



GCSEs Summer 2021 Information Pack

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has released the following guidance for students and parents which details the process we will be following this year to decide the grades awarded.

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

As you will see, we have been asked to gather a range of evidence to inform student's grades this year. We have already conducted a series of mock exams in November 2020 which will be one of the main pieces of evidence we will use. We are also going to run a series of exams in May which will be another key piece of evidence. NEA (coursework) will be used as evidence for subjects where this is normally included in the course. Finally, some subjects will also be using other supporting evidence from in-class assessments which have either already taken place, or will be completed over the remainder of this half term.

The Senior Leadership Team has met with all Heads of Department to discuss which pieces of evidence will be used for each subject. Below you will find a list of all year 11 subjects, and a list of evidence that will be considered for each. This list is not exhaustive, departments may decide to use additional pieces of evidence where they feel it is necessary to ensure the best grades for each student, but hopefully it will give you and your child an insight into the process of deciding the final grades for this year.

Subject specific questions can be directed to individual subject teachers. If you have any general questions then please contact Rhys Kirkman, head of data and assessment - rkirkman@bestacademies.org.uk.

English Language

- November exam - English Language Paper 1
- May Exam - English Language Paper 1
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - paper 2 to ensure we have evidence across all of the assessment objectives

English Literature

- November exam - Shakespeare & unseen poetry
- May exam - 19th century text & modern prose/drama

Maths

- November exam - All three papers
- May exam - A combination of paper 1 and paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - Past papers completed over the course of year 11

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Combined Science

- November exam - All four papers
- May exam - the combined science paper
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessments - End of topic tests

Triple Science

- November exam - Breadth and depth papers for each subject
- May exam - A combination of the breadth and depth for each subject

Art

- All evidence will be gathered from the portfolio

Business Studies

- November exam - Paper 1
- May exam - A combination of paper 1 & paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - Paper 2
 - In-class assessment - End of topic tests

Computer Science

- November exam - Paper 1 & paper 2
- May exam - A combination of paper 1 & paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessments - End of topic tests

Dance

- November exam - Paper 1
- Practical - Performance & Choreography
- May exam - Paper 1

Food Preparation and Nutrition

- November exam - Paper 1
- NEA (coursework) - Unit 2
- May exam - Paper 1

French

- November exam - Reading, writing, & listening
- May exam - Reading, writing, & listening
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment

Geography

- November exam - Paper 1 & paper 2
- May exam - A combination of paper 1 & paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - Paper 3 to ensure we have evidence across all assessment objectives

History

- November exam - Paper 1 & paper 2
- May exam - A combination of paper 1 & paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - Paper 3 to ensure we have evidence across all assessment objectives

Media

- November exam - Paper 1 & paper 2
- NEA (coursework)
- May exam - Paper 1

Music

- November exam - A combination of papers
- NEA (coursework) - Performance & composition
- May exam - A combination of papers
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - Exam questions

PE

- November exam - Paper 1
- NEA (coursework)
- Practical sports - 2 sports this year
- May exam - A combination of papers

Photography

- All evidence will be gathered from the portfolio

Psychology

- November exam - Paper 1 and part of paper 2
- May exam - Paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessments - End of topic tests

Religious Studies

- May exam - Combination of paper 1 and paper 2
- Supporting evidence
 - Past papers completed over the course of year 11

Spanish

- November exam - Reading, writing, & listening
- May exam - Reading, writing, & listening
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment

Cambridge National Engineering

- NEA (coursework) - Unit 1
- NEA (coursework) - Unit 2
- November exam - Paper 1
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessments - Paper 1

BTEC Animal Care

- Unit 1 - Exam (January)
- Unit 2 - NEA (coursework)
- Unit 3 - NEA (coursework)
- Unit 4 - NEA (coursework)

BTEC Child Care

- Unit 1 - Exam (January)
- Unit 2 - NEA (coursework)
- Unit 3 - NEA (coursework)

BTEC Performing Arts

- NEA (coursework) - 60%
- May exam - Component 3 - Practical task 3 and written assessment task 4
- Supporting evidence
 - In-class assessment - written assessment for component 3 task 1 & 2