

Exam Board Information by Subject

Subject	Exam Board	Spec No.	Components	% of GCSE	Grading
Biology	AQA	8461	Paper 1 - topics 1-4 Paper 2 - topics 5-7	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
Chemistry	AQA	8462	Paper 1 - topics 1-5 Paper 2 - topics 6-10	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
Combined Science Trilogy <i>Worth 2 GCSE awards</i> <i>Please note that topic numbers are as listed in the AQA Combined Science Trilogy specification</i>	AQA	8464	Biology Paper 1 - topics 1-4 Biology Paper 2 - topics 5-7 Chemistry Paper 1 - topics 9-13 Chemistry Paper 2 - topics 14-18 Physics Paper 1 - topics 20-23 Physics Paper 2 - topics 24-26	16.7% 16.7% 16.7% 16.7% 16.7% 16.7%	Grades 9-1
Computer Science	AQA	8520	Paper 1 - computational thinking & problem solving Paper 2 - Theory Component 3 - coursework	40.0% 40.0% 20.0%	Grades 9-1
Drama	AQA	8261	Paper 1 - understanding Drama Component 2 - devising Drama Component 3 - texts in practice	40.0% 40.0% 20.0%	Grades 9-1
Design Engineering	Edexcel/ Pearson	1DT0/1D	Paper 1 (option D) - written exam Non-exam assessment (coursework)	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
English Language	Edexcel/ Pearson	1EN0	Paper 1 - fiction & imaginative writing Paper 2 - non-fiction & transactional writing Component 3 - spoken language (<i>Pass, Merit or Distinction awarded alongside GCSE grade</i>)	40.0% 60.0% 0.0%	Grades 9-1 P,M or D
English Literature	Edexcel/ Pearson	1ET0	Paper 1 - Shakespeare & post-1914 literature Paper 2 - 19th-century novel & poetry	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
EPR	AQA	8062	Paper 1 - study of religions Paper 2 - thematic studies	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
Fine Art	Edexcel/ Pearson	1FA0	Component 1 - personal portfolio Component 2 - externally set assignment	60.0% 40.0%	Grades 9-1
French	AQA	8658	Paper 1 - Listening Paper 2 - Speaking Paper 3 - Reading Paper 4 - Writing	25.0% 25.0% 25.0% 25.0%	Grades 9-1
Geography	OCR	J384	Paper 1 - our natural world Paper 2 - people & society Paper 3 - geographical exploration	35.0% 35.0% 30.0%	Grades 9-1
German	AQA	8668	Paper 1 - Listening Paper 2 - Speaking Paper 3 - Reading Paper 4 - Writing	25.0% 25.0% 25.0% 25.0%	Grades 9-1
History	AQA	8145	Paper 1 - understanding the modern world Paper 2 - shaping the nation	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1

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Maths	AQA	8300	Paper 1 - non-calculator Paper 2 - calculator Paper 3 - calculator	33.3% 33.3% 33.3%	Grades 9-1
Music	Edexcel/ Pearson	1MU0	Component 1 - performing Component 2 - composing Paper 3 - appraising	30.0% 30.0% 40.0%	Grades 9-1
PE	AQA	8582	Paper 1 - the human body Paper 2 - socio-cultural influences Practical component* *Consisting of 30% practical performance (3 activities) undertaken in school or external evidence submitted by students (parents may be required to video external performance). The remaining 10% is written coursework completed by Easter 2018	30.0% 30.0% 40.0%	Grades 9-1
Physics	AQA	8463	Paper 1 - topics 1-4 Paper 2 - topics 5-8	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1
Spanish	AQA	8698	Paper 1 - Listening Paper 2 - Speaking Paper 3 - Reading Paper 4 - Writing	25.0% 25.0% 25.0% 25.0%	Grades 9-1
Statistics	Edexcel/ Pearson	1ST0	Paper 1 - written exam Paper 2 - written exam	50.0% 50.0%	Grades 9-1

Foundation and Higher tiers are available in Maths, Statistics, Science, Spanish, French and German.

Subject Teachers will advise the most appropriate tier for each student.

The selected tier applies to all exams in that subject.

It is not possible for a student to be entered for different tiers in the same subject.

The possible GCSE grade range for Foundation tier is Grade 5-1

Full details of specification content can be found on the Exam Board websites:

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