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To: *Fifth Year boys and their parents*

### **GCSE COURSEWORK & CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT 2016-2017**

Coursework and controlled assessment are an integral part of many GCSEs. The list below gives more information for each subject, including the final submission date. If a boy expects to have difficulty in meeting a coursework or controlled assessment deadline, he should discuss the matter with his teacher in good time. Though many of the tasks are spread throughout the year, the Lent Term contains a number of deadlines. It is important that each pupil paces himself sensibly, and avoids having too much to do at the end. He is expected to continue doing preparation in his other subjects. *Details of deadlines issued by the examination boards are the latest dates by which Abingdon has to submit work.* To allow for collation, marking where appropriate, and dispatch, the deadlines to which the boys work are as listed below.

It is imperative that each candidate should observe the following set of rules in producing coursework or controlled assessment:

1. *All coursework which you submit must be your own work.*
2. *You must tell your teacher about any help which you may have been given.*
3. *Direct quotations from books or other sources must be acknowledged.*
4. *If you copy from another candidate, or let another candidate copy from you, you may be disqualified from all your examination subjects.*

Art & Design	The coursework unit consists of a "Personal Portfolio" which constitutes 60% of the final grade. For most pupils this is made up of two projects, both started in the 4th year. Both projects are finished by the end of the Michaelmas term in the 5th year. The Exam Unit (40%) takes place from beginning of January with the final piece being produced during the 10 hour exam which will take place in the last week of the Lent term.
Classics	No coursework in Latin or Greek. Controlled assessment in Ancient History will be completed during six lessons (under exam conditions) in March (probably running from Monday 6 March to Friday 17 March).
D&T	Practical piece to be completed by Wednesday 8 February, allowing pupils to take it home over half term to test and evaluate. All components of the design folder, including the evaluation to be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday 1 March.
Drama	<p>The GCSE Drama course involves TWO assessed performances.</p> <p>1. The first is a "devised" piece which is assessed internally as coursework. The key dates are as follows:</p> <p>Monday 21.11.16, 9am-5pm, GCSE Drama Devised Technical Rehearsals Tuesday 22.11.16, 9-1pm, GCSE Drama Devised Dress Rehearsals/Performance 1 Wednesday 23.11.16, 9am-1pm, GCSE Drama Devised Exam Performances</p>

2. The second assessed performance is an extract from a play which is internally assessed as coursework but externally moderated by a visiting examiner. We have not yet been notified of our examiner so the dates that follow are provisional.

The key dates for the scripted performances are:

Friday 17 March 2017, 9am-5pm, GCSE Drama Scripted Technical Rehearsals  
Monday 20 March 2017, 12pm-5pm, GCSE Drama Scripted Dress Rehearsals/Performance 1  
Tuesday 21 March 2017, 5.30pm-8pm, GCSE Drama Scripted Exam Performances

**Electronics** Controlled assessment counts for 25% of the final GCSE mark. It consists of a practical project which must be designed, constructed and evaluated by the student, together with a substantial written report. It requires a considerable amount of independent work throughout the end of Michaelmas Term and the beginning of the Lent Term and must be completed by Friday 27 January.

**Modern Languages** Preparation for the orals must be complete by the last week in November. Mock orals will take place as previously published to the boys as follows:

French: Monday 28 November – Thursday 1 December 2016.

German/Spanish dual linguists: Friday 2 December 2016.

German: Monday 5 – Wednesday 7 December 2016.

Spanish: Monday 5 – Wednesday 7 December 2016.

The provisional dates for the real orals are as follows (times will be published to boys early in the Lent term):

German: Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 March 2017

Spanish: Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 March 2017

French: Monday 13 - Thursday 16 March 2017

German/Spanish dual linguists: Friday 17 March 2017

Chinese GCSE Writing controlled Assessment:

Task 1 Tuesday 11 October 2016

Task 2 Tuesday 13 December 2016

Chinese GCSE Speaking controlled Assessment:

Task 1: Monday 14 November & Tuesday 15 November 2016

Task 2: Tuesday 7 February & Thursday 9 February 2017

**Music**

*Composing* GCSE compositions must be fully completed and submitted before the end of the Lent Term.

*Performing* Solo and Ensemble performances will be recorded on or before the GCSE Recording Day on Thursday 23 March 2017

There is no coursework or controlled assessment for English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies or Science.

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