

South Dartmoor Community College

Truth Respect Equality Excellence



Subject Information:

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Subject	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
English	Language Students sat a full GCSE English Language Paper 2. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their English grade, including the specific questions they need to work on; they will be provided with further practice questions in class and through home learning. Literature Students sat a full GCSE English Literature Paper 2. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their literature grade, including the specific texts they need to work on; they will be provided with further practice questions in class and through home learning.	Language Students completed a word class task which will enable us to see how well they know and can apply the language framework. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their English grade, including specific areas they need to work on. Literature Students sat an extract question based on 'Othello' from the 'Aspects of Tragedy' paper. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their English grade, including the specific areas of the text that they need to work on; they will be provided with further practice questions in class and through home learning.	Language Students completed a hybrid mock of Section A from Paper 1 and Paper 2 which will enable us to see how well they can evaluate texts and apply the language frameworks. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their English grade, including specific areas they need to work on. Literature Students completed a hybrid mock of Section A Paper 1 and Section B and C from Paper 2, which will enable us to see how well they can analyse, interpret and critically evaluate the key texts we've studied. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their English grade, including the specific areas of the text that they need to work on; they will be provided with further practice questions in class and through home learning.
Mathematics	Students sat the full suite of papers from Edexcel. Paper 1 is a non calculator paper and papers 2 and 3 are calculator allowed. Each paper was 90 minutes long. Students have all received personalised feedback on their mock exam including a Pinpoint booklet containing	(Surds, Quadratic Functions, Co-ordinate geometry, Polynomials, Graphs and	Maths Students sat two mock papers, Pure/Statistics/Mechanics and Pure/Comprehension. Students have been given specific feedback on what topics they need to work on and the exam technique they need to improve their grade.

	practice questions on 5 'target topics' which		
	will have the greatest impact on their grade.		Additional Maths Students sat a mock past paper on Further Maths content with individualised feedback and coaching.
Science	Students sat a full GCSE Paper 1, either Higher or Foundation. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their science grade including the specific topics they need to work on; they have been provided with further practice questions on each of these topics through Seneca and in class. Combined Students sat either Higher or Foundation for GCSE Paper 1 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their science grade including the specific topics they need to work on; they have been provided with further practice questions on each of these topics through Seneca and in class.	The students have studied: The foundations of Biology module. This consists of understanding sub-cellular structures, biological molecules and cell division. Students will be moving on to look at Exchange and Transport and Biodiversity and Evolution. Students have been assessed through in class assessment methods such as quizzes, questioning and discussions, as well as end of topic tests. Students have been given individual feedback on how they can improve their grade including the specific topics they need to work on; they have been provided with further practice questions on each of these topics through Seneca and in class activities. Chemistry Students have studied the 'foundations of chemistry' module. This consists of understanding atomic structure, determination of formulae's, acid and base reactions, electron orbitals and electronegativity of molecules. Students sat a paper containing A-level style questions that assessed their understanding of the core knowledge of this module. Students have been given individual feedback on how they can improve their grade including	Communication, Homeostasis and Energy. They will then go on to complete Module 6 Genetics, Evolution and Ecosystems. Students have been assessed in class using quizzes, questioning and discussions, as well as end of topic tests. Students have been given individual feedback on how they can improve their grade including the specific topics they need to work on; they have been provided with further practice questions on each of these topics through Seneca and in class activities. Chemistry Students have finished Module 3, Periodic Table and Energy and Module 5, Physical Chemistry. The two modules are assessed in Paper 1: Periodic Table, elements and Physical Changes. Students have been given individual feedback on how they can improve their grade including the specific topics they need to work on; they have been provided with further practice questions on each of these topics through

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Computer Science	This term students have been covering the content for GCSE Computer Science, Paper 2 as well as recapping on year 10 GCSE subjects. This included Programming projects 1 though to 6. Sequence, Selection Iteration Subroutines Strings and lists Dictionaries. Next, Year 11 will be looking at the different ways of writing to high language codes, completing their NEA Python assignment, creating a portfolio of evidence and getting ready for the mocks in February.	This term AS level students have covered 3 units: 1. Structure and function of the processor: ALU, CU Registers Fetch-decode-Execute Von Neumann CPU Pipelining 2. Types of processors: CISC & RISC systems Multicore Systems Multicore Systems GPU 3. Input, Output and Storage: Magnetic flash Storage Virtual Storage RAM and ROM Next, Year 12 will be looking at operating systems:	This term AS level students have covered 3 units: 1. Structure and function of the processor: ALU, CU Registers Fetch-decode-Execute Von Neumann CPU Pipelining Types of processors: CISC & RISC systems Multicore Systems Multicore Systems Multicore Systems Magnetic flash Storage Virtual Storage RAM and ROM Next, Year 13 will be looking at operating systems:

Geography	Students sat a single GCSE mock paper covering topics of Hazards, Ecosystems and Urban challenge. In addition, they have regularly practiced extended written questions within lessons and knowledge checking questions for homework. Students will be given individual feedback on how they can improve their geography skills and writing, including the specific next steps they need to work on as in-class practice; they will be	the units on hazard management and globalisation have been assessed through a	 Paging Segmentation Interrupts Scheduling First come first serve Round robin Quantum slicing (timings) Students receive written feedback on their 'knowledge review' which are stored in their personal learning journey portfolios. A Mock exam comprising of questions from past papers has been used to assess core knowledge from year 12 (Hazard management and Glaciated landscape management, Globalisation and regeneration) and year 13. That has meant the quality of retrieval work and long term knowledge has been assessed and feedback given. In addition, knowledge of newly studied Water Cycle and in Insecurity and Superpower geographies has been assessed through in class discussion and debate alongside regular written tasks.
History	Core knowledge assessed through regular debate, discussion, and in-class quizzes.	Core knowledge assessed through regular debate, discussion and in-class quizzes. Regular target-setting based on practice questions.	Core knowledge assessed through regular debate, discussion and in-class quizzes. Regular target-setting based on practice questions. Regular one-to-one tutorials regarding coursework progress.

	steps. Regular checking of revision home learning.		
Modern Languages	French Students sat full GCSE reading and writing papers at either Higher or Foundation tier. These have been marked by their teacher and then moderated. We have focused on key questions and vocabulary which caused students to lose marks in their mocks and have addressed these in class. Students have had the opportunity to improve their work or complete a similar question to ensure they are clear on the next steps for improvement. Spanish Students sat full GCSE reading and writing papers at either Higher or Foundation tier. These have been marked by their teacher and then moderated. We have focused on key questions and vocabulary which caused students to lose marks in their mocks and have		
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Art	Students have been working on their major coursework project with personal outcomes. This contributes to their coursework portfolio worth 60% of their GCSE. Students have been given individual feedback about how they can improve and complete their projects with personal outcomes. The deadline for this unit is the first lesson in January 2023 and when	Photography This term students have been learning about traditional photography techniques including using film cameras and learning darkroom skills. Students have had an opportunity to take photographs in a range of different landscape styles and have learnt how to present their work with written annotation, analysis and artist research. The deadline for this project is January 2023 January and	Photography Students have been working on unit 1: A Personal Investigation worth 60% of their A level. This major coursework project has an essay element and should also be realised with personal outcomes. Students have been given individual feedback about how they can improve and complete their projects. The deadline for this unit is the end of January 2023. The papers for unit 2: controlled

the paper for unit 2: controlled assessment is handed out.

Fine Art

Students have explored a range of materials including painting, drawing and print making based on Portraits with personal outcomes that have been assessed. This contributes to their coursework portfolio worth 60% of their GCSE. Students have been given individual feedback about how they can improve their projects (that they can return to) and guidance theme of Finding Form. for their next coursework project.

Graphics

Students have been creating their second coursework project, based on the theme of Music Festival Branding. They have experimented with a variety of materials/techniques and developed their use to explore a range of graphic communication of digital design software. They have responded to a design brief and are creating a produced work using traditional methods personal outcome. This contributes to their coursework portfolio worth 60% of their GCSE. collage) and using CAD. This provides a

Students have been creating their second coursework project, based on the theme of Visual Music and Sculpture. They have experimented with a variety of materials, been introduced to different design drawing skills and are developing their model-making techniques. They have responded to a design brief and are creating a personal outcome. This contributes to their coursework portfolio worth 60% of their GCSE.

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Fine Art

This term students have been guided through a series of workshops aimed at developing skills in a variety of areas. They have explored a range of materials/techniques including painting, drawing and sculpture based on the

They have had the opportunity to experiment grade. The papers for unit 2: controlled with ideas and create more refined outcomes. assessment will be handed out on the 1 Students will be presenting their work alongside written annotation and analysis.

Graphics

This term students have had the opportunity media, processes and techniques. They have (observational drawing, print making and thorough grounding in core skills through experimentation in a wide variety of media. They have investigated the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media to produce effective Graphic Design solutions.

Next term students will continue developing skills and knowledge to produce practical and critical/contextual work. Subjects to be covered will include typography, advertising, illustration and photography.

assessment will be handed out on the 1 February.

Fine Art

Students have been working on a Personal Investigation project. Each student has chosen a theme, concept, or area of study that they wish to explore through art. Students have been creating practical work alongside research and analysis, which will form the coursework component of their A -level portfolio. This contributes to 60% of their final February.

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GCSE

The GCSE Dance course is made up of two Choreography (Practical = 60%) and Component 2 – Dance Appreciation (Written Paper = 40%). Students have been developing their understanding and use of performance and choreographic skills through practical lessons which have predominantly focused on 3 out of the 4 practical coursework elements; 2 Set Phrase Solo Performances and their own unit, students are engaging with small Choreography in response to the Choreography question paper, released in September of Year 11. Students are receiving regular bespoke teacher feedback to support the completion of this practical work and continue to use written journals to support their own reflections.

Component 2 requires students to; consider hypothetical choreography questions; an evaluation of their own practical work and the college day. These experiences are giving use of performance and choreographic skills; and their appreciation of the choreography and production features of the professional works set out in the Dance Anthology. Students have completed in class assessments comfort zone and challenging their prior of their written work as well as a full length written mock exam to determine areas of strength and areas for development. Moving forward students will be continuing to build on range of skills across all three disciplines. existing practical coursework as they prepare for their practical exam filming window which takes place during Body Language week. In addition, students will now secure their knowledge and understanding of all 6 professional works for Component 2; this has

BTEC Performing Arts Unit 227 – Musical Theatre Techniques

components; Component 1 – Performance and For this unit, students are provided with a briefFor this unit, students are provided with a brief which gives structured guidance to support individual success throughout. The approved brief outlines a series of 3 different tasks, each brief outlines a series of 3 different tasks, each one encompassing a number of learning outcomes that students must demonstrate within their portfolios. In order to develop, secure and master the learning content of this secure and master the learning content of this independent research tasks and wider academic reading. Furthermore, they are experiencing a selection of lectures about the different skills and techniques they are vocal practice – all of which is being underpinned by practical workshops and opportunities led by both teachers and industry professionals both in and beyond the industry professionals both in and beyond the students real world experiences of the Musical students real world experiences of the Musical Theatre industry and allowing them to place themselves in a range of specialist, higher knowledge. Students are using the college production to imbed the skills they are learning which is leading to the mastery of a Students receive weekly verbal feedback which supports individual progress, and the end of the Autumn term sees a mid-point to 3 targets to support their learning journey

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Dance

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RSL

The RSL Level 2 in Creative and Performing Arts (Dance Pathway) comprises of 2 units:

- Optional Unit Internally assessed Unit 229 Ensemble Dance Performance
- Compulsory Unit Externally assessed
 Unit 201E Live Performance.

Students have been working solely on the completion of Unit 229 (internally assessed) so far this term in order to complete this unit before starting the Controlled Assessment window for Unit 201E (externally assessed) which begins on 4th January. Both units, although assessed slightly differently, are set up a similar way. Students are provided with a brief to ensure they understand what their coursework is assessing, and how to reach their full potential using a range of resources that are available to them. For both units, students are set a series of assignment tasks that assess their knowledge and understanding of dance style, dance production, rehearsal and performance through a theoretical lens. In addition to this, students also engage with a range of technique classes and dance workshops to learn stylistic features of contemporary dance, developing and securing their use of performance and choreographic skills. All students receive constant verbal feedback to support their individual progress. Written journals are kept and reviewed regularly and although written feedback at this stage is not

	permitted (for Unit 229 until first submission		
	and for Unit 201E - there can be no teacher		
	feedback as it is a controlled assessment),		
	students benefit from live teacher assessment		
	and verbal feedback to ensure progress is		
	consistently good or better.		
	, -	BTEC Performing Arts	BTEC Performing Arts
	Unit 212 – Performing Text (50%) Internally	Unit 1 –Investigating Practitioners.	Unit 1 –Investigating Practitioners.
	assessed.	(90 GLH) Mandatory unit – external brief.	(90 GLH) Mandatory unit – external brief.
	Students have been working towards the	Students have been exploring the working of	Students have been exploring the working of
	performance of two contrasting texts – one	influential theatre practitioners spanning	influential theatre practitioners spanning
	contemporary, one classical.	different performance disciplines, genres and	different performance disciplines, genres and
	Students have been developing a 'how to	time periods. They have been creating a bank	time periods. They have been creating a bank
	guide' to support their proactively exploration	of background research into the contextual	of background research into the contextual
	of the texts.	factors surrounding their chosen practitioners	factors surrounding their chosen practitioners
	Following the performance of their two texts	and appreciating their work through live	and appreciating their work through
	students will evaluate their progress, noting	/streamed performance.	live/streamed performance.
	points of success and areas for development.		The account has and will unless a the hair for their
Drama		The exam board will release the brief for this	The exam board will release the brief for this
	` ,	unit in Dec/Jan.	unit in Dec/Jan.
		Following this release, students will complete	Following this release, students will complete
	8	Part A – this will be detailed and focused	Part A – this will be detailed and focused
	. ,	research into their chosen practitioners in	research into their chosen practitioners in
	respond to the brief and then undertake	relation to the details contained within the	relation to the details contained within the
	,	brief.	brief.
		· ·	4 weeks after this, students will complete Part
	·	B under controlled exam conditions where	B under controlled exam conditions where
	performance of their practical response to the		they will respond to unseen questions based
	9	on the focus of the brief. Students will be	on the focus of the brief. Students will be
	·	required to evidence their understanding of	required to evidence their understanding of
	· ·		their chosen practitioners using their research
	brief.	to support their reasoning.	to support their reasoning.
		A level	<u>A level</u>
Music	_	Students have been working on three	Students have been working on three
1114016		components of work – Performing (35%),	components of work – Performing (35%),
	Composing 30%, and Appraising 40%.	Composing (25%) and Appraising (40%).	Composing (25%) and Appraising (40%).

Performing students have been working on a second piece to record for their NEA assessment. Composing students have been completing their first free composition and have been set a second composition to a brief. musical practice and music-making out of For this, students have been considering the external briefs set by the exam board. In have spent time exploring Area of Study 3 Traditional Music and have also looked at Area sonority. In Appraising, students have been of Study 4 Western Classical Music since 1910. working on three different areas: the In January we will focus on Set Works and revisit the work we have done on Paul Simon.

In Performing, students have been working on a solo based on the music of Sondheim; completing whole class Folk and Orchestral ensembles; whilst maintaining their own class. In Composing, students have been creating pieces based on Sorcery and lessons, in preparation for the mock paper, we Witchcraft, using various inspirational music as style. In Appraising, students have been starting points and exploring tonality and development of the symphony with a focus on Haydn's London Symphony; the musical; and C21st Music of Sally Beamish and Thomas Ades. This has been coupled with work on theory, analysis and listening. Students will be progressing towards classical style composition next term in which the learning from the symphony is applied to their place next term or early in the summer term. own creations. The students will also study Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony as a developed contrast to the Haydn work.

BTEC Performance

Year 12 and 13 students have been working on their unit portfolios. This term is a project on portfolio-based evidence for unit 1 Music Harmony and Theory. This has included performance work and composition. In January we will be moving onto an external assessment brief set by BTEC, Unit 1.

BTEC Technical year 12

Students are working on the understanding of and application of DAW, this is in preparation for an external brief set by BTEC next year which represents 60% of the course in year 12.

In Performing, students have been working on their solo recitals; completing whole class Folk and Orchestral ensembles; whilst maintaining their own musical practice and music-making out of class. In Composing, students have been creating NEA assessment pieces, one based on classical music styles and a second in a free working on three different areas: the development of the symphony with a focus on linking musical concepts across the whole historical period; the musical; and C21st Music of Sally Beamish and Thomas Ades. This has been coupled with work on theory, analysis and listening.

Students will be progressing towards completion of their NEA Composing by the end of next term and their recitals which will take

BTEC Performance

[see year 12]

BTEC Technical year 13

Students are working on 30% of evidence for mixing and mastering. In January students will specialise on their chosen pathway of either Digital Sound or Sound Production and continue to build evidence for their portfolios.

Core PE

Through the Year 11 theme of Active for Life, students have developed their understanding of what it means to have good health and wellbeing and have explored different ways in which to stay active when they leave school. Within this unit, concepts are connected to a variety of physical activities at the same time as developing physical skills, tactics, strategy and analysis. The student's ability to connect the concept to the activity and then transfer this knowledge to other subjects is assessed each lesson. Assessment has been conducted through teacher observation as well as Q&A and self-reflection opportunities. At the end of using a criteria checklist. Two units will be each unit students will sit an online quiz on keylassessed through formal external terminology that teachers will use to identify and address common misconceptions.

Physical Education

GCSE PE

60% of the course is externally examined. Exam content assesses the students' knowledge of the theoretical aspects of the course covered across six units. Throughout Year 11, students are developing their knowledge in three of the six units titled: Anatomy and Physiology, Movement Analysis, and Use of Data. Students have also started their performance analysis and evaluation assignment in their practical GCSE PE lessons. This forms part of their overall practical grade which constitutes 40% of their final assessment. Get to Work tasks, end of unit tests, and the Year 11 mock exams have been used to assess progress. Students have been given individual feedback about how they can improve.

Sport CTECH

Students are assessed in their knowledge, understanding and practical skills in 17 specialist areas, or units. Each unit is divided are set assignments, both written and a set of criteria related to the learning outcome. Teachers will provide assessment through live marking in class or via the students' online workbook. Prior to each final deadline, students are also provided with the opportunity to peer assess each other's work examinations. These are typically sat in Spring term 1.

A level

Students are assessed in three examinable components of core knowledge. These components are *physiological factors* affecting performance, psychological factors affecting performance, and socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport, and make up 70% of the overall A-Level grade. The remaining 30 % of the A-Level is assesses the students' ability to perform in one practical activity at the highest level possible. In Y12 student knowledge is assessed through lesson get to work tasks, peer assessment, and Q&A / group discussion opportunities. Students will also sit two in-class exam style assessments in the autumn and Spring terms that will enable

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	CNAT Sports Studies Y11 Cambridge National students are assessed in two units; Leadership in Sport and Developing knowledge and skills in outdoor activities. In each unit students are required to complete up to four assignments that are designed to assess their knowledge of the unit topic through a written task or provide them with a practical task such as leading a sports coaching session. Teachers will live mark these	teachers to identify and address common misconceptions and develop exam technique.	activity, as well as their ability to draw upon core knowledge to orally analyse and evaluate a sporting performance.
	assignments in lessons or carry out formal observations of practical assignments in order to feedback to student next steps for improving the quality of their work.		
Religious Studies	Students have sat a full GCSE mock and a range of end of unit assessments composing of past GCSE questions on the unit completed. Marks awarded range from 1 to 12 marks. Assessment feedback is given in a subsequent lesson. Students have an opportunity to edit and improve their answers by adding developmental points.	See Philosophy & Ethics below	See Philosophy & Ethics below
Technology (Food)	Students have been working towards their NEA 1 which is a Food Investigation Non-Exam Assessment that makes up 15% of the marks of the final GCSE. Students have been investigating the working characteristics and the functional and chemical properties of ingredients through practical investigation. They have produced a report showing research into 'how ingredients work and why', supported by photographic evidence. Students have undertaken guided research and tested the relevant science underpinning their investigation, to enable them to work		

independently on their investigation. In addition to the NEA 1 investigation students undertook a mock GCSE exam which will be used to identify areas for development and develop key exam techniques. The next stage is to commence NEA2, where students develop knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the planning, preparation, cooking, presentation of food and application of nutrition related to the chosen menu. Students will work towards preparing, cooking and presenting a final menu of three dishes. Students have been working on their NEA 2 which equates to 50% of their final GCSE. This requires students to apply the knowledge, understanding and skills gained since Year 7 to undertake an iterative design process of exploring, creating and evaluating. Students have researched and investigated a chosen theme in order to find a design problem to solve. The design problem was considered from the point of view of a potential client/customer, which led them into creating a design brief and specification. A series of designs have been produced and modelled. The next stage is to develop their final idea before manufacturing a prototype. Independence is crucial but home learning and discussions in class guide students through the design process. The final outcome they are working towards is to produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence. In addition to the NEA 2 students undertook a mock GCS exam which will be		
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Business Studies	theme 1 content and 50% to theme 2 (building a business). Students are currently covering the theme 2 theory in class. From this assessment, common misconceptions have been identified and these are being addressed in class. Students have been focusing on their exam technique, the structure of their extended writing and specific theory. This year students shall be continuing to work through the content of theme 2 in class and	working on 'Theme 1 – Marketing and People' with Mr Armstrong and 'Theme 2 – Managing business activities' with Mr Rodgers. Students have recently sat assessments for components of theme 1 (Marketing and people) and 2 (Managing business activities) and have been provided with feedback. Students are continuing to build their confidence with the structure of their extended writing and the ways in which they apply the theory to specific contexts. This academic year will see students cover the remaining content of themes 1 and 2, further heightening their understanding of the way in which they apply their knowledge to a range of contexts. As part of theme 1, we shall be covering 'Marketing Mix and Strategy', 'Managing People' and 'Entrepreneurs and Leaders'. As part of theme 2, we shall be covering 'Managing Finance', 'Resource management' and 'external influences'. At the end of each topic, students will sit an	(Business decisions and strategy) with Mr Armstrong and theme 4 (Global business) with Mr Rodgers. Students sit assessments at the end of each topic area and are given bespoke feedback by their teachers. Students shall sit three papers in the summer term, comprising of marketing people and global businesses (35%), business activities, decisions and strategy (35%) and investigating business in a competitive environment (30%). Year 13 students will be covering the following for the remainder of the academic year: 'Influences on Business Decisions', 'Assessing Competitiveness' and 'Managing change' as part of theme 3. For theme 4, students will be
Child Care	Students have been working on two units of coursework which make up 50% of their final grade. This has been completed in class. They will be given an opportunity to upgrade this work once it is complete.		

	Students have sat two full child care mock exams in preparation for their final exam which makes up 50% of their final grade. Students are assessed with exam style questions once a fortnight and are given feedback and an opportunity to improve.		
DEC	Students recently sat the second of their three controlled assessments which equates to 25% of their GCSE. Students will sit their third controlled assessment in March and will be preparing for their exam in the summer. Unit 2 is assessed internally. Students have an opportunity to work on an internal/practice assessment, for which they are provided with bespoke feedback.	portfolio, focusing on a wide variety of aspects for their Design Engineer and Construct course. They are currently designing buildings and constructing 3D drawings, using Revit software. Students will be completing three units in this academic year and will complete three next year. Students are also covering theory which will be examined in January. The DEC course consists of a coursework portfolio and exam, both weighted at 50%. Student's portfolios are regularly assessed, and students are provided with bespoke feedback.	are provided with bespoke feedback.
Psychology	completed a range end of unit assessments composing of past GCSE questions on the unit completed. Marks awarded range from 1 to 9 marks. Assessment feedback is given in subsequent lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit	to 18 marks. Assessment feedback is given in subsequent lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit and improve their answers by adding developmental points. A variety of assessments are given regularly and feedback	Students do an end of unit assessment composing of past A Level questions on the unit completed. Marks awarded range from 2 to 18 marks. Assessment feedback is given in subsequent lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit and improve their answers by adding developmental points. A variety of assessments are given regularly and feedback
Motor Vehicle	Students are assessed on their progress towards completing the four, practical components of the course, which make up 60% of the qualification. This is combined with their mock, a multiple-choice theory test, accounting for the remaining 40% of the	is provided.	is provided.

	qualification. Feedback is given on both theory and practical elements of the course.		
		Students complete a mock assessment and feedback is provided.	Students complete a workbook and portfolio of evidence for Unit 3 and exam paper for Unit 4
Criminology		Students will sit a controlled assessment in March for unit 1, which is internally marked and externally moderated and contributes towards 25% of the final grade. Students will sit an exam for unit 2 in May. Each unit or assessment is equally weighted (25%). Students complete a workbook and portfolio	Students will sit a controlled assessment in March for unit 3, which is internally marked and externally moderated and contributes towards 25% of the final grade. Students will sit an exam for unit 4 in May. This contributes to the final grade. Each unit or assessment is equally weighted (25%).
		of evidence for Unit 1 and exam paper for Unit 2.	Students complete a workbook and portfolio of evidence for Unit 1 and exam paper for Unit 2.
Classics		Core knowledge is assessed through regular debate, discussion and in-class quizzes. Regular target-setting based on practice questions.	Core knowledge is assessed through regular debate, discussion and in-class quizzes. Regular target-setting based on practice questions.
Economics		Year 12 students are currently studying theme	Year 13 students recently sat a mock exam covering some of the key economics content delivered to date. This assessment has enabled teachers to offer bespoke feedback to students, address common misconceptions

	markets work, market failure and government	government intervention (as part of theme 3).
	intervention (as part of theme 1). As well as	As well as emerging and developing
	aggregate supply, national income, economic	economies, the financial sector and the role of
	growth and macroeconomic objectives and	the state in the macroeconomy (as part of
	policy (as part of theme 2).	theme 4).
	Year 12 students are currently covering the	Year 13 students are currently covering the
	content of unit 1 (Financial Capability for the	content of unit 3 (Sustainability of an
	Immediate and Short Term). This unit consists	Individual's Finances). This unit consists of
	of topics such as everyday banking, savings	topics such as personal financial sustainability,
	products, providers and consumer protection.	the impact of external factors, monitoring and
	Students are developing their knowledge of a	adapting personal financial plans and the
	range of financial concepts and preparing for	impact of global events and ethics. Students
	their first modular exams in January. Students	are developing their knowledge and
	will sit both an online and written assessment.	understanding of a broad range of financial
	Students will be covering unit 2 (Financial	concepts and are preparing for their unit 3
Financial Qualification	Capability for the Medium and Long Term) in	modular exams in January. Students will have
	the later part of the academic year. Students	an online assessment and a written exam.
	will then be assessed with both an online and	Students will be covering unit 4 (Sustainability
	written paper in the spring and summer terms.	of the Financial Services System) in the later
	Students will cover topics such as savings and	part of the academic year. Students will then
	investment products, borrowing products,	be assessed with both an online and written
	financial planning and dealing with long-term	paper in the spring and summer terms.
	risks.	Students will cover topics such as the financial
		system, competition in the financial services
		industry, sustainability in the financial services
		industry and uncertainty and risk.
	Students complete a mixture of assessments,	Students complete a mixture of assessments,
	depending upon whether the unit being	depending upon whether the unit being
Health and Social Care	delivered is externally assessed (Examination)	delivered is externally assessed (Examination)
	or internally assessed (Coursework).	or internally assessed (Coursework).
	For exam units, at the end of each topic,	For exam units, at the end of each topic,
		assessment is composed of past examination
	questions.	questions.
	l	For coursework units, students are expected to
	complete sections by given "stage deadlines".	complete sections by given "stage deadlines".
	Their work is then marked and assessed	Their work is then marked and assessed

	against the expected criteria, set by the exam	against the expected criteria, set by the exam
	board.	board.
	· ·	Assessment feedback is given in a subsequent
	lesson. Students have an opportunity to edit	lesson. Students have an opportunity to edit
	and improve their answers by adding	and improve their answers by adding
	developmental points. It is important to note	developmental points. It is important to note
	that students can only be given written	that students can only be given 1 written
	feedback once for their work (set by exam	feedback for their work (set by exam board
	board regulations).	regulations).
	Students completed an end of unit essay based	Students sat a full A-Level mock comprising of
	on a past A Level title.	all three units. They have also completed an
	Students can be awarded up 40 marks and	end of unit essay based on a past A Level title.
Philosophy and Ethics	consists of a A01(explain) 16 and A02	Students can be awarded up 40 marks and
	(evaluate) 24 breakdown.	consists of a A01(explain) 16 and A02
		(evaluate) 24 breakdown.
	Assessment feedback is given in subsequent	
	lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit	Assessment feedback is given in subsequent
	and improve their answers by adding	lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit
	developmental points.	and improve their answers by adding
		developmental points.
	Politics A level students are assessed	
	periodically and at the end of each unit of	
	work. Assessments take the form of short	
Politics	answers, worth 9 marks, which test skills of	
	explanation and analysis of different political	
	institutions, processes, concepts, theories and	
	issues prescribed in the specification. Students	
	are required to develop and substantiate at	
	least three points in a structured, analytical	
	answer, making use of appropriate political	
	vocabulary and examples to substantiate their	
	answer.	
	25 mark essay questions require students to	
	analyse and evaluate a given statement using	
	their knowledge and understanding of the	
	issue under discussion. The question may draw	

	from different sections of the specification,	
	requiring students to identify and substantiate	
	parallels, connections, similarities and	
	differences between aspects of politics	
	studied.	
	Written feedback is given and students have	
	the opportunity to improve their work using	
	specialist advice.	
	Students complete an essay style assessment	Students complete an essay style assessment
	at the end of each topic completed in each	at the end of each topic completed in each
	unit being delivered (Sociology of Education;	unit being delivered (Sociology of Crime and
	Sociology of Work Welfare and Poverty). The	Deviance; Sociology of Beliefs). The
	assessment is composed of past AS Level	assessment is composed of past A Level
Sociology	examination essay questions on the unit	examination essay questions on the unit
	completed. Marks awarded range from 1 to 20	completed. Marks awarded range from 1 to 20
	marks.	marks and 1 to 30 marks depending upon the
	Assessment feedback is given in subsequent	unit.
	lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit	Assessment feedback is given in subsequent
	and improve their answers by adding	lessons. Students have an opportunity to edit
	developmental points.	and improve their answers by adding
		developmental points.
		The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is
		assessed holistically (100%) across three
		strands: a research report of 5000 words or an
		artefact with a written report; a progress log
		which looks at planning and review; a
		presentation to a peer group.
		Students have created initial plans for their
Extended Project		EPQ and are researching a range and breadth
		of evidence about their chosen focus areas.
		Students have created more detailed plans
		including SMART targets and GANTT planning;
		explored primary and secondary evidence
		types and how to ensure these are relevant
		and reliable; learnt about Harvard Referencing;
		learnt how to structure reports and

	presentations. These areas are all expected to be included in the final report/artefact and written about in the progress log.
	Students will have a mid-review meeting in January to discuss their research findings. Draft reports and presentations are due in March, with a final deadline for completion of all aspects of work set for April.