



## **Year 11 Centre Assessment Grades**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As I am sure you will have heard in the National Press, year 11 final exams have been cancelled this year as a result of the global pandemic.

At Langtree we will be awarding Centre Assessment Grades based on both historical evidence and assessment evidence that we collect between now and the end of May.

We will do all that we can to give your son/daughter the opportunity to show their ability in a subject, while also endeavouring to ensure that this process is fair, unbiased and as robust as possible.

The document below outlines in more detail the process Langtree will be following when awarding centre assessment grades. There is a link early in the document to a video presentation I prepared for the students with this information.

If you have any questions about the process outlined in the document please email me ([cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com](mailto:cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com)).

Yours sincerely,

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# Assessment of Year 11s

## Academic Year 2020/21

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## **Video Presentation**

The following video presentation is a summary of the information in this document and was prepared for year 11 students during a tutorial session:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j5KfvJo8-wcsnHP4iGPjz50\\_mzlsa-LE/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j5KfvJo8-wcsnHP4iGPjz50_mzlsa-LE/view?usp=sharing)

## **Summary**

Final GCSE Exams have been cancelled for year 11 students due to the global pandemic.

### **The key information is this:**

- Students will be awarded a “Centre assessed grade” that is determined by Langtree School
- Centre assessed grades have to be supported by **evidence**. Students will be told what evidence is being used for each GCSE subject they take.

## **Key dates in assessment process**

- **Friday 28th May:** Centre assessment grades submitted for internal moderation
- **June 18th:** All centre assessment grades will have been sent to the exam boards for external checks
- **August 12th:** GCSE Results Day

# **Langtree School: What is considered to be robust evidence?**

## **A) Completed exam papers**

- This could be:
  - An official practice paper created by the exam board
  - One of the new “support material” papers created by the exam boards for 2021 assessment
  - A paper created by a publisher that is designed to mimic the official papers
- Papers will typically have been completed in supervised test conditions (this could be in a classroom or an exams room).
- Papers might be modified to include only specific content. If, for example, part of the course has not been taught because of the lockdowns, questions on that topic might be cut from the paper.

## **B) Coursework, NEA work and controlled assessments**

Where subjects have coursework, NEA elements, or controlled assessments, work from these elements may be used as evidence.

Some subjects may submit a partially completed piece of coursework or NEA project, if the lockdown has meant that the remaining parts of the work could not be finished.

## **C) Exemplar Classwork**

In limited circumstances, teachers may use classwork as evidence of ability. Where this is done, the teacher will be able to say confidently that it is either 100% the student’s own work or the student’s own work supported by a member of staff.

## **The following will NOT be used as evidence**

- Work that has been completed at home, unsupervised UNLESS it is usually completed this way for coursework/NEA work
- Work that has been completed by a group of students UNLESS this is specifically assessed e.g. a drama or music performance
- Comments from a student, a parent or a tutor about something they have achieved
- Additional evidence supplied by the student, parent or a tutor

*The same evidence will be used for every student within a subject. You cannot provide extra evidence outside of the standard set of evidence a subject has decided to use.*

## **Additional Guidance**

### **Key Messages**

#### **Students will be told by their GCSE teachers:**

- What assessments are being used as evidence to support the teacher in making a judgement.
- Any important dates on which they will be assessed and submission deadlines.
- What topics to revise, in the same way such advice would always be given for a GCSE
- What modifications a subject is making to their GCSE content, if any “reasonable adjustments” to the course content are being made
- An indication as to whether they are, broadly speaking, on target or not

#### **It is important to remember:**

- The assessments in the sports hall are NOT final assessments.
- However, the assessments in the sports hall are **an important part** of a wider collection of evidence upon which the grade will be awarded
- No individual assessment guarantees a grade. A single bad result does not necessarily mean a student will get a bad grade. A single good result does not necessarily mean a student will get a good grade.

#### **Students do not have be told:**

- Their final centre assessed grade. They will first see this on results day (August 12<sup>th</sup>)
- An individual grade for every assessment.
- Exactly what weighting each component has in the final judgement

*Please refrain from asking for the three pieces of information above. Staff have to have the time and flexibility to reach a correct and fair judgement.*

### **Resits/Resubmissions**

In most circumstances, a student will **not** be able to resit an assessment.

This is for two main reasons:

- 9 - 1 GCSEs do not usually allow this
- There is not enough time

Some subjects may test a student a second time on something that they have previously done at the school. A student's teacher will advise them if this is the case.

## **Appeals**

OfQual and the exam boards have published detailed information about the appeals process.

In summary, after August 12th, if a student wishes to appeal their grade:

- The school will confirm if there has been a clerical or administrative error.
- If there has not, the school will send the evidence used to judge the grade to the exam board. The exam board will determine if the grade is fair based upon the evidence provided.

The school and exam boards will be going through very careful checks throughout this process, so it is unlikely that a student will have been awarded the wrong grade.

A student/parent cannot appeal directly to an individual teacher. An individual teacher will not be able to change a centre assessed grade after it has been submitted.

## **Parent/Student queries**

Questions about Centre Assessed Grades should be directed to Mr Nonweiler ([cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com](mailto:cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com)) or Mr Bamford ([sbamford@langtreeschool.com](mailto:sbamford@langtreeschool.com)).

Other staff in the school will be directed not to engage in discussions about the work they are doing to decide on grades, outside of the parameters outlined in this document.

## **Official Links**

The department for education has issued the following document about year 11 assessment in 2021:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/964613/Infographic\\_-\\_how\\_GCSEs\\_AS\\_and\\_A\\_levels\\_will\\_be\\_awarded\\_in\\_summer\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964613/Infographic_-_how_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_will_be_awarded_in_summer_2021.pdf)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021/outcome/decisions-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-will-be-determined-in-summer-2021-html>

Some exam boards have also issued guidance:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/2021-exam-changes>

<https://ocr.org.uk/everything-you-need-to-know-for-summer-2021/>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2021-exam-support.html>