

## Year 11 Frequently Asked Questions

The answers provided below are based on the current guidance that is available, and to the best of our current knowledge.

### Teacher Assessed Grades:

#### **1. What evidence will be used to award my Teacher Assessed Grade?**

The final grade will be awarded based on reasonable judgement of the evidence of your performance in assessments, NEAs and other substantial assessed pieces of work undertaken in controlled conditions.

#### **2. Is it possible to be given a Teacher Assessed Grade that is lower than my Current Summary Grade?**

This is possible but is unlikely to happen as the evidence suggests a consistent performance at this level already. It is more likely that the grade will remain the same or rise through strong performance in forthcoming assessments.

#### **3. Will grades be decided by previous results in each subject within the school?**

No. Grades will be determined through a reasonable judgement of the evidence of an individual student's performance.

#### **4. Are grades going to be at all aspirational?**

No. The final grade will be awarded based on reasonable judgement of the evidence of your performance in assessments, NEAs and other substantial assessed pieces of work undertaken in controlled conditions.

#### **5. Will proximity to grade boundaries in CATs be considered for the final grade?**

No single assessment determines the final grade. The teacher will exercise their reasonable judgement, looking at the evidence to award you a grade. If a student has performed consistently at a 4 grade and their final CAT was a high 4, reasonable judgement would suggest a 4.

#### **6. Can you use additional work that we have completed at home or in Study as evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grade?**

Any work that you complete in your own time and handed in to a teacher will receive feedback which will help you to prepare for the forthcoming assessments. It will not be formally used as evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grade.

#### **7. Will the fact that we have missed so much school being taken into account when awarding grades?**

This system is designed to recognise this – combining evidence with reasonable judgement. The creation of assessments by your teacher on topics that you know you will be assessed against, addresses this point. In addition, focussing on consolidation over the next few

weeks and only teaching new content where necessary, mitigates against what has been missed.

**8. Will special considerations be applied in the grading due to personal events in Year 11?**

Yes, OFQUAL have been very clear on this.

*'Special consideration requests, in the event that a student is unable to take an assessment or suffers a traumatic event that might affect their performance, will not apply this summer because students will not be taking their exams. However, where illness or other personal circumstances might have temporarily affected performance, for example in mock exams, centres should bear that in mind when making their judgements.'*

**9. Is it true that I can sit an exam in the Autumn if I want to improve upon my Teacher Assessed Grades?**

Our understanding is yes. A consultation is taking place about this.

**What will happen next in school?**

**10. When will my assessments take place?**

Assessment Window 1: Week beginning 22/03/21

Assessment Window 2: Week beginning 26/04/21

Assessment window 3: Week beginning 17/05/21

**11. Why do we only have 3 or 4 assessments? Would it not be better to compete lots of assessments so that we have more chances to produce evidence of our standard at the end of the course?**

These assessment points have been set in terms of what is practical to achieve in the time that we have available whilst balancing assessment pressure already on students and teacher workload. It would also be unlikely that that evidence would be substantial enough as the assessments would have to be reduced in size to fit the marking and feedback in over a shorter period of time.

**12. Will all students studying a subject sit the assessments at the same time?**

No. As with previous assessments, these will be completed in lesson time.

**13. Will there be a special timetable for the assessments weeks?**

No. But assessments will be spread across the assessment window of the week

**14. Will there be study leave in the assessment weeks?**

No.

**15. Why am I still being taught new content?**

Subject areas will only finish teaching new content if it is essential for the forthcoming assessment or if it is necessary for progression in the subject.

**16. How quickly will I receive feedback on the assessment?**

Teachers will provide feedback on assessments after internal moderation processes have taken place.

**17. What will happen if I miss an assessment through illness?**

You will be contacted by the Yr 11 team or subject team to arrange a time to take this assessment. We want this to take place as soon as possible as we have limited time left.

**18. Will subjects offer extra revision and support sessions?**

There will be additional revision sessions run after school on the published ESS Drop in rota and normal lesson time will be dedicated to preparing you for each assessment.

**19. What date do we officially finish school?**

This is still to be confirmed.