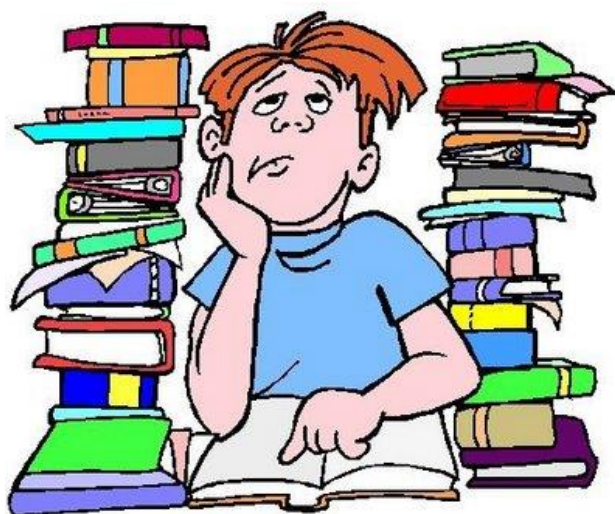


FRIENDS' SCHOOL LISBURN



**GCSE
ASSESSMENT**

2018 – 2019



ASSESSMENT AT GCSE

At Friends' School all subjects delivered on the curriculum at GCSE follow the NI Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment Board, NICCEA This year new Specifications are being delivered in all subjects, with first examination to be in June 2019.

New GCSE Grading System

In terms of GCSE grading, Northern Ireland will work on a different system to England which you can see in the table below.

Pupils' final results will all use the one grading system A* - U, with a distinction being made between a "good" and a "normal" Grade C and Grade A.

Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations & Assessment, NICCEA, GCSE Grades	English Examination Board equivalent GCSE Grades
A*	9
A At present there is no way to distinguish the lower and higher A grade, except through marks, which are not usually requested on CVs/UCAS Application Forms	8
A	7
B	6
C* Note the distinction now between a normal and "good" pass	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
U	1

GCSE Assessment arrangements 2018-2020

The table below details assessment arrangements in all subjects delivered at Friends' where you can see that the practical subjects and both English Language and Literature retain elements of Controlled Assessment, scores which are assessed through topic or project work throughout Years 11 and 12 and which feed directly into the final GCSE score.

A **timeline grid** for the **controlled assessments** can be found at the end of this Assessment Booklet. The timeline grid will enable you to be aware as to when your son/daughter is preparing for and taking assessments. The timeline cannot always give the exact date of task completion, but is a good general guide. Subject teachers will give more exact advance notification of final task dates as teaching progresses.

SUBJECT LIST	CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT Over Years 11 & 12	End of Year 12 EXAMINATION
Art & Design	Portfolio 60% Portfolio 40% Controlled Assessment Year 11 and Year 12	

Business Studies	Controlled Assessment 25% Year 12	Unit 1 Final Examination 35% Unit 2 Final Examination 40%
Digital Technology	Controlled Assessment 20% Over Year 11 & Year 12	Unit 1 Final Examination 40% Unit 2 Final Examination 40%
Economics		Paper 1 Final Examination Paper 2 Final Examination 100%
English Language	Controlled Assessment Speaking and Listening 20% Written Tasks 20%	Paper 1 Final Examination Paper 2 Final Examination 60%
English Literature	Controlled Assessment Study of Shakespeare 20%	Unit 1 Final Examination 30% Unit 2 Final Examination 50%
Food and Nutrition	Research & Practical Assessments over Year 12 Total 50%	Paper 1 Final Examination 50%
Geography		Unit 1 Final Examination 40% Unit 2 Final Examination 40% Unit 3 Final Examination 20%
History		Unit 1 Final Examination 60% Unit 2 Final Examination 40%
Journalism	2 Portfolios 25% each	Online Examination 50%
Mathematics		Modules M3/M4 45% Modules M7/M8 55%
Mathematics (Further)		Pure Mathematics Examination 50% Mechanics 25%, Statistics 25%
Modern Languages		Listening and Reading Examination 25% Writing and Speaking 25%
Moving Image Arts	4 Tasks completed over Year 11 20% Film/Animation Portfolio completed over Year 12 40%	Paper 1 Final Online Examination 40%
Music		Composing and Appraising Final Examination 30% Performing Final Examination 35% Listening and Appraising Final Examination 35%
Physical Education	Internal Assessment 3 Physical Activities 50%	Paper 1 Final Examination 25% Paper 2 Final Examination 25%
Religious Education		Unit 1 End of Year 11 50% Unit 2 Final Examination 50%
Science (Double Award)	Practical Assessment 25%	Unit 1 Final Examination 11% Unit 2 Final Examination 14% (2 units apply in all 3 sciences)
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Technology and Design	Design and Manufacturing Project 50%	Unit 1 Final Examination 25% Unit 2 Final Examination 25%

GCSE Examinations in Year 11

Taking some GCSE papers at the end of Year 11 gives pupils experience at public examinations and provides a good focus for study over Year 11. All pupils will be entered for the first of two GCSE papers in the following subjects in **June 2019**:

SUBJECT	% OF TOTAL GCSE SCORE	DRAFT DATE
Religious Studies	50%	Wednesday 15 May TBC
Mathematics M4 & M8 (Further Maths pupils only)	55%	M4- Tuesday 21 May TBC M8 – Thursday 6 June TBC

The marks awarded in these exams will be the percentage of your son/daughter's final score in GCSE shown on the table and therefore will have a direct bearing on the overall grade attained.

Re-sits of GCSE Public Exams

Pupils may re-sit examinations at the end of Year 12 to improve their scores in the units taken in Year 11, but parents will be asked to pay the full cost the re-sit.

Pupils are advised that re-sits for all GCSE Units taken in Year 11 will take place in May/ June 2020 and pupils wishing to **re-sit a Unit** should discuss this with their subject teacher and the HOD of that Department when they return to school in September 2019 and have their approval.

Should a parent wish his/her child not to be entered for any of the above examinations at the end of Year 11 they should contact school as soon as possible.

Attendance

Full attendance at school is very important to ensure your son/daughter is in class when preparation for Controlled Assessments is taking place.

It will be the responsibility of the pupil to catch up on all preparation missed through absence.

Full attendance is a **prerequisite**, however, when the pupils are taking **formal Controlled Assessment tests**, as for example the Speaking & Literature tests in English, as these are effectively public GCSE examinations that will contribute to the final scores in GCSE.

Resitting Controlled Assessment

Another important thing to bear in mind is that if a pupil feels he/she has not given of his /her best in a Controlled Assessment, he or she **is not permitted to resubmit or retake** the same task at a later stage. Pupils are, therefore, advised to give their best effort in each task.

Results in Controlled Assessments

While teachers will mostly be able to advise pupils on their performance in Controlled Assessments, marks will be subject to moderation and therefore exact marks will not be known before completion of the full GCSE.

Managing work at GCSE

Pupils' ability to manage their work is central to their success in GCSE.

They will need to be:

- ✓ well organised in the taking and storing of notes during teaching and preparation time
- ✓ ensure they catch up on all work that is missed through absence
- ✓ keep up to date with all home works and
- ✓ make effective use of the resources given by subject teachers to assist with preparation.

Parents can support their son/daughter by helping them to file and organise their work on a frequent basis and checking with them that homework, notes and preparation for assessments are completed according to the instructions given by subject teachers.

Pupils are advised to have separate Files for each subject and one which they bring into school each day. Subject dividers will enable them to organise work for each subject on a day to day basis. This work should be transferred after a week or two to the main subject file kept at home.

Issue of Results in Public Examinations

Results for the **public exams** taken in May/June will be issued on **Thursday 22 August 2019**. Results may be collected from School from 9.15 am onwards on that day. Results will not be given out over the telephone. Pupils who wish their results to be posted out to arrive on **Thursday 22 August** should leave a stamped, addressed A5 envelope with the Principal's Secretary in advance.

Pupils in Year 12 will be invited to attend a GCSE Advice Day on the day they receive their results. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Ms Collins will write to all pupils in June with an individual appointment time.

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT – YEAR 11 2018 – 2019

TERM 1

TERM 2

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
ART & DESIGN	Component 1 Part A 25% Exploratory Portfolio – Core Knowledge and Understanding September - March							Component 1 Part B 35% Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries - Core Skills April - June		
ENGLISH			English Language: written analysis of literary text 10%. Teaching from week of 5th Nov 2018. Task week of 26 th November 2018			English Language: written analysis of Spoken Language 10%. Teaching from week of 4th February 2019. Final task week of 4th March 2019				GCSE EXAMS 1. RS 2. MATHS (Pupils taking Further Maths only)
GEOGRAPHY										1 day of Field work – Compulsory part of course Compulsory attendance- Dates TBC
MUSIC						Composition 15% February – mid-June 2 periods per week. Final submission mid - June				
TECHNOLOGY						Runs from February Year 11 – March Year 12 Unit 3: Design and Manufacture Project (50% of GCSE course. 40 hours work)				

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MOVING IMAGE ARTS	Component 1: Critical Understanding of Creative and Technical Moving Image Production		Component 3: Planning and Making a Moving Image Product Controlled Assessment– 40% (THINKING/PLANNING / MAKING/ EVALUATING)					APRIL Exam Preparation for Component 1: Critical Understanding of Creative and Technical Moving Image Production		
PHYSICS								2 Hour practical exam to be completed in class by end of April		
SCIENCE DOUBLE AWARD							Biology & Chemistry 1 Hour practical to be completed in class by end of March	Physics 1 hour practical to be completed in class by end of April		
TECHNOLOGY	Unit 3: Design and Manufacture Project (50% of GCSE course. 40 hours work) Runs from February Year 11 – March Year 12									