Year 10 Curriculum Booklet 2024-25



We offer a rich and inspiring curriculum enabling each individual to explore their potential, build on their strengths and discover their passion.

We do this by embedding a culture of respect, responsibility, resourcefulness and resilience.

Our curriculum journey empowers students to make successful life choices and meaningful contributions to society.



Year 10 Curriculum

Welcome to Year 10. This booklet outlines what you should expect to learn during Year 10 as you begin your GCSE and vocational courses. For more information about what you should know at the end of each topic, please refer to our website: https://www.newcollege.leicester.sch.uk/

All students study the core subjects:

- GCSE English language and GCSE English literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Triple Science)
- Physical Education
- Personal, social, health and economic education
- Careers, Citizenship, Computer Science, Sex and Relationship Education, Religious Education.

Students have also chosen 4 optional subjects to follow from those listed below. All are GCSE or equivalent qualifications:

Humanities	Languages	The Arts	Design & Technology	Other
Geography	French	Art	Engineering	Enterprise (Business)
History	Spanish	Music	Design Technology	Computer Science
Citizenship	*Additional	Performing Arts	Hospitality &	ICT – I Media
RE	Languages	(Drama)	Catering	Hair & Beauty
		Performing Arts	Textile Design	Health & Social Care
		(Dance)		Media Studies
				Sport

^{*}GCSEs in additional languages can be taken by students who can read, write and speak, with limited additional coaching, in the identified language.

Year 10 Tutor Team



The Year 10 tutor team is here to support you throughout your time at New College Leicester. Our email addresses are here, so that your parents can contact us if they need to:

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Homework 2024 – 2025

Homework develops positive study habits and independent learning.

Research shows that homework has a positive impact on progress. Homework has an impact by enabling pupils to undertake independent learning to practice and consolidate skills, conduct in depth inquiry, prepare for lessons or revise for exams. In addition, homework gives parents a chance to see what is being studied in school and teaches our students how to take responsibility for their part in the educational process.

- You should expect to receive homework from each subject every week
- You may need to complete additional work when a coursework deadline is approaching
- When homework is not set, you should review your learning from lessons in preparation for your final examination
- You would usually be given a full week to complete their homework.
- Each homework should take you between 1 hour and 1 hour and 30 minutes



English Language and Literature (2 GCSE's)

In year 10, students continue their journey to becoming expert readers, writers and speakers. Throughout year 10, students will study two core literature texts (Journey's End and Frankenstein) along with a range of poems from the Conflict anthology. As well as this, students will shape their craft at creating effective narratives, writing transactionally and in performing speeches. Oracy is embedded as part of teaching and learning, so opportunities throughout the year are provided for students to present independent, develop their discussion skills and to hold purposeful and focused debates.

Term	Unit		Key Concepts:	
Autumn 1&2			Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.	
	Narrative Writing		Writers use language and structure to convey meanings	
			Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.	
	Literature Paper 1 Section A:		Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.	
	Journey's End		Context informs interpretation	
			Writers use language and structure to convey meanings.	
	Literature Paper 2 Section B:		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.	
	Conflict Poetry 5 weeks	ت	Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.	
Spring 1	Literature Paper	he yea	Context informs interpretation	
and 2	2 Section A:	ut tl	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings	
	Frankenstein	rougho	Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.	
		on B: Conflict Poetry of the poems from the Conflict anthology throughout the year.	Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.	
Summer	English Paper 1	flict a	Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.	
1 and 2	Section A:	Conf	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings	
	Analysis of 19 th Century fiction	try n the (Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.	
	English Paper 2 Section A:	on B: Conflict Poetry of the poems from t	Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.	
	Analysis and	onfl	Context informs interpretation	
	comparison of	8: C	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings	
	non-fiction texts		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific	
	Section B: Transactional	2 Secti dy nine	meaning.	
	writing	Literature Paper 2 Secti		
	Spoken Language	Literature Paper Students will stuc		
	Study:	atu ent		
	Individual	ite r tud		
	Speeches	L S		



Mathematics (GCSE)

As with Key Stage 3, students are expected to progress through the curriculum when they are ready. This means that there is no formal end to Key Stage 3 or beginning to Key Stage 4.

GCSE Mathematics has a Foundation tier (grades 1-5) and a higher tier (grades 4-9). The course is assessed through three terminal papers at the end of Year 11. Content from any part of the specification may be assessed in any paper.

Topic	Key content
	Area of rectilinear shapes
Dimensions	Areas of circles and sectors
	 Properties of 3D shapes
	Volume and surface area
	Prisms and Pyramids
	Cones and spheres
	Metric and Imperial units
Units	 Conversion between units of area and volume
	 Compound units, e.g., Speed, Pressure and Density
	Upper and lower bounds
	• Congruence
Congruence	Congruent triangles
and Similarity	Similarity
	Similar solids
Pythagoras	 Pythagoras theorem in 2 and 3 dimensions
Theorem and	Trigonometry for right-triangles in 2 and 3 dimensions
Trigonometry	Exact values of trigonometric functions
	 Averages
	Frequency tables
Representing	Charts and graphs, including bar charts, pictograms, pie charts, scatter
and Analysing	diagrams, frequency polygons
Data	Histograms Cumulative Frequency and hey plots
	Cumulative Frequency and box plots Comparing distributions
	Comparing distributions
	Expressions, equations, identities, formulae
Quadratics	Expanding the product of two and three binomials
	• Factorisation
	Solving quadratic equations
	The quadratic formula
	Completing the square
	Roots and turning points

Real Life Graphs	 Rates of change Proportionality Speed, distance, time graphs Velocity time graphs
Simultaneous Equations	 Solving linear equations Solving simultaneous equations: using a graphical method by elimination by substitution Solving simultaneous equations where one function is linear and the other quadratic
Inequalities	 Inequality notation Solving linear inequalities Solving quadratic inequalities
Direct and Inverse Proportion	 The unitary method Direct proportion Inverse proportion Graphs of proportionality
Bounds	 Rounding using decimal places and significant figures Upper and lower bounds Error intervals
Powers and Roots	 Squares, cubes, powers and roots Laws of Indices Negative and fractional indices
Sine and Cosine Rule	 Trigonometry in right-angled triangles The Sine Rule The Cosine Rule

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Combined Science (2 GCSE's)

In Year 10, students will build on the knowledge and skills gained at Key Stage 3. Students will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics throughout the year. Biology is the study of life where students will learn how animals and plants co-exist, how the human body functions and responds to disease. Chemistry is the study of the material world, students will learn how scientific methods and theories have developed over time and the power and limitations of Science, considering ethical issues in their learning. Physics promotes the understanding of the rules that apply to how objects interact. It also considers how everyday objects and systems work and interact, developing students' interest and curiosity about the world we live in.

	Learning Cycle	Key Concepts		
	Animal Biology	Blood, the heart and circulation		
4		Digestive system and enzymes		
E L		Respiration		
Autumn 1		Health, lifestyle and types of disease		
Ā	Disease and Human	Immune defences and vaccination		
	Defence Systems	Development of drugs and uses of antibiotics and painkillers		
	Periodic Table	Separation techniques		
8 1		Ions, atoms and isotopes		
Autumn 2		Periodic Table and development of the periodic table		
t t		Ionic, covalent and metallic bonding		
Au	Structure and	Structure and properties of giant ionic structures, simple		
	Bonding	molecules, giant covalent structures, carbon allotropes and		
		giant metallic structures.		
Chemical Changes • Neutralisation and		Neutralisation and making salts		
Spring 1		Displacement		
Spr		Electrolysis		
	Energy Changes	Exothermic and endothermic reactions		
2 5	Energy • States of matter and density			
Spring 2		Energy stores, calculating energy and efficiency		
Sp		Energy resources		
_	Electricity	Circuits; Charge, current, resistance and potential difference		
_ me	-	Cables, plugs and mains electricity		
		Nuclear radiation and half-life		
	Homeostasis and	Homeostasis		
7	Hormones	 Hormones and control of; glucose, reproduction and 		
Summer 2	Homones			
m T	Genetics	 contraception Reproduction, Variation, Inheritance and Genetic Disorders 		
Su		Selective breeding and genetic engineering		
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We also offer triple Science as an extended after school lesson for students who are interested in pursuing that option.

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Art (GCSE)

The curriculum provision at GCSE is three 100-minute lessons every two weeks. Students follow a lively structured GCSE course that involves a range of 2D and 3D work. This will enable them to produce a portfolio of personal and creative responses to set themes. It will build on the skills developed in Year 9 and earlier years. In Year 10 you will undertake a media and technique-based project to allow you to work more independently and gain confidence ready for the main coursework projects.

Our projects are broad and designed to be tackled individually. Over the two years, students will be given help and advice, but they must be prepared to take ownership and responsibility for their work. Personal research is an important part of Art, and our students will be required to develop their own ideas and interests into the project. We have two very experienced Art teachers at NCL with a strong track record of achieving good results.

Students will follow the OCR syllabus for Art, Craft and Design as an endorsement of Art & Design.

Link to examining body: https://www.ocr.org.uk/

Link to specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/art-and-design-j170-j176-from-2016/

Term	Topic	Key Content		
	Introduction to GCSE Structure and expectations	Key areas of developing a project- AO1 - Develop ideas through investigations, showing		
Autumn	Coursework introduction (Component 01) Begin initial investigations based on a given theme.	critical understanding of selected sources. AO2 - Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials,		
Spring	Continue Coursework (independent work)	 As above looking at a range of appropriate Artists that can inform the independent work 		
Summer	Continue coursework project by independently developing personally informed ideas	As above How to develop and refine ideas through meaningful and purposeful investigations using a range of appropriate media		

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Citizenship (GCSE)

GCSE Citizenship is a popular course and prepares students for life in modern Britain. GCSE Citizenship is an academically rigorous course that develops foundation knowledge for both Law and Politics at A Level, as well as lending itself well to A levels in History, Journalism, English, Media, Psychology and International Relations.

Term	Learning Overview	Key concepts
Autumn	Theme A: Living together in the UK	 How have communities developed in the UK? What is identity? What are democratic values and where do they come from? How does local democracy work?
Spring	Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK	 Who runs the country? How does Parliament work? How is power shared between Westminster and the devolved administrations? How does government manage public money?
Summer	Theme E: Taking citizenship action	 How can I make a difference? What actions influence and change society? How can the following skills be developed? • Research and enquiry • interpretation of evidence • planning • collaboration • problem-solving • advocacy and campaigning • evaluation.

All students also study Citizenship as part of the Personal Development Programme.

Through Citizenship at New College Leicester, you have many opportunities to get involved with active projects and campaigns that benefit others. Our students have made a real difference to the lives of others, we support national charities, actively engage with calendared events such as Parliament Week and Human Rights Day. We have built strong relationships with our MP and local councillors who visit the school and we organise visits to learn more about our democracy and place in the world.

We have a strong Student Parliament leadership team that anyone may join. The Student Parliament represents student voice at our school and works for positive change. They have taken part in Select Committee sessions, gathering evidence with members of the House of Lords. They have appeared on BBC East Midlands, worked with Universities of Leicester and Middlesex to help to drive forward issues that concern our community. Our Student Parliament is recognised and members have consistently been short listed for the Lord Lieutenant Leicestershire Award.



Computer Science GCSE

Computer Science remains, one of the most sought-after qualifications in the industry today. The OCR J277 qualification allows students to understand and apply the fundamental principles and key concepts of computational thinking, which include abstraction, decomposition, logical thinking, algorithms, and data representation. Mastery of these core concepts equips students with the required knowledge to advance to higher levels of study.

The J277 GCSE Computer Science course is tailored for pupils who have a keen interest in exploring deeper into the fundamentals of computing. Students will understand the technology behind computer systems and networks, as well as explore the impact that technology has had on a wider society.

At the heart of the NCL Computer Science curriculum lies Python Programming, serving as its cornerstone. Here, students engage in an ongoing process of learning how to design, write and debug computer programs, enabling pupils think creatively, critically and logically.

In year 10 students will learn following

Topic Key content	
	Fetch-execute-cycle
	Role and purpose of components in the CPU
	The purpose of registers
	 The difference between storing data and addresses
1.1 Systems Architecture	• The effects of changing any of the common characteristics on
	system performance.
	What embedded systems are
	 Typical characteristics of embedded systems
	 Familiarity with a range of different embedded systems
	 Why computers have primary storage
	 Key characteristics of RAM and ROM
	Virtual Memory
	Secondary Storage
	The units of data storage
1.2 Memory and storage	Binary
1.2 Wellioty and Storage	Hexadecimal
	How characters are represented in binary
	Character Sets
	 How images are represented on a computer
	 How sound is represented on a computer
	Types of Compression
	Types of networks
	Factors that affect the performance of networks
	The role of client-server and peer to peer networks
1.3 Computer networks,	• The hardware needed to connect stand-alone computers into
connections and protocols	a LAN
comicciono ana protocolo	• The internet as a worldwide collection of computer networks
	Star and Mesh network topologies
	Modes of connection
	 Encryption

	•	IP addressing and MAC addressing		
	•	Standards		
	•	Common protocols		
	•	The concept of layers		
	•	Threats to computer systems and networks		
1.4 Network Security	•	Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities		
1 E Systems Software	•	Operating systems		
1.5 Systems Software	•	Utility software		
1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural	•	Impacts of digital technology on a wider society		
and environmental impacts	•	Legislation relevant to computer science		
of digital technology				
	•	20 HOUR python programming project that includes:		
		o Input		
		o Output		
		o Data Types		
Practical Python		o Sequencing		
•		o Selection		
Programming Project		o Iteration		
		Functions		
		o Procedures		
		 Validation 		
		o File manipulation		

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GCSE Design & Technology

Design and Technology will prepare students to participate confidently and successfully in an increasingly technological world. Students will gain awareness and learn from wider influences on Design and technology including historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic factors. Students will get the opportunity to work creatively when designing and making and apply technical and practical expertise.

	Торіс	Key content	What you will know at the end of this term
Autumn Term -Speaker project – INVESTIGATE – DESIGN- MAKE – EVALUATE	Investigate Design Evaluate	 Identify, investigate and outline design possibilities. Design and make prototype model that is fit for purpose. Make electronic speaker component. Analyse and evaluate. 	 Learners will investigate the design brief and research the work of others as a starting point. Learners will write their own design brief and specification that links to the research carried out. Learners will Create a range of
	Practical Make – Model making	 Develop idea through model making creating an outcome that is fit for purpose. Make working electronic speaker component. 	 imaginative, creative ideas solving a problem that links to the investigation carried out. Learners will develop their ideas through a range of 2D/3D techniques, including CAD, model making and realising idea using a range of materials. Learners will understand how to evaluate
	Exam topics Core technical principles	 New & Emerging technologies, including culture, society and the environment. Energy generation and storage System's approach to designing. Ecological issues in the design and manufacture of products. 	 Learners will understand now to evaluate the success of their ideas through testing and analysis. Learners will study a range of core technical topics that link to design and the wider world.

als	Metals and Alloys. Tealight candle holder	 Design sketching skills. Metalwork making skills, how to shape and form using cutting abrasion and joining. Finishing materials. Ferrous, non-ferrous and alloys. 	 Learners will practice different sketching techniques. Learners will develop practical skills in metalwork and learn tools equipment and processes. Learners will have an understanding, of how and why materials are finished.
Spring Term – Design and make tasks linked to Materials	Polymers Chocolate box vacuum forming	 woodwork and vacuum forming, how to shape and form. Thermo & Thermosetting plastics. Specialist manufacturing processes. 	 Learners through practical based tasks learn about different metals and their properties. Learners will learn about Thermoplastics and Thermosetting plastics and how they are shaped and formed.
; Term – Design and m	Mechanical devices. Linkages and CAMS modelling	 How things move and work. Series of model making tasks that physically demonstrate different types of movement. 	 Learners will learn about mechanical devices and different types of movement through model making practical tasks. Learners will study a range of core technical topics that link to design and the wider world.
Sprin	Exam topics Core technical principles	 Developments in new materials. Mechanical devices Metals and Alloys Material properties Stock forms. Forces and stresses Scales of production Commercial manufacturing. 	
Summer Term – Coursework	Analysis of context set by AQA Identifying and investigating design possibilities	 Design possibilities identified and explored. A user/client has been profiled in relation to task set. Their needs and wants explored. Research into the work of others 	 Learners will investigate the design brief given by AQA and complete an analysis of task. Learners will identify a user and establish a clear profile of their needs and wants in relation to brief set.

products completed of a ran	 Learners will carry out a Product analysis of a range of existing products. Learners will investigate a 		
	Exam topics Core technical principles	 Ecological and social issues relating to design and manufacture of products. Green design, product life cycle analysis. Investigation into the work of past and present designers. 	designer/architect or design style that will inform and act as a starting point for design development. - Learners will study a range of core technical topics that link to design and the wider world.

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Design Engineering (OCR National)

This vocational qualification introduces students to many basic engineering skills and principles. Students will learn how to communicate effectively as an engineer by way of three-dimensional (3D) drawing techniques and technical drawings, as well as being able to use and identify many tools, machines and pieces of equipment that are commonplace in the engineering world. The course introduces learners to a range of considerations that impact engineering design and how modern engineering has had an impact on modern day life at home, work and in society in general.

	Topic	Key content	What you will know at the end of this term
erm -KEY Fob - Metal based practical activity	Designing Engineering products	 Drawing an Engineering design solution that adheres to recognised standards. Justifying suitable materials for use in an engineered solution. Using mathematical techniques for solving applied engineering problems 	 Learners will develop the skills to be able to produce an engineering drawing. Learners will be able to use units of measurement – meters and millimetres.
Autumn Term -KEY practical	Practical skills Manufacturing Engineering products	Interpreting engineering solutionsSelecting the correct equipment.Planning and sequencing.	 Learners will learn how to interpret engineering information from drawings and manufacturing specification

	Exam topics Solving Engineering Problems	 Describing engineering developments. Understanding materials, their properties and specific purpose. Properties of materials for engineered products Engineering processes. Safe working practices. 	 Learners will learn about Ferrous and non-ferrous metals Learners will understand how to identify and select the equipment that is needed at each stage of manufacturing. Learners will be able to present their plan of processes, sequencing and tools in planning.
Spring Term – Producing Engineered products - COURSEWORK Submission MAY	Interpreting engineered information	 Identifying features of engineered products Function of a proposed solution. Generating a range of engineering solutions 	- Learners should be able to identify and select the equipment that is needed for each stage of the manufacturing.
	Planning engineering production	 Identify materials and equipment required for production. Understand the sequence of activities and consideration of resources when producing an engineered product to given information. 	 Learners should be able to demonstrate safe working practices with a range of engineering tools. Learners should be able to apply a range of key engineering processes. Learners will practise exam techniques and build upon
	Use tools in the production of an engineered product	 Use a range of tools and machinery in the production of an engineered product. Hand tools Lathe Portable power tools 	knowledge - Learners will apply mathematic skills to practical examination and engineering drawing skills to exam style questions.

ed products Unit 2 Coursework	Designing Engineering products	 Primary features of an engineered product. Function of the proposed solution. Generating a range of engineered solutions. Communicating design idea. Justifying suitable materials and manufacturing processes. Producing an design specification. 	 Learners will be able to identify primary features of a working product Learners will be able to explain the functional properties of their design solution. Learners will generate a range of solutions that meet a given brief. Learners will be able to create
Summer Term - Designing engineered products Unit 2 Coursework	- Understanding materials and their properties Explaining how materials are tested - Understanding and producing engineering engineered drawings.	 engineering drawings using a scale, enabling them to plan a final manufactured product Learners will be able to specify the correct materials and manufacturing processes. Learners should know and understand how destructive and non-destructive testing is undertaken. 	

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Enterprise (BTEC)

Students will cover the key concepts of Enterprise and researching why businesses are successful, the key ingredients to success and the impacts of the external environment on business' success.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn 1	Size and features of SME's/Aims and activities of enterprises	 Size and features of SME's & types of profit making Different sectors and business models in which enterprises operate Industries in which enterprises operate Aims of enterprises
1	Skills and characteristics of entrepreneurs	 Reasons why entrepreneurs start their business and skills and impact Reasons why entrepreneurs start their own business and characteristics and impact
	Market research	 Benefits and drawbacks of primary research Benefits and drawbacks of secondary research Understanding customer needs and after sales services and adapting products
Autumn 2	Situational analyses	 PEST analysis (political) PEST analysis (economic) PEST analysis (social) PEST analysis (technological) -WOT analysis SWOT analysis (strengths and weaknesses)
Spring 1	Situational analyses	 SWOT analysis opportunities SWOT analysis threats How strengths and weaknesses help to maximise opportunities and minimise threats

	Exploring Enterprises (PSA Completion)	All previously taught content from the learning cycle used to support completion of PSA
Spring 2	Exploring Enterprises (PSA Completion)	All previously taught content from the learning cycle used to support completion of PSA
Summer 1	Choosing ideas for a micro- enterprise/Plan for a micro- enterprise	 Choosing ideas for a micro enterprise Plan for a micro enterprise (features of the product to be sold) Plan for a micro enterprise (methods of promotion) Plan for a micro enterprise (identifying the target market and resources required) Plan for a micro enterprise (financial planning and forecasting) Risk assessment Viability of the plan
Summer 2	Choosing ideas for a micro- enterprise/Plan for a micro- enterprise	 Choosing ideas for a micro enterprise Plan for a micro enterprise (features of the product to be sold) Plan for a micro enterprise (methods of promotion) Plan for a micro enterprise (identifying the target market and resources required) Plan for a micro enterprise (financial planning and forecasting) Risk assessment Viability of the plan

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French (GCSE)

Students will work through six topics (2 per term) covering three themes: People and lifestyle, Popular culture and Communication and the World around us.

Term	Topic	Key content
	Identity and relationships with others	 Describing yourself and your family and friends and your relationships. Talking about the activities you do with others. Using the present tense.
Autumn	Education and work	 Describing your school and giving opinions about subjects, homework, school rules, uniform and teachers. Talking about post 16 options and job opportunities in the world of work. Using the past and future tenses.
Spring	Healthy living	 Describing your level of fitness and your diet. Talking about preferences for food and drink and what makes a good or bad diet. Talking about your physical and mental well-being and healthy and unhealthy habits such as fast-food, vaping and drugs. Talking about injury and illness and your current lifestyle.
	Free time activities	Discussing hobbies, music, TV and cinema, literature, concerts, eating out and shopping with preferences.
	Customs, festival and celebrations	 Describing festivals in the UK and in France and French speaking countries and giving your opinion on them. Talking about celebrations at home and your customs. Talking about food and drink and a special day in the past.
Summer	Celebrity culture	 Talking about celebrities and famous people. Talking about celebrity magazines, reviews, podcasts. Discussing social media and reality TV and giving your opinion on it and the influence on young people. Describing events involving famous people such e.g. sport, music, film, TV, fashion, culture and technology.



Geography (GCSE)

Term	Topic	Key content	
Autumn 1	UK Physical Geography – Rivers People and the Biosphere	The river Severn - What were the causes, impacts and responses? Physical geography of the UK Geology distribution — SIM characteristics Uplands vs lowlands — UK Yorkshire Dales and the North and South downs Human activities — FIS River Processes — TED, HACA, SSST River Severn — Long Profile Storm hydrographs River Severn Floods Biomes — Distribution & Characteristics — ARSD & LL Biosphere Services — CAWS — FRM Biosphere exploitation — CLUMPH Malthus vs Boserup (+) & (-)	
Autumn 2	Dynamic Cities UK – Birmingham vs London	How and why do cities change? Urban core vs rural peripheral regions of the UK Economic change – North Vs South National and International migration Globalisation – impacts Booming Birmingham – Site and situation Migration and impacts – SHAPED/C Challenges and sustainability Interdependence with rural areas Birmingham overview presentations London – site and situation London migration and inequalities London decline London expansion and regeneration	
Spring 1	Development dynamics	How do countries develop? • Measuring development and development indicators • India location: site and situation • Geo-political influence • Globalisation • Regional disparities • Regeneration and sustainable development	
Spring 2		How do human and physical processes shape UK landscapes? • River processes	

	River processes and pressures	 Drainage basins Human activity and modification Flood management and mitigation Investigating the River Severn
Summer 1	Coastal Change and Conflict	 What is a cost-benefit coastal management analysis? UK physical landscapes – Upland and lowland areas Coastal landscapes and change Erosion and weathering Conflict along the coast – Groups Concordant vs discordant Landforms of erosion and deposition Human activities Investigating Dorset coastal management 2013 Storm Surge ICZM &SMPs - DME
Summer 2	Hazardous Earth and Techtonics	How do human and physical processes lead to disasters? • Natural and human causes of climate change • Tectonic processes Haiti Vs Japan • Disaster management

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Hair and Beauty (City and Guilds Technical)

Students will study the following:

- 1. Science of hair and beauty Students will explore the relevance of the associated sciences and how this influences the development of products in the hair and beauty industry
- 2. Exploring the world of hair and beauty Students will explore the key features of typical hair and beauty businesses. Students will understand how hair and beauty has developed from ancient times to the present day.
- 3. Design in the hair and beauty sector Students will explore ideas, perspectives, attitudes and images which promote businesses, products and services.

Term	Topic	Key content - Theory	Topic	Key content - Practical
Autumn 1	Unit 203 – Design in the hair and beauty sector	_	Unit 203 – Design in the hair and beauty sector Unit 202 – Science in hair and beauty	Health and Safety Consultation Technical skills – Hair Anatomy and physiology of hair, skin and nails Hair, skin and nail conditions and how they can affect or limit treatments
Autumn 2	Unit 201 – Exploring the world of hair and beauty	- 	Unit 203 – Design in the hair and beauty sector Unit 202 – Science in hair and beauty	Health and Safety Consultation Technical skills – Nails and makeup

Spring	Synoptic Assignment	Synoptic Assignment – Research on the given Era provided by C&Gs Task 1 – Research and report Task 2 – Plan and design a total look Task 3 – Create a design for business		Health and Safety Consultation Era related Technical skills – Hair Technical skills – Make Up Technical skills – Nails
Summer	Unit 202 – Science in hair and beauty	The effects of acids and alkalis on hair and skin The scientific principles of ingredients in hair and beauty products Ingredients in hair and beauty products Ethical considerations for testing cosmetics Anatomy and physiology of hair, skin and nails Hair, skin and nail conditions and how they can affect or limit treatments	Unit 201 – Exploring the world of hair	Health and Safety Consultation Era related Technical skills — Hair Technical skills — Make Up Technical skills — Nails

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Health and Social Care (BTEC)



In Year 10 students develop an understanding of the way in which we grow and develop and the key milestones that occur during the life stages. Students develop a foundation of knowledge around factors effecting health and wellbeing; whilst also exploring health and social care services that support the health and wellbeing of others.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	Component 1 Learning Aim A – Understand human growth and development across the life stages and the factors that affect it.	 PIES (physical, intellectual, emotional, social development) Life stages (infancy up to later adulthood) Milestones of the life stages Factors that affect development
Spring	Component 1 Learning Aim B -Coping with changes caused by life events Completing PSA	 Different types of life events (health and wellbeing, relationship changes, life circumstances) Coping with the change caused by life events (character traits that influence how individuals cope, sources of support, types of support)
Summer	Component 2 Learning Aim A- Understand different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them. Component 2 Learning Aim B - Understand the skills, attributes and values required to give care.	 Health conditions Health services Social care and social care services Additional care Barriers to accessing services (physical, sensory, cultural, EAL, geographical, text and financial barriers) Skills Attributes The 6 C's Obstacles individual my face who require care The benefits to individuals of the skills, attributes and values in health and social care practice

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History (GCSE)



	GCSE Topic	Key concepts	
Autumn and Spring	Anglo Saxons and the Norman Conquest 1060-1088	 Anglo Saxon society prior to 1066 The Succession Crisis and Battles How William I kept control up to 1069 Key rebellions and the Harrying of the North How William I kept control after 1069 The Normanisation of England Later rebellions William's death and succession crisis 	
Spring and Summer	Migration 1000-today	 Migration in the Middle Ages including Vikings case study Migration 1500-1750 including the Walloons and the Huguenots Migration 1750-1900 including Irish migration and migration from the British empire Modern migration including from the commonwealth and refugees. Case Study – Migration to Notting Hill in the 1950s and 1960s 	

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Hospitality & Catering (WJEC Vocational)



10	Topic	Key content	
Autumn Term	Types of Hospitality & Catering provision, employment, roles & res Work flow of the kitchen and front of house Equipment & materials required Customer needs, how provisions change based on need Health & safety, risk assessment, accident forms HACCP Food safety, symptoms of food poisoning, food poisoning bacteria		
Autu	Practical skills	 Basic savoury sauces (ragu and starch-based sauce) Use of fresh and dried herbs Pasta Deboning chicken Setting using eggs 	
Spring Term	Theory content	 Role of the EHO Functions of nutrients Nutritional needs of different life stages Nutritional needs for special diets Cooking methods & impact on nutritional value Menu planning 	
Sprin	Practical Skills	 Pastry (shortcrust, choux) Marinating meat Unleavened bread Leavened bread Vegetable cuts 	
Term	Theory	 Practice coursework Time plan Evaluation 	
Summer Term	Practical Skills	 Planning and making own recipes to fit brief Evaluating cooking skills Food safety practices Presentation techniques 	

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Media (GCSE)

Students begin the study of GCSE Media Studies in Year 10.

The year focuses upon embedding students' knowledge of media language and representation through a series of case studies. Through these case studies, students will also explore key media institutions and explore how media audiences shape the media but are also influenced by it. Finally, towards the end of the year, students will begin work on their production coursework.

	Learning Cycle	Key Concepts
Autumn	TV Crime Drama	Students will explore the codes and conventions of TV
Term		Crime Drama through two specific case studies. This
		will focus embed key aspects of media language and
		representation, as well as introducing students to key
		institutions. Throughout this term, students will also be
		introduced to some of the set media texts, focusing
		upon analysis of media language and representation.
Spring	Music Videos	Students will study three music videos, along with their
Term		websites, exploring how key messages and meanings
		are constructed. Furthermore, students will explore
		how audiences are interacted with in the music
		industry. As with the Autumn Term, students will
		continue to study some of their set media texts.
Summer	Production	Students will begin researching and planning their film
Term		marketing coursework. This will include exploring the
		conventions of DVD covers, film posters and specific film
		genres. Alongside this unit, students will complete their
		study of the media set texts.

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Music (BTEC)

In Year 10 students study the BTEC TECH Award in Music Practice. There are 3 components in this vocational course. They will complete Component 1, which will explore and evaluate different styles of music and produce products in a coursework-based assignment set from Pearson.

	Topic	Key content	
Autumn/Spring Term	Component 1: Exploring Music Products and Styles	 In this component, you will develop your understanding of different types of music product and the techniques used to create them You will explore how musical elements, technology and other resources are used in the performance, creation and production of music You will also practically explore the key features of different genres of music and music theory You will apply your knowledge and understanding to developing your own creative work 	
Summer	Introduce Music Skills Development	 You will develop technical, practical, personal and professional skills You will specialize in at least two of the following areas: music performance, creating original music, music production Throughout your development, you will review your progress and consider how to make improvements You will learn how musicians share their work and collaborate with others. You will develop your own skills as a musician in how to use blogs, YouTube™, Soundcloud™ and other platforms to share your work and skills development with others 	

In addition to their school Music lessons, students are also able to sign up for instrumental lessons. These lessons are free of charge.

We are offering instrumental lessons in: Piano, Violin, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Clarinet, Flute, Percussion and vocals.

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Performing Arts (BTEC)

Students can choose to study either Dance or Drama as a BTEC Tech Level 2 Award at Key Stage 4. Both courses follow the same structure. Students have 3 lessons a fortnight.

	Topic	Key content
Autumn Term	Component 1: Exploring the performing Arts	 Detailed exploration of three varied professional works with analysis of a specific style Stylistic qualities of the professional works Intentions and purpose the professional works Actors and directors / dancers and choreographers' responsibilities and skills for specific productions
Spring & Summer Term	Component 3 (Mock): Performing to a brief	 Create and develop a performance piece in response to a brief Work effectively as a company of actors/dancers Explore and apply techniques used by professional practitioners Create and execute a rehearsal schedule Apply appropriate rehearsal techniques Document and reflect on the creative process Evaluate your workshop performance Apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the autumn term to the externally set brief

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Personal Development (Tutor time)

In Year 10 Personal Development is taught during tutor time.

	Key content
Autumn 1	This is US My areas of strength and development Influences on self-concept and esteem Developing assertiveness and resilience. Characteristics of emotional health and empathy Coping with change Finance and Management Effectively make financial decisions Recognise and manage the range of influences on their financial decisions How they can challenge or seek support for financial exploitation in different scenarios including online Evaluate financial advantages/disadvantages of employment contracts.
Autumn 2	 Relationships, Sex and Health Education Overcome barriers (embarrassment, myths, misconceptions) about sexual health and use of health services. Choose and access appropriate contraception (including emergency contraception) and negotiate use with partner The physical and emotional responses to unintended_pregnancy; options available whom to talk to
Spring	 Drugs, alcohol, and associated risks The consequences of substance use and misuse for the mental and physical health of individuals, families and wider consequences in the community Wider risks of illegal substance use for individuals, including for personal safety, career, relationships and future lifestyle Identify risky and emergency situations linked to the use and supply of legal and illegal substances. (Crime and gangs) Identify, manage and seek help for unhealthy behaviours, habits and addictions including smoking.
Summer	 Relationships Recognise when others are using manipulation, persuasion or coercion and how to respond The law about abuse in relationships, including coercive control and online harassment Skills and strategies to respond to exploitation, bullying, harassment and control in a relationship The law relating to 'honour' based violence and forced marriage Strategies to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination Citizenship Financial Citizenship Which government solution works best? Understanding government spending



Personal Development Carousel

The personal development carousel consists of one lesson a fortnight, in which students are taught:

- Career Planning
- Citizenship
- Information Technology
- RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)
- RE (Religious education)

Career Planning

Topic	Key content		
Exploring the recruitment process	 Consider what job roles are interesting. Research the labour market and education system. Recognising the main learning pathways and considering which one students want to follow and how they will access and succeed in it. Research the learning and qualification requirements for jobs and careers that they are interested in. Research the range of workplaces and what it is like to work in these workplaces Research how recruitment and selection processes work and what students need to do to succeed in them. 		
Managing your own career	 Recognising the different ways in which people talk about careers and reflecting on its meaning to them. How to build confidence and optimism about their future. Making plans and developing a career pathway for their future. Consider the risks and rewards associated with different pathways and careers. To know how to take steps to achieve GCSE's and make a decision about P16 pathways. Knowing how to deal with and learn from challenges and setbacks. 		
Creating Opportunities	 Know how to develop friendships and relationships and reflect on their relationship to a career. To know how to take responsibility for making things happen in their career. To know how to reflect on and change career ideas and the strategies that are needed to achieve them. To know how to speak up for themselves and others. To know what role models are and reflect on what leadership is Entrepreneurialism and self-employment. 		
Balancing life and work	 Reflect on the different ways in which people balance their work and life Reflect on their physical and mental wellbeing and consider how they can improve these Recognise the role that money and finances will play, in the decisions that they make and, in their life and career Recognise the role that they play in their family and community and considering how that might shape their career 		

	 Consider how they want to move through different life stages and manage different life roles Develop knowledge of rights and responsibilities in the workplace and society Identify what they can do, individually and with others, to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination in learning and workplaces
Seeing the big picture	 Evaluating different media, information sources and viewpoints. Explore local and national labour market trends. Explore trends in technology and science. Explore the relationship between career and the environment. Explore the relationship between career, community and society. Explore the relationship between career, politics and the economy.

Citizenship

	Key content	What you will know at the end of this term
Rights and equalities:	How are we affected by the economy?	 I can describe the economy and how COVID has had an impact on the UK economy. I know what tax is and how the
	 Why do we pay taxes? What can I do to support the UK economy? 	government raises and spends tax. I can explain the term youth offending and give some statistics. I can talk about ways to prevent youth crime.

Religious Education

Topic	Key Content	What you will know at the end of this term
Multiculturalism	Introduction to multiculturalism	I can describe the term multiculturalism and how Leicester is a multicultural city.
	Prejudice and Discrimination	I can explain and identify the term prejudice and discrimination in a range of scenarios.
	 Religion and Social justice 	I can describe what is meant by social justice and equality
	Social justice project	I can explain the importance of fighting for justice and fairness.

Information Technology



Year 10 students practice the basics of computing on a course based on the European computer driving licence. This enables all students to have a basic understanding of all Microsoft Office applications to a standard that will enable them to be proficient in any working environment. In Year 11 students spend the first months to Christmas writing a personal statement and uploading this to their own UCAS site.

Topic	Key Content	Learning outcomes
Microsoft Word	 General formatting text Inserting images Adding tables Formatting tables Adding data to tables Understanding and implementing Mail Merge Connecting a word document to a spreadsheet Understanding Templates 	Students will learn how to create various documents using MS Word working towards a customer's requirement
Microsoft PowerPoint	 Create a master slide Insert images to a slide Insert a title slide Formatting a presentation Setting single slide layout Adding a table to a slide Inserting a spreadsheet to a slide Adding a graph to a slide using data from a spreadsheet Add transition formatting in addition to animation 	Students learn the basics of creating a business presentation based on customers' requirements.
Microsoft Excel	 Add data in a number of formats to a simple spreadsheet Format data within a spreadsheet Use basic formula to given outcomes Use what if statements Use conditional formatting Understand the use of basic functions Insert a variety of charts and graphs to display data trends 	Students learn the basics of creating a spreadsheet based on a set of customer requirements.

RSHE

Topic	Key content	
Healthy Lifestyles	 The importance of a healthy and balanced diet The importance of exercise and the range of ways to embed exercise into everyday lives The importance of sleep in having a positive mindset and promoting good physical and mental health What are some different positive mental health strategies The impact of technology and screen time on health and wellbeing 	
Positive and negative relationships including the law on consent in all contexts.	 What the positive characteristics in a relationship are The benefits of being in a positive relationship on wellbeing. The impact of a negative relationship on your wellbeing. The different influences that may affect the characteristics in a relationship. What consent means and the importance of consent The law on consent 	
Being safe in a relationship. (Contraception and STI's)	 What it means to be safe in a relationship Different contraception methods The dangers of unprotected sex and the risks of having unprotected sex The different STI's and their impact on health and key facts about treatment 	
Sexual Health Support	 Overcome barrier about sexual health and use of health services. The importance of intimate health to detect and avoid illness. The range of supportive services to anyone struggling with their intimate health. Exploring the physical and emotional responses to unintended pregnancy, the options and who to talk to. 	

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Core PE

In Year 10 all students have 1 lesson of practical PE each week.

Students will take part in a range of sports including: football, handball, basketball, trampolining, freestyle gymnastics, rounders, athletics, tennis and badminton. Students also have the option to volunteer as a young leader, receiving training and NGB qualifications. Student can use this knowledge and experience to lead a city and county wide sports event organised through Inspire Together (Leicester's school sport partnership).

In addition, students can opt to study:

Sport (BTEC)

In Year 10 students are studying BTEC 1/2 Tech award in Sport (Qualification Number 603/7068/3). The course is primarily theory based and is in addition to Core Practical PE.

In Year 10 students will complete 30% of the course. This will be through an internal assessment taken in Feb/March of Year 10.

Term	Topic	Key content - Theory
Autumn	Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 1: A - Explore types and provision of sport and physical activity for different types of participants B - Examine equipment and technology required for participants to use when taking part in sport and physical activity C - Be able to prepare participants to take part in sport and physical activity.
Spring	Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity	Component 1: A - Explore types and provision of sport and physical activity for different types of participants B - Examine equipment and technology required for participants to use when taking part in sport and physical activity C - Be able to prepare participants to take part in sport and physical activity.
Summer	Taking part and improving other participants sporting performance	Component 2: A – Understand how different components of fitness are used in different physical activities B – Be able to participate in sport and understand the roles and responsibilities of officials C – Demonstrate ways to improve participants' sporting technique.

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Religious Education (GCSE)

	Topic	Key content	What you will know at the end of this term
Autumn Term	Christian Beliefs and teachings	 The nature of God Holy Trinity Creation Incarnation of Jesus Crucifixion Resurrection and Ascension Life after death Heaven and Hell Sin and Salvation 	 Understand how Christians act knowing the nature of God Understanding the importance of Jesus' incarnation Analysing the importance of resurrection and crucifixion Explain how heaven and hell will cause a Christian to live their lives
	Islamic Beliefs and teachings	 The oneness of God Beliefs of Sunni and Shi'a Islam Nature of God Predestination Life after death Prophets in Islam Holy books 	 Understand the oneness of Allah Explain different belief systems within Islam Discuss if life is predestined or if humans have free will Understand the importance of Prophets
Spring Term	Christian Practices	 Worship and prayer Sacraments – Baptism and Holy communion Pilgrimage The role of the Church and evangelism Christian Persecution 	Understand the importance of worship and the need for to be baptised. You will understand where and why primage is important.
Summer term	Islamic Practices	 The 5 pillars and ten obligations Declaration of faith Daily prayers Fasting Pilgrimage Jihad Festival of Eid Festival of Ashura 	 You will understand the how each pillar is practices and the importance they hold. Understanding how and why Eid is celebrated. Understand the concept of greater and lesser Jihad (struggle against evil) and what is meant by holy war.

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Spanish (GCSE)

Term	Topic	Key content	
Autumn	Identity and relationships with others	 Describing yourself and your family and friends and your relationships. Talking about the activities you do with others. Using the present tense. 	
	Education and work	 Describing your school and giving opinions about subjects, homework, school rules, uniform and teachers. Talking about post 16 options and job opportunities in the world of work. Using the past and future tenses. 	
Spring	Healthy living	 Describing your level of fitness and your diet. Talking about preferences for food and drink and what makes a good or bad diet. Talking about your physical and mental well-being and healthy and unhealthy habits such as fast-food, vaping and drugs. Talking about injury and illness and your current lifestyle. 	
	Free time activities	Discussing hobbies, music, TV and cinema, literature, concerts, eating out and shopping with preferences.	
ner .	Customs, festival and celebrations Celebrity culture	 Describing festivals in the UK and in Spain and Spanish speaking countries and giving your opinion on them. Talking about celebrations at home and your customs. Talking about food and drink and a special day in the past. 	
Summer		 Talking about celebrities and famous people. Talking about celebrity magazines, reviews, podcasts. Discussing social media and reality TV and giving your opinion on it and the influence on young people. Describing events involving famous people such e.g. sport, music, film, TV, fashion, culture and technology. 	

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Wider Curriculum



We also have lots of exciting additional activities that students can get involved with this year. Year 10 are activities are as follows:

- Archery
- Aspire Art Club
- Badminton
- Band
- Choir
- Cooking
- Curve Young Company
- DIY
- Dodgeball
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

- Engineering
- Football
- Freestyle Gymnastics
- Just Dance
- Moving Together Dance
- Netball
- Rounders
- Rugby
- School Show
- Trampolining

For further information, including days and times, please refer to our website https://www.newcollege.leicester.sch.uk/wider-curriculum/609.html