

Academy21 EXAM SUPPORT 2023–24

General Guidance re Exams

- Academy21 students are prepared for a range of GCSE and Functional Skills courses (see list below)
- KS3 courses, particularly SB2 courses, provide students with a foundation of knowledge and skills needed for GCSEs
- GCSE courses are taught according to the specifications listed in the tables below. Relevant content is taught in manageable chunks during Y10, when parts of exam questions will be considered. **During Y11, a range of practice questions are modelled regularly in lessons and set as activities for students to do independently.**
- Equally, our sessions remain very useful to students who may be entered for other exam boards covering content and thinking that helps grow students' confidence in learning and the kinds of subject specific skills they need (e.g. analysing a text in English, core Scientific knowledge or applying mathematical functions).
- Our Y10 science course prepares students for Paper 1; the Y11 science course prepares students for Paper 2. Revision for both papers takes place at the end of Y11.
- Practice questions are always marked according to exam specifications' published criteria, so you have confidence students are working towards recognised criteria.
- We also offer 'study skills' sessions that clients can enrol students onto to support with specific exam preparation and management techniques.
- Teachers can advise mentors re whether maths and science students should be entered for Foundation or Higher: they will be placed in groups according to their ability.
- **Our students remain on roll with the commissioning organisation (e.g. as school), thus Mentors/Exams officers in the commissioning school are responsible for entering their students for exams and can ensure the correct exams and support are in place. Academy21 can support as mentioned above and apply support such as access arrangements to our tasks but we do not enter students for exams.**
- **Academy21 can enter English Language students for the SLE (spoken language exam): mentors are required to respond to the email communication sent in February, giving names of which students they would like to enter. It is recommended that they do so promptly in order to secure a slot.**

King's InterHigh

Some students are enrolled into King's InterHigh via our Academy21 sales team. In the exams folder are the two exams guidance documents shared by Head of Exams Thomas Millington.

If you have any questions at all about exams during the enrolment process please direct these to exams@kingsinterhigh.co.uk and ensure the client school or LA has clarity on what we do and we have made sure they are thinking about exams, especially if the student is not in school but based with an LA. It is important schools understand what KIH do offer and the requirement they need to enter students for exams.

The documents in the folder include guidance on:

- Subjects and entry codes
- Timetables for June 2024
- Resit options
- How/Where to register
- Online exams – what can/cannot be sat online
- Access arrangements
- Fees

As soon as the information is released by the exam boards, after the June 2024 series has ended, the exams team will update to guides. More detail can be found here: <https://kingsinterhigh.co.uk/our-school/exams/>

If any clients mention online exams, please make sure they have absolute clarity on how the entry for online exams works and there is not an assumption we will handle the process.

The guidance includes online exams but please refer any questions about online exams to the exams team. We have information on our website for online exams - <https://kingsinterhigh.co.uk/our-school/online-exams>

GCSE Courses Specification Codes, Website Links and Relevant Content

English Language GCSE (9-1)

Course Name	English Language GCSE (9-1) 1 or 2 yrs 2023-24/5
Specification Number	AQA 8700
Specification Link	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024 or Summer 2025
QAN	601/4292/3
Exam entry info	<p>This is a linear course. It consists of two externally examined components and one non-examination oracy assessment, which must be completed by 15th May.</p> <p>Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing 8700/1 Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 8700/2 Spoken Language 8700/C</p>
Entry codes	<p>Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing 8700/1 Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 8700/2 Spoken Language 8700/C</p>
NC Year	10 and 11 or 11

English Literature GCSE (9-1) 1 or 2 year A21 course

Course Name	English Literature GCSE (9-1) 1 or 2yr 2023-24/5
Specification Number	AQA 8702
Specification Link	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024 or Summer 2025
QAN	601/4447/6
Exam entry info	Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19 th century novel 8702/1 Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry 8702/2
Entry codes	Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19 th century novel 8702/1 Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry 8702/2
NC Year	10 or 11

Citizenship Studies GCSE (9-1) 1 year A21 course

Course Name	Citizenship Studies GCSE (9-1) 1yr 2023-24
Specification Number	AQA8100
Specification Link	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/citizenship/specifications/AQA-8100-SP-2016.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	601/8595/8
Exam entry info	Exam for GCSE Citizenship Studies Paper 1 (8100/1) Exam for GCSE Citizenship Studies Paper 2 (8100/2)
Entry codes	GCSE Citizenship Studies 8100 Paper 1 (8100/1) Paper 2 (8100/2)
NC Year	10 or 11

History GCSE (9-1) 1 or 2 year A21 course

Course Name	History GCSE (9-1) 1 or 2yr 2023-24/5
Specification Number	AQA 8145
Specification Link	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/history/specifications/AQA-8145-SP-2016.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	601/8217/9
Exam entry info	History combination MG Paper 1 Section A Option C Russia 1894–1945: Tsardom and communism Component code: 8145/1A/C Paper 1 Section B Option B Conflict and tension – the inter-war years, 1918–1939 Component code: 8145/1B/B Paper 2 Section A Option B Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day Component code: 8145/2A/B Paper 2 Section B Option C Elizabethan England, c1568–1603 Component code: 8145/2B/C
Entry codes	Entry code: 8145MG
NC Year	10 or 11

Maths GCSE Foundation (9-1)

Course Name	Maths GCSE(1-9) Foundation/ Foundation Plus 2023-24
Specification Number	AQA 8300 or Edexcel (Pearson) IMA1
Specification Link	AQA: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/mathematics/specifications/AQA-8300-SP-2015.PDF Edexcel: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/specification-and-sample-assesment/gcse-maths-2015-specification.pdf
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	AQA: 601/4608/4 Edexcel: 601/4700/3
Exam entry info	Exam title "Mathematics" – No coursework 3 exams: Paper 1 (Non Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Paper 2 (Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Paper 3 (Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Foundation tier grades 1 to 5
Entry codes	AQA: 8300F Edexcel: IMA1 F
NC Year	11

Maths GCSE Higher (9-1)

Course Name	Maths GCSE(9-1) Higher 2023-24
Specification Number	AQA 8300 or Edexcel (Pearson) IMA1
Specification Link	AQA: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/mathematics/specifications/AQA-8300-SP-2015.PDF Edexcel: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/specification-and-sample-assesment/gcse-maths-2015-specification.pdf
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	AQA: 601/4608/4 Edexcel: 601/4700/3
Exam entry info	Exam title "Mathematics" – No coursework 3 exams: Paper 1 (Non Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Paper 2 (Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Paper 3 (Calculator (33 ⅓%) 1 hr 30 mins) Higher tier grades 4 to 9
Entry codes	AQA: 8300H Edexcel: IMA1 H
NC Year	11

Combined Science GCSE Foundation and Higher (9-1)

Course Name	Combined Science 2023-24/5 if started in Y11, 2 yrs if started in Y10
Specification Number	AQA 8464
Specification Link	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	601/8758/X
Exam entry info	Both Foundation and Higher options
Entry codes	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy June 2024 Series 6G22 Entry code 8464F or 8464H
NC Year	11 or 10 and 11

Science Triple Top-Up GCSE (9-1)

Course Name	Science Triple Top-Up 2023-24
Specification Number	8461, 8462 and 8463 - all three needed
Specification Link	Biology: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF Chemistry: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/specifications/AQA-8462-SP-2016.PDF Physics: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/physics/specifications/AQA-8463-SP-2016.PDF
Exam session	Summer 2024 Series 6G22
QAN	601/8752/9; 601/8757/8; 601/8751/7
Exam entry info	Candidates should be entered for the three separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Please note that these cannot be entered at the same time as Combined Science GCSEs. We anticipate students enrolled on Triple Science would ordinarily sit H tier papers, but please consult before entry to confirm tier of entry for individual candidates (aimee.baxter@academy21.co.uk)
Entry codes	Biology GCSE (GCSE91) 8461 Chemistry GCSE (GCSE91) 8462 Physics GCSE (GCSE91) 8463
NC Year	11

WJEC GCSE Courses (Wales entrants only)

English Language GCSE WJEC (A*-G)

Course Name	English Language GCSE WJEC (A*-G) 2023-24
Specification Number	WJEC 3700QS
Specification Link	https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/kviiytuc/wjec-gcse-english-language-specification-2015-24-10-14-branded.pdf
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	601/4943/7
Exam entry info	<p>This is a linear course. It consists of two externally examined components and one non-examination oracy assessment.</p> <p>Unit 1: Non-examination assessment – Oracy 20%</p> <p>Unit 2: External assessment – Reading and Writing: Description, Narration and Exposition 40%</p> <p>Unit 3: External assessment – Reading and Writing: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional 40%</p>
Entry codes	WJEC GCSE English Language, Subject code: 3700
NC Year	11

Maths/Numeracy (Foundation) GCSE WJEC (D to G)

Course Name	Maths/Numeracy (Foundation) GCSE WJEC (D to G) 2023-24
Specification Number	WJEC 3300 (Mathematics) 3310 (Maths-Numeracy)
Specification Link	Mathematics: https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/u3rbzzlp/wjec-gcse-maths-spec-from-2015-r-e.pdf Numeracy: https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/4wjpg3krk/wjec-gcse-maths-numeracy-spec-from-2015-r-e.pdf
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	Maths: QN 601/4907/3 Numeracy: QN 601/4908/5
Exam entry info	Foundation Entry Advised Students have to be entered for both Mathematics and Mathematics-Numeracy. Academy21's WJEC Maths GCSE course is written for the students to be sitting both sets of exams in the summer of year 11.
Entry codes	Maths (English) 3300 PF Maths (Welsh) 3300 LF Numeracy (English) 3310 PF Numeracy (Welsh) 3310 LF
NC Year	11

WJEC GCSE Science Double Award FT (C-G)

Course Name	WJEC GCSE Science Double Award FT (C-G) 2022-23
Specification Number	3430
Specification Link	https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/lknfmp5c/wjec-gcse-science-double-award-spec-from-2016.pdf
Exam session	Summer 2024
QAN	601/8236/2 C00/0780/3
Exam entry info	WJEC advise F tier entry for a majority of students; please consult with A21 Science department if there are any queries (Aimee.baxter@academy21.co.uk)
Entry codes	Unit 4 Written Paper - Biology 2 Foundation 3430U4 3430N4 Unit 5 Written Paper - Chemistry 2 Foundation 3430U5 3430N5 Unit 6 Written Paper - Physics 2 Foundation 3430U6 3430N6 Cash-In English 3430 QD Welsh 3430 CD
NC Year	11

Entry Level Courses

Everyday Science

Course Name	Everyday Science 2022-23 (KS4 Entry Level Science)
Specification Number	6430QC
Specification Link	https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/ybrbkzff/wjec-entry-level-certificate-in-science-spec-from-2016-e-11-06-2021.pdf
Exam session	May 2024 for WJEC entry level Internal assessments will be completed online from October 2023 and will need to be sent to the exam secretary in April 2024.
QAN	WJEC 601/8295/7
Exam entry info	Qualifications Wales Designation Number C00/0792/0 for the entry level certificate A21 advise F tier entry for any students progressing to Combined Science GCSE from this course.
Entry codes	WJEC Entry Level Certificate in Science 6430QC (6430CC Welsh)
NC Year	11 or 10 and 11

Functional Skills Courses

English Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2

Course Name	English Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2 2023-24
Specification Link	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Functional-skills/English/2019/specification-and-sample-assessments/pearson-edexcel-functional-skills-in-english-spec-11-12.pdf
QAN	QN 603/4289/4 (L1) QN 603/4290/0 (L2)
Exam entry info	On-demand tests available throughout the year. Suggested exam entry in January and June/July. Speaking, listening and communication component must be assessed externally (not with Academy21) according to guidelines set out on Pearson website shown above. Customers must book tests through Pearson. More information about how to book on-demand tests and how to assess sample exam materials can be found on Excel Online.
Entry codes	Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in English Level 1: QN 603/4289/4 Level 2: QN 603/4290/0
NC Year	11

Maths Functional Skills Level 1

Course Name	Maths Functional Skills Level 1 2023-24 (Note this is a Level 1 only course)
Specification Link	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Functional-skills/Mathematics/2019/specification-and-sample-assessments/pearson-edexcel-functional-skills-in-maths-spec-11-12.pdf
QAN	603/4267/5
Exam entry info	<p>On-demand tests available throughout the year. Suggested exam entry in June 2024. More information about how to book on-demand tests and how to assess sample exam materials can be found on Edexcel Online:</p> <p>https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-functional-skills/maths-2019.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FOnscreen-testing</p> <p>A21 advise F tier entry for any students progressing to Maths GCSE from this course.</p>
Entry codes	Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Level 1 QN: 603/4267/5
NC Year	10 and 11

Digital Functional Skills Qualification Level 1

Course Name	Functional Skills Digital (2023)
Specification Link	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115447/functional_skills_digital_level_1_subject_content.pdf
QAN	610/3358/3
Exam entry info	<p>Assessment: Externally set, on-demand assessment – 105 minutes (Section A – question paper)</p> <p>Grading information: The qualification is graded pass/fail.</p> <p>Entry requirements: No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required. Candidates must follow the guidance given in the Pearson document – ‘A guide to recruiting with Functional Skills Digital Level 1 Access and recruitment for more information’.</p>
Entry codes	Pearson Edexcel Digital Functional Skills qualification at Level 1 QN 610/3358/3
NC Year	7 to 11
Software requirement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Email address and software2. Access to the internet3. Word processing software4. Spreadsheet software

Cambridge Nationals IT Levels 1 and 2

Course Name	Cambridge Nationals IT Level 1/2
Specification Link	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/610951-specification-cambridge-nationals-it-j836.pdf
QAN	603/7115/8
Exam entry info	<p>R060: Data manipulation using spreadsheets - Centre-assessed tasks, OCR moderated-NEA</p> <p>R070: Using augmented reality to present information- Centre-assessed tasks, OCR moderated-NEA</p> <p>OCR-set assignments for NEA units are live for one year. Candidates have one resubmission opportunity. Resubmission of the same work must be in a series that falls in the live assessment dates for the assignment on which the work is based. All resubmissions must be based on the assignment that is live for the submission series.</p> <p>Terminal assessment</p> <p>R050: IT in the digital world-1 hour 30 mins - Written paper, OCR set and marked</p> <p>You have to submit all centre-assessed units either before or in the same series as the final exam is taken.</p>
Entry codes	Specification code J836
NC Year	10 and 11
Software requirement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Excel Spreadsheet 6. Word processing software 7. Email address and software

8. Access to Metaverse -

<https://studio.gometa.io/landing>

9. Adobe Aero software -

<https://www.adobe.com/uk/products/aero.html>

10. Access to the internet