

GCSE
**Motor Vehicle
and Road User
Studies**

STUDENT
GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Studying Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies will expand your knowledge of the motor vehicle. The course covers the safe use of the road as a pedestrian, cyclist or as a future motorist.

WHY STUDY MOTOR VEHICLE AND ROAD USER STUDIES?

You will gain an understanding of the motor vehicle, the responsibilities of being a road user, maintaining a vehicle and the components of cars.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS QUALIFICATION/ IMPROVEMENTS MADE

You can demonstrate your skills by performing skilled manoeuvres on a moped as part of the practical riding activity.

As part of the course you will study the Highway Code, which is excellent preparation for the driving test.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

UNIT	AREAS OF STUDY
Unit 1: Motor Vehicle and Road User Theory	<p>You will study the legal requirements of driving, the Highway Code, driving under adverse conditions, physical and mental fitness of the driver, causes and prevention of road traffic collisions, safety requirements of vehicles, development of the modern road system and traffic management, traffic pollution, costs of purchasing, running and maintaining a vehicle, and the components of cars and motorcycles.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a 1 hour 45 minute written examination paper worth 50% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
Unit 2: Investigative Study	<p>You will research and write a report on a moving traffic situation. This could include, for example, conducting interviews, surveys, preparing maps and photographs.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a controlled assessment task worth 25% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
Unit 3: Practical Riding Activity	<p>You will learn how to carry out daily checks and demonstrate practical riding skills on a moped.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a controlled assessment task worth 25% of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>



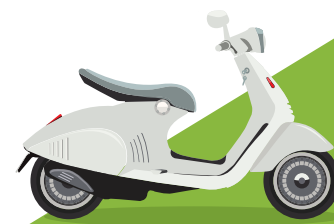
Unit 1
Theory

50%



Unit 2
Investigative Study

25%



Unit 3
Practical Riding Activity

25%

WHAT CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS, THINKING SKILLS AND PERSONAL CAPABILITIES WILL I DEVELOP?



CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS AT KEY STAGE 4 COMMUNICATION, USING MATHEMATICS AND USING ICT

This qualification will help you to gain valuable skills that can lead to further study, higher education and vocational training and employment.

Applying what you learn, for example from working with others, participating and listening in discussions, debates and interviews, interpreting, analysing and presenting information, will benefit you in everyday life and in any future career.

You will become a more informed road user, for example, as a pedestrian, cyclist or motorist. You will be aware of all the aspects to consider when purchasing a vehicle and the important maintenance procedures to carry out.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A QUALIFICATION IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND ROAD USER STUDIES?

Studying this subject can lead to a career in, for example, engineering, motor vehicle maintenance and repair, car sales, car insurance, driving instruction, road safety education, traffic police, car bodywork, and design and technology.

