



Glengormley High School

Year 12 GCSE Survival Guide

2016-17

GCSE QUALIFICATIONS

These have evolved from their initial conception and are now constructed from a unique combination of coursework / controlled assessment and examinations through Years 11 and 12.

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENTS

- ✓ Controlled Assessment is a form of internal, continuous assessment completed largely in class time.
- ✓ It replaces Coursework.
- ✓ In most subjects it will assess a Unit or Topic of work.
- ✓ **It is essential that you understand the assessment requirements for each subject as the levels of control; input by the teacher during the preparation time and the ability to work at home on assessment tasks will differ from one subject to another.**
- ✓ The teaching towards and most pupil preparation for Controlled Assessments will take place during class time and during this time pupils will be able to take work home to develop and research work done in class more fully.
- ✓ The final writing up of most Controlled Assessments will be done in **class time** under **formal supervision** over a length of time that will vary from one subject to another. For instance in Languages pupils will complete their writing assessments in a one hour slot; English over one and a half hours and Technology over five hours. Supervision during the final writing up time will be formal, **just as in an exam**, and pupils will not be able to consult with either the teacher or another pupil for advice.
- ✓ In a few subjects, pupils will continue to complete much of their project work in class and at home.
- ✓ Marks awarded in Controlled Assessments will be a percentage of your final score in GCSE and will have a direct bearing on the overall grade attained.
- ✓ Pupil work in the Controlled Assessments will be marked internally and moderated externally.

Results in Controlled Assessments

While teachers will mostly be able to advise pupils on their performance in Controlled Assessments, marks will be subject to moderation and therefore exact marks will not be known before completion of the full GCSE.

Another important thing to bear in mind is that if a pupil feels he/she has not given of his /her best in a Controlled Assessment, he or she **is not permitted to resubmit or retake** the same task at a later stage. Pupils are, therefore, advised to give their best effort in each task.

Managing Controlled Assessments

Pupils' ability to manage their work is central to their success in Controlled Assessments.

They will need to:

- Be well organised in the taking and storing of notes during teaching and preparation time
- Ensure they catch up on all work that is missed through absence
- Keep up to date with all home works and
- Make effective use of the resources given by subject teachers to assist with preparation.

Parents can support their son/daughter by helping them to file and organise their work on a frequent basis and checking with them that homework, notes and preparation for assessments are completed according to the instructions given by subject teachers.

ATTENDANCE

Full attendance at school is very important to ensure you are in class when preparation for Controlled Assessments is taking place.

It will be the responsibility of the pupil to catch up on all preparation missed through absence.

Full attendance is a **prerequisite**, however, when the pupils are taking a **formal Controlled Assessment test** as this is effectively a public GCSE examination that will contribute to the final scores in GCSE.

The grid at the end of the booklet highlights when attendance is particularly important.

Absence during these times may exclude the pupil from participating/completing the controlled assessment. Where regulations allow the assessment to be completed at a separate stage, the pupil may be required to attend a catch up session under formal supervision – permitted only if absence is deemed an exceptional circumstance. Supervision is unlikely to be with the pupil's own subject teacher and will be arranged at a time convenient to staff, including after-school.

KEY DATES IN YEAR 12

Monday 28 November – Friday 2 December 2016:	Mock Examinations
Monday 5 December – Friday 9 December 2016:	Work Experience
Monday 12 December 2016:	Mock Exam Results
Friday 6 January 2017:	Y12 Parent Reports posted
Tuesday 10 January 2017:	Y12 Parents' Interviews
Thursday 14 January 2016:	Study Skills Workshops
May 2017:	Sixth Form Parents' Evening
GCSE Terminal Exams: throughout May / June 2016	

RESULTS

Results for the **public exams** taken in May/June will be issued on **Thursday 24 August 2017**. Results may be collected from School from 9:30am onwards on that day. Results will not be given out over the telephone.

REVISION SUPPORT

"Oaka Guide to Revision That Works!" downloadable from www.glengormleyhigh.com

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/education-works>

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY and JUNE
ART	Mock Exam	Unit 1 complete	External-set Controlled Assessment	External-set Controlled Assessment	Exam	Moderation
BUSINESS and COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	Mock Exam Revision	Controlled Assessment Task 2	Controlled Assessment Task 3	Controlled Assessment deadlines (25%)	Revision and preparation for Practical	May Computer based exam (35%) June Written exam (40%)
ENGLISH	Mock Exam Revision for Resit Unit 1	Resit Exam Unit 1 (20%) Speaking & Listening task ongoing. Written Controlled Assessment	Speaking & Listening task ongoing. Written Controlled Assessment	Moderation of Speaking & Listening task (20%) Written Controlled Assessment	Controlled assessment deadline (40%)	May/June Exam (20%)
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Controlled Assessment: Shakespeare Mock Exam	Exam preparation: Poetry	Exam preparation: “Unseen” poetry	Exam preparation	Exam preparation Controlled Assessment deadline (25%)	May/June Exam (75%)
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	Mock Exam Revision	Controlled Assessment	Deadline for all Controlled Assessment	“Principles of Child Development” exam unit	“Principles of Child Development” exam unit	“Principles of Child Development” exam unit 13th June Exam (40%)
FRENCH	Mock Exam	Controlled Assessment preparation	Controlled Assessment 3: Writing	Controlled Assessment preparation	Controlled Assessment 4: Writing	May/June Exam
GEOGRAPHY	Mock Exam Revision	Exam preparation Development	Exam preparation Development	Exam preparation Managing resources	Exam preparation Managing resources	May/June 2 exams

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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	Controlled Assessment:	Controlled Assessment: Working in Health & Social Care Task 1	Controlled Assessment: Working in Health & Social Care Task 1	“Personal Development” exam unit	“Personal Development” exam unit	“Personal Development” exam unit Exam (40%)
HISTORY	Mock Exam Past Paper Questions Revision	Cold War Past Paper Questions Revision	Cold War Past Paper Questions Revision	Controlled Assessment Question 2 (25%)	Cold War Past Paper Questions Revision	May/June Exam (25%) Resit Year 11 Exam (50%)
HOSPITALITY	Unit 1 Contemporary Cuisine	Unit 2 Business and Business Services	Unit 2 Business and Business Services	Unit 2 Business and Business Services	Unit 2 Business and Business Services	Moderation
ICT	Controlled Assessment Mock Exam	Controlled Assessment	Controlled Assessment	Controlled Assessment	Controlled Assessment Deadline	May/June Exam
LEISURE and TOURISM	Mock Exam Revision	Exam preparation	Exam preparation	Exam preparation	Exam preparation	May/June 1 exam (40%)
MATHS	Mock Exam Revision	T2 Exam Foundation Exam preparation	Completing Course Exam preparation	Completing Course Exam preparation	Completing Course Exam preparation	HIGHER T6 exam (55%) FOUNDATION T5 exam FURTHER MATH Unit 2 exam (50%)

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MOVING IMAGE ART	Mock online exam	Controlled Assessment	Mock online exam	Controlled Assessment	Controlled Assessment	May/June Online exam
PERFORMING ARTS	Mock Exam	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	Unit 2	May/June Assessed Performance & Unit 2 evaluations (40%)
PE	Controlled Assessment ongoing	Controlled Assessment ongoing	Controlled Assessment ongoing	Controlled Assessment ongoing	Controlled Assessment deadline (12%) Practical deadline (48%)	May/June Exam (40%)
SCIENCE	SA: Module exam Controlled Assessment Mock Exam	Exam preparation	DA: Resit Chemistry exam	Exam preparation	Exam preparation	SA: May Module exam DA: May/June Exams Resit Biology exam
TECHNOLOGY	Mock Exam	Controlled Assessment folder and practical	Controlled Assessment folder and practical	Controlled Assessment deadlines Design Folder (20%) Manufacture (20%)	Complete work for Moderation	May/June Exams (20%)

