



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/guardian

Centre Determined Grades - Classroom based assessments
12 April – 28 May

As you are aware all schools in Wales in line with Qualifications Wales and WJEC guidance and protocols are determining and awarding A Level grades for Year 13 students this summer. These grades are called Centre-Determined Grades (CDGs) and are generated using a range of assessment evidence. Class based assessments adapted from past paper questions by the WJEC will contribute some of the evidence required to award CDGs.

The provisional timeline provided on the next page indicates when these assessments are planned to take place. Given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, this schedule is subject to change, should circumstances require. During assessment weeks, students will continue to attend lessons as normal. Subject teachers will inform students exactly when their assessments will take place and what knowledge, understanding and skills will be assessed. Every student will be given a blank assessment timetable to record their class based assessments.

We are unable to provide individual assessment timetables as assessment times for each subject will vary from class to class. Students using their blank assessment timetable, will be able to note the date, lesson and duration of their own assessments. Their teachers will be sharing this information with them in a timely manner. We shall remind students to complete their timetable, however we would welcome your support so every child has a complete timetable to refer to prior to, and during, the assessment period.

All adapted past paper assessments will be carried out in classrooms under controlled conditions. Students will receive their entitlement to access arrangements. The assessments will offer students valuable opportunities to provide evidence of their knowledge, skills and understanding.

All assessments will be coordinated centrally to avoid students having numerous assessments on any one day. If a student is absent when the assessment takes place we will do all we can to accommodate absentees, within the time available, once they return to school. However it is important students, parents and guardians are aware the class based assessment period only extends to Whitsun half term.

Our school website now has a dedicated Summer Assessments 2021 information page. This includes our guidance document on Alternative Arrangements Assessment Approach for Qualifications in 2021 and advice and guidance on how to support your child through the class based assessment process.

Working together our aim is that all students feel supported through this process and secure A Level grades they are proud of this summer.

Yours faithfully,

Elsbeth Lewis
Executive Headteacher

Mark Stockham
Head of school

Week Commencing	A Level	
12-Apr-21	Biology A2 Test 1 (A) Physics A2 Test1 (A) Religious Studies A2 (Section A&B)	
19-Apr-21	Biology A2 Test 1(B) Chemistry A2 Test 1 (A) Physics A2 Test 1 (B) Drama & Theatre Studies A2 Section A English Lit A2 (Unit 4)	Maths A2(mechanics) Music A2 Geography A2 (Unit 3 A) Religious Studies A2 (Unit 4 A01) Religious Studies A2 (Unit 4 A02)
26-Apr-21	Biology A2 (Test 2A) Physics A2(Test 2A) Gov & Politics A2 (Unit 4A) Further Maths A2 (Stats/ Mech)	Media Studies A2 (Unit 3 B) Religious Studies A2 Unit 5 AO1 Religious Studies A2 Unit 5 AO2
03-May-21	Biology A2 (Test B) Chemistry A2 Test 2 (PE) Chemistry A2 Test 2 (DCW) Drama & Theatre Studies A2 (Section B) English Lit A2 (Unit 3B) History A2 (Unit 3)	Law A2 (Unit 3) Maths A2 (Pure 1) Further Maths A2 (Pure 1 & 2) Media Studies A2 (Unit 3A) Sociology A2 (Unit 4)
10-May-21	Biology A2 (Test 3A) Physics A2 (Test 3A) Gov & Politics A2 (Unit 4B) Law A2 (Unit 4)	Music A2 Psychology (A2 Unit 3A) Psychology A2 Unit4) Sociology A2(Unit4B)
17-May-21	Biology A2 (Test 3B) Chemistry A2 (PE) Chemistry A2 (DCW) Physics A2(Test 3B) English Lit A2 (Unit3A)	Gov & Politics A2 (Unit 3B) History A2 (Unit 4) Maths A2 (Pure 2) Media Studies A2 (Unit 3C) Sociology A2(Unit 3A)
24-May-21	Physics A2 (PE) Geography A2 Un4 Section A Geography A2 Un4 Section B Gov & Politics A2 (Unit3A) Maths A2 (Stats)	Media Studies A2 Product Design A2 (Unit1) Psychology A2 (Unit 3B) Sociology A2 (Unit 3B)