

26th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Non-examined Assessments

Following the Year 10 Learning Pathways Evening in October, I wanted to remind you how some of the GCSE courses that your child is studying, are assessed.

Whilst most GCSEs are assessed by an end of Year 11 GCSE examination, there are several subjects that include non-examined assessments (NEAs), such as coursework and practical performances.

The grades achieved in coursework and NEAs contribute directly to the final GCSE grade. In other words, the work currently being completed by students does matter and does count.

I therefore want to outline how significant it is for Year 10 students to perform at their highest standard and take NEAs and coursework extremely seriously.

Throughout Year 10 students will be completing NEAs in:

- Health and Social Care – taking place now.
- Drama – in every lesson and final performance on Friday 3rd May (a doctor's certificate required if absent in May).
- Travel and Tourism – taking place now.
- Art – taking place now.
- Engineering – all practical lessons from May onwards.
- Design and Technology – to start in June 24.
- Food – September 2024 to April 2025.
- Music – from April 2024 to April 2025.
- Sports Studies – taking place now.
- English GCSE Speaking Endorsement – from September and October 2024.



Please can I ask for your support in working with us to make sure your child not only attends all designated lessons and assessments, but also that they produce work that reflects the highest quality of which they are capable.

Kind regards

Mrs Barford

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