

Year 11 and 12 Subject External Assessment Overview 2024-2025

	Year 11			Year 12		
Subject	Controlled Assessment	Practical	Examinations	Controlled Assessment	Practical	Examinations
History			Unit 1 Examination – 16 th May 2025 (worth 60% of the overall GCSE). - Life under Nazi dictatorship 1933-45 Changing Relations: NI and its neighbours 1965-98.			Unit 2 Examination – 5 th June 2025 (40%). - International Relations, 1945-2003.
English Language	Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language - 2 Controlled Assessment tasks (worth 20% of the overall GCSE). (Aim to complete CA by end of Term 2)		Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-fiction Texts. Exam 20/5/25.	Unit 2: Speaking and Listening. Controlled Assessment moderation takes place in February / March of Year 12).		Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts Exam in November of Year 12.



English Literature	Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare, Controlled Assessment, worth 20% of the overall GCSE. (Aim to complete CA by end of Term 1)	Unit 1: The Study of Prose (worth 30% of the overall GCSE) examined in May 2024. Exam 12/5/25		Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry (exam worth 50% at the end of Year 12).
Maths		11CS/Ma Mr Halligan's class: November 19 th M4 45% and June 4 th 2025 M8 55%. 11MK/Ma Mr Watson's class: November 19 th M3 45% May 15 th 2025 45% (higher mark carries forward here). All other groups with exception of 11NC/Ma will complete 45% module M1 to M3 May 15 th May 2025 *11NC/Ma will not complete a public exam this year		12AD/Ma Mr Halligan's class: Further Maths Unit 1 May 12 th 2025 50%, Unit 2 June 2 nd 2025 25%, Unit 3 June 18 th 25% 12SC/Ma, 12AL/Ma, 12LA/Ma and 12AG/Ma complete 55% M6 to M8 module June 4 th 2025. 12PM/Ma will complete Essential Skills AON Level 1 January 2025 and depending on results repeat or complete Level 2 April/June 2025



Single Award Science		Continuous practical work carried out in class in preparation for the practical exam in Yr 12.	Year 11 classes will complete unit exam in February 2025 – 25% of final GCSE		Miss Mc Namara's and Miss O'Donnell's classes – complete practical work in preparation for final unit 4 practical exam in Feb 2025.	Unit 1 Biology – Monday 11 th November and Unit 3 Physics 22 nd May (25%) Unit 4 Practical Theory Paper – Monday 9 th June (25%)
Double Award Science		Continuous practical work carried out in class in preparation for practical exams in Yr 12.	Biology 11 th Nov Chemistry 12 th Nov Physics 13 th Nov Biology 26 th Feb Chemistry 27 th Feb Physics 28 th Feb Biology 13 th May Chemistry 19 th May Physics 22 nd May Total of 3 modules completed in Yr 11. Each module is worth 11% of DA GCSE.		Practical exam3 for Biology, Chemistry and Physics to be completed during practical week in Feb, 2025.	Unit 2 Biology - Monday 9 th June (14%) Unit 2 Chemistry - Friday 13 th June (14%) Unit 2 Physics - Monday 16 th June (14%) 3 practical papers + 3 practical exams that were completed in Feb - 25%
Agriculture GCSE	Task 1: Practical Investigation - 2000 words (20%)		Unit 1: Thurs 23 rd May (25%)	CA = 50% Task 2: Research	Farm visit in Term 1 to help complete Controlled	Unit 2: Monday 17 th June (25%)



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Geography		GCSE field trip: river study to Magilligan Field Centre - 7th February 2025 - linked to Unit 3 exam	Unit 1: Understanding Our Natural World - 40% exam (1 ½ hour paper) 14 th May 2025 Unit 3: Fieldwork - 20% Exam (1 hour paper) 6 th June 2025			Unit 2: Living In Our World – 40% exam (1 ½ hour paper) 27 th May 2025
Irish	No Continuous Assessments in GCSE Irish	No practical work.	No exams in Y11.			4 exams in Year 12 Summer 2025 Speaking test 25% at around Easter. Reading test 25% Writing test 25% Listening test 25%
GCSE RE	Class assessments throughout the year at the end of each topic.		One external written exam on Mark's Gospel worth 50% of the overall GCSE	Class assessments throughout the year at the end of each topic.		One external written exam on An Introduction to Christian Ethics worth



		qualification. 1 hour 30 min exam in Summer 2024		50% of the overall GCSE qualification. 1 hour 30 min exam in Summer 2024
Digital Technology - Multimedia		Unit 1 Exam – externally assessed (30%) Friday 24 th May 2024	Controlled assessment – internally assessed (30%)	Unit 2 Exam – externally assessed (40%) Thursday 6 th June 2024
Digital Technology - Programming		Unit 1 Exam – externally assessed (30%) Friday 24 th May 2024	Controlled assessment – internally assessed (30%)	Unit 4 Exam – externally assessed (40%) Thursday 6 th June 2024
OCN IT	Unit: Word Processing Software Unit: Using the Internet		Unit: Word Processing Software Unit: Spreadsheet Software	
Art	Unit 1A completed in year 11, assessed in year 12 alongside units 1B and 2.			



Music	Two compositions completed throughout Year 11 and 12 30%	CA 4 in May/June will be practical assessment	CA 3 will be a listening test	Two compositions completed throughout Year 11 and 12 30%	One solo performance and one ensemble performance marked by visiting examiner in April/May 35%	One listening exam based on set works and unfamiliar music 35%
French	No Controlled Assessment Task in GCSE French	No practical work.	No exams in Y11.			4 exams in Year 12 Summer 2025 Speaking test 25% at around Easter. Reading test 25% Writing test 25% Listening test 25%
Food & Nutrition	No Controlled Assessment Task in Year 11	Continuous practical work carried out in class in preparation for practical exam in Yr 12	No exam in Year 11	Controlled Assessment 50%	Practical exam included with controlled assessment	External written examination 2 hours 50% 23/05/24
Technology & Design				50% portfolio		2 hour written exam worth 50%
OCN RE	To achieve the Level 2 Certificate learners must complete 5 units of work in Yr 11.		No exams - the pupils will be assessed on the portfolios they produce for each unit. These will be	Pupils must complete the remainder of their portfolios (4) on a range of different		No exams - the pupils will be assessed on the portfolios they produce for each unit. These will be internally



	(The remaining 4 units to be completed in Yr 12)		internally and externally verified.	topics. 100% portfolio work.		and externally verified at the end of Yr 12.
Engineering	Portfolio on given brief (25%)				3-hour practical exam worth 25%	2 hour written exam worth 50%
GCSE PE	Fitness profile (10%) completed in Year 11	Practical classes in preparation for practical moderation in Yr 12	No exam in Year 11		Practical classes in preparation for practical moderation in Term 2 (practical moderation = 30%)	Exam at end of Year 12 (60%)
BTEC PE	3 Portfolio units in total (25% each). One portfolio completed in Year 11 along with the tested unit. 2 portfolio units completed in Year 12		One tested unit in Year 11 (25%) – term one. This is an online ondemand test. This test can be repeated if required in Year 12	Two portfolio units completed in Year 12 (25% each).	A practical coaching session to be delivered by the students individually with video evidence required.	Online on-demand test can be repeated from Year 11.
Prince's Trust	4 portfolio units to be completed in year 11.					
Child Development GCSE	No controlled assessment task in Year 11.		Unit 1: Parenthood, Pregnancy & Newborn baby	Unit 3 – Controlled assessment 40%		Unit 2: The Development of the Child (0–5 Years)



		30% External written exam 1 hour 15 mins paper			30% External written examination 1 hour 15 mins 12/06/24
OS: CAD, Bench Joinery, Patisserie, The Play Environment		No units assessed in Year 11. Completed units carried forward into Year 12.	Bench joinery: 2 manufacturing units and booklets, each worth 50% Design and Creativity units: Patisserie and Baking 50% Contemporary Cuisine 50% Business and Services units: The Physical Care of Babies 50% Child Care: The Play Environment 50%	Practical work assessed throughout units.	No external exams
Business Studies		Unit 1 - Starting a Business - examined unit (1 hour & 30 minutes) - 14 th May - worth 40% of the	Controlled assessment – internally assessed (20% of the GCSE) This will be started		Unit 2 - Developing a business - examined unit (1 hour & 30 minutes) - 1 - worth 40% of the overall



		overall qualification.	after Christmas and the exam will take place before Easter.	qualification. 5 th June 2024
LLW GCSE		Unit 2 - Personal Development Unit - GCSE exam in May 2024 [worth 20%]	Unit 4 – Controlled Assessment – 40% of the GCSE.	Unit 1 – Local & Global Citizenship [worth 20%] Tuesday 7 th May 2024. Unit 3 – Employability [worth 20%] Monday 20 th May 2024.
OCN Business Skills	To achieve the Level 2 Certificate learners must complete 3 units in Year 11: Business Locations Health and Safety for a Business Understanding Financial Statements, Ratios and Breakeven	No exams - the pupils will be assessed on the portfolios they produce for each unit. These will be internally and externally verified.	To achieve the Level 2 Certificate learners must complete 2 units in Year 12: Understanding Sources of Finance and Cash Flow Understanding Recruitment and Selection	No exams - the pupils will be assessed on the portfolios they produce for each unit. These will be internally and externally verified.