



Assumption Grammar School Ballynahinch

Principal: Peter Dobbin BA (Hons), PGCE, MSc, PQH (NI)



10 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Assessment Schedule Year 11

I am writing to inform you about the Assessments that your daughter will be involved in during the course of the forthcoming year. In doing so, I hope that you will feel able to continue supporting your daughter in her studies.

Included you will find a schedule of Controlled / Practical Assessments and GCSE examinations for modular subjects that your daughter may be taking, depending on the subjects that she has chosen. To this schedule should be added:

- Class tests which form an integral part of the learning process and take place on a regular basis
- Winter Mock Examinations in December

Attendance implications of Controlled Assessments

Controlled / Practical Assessments form part of the GCSE examination process and their timing often follows the completion of teaching relating to a particular topic. Parents and pupils are, therefore, asked to treat these Assessments as they would any other part of the GCSE examination. If your daughter misses work designed to prepare her for Assessments, it is not always possible for teachers to ensure that she is well prepared for them. Once the day and time has been agreed by the teacher with the pupils, it is not subject to negotiation by the pupil or her parents. A pupil absenting herself without due cause (e.g. *significant* illness) or requesting postponement to enable her to achieve a better outcome cannot assume that she will be offered an alternative opportunity to carry out the Assessment. Furthermore, if the school is forced to close (e.g. due to exceptional weather), pupils should assume that the Assessment will take place on the next normal school day. Any appeal regarding a subject teacher's judgement must be made to me or the Vice Principal as soon as possible after the date set for the Assessment.



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As you can see, this is a full and demanding year for your daughter. We would ask you to support and guide her through this time, ensuring that she is present in school unless an absence is absolutely necessary. Teaching will continue this term until **Friday 20 December 2019** and in the Easter term until **Wednesday 8 April 2020**. All holidays and Staff Days are indicated in the School Calendar which can be found on the school's website <http://www.assumptiongrammar.org.uk/> (School Calendar and Pupil Calendar sections).

Reporting on progress to Parents and Pupils

You will receive an interim statistical report at the beginning of November giving you an overview of your daughter's performance in Continuous Assessments. A written report including the results of your daughter's mock examinations will be sent at the end of Term 1; a final statistical report will be provided at the end of April 2020. We will use this information to identify any specific needs your daughter may have, implement support strategies and keep you informed of progress. The Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 24 March 2020** from 1.00 pm-3.30 pm. This is your opportunity to meet with your daughter's subject teachers, discuss her progress and target any areas for improvement.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

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Unless otherwise indicated, all GCSE module examinations will take place in May/June of Year 11 and dates will be published by the Awarding Authorities; these will be given to pupils in Term 2 but are also available on their websites.

Please contact the Head of Department if additional information or further clarification is required.

Subject	Module	When	Controlled Assessment	When
Art and Design	None in Year 11	N/A	Component 1: The Exploratory Portfolio (Part A – 25%) and Investigating the Creative the Creative and Cultural Industries (Part B – 35%) is worth 60% of the final award	September 2019 to December 2020
Business Studies	Unit 1 (40%)	Summer 2020	n/a	External written examination: 1 hour 30 min
Drama (2 Year Linear Course)	None in Year 11	N/A	Component 1- Devised Performance (15 % of GCSE) Log Book (10% OF GCSE) Worth 25% OF GCSE in total	Devised Performance and Log Books are created throughout Year 11 and completed in late September 2020 (pupils will then be in Year 12).
Digital Technology	Core unit 1	May / June 2020	No CA in Year 11	
English Lit	Unit 1 Prose (30%)	Summer 2020	Yes	Term 3 English Literature Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare (20%)
English Language	None in Year 11	n/a	Yes	Term 1 English Language Unit 3: The Study of Written Language (using Literature novel as stimulus text: 10%) Speaking and Listening (20%) On-going assessment
Food and Nutrition	No exam in Year 11	N/A	No Controlled Assessment in Year 11 (CA is started in September of Year 12)	N/A
French	None in Year 11	N/A	None	N/A
Geography	Module 1 Physical Geography (40%)	May 2020	None	n/a
Health and Social Care	Unit 1: Personal Development, Health and Well-Being	May/ June 2020	Year 12 only	N/A
History	Unit 1 NI 1965-1998 Germany 1933-1945 60% of GCSE	May / June 2020	No	n/a

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Irish	Modules / Controlled Assessment - N/App *Students will sit internal assessments for Irish in May / June 2020. Students will be told about this in due course*			
Journalism	Unit 1 25%	Ongoing	Cross-Platform Research Portfolio Two tasks: One local print story and one local online regional or national story.	Task one: September 2019 – December 2019 Task two: January 2020 – March 2020
Maths (2 years)	Unit M4	19 May 2020	No	N/A
Maths (one year) FM pupils	Unit M4 (45%) Unit M8 (55%)	19 May 2020 4 June 2020	No	N/A
Music	None in Year 11	N/A	Component 2 (AO2) Composition Students complete 50% of this element (15% of GCSE) in Year 11	September 2019 – May/June 2020
Physical Education	N/A			
RE	Unit 2A 1 Paper (50%)	June 2020	No Controlled Assessment	N/A
Sciences				
Biology	Unit 1 1 paper (35%)	May 2020	None in Year 11	Practical Skills Assessment: Term 2 of Year 12
Chemistry	Unit 1 1 paper	May/June 2020	None in Year 11	CA is done in Term 2 of Year 12
Physics	Unit 1	May / June 2020	Practical Skills papers.	Practical skills, Booklet A, will be completed between February and April of Year 12.
Double Award Science	Unit 1: Biology Unit 2: Chemistry Unit 3: Physics	One unit in November, one in February and one in May.	None in Year 11	Practical Skills Assessments: Term 2 of Year 12
Spanish	None in Year 11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Technology	Unit 1	May / June 2020	Unit 3	Commence January 2020 - Hand In March 2021