



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 & Year 13 Students and their Parents/Carers

NEA and GCSE & A Level Examination Updates

Over the course of this academic year, there will be much information we need to share about GCSE & A Level examinations. We will share this information via email, as well as adding all emails/letters to the school website at [Parents - Letters to Parents](#) under the drop down 'GCSE & A Level Exam Information and Letters (including JCQ documents)'. JCQ is the body that oversees the examination and assessment process in England; they publish documents about examination regulations that students must be familiar with.

NEA (Non-examined assessment)

The majority of students in Years 11 & 13 will have NEA as part of their GCSE or A Level courses. NEA, sometimes referred to as coursework, covers any part of a course that isn't a written examination the students will sit in May/June 2024. As well as the more 'obvious' NEA units students are working on, this therefore also covers elements such as the speaking & listening assessment that is part of the GCSE English Language course and the A Level Science practical endorsements that are part of the A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics courses.

On Monday 9 October, Year 13 students attended an assembly where I explained the regulations associated with NEA. Mrs Smith has also shared the presentation with students. The assembly for Year 11 will take place on Monday 30 October. Ms Hall will share this presentation with students after the assembly. The key information is given in this JCQ document '[Information for candidates - Non-examination assessments](#)', which all students should read.

You may also be interested in looking at the NEA calendars that show when students will be working on their NEA and the deadlines. These are saved under the drop down 'Curriculum, Homework, Assessment & School Exams' on the [Parents - Letters to Parents](#) page of the website.

Ofqual statement around examinations in 2024

Ofqual recently wrote to all schools regarding examinations in 2024. If you wish to read the full letter it is available [here](#). The key point to note for students is the statement regarding grading. The letter states: 'The 2-year transition to pre-pandemic grading is now complete. Normal grading arrangements will continue for GCSEs, AS and A Levels in 2024. Ofqual expects national results in 2024 to be broadly similar to this year.'

Key Dates

The dates for the trial examinations are:

Year 11: Monday 4 December - Wednesday 20 December 2023

Year 13: Monday 29 January - Friday 9 February 2024

Nemo sibi nascitur:

Our values of community, aspiration and opportunity enable every individual to grow and flourish

Year 11 trial examinations will also take place during the week of **Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March 2024** to provide a further opportunity to prepare for the final examinations.

Student absence during these dates will not be authorised and it should not be assumed that any examinations missed will be rearranged. The timetable and further information for these examinations will be shared nearer the time.

The timetables for the GCSE & A Level written examinations for Summer 2024 have been published by the examination boards. For convenience, the dates of examinations for the qualifications we offer at Parmiter's have been collated and are available on the school website at [Parents - Letters to Parents](#) under the drop down '*GCSE & A Level Exam Information and Letters (including JCQ documents)*'. Students will be issued with personal timetables nearer to the examinations.

All students and parents/carers must also note the following national examination contingency dates:

- Afternoon of 6 June 2024
- Afternoon of 13 June 2024
- All day on Wednesday 26 June 2024

In the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations, any of these contingency dates may be used to reschedule GCSE and/or A Level examinations. All candidates must be available to sit examinations on these dates; please bear this in mind when making plans for after the examination period.

If you have any questions regarding GCSE or A Level examinations please contact:

- Mrs Hicks, Examination Officer, l.hicks@parmiters.herts.sch.uk; or
- Mrs Berks, Deputy Headteacher, e.berks@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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