

The English Baccalaureate Subjects and Assessments

The brief overview below gives a taste of the requirements for your child's studies. Students will predominantly be taking exams in 2015 and will be required to have all components assessed at the end of the course. Modular courses have ceased.

Controlled Assessments (CA) and coursework are tasks undertaken in class under supervised conditions – ensuring that the “coursework” produced is completed under fair conditions of support and time. The level of supervision or support varies between subjects and examination boards.

In Science students undertake an ISA. This is a controlled assessment called an “investigative skills assessment.”

EXAM ROUTE	English Faculty		
English Language (Higher and Foundation)	Paper 1 – 2 hours – 50%	Paper 2 – 2 hours – 50% Or one significant piece of coursework - 50%	
English Literature (Higher and Foundation)	Prose and Cultures exam - 1 hour 30 minutes – 40%	Studied poetry and unseen poetry exam - 1 hour and 15 minutes – 35%	Controlled assessment x 1 – 25% Shakespeare and Literary Heritage study e.g Romeo and Juliet and a selection of poetry

EXAM ROUTE	Mathematics Faculty		
Mathematics (Higher and Foundation)	Non-calculator exam - 1 hour 45 minutes	Calculator exam - 1 hour 45 minutes	Examinations assess: 1. Number 2. Algebra 3. Geometry 4. Measures 5. Statistics 6. Probability

EXAM ROUTE	Science Faculty			
GCSE BIOLOGY	B1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	B2 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	B3 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	ISA – 25% CA
GCSE CHEMISTRY	C1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	C2 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	C3 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	ISA – 25% CA
GCSE PHYSICS	P1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	P2 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	P3 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	ISA – 25% CA
GCSE CORE SCIENCE A (Year 10 GCSE)	B1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	C1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	P1 – 25% - 1 hour written paper	ISA – 25% CA

EXAM ROUTE	Modern Languages Faculty			
Spanish/French				

Higher	Listening exam – 45 minutes – 20%	Reading exam - 50 minutes – 20%	CA – Speaking 2 x 4-7 minute prepared discussions, including 2 or 3 tenses	CA – Writing 2 x 250 - 300 word written pieces, produced after a research and preparation period.
Foundation	Listening exam – 30 minutes – 20%	Reading exam - 30 minutes – 20%	CA – Speaking 2 x 4-7 minute prepared discussions, including 2 tenses	CA – Writing 2 x 250 word written pieces, produced after a research and preparation period.

EXAM ROUTE	Humanities Faculty			
History	Written Paper – 1 hour 45 mins – 60 marks – 37.5% Unit 1: International Relations: Conflict and Peace in the 20th Century (90451)	Written Paper – 1 hour 45 mins – 69* marks – 37.5% Unit 2: 20th Century Depth Studies (90452)	Controlled Assessment – 40 marks – 25% Unit 3: Historical Enquiry British History (90453)	
Geography	Written paper – 1 hour 30 minutes – 86* marks – 37.5% Unit 1: Managing places in the 21st century	Written Paper – 1 hour 30 minutes – 86** marks – 37.5% Unit 2: Hostile world and Investigating the shrinking world	Controlled assessment – 60 marks – 25% Unit 3: Two tasks. Local investigation including fieldwork and Geographical issue investigation	