

Year 9 OPTIONS

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Dear Year 9 students,

As you approach this crossroad of your academic journey, it is important to make informed choices for your studies at Key Stage 4. Ensuring that subjects match your future aspirations, and that pathways are suitable for you, should be carefully considered.

Please ensure that you have a vision of what you want to achieve at the end of Year 11 and that your attainment results enable you to have secure opportunities for your Post-16 destinations; this is something that you will appreciate in the future.

You have received a breath of experiences, opportunities and support to make these option choices; it is important that you draw upon this knowledge and understanding as you commit to your subjects for the next two years.

Consider the following when you submit your applications and remember to discuss decisions with staff and your parents or carers:

- ✓ **Careers Advice** received in one-to-one appointments, Assemblies, Tutor Times and Personal Development lessons
- ✓ **Subject Presentations** and the information received in this booklet
- ✓ **Specialist Teacher** advice and guidance, as well as the feedback received in our recent parents / carers evening

I would also like you to pose yourself some important questions that could support further, as well as enable an independent and considered thought process:

- Which subjects do I perform best in, and which ones will give me my best academic outcomes at the end of Year 11?
- Will my choices give me a range of options for Post-16 education and do they match my career ambitions into adulthood?
- Is an academic or EBacc route something that will allow me to access university placements or higher level apprenticeships more easily?
- Do I need a creative or practical outlet throughout Key Stage 4, something that allows a broad curriculum for me?

Finally, whilst friendships are important and can bring happiness or security at school, your choices should not be based around your peers; these decisions are individual to you and they should reflect your own passions and abilities. Opportunities to maintain relationships are plentiful from both inside and outside of the Academy.

Please ensure you access any further advice or guidance you require from the range of staff in the building. Senior Leaders, Subject Teachers, SEND staff and the Student Care Team are here to support you.

We look forward to your continued progress through this options process.

Aim high, you really can achieve anything with hard work, passion and taking ownership of your studies.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Underwood
Principal



Option Choices

Students are about to make the most important decision in their school life so far. At the start of Year 10, students will begin the courses that will result in their first set of qualifications.

These qualifications will then help students move onto their next steps of achieving their ambitions and aspirations.

We want students to leave Year 11 fulfilling their academic potential, therefore it is important to engage in this process in a considered manner.

The first stage is supporting students to choose the right subjects. It is vital students make good decisions and that these choices are made in partnership.

How will this booklet help students?

This booklet contains all the information students need to know about:

- The subjects and courses they can choose from
- How to apply for the courses they want to study

What subjects are students required to study?

The subjects that every student studies are called Core subjects, these are:

- **English**
leads to English Language - GCSE and English Literature - GCSE
- **Maths**
leads to Maths - GCSE
- **Science**
leads to Combined Science - GCSEs
(or three Separate Sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics, if you are guided and choose to study these)
- **Physical Education (PE)**

Do students get to choose what they study?

Yes, but there are some simple guidelines that must be followed to ensure students select subjects that are right for them.

How many choices do students have?

Students need to choose **four** subjects plus one reserve choice (*in case one of their choices is unavailable*).

All students are required to study at least one subject from the list of History, Geography, Language or Computer Science (guided choice only)

Please ensure students follow these basic **guidelines**.

Pathways and Subjects

Students will be guided towards different pathways depending on their previous attainment and career aspirations. However, these suggested pathways are for guidance only. We recognise that students have varying needs and aspirations that should not be limited by previous performance:

Pathway 1 - EBacc

This is not a qualification in its own right.

However, a student achieves the EBacc if they have gained grade 5 or above in:

- English - GCSE
- Maths - GCSE
- Combined Science - GCSE or the Separate Sciences - GCSE (Academy guided choice)
- Geography - GCSE or History - GCSE
- Language - GCSE

Pathway 2

This pathway is suitable for a range of career options. Whilst students are still required to choose either a Language or Humanities it is not necessary to choose both, however this is perfectly acceptable if the student wishes to do so.

Whilst this is not presently a separate qualification, many students are now following such a curriculum although clearly this is not right for everyone. We encourage every student who has the ability to achieve the English Baccalaureate to follow this pathway.

The EBacc suite of subjects at GCSE level has become increasingly important and is looked upon favourably by universities and employers; we strongly recommend any student who is thinking of higher education in the future to ensure their options include this combination of subjects.

Subjects and Courses

Students complete the choices application by selecting subjects from the list below. Please ensure students follow the instructions when completing the form:

GCSE Subjects			
• Art and Design (Fine Art)	• Business Studies	• French/Spanish	• Food Technology
• Art and Design (Photography)	• Psychology	• Geography	
• Art and Design (Textiles)	• Separate Sciences (Academy guided choice)	• History	
• Computer Science (Academy guided choice)	• Drama	• Media	
		• Music	

Vocational Subjects

These subjects are largely practical based. They are assessed through a mixture of coursework and examination.

The courses you can choose from are:

- Dance - BTEC Level 2
- Health and Social Care - BTEC Level 2
- Sport - BTEC Level 2

Guidelines

Regulations

Unfortunately, students are not permitted to choose two different courses from the same subject area:

- Art and Design (Fine Art) - GCSE and Art and Design (Textiles) - GCSE

If students want to choose Separate Sciences - GCSE or Computer Science - GCSE, students should speak to the relevant subject teacher who will provide support and guidance.

Where can students get more information, advice and guidance?

The Academy have planned a variety of opportunities for students to receive support:

- **Year 9 Options Assembly - week commencing 3rd March 2025**
An assembly to explain the options process to students.
- **Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 13th March 2025**
Parents, Carers and Students have the opportunity to meet with Heads of Subjects to discuss options.



Students have until the 6th April 2025 to choose their options in consultation with their parents / carers.

The process of choosing the options will be completed online. Please see the accompanying document for details on how to complete the process. This document is also available in the Year 9 Options page on the website.

Students should be certain about the options they have chosen to study as they will be unable to change these once they start courses in Year 10.

Once all the applications have been made, we will ensure these have been completed correctly before option choices are analysed.

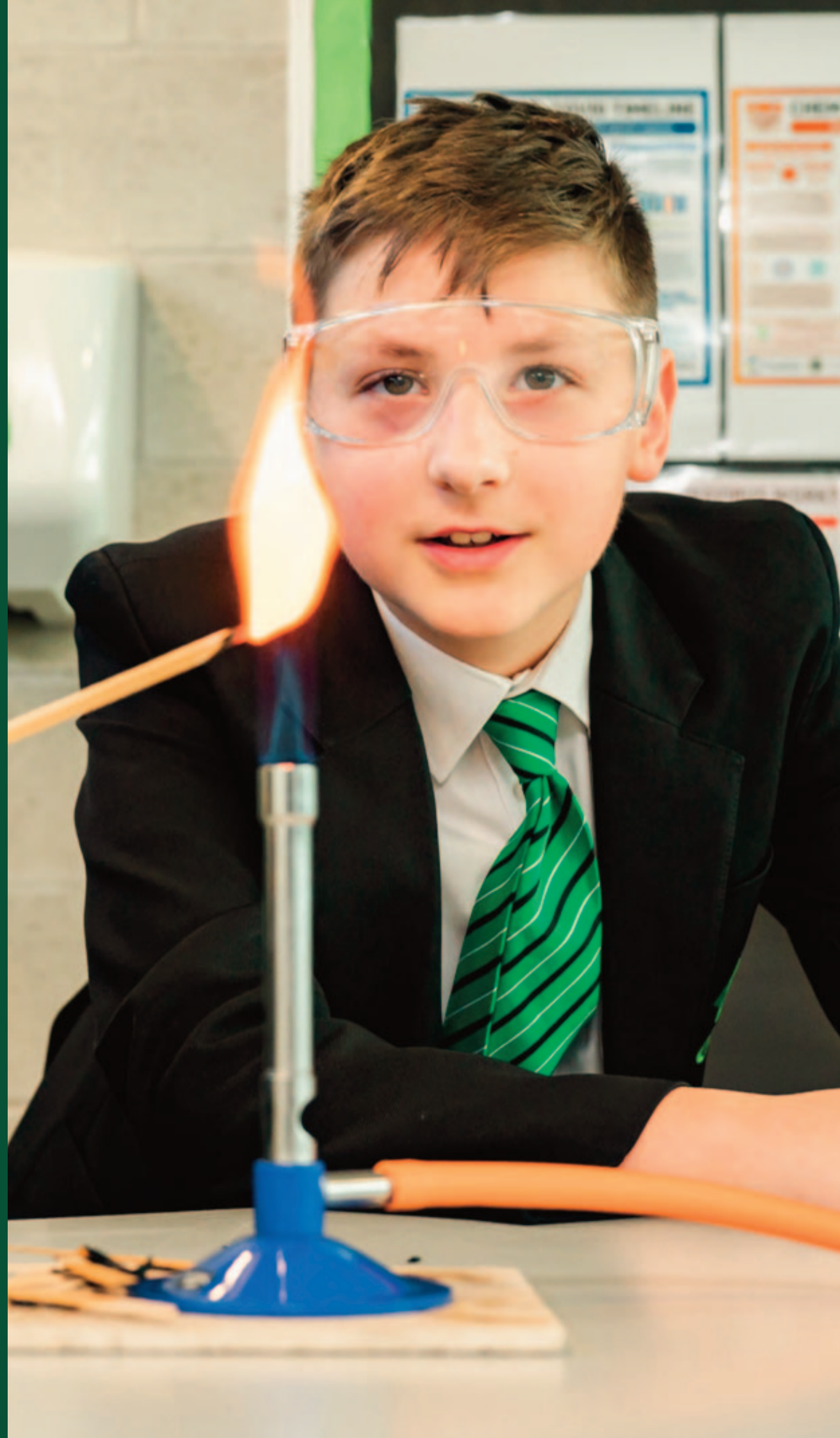
Do students receive their preferred choices?

We make every effort to ensure student choices are compatible for their future aspirations. However, this is sometimes not possible, either because the combinations will not fit into the timetable or, because an insufficient number of students have chosen a subject. This is why we ask students to make a reserve choice which we will use if required.

We may also feel it appropriate to make changes to pathways or choices as the year goes on. If we do, we will contact students and parents/carers as required. (If students don't hear from us they are to assume they have received their preferred choices).

Is there anything else students need to know?

We have based this booklet on the most up-to-date information available at the time of writing but we reserve the right to change, as and when appropriate. Any changes will be in the best interests of all our students.



ENGLISH - GCSE

COURSE DASHBOARD

English develops skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening whilst learning from a range of literature including poetry, prose and non-fiction.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAM 1

40%

EXAM 2

60%

EXAM BOARD : AQA

Students start Year 10 with the study of literature and we aim to cover most of the literature texts by the start of Year 11.

Students will also begin work on the language papers throughout Year 10 and continue these into Year 11.



Language

Two written exams, both 1 hour 45 minutes and worth 80 marks each (50%)

Paper One: Exploration in creative reading and writing

- Reading, one literature fiction text
- Writing, descriptive or narrative writing

Paper Two: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

- Reading, one non-fiction and one literary non-fiction
- Writing, writing to present a viewpoint

Literature

Students will also need to complete a Spoken Language Endorsement

Two written exams, Paper 1 is 1 hour and 45 minutes (40%) and Paper 2 is 2 hours 15 minutes (60%)

Paper One:

- Shakespeare and The 19th-Century Novel

Paper Two:

- Modern texts and poetry
- Anthology and Unseen poetry

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Progression routes:

After GCSE, students can study A-Level English Language and Literature and then explore English and other related degree courses at university.

EDUCATION

Skills in English prepare students for almost all careers.

Students who have studied English in the past are now Teachers, Journalists, Lawyers and Doctors.

CAREERS

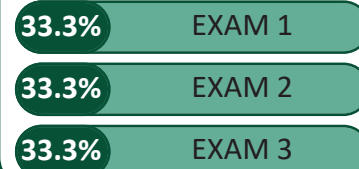
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MATHS - GCSE

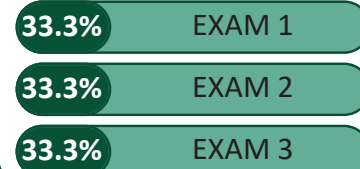
This course focuses on developing fluency, application of techniques to solve problems and enabling students to reason mathematically.

COURSE DASHBOARD

HIGHER TIER



FOUNDATION TIER



EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

Throughout the course, students will develop their knowledge of Number, Algebra, Geometry and Measure, Ratio and Proportion, Probability and Statistics at either Foundation or Higher level.

The exams will assess the following assessment objectives over the three papers:

- A01:** Use and apply standard techniques(recall facts, carry out routine procedures)
- A02:** Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically
- A03:** Solve problems within mathematics and other contexts

Each year, students will concentrate on a mixture of the six main topic areas.
From Christmas of Year 11, students will concentrate on revision and exam preparation.

Higher Tier

Three written exams, all 1 hour 30 minutes and worth 80 marks each (33.3%)
Higher Tier (Grades 4-9) - Grade 3 allowed

Paper One: Non-calculator

Paper Two and Three: Calculator

Foundation Tier

Three written exams, all 1 hour 30 minutes and worth 80 marks each (33.3%)
Foundation Tier (Grades 1-5)

Paper One: Non-calculator

Paper Two and Three: Calculator

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Progression routes:
After GCSE, students can study A-Level Maths or Further Maths and then explore Maths and other related degree courses at university.

EDUCATION

Accountant, Architect, Data Analyst, Financial Trader, Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Teacher.

CAREERS

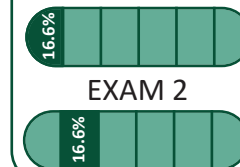
For more information, please contact: Mark.Brooks@corbybusinessacademy.org

COMBINED SCIENCE - GCSE

A course encompassing Biology, Chemistry and Physics, designed to enable students to develop their own knowledge and skills in each scientific area.

COURSE DASHBOARD

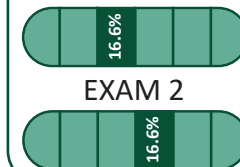
BIOLOGY EXAM 1



EXAM 2



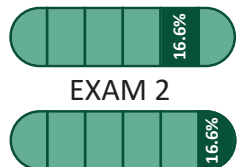
CHEMISTRY EXAM 1



EXAM 2



PHYSICS EXAM 1



EXAM 2



EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

Students will study interesting and exciting topics in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Students will be encouraged to work scientifically and are expected to complete a number of required practical tasks during the course.

Students will achieve an equivalent of two GCSEs in Combined Science.



Which Route?

The combined science GCSE is for all students who do not take triple science as an option

Exams

Each exam covers core concepts in each subject as well as unique topics

Biology: Two written exams of 70 minutes worth 33.3% of the final grade

Chemistry: Two written exams of 70 minutes worth 33.3% of the final grade

Physics: Two written exams of 70 minutes worth 33.3% of the final grade

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, or BTEC Level 3 Applied Science.

A range of A-Levels, BTECs and apprenticeships in Science or other related subjects.

EDUCATION

A number of scientific careers including: Engineering, Research, Nursing, Dentistry, Medicine, Astronomy, Animal Welfare, Microbiology, Teaching and many more.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Louise.Davison@corbybusinessacademy.org

CORE PE

Students have the opportunity to participate in frequent physical activity which is conducive to a healthy active lifestyle.



Students will improve key skills in practical activities which could include: a variety of games, such as football, dodgeball, cricket, badminton, tennis, netball, basketball and handball. There will also be opportunities for students to learn about and improve upon personal fitness such as using the fitness suites, yoga, zumba, weights, SAQ circuit and rowing.

Other opportunities include trampolining, paralympic activities and dance.

Students will also be given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through the Leadership programme; as well as be given guidance on fitness for life or recreational pathways.

Students take part in an hour lesson each week and will focus on a different activity each term.

Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical competence in a range of activities and ability to learn new skills
Brain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Knowledge and understanding rules and strategies and application of tacticsKnowledge of health and fitness
Beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developing skills beyond the classroom, such as teamwork, communication, resilience, evaluation, leadership and perseverance

How can this course support my future destinations?

Taking part in Core PE will enable students to experience a range of activities aimed at developing physical, social and emotional well being. Enabling students to feel happier and more confident, thus able to cope with day to day challenges at school.

Personal Trainer, Coach, Activity Leader, Sports Assistant, Teaching Assistant, PE Technician, Fitness Instructor, Lifeguard.

FUTURE

EDUCATION

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Patrick.Hallam@corbybusinessacademy.org



ART & DESIGN (Fine Art) - GCSE

COURSE DASHBOARD

This Fine Art course focuses on learning strong creative making skills in a range of media and developing imaginative ideas from a basic starting point through to a refined final piece.

COURSEWORK PORTFOLIO

60%

EXAM

40%

EXAM BOARD : OCR

Students will learn and develop skills in a wide range of areas including drawing, acrylic painting, and printmaking. Students will look at a range of contemporary and historic Artists.

In Year 10, students will focus on either natural form Contemporary landscape, still life or portraiture. To produce a range of outcomes from printmaking, sculpture, painting and drawing incorporating traditional and digital approaches based upon these themes. From this research students will create their coursework portfolio using a selection of media and techniques.



Portfolio

Assessment over Year 10 and 11 Portfolio (60%)

The coursework project has four assessment objectives each worth 15%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Final piece of Art

Exam

Exam - 10 hour exam (40%)

The Exam project has four assessment objectives each worth 10%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Final piece of Art

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Levels in Fine Art or A-Level Photography or a range of A-Levels, BTECs, or Apprenticeships in Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Fashion, Photography, Film, or Design based subjects.

EDUCATION

Artist, Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Architect, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Set Designer, Photographer.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Jane.Pick@corbybusinessacademy.org

ART & DESIGN (Photography) - GCSE

COURSE DASHBOARD

This Photography course focuses on developing clear observational skills alongside strong camera control and professional editing techniques. All tailored towards creative ideas and imaginative outcomes.

COURSEWORK PORTFOLIO

60%

EXAM

40%

EXAM BOARD : OCR

Year 10 students will undertake a range of independent projects combining mixed media skills with open ended questions.

Year 11 continues with embedding learned photographic skills, and researching contextual links to project themes moving towards the exam. The projects undertaken involve extensive use and development of skills in Adobe Photoshop and other photo editing platforms.



Coursework Portfolio

Assessment takes place over Year 10 and 11 with students submitting an independent portfolio of work (60%)

The coursework project has four assessment objectives each worth 15%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Presentation of Final piece

Exam

Externally set exam theme set in January of Year 11, with a 10-hour exam in April/May (40%)

The Exam project has four assessment objectives each worth 10%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Presentation of Final piece

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Levels in Fine Art or A-Level Photography or a range of A-Levels, BTECs, or Apprenticeships in Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Fashion, Photography, Film, or Design based subjects.

EDUCATION

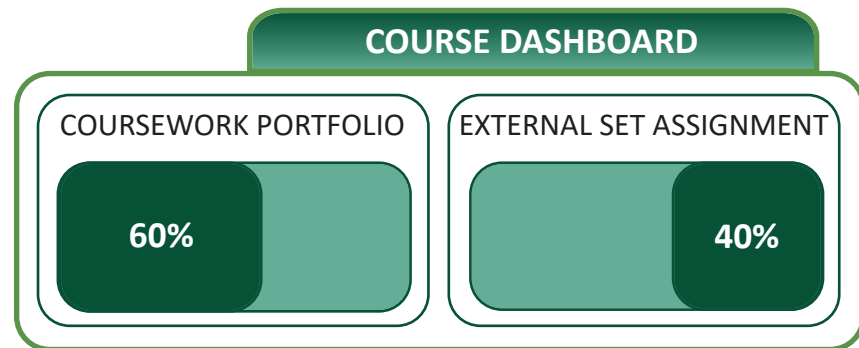
Artist, Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Architect, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Set Designer, Photographer.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Jane.Pick@corbybusinessacademy.org

ART & DESIGN (Textiles) - GCSE

This Textile Design course focuses on learning strong creative making skills in a range of mixed-media and developing imaginative ideas from a project theme through to a refined final outcome.



EXAM BOARD : OCR

Students will learn and develop multi-disciplinary skills in a wide range of areas including drawing, stitching, weaving, embroidery and embellishment. Students will research themes that will take them on a journey of investigation and artist research, development and refinement of ideas and design proposals, towards the making of a two or three dimensional final outcome.

In Year 10, students will develop a range of skills from being able to confidently use the sewing machine, to being able to develop their own digital repeat patterns. Students will have the opportunity to explore areas such as fashion & footwear design, constructed and installed textiles.



Component 1

Coursework Portfolio- (Year 10 & 11) Assessed and moderated internally and externally (60%)
The coursework project has four assessment objectives each worth 15%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Final piece of Art

Component 2

Externally Set Assignment- (Year 11) Assessed and moderated internally and externally (40%)
The Exam project has four assessment objectives each worth 10%:

- A01 – Artist reference
- A02 – Ideas and development of the project
- A03 – Observational work
- A04 – Final piece of Art

Exam

There is no written exam for this course, however there is a 10-hour exam which is spread over a duration of 2 days. Students will use this time to work on A04 ONLY.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Levels in any Art & Design course, BTECs, or Apprenticeships in Fashion, Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Fashion, Photography, or Design based subjects.

EDUCATION

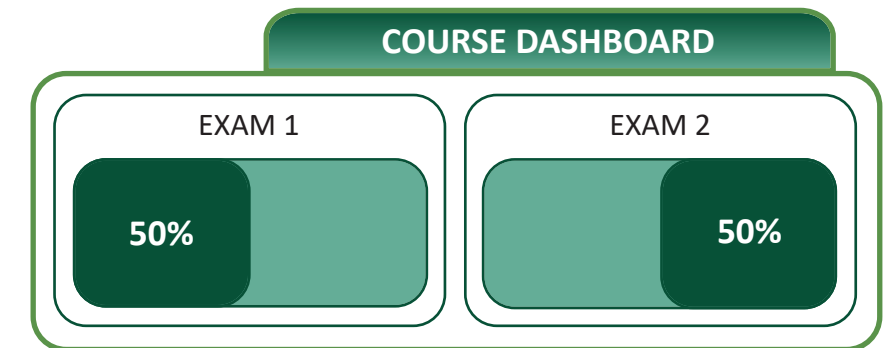
Fashion Design, Footwear, Interior Design, Tailor, Craftworker, Machinist, Costumer/Film/Set Design, Jewellery Design, Buyer, Marketing, Fashion Photography, Magazine Editor, and much more.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Kelly.Herbert@corbybusinessacademy.org

BUSINESS STUDIES - GCSE

This course develops enterprising individuals with the ability to think commercially and creatively to demonstrate business acumen, and draw on evidence to make informed business decisions and solve business problems.



EXAM BOARD : AQA

Students will have the opportunity to explore real business issues and how businesses work.

This includes the following subject content:

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Business operations
- Human resources
- Marketing
- Finance



Exam 1

Paper 1: Influences of operations and HRM on business activity

This examination paper is worth a maximum of 90 marks and comprises 50% of the GCSE Business Studies result

Exam 2

Paper 2: Influences of marketing and finance on business activity

This examination paper is worth a maximum of 90 marks and comprises 50% of the Business Studies result

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Business Studies is extremely useful for a variety of careers choices, A-Level and Level 3 courses.

The knowledge and skills students learn at GCSE can transfer into A-Level Business.

EDUCATION

Business studies is really important for all career choices from Finance, Retail, Law, Management, Sales, Marketing and owning your own business.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Hannah.Docherty@corbybusinessacademy.org

COMPUTER SCIENCE - GCSE

Computer Science is a challenging and re-rewarding GCSE made up of two separate components; theory and programming.

Students will also have to complete an extended practical project where they will plan and code a computer program.

COURSE DASHBOARD

EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

EXAM BOARD : OCR

Students will:

- understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of Computer Science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms, and data representation.
- analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including designing, writing and debugging programs.
- think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically.
- understand the components that make up digital systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems.



Exam 1

Paper 1: Computer systems

Students will be introduced to the central processing unit (CPU), computer memory and storage, wired and wireless networks, network topologies, system security and system software. Students will also look at ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns associated with Computer Science.

Exam 2

Paper 2: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming

Students will apply knowledge and understanding gained in paper 1. Students will develop skills and understanding in computational thinking: algorithms, programming techniques, producing robust programs, computational logic, translators and data representation.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

- A-Level Computer Science
- Computer Science degree
- Other advanced IT qualifications

EDUCATION

Applications Developer, Cyber Security Analyst, Data Analyst, Database Administrator, Forensic Computer Analyst, Game Designer and many more.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Martin.Corbishley@corbybusinessacademy.org

DRAMA - GCSE

Over the course of the two years, students can decide to either be a performer (actor) or focus on the designing processes involved in the creation of a performance (lighting, sound, set and costume design).

COURSE DASHBOARD

PERFORMANCE

60%

WRITTEN EXAM

40%

EXAM BOARD : EDUQAS

The Eduqas Drama GCSE consists of two performance components and one externally examined paper. Students will:

- Devise their own performances
- Explore texts practically and work on two text-based performances
- Watch and evaluate live professional performances
- Learn about theatre practitioners
- Create a logbook containing their creative ideas



Written Exam

Students will complete one written examination based on their exploration of live theatre and analysis of a play text. Students will also work on constructing a visually stimulating logbook where they will document their performance and design ideas.

With a mandatory live theatre school trip, all Drama students will have the opportunity to witness a professional performance.

Live Performance

Students learn to collaborate with others, think analytically and evaluate effectively. They will gain the confidence to pursue their own ideas and reflect and refine their work. Whatever the future holds, students of Drama emerge with a toolkit of transferable skills, applicable both in further studies and in the workplace.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

This course will allow clear progression to A-Level Drama and Theatre and other practical A-Level subjects. The theory that is involved in the Drama GCSE will also help students who wish to progress in their English studies.

EDUCATION

The theatre industry is very competitive, yet very rewarding. After completing a Drama GCSE course, popular career paths include: teaching, performing, directing and public speaking.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Megan.Jones@corbybusinessacademy.org

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION - GCSE

The focus is very much on improving practical cookery skills whilst gaining an understanding of the nutritional and scientific processes involved. In Year 10 students cook weekly and learn a wide variety of skills. These include bread, sweet doughs, sauce making, all types of pastries, pasta, cakes and dishes based on world cuisines.

COURSE DASHBOARD

COURSEWORK PORTFOLIO

50%

EXAM

50%

EXAM BOARD : AQA

Theory lessons take place in the rest of the lessons and cover a variety of topics.

Food preparation skills are intended to be integrated into the five sections:

- Food, nutrition and health
- Food science
- Food safety
- Food choice
- Food provenance



Assessment

In Year 11 students are focused on the NEA tasks. This is the food science investigation (15% of GCSE) and the NEA 2 (Plan, prepare and cook 3 dishes) that they will make in the assessment (January of Year 11). The students complete 2 pieces of written coursework. These are completed during lesson time. The first is a science based investigation (1500/2000 words). The second piece of written coursework is the planning and preparation of the final three dishes that are cooked, this is 20 A4 sides.

Exam

In the summer of Year 11 there is a 1 ¾ hour written exam paper.
EXAM: Paper 1 - Food preparation and nutrition (50%)
What's assessed - Theoretical knowledge of food preparation and nutrition from subject content.
Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes - 100 marks - 50% of GCSE
Questions - Multiple choice questions (20 marks)
 Five questions each with a number of sub questions (80 marks)

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition, Catering College.

EDUCATION

New Product Development Technologist, Microbiology, Marketing, Chef, Food Stylist, Buyer, Sensory Analyst, Quality Control, Nutritionist, Hospitality and Catering.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Tricia.Jones@corbybusinessacademy.org

GEOGRAPHY - GCSE

This course will create curiosity and give students the platform to make a difference in the ever-changing world we live in.

COURSE DASHBOARD

EXAM 1

35%

EXAM 2

35%

EXAM 3

30%

EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

How the course is broken down:

Year 10

The Living World, the Challenge of Natural Hazards, Urban Issues and Challenges, Issue Evaluation and Physical Fieldwork – Coasts, and Human fieldwork.

Year 11

The Changing Economic World, Landscapes in the UK, Issue Evaluation and Rivers.



Exam 1

Living with the physical environment

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards

Section B: The living world

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK

Exam 2

Challenges in the human environment

Section A: Urban issues and challenges

Section B: The changing economic world

Section C: The challenge of resource management

Exam 3

Geographical Investigations

Section A: Issue evaluation

Section B: Fieldwork

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Level Geography, Travel and Tourism, Uniformed Public Service and other related subjects.

EDUCATION

Jobs in a variety of sector including: Tourism, Education, Aid and Development, Media, Charities, Surveying, Conservation, Military, Communications and Research.

CAREERS

For more information, please contact: Tina.Patel@corbybusinessacademy.org

HISTORY - GCSE

This course should inspire students to deepen their understanding of people, periods and events and enable them to think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, make informed decisions and develop perspective and judgement.

This will prepare them to become informed citizens and articulate candidates for employment.

COURSE DASHBOARD

EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

EXAM BOARD : AQA

Unit 1:

Germany: Democracy and Dictatorship, 1890-1945

Unit 2:

Conflict and tension: the inter-war years, 1918-1939

Unit 3:

Health and the People, 1000-the present day

Unit 4:

Elizabethan England, 1568-1603



Exam 1

Paper 1: Germany and Conflict and Tension. (1 hour for each unit)
Kaiser's Germany, Weimar Germany, Depression Germany, Nazi Germany. Treaties and settlements at the end of World War I, League of Nations, origins of the Second World War until 1939.
10 questions ranging from 4 to 16 marks, long-answer essays, interpretations and source questions.
4 SPAG marks

Exam 2

Paper 2: Health and the People and Elizabethan England, including study of the historic environment. (1 hour for each unit)
Medieval medicine, new beginnings during the Renaissance, revolution in medicine, medicine in the modern era. Elizabethan court, parliament, society, foreign policy, exploration and religious developments.
8 questions ranging from 4 to 16 marks, long-answer essays, interpretations and source questions.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Excellent communication and writing skills, construct an argument, research skills, problem-solving skills, analytical and interpretation skills.
A-Level in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

EDUCATION

Journalism, Broadcasting, Law, Business, Politics, Archaeology, Marketing, Teaching, Civil Service, Human Resources, Libraries and archives, Administration, Retail, Financial Services.

CAREERS

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LANGUAGES FRENCH/SPANISH - GCSE

This course reflects the benefits that learning a language can bring, such as an understanding of French/Spanish culture and language; along with a focus on listening and communication skills.

COURSE DASHBOARD

LISTENING

25%

SPEAKING

25%

READING

25%

WRITING

25%

EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

The objective of this qualification is to enable students of all abilities to develop their language skills to their full potential, equipping them with the knowledge to communicate in a variety of contexts with confidence.

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Topics covered:

My personal world
Lifestyle and wellbeing
My neighbourhood
Media and technology
Studying and my future
Travel and tourism

Listening

- Questions in English to be answered in English or as multiple choice based on listening to a recording and completing a dictation.

Speaking

- Read aloud, Role-play, Photo-card and Conversation.

Reading

- Questions in English to be answered in English or as multiple choice based on various written passages.

Writing

- Foundation: pieces of independent writing and translation
- Higher: more complex pieces of writing and translation

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Languages can help students gain the new English Baccalaureate and support progression into most higher education courses.

EDUCATION

Language learning can support career opportunities in an ever-increasing global market, especially those with an international dimension such as Engineering, Health Care, Legal Professional, Journalism, working for Government Agencies, the Police Force and/or Translation.

CAREERS

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MEDIA - GCSE

The media plays a central role in contemporary society and culture. They shape our perceptions of the world through the representations, viewpoints and messages they offer.

The media have real relevance and importance in our lives today, providing us with ways to communicate, with forms of cultural expression and the ability to participate in key aspects of society. The economic importance of the media is also unquestionable.

COURSE DASHBOARD

WRITTEN EXAM

40%

WRITTEN EXAM

30%

COURSEWORK

30%

EXAM BOARD : EDUQAS

Students will study a range of media forms in terms of a theoretical framework which consists of media language, representation, media industries and audiences.

The following forms are studied in depth through applying all areas of the framework: newspapers, television, music video and online, social and participatory media. Advertising and marketing, film, video games, radio and magazines are studied in relation to selected areas of the framework.



Component 1

Component 1:

Explores the Media framework of Media Language, Representation, Audience and Industry to a number of set texts from a wide range of forms.

These include:

- Video games
- Newspapers
- Advertisements
- Films
- Radio
- Magazines

Component 2

Component 2:

Assesses all areas of the theoretical framework (above) and contexts of the media in relation to television and music.

This will give students the opportunity to watch and study a range of television programmes and music videos.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Media introduces students to a theoretical framework for analysing the Media.

This underpins the study of the media at A-Level.

EDUCATION

Graphic Designer, Radio Presenter, Journalist, Web Designer, Photographer.

CAREERS

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MUSIC - GCSE

This course is for students who are looking to build on skills developed during Key Stage 3.

If you can play an instrument, sing or use music technology this will be a distinct advantage.

Students must be prepared to perform to each other and to larger audiences and / or perform using music technology.

COURSE DASHBOARD

LISTENING

40%

COMPOSING

30%

PERFORMING

30%

EXAM BOARD : OCR

This course provides students with an opportunity to attend concerts and performances by professional musicians. Year 10 students will visit a local primary school and run a composition workshop with younger students.

Music students should aim to perform with at least one department ensemble at Corby Business Academy, such as Concert Band, CBA Vocalize, Junior Concert Band, String Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble or Big Band. These ensembles perform around Northamptonshire and take part in national competitions.

Composing

By the end of the course, students will have composed two pieces of music – one for their chosen instrument in the style of their choice, the other – a piece of music set to a brief by the exam board. In lessons, students will study compositional techniques and investigate different genres and styles of music.

Performing/Sequencing

Over the course of the two years, students will learn the art of performance and will work towards two final performances either live or sequenced.

Students will either perform as a soloist and as part of a small ensemble or sequence two performances using music technology.

Listening

Over the two years, students will be prepared for this examination which takes around 1½ hours. Students will have to identify instruments, styles and genres of music, musical eras, as well as technical musical elements, such as rhythmic and melodic notation.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Level Music and other related A-Level and BTEC subjects.

EDUCATION

Professional musician, Pop star, Composer of Film Music, Arts Administrator, Music Publishing, Music Journalist, Music Marketing, Public Relations, Record Producer, Animator, Teacher, Lecturer, Song Writer.

CAREERS

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SEPARATE SCIENCES - GCSE

A course encompassing separate GCSEs Biology, Chemistry and Physics, designed to enable students to develop their own knowledge and skills in each scientific area.

COURSE DASHBOARD

BIOLOGY
EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

CHEMISTRY
EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

PHYSICS
EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

The Separate Science route will appeal to students who wish to study the sciences at A Level and is centred on exciting, innovative activities and investigations that are linked to the role of science in our everyday lives.

The three GCSE Science qualifications enable students to:

- develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science, through different types of scientific enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them.
- develop and learn to apply observational, practical, modelling, enquiry and problem-solving skills in the laboratory, in the field and in other learning environments.
- develop their ability to evaluate claims based on science through critical analysis of the methodology, evidence and conclusions, both qualitatively and quantitatively.



Which Route?

The students are studying for 3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and is suitable for students with an interest in science and take the triple science as an option. There are common overlap units with the combined science in each of the Biology, Chemistry and Physics qualifications allowing students the flexibility and choice of course that will maximise their potential.

Exams

Each exam covers core concepts in each subject as well as unique topics.

Biology: Two written exams of 105 minutes worth 50% of the grade

Chemistry: Two written exams of 105 minutes worth 50% of the grade

Physics: Two written exams of 105 minutes worth 50% of the grade

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, or BTEC Level 3 Applied Science.

A range of A-Levels, BTECs and apprenticeships in Science or other subjects.

EDUCATION

A number of scientific careers including: Engineering, Research, Nursing, Dentistry, Medicine, Astronomy, Animal Welfare, Microbiology, Teaching and many more.

CAREERS

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PSYCHOLOGY - GCSE

An engaging and effective qualification introducing students to the fundamentals of Psychology, developing critical analysis, independent thinking and research skills.

COURSE DASHBOARD

EXAM 1

50%

EXAM 2

50%

EXAM BOARD : AQA

Year 10 – Topics

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research methods

Year 11 – Topics

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems



Exam 1

• Paper 1 – Cognition and Behaviour

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (100 marks)
- 50% of GCSE

Exam 2

• Paper 2 – Social Context and Behaviour

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (100 marks)
- 50% of GCSE

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

Excellent communication and writing skills, construct an argument, research skills, problem solving skills, analytical and interpretation skills.

EDUCATION

Psychologist - Clinical Counselling, Educative and Forensic, Sports HR Officer.

CAREERS

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OPTIONAL SUBJECTS - VOCATIONAL

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE - BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award

The BTEC Tech Award is a practical introduction to life and work in Health and Social Care.

COURSE DASHBOARD

COMPONENT 1

30%

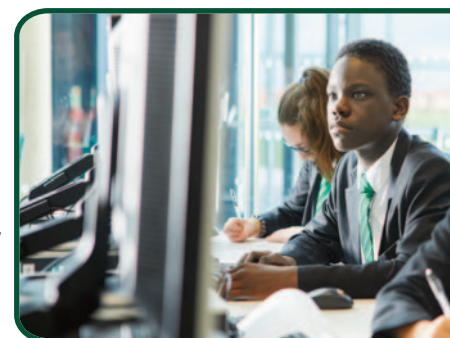
COMPONENT 2

30%

COMPONENT 3

40%

EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL



The course focuses on building skills giving students the confidence to progress in whatever path they choose.

They are designed to be taken alongside GCSEs, allowing students the opportunity to apply academic knowledge to everyday and work contexts. Providing a strong foundation for academic or vocational study post-16, as well as future employment.

Course Content

Component 1:

Human Lifespan Development (non-exam internal assessment) 30%

During Component 1, you will:

- explore how individuals develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually
- investigate how various factors, events and choices impact growth and development
- discover how people adapt to life events

Component 2: Health & Social Care, Services and Values (non-exam internal assessment) 30%

During Component 2, you will:

- learn which health and social care services are available
- identify why people might need to use these services
- discover who's involved in providing these services
- explore what might stop people from accessing the services they need
- look at the care values of the sector

Component 3: Health and Wellbeing (External assessment) 40%

During Component 3 you will:

- learn what 'being healthy' means to different people
- explore the different factors that might influence health and wellbeing
- identify key health indicators and how to interpret them
- assess an individual's health
- create a health and wellbeing improvement plan
- reflect on the potential challenges the person may face

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

This subject can lead to further Level 2 study at college or Level 3 vocational qualifications e.g. BTEC National in Health and Social Care preparing students for entry into Higher Education, employment or apprenticeships.

EDUCATION

Approximately 3 million people work in the Health and Social Care Sector in a diverse range of roles including Nurses, Midwives, Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists, Healthcare assistants, Care Supervisor, Early Years Teachers, Youth Workers, Social Services Officer, Community Support Worker.

CAREERS

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PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE) - BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award

The qualification develops the key skills of performance, choreography and dance appreciation.

Alongside this it works on personal management, communication, physical and interpretative skills and team work.

COURSE DASHBOARD

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT 1

30%

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT 2

30%

EXTERNAL TASK Respond to a brief

40%

EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL



This course consists of three units, two internally assessed and one externally assessed.

External task: Respond to a brief

The exam board will set a theme for the students in January of Year 11.

Students then have a set amount of time to work in small groups to develop a 7-15 minutes piece of choreography based on this theme.

Unit 1

Unit 1: In this component you will develop a practical understanding of how performing arts work is created. You will look at elements such as roles, responsibilities and the application of relevant skills and techniques. You will have the chance to explore practically the work of different professionals to develop an appreciation of the methods they use to explore a theme and communicate to audiences through their work. You will broaden your knowledge through observing existing repertoire and by learning about professionals' approaches and how they create and influence performance material.

Unit 2

Unit 2: In this component, you will develop performing or design skills and techniques. You will have the opportunity to specialise as a performer or designer in one or more of the following disciplines: acting, dance, musical theatre. You will take part in workshops and classes where you will develop technical, practical and interpretative skills through the rehearsal and performance process. You will work from existing performing arts repertoire, applying relevant skills and techniques to reproduce performance or design elements of the work. Throughout your development, you will review your own progress and consider how to make improvements.

How can this course support my future destinations?

FUTURE

BTEC Level 3 Courses in the Performing Arts or Production Arts.

BA in Dance.

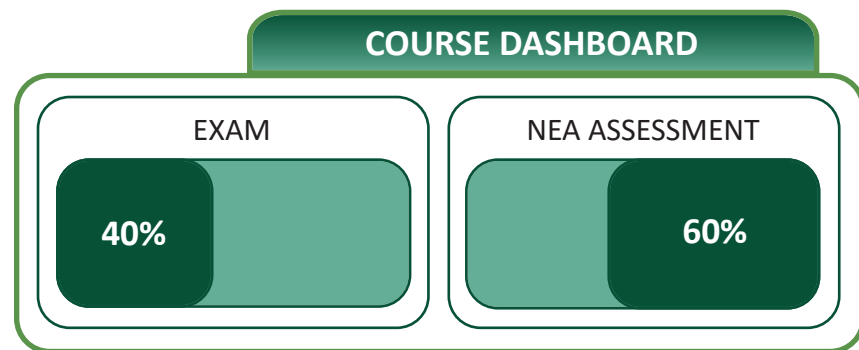
EDUCATION

Theatre work, Performance Work, Movement Therapist, Choreography work.

CAREERS

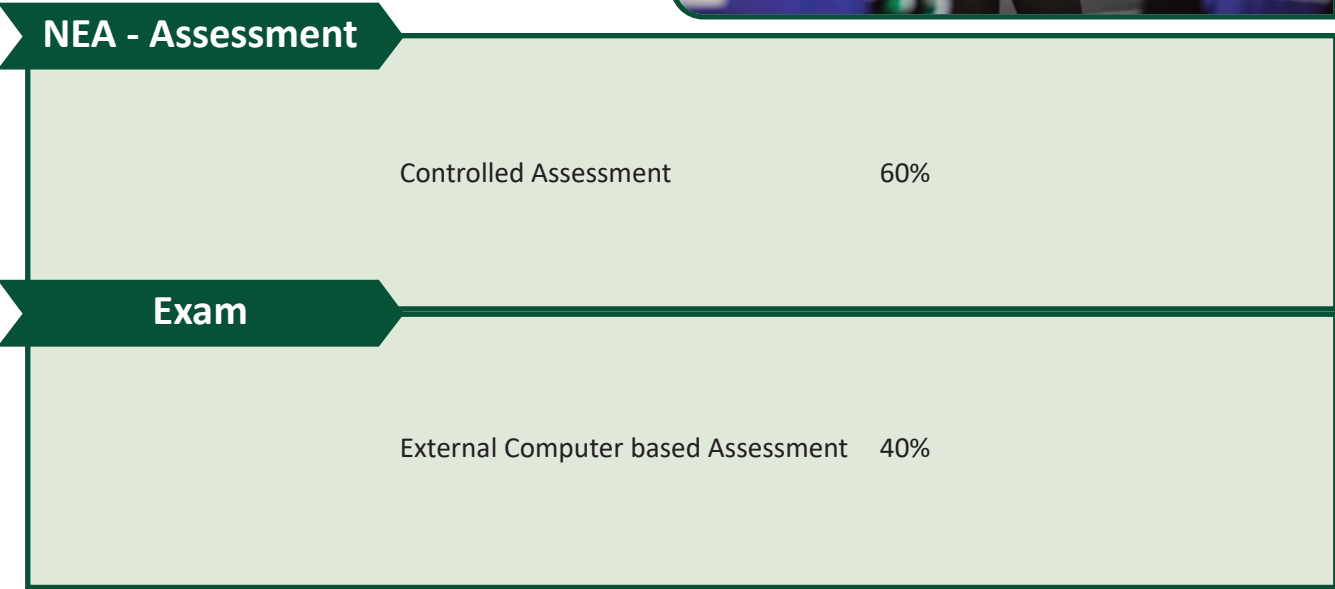
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This course gives learners the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the sport sector and specialist skills such as analysis, leadership, teaching and communication at level 2.



EXAM BOARD : EDEXCEL

- Component 1:**
Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity (NEA)
- Component 2:**
Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance (NEA)
- Component 3:**
Developing fitness to improve other participants performance in sport and physical activity (external assessment)



How can this course support my future destinations?

BTEC Level 3, A-Level PE University- Sports Science, Sports Coaching, Physiotherapy, Physical Education, Sports and Leisure, Travel and Tourism.

Teaching, Personal Trainer, Coach, Physiotherapist, Leisure Centre Manager.

FUTURE

EDUCATION

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