



Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11

You will be aware that GCSE and Vocational Qualification grades will be decided this year by Teacher Assessment rather than external examination. We need to be fair to everyone and only give grades where students have shown they have the right level of knowledge, understanding and skill. Final guidance will be provided by the Exam Boards in a few weeks but in the meantime, here is an outline of our approach.

What assessments will my child take?

- Each subject will select areas of the course that we know have been fully covered, where students should have a sound understanding. Students will be told what topics they will be assessed on.
- We will then create three or four assessments that will assess students' knowledge and skills in those areas. The assessments will take place in lessons and the examination hall.
- These are assessments not external examinations. However, they will be based on the information sent out by the examination boards and they will be moderated to make sure teacher assessments are accurate. Students should revise and try to do their best with these assessments.
- Students who would usually have extra time in the exams will benefit from the same arrangements in teacher assessment.
- We will continue to gather further evidence in class that will enable us to award the grades that we feel reflect our students' skills and abilities.
- We will prepare students with revision lessons and materials as soon as they are ready.

When will assessments take place?

The assessments will begin in the week after Easter holidays (w/c 12th April 2021) and will continue throughout the first half term of the summer term. There will be final assessments for the students to work towards in May. The final assessment should take place during the week beginning 24th May 2021. However, this is dependent on any updated Government guidance.

When will the exam results be issued?

The advertised dates for the exam results are:

- GCSEs - Thursday 12th August 2021
 - Vocational/BTECs - we anticipate that these will also be issued on the same dates as above.
- If there are any changes to these dates, we will share this information with you.



How will my child's grade be formulated?

- Teachers will assess students against a national standard, which will be defined by the exam boards before the Easter break.
- Departments will submit grades using a range of evidence which will be quality assured. This internal quality assurance process will have to be signed off by the exam board to ensure it is rigorous and in line with national standards.
- All results will be quality assured externally by the exam boards, which may include random sampling of our evidence.
- If the exam boards are confident in our submitted results, then the exam boards will award students their final grades.
- If students do not think their results are accurate, they will have the right to appeal. Information about this will be advised after the exam grades are awarded in the summer.

It has been a delight to have welcomed back our students this week and to see them back in the classroom with their peers and their teachers. I will give you further updates when I have more detail to share with you. In the meantime, please encourage your child to revise key knowledge and content and act on feedback from their teachers. By working together, all our students will be given the opportunity to achieve their potential and go on to future success. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Taylor

Assistant Headteacher

| April Assessments 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Week D | Period 1 (9am - 11am) | 11.00 - 11.15 | 11.15-12.25 | 12.25 - 1.05 | Periods 4/5 (1.10 - 2.45) | |
| Monday 12 April | Spanish Reading/Listening (1hour 20mins/1hour 45 mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Combined Science Biology (1hour 15 mins) | |
| Tuesday 13th Jan | English Language Paper 1 (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Combined Science Chemistry (1hour 15 mins) | |
| Wednesday 14 April | Religious Studies (2Hours) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | History Paper 1 (1 Hour) | |
| Thursday 15 April | Mathematics Paper 1 (Non Calc) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Combined Science Physics (1hour 15 mins) | |
| | Catch up | | | | Catch Up | |
| Friday 16 April | English Language Paper 2 (1 hour 45 mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Geography Paper 1 (1hour 30mins) | |
| Week A | | | | | Catch up | |
| Monday 19 April | English Literature Paper 1 (Year 11) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | ICT (1hour 30 mins) | |
| Tuesday 20 April | Mathematics Paper 2 (Calc) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | French Writing (1hour 5 mins/1hour 20mins) | |
| | Hospitality and Catering (1 hour 40 mins) | | | | History Paper 2 Paper 2 (1 hour) | |
| Wednesday 21 April | English Literature Paper 1 (Year 10) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Catch up | Lunch | Spanish Writing (1hour 5 mins/1hour 20mins) | |
| Thursday 22 April | English Literature | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Geography | |
| | Paper 2 (Year 11) (1hour 45mins) | | | | Paper 2 (1hour 30mins) | |
| Friday 23 April | Mathematics Paper 3 (Calc) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | History Paper 3 (1hour) | |
| | Catch up | | | | Catch up | |
| Week C | | | | | | |
| Monday 26 April | Health and Social Care (2 Hours) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | French Reading/Listening (1hour 20mins/1hour 45 mins) | |
| Tuesday 27 April | English Literature Paper 2 (Year 10) (1hour 45mins) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Catch up | |
| | Business (2 Hours) | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | Catch up | |
| Wednesday 28 April | | Break | Normal Lesson | Lunch | | |