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An introduction to Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) at GCSE

Dear Year 10 Students and Parents

Non-examination assessment (NEA) is a form of internal assessment, similar to old-style coursework, that is used in GCSE qualifications where it is the only valid means of assessing essential knowledge and skills that cannot be tested through traditional written exams. A number of subjects have a component of NEA that forms part of the assessment of the qualification and contributes towards the final grade. Students have started work on the NEA in some subjects, with most others due to start before the end of 2024.

The attached document shows all the GCSE subjects that include a component of NEA with details of rough start and deadline dates along with the percentage of the final grade that the NEA is worth; exact deadline dates for students will be confirmed at the start of Year 11. It is important for students and parents to understand that, whilst some NEA components may seem to be worth relatively small percentages of the final grade, students can often secure an improved final grade through consistent effort and performance on their NEA; it is also possible for final GCSE grades to fall by a number of grades should students perform poorly in NEAs.

For some practical subjects, specific dates will be scheduled for practical performances and tasks towards the end of GCSE course. These include Food Preparation and Nutrition, Drama, Music and PE, and leaders of these subjects will write to students and parents in Year 11. The attached overview is also saved in the Year 10 exams area of the school website.

I am also obliged to inform you of other documents available in the general exams area of the website relating to NEAs. These include the JCQ document that outlines the key information on NEAs for candidates and two related school policies: the [Non-Examination Assessment Policy](#) and the [Non-Examination Assessment Appeals Policy](#).

Please contact your child's subject teachers or the relevant subject leader with any subject-specific questions relating to NEA. For more general questions, please contact either me or Miss Jones, the Examinations Manager.

Kind regards

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