



St Bede's Senior School

GCSE Guide: An Academic overview of the U5th year by subject



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About this booklet

This booklet has been designed to help students and parents find out more about when and how each GCSE subject is assessed. This should be used as a reference document and students should use the overview of the year calendar (pages 6-8) throughout the year. I hope you will find this information helpful. If you wish to have more information about any of the subjects listed, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: veronique.ganivet@stbedesschool.org .

Yours sincerely,

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Glossary of Terms

Modular course: multiple examinations and assessments taken throughout the course with, for the vast majority of courses, a possibility to retake one or several modules/examinations.

Examination: externally marked. The final dates for these will be published at a later date. Please note that the months indicated by subjects indicate the session the examination will take place. There are three examinations sessions in the year: November, January and June.

Controlled Assignment: supervised coursework completed in school within a certain time frame. Controlled Assignment can be marked internally but moderated externally.

Coursework: essay completed over the course or a certain period of the course.

The U5th Year 2011-2012: an overview

Autumn Term		
1	05/09/11	
2	12/09/11	
3	19/09/11	
4	26/09/11	
5	03/10/11	Start revision for November Modules
6	10/10/11	
7	17/10/11	Morrisby Testing
Half Term		
8	07/11/11	
9	14/11/11	
10	21/11/11	
11	28/11/11	
12	05/12/11	Start revision for January Modules and mocks
13	12/12/11	

Spring Term		
1	09/01/12	All English coursework to be handed in
2	16/01/12	U5th Mocks 16-18 January
3	23/01/12	
4	30/01/12	
5	06/02/12	Start revision for February Modules
6	13/02/12	
Half Term		
7	27/02/12	
8	05/03/12	
9	12/03/12	16/03 U5th parents evening
10	19/03/12	Start revision for Summer Term modules and examinations
11	26/03/12	

Summer Term		
1	23/04/12	
2	30/04/12	
3	08/05/12	
4	14/05/12	
5	21/05/12	
6	28/05/12	
Half Term		
7	11/06/12	Study leave begins
8	18/06/12	
9	25/06/12	

GCSE Applied Business

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2AB02
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Unit 2 - Financial Records
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	1 hour
When?	June of L5th (with a possibility of retake in June of U5th)
Name of paper 2	Unit 4 - Financial Planning and Forecasting
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	1 hour
When?	January of U5th
Controlled Assignment:	2
Name of CA 1	Unit 1 - Investigating How Businesses Work
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	September of L5th
Finish	March of L5th
Name of CA 2	Unit 3 - Investigating People, Business and Change
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	June of L5th
Finish	November of U5th

GCSE Art and Design

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2AD0, 2TD01, 2PY01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1
Name of paper	Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment (E.S.A)
Weighting of paper?	40%
Length?	10 hour exam over 3 days Candidates are given 20 hours, 8 weeks, to prepare and research their theme
When?	Theme given out in March, exam in early May of U5th
Coursework	1 Portfolio
Name	Unit 1 Personal Portfolio
Weighting	60%
Deadline	3 Terms (Approximately 45 hours) Work is produced throughout the 5 term course Deadline for the Personal Portfolio, 25 th May of U5th

GCSE Biology

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4411
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	4
Name of paper 1	Unit 1a
Weighting of paper?	12.5% of total grade
Length?	30 Minutes
When?	March 2011 (can be re-taken November 2011)
Name of paper 1	1b
Weighting of paper?	12.5% of total grade
Length?	30 Minutes
When?	March 2011 (can be re-taken November 2011)
Name of paper 2	Unit 2
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 mins
When?	January 2012 (Can be re-taken June 2012)
Name of paper 3	Unit 3
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 mins
When?	June 2012
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	ISA
Weighting	25% of total grade
Nature of task	Planning and carrying out an investigation and then analysing results. This takes around a week of lessons. Followed by a 45 minute test paper in class using the investigation and students results.
When?	Can be attempted several times with different investigation titles and the best one is submitted. Several opportunities will be scheduled into normal lessons throughout the lower and upper fifth years.

GCSE Business Studies

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2BSO1
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Unit 1 Introduction to Business
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 minutes
When?	End of May L5th (opportunity to re-take at the end of May U5th)
Name of paper 2	Unit 3 Building a Business
Weighting of paper?	50% of total grade
Length?	1.30hr
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Unit 2 Investigating small business
Weighting	25% of total grade
Start	Brief issued before October half term of U5th year. To be completed in the weeks following. 6 hours research time in class, 3 hours write-up under high control.
Finish	Before Christmas holiday of U5th

GCSE Chemistry

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4421
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	4
Name of paper 1	Unit 1a and 1b
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade (12.5% each)
Length?	30 minutes each
When?	June 2011 (Can be re-taken in November 2011)
Name of paper 2	Unit 2
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 minutes
When?	January 2012 (Can be re-taken in June 2012)
Name of paper 3	Unit 3
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 minutes
When?	June 2012
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	ISA
Weighting	25% of total grade
Nature of task	Planning and carrying out at least one investigation and then analysing results. This takes around a week of lessons for each. Followed by a 45 minute test paper in class for each using the investigations and students results.
When?	Can be attempted several times with different investigation titles and the best is submitted. Several opportunities will be scheduled into normal lessons throughout the lower and upper fifth years.

GCSE Citizenship

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	Citizenship Studies
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	2
Name of Examination 1	Unit 1: Citizenship Today
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of L5th (with a possibility to retake in January of U5th)
Name of Examination 2	Unit 3: Citizenship in Context
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	1 hr 15 mins
When?	June of U5th
Controlled Assignment:	2
Name of CA 1	Unit 2: Participating in society
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	September 2011
Finish	Late September 2011
Name of CA 2	Unit 4: Citizenship campaign
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	February 2012
Finish	Late February 2012

GCSE Computing (Computer Science)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	OCR
Syllabus number	J275
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	UNIT A451: Computer Systems and Programming
Weighting of paper?	40% of the qualification
Length?	1.5 hours
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignments:	2
Name of CA 1	UNIT A452: Practical investigation Practical investigation of a topic chosen from a set of options supplied by OCR
Weighting	35% of the qualification
Start	Week 3 Spring Term L5th
Finish	Week 5 Spring Term L5th
Name of CA 2	UNIT A453: Programming Project
Weighting	30%
Start	Week 6 Autumn Term U5th
Finish	Week 9 Autumn Term U5th

GCSE Dance

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4230
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Practical examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Dance - solo performance, 1-1.5 mins (20%) Autumn Term of L5th • Group or Duo performance - 3-3.5 mins (20%) Spring Term of L5th • Choreography - solo composition, 1-1.5 mins (15%) Autumn Term of U5th • Choreography - solo/ duo/ group, (25%), Spring Term of U5th
Weighting of paper?	in total, the performances count for 80% of total grade
Length?	see above
When?	see above
Name of paper 2	Critical Appreciation of Dance (Written examination)
Weighting of paper?	20 % of total grade
Length?	1 hour
When?	June of U5th
Controlled Assignment:	None

GCSE DT: Resistant Materials Technology (Product Design)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2RM01
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	5EP02: Knowledge and understanding of Resistant Materials Technology
Weighting of paper?	40 % of total grade
Length?	90mins
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	5RM01: Creative Design and Make
Weighting	60% of total grade
Start	Week 1 Summer Term of L5th
Finish	Last week of Spring Term of U5th

GCSE DT: Electronic Products

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2EP01
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	5EP02: Knowledge and understanding of Electronic products
Weighting of paper?	40 % of total grade
Length?	90mins
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	5EP01: Creative design and make
Weighting	60 % of total grade
Start	Week 1 of Summer Term of L5th
Finish	Last week of Spring Term of U5th

GCSE Drama

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2DR01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1 (practical examination)
Name of paper 1	Unit 5DR03 'Drama Performance' (Practical performance to external examiner)
Weighting of paper?	40% of total grade
Length?	minimum of 15 minutes
When?	Spring term U5th
Controlled Assignment:	2
Name of CA 1	Unit 5DR02: 'Exploring Play Texts' (1000 word documentary response to 6 hour practical exploration and 2000 word documentary response to live theatre)
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	Summer term L5th
Finish	Summer term L5th
Name of CA 2	Unit 5DR01 'Drama Exploration' 2000 word documentary response to 6 hour devised practical exploration
Weighting	30% of total grade
Start	Week 10 Autumn term U5th
Finish	Week 11 Autumn term U5th

IGCSE Second language English (EFL)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	CIE
Syllabus number	0510
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Reading and Writing (core) or Reading and Writing (Extended)
Weighting of paper?	70% of total grade
Length?	90 mins for core or 120 mins for extended
When?	May U5th
Name of paper 2	Listening (core) or Listening (extended)
Weighting of paper?	30% of total grade
Length?	45 mins
When?	May U5th

IGCSE English - First Language

GCSE lessons per fortnight	8
Board	CIE
Syllabus number	0500
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1
Name of Paper 1	Reading Passages - Extended
Weighting of paper?	50 % of final grade
Length?	2 hours
When?	June U5th
Coursework Essay	3
Name	Imaginative/Informative/Directed Writing
Weighting	50%
Deadline	All 3 essays to be handed in by January 2012

IGCSE English - Literature

GCSE lessons per fortnight	8
Board	CIE
Syllabus number	0486
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1
Name of Paper 1	Set Texts - Exam - Open Book
Weighting of paper?	70 % of final grade
Length?	2 hours 15 minutes
When?	June U5th
Coursework Essay	2
Name	2 essays from: Poetry/Prose/Drama
Weighting	30%
Deadline	All 3 essays to be handed in by January 2012

GCSE ELBS (Environmental and Land Based Science)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	OCR
Syllabus number	J650
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	3
Name of paper 1	Unit B493: Management of the Natural Environment
Weighting of paper?	16.7
Length?	45 mins
When?	June of L5th with a possibility to retake in Jan U5th
Name of paper 2	Unit B491: Plant Cultivation
Weighting of paper?	16.7% of total grade
Length?	45 mins
When?	January of U5th with a possibility to retake in June of U5th
Name of paper 3	Unit B494: Care of Animals
Weighting of paper?	16.7% of total grade
Length?	45 mins
When?	June of U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Unit B496: Coursework electronic portfolio Practical Skills
Weighting	12.5% of total grade
Start	In lessons throughout the L5th and U5th
Finish	By April 2012
Coursework Essay:	2
Name of C/W 1	Work related report
Weighting	14.7% of total grade
Deadline	Autumn half term in U5th
Name of C/W 2	Investigative project
Weighting	22.8% of total grade
Deadline	Spring Half term of U5th

GCSE French

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2FR01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5FR01 Listening
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	30 min Foundation Tier 40 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Name of paper 2	5FR03 Reading
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	35 min Foundation Tier 50 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Controlled Assignment:	4 (2 in Speaking and 2 in Writing)
Name of CA in Speaking	5FR02 Controlled Assessment Speaking (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 10 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 11
CA 2 Start	week 10 (Spring term U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 11
Name of CA in Writing	5FR04 Controlled Assessment Writing (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 5 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 6
CA 2 Start	week 5 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 6

GCSE Geography

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4032
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Physical Geography
Weighting of paper?	37.5% total grade 75 marks
Length?	1 hour 30 min
When?	June L5th (with a possibility to retake in June of U5th)
Name of paper 2	Human Geography
Weighting of paper?	37.5% total grade 75 marks
Length?	1 hour 30 min
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Investigate the impacts of tourism within a locality.
Weighting	25% of total grade 60 marks
Start	Start of Autumn Term U5th
Finish	Week 9 Autumn Term U5th

GCSE German

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2GN01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5GN01 Listening
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	30 min Foundation Tier 40 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Name of paper 2	5GN03 Reading
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	35 min Foundation Tier 50 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Controlled Assignment:	4 (2 in Speaking and 2 in Writing)
Name of CA in Speaking	5GN02 Controlled Assessment Speaking (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 11 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 12
CA 2 Start	week 9 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 10
Name of CA in Writing	5GN04 Controlled Assessment Writing (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 6 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 7
CA 2 Start	week 4 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 5

GCSE Greek

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	OCR
Syllabus number	J291
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	4
Name of paper 1	Language(mythology and domestic life)
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of paper 2	Language (history)
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of Paper 3	Prose Literature
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of Paper 4	Verse Literature
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th

GCSE History

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4045 History B
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of Paper 1	Unit 1: International Relations: Conflict and Peace in the 20 th Century.
Weighting of Unit?	37.5% of total grade
Length?	1 hr and 45 mins
When?	June U5th (some students may take this Unit in January 2012)
Name of Paper 2	Unit 2: 20 th Century Depth Studies.
Weighting of paper?	37.5% of total grade
Length?	1 hr and 45 mins
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Unit 3: Historical Enquiry: British History.
Weighting	25% of total grade
Start	Start of Autumn Term U5th
Finish	October Half Term U5th

IGCSE Food and Nutrition (Home Economics)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Cambridge
Syllabus number	0648
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	Paper 1 - Theory
Weighting of paper?	50% of total grade
Length?	2 hours
When?	June U5th
Name of paper 2	Paper 2 - Practical
Weighting of paper?	50% of total grade
Length?	1 ½ hours Planning Session 2 ½ hours Practical Session
When?	Week 8-11, Spring Term U5th

GCSE ICT

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2IT01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	ICT Unit 1: Living in a digital world
Weighting of paper	40%
Length?	90 minutes
When?	June U5th
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Unit 2: Using digital tools
Weighting	60%
Start	Week 5 Spring Term L5th
Finish	Week 6 Spring Term U5th

GCSE Italian

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2IN01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5IN01 Listening
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	30 min Foundation Tier 40 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Name of paper 2	5IN03 Reading
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	35 min Foundation Tier 50 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Controlled Assignment:	4 (2 in Speaking and 2 in Writing)
Name of CA in Speaking	5IN02 Controlled Assessment Speaking (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 10 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 11
CA 2 Start	week 10 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 11
Name of CA in Writing	5IN04 Controlled Assessment Writing (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 5 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 6
CA 2 Start	week 5 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 6

GCSE Latin

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	OCR
Syllabus number	J281
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	4
Name of paper 1	Language(mythology and domestic life)
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of paper 2	Language (history)
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of Paper 3	Prose Literature
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th
Name of Paper 4	Verse Literature
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	1 hr
When?	June of U5th

GCSE Mandarin

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2CN01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5CN01 Listening
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	30 min Foundation Tier 40 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Name of paper 2	5CN03 Reading
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	35 min Foundation Tier 50 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Controlled Assignment:	4 (2 in Speaking and 2 in Writing)
Name of CA in Speaking	5CN02 Controlled Assessment Speaking (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 11 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 12
CA 2 Start	week 9 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 10
Name of CA in Writing	5CN4 Controlled Assessment Writing (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 6 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 7
CA 2 Start	week 4 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 5

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE lessons per fortnight	8
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	GCSE Mathematics B (2MB01)
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	3
Name of paper 1	Module 1
Weighting of paper?	30% of total grade
Length?	75 min (with calculator)
When?	June of L5th (possibility of retake in June of U5th)
Name of paper 2	Module 2
Weighting of paper?	30% of total grade
Length?	75 min (non calculator)
When?	November of U5th (possibility of retake in June of U5th)
Name of paper 3	Module 3
Weighting	40% of total grade
Length?	Higher Tier 105 min (with Calculator) Foundation Tier 90 min (with Calculator)
When?	June of U5th
Coursework Essay	No coursework or controlled assessment

GCSE Music

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4272
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	Listening to and Appraising Music 42701
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	1 hour
When?	June of U5th
Name of paper 2	Performing Music 42703
Weighting of paper?	40% of total grade
Length?	Approximately 10 minutes
When?	Spring Term U5th
Controlled Assignment:	2
Name of CA 1	Composing Music 42704 (20 hours in total of composition done in lessons with two additional evening sessions)
Weighting	20% of total grade
Start	Summer Term L5th
Finish	Summer Term L5th (completed)
Name of CA 2	Composing and Appraising Music 42702 (25 hours in total of composition done in lessons with two additional evening sessions)
Weighting	20%
Start	Autumn Term U5th Three x 4 hour sessions (4-8pm): 10, 24 November, 26 January (U5F) or 8, 22 November, 24 January (U5E) 13 hours will be completed in lesson time
Finish	Spring Term U5th

GCSE Physical Education (PE)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2PE01
Modular Syllabus?	No
External Examinations:	1
Name of paper 1	Unit 1: The Theory of Physical Education
Weighting of paper?	40 % of total grade
Length?	1 hour 30 minutes
When?	June (U5th)
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	Unit 2: Performance in Physical Education (2 sections) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 2.1: Practical performance 5 tasks, 4 performances each marked out of 10 for 48% ○ Section 2.2: Analysis of Performance Marked out of 20 for 12%
Weighting	60 % of total grade
Start	Conducted across the 2 year course
Finish	Conducted across the 2 year course

GCSE Physics

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4451
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	3
Name of paper 1	P1a and P1b
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	30 min each - 1 hour total
When?	Nov and Jan L5th (with a possibility of retake in Jan or June U5th)
Name of paper 2	PHY02
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 min
When?	Jan of U5th
Name of paper 3	PHY03
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade
Length?	45 min
When?	June U5
Controlled Assignment:	1
Name of CA	ISA
Weighting	25% of total grade
Nature of task	Planning and carrying out at least one investigation and then analysing results. This takes around a week of lessons for each. Followed by a 45 minute test paper in class for each using the investigations and students results.
When?	Can be attempted several times with different investigation titles and the best is submitted. Several opportunities will be scheduled into normal lessons throughout the lower and upper fifth years.

GCSE Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	6
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	RS01
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5RS01 Religion and Life based on a study of Christianity and at least one other religion
Weighting of paper?	50%of total grade
Length?	1hour 30 min
When?	Summer of U5th
Name of paper 2	5RS02 Religion and Society based on a study of Christianity and at least one other religion
Weighting of paper?	50% of total grade
Length?	1hour 30 min
When?	Summer of U5th

GCSE Science A (Single Award)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4461
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	6
Name of papers	Biology 1 A and 1B, Chemistry 1A and 1B, Physics 1A and 1B
Weighting of paper?	12.5% of total grade each
Length?	30 minutes
When?	All 1A papers taken in L5th year with a possibility to retake at the same time as their corresponding B Units in the U5th Units BLY1B Nov 2011, CHY1B March 2012, PHY1B June 2012
Controlled Assignment:	YES
Name of CA	ISA
Weighting	One totalling 25% of total grade
Nature of task	Planning and carrying an investigation and then analysing results. This takes around a week of lessons for each investigation. Followed by a 45 minute test papers in class using the investigations and students results.
When?	Can be attempted several times with different investigation titles and the best one is submitted. Several opportunities will be scheduled into normal lessons throughout the lower and upper fifth years.

GCSE Additional Science (Double Science)

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	AQA
Syllabus number	4463
Modular Syllabus?	Yes
Examinations:	3
Name of papers	Biology 2, Chemistry 2, Physics 2
Weighting of paper?	25% of total grade each
Length?	1 hour
When?	Two in January 2013 and one in June 2014. <i>Note: Students will also have taken all of the Single Science examinations (see previous page) in L5h with an opportunity to retake the Unit 1 exams in Nov of U5th</i>
Controlled Assignment:	YES
Name of CA	ISA
Weighting	One totalling 25% of total grade
Nature of task	Planning and carrying out one investigations and then analysing results. This takes around a week of lessons for each investigation. Followed by a 45 minute test paper in class using the investigations and students results.
When?	Can be attempted several times with different investigation titles and the best one is submitted. Several opportunities will be scheduled into normal lessons in the course of the year.

GCSE Spanish

GCSE lessons per fortnight	5
Board	Edexcel
Syllabus number	2SP01
Modular Syllabus?	No
Examinations:	2
Name of paper 1	5SP01 Listening
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	30 min Foundation Tier 40 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Name of paper 2	5SP03 Reading
Weighting of paper?	20% of total grade
Length?	35 min Foundation Tier 50 min Higher Tier
When?	May/June U5
Controlled Assignment:	2
Name of CA	5SP02 Controlled Assessment Speaking (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 11 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 12
CA 2 Start	week 9 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 10
Controlled Assignment:	4 (2 in Speaking and 2 in Writing)
Name of CA	5SP04 Controlled Assessment Writing (2 separate tasks)
Weighting	30% of total grade
CA 1 Start	week 6 (Autumn term of U5th)
CA 1 Finish	week 7
CA 2 Start	week 4 (Spring term of U5th)
CA 2 Finish	week 5

