



8th October 2021

Dear Year 12 student and parent,

I am sure that you are aware that the disruptions over the last couple of years have meant that the grading of GCSE/BTEC/OCN subjects has looked very different. The arrangements for exams have been changing regularly.

At present, the different Awarding Bodies are intent on completing the external exams next May and June. Obviously, we will continue to monitor the situation through the year and inform you of any further changes. The Awarding Bodies have introduced a number of mitigations that will ensure that students do not have to complete the full range of examinations.

For students in Year 12 – this means that they will be completing final GCSE exam papers at different stages through the year. Students who are studying GCSE English, GCSE Maths and GCSE Double Award Science will have their first exam before Christmas. Please find enclosed some of the information in relation to final exams and portfolio to be completed this year.

Final exam entries will be made in February 2022 and you will receive a paper copy of the exam timetable for your child at that time. The exams begin on Mon 9th May and continue through to Fri 24th June 2022. However, for more information, you can look up the CCEA exam timetable here

<https://ceea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/timetables>

It is really important that your child realises the importance of these exams. They need to spend time at home revising so that they are well prepared for each exam.

If you require any further information in relation to particular subjects, please contact the class teacher or Head of Department directly.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Manson

Vice Principal

Year 12 subject information

Subject	External Assessment Details 2021 – 2022
CCEA GCSE Art	Portfolios – Component 1 Part A and B
CCEA GCSE English Language	Unit 1 exam in Nov 2021, Unit 2 controlled assessment for Summer 2022 Unit 4 exam in June 2022
OCN Essential Skills English	Level 1 exam in Nov 2021 Level 2 exam in June 2022
CCEA GCSE Geography	Unit 1 – Physical Geography exam and Unit 2 – Human Geography exam in June 2022
CCEA GCSE History	Unit 1 – Germany and Northern Ireland exam in June 2022
CCEA GCSE Maths	Pupils will complete one exam in November 2021 and one exam in summer 2022 from: GCSE M2 – Foundation (Nov) GCSE M3 – Higher (Nov) GCSE M6 – Foundation (Summer) GCSE M8 – Higher (Summer)
OCN Essential Skills Maths	Essential skills exams Level 1 and Level 2
CCEA GCSE Religious Studies (Full Course)	Exam to be completed in May for Mark's Gospel
OCN Religious Studies	OCN booklets to be completed in class
CCEA GCSE Double Award Science	Nov - Higher Unit 3 exam Physics, Foundation Unit 1 exam Biology, Feb - Higher Unit 2 exam Chemistry, Foundation Unit 2 exam Chemistry June - Higher and Foundation exam Unit 4 Biology, Unit 5 Chemistry, Unit 6 Physics.
CCEA GCSE Single Award Science	Feb - exam Unit 1 Biology June - exam Unit 3 Physics
OCN Applied Science	Unit 2 Portfolio Chemistry and Unit 3 Portfolio Physics
CCEA GCSE Music	Unit 1: Performance - April (35%). Unit 2: Composition - controlled assessment by March. (30%) Unit 3: Listening and Appraising - listening exam in summer 2022
Cam Tech Sport	2 units - 1 coursework - media and the sport, 2 sports leadership (practical / coursework)
CCEA GCSE Digital Technology	Unit 2 Digital Authoring Concepts exam (May) Unit 3 Digital Authoring Practice (portfolio_
OCN IT	Sept - Unit 2 Website (portfolio) Jan - Unit 5 Social Media (portfolio)
CCEA GCSE Drama	Component 2: Scripted performance in Feb/Mar Component 3: Knowledge and Understanding of Dram exam in summer 2022
BTEC Business	Unit 2 Finance in Business exam - Online Jan 2022
CCEA GCSE Hospitality	Unit 1 The Hospitality Industry exam June 2022, Function Controlled Assessment in Dec/ Jan
Occupational Studies Hospitality	Unit 31 Patisserie and Baking, 4 Topic Tests and 6 Assessed Practicals completed in class (ongoing)
CCEA GCSE HE: Child Development	Unit 2 Exam Development of Child exam (60%) & Controlled Assessment Task
Occupational Studies Carpentry	Ongoing Controlled Assessment
CCEA GCSE Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies	Unit 1 - Exam May 2022, Unit 2 - Coursework - Completed December 2021, Practical - Moderation March 2022