

Overview of the GCSE Option course

Continuing from the successful completion of the OCR National course in year 10 pupils will complete the AQA GCSE course in Year 11. This course will be following in all 5 lessons that are set for the boys.

The course is split into two pieces of coursework and one written exam paper. The coursework is worth 60% of their overall grade and the exam is worth 40%.

For the first two terms of year 11 the pupils will spend 4 lessons a week completing their coursework and one lesson learning the theory work for their exam. Once the coursework is completed all five lessons will be spent on theory work and going over past papers.

The course covers a variety of topics such as:

- Using different pieces of software
- Hardware and software
- Storage Devices
- Operating Systems
- Use of graphics packages
- System life cycle
- Web Design
- Networks and communications

Examinations/ Key Assessment

Coursework is marked internally and standardised. These marks will then be verified by an external moderator and awarded to the pupil. The written exam is marked by moderators from the examining body (AQA) and is not seen by staff within the school. Once all components are marked the marks will be collated and the correct grade will be awarded to the pupil.

How Parents can help

Homework will be given out at least once a week and may be in the form of revision, research or completion of a coursework task. It will be expected that every boy will also attend one after school club in the ICT suites per week. While in these sessions the boys will be able to complete any aspect of their ICT work with the assistance of a member of staff. These sessions will be monitored and reported upon in school reports as homework.

These sessions are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.