

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT AND COURSEWORK AT GCSE AND A-LEVEL 2015-16

Controlled Assessment and Coursework are integral parts of the learning experiences at GCSE and A-Level and feature in most subject specifications across all examination boards. Such arrangements are considered beneficial for many students but all schools recognise the demands that Controlled Assessment and Coursework place on pupils, especially as preparatory work can take place in a number of subjects simultaneously.

Down High School produced a Controlled Assessment Policy in 2010, which complies fully with the regulations laid down by the Joint Council for Qualifications. All parents of pupils in Years 11 and 12 should have received a letter which explains the Controlled Assessment process and how it can account for as much as 60% of the total number of marks for some GCSE subjects.

Like many schools, Down High has chosen to complete Controlled Assessment within a classroom context, meaning that preparation and completion is part of the day-to-day classroom experience. Consequently, the timetable below will show how, in certain subjects, Controlled Assessment tasks are on-going. Exam-style sessions in certain subjects such as Geography and History can be affected by absence, school trips and other activities; teachers will, therefore, communicate the specific dates to classes in good time.

At GCSE, AS and A2 Levels, coursework tasks apply in some subjects and it is important that coursework is completed and submitted in good time so that students can concentrate on their revision for written examinations in those and other subjects.

Questions about Coursework/Controlled Assessment in a particular subject can be answered by your child's teachers in those subjects or by contacting the Learning and Teaching Vice-Principal, Mr Dawson.

Scroll down the page to find out when pupils in each of the Years 11-14 will be working on coursework/controlled assessment.

COURSEWORK AND CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT MAPPING 2015-16

YEAR 11

For a number of GCSE subjects, controlled assessment is ongoing in class and can be as much as 60% of the overall mark for the subject.

September 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
English Language	
October 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
November 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
Music composition	
MIA	
December 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
Spanish	
Music	
MIA	

January 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
Home Economics	
Moving Image Arts	
English Language	
Music	
Drama	
MIA	
February 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	Submission – start of February 2015
Home Economics	
English Language	
Music	
Drama	
March 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
Home Economics	Submitted 23 March
English Language	All controlled assessments completed by the end of March
Music	
Drama	
Geography fieldwork	

Spanish	
Moving Image Arts	
April 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Music	
Drama	Submission for Drama coursework
MIA	
French	
May 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Music	
MIA	
French	
June 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
ICT	
Computing	
Music	
MIA	Practical work submitted
French	Speaking Test 1 to be completed by the end of second week in June
Business Studies	

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YEAR 12

For a number of GCSE subjects, controlled assessment is ongoing in class and can be as much as 60% of the overall mark for the subject.

September 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
French	
Biology	
ICT	
Computing	
Business Studies	End of September
Technology	
History	
Geography	
Home Economics	
Art	Visual Investigation work and all experimental work as detailed in Art planning sheet – 26 September
MIA	
Chemistry	End of September
October 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
French	Speaking task 2 completed w/c 5 October
English Language	
Biology	Week beginning 20 October
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
History	
Geography	
Home Economics	Submission 16 October

MIA	
Physics	End of October
November 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
French	
Biology	
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
History	End of November
Geography	End of first week in November
Home Economics	
MIA	
Music	
Drama	
Art	Development work – as indicated on Art Planning sheet – 7 November
December 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
French	
ICT	
Computing	
Technology	
History	
MIA	Submission of MIA (i)
Music	
Drama	
Art	15 December: All coursework sheets and final piece to be submitted for final marking.
Spanish	
January 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION

French	Writing task 1 completed w/c 11 January
ICT	
Computing	
PE	
Technology	
Spanish	
Music	
Art	
Drama	
MIA	Submission of MIA (ii)
February 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
French	Writing task 2 completed w/c 29 February
ICT	
Computing	
PE	
Technology	
Spanish	
Music	
Art	
Drama	
MIA	
English Literature	27 February
March 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
PE	First week in March
Technology	Middle of March
Spanish	
Music	
ICT	Mid March
Computing	Mid March

Art	
Drama	Mid-March (practical performance)
MIA	
April 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Music	Performance assessment late April/early May
Art	Exam piece
MIA	Submission of MIA (iii)
May 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Music	Performance assessment late April/early May

AS COURSEWORK MAPPING 2015-16

YEAR 13

For a number of AS subjects, coursework is ongoing in class. All BTEC assessment is through coursework with the final submission in May 2016.

September 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Biology	Task 1 data collection and collation work
Technology	
Health and Social Care	
Chemistry	
Software Systems Development	
October 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Health and Social Care	
Chemistry	
Art	9 October; 23 October
Software Systems Development	
November 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Health & Social Care	
Software Systems Development	
English	
Music	
Art	18 & 27 November
MIA	
Chemistry	

Software Systems Development	
December 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Health & Social Care	
Software Systems Development	
English	15 December
Art	18 December
Music	
Theatre Studies	Prep for practical assessments
Biology	Task 2 covered and completed
Software Systems Development	
January 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Biology task 1	January 2016 submission
Technology	
Health & Social Care	
Software Systems Development	
Art	Final piece and evaluation: 29 January
Music	
Theatre Studies	
Chemistry	
February 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Health & Social Care	
Software Systems Development	
English	
Art	Core portfolio: all work submitted 4 February.

Music	
Theatre Studies	
Chemistry	
MIA	
March 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Health & Social Care	Promoting Good Health: submission date 18 March
Software Systems Development	
English	6 March
Art	
Music	End of March
Theatre Studies	
Chemistry	End of March
MIA	
April 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Health & Social Care	Communication: early April
Music	
Art	Exam pieces
Theatre Studies	Practical assessments early April
MIA	Mid-April
Software Systems Development	Early April
May 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Music	Performance – practical
Art	Exam pieces

A2 COURSEWORK MAPPING 2015-16

YEAR 14

For a number of A2 subjects, coursework is ongoing in class. All BTEC assessment is through coursework with the final submission in May 2016.

September 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	
MIA	
Chemistry	
Software Systems Development	
October 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	
MIA	
Chemistry	
Art	
Software Systems Development	
November 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	
MIA	
Chemistry	
Art	

Software Systems Development	
PE	
Music	
December 2015	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	Mental Health: early December
MIA	
Chemistry	
Art	
Software Systems Development	
PE	
Music	
Biology	
January 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	
MIA	
Chemistry	
Art	
Software Systems Development	
PE	
Music	
Biology	

February 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	
Health & Social Care	
MIA	
Chemistry	
Art	
Software Systems Development	
PE	
Music	
Biology	
Theatre Studies	End of February
March 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	
Home Economics	Research Project: 23 March
MIA	
Chemistry	End of March
Art	
Software Systems Development	
PE	First week in March
Music	End of March
Theatre Studies	

April 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Technology	Start of April
Health & Social Care	Care Practice: early April
MIA	Mid-April
Art	Exam piece
Music	Working towards practical
Theatre Studies	Early April practical assessment
Software Systems Development	Early April
May 2016	
SUBJECT	FINAL SUBMISSION
Music	Performance practical assessment – date TBC