



# OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 10 & 11 CURRICULUM\_2020-



**ENGLISH**

There are three different pathways for IGCSE English:  
 • English Language and Literature (Two IGCSE awards)  
 • English Language only (One IGCSE award)  
 • English as a Second Language (One IGCSE award)

**Link to specification:**  
[Oxford International GCSE English Language \(9270\)](#)  
 (Applicable for ALL students except those following the ESL pathway)

**ARABIC A & B**

**Link to specifications:**  
 Arabic A – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Arabic](#)  
 Arabic B – [https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Arabic/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification\\_GCSE\\_L1-L2\\_in\\_Arabic\\_August\\_2016\\_Draft.pdf](https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Arabic/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification_GCSE_L1-L2_in_Arabic_August_2016_Draft.pdf)

**SPANISH**

**Link to specifications:**  
 Year 10 - [Edexcel GCSE \(9-1\) Spanish](#)  
 Year 11 - [AQA GCSE Spanish](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Listening and Understanding in Spanish  
 Paper 2: Speaking in Spanish  
 Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Spanish  
 Paper 4: Writing in Spanish

**FRENCH**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 - [Edexcel GCSE \(9-1\) French](#)  
 Year 11 - [AQA GCSE French](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Listening and Understanding in French  
 Paper 2: Speaking in French  
 Paper 3: Reading and understanding in French  
 Paper 4: Writing in French

**SCIENCE**

**Link to specifications:**  
 Year 10 - [International GCSE Chemistry](#)  
[International GCSE Physics](#)  
[International GCSE Science \(Double Award\)](#)  
 Year 11 - [Oxford AQA International GCSE Chemistry](#)  
[Oxford AQA International CSE Physics](#)  
[Oxford AQA International Biology](#)

**ICT**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) ICT](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Written Paper 1h 30  
 Paper 2: Practical Paper (using a laptop) 3hrs

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Link to specifications:**  
 Year 10 - [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Computer Science](#)  
 Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Written Paper 1h 30  
 Paper 2: Practical Paper (using a laptop) 3hrs  
 Year 11 - [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Computer Science](#)  
 Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Written Paper 1h 40  
 Paper 2: Written Paper 2hrs

**MATHS**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Mathematics](#)

Content 1: Foundation Tier  
 Content 2: Higher Tier

**ART**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Art & Design](#)

Component 1: Personal Portfolio  
 60% of the Qualification  
 Component 2: Externally Set Assignment  
 40% of the Qualification

**DRAMA**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Drama](#)

Component 1: Devising  
 Component 2: Performance from Text  
 Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice  
 Assessment Objectives

**MUSIC**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 – [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Music](#)

Component 1: Performing  
 Component 2: Composing  
 Component 3: Appraising  
 Assessment Objectives

**MORAL EDUCATION**

**Topics:**  
 Global Leadership Programme (Modules 1-6);

- Equity and Diversity
- Climate Change
- Financial Wellbeing Part 1
- Financial Wellbeing Part 2
- Being a Responsible Adult 1
- Poverty

**PE**

**Link to specification:**  
[Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) PE](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Fitness & Body Systems  
 Paper 2: Health & Performance  
 Practical Performance Examination  
 Personal Exercise Programme (PEP)

**SKILLS**

All students at Metropole cover learning skills across the curriculum that will allow them to become successful lifelong learners. Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Curiosity and Critical Thinking are embedded in lessons along with numeracy, literacy and digital competency skills.

There are opportunities for directed study time, project and enquiry based learning activities, health and wellbeing sessions and later in the year we will be starting a new program called 'Philosophy for Children'. These courses are all designed, differentiated and delivered as appropriate to the age group and ability of our students.

**MASTERCLASS**

Students are given time to develop mastery in the core subjects with personalized intervention programs targeted specifically for individuals to ensure that each and every student exceeds their potential in their Key Stage 4 courses. These essential qualifications in English, Mathematics and Science are necessary not only to allow students entry into 6th Form, but as an essential requirement for places on future university programs.

**UAE SOCIAL STUDIES**

UAE SS is taught in accordance with MoE guidelines, using MoE approved textbooks as the main resource for provision.

Where possible, UAE SS is integrated across the whole curriculum and links to curriculum standards with clear outcomes.

UAE SS lessons are purposeful, meaningful and cover all key concepts.

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11- [AQA GCSE Geography](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment  
 Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment  
 Paper 3: Geographical applications

**HISTORY**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 - [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) History](#)  
 Paper 1: Depth Studies  
 Paper 2: Investigation and Breadth Studies  
 Year 11 - [Edexcel GCSE \(9-1\) History](#)  
 Paper 1: Thematic Study & Historic Event  
 Paper 2: Period Study & British Depth Study  
 Paper 3: Modern Depth Study

**BUSINESS STUDIES**

**Link to specification:**  
[Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Business](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Investigating Small Businesses  
 Paper 2: Investigating Large Businesses

**ECONOMICS**

**Link to specification:**  
[Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Economics](#)

Exam breakdown:  
 Paper 1: Microeconomics and Business Economics  
 Paper 2: Macroeconomics and the Global Economy

**ISLAMIC A & B**

All Muslim students cover all the requirements as set by the MoE. Students follow the UAE Curriculum standards with the MoE prescribed textbooks for Islamic Education. Islamic A is taught in the Arabic language, whilst Arabic B is taught in English.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 - [Edexcel International GCSE \(9-1\) Psychology](#)

Paper 1: Topics – Development, Memory, Psychological Problems, The brain & Neuropsychology  
 Paper 2: Topics – Criminal Psychology, Sleep and Dreaming, Research Methods

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Link to specification:**  
 Year 10 and 11 - [AQA GCSE Sociology](#)

Paper 1: Family and Households, Education  
 Paper 2: Crime and Deviance, Social Stratification

**MEDIA STUDIES**

**Link to specification:**  
[AQA GCSE Media Studies](#)

Topic 1: Close Study Products (CSPs)  
 Topic 2: Context of the Media  
 Topic 3: Extended Response & Synopticity  
 Topic 4: Media Language  
 Topic 5: Media Representations  
 Topic 6: Media Industries  
 Topic 7: Media Audiences  
 Topic 8: Non-exam Assessment (NEA)

**ASDAN**

Our ASDAN curriculum at MTS provides programmes and qualifications for learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Our courses have been developed for learners with a wide range of learning needs and abilities and provide meaningful outcomes through a person-centred approach that prepares learners for adult life.

