Dear Parents and Carers,

GCSE NEA Internal Dates for year 11 2026/27

Some GCSE subjects have a percentage of their grade assessed through Non-Examined Assessments or NEAs. These can include coursework, controlled assessment, and practicals. In general, NEAs are completed by a certain date and internally assessed by your child's teacher, with a sample of work being moderated by the exam board. This letter gives you details of all the subjects who include NEAs as part of their assessment, details of these assessments and what the deadlines are for submission. Your child may need reminding that a deadline is coming up, and may also need to be present at school on the day of the deadline, so please also avoid absences on these dates.

NB These dates are accurate as of 12 October 2026. However, individual subjects may amend dates based upon external examiners availability, venue availability or other events. You would be notified in this case.

GCSE Art

- Coursework (Coursework NEA): Deadline Tuesday 15th December 2027
- Begin Examination Project: Wednesday 6th January 2027
- Complete Examination prep portfolio (Examination NEA): Friday 23nd April 2027
- Examination Day 1: Monday 26th April 2027
- Examination Day 2: Tuesday 27th April 2027

GCSE Dance:

Set Phrase - took place on Monday 5th/Tuesday 6th October 2026

- Duet/Trio: Monday 7th/Tuesday 8th December 2026
- Solo Choreography: Wednesday 10th/Thursday 11th March 2026 (dependant on A Level Exam dates this could change)

GCSE Design Technology

- Project completion date: Monday 22nd February 2027
- Final submission (This may vary depending on available workshop time): Monday 15th March 2027

GCSE Drama

- Component 1 Devising Coursework (Practical and Written Assessment): Final Marks given week commencing 22nd February 2027.
- Component 2 Performing From A Text (Practical Assessment): Assessment to be scheduled week commencing 1st March 2027 (TBC with external examiner).

GCSE English Spoken

- To be completed in the week up to w/c 3rd November 2026

GCSE Music:

- Solo Performance Exams: Monday 9th/Tuesday 10th November 2026
- Ensemble Performance Exams: Tuesday 23rd/Wednesday 24th February 2027

- Free composition deadline: First full draft: Thursday 15th Oct 2026; Final full draft: Friday 15th January 2027; Final submission: Friday 12th March 2027
- Brief composition deadline: First full draft: Friday 12th February 2027; Final full draft: Friday 19th March 2027; Final submission: Friday 16th April 2027

GCSE PE

- Final Written Work Submissions - 29th January 2027
- Video final deadline for practical evidence - 14th December 2026 (Skiers only 22nd February 2027)
- Practical Moderation will take place as scheduled by the exam board - likely to be in the two weeks before or two weeks after Easter. This will involve a sample of students as selected by the exam board. Specific details will be shared when the date and activities are arranged.

GCSE MFL

- MFL Summer speaking exams: 19th April - 28th May 2027- exact internal dates will be confirmed in the Spring term.

We hope that you find this information useful as you support your child with their GCSE completion.

Yours Faithfully
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