



Assessment evidence for Year 13

Further to the Government's publication on grading this Summer, please find below an outline of how each Subject currently intends to assess and gather evidence in order to decide on Year 13 student grades. Please be aware that these are Subject Leaders' initial intentions and may well change once further guidance from the exam boards is released to schools over the coming days and weeks.

Art and Photography

The final grade for both Art and Photography A-Levels will be evidenced from each student's portfolio of coursework. The marking of each portfolio will be standardised by members across the department.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics

For each Science A-Level, the aim is for all students to take at least two further assessments - one being the Y13 Trial exam and at least one other in the coming weeks. These assessment grades, together with those assessments previously taken throughout the course, will determine the final grade.

Business Studies BTEC

A range of evidence from throughout the course and from each unit will be used to help decide on each student's overall grade including the Centre Assessed Grades that have already been awarded for Units 1, 2 and 3. We will also assess the final coursework, Unit 22, too – please note that BTEC are still undertaking external moderation of selected coursework units.

Design

Design will consider the coursework project, without the making of a prototype, for 50% of the grade together with the Trial exam results as well a short series of past paper questions and assessments to be taken after Easter which will count towards the other 50% of the grade calculation.

English Language and English Literature

English grades will be assessed using a range of evidence for each unit or text studied. This will include, but is not limited to: assessments completed in the classroom and at home, Trial examination papers, non-examined assessment (coursework) and classwork. Marking of work will be standardised by a minimum of two members of the department.

Geography

A-Level Geography grades for 2021 will be determined using a range of evidence from the course so far, including homework and examination questions that students have completed, as well as the upcoming Trial examinations. The non-examined assessment (coursework) will also be used and therefore must be completed. We may seek to collect a few more pieces of evidence from students in the coming months too.

Health

Health will be assessed with a combination of external assessment grades (completed earlier this year) and internal coursework assessments. Despite the situation, BTEC are still undertaking external moderation of selected coursework units. Students will then be awarded their final grade/s on the basis of all the external and internal assessment evidence from the 2 years of the course

History Year 13

The department will use a range of evidence to reach decisions on awarding grades. This will include Trial exam performance, non-examined assessed and evidence from assessments completed throughout the course, which have been marked according to exam board criteria. Students should be aware that the final deadline for their Historical Investigation is immediately after Easter. From April, students will complete one essay and one extract type question in each unit and these will be completed in class.

ICT

The final assessed grade will consider the standard of coursework undertaken as well as performance on the examined units, performance in the Trial exam and future performance on written assessments that will now be given in class. Students should continue working on the coursework component over the next few weeks.

Law

As well as using the Trial exam performance, Law will consider a range of evidence taken over the two-year course. Further short assessments, using exam board materials, will be taken in lessons after Easter.

Maths and Further Maths

A range of assessed evidence, taken from throughout the 2-year course, will be used to inform the Maths grade. This will include the Trial exam, topic tests and past paper assessments. Students should now expect short assessments, using exam board materials, to be given in the coming lessons which will also help provide further evidence of student performance.

Modern Foreign Languages

In addition to the Trial exam papers, students will carry out a speaking test in the w/c 19th April. Assessments in class, using assessment materials from the exam board, will also be used to help evidence the final assessed grades.

Media

In addition to the Trial exams, students will complete one formal written assessment on each of the four units they have studied: Unit 1A - Newspaper and online media; Unit 1B - Magazine, Advertising and Music video; Unit 2A - The film, radio and videogame industries; Unit 2B - Long Form Television Drama. All assessments will follow on from a series of lessons recapping the specific unit giving students plenty of notice on what to revise. Students will still submit their coursework products, along with any supporting planning materials, which will help evidence their practical ability in the subject. The final grade will be based on a student's average attainment, taking all pieces of evidence into account.

Psychology

Assessment grades for Psychology will be based on the Trial examinations, the topics being tested are Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology, Issues and Debates and Psychopathology. In addition to this, two further classroom assessments will take place, both will be test based assessments and will include questions on topics such as Social Influence, Attachments, Memory, Biological Psychology, Relationships and Approaches. More specific times and dates and details on content will be given to students in due course.

Sociology

Assessment grades for Sociology will be based on the Trial examinations. In addition to this, two further classroom assessments will take place, one being an open book assessment on the topic of Theory and Methods and the other being a test-based assessment on the topics of Education and Research Methods. More specific times and dates and details on content will be given to students in due course.

Sport BTEC

We are following the expectations of the exam board where certain units of study have been removed from the course. We will reflect on the grades already achieved on completed units and continue to assess performance on the current units being studied. Students should be aware that BTEC are still undertaking external moderation of selected coursework units.