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An introduction to A level NEAs

Dear Students and Parents,

Most students and parents will remember from GCSE courses that Non-examination assessments (NEAs) are a form of internal assessment, similar to old-style coursework. NEAs are used where it is the only valid means of assessing essential knowledge and skills that cannot be tested through traditional written exams. The majority of A level subjects have NEAs as a component of the assessment that contribute towards a final grade. Students have started work on NEAs in some subjects, with most others due to start before the end of 2023.

The attached document shows all the A level subjects with NEA components and includes details of rough start and deadline dates and the percentage of the final grade that NEAs are worth. Exact deadline dates for students will be confirmed at the start of Year 13. It is important for students and parents to understand that while some NEA components may seem to be worth relatively small percentages of final grades, students can often secure an improved final grade through consistent effort and performance on their NEA. Final A level grades can also therefore fall by a number of grades were students to perform poorly in NEAs.

For some practical subjects, specific dates will be scheduled for practical performances and tasks towards the end of A level courses. These include in music, sciences, drama and PE and leaders of these subjects will write to students and parents involved in these tasks in Year 13. The attached overview is also saved in the Year 12 exams area of the school website. I am also obliged to inform you of other documents available in the general exams area of the website relating to NEAs. These include the JCQ document that outlines the key information on NEAs for candidates and the two school policies; the Non-Examination Assessment Policy and the Non-Examination Assessment Appeals Policy.

Please get in contact with subject teachers or leaders with any subject specific questions relating to NEAs. For more general questions, contact either myself or Miss Jones, the Examinations Manager.

Kind regards,

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