



October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) - Year 11

Non-exam assessment (NEA) is work that students produce for final examinations but are marked internally by the school. NEA is completed in a number of subjects; details are included in the table below. We realise that NEA work can be stressful for students, and we hope the following information helps.

The table below shows the courses that have a NEA component and the percentage of the final qualification that it represents.

Subject	Percentage value of NEA
Art & Design	100%
Child Development	60%
Design Technology	50%
Drama	40%
Food Preparation & Nutrition	50%
Media	30%
Music GCSE	60%
Photography	100%
PE	40%
Sport Studies	20%
Art & Design	100%

Can a student use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help them with their NEA work?

Students must submit work that is their own. In certain subjects, students may be allowed to make use of AI. If this is the case, students must reference where it has been used. Before NEA work is submitted, students will be asked to sign a declaration stating that the work submitted is their own. Any work that is not the student's own, from AI or any other sources, must be clearly referenced. A useful guide for students can be found [here](#).

Internal NEA Appeals Process

NEA work is usually marked by the student's teacher and then moderated internally to ensure marking is consistent. A selection of NEA work is then externally moderated by the exam board to ensure marks awarded are in line with their expectations. Following internal moderation, we will issue the marks to students following JCQ regulations which state 'Candidates must be informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body'. This means that students will be given the initial mark awarded by the school for their review before it is submitted to the exam board.

When will the marks for the NEA be given to the students by the school?

There will be a specific date depending on the subject. These dates could potentially change due to reasons beyond our control. The marks will be emailed directly to students.

Subject	Unit	Date for issuing initial mark	Deadline for notifying the school of appeal	Deadline for receiving outcome of the appeal
Art & Design	C/work	08 May 2026	12 May 2026	22 May 2026
	Exam	08 May 2026	12 May 2026	22 May 2026
Child Development	C/work	20 April 2026	22 April 2026	01 May 2026
Design Technology	C/work	27 March 2026	14 April 2026	24 April 2026
Drama	C/work	20 April 2026	22 April 2026	01 May 2026
Food Preparation & Nutrition	C/work	14 April 2026	16 April 2026	28 April 2026
IT	C/work	09 March 2026	11 March 2026	20 March 2026
Media	C/work	27 March 2026	14 April 2026	24 April 2026
Music GCSE	C/work	17 April 2026	21 April 2026	01 May 2026
Photography	C/work	08 May 2026	12 May 2026	22 May 2026
	Exam	08 May 2026	12 May 2026	22 May 2026
PE	C/work	13 February 2026	24 February 2026	06 March 2026
Sport Studies	C/work	17 April 2026	21 April 2026	01 May 2026

How long will students have to appeal?

The deadline for appeals will be 3.15pm on the deadline day. The Exams Officer, Mrs Keeley, must be notified that a student wants to appeal and an appeals form, available from the Exams Office, will need to be completed and handed in by the deadline. Students should note that this is the only opportunity to submit an appeal for their NEA work. NEA marks cannot be appealed in the summer after final grades are known.

Will students be able to look at the work?

If students wish to look at their NEA work they have produced, then this will need to be in school under supervision as there must be no opportunity for the work to be amended. Copies of mark schemes will be provided which describe how the work has been assessed.

Who will review the work?

The work will be reviewed by a teacher who has not been involved in the marking of the initial piece of work. This will normally be a member of staff from Hazelwick but, in certain specific situations, this may be a teacher from a local school.

How long will it take to get the result of the appeal?

Each individual deadline is summarised in the table above.

Can marks go down as well as up?

All students must be aware that it is possible that the marks can go down. It is important to note that marks, whether a student has appealed or not, can be changed by the external moderation process which is out of our control. Therefore, the initial mark given, may not be the final mark achieved, regardless of whether there is an appeal.

What is the link between raw marks awarded and grades?

It is impossible to transfer each given mark to an individual grade as the awarding bodies only make grade boundary decisions once the national patterns have been analysed in July.

Can work be changed if a student is not happy with their mark?

It is vital that students are clearly aware that work cannot be changed because of the appeals process. The purpose of the appeal is to deal solely with the issue of a marking error, rather than a mark that is below personal expectations. The work must remain unchanged once submitted.

If you require any further information about NEA work in a particular subject, please contact the relevant Head of Department. If you have any questions about the appeals process, please contact the Exams Officer, [Mrs Keeley](#).

Your faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A J Chase". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr A Chase
Assistant Headteacher