

Year 10 Exam & Assessment Information



Year 10 will be completing some of their GCSE/BTEC assessments this year, either in the form of coursework (NEA) or exams. Below you will find contact details for their pastoral support team, advice about revision and subject information.

Contact Details

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Exam Timetables

Individual timetables will be given to the pupils sitting the exams.

Seating Plans will be displayed on the noticeboard outside the Auditorium on the day of the Exam.

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with them for the exams. Black pens must be used

If you have any queries about exams please email:

exams@cefnsaeson.school



Good exam results – what is the secret?

The secret of good results in exams is about getting things right at each stage of the process. The broad stages are:

STAGE 1: Learning the content first time round

STAGE 2: Revision

Even students who have attended every lesson and paid attention throughout the exam years need to revise to achieve their potential.

STAGE 3: The exam itself

Being fully prepared, on time and having the correct equipment will make students feel more relaxed, confident and ready to sit their exams.

My role in supporting my child

Your role in helping your child to succeed will vary according to their needs and strengths. Your role may include some or all of the following:

- Making sure your child gets to school and lessons on time and understands the importance of making the most of lesson time.
- Going to parents' evenings, asking questions and finding out how you can best help your child at home.
- Providing the tools for homework and revision a quiet space, pens, paper and other necessities.
- Getting copies of old exam papers, searching out websites, finding out about the subject, exam structures and content.
- Help your child to plan their revision timetable. This is something that will make the biggest difference to the effectiveness of the revision, and therefore the outcome.

Support your child in doing the revision

- Support your child in sticking to their revision plan and keeping to the start and finishing times they have agreed.
- Be sensitive to the pressure your child is feeling let them know that if they are really not up to it on odd days, it isn't the end of the world.
- Keep up with regular 'check-ins'. Show an interest in how the revision is going, talk through any difficulties and be prepared to help them reschedule their planning as necessary.

How much revision?

- It is important to not leave revision to the last minute. The earlier your child starts their GCSE revision, the better.
- Marathon studying sessions are not recommended. Encourage 30-45 minute revision sessions with short breaks in between.
- •The fundamental principle to revising is to do it regularly and constantly, little chunks at a time. A student who studies for 2 hours 7 days a week would be much better off than a student who studies 10 hours straight on Saturday and Sunday.

How to revise

Revision is a specific skill set that takes some practice to get right. Everyone will have a way that works best for them. Below are some of the most successful ways:

Condense Your Notes

Condensing your work allows you to go over everything you have gathered and turn it into a manageable amount of notes

- Start by reading your class notes or revision guides
- Highlight the key words, phrases or points
- Summarise these into your own words
- Aim to get each topic onto a single page
- Use different colours for each topic

Create Mind Maps

Mind maps a visual way to organise information. They are useful for subjects where there are lots of links between subjects

- The name of the topic goes in the middle of the page
- Subtopics and further details are added around it
- Use colour and images

Making Flow Charts

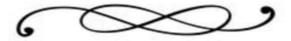
Flow charts are a diagram that show a process from beginning to end. They organise information clearly.

- Write the first step in a process and the top of a page and work downwards
- Write the main steps pin the process down the page add the key points but keep them short and concise.

Use Flash Cards

These one of the simplest but most effective revision tools. They are small cards with a questions or prompt on one side and the answer of information on the other.

- Fill one side with example questions about a topic
- Write the answers on the other side
- Use them to test yourself



English

Sets 1-3 English Literature:

25% Literature Coursework - Shakespeare and Poetry (in class - starting poetry this week).

Potential resit opportunity for Unit 1 Of Mice and Men exam (35%)- Weds 17th May

Sets 1-5 English Language:

Individual presentation (10%) - plan to record in final half term of the year.

Set 6 - Entry Level English

Pupils are working towards the full qualification for this in Year 10 and will either have the opportunity to resit for a higher entry result in Year 11 or to undertake the English Language qualification.

Coursework pieces are undertaken throughout the year but oracy recordings are planned for this half term - waiting for date to be confirmed.

Exam date: 10 May

Science – Double and Triple

All of Year 10 will sit three examinations at the end of Year 10 (June 2023). These will equate to 45 % of their overall Science qualification at the end of Year 11.

Biology – Tuesday 13th June (am) (15%)

Chemistry – Friday 16th June (am) (15%)

Physics – Monday 19th June (pm) (15%)

Set 5 Science will also sit these papers as well as an Entry Level Examination in May 2023.

Calculators and correct equipment are required for all science lessons. Pupils must bring their own calculators to their examinations.

Useful Websites:

http://www.tanio.cymru/?lang=en&mode=pupil&subject=bi

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/

https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/science/digestive-system

Seneca - Learn 2x Faster (senecalearning.com)

GCSE Numeracy

Sets 1 to 5 - GCSE

GCSE Unit 1 - 19th May 2023 AM

GCSE Unit 2 - 7th June 2023 AM

Exam duration – 1 hour 45 minutes

Set 6 - Entry Level

Entry Level - 9th May 2023 PM

Exam duration – 1 hour

History

Pupils will be examined on The USA: A Nation of Contrasts, 1910-1929

This is 25% of their overall qualification

Exam duration - 1 hour

Exam date - Wednesday, June 7th

Religious Studies

Unit 1 exam – Life & Death, Good & Evil, Christianity, Judaism

This is 50% of their final grade

Exam duration - 2 hour

Exam date – Monday 15th May AM

Geography

Pupils will have the first part of their NEA investigation in the summer. This will involve a field visit to collect data and an in class write up.

Digital Technology

Coursework is ongoing throughout the year. Exams will be sat in Year 11.

Level 1/2 Construction

Unit 1- Health and Safety Exam

This is 25% of their final grade

Exam duration - 1 hour

Welsh Second Language

Set 1 & 2 - Oracy Exam

This is 25% of the overall grade.

Dates: 24/25/26th of April

Exam duration: 20 minutes (10 minutes prep and 10 minutes recording) (on one

of the above days).

Art

Coursework is ongoing throughout the year. Unit one deadline is the end of the Easter term. Final date will be provided nearer the time. Exams will be sat in Year 11.

Food Technology

Coursework is ongoing throughout the year. Exams will be sat in Year 11.

P.E

Coursework is ongoing throughout the year. Exams will be sat in Year 11.

Textiles

Unit 1: Portfolio 60% of qualification: 120 marks

Exams will be sat in Year 11.