area, in-class frequent exam question practice and mock exams in Years 10 & 11
Website Link	Sport (2022) | BTEC Tech Award | Pearson qualifications
Revision/Textbooks	BTEC Tech Award in Sport: Revision Guide (with Online Edition) | CGP Books

