

St David's College

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Level 2 Options 2020-2021

Level 2 Option Choices

This GCSE options book contains descriptions of the subjects offered at St David's College. It is always difficult to make such an important decision, especially which subjects to give up. To ensure that pupils have the maximum support and flexibility in choosing their subjects, we start our process early in the year. At this stage pupils are asked to start thinking about their choices for September and early within the spring term, they will be asked to make their provisional choices about which GCSE subjects they wish to take. The results of these will then be used to form the four option blocks from which pupils will make their final decisions later in the spring term. If a pupil changes their mind after making their final decision, they should speak to Mr. Turner (Assistant Head – Academic) directly to discuss the potential move. On return to school in September the pupils will then start their chosen subjects.

The new government education initiatives provide learning pathways for children aged 14 to 19. This has introduced options other than GCSE into our curriculum. The intention is to offer optional vocational routes to further education, which may suit the learning styles of some pupils. These are predominantly Level 2 BTEC qualifications, which are equivalent to a GCSE and full descriptions of these can be found under the subject headings.

English Language, Mathematics and Science are compulsory at Level 2 and English Literature is recommended to the majority of pupils. There are pathways within Science, Coordinated Science (pupils study all three sciences, this is the equivalent to two GCSE's) and the BTEC Level 2 in Science, which is assessed in a variety of ways including portfolio work and practical assessments.

The other subjects that pupils will also study but will not be formally assessed on include GSE (General Social Education), Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Entrepreneurship.

Pupils should spend the next couple of weeks considering which subjects they would like to take in readiness for selecting their provisional choices that will form the option blocks. When the blocks are published, pupils will then make their final decisions later within the spring term. Additionally, those who have three or more specialist support lessons may need to leave one block empty to provide time for these lessons to be timetabled.

Recommendations

We will always do our best to accommodate pupil choices, although it is not always possible for every pupil's first choices to fit into the option blocks. Therefore, it is recommended the pupils have a reserve choice listed also.

Pupils should:

- Choose a course they will enjoy
- Choose a course they are interested in.
- Review the subject information on the next few pages carefully.
- Ask the advice of their subject teachers and personal tutors.
- Discuss the process with their family.

Pupils should not:

- Choose a course because their friends have.
- Choose a course because they think is might be easy.
- Make a decision hastily
- Drop any subject they may want to study in Sixth Form
- Drop any subject they may require for entry into a particular occupation or course of further study.

Art & Design

Exam Body

Eduqas

Head of Department

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The GCSE course in Art and Design gives our pupils opportunities to express themselves in a myriad of creative ways. The emphasis is upon inspiring personal approaches that develop both the conceptual and technical skills of our pupils. The specification offers a primarily practical course with maximum opportunities for a stimulating experience of creativity and art, craft and design making activities. Pupils will also be encouraged to monitor their own individual progress through self-assessment and there are opportunities too for pupils to study the works of other artists, craftsmen and designers.

Course Structure

In the first two terms of the course, candidates will pursue a general creative approach covering all the syllabus areas (i.e. a Foundation year). In the Summer Term, candidates may continue to pursue a broad multi-disciplinary approach, in either 3D or 2D areas within the department.

Areas of study

• Art, Craft & Design (general/multi-disciplinary).

Course content

The content is divided into two parts:

Coursework and Controlled Test.

1. Coursework Portfolio (60%)

A portfolio of works exploring a range of creative approaches, culminating in a selection of finished works, supported by sketchbooks. Candidates will be encouraged to assess their own performance, effort, attainment, etc. on completion of each aspect of their portfolio

2. Controlled Test (40%)

A number of themes and tasks will be presented as starting points for a sustained focus study culminating in a ten-hour test. Typically, there will be approximately 6 weeks preparation time to enable this.



Business Studies

Exam Body

Pearson (GCSE)

Head of Department

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The Business Studies syllabus allows pupils to develop their understanding of business activity in the public and private sectors, and the importance of innovation and change. Pupils find out how the major types of business organisation are established, financed and run, and how their activities are regulated. Factors influencing business decision-making are also considered, as are the essential values of cooperation and interdependence.

Entrepreneurship

There are also opportunities to get out of the classroom and into real business environments, to run a mini-business in school and to take part in business competitions such as The Student Investor Challenge and The Tenner Challenge. This is an excellent area of study for cementing skills and complementing research and evaluation techniques in other subject areas. It also provides a platform in developing a sound business understanding to improve employability and prepare for further study within the subject.

Areas of study

- Enterprise and entrepreneurship.
- Spotting a business opportunity.
- Putting a business idea into practice.
- Making the business effective.
- Understanding external influences on business.
- Growing the business.
- Making marketing decisions.
- Making operational decisions.
- Making financial decisions.
- Making human resource decisions.

Assessment

- Written Paper 1 50% (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Written Paper 2 50% (1 hour 30 minutes)

Both papers are divided into three sections and consist of calculations, multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-writing questions. Calculators may also be used in the examination and each paper has a total of 90 marks available.



Performing Arts

Exam Body

Pearson (BTEC Level 2)

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The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts is designed to provide an engaging and stimulating introduction to the world of performing arts. The qualification builds on learning from Key Stage 3 for those who wish to explore a vocational route throughout Key Stage 4.

It has been developed to:

- encourage personal development through practical participation and performance in a range of performing arts disciplines.
- give pupils a wider understanding and appreciation of performing arts through defined pathways.
- give pupils the opportunity to develop a range of skills, techniques and personal attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

The qualification also provides opportunities for pupils to focus on the development of personal, learning and thinking skills, within a performing arts context.

Employers value employees who can communicate effectively both verbally and using electronic communication methods. This qualification provides opportunities for pupils to develop their communication skills as they progress through the course.

Course content

Pupils will study three units over the two years. Two units are compulsory core units and the third is chosen from one of the optional specialist units, as seen in the chart below.

This award, therefore, offers a choice of pathways, which provide programmes of study to suit individual needs.

Pathways that are available here a St. David's are:

- Acting
- Dance
- Production
- Musical Theatre

Unit	Core units	Assessment method	
1	Individual Showcase	External	30
2	Preparation, Performance and Productions	Internal	30
3	Acting Skills	Internal	60
4	Dance Skills	Internal	60
5	Musical Theatre Skills	Internal	60
6	Music Performance Skills	Internal	60
7	Production Skills for Performance	Internal	60





Assessment approach

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts includes one externally assessed unit in the core to introduce externality into vocational programmes of study.

The assessment approach for the internally assessed units in the qualification structure enables pupils to receive feedback on their progress throughout the course as they provide evidence towards meeting the unit assessment criteria.

Evidence for assessment may be generated through a range of activities, including practical performance; such as the school musical production. As this is performed at one of our local theatres the assignment experience provides for a more realistic and motivating basis for learning and can start to ensure learning serves the needs of local areas.

Pupils will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and achievement, taking account of the industry standards for behaviour and performance.

What Next?

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts provides a good foundation for further study within the sector through progression on to qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals, specifically the Pearson BTEC Level 3 in Performing Arts.

From the knowledge and skills developed in this qualification pupils may also expect to seek employment at a junior level working with companies in the performing arts and related sectors in a range of roles, including; stage management, production and set design; and related administration and technical roles.



English Language

Exam Body

Edexcel

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English Language is a compulsory subject which aims to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing. There is a single tier entry which leads to iGCSE grades 9 to 1.

There is one unit for examination and two written coursework units which examine pupils' ability to write analytically and creatively. It is anticipated that the majority of coursework will be completed in Year 10.

Assessment

Exam (60%)

One 2-hour 15-minute paper divided as follows:

Reading:

- Unprepared passage
- Section A of the Edexcel Anthology
- One comparison question

Writing:

- Transactional writing
- To inform, explain, describe

Coursework (60%)

Two coursework assignments:

- Analytical essay exploring a topic in two texts and a short commentary
- 2. Personal and imaginative writing piece.



English Literature

Exam Body

Edexcel

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English Literature is an integral part of the English Language course, but many pupils may take the English Literature exam as well, leading to an additional iGCSE award. There is a single tier of entry which leads to grades 9-1. The English Literature iGCSE is 60% exam and 40% coursework, with pupils sitting one paper at the end of Year 11.

The course is an excellent taster for English Literature A Level and for anyone with an interest in reading, the theatre and films.

Assessment

Exam (60%)

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- Question on an unprepared poem
- One comparative question on texts previously studied in class from Part 3 of the Edexcel Anthology (Choice of two questions.)

Coursework (40%)

Modern Dramo

 One essay on a drama text studied in class (An Inspector Calls)

Prose

 One essay on a Literary Heritage text studied in class (Romeo and Juliet).



Geography

Exam Body

Eduqas

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The GCSE Geography specification ensures pupils achieve the following objectives; they will develop the ability to think:

- creatively, for example, by posing questions that relate to geographical processes and concepts;
- scientifically by collecting and recording appropriate evidence from a range of sources, including fieldwork;
- independently by applying geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and approaches appropriately and creatively to real world contexts.

The specification will allow for pupils to broaden their general Geographical knowledge whilst gaining a solid grasp of local, national and international issues. It will also prepare all pupils to continue with this successful subject into A level.

Assessment

Paper 1

In Paper 1 which contributes 35% and is 1hr 30mins in length, the contents and themes will be.

- A. Landscape and physical processes
- B. Rural-Urban links
- C. Tetonic landscapes and hazards

Paper 2

In Paper 2, where the contents will be studied during year 11, again this contributes 35% and is 1hr 30mins in length, the contents and themes will be:

- A. Weather, climate and ecosystems
- B. Development and resource issues
- C. Social development

Paper 3

Paper 3 will contribute 30% and is 1hr 30mins in length. The paper will assess the pupils' knowledge and use of fieldwork data and will be in three parts.





Exam Body

AQA

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Paper 1:

America 1840-1895: Expansion and consolidation

This period study focuses on the development of America during a turbulent half century of change. It was a period of expansion and consolidation – the expansion to the west and consolidation of the United States as a nation. Pupils will study the political, economic, social and cultural aspects of these two developments and the role ideas played in bringing about change. They will also look at the role of key individuals and groups in shaping change and the impact the developments had on them.

Conflict and tension 1894-1918

This wider world depth study enables pupils to understand the complex and diverse interests of the Great Powers and other states. It focuses on the causes, nature and conclusion of the First World War and seeks to show how and why conflict occurred, and why it proved difficult to bring the war to a conclusion. This study also considers the role of key individuals and groups in shaping change and how they were affected by and influenced international relations.

Paper 2:

Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day

This thematic study will enable pupils to gain an understanding of how medicine and public health developed in Britain over a long period of time. It considers the causes, scale, nature

Course Content

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world

Paper 2: Shaping the nation

and consequences of short and long-term developments, their impact on British society and how they were related to the key features and characteristics of the periods during which they took place. Although the focus of this study is the development of medicine and public health in Britain, it will draw on wider world developments that impacted on the core themes. Pupils will have the opportunity to see how some ideas and events in the wider world affected Britain and will promote the idea that key themes did not develop in isolation, but these ideas and events should be referenced in terms of their effects on the core theme for Britain and British people.

Elizabethan England, c1568-1603

This option allows pupils to study a specified period, the last 35 years of Elizabeth I's reign. The study will focus on major events of Elizabeth I's reign considered from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints, and arising contemporary and historical controversies.

The historic environment of Elizabethan England the historic environment is 10% of the overall course, which equates to approximately 12 hours out of 120 guided learning hours. Pupils will be examined on a specific site in depth. This site will be as specified and will be changed annually. The site will relate to the content of the rest of this depth study. It is intended that study of different historic environments will enrich pupils' understanding of Elizabethan England.



Design & Technology

Exam Body

WJEC

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Trains, planes, cars, roads, bridges, artificial heart valves and computer games all have one thing in common - they are designed objects and would not exist without qualified mechanical, civil and electronic engineers, architects, graphic designers, etc. All of these professions have to start somewhere and this is it!

Assessment

Component 1:

Design and Technology in the 21st Century

Written examination:

2 hours, 50% of aualification

A mix of short answer, structured and extended writing questions assessing candidates' knowledge and understanding of:

- technical principles
- designing and making principles along with their ability to
- analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology.

Component 2:

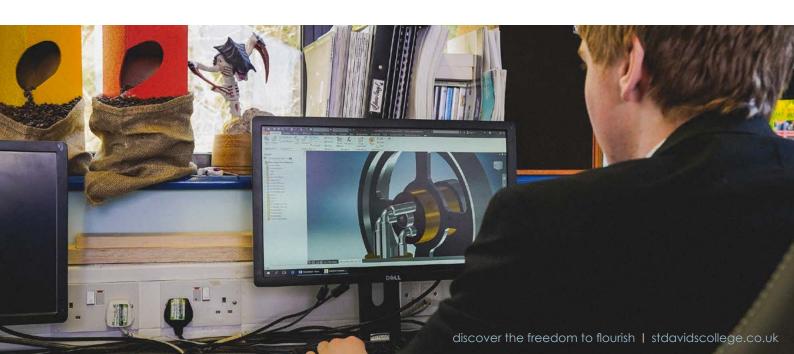
Design and make task

Non-exam assessment:

Approximately 35 hours, 50% of qualification

A sustained design and make task, based on contextual challenge set by WJEC, assessing candidates' ability to:

- identify, investigate and outline design possibilities
- design and make prototypes
- analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology.



Mathematics

Exam Body

Edexcel

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Mathematics is the means of looking at the patterns that make up our world and the intricate and beautiful ways in which they are constructed and realised. Numeracy is the means of making that knowledge useful.

Mathematics contributes to the school curriculum by developing pupils' abilities to calculate; to reason logically, algebraically, and geometrically; to solve problems and to handle data. Mathematics is important for pupils in many other areas of study, particularly Science and Technology.

It is also important in everyday living, in many forms of employment, and in public decision-making. As a subject in its own right, Mathematics presents frequent opportunities for creativity, and can stimulate moments of pleasure and wonder. When a problem is solved for the first time or a more elegant solution to a problem is discovered or when hidden connections suddenly manifest.

It enables pupils to build a secure framework of mathematical reasoning, which they can use and apply with confidence. The power of mathematical reasoning lies in its use of precise and concise forms of language, symbolism and representation to reveal and explore general relationships. These mathematical forms are widely used for modelling situations, a trend accelerated by computational technologies.

Course Cotent

The specification we follow consists of three separate units to be sat in the summer of Year 11

Each paper is offered at either Foundation level (Grades 1 - 5) or Higher (4 - 9)

- All papers are 1 hour 30 minutes in length.
- Calculators are allowed on two of the papers and not allowed on the third.



Modern Foreign Languages

Exam Body

Edexcel (iGCSE)

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Sometimes it's not immediately obvious that a language could be useful, but it is a concrete fact that young people who have studied a language are among the most employable, not only for their language knowledge but also for the communication skills and cultural knowledge they have acquired. Linguists also develop many transferrable skills such as logic, reasoning and creative thinking.

Why take a language?

- It's a multilingual world not everyone speaks English. 75% of the world does not speak English at all.
- A little language can make a lot of difference.
 More jobs than you can imagine need language
 skills. A language will give you the edge in the
 job market. In fact, many businesses are choosing
 to employ other graduates from other European
 countries over British graduates due to their
 enhanced language skills.
- Languages improve the quality of your life and your understanding of how other people live and think. You can travel more and meet new people. Travelling and meeting people from other countries is made easier by showing your understanding of a second European language.

Course Content

St David's College offers Spanish as a second language for International GCSE.

What does an iGCSE consist of?

- 25% Listening paper (35-45 minutes)
- 50% Reading and Writing paper (90 minutes)
- 25% Speaking exam
 (10 minutes with your teacher)





Exam Body

Pearson (BTEC level 2)

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Course Outline: A two-year course assessed by both internal assignments (3 units) and external examinations via an online test (1 unit).

What will be covered?

Unit 1: External examination unit (Onscreen) taken June Year 10 1-hour test; 50 marks in total; mixture of objective and short mark questions.

Unit 2: Practical sports performance (internally assessed)

- Pupils take part in a variety of activities of which two will be selected.
- Produce a log book to demonstrate knowledge of rules and areas they have improved on in those sports.

Unit 3: The Mind and Sports Performance

- Investigate personality and its effects on sports performance.
- Explore the influence that motivation and selfconfidence have on sports performance.
- Know about arousal and anxiety, and the effects they have on sports performance.

Assesment

Pupils will be assessed continually for the internally assessed units through a mixture of written reports, video evidencing and presentations that the pupil gives.

Year 10 Options pupils will be assessed against are level 1 Pass, level 2 Merit, leve 2 Distinction and level 2 Distinction* (all equivalent to GCSE aradina).

Unit 5: Training for personal fitness (internally assessed)

- Design and take part in a personal fitness plan.
- Pupils will need to improve their fitness over the course.
- Be able to safely exercise and advise others on how to do this.

Unit 6: Leading Sports Activities (internally assessed)

- Understand about the specific roles and responsibilities of a sports leader.
- Plan and deliver their own sports session.
- be able to review and look to develop their leading ability.



Applied Science

Exam Body

Pearson (BTEC level 2)

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The Principles of Applied Science Award has been designed to deliver the Key Stage 4 Programme of Study for science by covering the key scientific principles vital for both scientists and citizens of the future. The qualification is appropriate for learners of all abilities who will benefit from a practical and applied approach to learning in a vocational context. It has been developed to:

- Exemplify scientific principles in vocational contexts, leading to an understanding of how those principles are applied in practice.
- Give learners the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of science
- Give learners the opportunity to develop a range of related skills and techniques that are essential for successful performance in working life
- Give opportunities for learners to achieve a nationally recognised level 1 or level 2 science qualification and support progression into a more specialised level 3 vocational or academic course or into an apprenticeship
- Give full-time learners the opportunity to enter potential employment within a wide range of science sectors such as process, industrial, medical, or forensic.

Assesment

- 1 Principles of Science External examination
- 2 Chemistry and Our Earth Internal Assessment
- 3 Energy and Our Universe Internal Assessment
- 4 Biology and Our Environment Internal Assessment

Vocational learning in science is critical to enabling technical roles in the STEM sector to be supported. The qualification is appropriate for learners of all abilities who benefit from a practical and applied approach to learning in a vocational context. From the knowledge and skills developed in this qualification, a pupil may expect to seek employment at a junior level working in companies that manufacture pharmaceuticals, computerchip technology materials and food products; or in companies that investigate the causes of disease and help to combat pollution; or with energy companies and those that manufacture products reliant upon energy.



Combined Science

Exam Body CIE (iGCSE)

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Combined Science (Single)

The Cambridge IGCSE Combined Science course gives learners the opportunity to study Biology, Chemistry and Physics, each covered in separate syllabus sections. It is a single award qualification, earning one grade. Learners gain an understanding of the basic principles of each subject through a mix of theoretical and practical studies, while also developing an understanding of the scientific skills essential for further study. This course would allow pupils to continue studying science at level 3 through the Applied Science BTEC route. Pupils would not be able to access the traditional A level science subjects (Biology, Chemistry and Physics).

The Cambridge Science Combined course allows pupils to learn how science is studied and practised and become aware that the results of scientific research can have both good and bad effects on individuals, communities and the environment. As well as focusing on the individual sciences, the syllabus helps learners to understand the technological world in which they live and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments.

Assesment

Extended

Paper 2 – 30% multiple choice Paper 4 – 50% Theory Paper 5 or 6 – 220% Practical test or question-based paper

Combined Science (Double)

Pupils on this course will study general science coordinated IGCSE worth two GCSE's. They will study aspects of each of the three sciences; Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. This course is most commonly chosen and provides pupils with a broad understanding of science and the requirements to study at a higher level.

The Cambridge Science Co-ordinated course allows pupils to learn how science is studied and practiced and become aware that the results of scientific research can have both good and bad effects on individuals, communities and the environment. As well as focusing on the individual sciences, the syllabus enables candidates to better understand the technological world they live in and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. By following the course pupils will:

- have a better understand the technological world, with an informed interest in scientific matters.
- learn to recognise the usefulness (and limitations) of the scientific method and how to apply this to other disciplines in everyday life.
- develop relevant attitudes, such as concern for accuracy and precision, objectivity, integrity, enquiry initiative and inventiveness.
- agin further interest and care for the environment
- have a better understand the influence and limitations placed on scientific study by society, economy, technology, ethics, the community and the environment
- develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for both further study at A level and everyday life.

Biology Chemistry Physics B1. Characteristics of living P1. Motion C1. The particulate nature of matter organisms C2. Experimental techniques P2. Matter and forces B2 Cells C3. Atoms, elements and compounds P3. Energy, work and power B3. Enzymes C4. Stoichiometry P4. Simple kinetic molecular model of matter B4. Nutrition C5. Electricity and chemistry P5. Matter and thermal properties B5. Transportation C6. Energy changes in chemical reactions P6. Transfer of thermal energy P7. Waves **B6.** Respiration C7. Chemical reactions B7. Co-ordination and response C8. Acids, bases and salts P9. Electromagnetic spectrum P10. Sound **B8.** Reproduction C9. The Periodic Table P11. Magnetism* B9. Inheritance * C10. Metals P12. Electricity B10. Energy flow in ecosystems C11. Air and water P13. Electric circuits B11. Human influences on the C12. Sulfur * P14. Electromagnetic effects* ecosystem C13. Carbonates * P15. Radioactivity*

Engineering

Exam Body

WJEC

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Engineers can have a major impact on industry and society. The achievements they have made have improved the quality of everyday life, from the buildings we live and work in to the transport we use to get around and how we enjoy our leisure time. Engineers are able to find solutions to problems, whether it is adapting or combining materials used to produce a product to make it withstand severe weather conditions or fixing materials in a different way to make something more portable. Problem solving is critical to working in engineering. Finding solutions to problems to ensure a product is fit for purpose involves:

- learning about materials
- design processes
- engineering processes
- safe use of tools and equipment
- maths that engineers use.

WJEC Level 2 Award in Engineering is designed to mainly support learners in schools and colleges who want to learn about engineering from the design and planning perspective. It provides learners with a broad introduction to the engineering sector and the types of career opportunities available. It is mainly suitable as a foundation for further study. This further study could provide learners with the awareness of the work of different types of job roles in the sector such as design engineers, civil engineers, technicians and mechanical engineers. As a result,

they may wish to start an apprenticeship or continue with their studies into higher education in order to pursue those job roles.

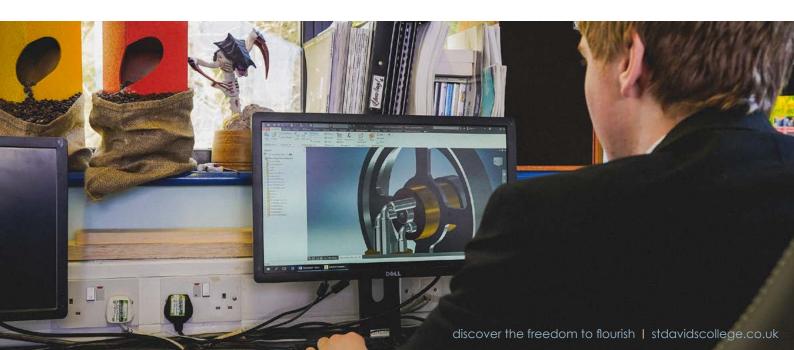
The successful completion of this qualification, together with other equivalent qualifications, such as maths and sciences, could provide the learner with opportunities to access a range of qualifications including GCE, apprenticeships, vocationally related and occupational qualifications. These include:

- GCEs in Physics or DT
- Diplomas in Engineering
- Apprenticeships in Engineering.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification. It is likely to be studied by 14-16 year olds in schools alongside GCSEs.

Qualification Structure

Unit Number	Unit Title	Assessment	GLH
1	Engineering design	Internal	30
2	Producing engineering products	Internal	60
3	Solving engineering problems	External	30





Accreditation / Cash-in

When a course, or part of a course, is given credit or certification by an examining body.

AQA

AQA Education is an Exam Board and awards qualifications

BTEC

A vocational qualification which is mainly assessed by continual assessment. Many BTECs have an examination in Year 11, but in most cases, this is a small element of the course. A Level 2 BTEC is equivalent to 1 or 2 GCSEs at A*-C grade. A Level 1 BTEC is equivalent

to a GCSE at grades D-G

Coursework/Controlled Assesment

Those parts of the work which are done during Years 10 and 11 and which count towards the GCSE result. More and more coursework is completed in controlled conditions in school. These are called Controlled Assessments.

EDEXCEL

Edexcel is an Exam Board and awards qualifications

EDUQAS

Edugas an Exam Board and awards qualifications. It is a division of the Welsh Exam board.

GCSE / GCSE short course

General Certificate of Secondary Education: a system of examinations, with a scale of grades A*-G. A Short Course GCSE is equivalent to half a full GCSE.

Key Stage 4 (KS4)

This is the National Curriculum term for work usually completed in Years 10 and 11, although some of our KS4 courses have commenced in Year 9.

Levels of tiered entry

In some subjects the examination is split into levels of ability, with different papers for each level, and different grades awarded to each level.

Linear

This describes a course which has one exam at the end.

Modular

This is a course which has smaller exams which all add up to the overall examination.

OCR

OCR is an Exam Board and awards qualifications.

Vocational courses

GCSE, CACHE or BTEC courses that are based upon specific career/vocational areas such as Music and Business. A pass at BTEC level 2 is the equivalent of a C in GCSE.

WJEC

Welsh Joint Examination Committee is an Exam Board and awards qualifications.



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