



Assumption Grammar School Ballynahinch

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



19 September 2019

Dear Parents

Re Assessment Schedule Year 12

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 Assessments and Examination Modules that your daughter may be taking, depending on the subjects that she has chosen. To this schedule should be added:

- Class tests forming an integral part of the learning process and taking place on a regular basis
- Winter Mock Examinations (December 2019)
- GCSE examinations for modular and non-modular subjects in November (2019), January, May & June 2020 (including re-sits)

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 **Thursday 9 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

We will provide an interim statistical report at the beginning of November 2019 which will give 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 March 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 12 Parent Teacher Meeting is scheduled for **Monday 4 November 2019 from 9.30am to 11.30am**.

Year 12 Careers and A Level Choices

Year 12 Options Morning will be on **Wednesday 26 February 2020 from 9.15am until 11.30am**. You and your daughter will have an opportunity to visit departments, discuss A Level specifications and entry requirements. Careers advice will also be available on this day.

Re-sit information from Examinations Officer

Your daughter sat some modules in May or June 2019 for which she has already received the results. If she wishes to re-sit modules in any subjects next January, May or June, I would ask you to discuss this possibility with your daughter's subject teacher at the forthcoming Parent Teacher Meeting and, if you conclude that this is a wise option, ensure that the appropriate payment is made (Examinations Officer will confirm date). The Double Award Science re-sit will take place in November 2019. The costs are detailed below:

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Unit Code	Subject	Price £
GBU1	Business Studies Unit 1	£9.65
GBL1H	Biology Unit 1	£9.65
GCM1H	Chemistry Unit 1	£9.65
GPY1H	Physics Unit 1	£9.65
GEL1	English Literature Unit 1	£9.65
GGY1	Geography Unit 1	£9.65
GHL1	Health and Social Care Unit 1	£14.40
GHR1	History Unit 1	£14.40
GDG1	Digital technology Unit 1	£9.65
GMC4	Mathematics Unit 4 Higher	£12.00
GMC8	Mathematics Unit 8 Higher	£16.80
GRE2A	Religious Studies Unit 2	£14.40
GTY1	Technology and Design Unit 1	£9.65
GDW1H	DA Biology Unit 1	£8.25
GDW2H	DA Chemistry Unit 1	£8.25
GDW3H	DA Physics Unit 1	£8.25

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 examinations will take place in May / June of Year 12 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	Year	Module	When	Controlled Assessment	When
Art and Design	12	Unit 1 Part B: Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries 35% Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment 40%	September 2018 - December 2019 - January 2020 - May 2020	All work is Controlled Assessment	Through the year; completed before Christmas '19 Winter/Spring
Business Studies	12	Unit 2 (40%) & Unit 3 Controlled Assessment (20%)	Summer 2020	Research & completion of Booklets A & B 20%	Unit2: External written exam, 1.5 hours CA: Completion of written Booklets A & B following research October 2019 – March 2020
Drama	12	Component 3: Written Examination 40%	May / June 2020	Component 1: Polished Performance of Devised Play and Written Log Books 30% Component 2: Polished Performance of Scripted Play Externally Moderated 30%	Approx. End of September/Start of October 2019 Approx. March: date arranged with CCEA Drama Moderator
Digital Technology	12	Unit 2 – Digital Authoring Concepts (Multimedia Route – 40%) OR Unit 4 – Digital Development Concepts (Programming Route – 40%)	Summer 2020	Unit 3 – Digital Authoring Practice (Multimedia Route – 30%) OR Unit 5 – Digital Development Practice (Programming Route – 30%)	From September 2019 to February 2020

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English	12	Units 1 and 2 (40%)	Summer 2020	CA 1 written piece in Year 12: The Study of Spoken Language (10%) Speaking and Listening (20%) Ongoing Assessment	Spring term
English Literature	12	Unit 2 The Study of Drama and Poetry (50%)	Summer 2020	Study of Shakespeare (20%)	Autumn Term
Food and Nutrition	12	Unit 1 (50%)	Summer 2020	Unit 2 Controlled Assessment including Practical Examination (50%)	September 2019 -February 2020 (Practical Examination – January 2020)
French	12	4 units Speaking (25%) Writing (25%) Reading (25%) Listening (25%)	Summer 2020	The Speaking exam consists of two role-plays and one general conversation on 2 topics. The class teacher conducts and records the speaking examination for CCEA examiners to mark. Students have the opportunity to prepare 1 of the conversation topics for the Speaking exam in advance; this topic is chosen by CCEA. CCEA is to release the title of this topic in September 2019.	
Further Mathematics	12	Unit 1 (Pure) Unit 2 (Mechanics) Unit 3 (Statistics)	15 June 2020 16 June 2020 17 June 2020	None	N/A
Geography	12	2 modules: Unit 2: Human Geography (40%) Unit 3: Fieldwork (20%) Pupil can also resit Unit 1 if required.	May/June 2020	N/A	N/A

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Health and Social Care	12	Unit 2: Working in the Health, Social Care and Early Years Sectors	Submitted April 2020	Internally assessed and externally moderated. 50% of overall marks for this subject	Task comes online 9 th December 2019. Until then students develop their understanding of the world of work in the Health, Social Care and Early Years sector. Submission of draft/final tasks when required leads to success in this module.	
Irish	12	Students sit 4 external papers at the end of Year 12 (May/June 2020) - Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing – each worth 25%. The Speaking exam consists of two role-plays and one general conversation on 2 different topics. The class teacher conducts and records the speaking examination for CCEA examiners to mark. Students have the opportunity to prepare 1 of the conversation topics for the Speaking exam in advance; this topic is chosen by CCEA. CCEA releases the title of this topic in September 2019.				
Mathematics	12	M4 Resit M8 Resit Unit M7/M8	13 January 2020 10 January 2020 4 June 2020	None	n/a	
Music	12	<i>Please contact Head of Department for further information</i>				
Physical Education	12	Two exams: Paper 1 (25%) Paper 2 (25%)	May/June 2020	Practical component and Evaluation of Performance (50%)	April/May 2020	
RE	12	Unit 6 (CCEA) 1 Exam 50%	May/June 2020	No Controlled Assessment	N/A	

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Biology	12	Unit 2 (40%) Unit 3 (25%)	May / June 2020	Yes	Unit 3 Booklet A (7.5%) between Jan and May 2020 Booklet B (17.5%) May/June 2020
Chemistry	12	Unit 2 (40%) Unit 3 (25%)	May/June 2020	Unit 3	Unit 3 Booklet A (7.5%) between Jan and May 2020 Booklet B (17.5%) May/June 2020
Physics	12	Unit 2 Unit 3	May / June 2020	Practical skills assessment.	Second term of Year 12
Science Double Award	12	Biology: Unit B2 Chemistry: Unit C2 Physics: Unit: P2 Unit 7: practical papers (three 30 min papers one for each science)	One Unit 1 re-sit Nov 2019 May/June 2020	Yes – one assessment per science	Practical Skills Assessment: students complete one pre-release practical assessment, per science, between January – April 2020.
Spanish	12	4 units Speaking (25%) Writing (25%) Reading (25%) Listening (25%)	May / June 2020	N/A	N/A
Technology	12	Unit 2	May / June 2020	Yes Unit 3	Through year but to be completed by March 2020