



10 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ofqual oversees all examinations and assessments in England and it has made it clear that all schools and colleges should plan assessment opportunities to secure evidence which could be used to inform TAGs if necessary.

We are expected to provide assessment opportunities in the second half of the autumn term, the spring term and the first half of the summer term. We will shortly receive further confirmation regarding the finalised content and assessment structure for GCSE and Cambridge National qualifications.

The Year 11 mock examinations have already taken place and will double up as the *second half of the autumn term assessments*.

With these requirements in mind, Term 4 assessments will be completed in lesson time in the classrooms and different classes will sit assessments at different times in the allocated week. Given that lessons last sixty minutes, it may be that assessments are split across more than one lesson. Class teachers will provide more detail to the Year 11 students on the content/type of assessment, and they are the point of contact for any subject-specific questions.

This is the schedule for Year 11 for Term 4:

Term 4		
w/c 28 th February	Business Studies; French; Philosophy & Ethics	
w/c 7 th March	Dance, Design Technology, Drama, Food, Music and GCSE PE	English Language, English Literature and Maths formal assessments taken in exam hall – see below
w/c 14 th March		
w/c 21 st March	Computing, Geography, German	
w/c 28 th March	Biology, Chemistry, History	
w/c 4 th April	No planned assessments	



Date	Lesson	Start	Subject	Length
Wed, 9 March	Lessons 3 & 4	11.30am	Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator)	1h30m
Thu, 10 March	Tutorial, Lessons 1 & 2	8.35am	English Language	2h
Fri, 11 March	Lessons 4 & 5	1.00pm	Maths Paper 2 (calculator)	1h30m
Tue, 15 March	Lessons 3 & 4	11.30am	Maths Paper 3 (calculator)	1h30m
Thu, 17 March	Lessons 3 & 4	11.30am	English Literature	1h

If you have any general questions about exams, please email exams@st-laurence.com and if you have any subject-specific questions, please liaise directly with the classroom teacher(s).

Please note that:

- We have decided to spread the subjects across five school weeks so that students do not feel overwhelmed and have time to prepare adequately for each assessment and the disruption to their timetable and learning is minimal.
- The maths, English Literature and English Language assessments will be held in a more formal way in the Sports Hall as a final opportunity for students to sit full GCSE papers in these subjects
- We will factor in any access arrangements and extra time, and it may be that some students take the assessments in a computer room/elsewhere so that they have their full entitlement, e.g. reader, scribe, computer access
- Students will sit a common assessment in each subject, and it is important to note that students should not discuss the content of their assessments with each other, as different classes will sit assessments at different times in the allocated week
- GCSE Art, GCSE Graphics and Cambridge National Sport do not require an assessment

We will provide more detail on the plan for Term 5 (first half of the summer term assessments) when we get closer to Easter.

It is worth noting that 13th May is the deadline for all practical exams and the GCSE written papers are scheduled to start on Monday 16th May. We will provide more details about exam arrangements next term, too.

There will be a pre-recorded presentation from the Heads of Department for English, Maths and Science as to how you can support your child with revision for these core subject areas and this will be placed on the school website once it has been recorded. We will let you know when this has happened and provide the link.



Finally, a letter was sent out on Friday with details of catch-up lessons in Physics, Philosophy and Ethics, Biology, History, Geography, Maths (Higher Tier) and Drama. A gentle reminder that the Survey Monkey link will close on Wednesday 16th February.

Yours faithfully

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