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Steps to Support EXAM GUIDE 2023

A guide to help parents to support
students through their exams



We recognise that the time leading up to the exam season can be a very stressful time for both students and parents.

We know that many parents want to help and support their sons and daughters but feel anxious about how to best go about this. For some, the worries will be about whether their child is working hard enough or doing enough revision. For others, the concerns may be about whether their child is doing too much work and becoming overly stressed as a result. In school, we work hard to create an atmosphere where students feel supported and prepared, and where they approach their exams with confidence and a positive attitude. We would like parents to play a part in this too and so we have put together the following guide which we hope you will find useful.

Key Contacts

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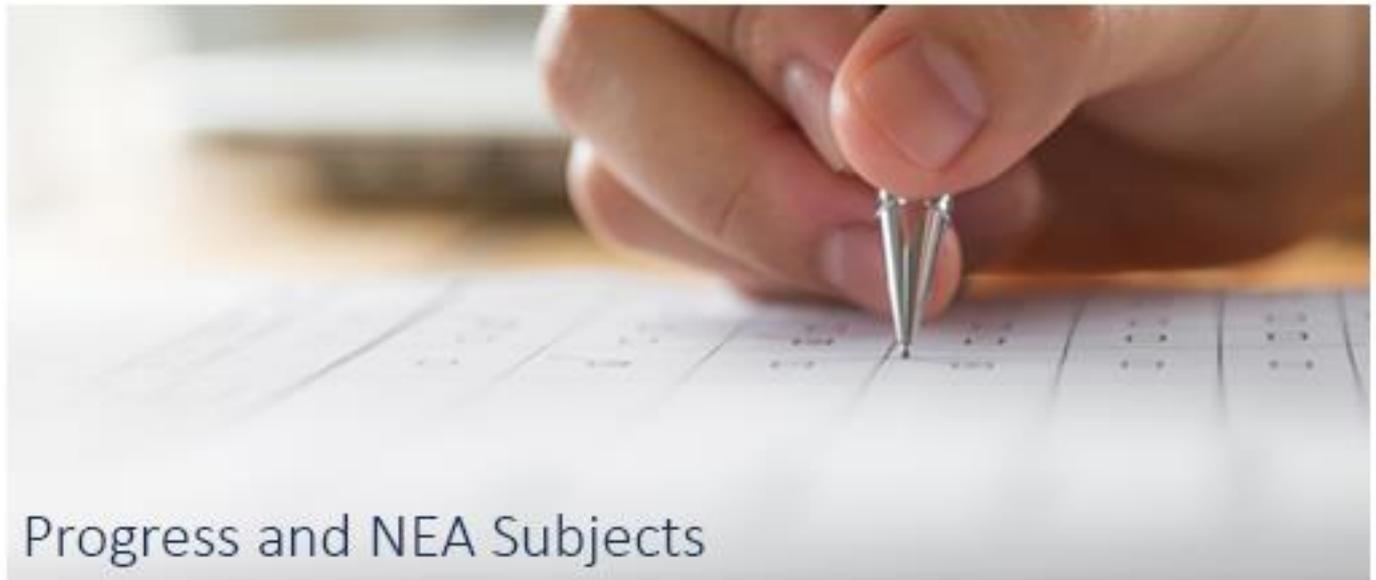


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January 2023	Exam entries*
21 st April 2023	Deadline for tier entry
15 th May 2023	GCSE's begin
18 th May 2023	GCE's begin
8 th June 2023	Contingency Date
15 th June 2023	Contingency Date
20 th June 2023	GCSE's end
23 rd June 2023	GCE's end
28 th June 2023	Contingency Date
17 th August	A level results day
24 th August 2023	GCSE results day & sixth form sign up

*Students are all entered for the summer season exams in January based on their class details. Although these will be visible on Edulink from January, final tiers will not be set until after the spring progress exams and before the end of April.

If a student has more than one exam scheduled at the same time (exam clash), these will be looked into after the Easter holidays. Most of the time these exams will need to be sat back-to-back with a short, supervised, break in between, however, each student will be spoken to individually and options will be discussed.



Progress and NEA Subjects

PROGRESS EXAMS

We will run progress subject and core exams throughout the year. Departments will set their own progress exams. Staff will use these exams to determine a student's current attainment and will allow staff and students to acknowledge and act upon any gaps in knowledge or skills.

Previous cohorts have found the progress exams extremely valuable, allowing them to feel incredibly well prepared for the summer exam period.

Subject staff will also periodically conduct more informal classroom-based assessments as another means to ascertain any gaps in subject knowledge, whilst maximising student exposure to the style of questions they will come across in final exams.

NEA SUBJECTS

We run a number of courses which include aspects of NEA (Non-Exam Assessment), which have replaced the traditional coursework. Grades are awarded based upon a combination of the completion of non-exam assessments, most of which are internally marked and externally moderated, and external examinations.

Students prepare for and work on the NEA throughout the 2 years of the course, so it is essential that students keep up to date with their NEA preparation and completion.

PROGRESS EXAM DATES

Year 11

**Monday 17th October 2022 –
Wednesday 9th November 2022**

**Monday 27th February 2023 –
Wednesday 15th March 2023**

Year 13

**Monday 28th November 2022 –
Thursday 1st December 2022**

**Monday 20th March 2023 –
Friday 31st March 2023**

JCQ is a membership organisation representing the eight largest national awarding bodies offering qualifications in the UK. These qualifications include GCSEs, A levels, Scottish Highers as well as vocational qualifications.

JCQ undertakes a wide range of activities, such as the publishing of national GCSE and A level results in August; handling enquiries from examination officers; and publishing advice, guidance and regulations on delivering examinations, including the following:

- Access arrangements, reasonable adjustments, and special consideration guidance and forms
- Key exam dates and timetables
- Malpractice guidance and declaration forms
- Past GCE and GCSE examination papers
- Post-results services.

JCQ Regulations

[A Guide to The Special Consideration Process](#)

[Information for Candidates – Coursework Assessment](#)

[Information to Candidates – Non Examination Assessments](#)

[Information for Candidates – On-Screen Tests](#)

[Information for Candidates – Written Examinations](#)

[Information for Candidates - NEA](#)

[Information for Candidates – Privacy Notice](#)

[Information for Candidates – Social Media](#)

[Warning to Candidates](#)

[JCQ Summer FAQ](#)

[Instructions for Conducting Non-Examination Assessments](#)

[Notice to Centre – Teachers Sharing Non-Examination Assessment Material](#)

[Notice to Centres – Informing Candidates of their Assessed Marks](#)

[Reasonable Adjustment GCE A-Level Science](#)

[Suspected Malpractice Policies and Procedures](#)

The Bromfords School Policies

[2022-23 Non-Examination Assessment Policy](#)

[Access Arrangements](#)

[Assessment Policy](#)

[Complaints & Appeal Policy](#)

[Disability Policy](#)

[Emergency Evacuation](#)

[Archiving Policy Exams](#)

[Exams Contingency Policy](#)

[Lockdown Procedures](#)

[Malpractice Policy Exams & Assessments](#)

[Management of Controlled Assessment Policy](#)

[Target Setting Procedure](#)

[Word Processor/Laptop Policy](#)

[Exam Access Arrangements](#)

[Internal Appeals Procedure for NEA Assessments & Controlled Assessments](#)

Key Stage 4 Subjects

QUALIFICATION	WRITTEN PAPER	NEA/MODERATED	AWARDING BODY
ART & DESIGN FINE ART		✓	AQA
ART & DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY		✓	AQA
BIOLOGY	✓		AQA
BUSINESS STUDIES	✓		PEARSON
BTEC BUSINESS ENTERPRISE	✓	✓	PEARSON
BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	✓	✓	PEARSON
CAMNAT CREATIVE IMEDIA	✓	✓	OCR
CAMNAT SPORT	✓	✓	OCR
CHEMISTRY	✓		AQA
COMBINED SCIENCE	✓		AQA
COMPUTER SCIENCE	✓		OCR
D&T FOOD & NUTRITION	✓	✓	AQA
D&T PRODUCT DESIGN	✓	✓	AQA
DANCE	✓		AQA
DRAMA		✓	OCR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	✓	✓	AQA
ENGLISH LITERATURE	✓		AQA
FILM STUDIES		✓	WJEC
FRENCH	✓	✓	AQA
GEOGRAPHY	✓		AQA
HISTORY	✓		PEARSON
MATHS	✓		PEARSON
MUSIC	✓	✓	OCR
PE GCSE	✓	✓	OCR
PHYSICS	✓		AQA
STATISTICS	✓		PEARSON
RE	✓		AQA

Key Stage 5 Subjects

QUALIFICATION	WRITTEN PAPER	NEA/MODERATED	AWARDING BODY
ART & DESIGN FINE ART		✓	AQA
BIOLOGY	✓	✓	AQA
BTECH APPLIED SCIENCE	✓	✓	AQA
BTEC BUSINESS	✓	✓	PEARSON
BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	✓	✓	PEARSON
BTEC PERFORMING ARTS	✓	✓	PEARSON
CAMNAT SPORT	✓	✓	OCR
CAMTEC IT	✓	✓	OCR
CHEMISTRY	✓	✓	AQA
ECONOMICS	✓		PEARSON
FURTHER MATHS	✓		PEARSON
GEOGRAPHY	✓	✓	AQA
HISTORY	✓	✓	PEARSON
MATHS	✓		PEARSON
PE A-LEVEL	✓		OCR
PHYSICS	✓	✓	AQA
PSYCHOLOGY	✓		PEARSON
SOCIOLOGY	✓		AQA