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Dear Year 11 Students and their Parents/Carers

Awarding of GCSE Grades 2021

The JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) have now issued specific guidance on how schools should award GCSE grades this year and their guide for Students and Parents is here

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

In summary, schools are required to award a grade based on what has been taught and by gathering a range of evidence. Grades have to be carefully checked to ensure that they can be evidenced through student work, ensuring they compare fairly across the year group and with previous year groups so that there is no disadvantage to students this year.

Grades will be calculated using a range of evidence and the final grade is not determined by a single piece of work. In addition to previously completed pieces of work, during this half term students will be adding to their evidence through the completion of non-examination assessment work, practical tasks, internally set tests, past papers, work completed in class and work completed at home as part of an assessed task. Students will be made aware of the arrangements in each subject by their teachers and arrangements will be put in place for anyone who is unwell or needing to self-isolate to ensure they have every opportunity to add to their evidence.

The previously completed pieces of work which are going to be included in the evidence are detailed below. If you feel that any of the pieces of work were completed at a time when factors we have not been made aware of could have affected performance, then please email Mrs Brooker, Exams Officer on exams@stourvalley.org and this will be noted on the evidence.

Subject	Evidence being used for GCSE grade
English Language	Mock Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2 English Language Paper 1 and 2 Question 5 (re-visit)
English Literature	Essays / End of unit work on Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Poetry
Maths	3 mock papers Nov/Dec 2020
Biology (for both Double and Triple Science)	End of unit assessments from Year 10 - Infection and response, Bioenergetics, Homeostasis and response and from Year 11 - DNA and Inheritance, Mock Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2
Chemistry (for both Double and Triple Science)	End of unit assessments from Year 10 - Chemical Bonding, Quantitative Chemistry and from Year 11 - Rate of reaction, Organic Chemistry, Mock Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2
Physics (for both Double and Triple Science)	End of unit assessments from Year 10 – Matter, Atomic structure , Force's assessment 1, Force's assessment 2 and from Year 11 - Waves, Electromagnetism, Mock Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2

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Art	Art portfolio, including work completed in school and at home.
Business	Theme 1 Year 10 Exam, Theme 1 Year 11 Mock Exam, Theme 2.2 GCSE Exam Questions
Computer Science	NEA Dice game assessment, Mock Exam paper, Networking End of Unit test, Computational Thinking End of Unit test
Dance	Choreography videos + written supported documents completed at home, class rehearsal videos of the trio piece learnt in Year 10, Section B answer from Teams Jan 2021, WHE essay answer from classwork March 2021, Mock result
Drama	Recordings of Component 1 Devising Performances, Devising Portfolio of Evidence, Devised Drama Evaluation, internally set Practice Paper Nov 2020
French	Mock Exam Papers and end of Module assessments
Food & Nutrition	Components 1 of completed NEA, Mock Exam Paper, End of Unit Assessment 5 and 6
Geography	End of Unit Tests – Development Dynamics, Hazardous Earth, Coasts, Mock Exam papers 1, 2 and 3
German	Mock Exam papers and end of Module listening and reading paper
History	End of unit test questions from Year 11 on law enforcement/punishments in the Industrial Period 1750-1900, Year 11 end of unit source and interpretation questions on Elizabethan poverty and family, Mock Exam papers Dec 2020
Music	Component 1 - Recording of Solo Performance and Score Component 2 - Recording of Composition 1 and Score/ Tab/ Lead sheet and Log, internally set Practice Papers
Photography	Photography portfolio, including work completed in school and at home
Physical Education	Year 11 Mock Paper 1 and Paper 2, evidence of one practical performance seen by PE staff and completed NEA work
Psychology	All end of unit assessments from Year 10 and Year 11, mock exam papers
Religious Studies	Mock Exam Papers from Dec 2020, essays / end of unit work from Year 10 & Year 11
Statistics	2 mock papers Nov/Dec 2020
Technology (Graphics, RM and Textiles)	Mock exam paper, Non-Exam-Assessment portfolio

If all evidence can be gathered during this half term then the Year 11 Leaving Day will be confirmed as Friday 28 May. If additional evidence is needed then the Leaving Day will remain as Friday 11 June. The final possible submission date for GCSE grades is Friday 18 June and GCSE exam results will be issued on Thursday 12 August.

Any concerns about work, planned assessments or managing emotions during this period of time can be discussed with teachers or form tutors. Careers advice continues to be available and students are advised to ask for support as soon as they feel it is needed to allow everyone to manage this unusual time as well as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Kelly
Headteacher