



# ABINGDON

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To: Fifth Year boys and their parents

## GCSE CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT/NEAs 2017-2018

Controlled assessment or NEAs (non-examination assessments) 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 controlled assessment/NEA 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 work for his other subjects even when heading towards an assessment deadline in a particular one.

In order to allow time for things such as marking, internal moderation and dispatch, the deadlines to which the boys work need to be well in advance of the deadlines given to us by exam boards for our final submission of work and marks. Therefore, boys must adhere to **our** deadlines, not deadlines that they may find online in exam boards' administrative information.

It is imperative that each candidate should observe the established rules for completing controlled assessments/NEAs. These can be found at:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents>

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| Art & Design | The controlled assessment unit consists of a "Personal Portfolio" which constitutes 60% of the final grade. This is started in the 4th year and the draft is submitted at the end of the Michaelmas term in the 5th year. The Externally set Task (40%) takes place from the beginning of January with an outcome produced during the 10 hour examination which will take place in the last week of the Lent term. After, this pupils will have the opportunity to re-submit their Portfolio on Tuesday 1 May. |
| Classics     | There is no controlled assessment in Latin or Greek. Controlled assessment in Ancient History will be completed during six lessons (under exam conditions) in March (probably beginning on Tuesday 6 March).   |
| DT           | Practical pieces are to be completed by Wednesday 7 February, allowing pupils to take them home over half term to test and evaluate. All components of the design folder, including the evaluation, are to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 28 February.   |
| Drama        | The GCSE Drama controlled assessment involves TWO assessed performances.<br><br>1. The first was a devised piece which was assessed internally in November.<br><br>2. The second is an assessed performance of an extract from a play which is internally assessed but externally moderated by a visiting examiner. We have not yet been notified of our examiner so the dates that follow are provisional:  |

Wednesday 7 March, GCSE Drama Scripted Technical Rehearsals

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Thursday 8 March, GCSE Drama Scripted Dress Rehearsals / Performance 1  
Friday 9 March, 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 26 January.

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

French: Monday 27 November – Thursday 30 November  
German/Spanish dual linguists: Friday 1 December  
German: Tuesday 5 – Wednesday 6 December  
Spanish: Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 December

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

French: Monday 5 – Thursday 8 March 2018  
German: Wednesday 14 – Thursday 15 March 2018  
Spanish: Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 March 2018  
German/Spanish dual linguists: Monday 19 March 2018

Chinese GCSE Writing Controlled Assessment:

Task 1: This was completed in November  
Task 2: Research Period: Friday 1 December – Wednesday 13 December  
Assessment: Wednesday 13 December

Chinese GCSE Speaking Controlled Assessment:

Task 1: Research Period: Wednesday 10 – Monday 22 January 2018  
Assessment: Tuesday 23 – Wednesday 24 January 2018  
Task 2: Research Period: Thursday 25 January – Wednesday 7 February 2018  
Assessment: Tuesday 23 – Wednesday 24 January 2018

**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 22 March.

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

Yours sincerely

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