



DEAN TRUST Wigan



Believe Achieve Succeed

New GCSE Grades

Number 'Grades'

New GCSE Grading Structure	Current GCSE Grading Structure	Non-GCSE Awards
9		D* Distinction *
8	A*	
7	A	D Distinction
6	GOOD PASS (DfE)	M Merit
5	5 and above - top of C and above	
4	AWARDING 5 and above - top of C and above	P Pass
3	D	
2	E	
1	F	



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Core subjects

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What will I do on this course?

Pupils will explore 19th, 21st Century Non-Fiction and 20th Century Literature. Both will be assessed through a range of structured questions that will test their ability to read critically.

Their ability to write affectively will be assessed through prose and transactional writing.

What will this course prepare me for?

Life and work skills

The ability to communicate clearly in writing and speaking.

The ability to be able to read with understanding.

Most courses and employers will insist on accreditation in English.

College courses

Nearly all college courses will require accreditation in English.

Who can I speak to for more information?

Mrs L Wilson.

How is the course assessed and graded?

Exams

Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing.

Written examination 1 hour 45 minutes
40% of qualification.

Component 2: 19th Century and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing

Written examination: 2 hours
60% of qualification.

What sort of skills do I need to be successful on this course?

The ability to contribute to speaking and listening situations and willingness to develop the skills of taking part in discussions and representing your opinions.

The desire to improve reading and writing skills through engagement with a variety of texts.

The ability to research a topic and revise to prepare for an Examination.



What will I do on this course?

Pupils will read and analyse a range of texts such as: *A Christmas Carol*, *Blood Brothers* and *An Inspector Calls*. All pupils will study a play by Shakespeare. As part of the course pupils will study a prescribed anthology of poetry and will also be expected to respond to unseen poetry in the examination.

What will this course prepare me for?

Literature is great preparation for further study at college and beyond. Understanding a range of texts and their context allows you to investigate written pieces more effectively and have a greater appreciation of other cultures, historical events and the viewpoints and opinions of a range of writers.

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Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry
Written Examination: 2 hours
40% of qualification

Component 2: Post 1914 Prose/Drama
19th Century Prose and unseen poetry
Written Examination: 2 hours 30 minutes
60% of qualification.

What sort of skills do I need to be successful on this course?

The necessary skills for literature revolve around your personal development and enjoyment for reading and discovery: a desire to read and be curious about events and motivations of characters and writers; an open mind as to the experiences of other people from different times, cultures or experiences; a passion to discuss and argue viewpoints and perceptions. All examinations are closed book, a dedication to revision is required for success.



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- Written Examinations 100%

What will I do on this course?

Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts including:

- Number
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Measures
- Probability
- Statistics

Apply the functional elements of mathematics in everyday and real-life situations.

What will this course prepare me for?

- Develop confidence and positive attitude to maths
- Recognise the importance of maths in life and society
- Management of money
College Courses
- This GCSE provides progression to Level 3 qualifications in numerate disciplines, such as Mathematics, Sciences, Geography and Business

Who can I speak to for more information?

Mrs D Howard.

How is the course assessed and graded?

- This course does NOT include coursework
- There will be three externally assessed written papers at the end of the course, two calculator and one non-calculator. Each contributes one third of the final grade.
- There are two tiers of entry, Foundation (grades 1 to 5) and Higher (grades 4 to 9).
- Students must take all three papers at the same tier.

What sort of skills do I need to be successful on this course?

- Acquire and use problem-solving strategies.
- Apply mathematical techniques and methods in every day and real-world situations.
- Reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions.
- Interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms.



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What will I do on this course?

Biology

- Cell biology
- Organisation
- Infection
- Bioenergetics
- Homeostasis
- Inheritance
- Evolution
- Ecology

Chemistry

- Atomic structure and Bonding
- Quantitative chemistry
- Chemical changes
- Energy changes
- Rate of chemical change
- Organic chemistry
- Chemical analysis
- The atmosphere
- Using resources

Physics

- Energy
- Electricity
- Particle model of matter
- Atomic structure
- Forces
- Waves
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Space physics

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- Life and work skills
- develop your enquiring mind, enable you to problem solve and develop your logical thinking.
- A Levels in Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- A levels in other subjects
- Education & Society

Who can I speak to for more information?

Mr S Clarke

How is the course assessed and graded?

How it's assessed

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students take all assessments at the end of the course.

- Two Biology exams: 1 hour 45 minutes each
- Two Chemistry exams: 1 hour 45 minutes each
- Two Physics exams: 1 hour 45 minutes each

Questions

- Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

Grades

- The qualification will be graded on a nine-point scale: 1 – 9 – where 9 is the best grade.
- **Foundation Tier** assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 1 to 5.
- **Higher Tier** assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 4 to 9.

What sort of skills do I need to be successful on this course?

- A high interest in Science and how it influences our lives.
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Entry Level Certificate

Assessment information

What will I do on this course?

The ELC will equip students with practical and investigative skills covering the basic concepts of science

The six components meet the Programme of Study Key Stage 4 requirements.

Biology

Biology 1: The human body

Biology 2: Environment, evolution and inheritance

Chemistry

Chemistry 3: Elements, mixtures and compounds

Chemistry 4: Chemistry in our world

Physics

Physics 5: Energy, forces and the structure of matter

Physics 6: Electricity, magnetism and waves

How is the course assessed and graded?

This qualification is linear. There are three levels of award available: Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3. Entry 3 is the most demanding.

There are two different types of assessment.

Externally set assignments (ESA)

How it's assessed

- Externally-set assignment: 45 minutes
- Each test is worth 20 marks
- Weighting 57%

Teacher-devised assignments (TDA)

These are practical tasks set by the teacher and marked against the marking criteria.

How it's assessed

- Teacher-devised assignments
- Each piece of coursework is worth 15 marks
- Weighting 43%

What will this course prepare me for?

Our ELCs are ideal as a pathway for future study at GCSE.

Provides the skills needed to progress onto a vocational qualification in Science at college

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