

Year 11: What we know so far

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How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021







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Working out your grade


-  Graded by teacher judgement
-  Not graded by an algorithm
-  School and college assessments can continue
-  You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught
-  Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you
-  Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

Evidence

-  Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence
-  Non-exam assessment should continue
-  Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete
-  Art & design grade based only on your portfolio
-  Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to
-  Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

Results and appeals

-  **Results days**
AS and A level 10 August
GCSE 12 August
-  If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.
- You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website

 www.gov.uk/ofqual

Key Dates:

June 18th - deadline for CAGs
August 12th – GCSE results day

Some things to remember:

- You will only be assessed in each subject on topics you have studied (therefore not all students around the country will sit the same assessments)
- If you have subjects with NEAs (often practical exams) these are as important as a written paper. Your teacher will give you details of how to ensure the final NEA submission is of the highest possible standard
- There will be some ‘formal’ assessments after Easter. Your teacher will be able to give you some broad guidance on what to revise and will help you to prepare
- One assessment isn’t more important than another – they will all contribute to the final grade your teacher will generate for you.
- Work completed to date will also be taken into account, along with work you are doing now. Teachers will be using ‘day to day’ evidence from your classwork to help shape their judgement alongside the ‘formal’ PPE or NEA assessment results .
- Next week (**Wednesday, 6pm**) there is a virtual briefing on the full Centre Assessed Grade process that all the Secondary schools in the Trust will be following – you are invited & encouraged to attend with your parents.

Assessment Opportunities

The following are in place for you:

- **NEA** (practical elements) to be completed by 1st April. Blocks of time made available **29 March – 1 April**. Your teacher will let you know which day(s) you are needed. The normal teaching timetable will continue for all other students.
- **Core PPEs** (postponed from 8 March) to take place **21-23 April (+AM session, 29 April)**. You will have exams in Eng Lit, Eng Lang, Maths (calculator & non-calculator), Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Subject teachers are also able to use **in class assessments** (e.g. one particular question) to allow students the opportunity to show what they can achieve in particular aspects of the course – these will form part of normal lessons (e.g. answering a 6 mark exam question)

Subjects with substantive NEAs taking place
29 March – 1 April:
Art, D&T, Food, Drama, Dance, French (oral)
& German/Spanish/Italian Orals

Your teachers will be preparing **revision materials** to support you ahead of Core PPEs

NEAs: 29 March – 1 April

An outline of the proposed schedule can be found below:

Subject	Notes	Mon 29 March	Tues 30 March	Wed 31 March	Thurs 1 April
Art	Students will be off timetable all day to work on their NEA submission			✓	
D&T	Students will be off timetable all day to work on their NEA submission		✓		
Food Tech	Students will be allocated to one of the days and be off timetable p1-4 on that day. Mrs Ashley will confirm which day students are doing)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dance	Monday (rehearsals) – students will be off timetable all day On Thursday, students will be given a specific time for their performance	✓			✓
Drama	Students will be off timetable p1-4 to work on their NEA submission	✓			
French (orals)	Students will have a set up session p1 and then be given a specific time for their oral			✓	
Home Language (orals)	Students will have a prep session p5 and their oral will take place between 3-4pm	✓			

All students will get a personal timetable for this last week of term so there can be no confusion!

If (when) you are not involved in NEAs you will be in regular timetabled lessons

Food & Nutrition students – Mrs Ashley will let you know which day you are cooking on!

English Language Speaking and Listening component

In order to fully satisfy the requirements of the English Language GCSE you are required to complete a Speaking assessment. This will not contribute to your final grade, but is a necessary element to have completed for the qualification to be verified.

- You will be required to prepare a short speech on a topic of your choice and *perform* it to a small audience.
- Unlike previous years it does not have to be recorded
- You will be graded (Pass / Merit / Distinction) and it will print on your GCSE certificate

During the NEA week you will each have an English Speaking assessment set up lesson (where all the criteria will be shared) and there will be time set aside in English lessons that week to prepare you for the assessment.

We intend to complete the speaking assessments (where possible) on Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

Nearer the time you will receive details of when your 'set up' lesson is scheduled and when your 'performance' slot is.

Core PPEs: 21-23 April (+29 April AM session)

Session / Time	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Thursday 29
Session 1 8.45-11.05 <i>Expected exam start time 9am</i>	Maths (1h 30)	Eng Literature (1h45)	Physics Triple (1h45) Physics Comb Sci (1h10)	Maths (1h 30)
Students have Break 1, Period 3 (as timetable) and Break 2				Lessons resume from p3
Session 2 1.05-3.10 <i>Expected exam start time 1.15 pm</i>	Eng Language (1h45)	Biology Triple (1h45) Biology Comb Sci (1h10)	Chemistry Triple (1h45) Chemistry Comb Sci (1h10)	

Exams will take place in the Main Hall

Exams will take place under full exam conditions

The English, Maths and Science teams will inform you of the topics you need to focus your revision on. They will provide materials to support your revision too.

Students with agreed Access Arrangements - these will take place in the Training Suite

Mrs Reilly will send a reminder of the JCQ regulations as well as the COVID procedures in place before we break for Easter.

Next steps:

- Keep working hard in lessons - *Work you are producing in the next few weeks plays as important part as work you have done previously*
- If you have coursework (BTEC) or NEA work outstanding make a special effort to get that completed to the best of your ability
- Engage with revision materials available to help prepare for Core PPEs
- Attend the CAG briefing next Wednesday (6pm) with your parents so you understand the process that will be in place to generate your exam grades for this summer