

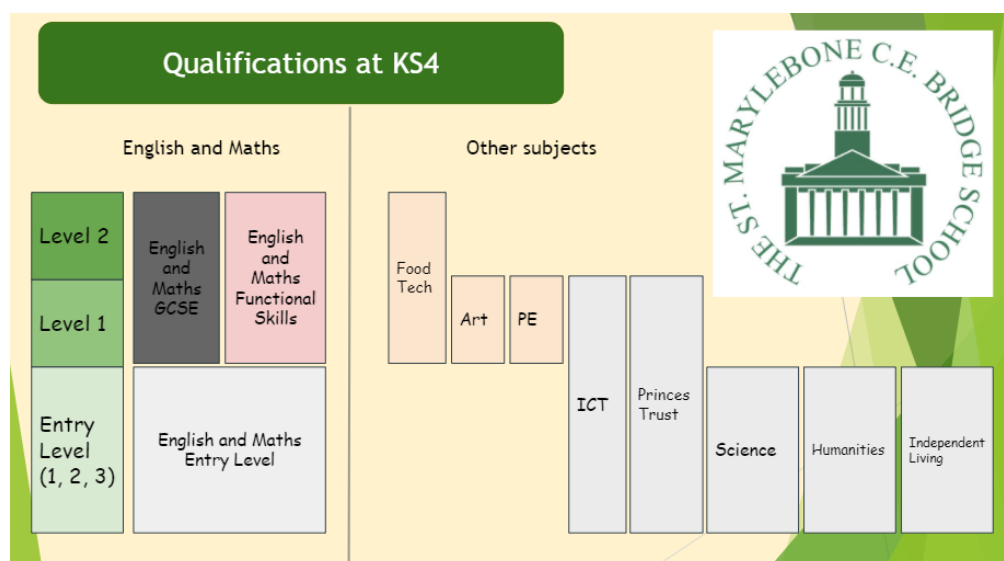


St Marylebone CE Bridge School

KS4 Subject Handbook

2021-22

Qualifications students are working towards at SMBS
Year 10 2021



1. English

	Pathway 1 (Mr Ali)	Pathway 2 (Miss O'Brien)
Year 10	Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills English <i>Entry Level 1/2</i>	AQA Functional Skills English <i>Level 1</i>
Year 11	Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills English - <i>Entry Level 2/3</i>	AQA Functional Skills English <i>Level 2</i>

2. Maths

	Pathway 1 (Mr Alevizakis)	Pathway 2 (Mr Butt)
Year 10	AQA Entry Level Maths	AQA Functional Skills Mathematics <i>Level 1</i>
Year 11	Completing AQA Entry Level Maths <i>Entry Level 1, 2 or 3</i>	AQA Functional Skills Mathematics <i>Level 2</i>

3. Science

AQA Entry Level Science - *Single or Double Award at Entry Level 1, 2 or 3*

4. Religious Studies and Humanities

WJEC Entry Pathways Humanities - *Award/Certificate/Diploma at Entry Level 2 or 3*

5. Hospitality and Catering

Edexcel BTEC in Home Cooking Skills - *Award at Level 1 or Level 2*

6. Art & Design

Pearson BTEC in Art and Design - *Award or Certificate at Level 1*

7. ICT

OCR Entry Level Computer Science - *Certificate at Entry Level 1, 2 or 3*

AND AQA ICT Unit Awards at Level 1 (not full qualification)

8. PE

NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Sport or AQA Unit Award Scheme

9. Princes' Trust Personal Development and Employability Skills Award or Certificate at Entry 3 or Level 1

10. OCNLR Skills for Independence and Employment Award at Entry Level 2 or 3

SMBS Qualifications and Descriptions

English

Qualification	Description
Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills English - <i>Entry Levels 1 - 3</i>	This is a foundation English qualification. It teaches students basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills and every day literacy skills such as reading and writing non-fiction like forms, letters, emails, etc. All tasks are assessed internally (by classroom teachers) and there are no exams. It is a pass/fail qualification so there are no grades.
AQA Functional Skills English <i>Level 1 / Level 2</i>	These are the next two levels of qualification after Entry Level. These are also pass/fail qualifications. This qualification is designed to teach students everyday life skills English and to prepare them for further education and employment. It is assessed by 2 external exams for for Reading and Writing and an internal assessment for Speaking and Listening. Exams are usually in November, January, February and May.
AQA GCSE English Language	This is a two year qualification that some students will begin the first year of in Year 11. They will not sit the exams at SMBS. They may can continue to study and sit the GCSE exam once they move onto college, although they do not need to. There are two exams, both externally set and marked, usually at the beginning of June. There are no set texts.

Maths

Qualification	Description
AQA Entry Level Maths <i>Entry Level 1, 2 or 3</i>	This qualification provides basic and relevant mathematical skills. It helps students to build their confidence in maths, and all coursework and exams are internally assessed. There are 8 components that can be worked through at a pace suitable for the students. Examples of some components are: 4 Operations, Calendar and Time and Geometry.
AQA Functional Skills Maths <i>Level 1/ Level 2</i>	This qualification aims to prepare learners for life and work, while creating a stepping stone to further studies such as GCSE Maths. It takes a real-life approach to learning, with problem-solving questions about personal finance, planning and organising activities and the world of work. It is assessed by an external exam.

Science

Qualification	Description
AQA Entry Level Science <i>(Entry Level 1, 2 or 3)</i> <i>Single award (3 components)</i> <i>Double award (6 components)</i>	This qualification provides basic and relevant scientific skills across Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students will learn theory and complete practical work in the lab. It helps students to build their confidence in Science, and all coursework and exams are internally assessed. There are 6 components that can be worked through at a pace suitable for the students or there is an alternative option of the single award which consists of 3 components. Students begin the qualification in Year 9. Across the 3 years, students will study components including: The Human Body; Elements, Compounds and Mixtures; Energy; Magnetism and; The Structure of Matter and well as practical skills including lab safety and making conclusions.

Humanities and RS

Qualification	Description
WJEC Entry Pathways Humanities (Award/Certificate/Diploma)	<p>The Entry Level Pathways qualification offers students an opportunity to explore the world around them and they will work towards this in their History and Religious Studies lessons. This is a 2 year qualification and students have the chance to achieve either an award, certificate or diploma. The qualification is project based and does not involve exams. Moreover, it grants students the opportunity to improve their expressive skills, explore and challenge their opinions, increase their level of independence and research skills.</p> <p>In History, students will be working on modules such as 'A British Society of the Past', 'Historical change over time', 'Looking at your History' and 'Responses in Contemporary Conflicts in the World Events'.</p> <p>In RS, students explore the specifics of different religions not previously studied in as much detail, such as Hinduism and Buddhism. The RS modules are: People and Protest, Contentious issues in The Modern World, Prejudice and Discrimination, Places of Worship, Religious Festivals and Celebrations and Important Ceremonies in Life and Death.</p>

Food Technology

Qualification	Description
Pearson BTEC- Level 1/2 Award in Home Cooking Skills	<p>The Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Award in Home Cooking Skills aims to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy cooking meals at home. Learners will gain understanding of how to economise when planning meals to cook at home. The unit will encourage learners to transfer skills learnt to other recipes to continue cooking for themselves and their families and to inspire others by passing on their knowledge. The unit is based on the proposition that being able to cook is an essential life skill which empowers people to make changes that have benefits to health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Students will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select and prepare ingredients for a recipe ● Use cooking skills when following a recipe ● Demonstrate food safety and hygiene throughout prep and cooking ● Reflect on own learning about value of gaining cooking skills ● Identify ways to pass on information about home cooking

Art and Design

Qualification	Description
Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Art and Design	Learners will explore a broad range of art forms including drawing, painting, ceramics, textiles and graphic design, providing learners with a broad base of understanding and plenty of opportunities to find their own style.

ICT

Qualification	Description
OCR Entry Level Computer Science (Entry Level 1, 2 or 3)	<p>This course provides learners with opportunities to become familiar with how computer technology works and a look at what goes on 'behind the scenes'.</p> <p>Through the introduction of computational thinking, algorithms and programming, the course helps learners develop their problem solving skills. It is a fun and interesting</p>

	<p>look at technology and helps pupils develop skills so important in the modern world, which can be transferred to other subjects and even applied in day-to-day life.</p> <p>Topics covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Systems - Hardware, Software, Memory & Storage, Moral, legal and cultural concerns • Computational thinking, algorithms and programming – computational logic, algorithms, programming techniques, data representation • Programming Project - pupils complete a task using a either a block or text based programming language
AQA Unit Award Scheme	The Unit Award Scheme (UAS) is a recording of achievement scheme, rather than full qualification. It offers learners the opportunity to have their achievements formally recognised with a certificate each time a short unit of learning is successfully completed. Units include: Internet Safety, Using Email, Creating a Video

PE

Qualification	Description
NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Sport	This qualification is designed to help support the learner’s personal development through acquiring skills and knowledge in sport, exercise and fitness. The qualification also allows learners to gain personal transferable skills that can be applied to the workplace or further study. It also encourages learners to adopt a fitter and healthier lifestyle.
AQA Unit Award Scheme	The Unit Award Scheme (UAS) is a recording of achievement scheme, rather than full qualification. It offers learners the opportunity to have their achievements formally recognised with a certificate each time a short unit of learning is successfully completed. Units include: Fitness, Football Skills, Studying a Team Sport.

Employability Skills (Prince’s Trust)

Qualification	Description
Princes’ Trust Personal Development and Employability Skills <i>Entry Level 3 / Level 1 Award / Certificate</i>	The Prince’s Trust Award, in Personal Development and Employability Skills (PDE) recognises a breadth of personal skills, qualities and attitudes required by employers across a range of sectors, learners will cover a range of topics that include managing money, digital skills, participating in exercise, career planning and presentation skills.

Independent Living (OCN)

Qualification	Description
OCNLR Skills for Independence and Employment <i>Entry Level 2/Entry Level 3</i>	This qualification covers a range of functional life skills e.g. safety in the community, using public transport, law and order, looking after the environment, accessing health services and skills for the workplace. Students practise functional skills in the classroom and around the community.

Qualification Levels further guidance

Entry Level is broadly considered equivalent to a primary school-aged student.

a Level 1 qualification is broadly equivalent to a GCSE at grades 1-3

a Level 2 qualification is broadly equivalent to a GCSE at grades 4-9 (a passing grade)

Entry requirements for college courses

As a rule of thumb, to study a subject at college, students will generally need to have already achieved a qualification 1 level below in that subject.

E.g. To do a Level 1 ICT course, you will need to have achieved an Entry Level 3 qualification in ICT

College course level	Entry requirement
Entry Level 1/2	no prior requirements
Entry Level 3	Entry Level 2
Level 1	Entry Level 3
Level 2	Level 1

Some courses may also require a particular level in English and Maths.