

Stowe School

Examinations Handbook
2012-2013

Fifth Form and Upper Sixth Form

Please keep this Handbook in a safe place
as you may need to refer to it when applying
for a place at university

The crest of Stowe School, featuring a shield with a cross and four lions, topped by a crown. The word 'Stowe' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script to the right of the shield.

Dear Parents

This booklet is designed to provide you with the information necessary to guide you through the various examinations your son or daughter will sit whilst at Stowe.

General information concerning Internal Exams, GCSEs, and A Levels is detailed at the beginning of the booklet along with A Level grade boundaries for both the subjects' and individual modules. A more detailed breakdown of subject modules at GCSE and A Level can be found under the various subject headings. The hope is that this information will enable both you and your son/daughter to understand the results breakdown on results day. The handbook will not provide you with details regarding the course content; that is available in the GCSE and A Level Courses Guides provided at the end of the Third and Fifth Forms, all online on the school website.

There is also information on the Post Results Service offered by the board and the School's policy with regard to re-marks and re-sits along with a frequently asked questions section.

Kind regards

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Liz Capurro
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Crispin Robinson
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Examinations Sat Throughout The Year

Third Form

School examinations will take place during November and June. Pupils can expect examinations in all the principal academic subjects and the results will be published for parents in your son's or daughter's end of term report.

Fourth Form

Pupils will undergo class tests during November and sit both Science and Maths modules during the external summer exams series. Controlled Assessments will be carried out throughout the year.

Fifth Form

Fifth Form Stoics will sit Mock Examination papers immediately after the Lent Half Term; Maths modules during November, with re-sits in March and terminal GCSE examination papers during May and June. Any Stoics following the Linear Programme for Maths will only sit exams in the Summer Series. Pupils following the Triple and Dual Science programmes will sit written papers in January of the Fifth Form in all three sciences. Practical and oral examinations as well as controlled assessment occur throughout the Fifth Form. Re-sit opportunities for Sciences occur in the summer.

Lower Sixth Form

The Lower Sixth can expect to sit School examinations during November, AS modules in January (subject led) and AS modules during the latter half of May and first two weeks of June. Those who need to re-sit any GCSE modules would do so in November.

Upper Sixth Form

The Upper Sixth will sit School exams during November; AS re-sits and some A2 modules (subject led) in January; mock examinations in April (subject led), AS re-sits in late May/early June and the majority of their A2 modules from the second week of June onwards.

External Exams

GCSEs

GCSE examinations are mostly sat in the Fifth Form. The exceptions to this are the Mathematics and Science modules which are sat throughout the Fourth and Fifth Forms. These will be dealt with in greater detail under their subject headings.

Almost all GCSE subjects contain elements of controlled assessment. Subjects vary in the number of exams they will sit during the summer of the Fifth Form, however, most will have two written exams.

The Examination Timetable in the Summer Term is a long one. Exams begin with the practical and oral components in early May with written exams beginning in mid-May and concluding the last week of June.

It is important to understand that GCSE grade boundaries vary from year to year depending on national averages. As a result, we are unable to provide exact information on where the grade boundaries lie. Heads of Department are provided with this information by the Examinations Boards on the day that results are released and they are in the best position to advise Stoics regarding their proximity to grade boundaries.

Controlled Assessment - The New Form of Coursework

Controlled Assessment has been introduced to the new GCSE specifications being taught from September 2009 onwards (Fourth Form onwards). English, Mathematics and Science are the only exceptions to this where controlled assessment will be introduced from September 2010 onwards. All coursework will now be worked on in varying levels of controlled conditions with the final pieces for submission for some subjects being carried out under exam type conditions (high control) within the classroom. Each subject will vary in the levels of control at varying stages. As such, if parents have any queries regarding individual subjects and the coursework content, they should contact their son/daughter's Head of Department.

Overall Grade Boundaries for 3 Module AS/A2

GCE Qualification Grades					
The maximum uniform mark for the qualification and the minimum uniform mark required for each grade:					
Qualification Grade	A	B	C	D	E
GCE Advance Subsidiary (maximum uniform mark = 300)	240	210	180	150	120
GCE Advanced (A Level) (maximum uniform mark = 600)	480	420	360	300	240

Overall Grade Boundaries for 2 Module AS/A2

GCE Qualification Grades					
The maximum uniform mark for the qualification and the minimum uniform mark required for each grade:					
Qualification Grade	A	B	C	D	E
GCE Advance Subsidiary (maximum uniform mark = 200)	160	140	120	100	80
GCE Advanced (A Level) (maximum uniform mark = 400)	320	280	240	200	160

Individual Module Grades for the 2 module A Level

<p style="text-align: center;">GCE Unit Results</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The minimum uniform marks required for each grade equivalent</i></p>					
<i>Unit Grade Equivalent</i>	A	B	C	D	E
Unit weighted at 30% of an AS, or 15% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 60)	48	42	36	30	24
Unit weighted at 40% of an AS, or 20% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 80)	64	56	48	40	32
Unit weighted at 50% of an AS, or 25% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 100)	80	70	60	50	40
Unit weighted at 60% of an AS, or 30% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 120)	96	84	72	60	48
Unit weighted at 70% of an AS, or 35% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 140)	112	98	84	70	56

A Levels

Subjects now consist of either two or three modules at AS Level and two or three modules at Advanced Level (please see individual subjects for more details).

Public examinations are sat in January and June. Most AS Level exams occur at the beginning of an exams series with A2 modules in the second half of that series. Subjects will vary as to when modules are sat for the first time. Some have to be sat in the January exam series, others are only available in June. Whilst the majority of modules are sat for the first time in the Summer Series, Heads of Departments may elect to have pupils sit a module early in the Academic Year i.e. January, if the pupils are considered to be fully prepared and it ties in with the teaching programme.

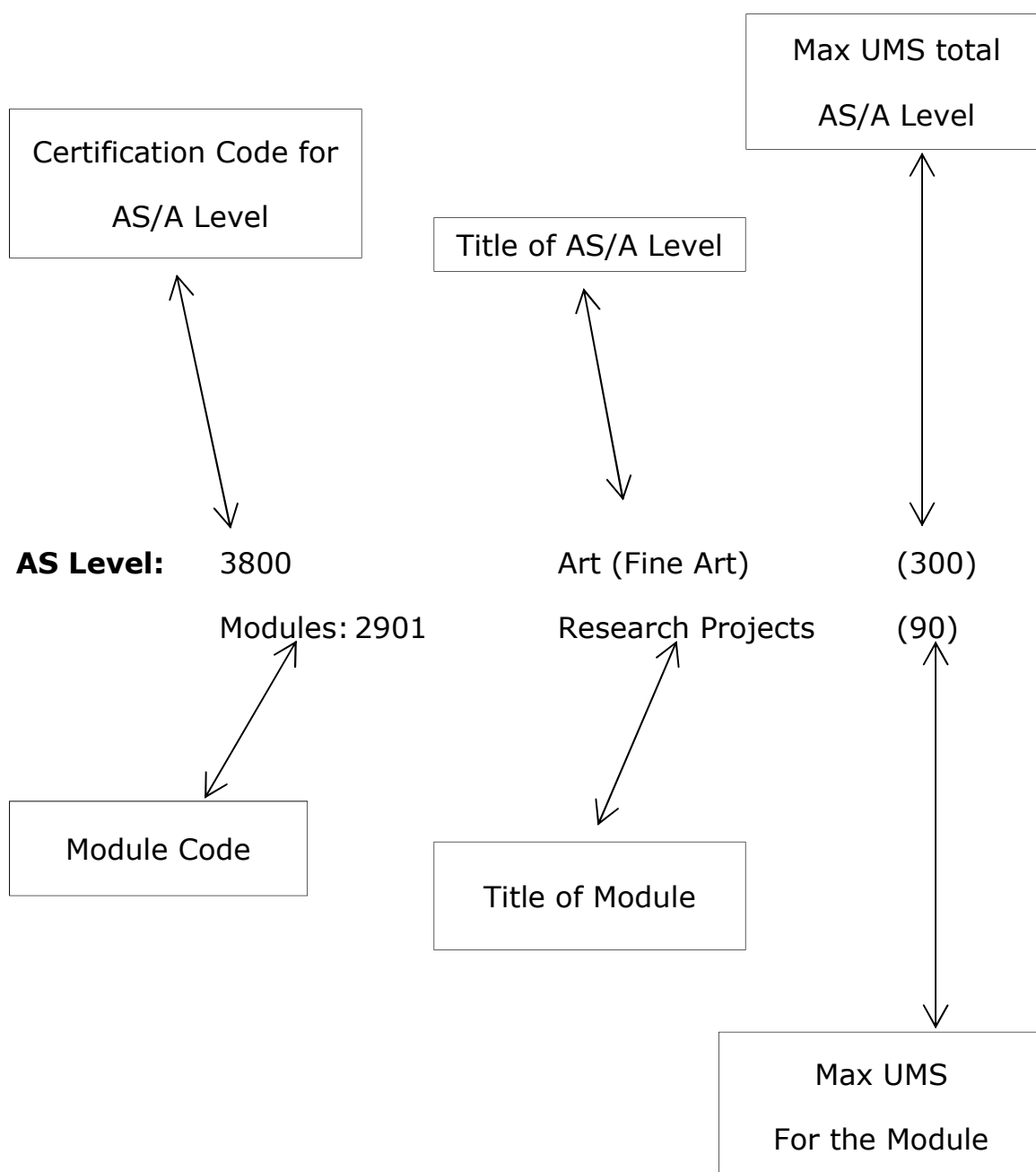
Whilst individual module grades are important to pupils, it is their overall UMS total that is used to define their Grade in a subject. Total UMS marks will add up to a maximum of either 200 or 300 at AS Level and a maximum of 400 or 600 at A Level (made up of the potential 200/300 UMS marks for the A2 modules with total UMS marks carried over from AS modules). In addition, candidates achieving an A in their Advanced GCE (Upper Sixth), who also gain at least 180/200 UMS in their two A2 modules, or 270/300 if they are sitting three modules, will receive an A* grade. (Module grade boundaries and overall grade boundary tables for the two module AS/A2 and three module AS/A2 are overleaf.)

Individual Module Grades for the 3 Module A Level

GCE Unit Results <i>The minimum uniform marks required for each grade equivalent</i>					
<i>Unit Grade Equivalent</i>	A	B	C	D	E
Unit weighted at 30% of an AS, or 15% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 90)	72	63	54	45	36
Unit weighted at 33% of an AS, or 16.7% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 100)	80	70	60	50	40
Unit weighted at 35% of an AS, or 17.5% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 105)	84	74	63	53	42
Unit weighted at 36.7% of an AS, or 18.3% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 110)	88	77	66	55	44
Unit weighted at 40% of an AS, or 20% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 120)	96	84	72	60	48
Unit weighted at 100% of an AS, or 50% of an A Level (maximum uniform mark = 300)	240	210	180	150	120

On the following pages, each subject shows the GCSE and A Level details.

The code and module details will be as shown as below:



Art

GCSE

There are two exam components to this subject. The first is the coursework component (60%) which is made up of work done during the two year course. The second is a ten hour controlled test (40%) done under exam conditions during the early part of the Summer Term.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4202 Art & Design (Fine Art)

A Level

There are two exam modules to this subject in each of the two years. Module 1 is the coursework portfolio which is made up of work done during the year. The focus is on work that demonstrates exploration, research, acquisition of techniques and skills. The second module is a controlled assignment, where the pupils are given a minimum of three weeks to plan and prepare for a five hour controlled test, developing their ideas to an outcome. Module 3 (A2) consists of the personal investigation - the focus being a major project that has a personal significance to the pupil. The fourth module is the controlled assignment where pupils are given a minimum of three weeks to plan and prepare for a fifteen hour controlled test, developing their ideas to an outcome. All modules are entered and marked during the Summer Series.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H161 Art & Design (Fine Art) (200)

Modules: F411 Coursework Portfolio (120)

F421 Controlled Assignment (80)

A2 Level: H561 Art & Design (Fine Art) (400)

Modules: F411 + F421 +

F431 Personal Investigation (120)

F441 Controlled Assignment (80)

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Biology

GCSE

Sat by Stoics following the Triple Science Programme. For those following the Dual Science Programme please look under Science.

There are three exam modules to this subject. All the modules consist of written papers. The first is sat in the summer of the 4th Form, the second in the January of the Fifth Form with the final modules , including a practical exam, taking place in the Lent and Summer terms of the 5th Form.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4401 Biology (Please refer to Science section for details of modules)

A Level

There are three exam modules at AS and three at A2. For AS Level, Units 1 and 2 are exam papers whilst the third unit is an assessment module consisting of coursework and practical skills. All modules are sat in the summer. For A2 level, Units 4 and 5 are both exam papers whilst Unit 6 will assess investigative and practical skills. Unit 4 will be sat in January and Units 5 and 6 in the summer.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

AS Level: 2071 AS GCE Biology (300)

Modules: BY1 Basic Biochemistry & Organisation (120)
By2 Biodiversity & physiology of Body Systems 120)
BY3 AS Practical Assessment (60)

A2 Level: 3071 Advanced GCE Biology (600)

Modules: BY1+BY2+BY3
BY4 Metabolism, Microbiology & Homeostasis (120)
BY5 Environment, Genetics & Evolution (120)
BY6 A2 Practical Assessment (60)

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Business Studies

GCSE Not offered

A Level

Business Studies consists of two exam modules in each of the two years. At AS Level the first module is sat in January with an opportunity to re-sit in the summer. The second module is sat in the summer. For A2 the first module is sat in January and the second in the summer. Module 1 consists of both short answer questions and extended response. Module 2 has multi-part data response questions. Module 3 requires extended skills, answering questions on an unseen case study, using knowledge acquired at AS Level with Module 4 requiring research and synoptic skills.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

AS Level: 1131 AS GCE Business Studies (200)

Modules: BUSS1 Planning, Finance & Business (80)

 BUSS2 Managing a Business (120)

A2 Level: 2131 Advanced GCE Business Studies (400)

Modules: BUSS1 + BUSS2 +

 BUSS3 Strategies for Success (100)

 BUSS4 The Business Environment & Managing Change (100)

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Chemistry

GCSE

Sat by Stoics following the Triple Science Programme. For those following the Dual Science Programme please look under Science.

There are three exam modules to this subject. All the modules consist of written papers. The first is sat in the summer of the 4th Form, the second in the January of the Fifth Form with the final modules , including a practical exam, taking place in the Lent and Summer terms of the 5th Form.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4402 Chemistry (Please refer to Science section for module details)

A Level

There are three exam modules at AS and three at A2. For AS Level, modules 1 and 2 are exam papers whilst the third is an assessment module consisting of practical tests. Module 1 will be sat in January with modules 2 and 3 sat in the summer. For A2 Level, modules 4 and 5 are both exam papers whilst module 6 will assess Investigative and practical skills. Module 4 will be sat in January and modules 5 and 6 in the Summer.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H034 AS GCE Chemistry A (300)

Modules: F321 Atoms Bonds and Groups (90)

F322 Chains Energy & Resources (150)

F323 Practical Skills in Chemistry 1 (60)

A2 Level: H434 Advanced GCE Chemistry A (600)

Modules: F321 + F322 + F323 +

F324 Rings, Polymers & Analysis (90)

F325 Equilibria, Energetics & Elements (150)

F326 Practical Skills in Chemistry 2 (60)

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Classics

Classical Civilisation

GCSE

There are four exam components in Classical Civilisation. Three are written papers sat in the Summer series. The fourth element is coursework, completed for the Summer of the Fifth Form.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

J280 Classical Civilisation

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. At AS the principal focus of the units is literature, society and values, with elements of history, archaeology and philosophy included. At A2 the principal focus of module 3 is art, architecture and religion, with elements of society and values included whilst module 4 focuses on literature, society and values with elements of history, politics and religion.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA 2020 Classical Civilisation

AS Level: 1021 AS GCE: Classical Civilisation (200)

Modules: CIV1 An Introduction to an aspect of Classical
Civilisation 1 (100)
CIV2 An Introduction to an aspect of Classical
Civilisation 2 (100)

A2 Level: 2021 Advanced GCE: Classical Civilisation (400)

Modules: CIV1+ CIV2 +
CIV3 A study of an aspect of Classical Civilisation1 (100)
CIV4 A study of an aspect of Classical Civilisation 2 (100)

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Classical Greek

GCSE

There are four exam components in Classical Greek. All are written papers sat in the Summer Series. Two of the modules focus on language, the other two on Greek literature.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

J291 Classical Greek

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. Candidates focus on the language of the 5th and 4th centuries BC with defined vocabulary lists for the language elements. For the study of literature, candidates are required to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and an appreciation of Classical Greek texts within their literary, social and historical contexts as appropriate.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H040 AS GCE in Classics: Classical Greek (200)

Modules: F371 Classical Greek Language (100)

F372 Classical Greek Verse & Prose Literature (100)

A2 Level: H440 Advanced GCE in Classics: Classical Greek (400)

Modules: F371 + F372 +

F373 Classical Greek Verse (100)

F374 Classical Greek Prose (100)

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Classics: Latin

GCSE

There are four examinable components in GCSE Latin. Two focus on the Language, two on literature. All are available in the Summer Series.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

J281 Latin

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. For the language elements, candidates are expected to be familiar with the language of authors of the 1st century BC and the 1st century AD, able to recognise and analyse the accidence and syntax and know a defined vocabulary list. For the literature elements they should be able to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and an appreciation of Latin texts.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H039 AS GCE in Classics: Latin (200)

Modules: F361 Latin Language (100)

F362 Latin Verse & Prose Literature (100)

A2 Level: H439 Advanced GCE in Classics: Latin (400)

Modules: F361 + F362 +

F363 Latin Verse (100)

F364 Latin Prose (100)

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Design Technology

Graphic Product Design

GCSE

There are two examinable components to the course. Module 1 is the practical component/controlled assessment element consisting of 60% of the overall marks. Module 2 is the written examination paper sat in the Summer Series of the Fifth Form.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

2GR01 Design & Technology Graphic Products

A Level

There are 2 modules in each year of the Sixth Form. In the Lower Sixth the first module is coursework, the second module is an examination paper. In the Upper Sixth, the third module is an examination paper and the fourth module coursework based. All are completed in the Summer Term.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

AS Level: 8GR01 AS GCE Design & Technology:

Product Design: Graphic Products Route (200)

Modules: 6GR01 Portfolio of Creative Skills (120)

6GR02 Design & Technology in practice (80)

A2 Level: 9GR01 Advanced GCE Design & Technology:

Product Design: Graphic Products Technology (400)

Modules: 6GR01 + 6GR02 +

6GR03 Designing for the Future (80)

6GR04 Commercial Design (120)

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Design Technology

Resistant Materials

GCSE

There are two examinable components to the course. Module 1 is the practical component/controlled assessment element consisting of 60% of the overall marks. Module 2 is the written examination paper sat in the Summer Series of the Fifth Form.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

2RM01 Design & Technology RMT

A Level

There are 2 modules in each year of the Sixth Form. In the Lower Sixth the first module is coursework, the second module is an examination paper. In the Upper Sixth, the third module is an examination paper and the fourth module coursework based. All are completed in the Summer Term.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

AS Level: 8RM01 AS GCE Design & Technology:
Product Design: Resistant Materials Technology (200)

Modules: 6RM01 Portfolio of Creative Skills (120)
6RM02 Design & Technology in Practice (80)

A2 Level: 9RM01 Advanced GCE Design & Technology:
Product Design: Resistant Materials Technology (400)

Modules: 6RM01 + 6RM02 +
6RM03 Designing for the Future (80)
6RM04 Commercial Design (120)

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Drama & Theatre Studies

GCSE

There are three examinable modules to the course. The first consists of 60% of the marks and is the controlled assessment with two clearly defined tasks. Task One (40%) is the Devised Performance, Task Two (20%) is the Devised Performance Report. Unit 2 (20%) is an externally assessed performance from a text with Module 3 being the written examination (20%) sat in the Summer Series of the Fifth Form.

Board and Codes

Board: WJEC

1450 Drama Basic

A Level

There are 2 modules in each year of the Sixth Form. In the Lower Sixth the first module consists of a practical assessment completed by February whilst the second module is an examination paper sat in June and available for re-sit in January. In the Upper Sixth, the third module is a practical and coursework assessment assessed between March and April with the fourth module being an examination paper completed in the Summer Term.

Board and Codes

Board: WJEC

AS Level: 2121 AS GCE Drama & Theatre Studies (200)

Modules: 1121 DA1 Performance Workshop (80)

1122 DA2 Text in Performance (120)

A2 Level: 3121 Advanced GCE Drama & Theatre Studies (400)

Modules: 1121 + 1122 +

1123 DA3 Performance on a set theme (120)

1124 DA4 Text in Context (80)

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Economics

GCSE

Not offered at GCSE

A Level

There are two modules at AS and two modules at A2 Level. In the Lower Sixth, students will sit Module 1 in the January with an opportunity to re-sit in the summer of the U6th. Module 2 will be sat in the summer and can only be re-sat in the January of the U6th. Both exams are one hour and 15 minutes duration and are split into a multiple choice component and a written component. In the Upper Sixth, pupils will sit two examination papers, both are two hour written papers.

Module 1 introduces Microeconomics to candidates who will be required to acquire a knowledge and understanding of some basic microeconomic models and apply them to current problems and issues. These skills are built on in Module 3 where they will use them to evaluate more complex microeconomic modules. Module 2 introduces candidates to macroeconomics and this knowledge is built on in module 4 which, like Module 3, is synoptic.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA 2140 Economics

AS Level: 1141 AS GCE Economics (200)

Modules: ECON1 Markets & Market Failure (100)
ECON2 The National Economy (100)

A2 Level: 2141 Advanced Government & Politics (400)

Modules: ECON1 + ECON2 +
ECON3 Business Economics & the Distribution of
Income (100)
ECON4 The National and International Economy (100)

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English Language & English Literature

GCSE

Almost all Stoics sit both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature. Both courses require a number of pieces of controlled assessment which are completed during the Fourth and Fifth Forms. The courses conclude with written exams in the summer of the Fifth Form, two for English Literature and one for English Language. Re-sits for English Language are available in the following November.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4705 English Language

4710 English Literature

A Level

At A Level, Stowe offers English Literature as an option. There are two modules in each year of the Sixth Form. In the Lower Sixth the first module consists of a written examination paper sat in the Summer Term. The second module is coursework based and is to be completed by the end of the Lent Term. Re-sits of the first module are available in January. In the Upper Sixth, the third module is a coursework assessment and module four an examination paper sat in the Summer Term.

Board and Codes

Board: WJEC

AS Level: 2171 AS GCE English Literature (200)

Modules: 1171 LT1 Poetry and Drama 1 (120)

1172 LT2 Prose Study & Creative Reading (80)

A2 Level: 3171 Advanced GCE English Literature (400)

Modules: 1171 + 1172 +

1173 LT3 Period and Genre Study (80)

1174 LT4 Poetry and Drama 2 (120)

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Geography

GCSE

There are 3 exam modules in Geography. Two are written papers sat in the Summer series, both worth 37.5% of the overall course. The third element is the controlled assessment consisting of 25% of the overall course.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4032 Geography A

A Level

There are 2 modules in each year of the Sixth Form. All modules are examination papers with module four (Upper Sixth year) answering questions on the pupil's individual investigative work. Module one will be sat in the January, module two in the Summer of the Lower Sixth.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H083 AS GCE Geography (200)

Modules: F761 Managing Physical Environments (100)

F762 Managing change in Human Environments (100)

A2 Level: H483 Advanced GCE Geography (400)

Modules: F761 + F762 +

F763 Global Issues (120)

F764 Geographical Skills (80)

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Government & Politics

GCSE

Not offered at GCSE

A Level

Generally all units are sat in the Summer Series and there is no coursework component. A few AS students may be selected to sit Unit 1 in January with the chance to re-sit in the summer, this will be at the discretion of the Head of Department.. The AS modules focus on political systems within the UK whilst the A2 modules focus on those in the USA. Module 1 introduces pupils to the key channels of communication between government and the people whilst module 2 introduces the major governmental processes within the UK. Candidates are required to develop a critical understanding of the role and effectiveness of key institutions and of the relationship amongst them in the context of multi-level governance. Module 3 introduces candidates to key themes in political analysis and Module 4 extends this understanding further — all focusing on the USA.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

AS Level: 8GP01 AS GCE Government & Politics (200)

Modules: 6GP01 People & Politics (100)

6GP02 Governing the UK (100)

A2 Level: 9GP01 Advanced Government & Politics (400)

Modules: 6GP01 + 6GP02 +

6GP03 Key Themes in Political Analysis (100)

6GP04 Extended Themes in Political Analysis (100)

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History

GCSE

There are three exam modules in History. Two are written papers sat in the Summer Series. The third element is controlled assessment completed in the Spring Term of the Fifth Form and assess the significance of Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk in the dismantling of the Apartheid state in South Africa

Board and Codes

Board: OCR: J417 History

Paper 1 The Inter-War Years 1919-1939 & German Depth Study
1918-1945

Paper 2 British Depth Study 1890-1918

A Level

There are 2 modules in each year of the Sixth Form. All modules are sat in the Summer Series with re-sit options in the following January. AS modules are both written papers. The first of the A2 modules is a written exam and the second a coursework piece consisting of an extended essay.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

AS Level: 8HI01 AS GCE History (200)

Modules: 6HI01 Historical Themes in Breadth (100)

Either USA 1945-1975 (Civil Rights & Foreign Policy in Asia)

Or Italian & German Unification 1815-1870

And 6HI02 British History Depth Studies (100)

Henry VIII

A2 Level: 9HI01 Advanced GCE History (400)

Modules: 6HI01 + 6HI02 +

6HI03 Depth Studies & Associated Historical

Controversies (120)

The United States 1917-54: Boom, Bust & Recovery

6HI04 Historical Enquiry (80)

Representation & Democracy In Britain 1830-1931

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History of Art

GCSE

Not offered at this level

A Level

There are two modules in each year of the Sixth Form. All modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series with re-sit options the following summer. Module 1 assesses visual skills and is designed to equip candidates to be able to analyse and interpret the formal visual features and stylistic elements of painting, sculpture and architecture. Module 2 uses these skills to look at specific examples of Western Art & Architecture. Modules 3 and 4 study prescribed periods and locations with the emphasis on the demonstration of understanding by the candidate and the ability to communicate that knowledge and its application to the subject matter.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA 2250 History of Art

AS Level: 1251 AS GCE History of Art (200)

Modules: HART1 Visual Analysis & Interpretation (80)
HART2 Themes in History of Art (120)

A2 Level: 2251 Advanced GCE History of Art (400)

Modules: HART1 + HART2 +
HART3 Investigation & Interpretation 1 (100)
HART4 Investigation & Interpretation 2 (100)

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Information & Communications Technology

GCSE (Equivalent)

At GCSE level ICT pupils study for the British Computer Society 'ECDL Extra' qualification. This qualification is equivalent to a GCSE and includes the following modules of study: Word Processing; Spreadsheet Software; Presentation Software; Improving productivity using IT. Each module is examined through an on-line testing system within Stowe School. When students achieve 75% in each of the four modules, they receive the award.

A Level

Stowe offers the academic A Level in ICT. There are two modules in each year of the Sixth Form. Module 1 is an exam to be sat in January of the AS year, and module 2 comprises of coursework to be submitted in the Spring Term, with no exam. A re-sit opportunity exists for module 1 in the Summer Series. In the Upper Sixth there is one examinable component, module 3, and one major coursework component, module 4. The module 3 exam will be sat in the January series, with module 4 being submitted for marking and moderation in the Spring Term. Re-sit opportunities will exist in the Spring Series for module 3.

Board and Codes

Board: WJEC

AS Level:	2241	AS GCE ICT (200)
Modules:	1241 IT1	Information Systems (120)
	1242 IT2	Presenting Information Task (80)
A2 Level:	3241	Advanced GCE ICT (400)
Modules:	1241 + 1242 +	
	1243 IT3	Use & Impact of ICT (120)
	1244 IT4	Relational Database Project (80)

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Mathematics

GCSE

There are three exam modules throughout the Fourth and Fifth Forms. Module 1 is sat in the summer of the Fourth Form. Module 2 is sat in November with terminal papers in the summer of the Fifth Form. There are opportunities to re-sit previous modules in March and the Summer. There is no coursework.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

3MB01 Mathematics

A Level

Students will sit three modules, Core 1 and 2 and Statistics 1 in the summer of the Lower Sixth Form. In the Upper Sixth they will sit Core 3 and 4 and Mechanics 1. Some modules are available in January subject to department approval. Further Mathematics is available at AS and A2 for the very strong mathematicians. AS Further Mathematics will consist of Further Pure 1, Decision 1 and Mechanics 2 over the two years. The full further mathematicians will sit Further 2 and 3 and another applied module, subject to their particular strengths.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

Mathematics

AS Level:	8371	AS GCE Mathematics (300)
Modules:	6663	Core Mathematics 1 (100)
	6664	Core Mathematics 2 (100)
	6677	Mechanics 1 (100)

A2 Level: 9371 Advanced GCE Mathematics (600)

Modules: 6663 + 6664 + 6677 +

6665 Core Mathematics 3 (100)

6666 Core Mathematics 4 (100)

6683 Statistics 1 (100)

Further Mathematics

AS Level: 8372 AS GCE Further Mathematics (300)

Modules: 6674 Further Pure 1 (100)

6689 Decision Mathematics 1 (100)

6678 Mechanics 2 (100)

A2 Level: 9372 Advanced GCE Further Mathematics (600)

Modules: 6674 + 6689 + 6678 +

6675 Further Pure 2 (100)

6676 Further Pure 3 (100)

and one of the following:

6679 Mechanics 3 (100)

6684 Statistics 2 (100)

6690 Decision Mathematics 2 (100)

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Modern Language

French

GCSE

There are four modules: The reading and listening exams take place in the Summer Series. The Speaking and Writing tests take the form of controlled assessments and will be set during the school year.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

French: 4658 GCSE French

Modules:	Unit 1	Listening (20%)
	Unit 2	Speaking (30%)
	Unit 2	Reading (20%)
	Unit 4	Writing (30%)

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. Module 1 is a two hour written paper. Modules 2 and 4 are 35 minute speaking tests (including 20 minutes preparation time). Module 3 is a two and a half hour written paper. The Oral examinations are held in early May.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

French FR2650

AS Level: 1651 AS GCE French (200)

Modules:	FREN1	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	FREN2	Speaking Test (60)

A2 Level: 2651 Advanced GCE French (400)

Modules:	FREN1 + FREN2 +	
	FREN3	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	FREN4	Speaking Test (60)

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German

GCSE

There are four modules: The reading and listening exams take place in the Summer Series. The Speaking and Writing tests take the form of controlled assessments and will be set during the School year.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

German: 4668 GCSE German

Modules:	Unit 1	Listening (20%)
	Unit 2	Speaking (30%)
	Unit 2	Reading (20%)
	Unit 4	Writing (30%)

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. Module 1 is a two hour written paper. Modules 2 and 4 are 35 minute speaking tests (including 20 minutes preparation time). Module 3 is a two and a half hour written paper. The Oral examinations are held in early May.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

German GR2660

AS Level: 1661 AS GCE German (200)

Modules:	GERM1	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	GERM2	Speaking Test (60)

A2 Level: 2661 Advanced GCE German (400)

Modules:	GERM1 + GERM2 +	
	GERM3	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	GERM4	Speaking Test (60)

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Spanish

GCSE

There are four modules: The reading and listening exams take place in the Summer Series. The Speaking and Writing tests take the form of controlled assessments and will be set during the school year.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

Spanish: 4698 GCSE Spanish

Modules:	Unit 1	Listening (20%)
	Unit 2	Speaking (30%)
	Unit 2	Reading (20%)
	Unit 4	Writing (30%)

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All four modules are examination papers sat in the Summer Series. Module 1 is a two hour written paper. Modules 2 and 4 are 35 minute speaking tests (including 20 minutes preparation time). Unit 3 is a two and a half hour written paper. The Oral examinations are held in early May.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

Spanish SP2695

AS Level: 1696 AS GCE Spanish (200)

Modules:	SPAN1	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	SPAN2	Speaking Test (60)

A2 Level: 2696 Advanced GCE Spanish (400)

Modules:	SPAN1 + SPAN2 +	
	SPAN3	Listening, Reading & Writing (140)
	SPAN4	Speaking Test (60)

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Music

GCSE

There are three exam modules in GCSE Music. They consist of Module 1, performing; Module 2, composing; and Module 3, the written exam paper examining listening and appraising skills.

Board and Codes

Board: Edexcel

2MU01 GCSE Music

A Level

There are three exam modules at AS and three at A2. All six modules are sat in the Summer Series, three at AS and three at A2. They consist of a performance module, a composition module and a historical study module.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H142 AS GCE Music (300)

Modules: G351 Performing Music 1 (120)
G352 Composing 1 (90)
G353 Introduction to Historical Study in Music (90)

A2 Level: H542 Advanced GCE Music (600)

Modules: G351 + G352 + G353 +
G354 Performing Music 2 (120)
G355 Composing 2 (90)
G356 Historical & Analytical Studies in Music (90)

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Physics

GCSE

Sat by Stoics following the Triple Science Programme. For those following the Dual Science Programme please look under Science.

There are three exam modules to this subject. All the modules consist of written papers. The first is sat in the summer of the 4th Form, the second in the January of the Fifth Form with the final modules , including a practical exam, taking place in the Lent and Summer terms of the 5th Form.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4403 Physics (Please refer to Science section for details of modules)

A Level

There are three exam modules at AS and three at A2. All modules are sat in the Summer Series, except for the coursework module in each year that is completed before the end of the Lent Term.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H159 AS GCE Physics B (300)

Modules: G491 Physics in Action (90)
G492 Understanding Processes, Experimentation and data handling (150)
G493 Physics in Practice (60)

A2 Level: H559 Advanced GCE Physics B (600)

Modules: G491 + G492 + G493 +
G494 Rise and Fall of the Clockwork Universe (90)
G495 Field and Particle Pictures (150)
G496 Researching Physics (60)

Head of Department

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Religious Studies

GCSE

This Religious Studies GCSE is without coursework. Students sit two examination papers during the Summer Term of the Fifth Form.

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

1931A Religious Studies B (Philosophy & Ethics)

New A Level (Lower Sixth)

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All modules are sat in the Summer Series. There are no coursework elements to this specification. In Module 1, candidates will need to be able to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of a number of ethical theories. In Module 2, candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of issues relating to set texts. Module 3 develops further themes from module 1 whilst in Module 4 candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of issues relating to set texts (these texts differ from those set at AS).

Board and Codes

Board: OCR

AS Level: H172 AS GCE Religious Studies (200)

Modules: G572 Religious Ethics (100)

G574 New Testament (100)

A2 Level: H559 Advanced GCE Religious Studies (400)

Modules: G572 + G574 +

G582 Religious Ethics (100)

G584 New Testament (100)

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Science (GCSE)

Module details for all the Science GCSEs are on the facing page. Pupils following the Triple Science Programme should refer to the individual subject headings for details on when exams will be sat. For all other pupils, details are below.

Science is now modular based. It now consists of two independent GCSEs, Science and Additional Science — replacing what was called the Dual Award. In the main, pupils will sit modules in March and the summer of the Fourth Form as well as in November and summer of the Fifth Form.

Science A or B: The Science paper consists of six 30 minute multiple choice papers, two in each of the science subjects, as well as practical exams in those subjects. Pupils will sit the first modules in the Spring of the Fourth Form, the second group of modules are sat in the summer of that year with the final set in November of the Fifth Form. Practical exams are held throughout the year. *This is Science A.*

Those pupils who do not do well in four of the multiple choice papers in the spring of the Fourth Form are offered the opportunity to sit written papers in either the summer of the Fourth Form or the January of the Fifth Form (those with only one or two multiple choice papers to re-sit will do so in March of the Fifth Form). These consist of three 45 minute written papers, one in each subject. The practical module can be counted towards this GCSE. *This is Science B.* There is no differentiation between the two GCSEs apart from the form that the examination takes.

Additional Science: This consists of a 45 minute written paper and a practical exam for each of the sciences. These papers are sat in the Summer of the Fifth Form at Stowe.

Results: The results are issued as two separate GCSEs.

A breakdown of the modules can be found opposite:

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Board and Codes for all Science GCSEs

AQA

Science and Additional Science

Science A 4462

Modules:	BLY1AP	Biology Multiple Choice A
	BLY1BP	Biology Multiple Choice B
	CHY1AP	Chemistry Multiple Choice A
	CHY1BP	Chemistry Multiple Choice B
	PHY1AP	Physics Multiple Choice A
	PHY1BP	Physics Multiple Choice B
	SCYC	Science Practical

Science B 4461

Modules:	BLY1	Biology 1
	CHY1	Chemistry 1
	PHY1	Physics 1
	SCYC	Science Practical

Additional Science 4463

Modules:	BHY2	Biology 2
	CHY2	Chemistry 2
	PHY2	Physics 2
	ASCC	Science Practical 2

Triple Science details overleaf

Science (GCSE) cont'd.

Triple Science

Biology 4411

Modules: BLY1AP & BLY1BP As above

BLY2 Biology 2

BLY3 Biology 3

BLYC Biology Practical

Chemistry 4421

Modules: CHY1AP & CHY1BP OR CHY1

CHY2 Chemistry 2

CHY3 Chemistry 3

CHYC Chemistry Practical

Physics: 4451

Modules: PHY1AP & PHY1BP OR CHY1

PHY2 Physics 2

PHY3 Physics 3

PHYC Physics Practical

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Sport Science

GCSE

The Sport Science GCSE consists of both written and practical assessment.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA

4892 Physical Education A

A Level

There are two exam modules at AS and two at A2. All modules are sat in the Summer Series. There are no coursework elements to this specification.

Board and Codes

Board: AQA 2580 Physical Education

AS Level: 1580 AS GCE Physical Education (200)

Modules: PHED1 Opportunities for and the effects of leading a healthy and active lifestyle (120)
PHED2 Analysis and Evaluation of physical activity as a performer and/or in an adopted role/s (80)

A2 Level: 1680 Advanced GCE Physical Education (400)

Modules: PHED1 + PHED2 +
PHED3 Optimising Performance and evaluating contemporary issues within sport (120)
PHED4 Optimising practical performance in a competitive situation (80)

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Results Day

Sixth Form AS and A Level results will be sent out by email and post on **Thursday 18 August 2011**. GCSE Results for the Fifth Form will be sent out by email and post on **Thursday 25 August 2011**. Emails are sent to a Stoic's Stowe email address by the Exams Office early on the morning of the release date. Emails cannot be sent to parental email addresses or non-Stowe email addresses for security reasons. **Please note that results are issued to pupils only - in line with the Data Protection Act.**

For those pupils who need advice on the day regarding their results, Mr Crispin Robinson (Deputy Head – Academic), Mrs Sally Akam (Senior Tutor) and the Heads of Departments are available to advise and help. Phone numbers will be issued in the Summer mailing.

Certificates

Certificates are sent out by the Boards in November following the completion of the Enquiries about Results. For the Upper Sixth they are sent out by Royal Mail using the "Signed for" service. As many Stoics are either at University or on their Gap year, they are usually addressed to parents to ensure that acknowledge of receipt is possible. For the rest of the School, we attempt to issue them to parents when collecting or delivering Stoics during term time.

Re-sits

Leavers (Upper Sixth) Stoics are allowed to re-sit modules in either the January or June subject to availability. The School asks that if Stoics are re-sitting that they ensure they are receiving tuition as part of their preparation. Those who re-sit and have not received tuition during this period invariably do not improve their results.

Current Stoics re-sit where necessary and when available in the series closest to the previous sitting of that module. However, the School closely monitors pupils' entries through the Exams Office and the tutor system to ensure that pupils do not overload themselves, particularly in the January series. To ensure that Stoics achieve their optimum potential, they are strongly advised to sit no more than 5 modules in January — the majority sit far fewer. A careful balance for each individual Stoic is important with Tutors, Housemasters and the Senior Tutor reviewing any exceptional cases.

Post Results Service

The Examination Boards offer a Post Results Service which allows pupils to apply for a re-mark of their paper or to order copies of their papers. **Please refer to the correspondence that will be sent out during the Summer Term with regard to the 2011 deadlines.**

Enquiries About Results (EARs)

Priority Re-marks

This service is offered to Upper Sixth Formers where a university place is dependent on the examination results. There is a very early deadline - usually the Friday week after the results are issued (26 August).

Re-marks

This service is offered to all other pupils, either in the Sixth Form or the Fifth Form. These usually have a deadline of 20 September. **In all re-marks**, it is the Stoic applying for the re-mark who **MUST** sign the consent form. Where the Head of Department has recommended that a re-mark be sought, it is still the responsibility of the pupil to ensure that they sign the consent form and pass it on to the Exams Office. **The Board will only accept requests for re-marks where the written consent of the pupil has been received.** Stoics must consult with the relevant Head of Department before requesting a re-mark to ensure they are not endangering their grade or requesting a re-mark where there is no chance of them improving their grade.

****Please remember that marks can go DOWN as well as up, and do!****

Access to Scripts (ATS)

Photocopy of Scripts

This service is offered to pupils considering a standard re-mark. It is NOT available to those requiring a Priority Re-mark. The deadline is usually the Friday after the results are issued (28 August).

Original Scripts

Pupils who wish to review scripts with teachers may order original scripts. They cannot be ordered with a view to a re-mark as they do not arrive in School until after the re-mark deadline. The deadline for the ordering of these scripts is usually around 4 October.

All scripts are sent automatically to the Head of Department for review.

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