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Art



"Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known."
~ Oliver Wilde

Why Art and Design: Fine Art? What's in it for me?

This course is designed to bring Art and Design to life, to help you develop your artistic skills and expand your creativity, imagination and independence. What's more, the possibilities for personal expression are endless.

How could it help with my future?

The course is good preparation for progression to A Level in Art and Design: Fine Art or Graphic Communication, specialisms such as animation, or a suitable college or vocational course. It could lead towards a career in Fine Art, New Media, Games Development, Games Technologies, Fashion, Textiles and much more. Also, if you do not intend to follow an art and designed based career, a GCSE in Art can show a future employer a different aspect to your skills and personality. You can demonstrate diversity, adding an extra dimension to your CV or Personal Statement. Many employers today are looking for creativity and independence, regardless of the field of employment.

What are some of the things I'll learn?

We want this to be an inspiring course that will encourage you to consider a wide range of approaches to exploring different materials, media and techniques. It will help you gain knowledge and understanding of art, craft, design, media and technologies today and in the past, and in different societies and cultures.

How will my work be assessed in Year 10 and Year 11?

Unit 1: Art and Design Portfolio (60%)

For Unit 1, candidates need to produce a portfolio of work. Students will explore a wide range of techniques including drawing, painting, printmaking and photography. They will learn about art and artists. Throughout the course students will become more independent, eventually working from their own ideas and inspirations. At the end of the Unit, students will select their best pieces of work to put forward as a portfolio for final assessment.

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment (40%)

In the spring term of Year 11, students are given an 'exam paper' from which they will select one starting point. They will spend just over a term developing their own personal project. The climax of this project is a 10 hour exam, in which students have the opportunity to produce a large scale final piece. Students select from the techniques and ideas they have learnt during the course, focusing on their strongest skills and ideas.



Business Studies



This course is aimed at students who wish to investigate real business issues and understand how companies work.

The course is comprised of 10 topic areas, taught over two years:

Topic 1: Enterprise and entrepreneurship

Students explore how business ideas emerge and the roles of risk, reward and entrepreneurship.

Topic 2: Spotting a business opportunity

Students explore how businesses spot opportunities using market research and knowledge of customers and competitors.

Topic 3: Putting a business idea into practice

This topic explores how to make a business idea happen through setting aims and objectives and focusing on finances.

Topic 4: Making the business effective

Students will explore a range of factors that impact on the success of the business, including location, the marketing mix and business planning.

Topic 5: Understanding external influences on business

Students learn how businesses respond to external factors beyond their control.

Topic 6: Growing the business

Students learn how businesses grow, adapt their objectives, and respond to global, ethical and environmental challenges.

Topic 7: Making marketing decisions

Students learn how to use the marketing mix to complete and make decisions.

Topic 8: Making operational decisions

Students learn the importance of time, cost and quality.

Topic 9: Making financial decisions

Students use financial information and mathematical calculation to make business decisions.

Topic 10: Making human resource decisions

Students look at management, recruitment, training and motivation for growth.

This Edexcel course is assessed through two final examinations:

Paper 1 – Investigating small business. 50% of GCSE.

Paper 2 – Building a business. 50% of GCSE.

Students will be required to demonstrate their understanding of business in the real world and the response to the external environment (units 1 and 2) in both papers.

Whilst this GCSE provides an excellent route of progression through to A Level Business Studies, the knowledge and skills of analysis, application and evaluation gained from this subject will provide a firm foundation for post 16 study in many subjects.



Computer Science



This course is available for those who wish to study programming and computing theory. It is aimed at students who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of the more technical and theoretical side of IT.

Computer Science is a very practical subject – students will be able to use the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom on real-world problems. It's also a highly creative subject that calls on learners to be inventive. To help OCR develop this engaging, modern qualification, they talked to companies like Microsoft, Google and Cisco and organisations like Computing At School (CAS).

What will a student gain from this course?

- Valuable thinking and programming skills that are extremely attractive in the modern workplace.
- A deep understanding of problem solving and experience in creating logical and efficient solutions.
- Ability to write down solutions to problems for other people to understand.
- A good grounding in mainstream computing theory and understanding.

Computer systems and programming (Written exam, 50%)

You will learn about the basics of computer systems, hardware and software, databases, different types of data (including binary code), networking and communication (including the infrastructure and operation of the Internet)

Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming (Written exam, 50%)

You will learn about computational thinking. You will be introduced to algorithms and programming, learning about programming techniques, how to produce robust programs, computational logic, translators and facilities of computing languages and data representation. You will also become familiar with computing related mathematics.

Programming project (Independent project)

You will learn a wide range of programming techniques to design, develop and test solutions to different computing tasks. This could involve complex calculations, handling inputted text (such as passwords), as well as decisions made by the user. The main programming language you will learn is Python but we will look at other languages in addition to this.

What could I do next with this qualification?

This course could lead to A-Level Computer Science. The increasing importance of information technologies means that there will be a growing demand for professionals who are qualified in this field. This course is also an excellent preparation if you want to study or work in areas that rely on the skills you will develop, especially where they are applied to technical problems. These areas include engineering, financial and resource management, science and medicine.



Dance



If you enjoy making, performing and writing about Dance, this is the course for you. As well as developing physical and theoretical dance skills, this course helps you develop transferable skills such as creativity, confidence, team work and resilience.

During our two year course you will gain the following qualifications:

GCSE Dance (AQA)

For GCSE Dance you must complete 2 components

Component 1: Choreography and Performance (60%)

- Performance (30%)
 - Set phrases through a solo performance (approximately 1 minute in duration)
 - Duet/trio performance (three and a half minutes in duration)
- Choreography (30%)
 - Solo (two to two and a half minutes) or group (three to three and a half minutes) choreography

Component 2: Dance Appreciation (40%)

- 1 hour 30 minute written exam on;
- knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills
- Critical appreciation of own work
- Critical appreciation of professional works



Drama



Bronze Arts Award (Level 1 National Qualification)

All units will require you to create a portfolio, displaying the work that you have created.

Take Part in different arts activities	Be inspired by artists and arts organisations	Experience arts events	Share your arts skills with others
You will focus on developing and refining your acting skills, and present your drama work to a live audience.	Research and deliver a presentation on your favourite actor. Students have explored Johnny Depp, Emma Watson and Ben Stiller in the past.	Visit an arts event and write a review about your experience. You will have the opportunity to watch live theatre for this unit.	Work with our local primary schools to share and demonstrate your drama knowledge and skills.

GCSE Drama

Component 1: The Devising Process (40%)	Component 2: Text for Performance (20%)	Component 3: Theatre makers in practice (40%)
<p>You will work as a small group to devise a piece of drama based on a stimulus.</p> <p>You will choose to be a performer or designer (set, costume, lighting, sound) in your small group.</p> <p>Assessment: The final performance or design work will be individually assessed.</p> <p>You will also create a portfolio (written or recorded) about the devising process which will be assessed.</p>	<p>You will explore a play text and perform two key extracts from it. You will perform a monologue, duologue and/or group piece from the chosen text.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You will design the set, costume, lighting or sound for a monologue, duologue and/or group piece from the chosen text.</p> <p>Assessment: A visiting examiner will assess this component.</p>	<p>You will sit a 1½ hour written examination, including short and extended writing questions.</p> <p>Section A: You will answer a range of question based on the set text you have studied in class. You will answer questions as a performer, director and designer.</p> <p>Section B: You will evaluate a live theatre performance you have seen during the course.</p> <p>Assessment: This examination is set and marked by the exam board.</p>

What could I do next with this qualification?

Whether you are planning to go to university, enter the field of work, volunteer or take a gap year, the GCSE Drama course will help you to achieve your ambitions. You will gain transferable skills (such as working with others, communication and problem solving) that will give you the ultimate creative edge.



Design & Technology



Our new Design and Technology course replaces the old Electronics, Resistant Materials, Product Design and Graphics curriculums and gives students the opportunity to experience a much wider range of material areas than in previous years.

Design and Technology can lead onto some very exciting career opportunities including engineering, architecture, graphic design, project management, packaging design, brand design, manufacturing, industrial design, furniture design, automotive design and many others.

Course Structure and Assessment

<p>Year 10</p>	<p>During years 10 you will develop designing and making skills through a series of mini projects. You will also develop your knowledge and understanding of Design & Technology methodology including product development, industrial and commercial practice, ethical, environmental and sustainability issues, marketing and human factors.</p>		
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Unit 1:</p>	<p>Final examination (end of Year 11) 2 hours</p>	<p>50% of the total marks</p>
	<p>Unit 2:</p>	<p>Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework) A single design-and-make activity selected from a choice of set tasks, consisting of the development of a made outcome and a concise design folder and/or appropriate ICT</p>	<p>50% of the total marks</p>

Please note that students will be unable to study both Design & Technology and Textiles as both subjects have the same exam at the end of Year 11.



Design & Technology (Textiles)



Design and Technology Textiles is for students who enjoy D&T but would prefer to focus on textiles based products and fashion.

Design and Technology Textiles can lead onto some very exciting career opportunities including Fashion Design, Textile Design, Merchandising, Fashion buying, Interior Design, Project management, brand design, manufacturing, Research and development and technical textiles.

Course Structure and Assessment			
Year 10	During year 10 you will develop designing and making skills through a series of mini projects focussing on textile based products. You will also develop your knowledge and understanding of Design & Technology methodology including product development, industrial and commercial practice, ethical, environmental and sustainability issues, marketing and human factors.		
Year 11	Unit 1:	Final examination (end of Year 11) 2 hours	50% of the total marks
	Unit 2:	Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework) A single design-and-make activity selected from a choice of set tasks, consisting of the development of a made outcome and a concise design folder and/or appropriate ICT	50% of the total marks

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English Language & Literature



In Years 10 and 11 students will follow the AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature specifications. Students will have separate teachers for each English GCSE, one for English Language and one for English Literature.

All students will follow two courses of study that cover a range of literary and non-fiction texts in order to prepare them for the examinations.

Students will sit the English Language and English Literature examinations at the end of Year 11.

English Literature:

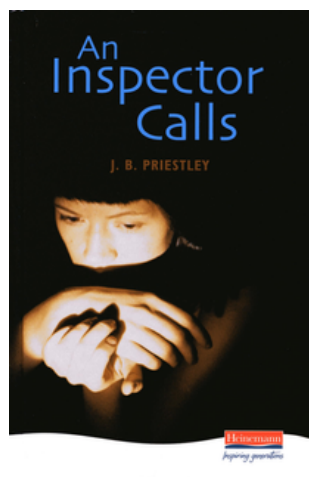
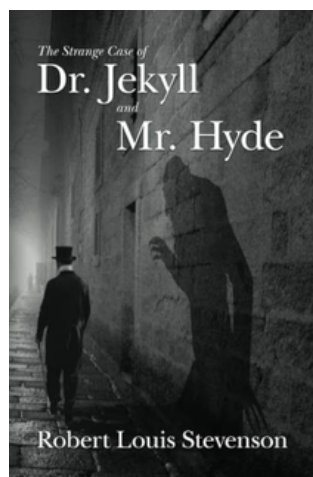
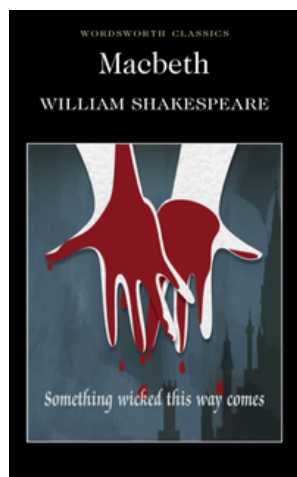
This specification develops students' enthusiasm for Literature by using a skills based approach to study. Students will study: Shakespeare, 19th Century Literature, Poetry and Modern Prose and/or Drama. The literature texts we study:

- **Macbeth**
- **An Inspector Calls**
- **The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde or A Christmas Carol**
- **Power and Conflict Poetry**

The design of the course offers excellent preparation for studying A-level English Literature and gives students a grounding in a wide variety of literature that will stay with them for life.

English Language:

This specification will enable students of all abilities to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts covering the 19th, 20th and 21st century time periods as well as to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and a variety of grammatical structures.





Food Science



Skills and competencies developed on this course:

The course promotes understanding and enjoyment of British and international cuisines. Students will be given the opportunity to apply this knowledge both in their cooking and in theory sessions. They will investigate the economic, environmental, ethical, and socio-cultural influences on food availability, production processes, and diet and health choices.

Students will use a variety of practical cooking techniques to prepare and cook food healthily, whilst gaining a proper understanding of the scientific principles behind food and nutrition. The course allows students to develop vital life skills that enable them to feed themselves and others affordably and nutritiously, now and later in life. It promotes independent thinking, forward planning and organisational skills.

How will Food and Nutrition help me with my career?

You may be planning to go to university or enter the world of work. Whichever option you choose, the study of Food and Nutrition will equip you with invaluable skills for the future. Graduates in the Food and Nutrition field are employed in a wide range of occupations. For example:

- Chef
- Dietician
- Midwife
- Teaching
- Food Journalism and Photography
- Retail Sales and Marketing
- Food Product Development (Technologist)
- Environmental Health Officer

Course Structure and Assessment

Year 10	During Year 10 you will develop making skills in food preparation and cooking through a series of mini projects. You will also develop your knowledge and understanding of Food and Nutrition, including product development, industrial and commercial practice, ethical, environmental and sustainability issues and the relationship between diet, nutrition and health.		
Year 11	Unit 1:	Final examination	50% of the total marks
	Unit 2:	Controlled Assessment A range of food based investigations incorporating a range of food preparation and cooking skills as well as a written report.	50% of the total marks



Foundation Learning



Who is the Foundation Learning Programme for?

This programme is designed for students who are working below national curriculum level and would benefit from taking fewer GCSE options. It counts as one of their options choices.

The programme is flexible and personalised, taking a step by step approach to developing your ability in three key areas:

- Core subject skills in English, Maths and ICT
- Vocational knowledge, skills and understanding
- Personal and Social skills development

Aims of the Course

- To provide key life skills such as budgeting, exploring job opportunities and working with others;
- To broaden your personal experience;
- To give you additional skills and build your confidence.

Qualifications

As a flexible and personalised programme, the accredited qualifications studied may depend on the level of your skills and knowledge and your future aspirations.

- BTEC Level 1 courses in Vocational and Work Based Skills
- ASDAN Awards
- Literacy and Numeracy qualifications
- ICT
- Home Cooking Skills

What are the progression routes for Foundation Learning programmes?

There are clear progression routes for the Foundation Learning programmes:

- Diplomas
- Apprenticeships
- GCSEs
- Full Level 2 courses
- Employment
- Supported employment
- Living more independently
- Other 14–19 qualifications



French & German



Why should I choose languages?

1. Students who gain a portfolio of GCSE results including a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) and a Humanity will be looked upon favourably by Universities and Employers .
2. 75% of the world's population does not speak English.
3. 60% + of British trade is with non-English speaking countries.
4. More than 95% of UK language graduates succeed in finding a job very quickly in a wide variety of fields such as business services, manufacturing, banking, finance, wholesale and retail, transport and communications, social and personal services, public administration, education, health and social work and hotels and restaurants.
5. Language students develop essential skills sought by employers such as:
 - Communication skills
 - Interpersonal and presentation skills
 - Problem solving
 - Team working
 - Organisational skills
 - Independence
6. The MFL course contains topics which are interesting and relevant to young people. The themes include My Personal World, Lifestyle and Wellbeing, My Neighbourhood, Media and Technology, Studying and My Future, and Travel and Tourism.
7. Students studying the new languages courses will learn how to communicate in real life situations in France and Germany.
8. Dual linguists are a rare breed and are worth a great deal in the job market.
9. French and German students will get the opportunity to work with native speakers through our links with the British Council, Thurgau University and the Marie Curie Gymnasium in Kirchzarten.
10. Year 10 French students also have the opportunity to visit Paris and the Cathedral city of Amiens.

How the course is assessed:

- Listening (25% of the final mark)
- Reading (25%)
- Speaking (25%)
- Writing (25%)

Geography



Why study Geography?

"Geography is all the rage." ~ The Guardian 2016

Geography is a subject of our times. It teaches you about the earth's places, people, environments and societies. It helps you to understand the relationships between people and the environment. It is unique in bridging the social sciences (Human Geography) and the earth sciences (Physical Geography) and puts this understanding of social and physical processes within the essential context of places and regions.

Why choose Geography at GCSE?

Geography will help you to be more aware of everyday situations and issues faced by the people who live around you, in other parts of the UK and across the world. Geography is a highly topical subject, ever changing as world events unfold. When you see newspaper articles or television reports climate change or the impact of 10 billion people on the planet, then your Geography course will help you make sense of it.

Geography will make you an aware and informed citizen. Choosing Geography with other subjects that interest you could lead to a promising future career in a large variety of areas.

How will Geography help me with my career?

You may be planning to go to university or enter the world of work. Whichever option you choose, the study of Geography will equip you with invaluable skills for the future. Geography has one of the best graduate employment records in the country and graduates in Geography are employed in a wide range of occupations.

For example:

- Advertising / Marketing
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Urban Regeneration
- Logistics
- Human Resources
- Renewable Energy Specialist

Unit Title	Content
Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment	- Tectonic Hazards - Ecosystems & Rainforests - Climate Change - Coastal Landscapes
Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment	- Urban Change in the UK - Changing UK Economy - The Development Gap - Energy Management
Unit 3: Geographical Applications and Skills	- Issue Evaluation - Field trip: Holderness Coast (Physical geography) - Field trip: Castleton (Human geography)

Health & Social Care



Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Health and Social Care

The Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Health and Social Care will develop knowledge, understanding and practical skills that would be used in the health and social care sector.

This will help you to develop independence and confidence in using skills that would be relevant to the health and social care sector. The qualification will also help you to develop learning and skills that can be used in other life and work situations.

Unit of study

R032: Principles of care in health and social care settings

This unit is assessed by an exam. In this unit you will learn about the key topics that are important when caring for and protecting people in health and social care. Topics include:

- Topic Area 1 The rights of service users in health and social care settings
- Topic Area 2 Person-centred values
- Topic Area 3 Effective communication in health and social care settings
- Topic Area 4 Protecting service users and service providers in health and social care settings

R033: Supporting individuals through life events

This unit is assessed by a Set Assignment. In this unit you will learn about growth and development through the life stages. You will also learn how to understand the needs of individuals who have been affected by life events and how to recommend support to meet their needs. Topics include:

- Topic Area 1 Life stages
- Topic Area 2 Impacts of life events
- Topic Area 3 Sources of support

R034: Creative and therapeutic activities

This unit is assessed by a Set Assignment. In this unit you will research therapies and learn about how they can benefit people. You will also learn about the benefits of creative activities and you will plan and deliver a creative activity to a group or individual. Topics include:

- Topic Area 1 Therapies and their benefits
- Topic Area 2 Creative activities and their benefits



History



Why choose GCSE History?

Through the study of History, students are better able to understand how the present came to be. History gives us a sense of our roots. Indeed, knowledge of History can be vital for the understanding of key issues in the world today. Furthermore, the study of History enables students to gain important skills.

You have to become skilled at asking questions; you have to learn not to take everything at face value. You have to develop empathy and understanding of the actions of others; you have to be prepared to put your case and argue it well; you have to use evidence to draw conclusions and make judgements.

These skills are highly desirable in many different careers: law, business, finance, accountancy, tourism, politics, journalism, research, marketing, advertising and public relations to name but a few.

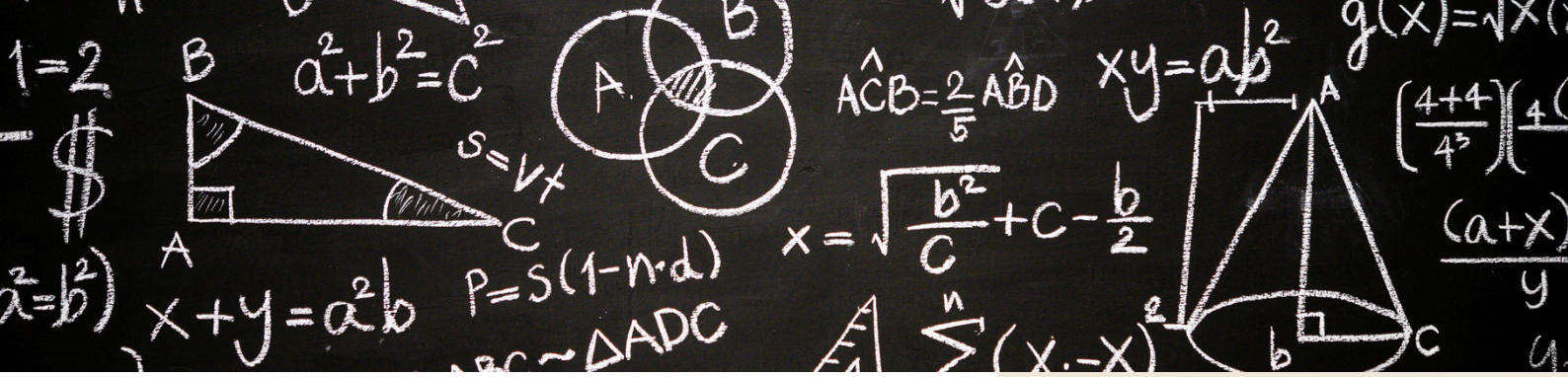
Why choose GCSE History at the Redhill Academy?

For many years now the History department at the Redhill Academy has delivered excellent GCSE results. The History department is committed to helping all students to achieve their potential. Our GCSE History course is both varied and engaging. Students have the opportunity to study a selection of British and non-British topics across different time periods.

The History GCSE syllabus includes the following:

Paper 1	Thematic study and historic environment: Medicine in Britain c1250-present and the British sector of the Western Front 1914-1918: injuries, treatment and trenches
Paper 2	Period study: The American West c1835-c1895 British depth study: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88
Paper 3	Modern depth study: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918- 1939

In terms of assessment, GCSE History is a linear course, so all assessment takes place at the end of Year 11



Mathematics

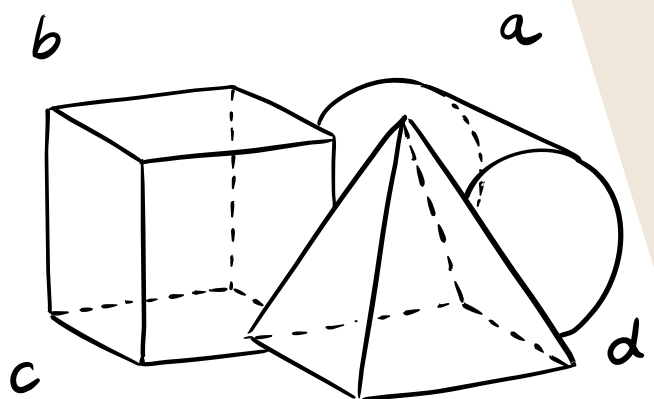
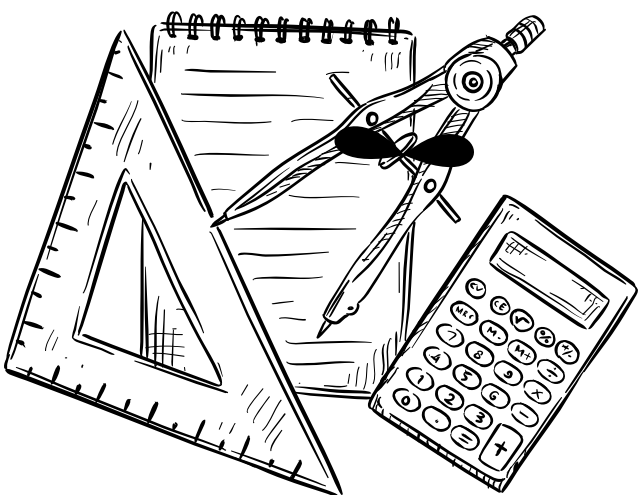


Mathematics and mathematical skills are vital in all of our everyday lives. The Mathematics course is designed to develop these skills to allow students to be mathematically functional in the real world. To this end, the GCSE Mathematics syllabus places great emphasis on problem solving both in a mathematical and more general sense.

The course followed at Redhill is the AQA Linear Specification with Years 9 and 10 students having four lessons per week. Students in Year 11 have three lessons per week. The students will be entered at one of two levels: Higher or Foundation. Both levels allow access to a Grade 5. The course is examined at the end of Year 11 with one non-calculator and two calculator papers, each of 1.5 hours in duration.

All our courses will enable students to:

- Develop further the skills and knowledge they have acquired at Key Stage 3 in Number, Algebra, Shape and Handling Data.
- Develop problem solving techniques necessary for progression to further learning that are increasingly important in a wide variety of careers and in everyday life.
- Focus on functional uses of Mathematics to encourage them to demonstrate their mathematical skills in a range of contexts and transfer skills in ways that are appropriate to different real-life situations.
- Enhance the quality of their mathematical written communication.





Media



Why study Media Studies?

Studying GCSE Media Studies helps students understand how media products are created, how they communicate meaning, and how they influence audiences.

What will I study in Media Studies?

The course explores media language, representation, media industries, and audiences, using real examples from television, film, advertising, music videos, newspapers, video games, and online media. Students analyse how media texts use images, sound, editing, and language to convey messages and reflect social values. The course also includes a coursework (NEA) component, where students plan and create their own media product, applying their knowledge creatively.

What is the overview of the course?

Component 1: Exploring the Media

Written exam – 40%

Students study media language, representation, industries, and audiences through set media products such as advertising, film marketing, newspapers, and video games.

Component 2: Understanding Media Forms and Products

Written exam – 30%

Focuses on in-depth study of media forms including television, music videos, radio, magazines, and online media, exploring how meaning is created.

Component 3: Creating Media Products

Non-exam assessment (coursework) – 30%

Students plan and create their own media product (e.g. magazine, music video, or online media), applying knowledge and creative skills. Students will develop technical skills with computer programmes such as Photoshop and Adobe Premier for the creation of media products.

Overall, GCSE Media Studies develops critical thinking, creativity, and analytical skills, preparing students to better understand the media-saturated world around them and supporting future study in media, English, or creative subjects.

Music



Why choose GCSE music?

If you already play an instrument or sing, you can develop your skills and get a GCSE out of it! If you don't already play an instrument or sing, you can take the opportunity to learn new skills which could stay with you for life. If you already enjoy writing your own music or songs, you can use this ability and experience towards your GCSE.

What will I do?

The Eduqas GCSE Music course has three components: Performing, Composing and Appraising (Listening.) The following information gives you a summary of what you will complete.

Component 1 Performing 30% Teacher assessed

A minimum of two pieces, lasting a total of 4-6 minutes, recorded in the year of assessment: One piece must be an ensemble (group piece) lasting at least one minute One piece linked to an Area of Study (see below). Grade 3 music is the standard level and can score full marks if played perfectly. You can use any instrument or voice, or choose a technology option.

Component 2 Composing 30% Teacher assessed

Two pieces: One in response to a brief set by the exam board – there are 4 to choose from each year. One free composition – ANY style you want to write in.

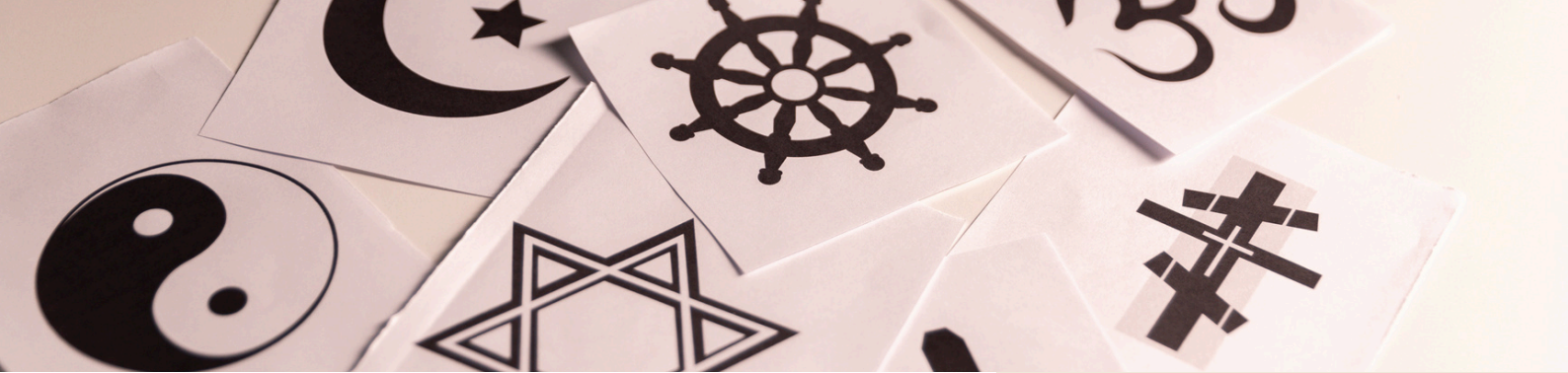
Component 3 Appraising 40% Externally assessed examination

Listening examination based on the following areas of study:

- AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices (including a set work*)
- AoS 2 Music for Ensemble
- AoS 3 Film Music
- AoS 4 Popular Music (including a set work*) *A set work is a piece of music which everybody has to learn about. There is one short classical piece and one Rock/pop song.

What skills will I gain?

Your practical skills of composing music and performing will be refined and will demonstrate creativity, reflection and resilience, as well as developing confidence and presentation skills. Studying music will give you opportunities for higher order thinking, by considering ideas which go beyond language. This is great brain-training which will help you in other areas too. You will gain a deep understanding of a number of transferable skills and practice applying these to new situations, developing analytical and problem solving skills.



Philosophy, Religion & Ethics



"Philosophy, Religion and Ethics is not about being religious; it is about establishing yourself as a person" ~ Ian Jamison

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics is an exciting and lively course, designed to develop the minds of inquisitive students. Study of religion is only one aspect of the GCSE. The examination questions also require students to consider different philosophical and ethical perspectives on a number of different topical issues such as euthanasia, abortion, divorce and the upbringing of children.

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics classes at Redhill are full of debate and discussion whilst writing tasks are tailored to best prepare students for exam success.

You can expect to study topics such as:

- Philosophy – Christian belief in God, atheists/agnostics, free will, miracles and the problem of evil and suffering
- Ethics — Issues of abortion, euthanasia and the environment
- Relationships and Families – Sexuality, adultery, cohabitation, faithfulness and the importance of family
- Peace and Conflict – The UN, past and current conflicts, protests, forgiveness and peace
- Crime and Punishment – Law and justice, punishment and the death penalty
- Christianity and Islam – Key beliefs, teachings and practices

Career possibilities

This GCSE is fantastic preparation for any career requiring you to think carefully and critically. Professionals from lawyers to teachers and medical staff all benefit from a strong background in P.R.E. This course develops your ability to think independently and 'outside of the box'. It prepares you for life and gives you skills you will need to make the decisions every adult faces.

Further study

Many students who study GCSE P.R.E. go on to take A Level Philosophy, Religion and Ethics. This course is also excellent preparation for A Levels and degrees in Law, Sociology, Psychology, History and English. Our former students have gone on to gain first class Bachelor's and Master's degrees in related areas of study.



Physical Education (P.E)



“Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision.” ~ Muhammad Ali

Sport is about so much more than skill. The Pathways PE courses are for students that have a love of physical activity and sport; playing it, watching it and discussing it. During Year 10 you will be directed onto one of two courses to gain a qualification in PE. Your PE teacher will discuss this with you.

GCSE PE:

The sport and leisure industry continues to thrive, with potential jobs and careers in a variety of areas. Students who are successful at GCSE level can continue studying PE in the Sixth Form at The Redhill Academy. A number of our PE students have gone on to university and moved into careers in teaching, sports science, physiotherapy, sports events management, professional sport and the fitness industry. Students who opt for this subject must be of a 'team' (club/school) standard in at least one sport and regularly attend co-curricular clubs at school or outside of school to develop their skills to the highest level possible. This will be a continued requirement of the course during the 2 years.

They will need to be really interested not only in the practical aspects of sport but also in learning the theory, including anatomy and physiology, how sports performers train and get fit, and in studying contemporary issues in sport.

Students are assessed in a wide range of sports activities, with their BEST THREE being part of their final assessment, one must be a team sport, one an individual sport and then either team or individual for the third. The practical side of the course is worth 40% of the final grade. They will also have to produce a piece of coursework which is worth 20 marks towards their final grade. A final examination makes up the remaining 60% of the overall grade. Should students be unsure if they are a suitable candidate for GCSE PE they should have a discussion with their PE teacher.

Cambridge National:

This course is a more vocational option for those students that enjoy PE and sport. Most units are assessed through coursework, with the exception of unit 1 which is assessed by a one hour exam paper towards the end of the course.

Sport Science Unit	Form of Assessment	Example Content
Contemporary issues in sport	1 hour exam	Explores barriers to participation, promoting sport values, hosting events, and the impact of sport on society.
Performance and leadership	Coursework	Students perform in team & individual sports, officiate, and plan/deliver sports sessions, requiring analysis of their own and others' performance.
Media in Sport	Coursework	In this unit you will understand the different sides of a range of media sources and apply real life examples to show the nature of the relationship between media and sport

Core Physical Education (P.E)



At The Redhill Academy we are passionate about delivering core PE to students in all year groups. We aim for all students to develop competence and confidence in PE through a high-quality curriculum.

Developing competence is important because of its relationship to motivation, enjoyment and subsequently, the potential to build confidence and engagement in physical activity and sport.

Some examples of activities in years 10 and 11 include; Rowing, yoga, Pilates, trampolining, OAA, fitness and a range of traditional sports too such as football, netball, badminton and handball.

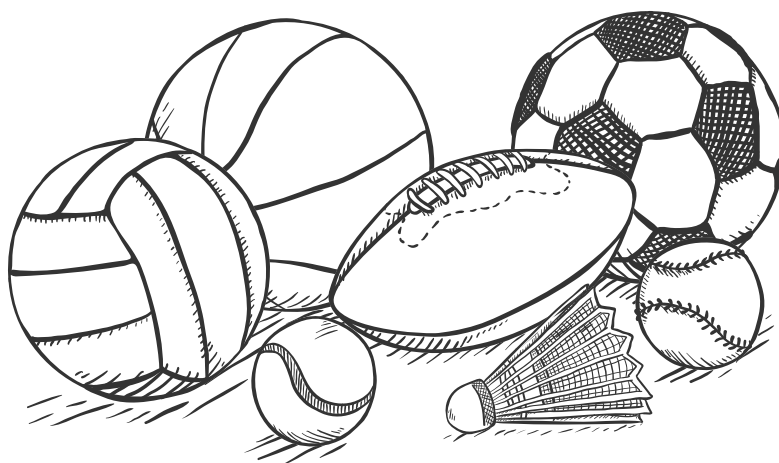
Students in Core PE also have opportunities to participate in a variety of roles such as organiser, official and leader, as well as performer. These opportunities help to develop qualities such as self-confidence, leadership and organisational skills.

Regulation PE kit continues to be compulsory.

Core PE is not examined.

“Physical education, physical activity and sport have been shown to impact positively on the extent to which young people feel connected to their school, the extent to which positive social behaviours exist within school and the development of leadership and citizenship skills.”

~ Stead & Neville 2010





Psychology



Why study GCSE Psychology?

Are you interested in how the mind works? Do you question why people behave the way they do? Do you like Science? If so, then GCSE Psychology may be for you!

Course Content

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour. You will need good Science and Maths skills, as Psychology is very scientific and is based largely on research methods. In each of the above modules you will learn about key studies that have been conducted into that area, as well as how this research can be applied to everyday life.

In this qualification, you will learn about:

- Memory
- Development
- Research methods
- Perception
- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

Don't expect to be able to read people's minds or body language by doing GCSE Psychology! You will gain a better understanding of human behaviour by learning about what psychologists have found by doing their research. You will benefit from having good Science and Maths skills for this subject.

Assessment

This course is assessed 100% by exams.

In Year 11 you will sit two exams.

- Each exam lasts 1 hour 45 minutes and are worth 50% each.
- You will be expected to write extended essays in the exam
- At least 10% of the course will test mathematical ability
- At least 20% of the course will test knowledge on research methods (Science knowledge)

What next?

This course is good preparation for A-Level Psychology and is beneficial for a range of future career paths such as therapy, teaching, research, law, as well as health and social care.



Combined Science



Science (AQA)

There are two options available to students studying Science.

Option 1 — Combined Science, for students who don't opt for Separate Science.

Option 2 — For students who opt for Separate Science.

Either option offers the opportunity to study sciences beyond GCSE. All GCSE Science courses will be linear in nature, meaning that all examinations will be taken at the end of the course.

Option 1 - Combined Science

Students following this pathway will achieve two GCSEs in Science

Exams

Six examinations, each will assess different topics. All the papers are 1 hour 15 minutes.

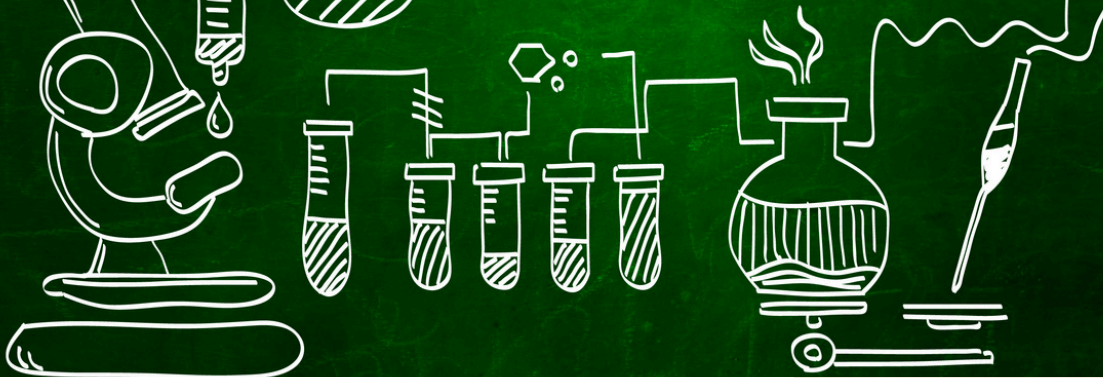
Tiers: Foundation and Higher. Weighting: the papers are equally weighted. Each is worth 16.7% of the grade and has 70 marks. Question types are multiple choice, structured, closed, short answer and open response.

We believe that this course will enable you to:

- Develop a critical approach to scientific evidence and methods.
- Acquire and apply skills, knowledge and understanding of how science works and its essential role in society.
- This course offers excellent preparation for any A level science.

Summary of content

- Biology - Cell biology, Organisation, Infection and response, Bioenergetics, Homeostasis and response, Inheritance, variation and evolution, Ecology.
- Chemistry - Atomic structure & the periodic table, Bonding, structure & the properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Energy changes, The rate & extent of chemical change, Organic chemistry, Chemical analysis, Chemistry of the atmosphere, Using resources.
- Physics - Forces, Energy, Waves, Electricity, Magnetism and electromagnetism, Particle model of matter, Atomic structure.



Separate Science



Option 2: Separate Science - GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics

This option is suitable for students who have a keen interest in science. It is designed to stimulate and inspire students by providing them with a greater range and depth of science study.

Selecting this option will lead to 3 separate GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

This course is excellent preparation for anyone wishing to study sciences beyond GCSE, for example BTEC Level 3 or A levels. We offer this course to students by combining our compulsory science course with this optional course. Selecting Separate Science will use only 1 option choice.

Summary of content

- Biology - Cell biology, Organisation, Infection and response, Bioenergetics, Homeostasis and response, Inheritance, variation and evolution, Ecology.
- Chemistry - Atomic structure & the periodic table, Bonding, structure & the properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Energy changes, The rate & extent of chemical change, Organic chemistry, Chemical analysis, Chemistry of the atmosphere, Using resources.
- Physics - Forces, Energy, Waves, Electricity, Magnetism and electromagnetism, Particle model of matter, Atomic structure, Space Physics.

Exams

Two papers per subject: each paper will assess different topics.

Tiers: Foundation and Higher. Each paper is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Weighting: The papers are equally weighted. Each is worth 50% of the grade and has 100 marks available.

Question types: Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

Core Religious Studies



Every student studies this core aspect of the curriculum for an hour each week. The content is based on religious and non-religious perspectives in modern day Great Britain.

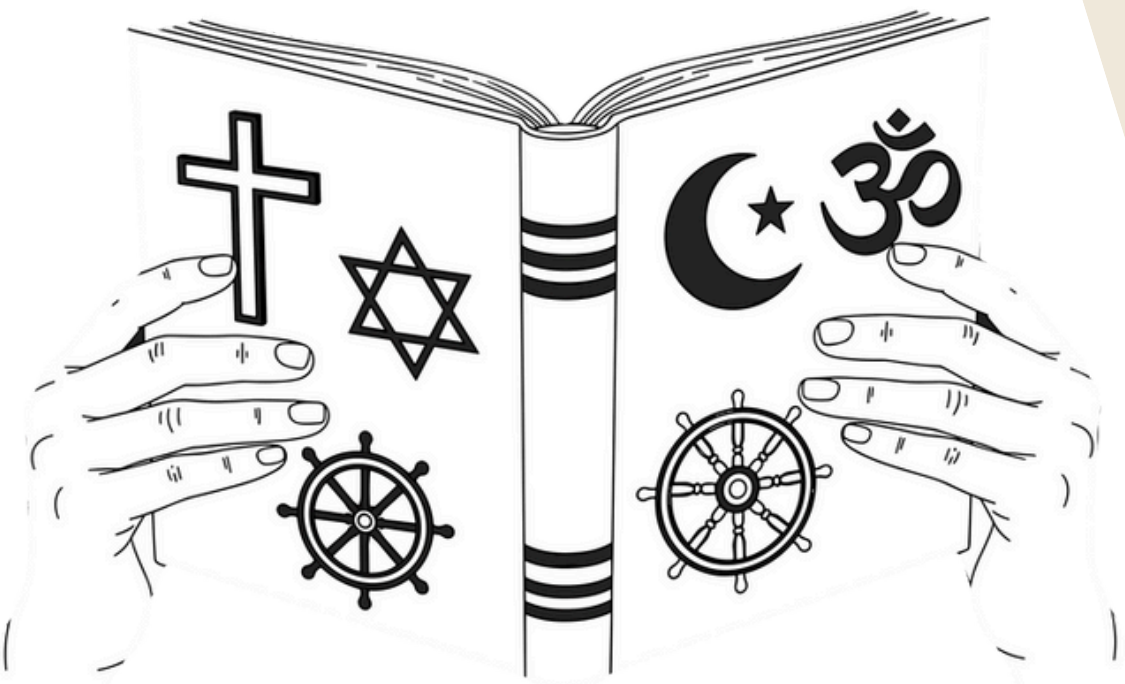
Students who opt for the full Philosophy, Religion and Ethics GCSE use this lesson to conduct an independent research and revision project which is monitored and assessed by their teacher.

Content:

- Christianity – key beliefs and teachings.
- Islam – key beliefs and teachings.
- Relationships and Families – religious, ethical and philosophical perspectives on sexuality, marriage, contraception, family life.
- Peace and Conflict – religious, ethical and philosophical perspectives on war, peace, conflict, violence, use of weapons of mass destruction.

Assessment:

Students are assessed by a 105 minute exam at the end of the two years of study. The exam is 100% of the assessment.





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