



St. Joseph's Catholic High School



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Dear parents/ guardians

As we embark on a new academic year, I thought it would be useful to share with you some key dates and important times for Year 11 students. There is a lot to consider and be conscious of, which is why we have tried to set it out as clearly as possible.

Exams

Event	Date	
Core Mock Exams	Week beginning 8 th November	Mock Exams in our Core Subjects of English, Maths, Science and RE Timetable attached
Whole School Mock Exams	Week beginning 10 th January	Mock Exams in the majority of Year 11 subjects
GCSE Exams	Week beginning Monday 16 th May to Tuesday 28 th June	GCSE Exams Please note that these dates are provisional and are yet to include contingency days students must be available for.
Exam Results Day	Thursday 25 th August	Confirmed date

As a school we will also be collecting evidence of pupil performance. This is in case further disruption (such as lockdown) means that Teacher Assessed Grades are to be used again. Students will be informed if a piece of work or assessment will contribute to this evidence.

Progress Evening

Event	Date	
Year 11 Progress Evening	Thursday 10 th February	An opportunity to meet and discuss progress and ways to improve achievement in Year 11. This event will be online.

Individual Subject Assessments

Event	Date	
Child Development	Friday 8 th October	Controlled Assessment deadline
Food technology	Wednesday 1 st December March (date tbc)	Practical Mock Exam Practical Exam
Sports Science	December 2021	Unit 1 Exam
Sports science	Monday 10 th January, Monday 28 th February, Monday 25 th April 2022, Monday 16 th May 2022	Coursework Deadlines
Spanish	To Be confirmed	Oral assessment
D&T	Friday 11 th February	All NEA work (Coursework and prototype)
Art	Friday 29 th April	Coursework Deadline
Photography	Friday 29 th April	Coursework Deadline

Individual Subject Changes to Exams

Subject	Change
English Literature	Students will: study Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry; An Inspector Calls; Romeo and Juliet Students will NOT study a 19 th Century novel
English Language	The English Language GCSE remains the same
Maths	Formulae sheets given in exam
Science	Advanced information about the focus of science exams by 7 th February 2022. Equation's sheet in GCSE Physics and Combined Science (Physics) Some changes to practical work where teacher can deliver demonstrations
RE	No change announced

Design & Technology	NEA fewer marks allocated. NEA graded on design ideas, analysis, evaluation and prototype.
History	Students offered a choice of topic This means for our students that their GCSE will be based on three topics (Medicine and Public Health, American West, Conflict in Asia), students will not be examined on the Normans topic.
Geography	Students are no longer required to complete their own fieldwork, but there will still fieldwork skills questions in the exam. There will also be an element of optionality in the exams, which the exam board is yet to confirm.
Art	No exam, but increased time to improve coursework levels.
Photography	No exam, but increased time to improve coursework levels.

If there are any further changes to the qualifications this summer, and more announcements are expected in February, individual departments will update you. If a subject is not mentioned, then there is no change made at present.

Applications to Post 16

Event	Date	
Inspira Interview	October- December	Meeting with a Careers advisor to discuss post 16 choices and support students in making applications
Post 16 Assemblies	October- December	Assemblies from local providers of Sixth form, apprenticeship or college education
Online Careers Fair	20 th October	Employers, providers, sixth forms www.cumbriacareersfair.co.uk
Applications to Post 16 Providers	January - June	Most providers either open their application process (Especially Gen2) or begin the process with an Open Evening (Sixth Form, College)

I would also like to highlight the importance of pupils performing to the best of their ability throughout the year, either through homework, classwork, or any assessments. Significantly, mock exams play an important role as it will be largely those grades that will be used when students apply to any post-16 providers (Sixth Form, Gen2, College etc.). I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to revise well for the core mock exams in November and the mock exams in January and to achieve the best grade possible.

Yours Sincerely
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