

General Studies Education KS4

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Students follow a Current Affairs Curriculum leading to a GCSE. The aim of the course is for students to acquire knowledge and understanding of current affairs, whilst exploring the significance of key events, people and changes. Students will develop their skills in using sources of information critically, recording significant information, reaching conclusions and making informed judgments.

Final assessment takes the form of two exams which will take place in the summer term of Year 11. Paper 1: 1 hour 15 minutes, it is based on a case study which is pre-released in March prior to the summer examination. This enables the students to analyse the stimulus material prior to the examination. Paper 2: 2 hours. Regular assessment takes place to ensure familiarity with the requirements of the exam. Revision lessons are held throughout the year so that key information is revisited and embedded.

Year 10 Course of Study

GENERAL STUDIES: YEAR 10 CURRICULUM MAP - 2014-2015				
½ Term	Unit	Topic	Objectives	Assessment
Autumn 1	Political and Economics	1. International Organisations 2. World Trade	1. Understanding of work of International organizations 2. How does the development of Fair Trade help LEDCs? Exam practice	Plan/extended answers section B
				45 minute exam
Autumn 2	Political and Economics	3. Human Rights 4. Legal Rights/Consumer Rights 5. Local and National politics	To gain an understanding of- • Human Rights • Legal Rights/Consumer Rights • Local and National politics Exam practice	Plan/practice multiple choice answers section A
				45 minute exam
Spring 1	Scientific and Technological	1. Technological Developments/Impact of Change 2. Environmental Issues 3. Health Education 4. Information Technology	To gain an understanding of • Technological Developments/Impact of Change • Environmental Issues • Health Education • Information Technology	Plan/extended answers section C
				45 minute exam
Spring 2	Social and Ethical	1. Individual responsibility 2. Religion and Morality	To gain an understanding of • The responsibility of an individual • Religious and moral issues surrounding Abortion and Euthanasia	Plan/extended answers section B
				45 minute exam
Summer 1	Social and Ethical	3. Social Diversity 4. Education 5. Censorship	To gain an understanding of • Social Diversity • Education • Censorship	Plan/practice multiple choice answers section A
				45 minute exam
Summer 2	Artistic and Cultural	1. The Arts 2. Sport and Leisure 3. The Media 4. Advertising	To gain an understanding of • Role of Art in our society • How the use of media and advertising can affect our society	Plan/extended answers Sections A,B and C
				2 hour mock exam

Homework:

Homework is set weekly and can take the form of one or more of the following:

- Exam question planning
- Exam question completion
- Research of key topics
- Extended writing
- Revision

General Studies: YEAR 11 CURRICULUM MAP - 2014-2015				
½ Term	Unit	Topics	Objectives	Assessment
Autumn 1	Political and Economics	1.International Organisations 2.World Trade	1.Understanding of work of International organizations 2. How does the development of Fair Trade help LEDCs?	Plan/extended answers section B 45 minute exam
		3.Human Rights 4.Legal Rights/Consumer Rights 5.Local and National politics	To gain an understanding of- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights • Legal Rights/Consumer Rights • Local and National politics 	
Autumn 2	Scientific and Technological	1. Technological Developments/Impact of Change	To gain an understanding of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technological Developments/Impact of Change • Environmental Issues • Health Education • Information Technology 	45 Minute Exam
		2. Environmental Issues 3. Health Education 4. Information Technology		Plan/Extended Answers a, b, c, (Mock Exam)
Spring 1	Social and Ethical	1. Individual responsibility 2. Religion and Morality	To gain an understanding of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The responsibility of an individual • Religious and moral issues surrounding Abortion and Euthanasia 	45 Minute Exam
				Plan/Extended Answers a, b, c,
Spring 2	CASE STUDY Unit 1	Britain and the European Union	Annotation of materials	45 Minute Exam <i>Case Study practice</i>
	Revision	Exam Technique		Plan/Extended answers Unit 2 sections A,B and C
Summer 1	Revision	Paper 1: Unit 1 Case Study	Paper 1 Revision x 3	1 ½ Hour Exam <i>Paper 1:Case Study practice</i>
		Paper 2: Unit 2	Paper 2 Revision x 3	2 hour exam :Paper2
Summer 2	GCSE EXAMS			

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