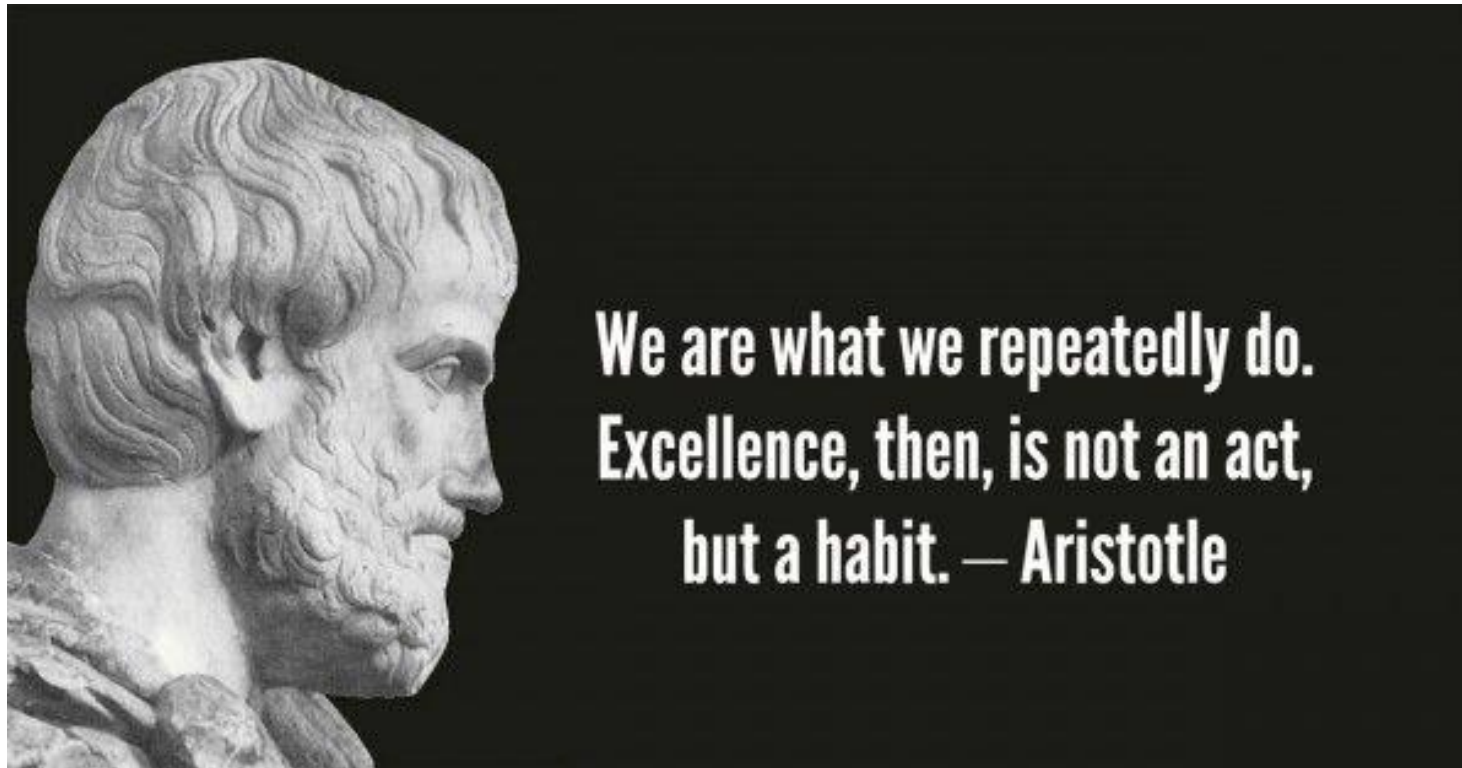


Year 11: Foundations for Success



Key Information from the Ofqual/DfE Consultation

- **There will be no compulsory assessments provided by the exam boards.** Teachers must assess their students' performance, only on what content has been delivered to them by their teachers, to determine the grade each student should receive.
- **Teachers will submit grades to exam boards on 18th June. We will continue to teach you for as long as possible but will then need to begin the process of setting assessments, marking them and moderating them. This takes several weeks.**
- **Students should continue to work on their non-exam assessment (NEA).** NEA will be marked by teachers and will contribute to the overall grade, whether or not it has been completed, but this will not be moderated by exam boards.
- **Schools will conduct their own internal quality assurance process to ensure grades are awarded fairly.**
- Exam boards will randomly sample schools (and sometimes purposely select schools if there is a concern) and check the school's grading process, and sample evidence from one or more subjects.
- **Students will be able to appeal their grades if they have evidence the school have made an error. Initially they appeal to the school, but then can appeal to the exam board if they wish.**
- **Results day has been moved to August 12th for GCSEs.** Teachers will not be able to tell pupils' their final grade before results days.
- **Ofqual are still deciding whether to hold an Autumn exam series this year. This may also be an option.**

What will we use as evidence?

- There will be **two more waves of PPEs**: PPE 2 and PPE 3, with time for further revision between them.
- Evidence can be taken from **3 separate PPE windows** (PPE 1 November; PPE 2 April; PPE 3 May).
- Your PPE1 grade may only have been based on part of the GCSE qualification so could go down as well as up.
- In rare cases, where we feel a pupil's PPE grades are very far from what they have consistently shown they are capable of in school, we may also look at other evidence, such as:
 - a. Interim Assessments completed in February;
 - b. Classwork;
 - c. Any other evidence which demonstrates a pupil is consistently working at a particular grade.

How will we collect and process evidence?

- **PPE 2: one paper per subject.** Completed in one week
- **PPE 3: Full suite of papers for each subject.** Completed in two weeks
- **Both PPE 2 and PPE 3 will be held in the Sports Hall, DR1, DR2 and the Activity Studio,** if guidance at the time allows. If not, these will be held in classrooms over two lessons.
- Your work will undergo a rigorous moderation process, in each subject to ensure grades are awarded consistently and fairly.
- We will keep evidence of your work for each subject, as we may be asked to provide this to the exam boards.

Non-Exam Assessments

- Subjects with Non-Exam Assessments (**NEAs**) should **continue to complete this work**
- Subjects with **NEAs may lose some lesson time** with pupils during **PPE 2 and PPE 3.**
- Subjects with **NEAs** will be given **priority** with the **Holiday Learning Programme.**
- **After PPE 3,** pupils can **focus solely on subjects with NEAs** to complete as much of the work as possible.

Keeping you informed:

- You will have reports for PPE 1 and PPE 3 on PAM
- There will be no report for PPE 2, as you will only have sat 1 paper and not the whole GCSE. However, this paper may form part of the evidence for your final grade.
- We will not be providing any predicted grades, other than those provided for college application purposes in January. These predicted grades were based on the evidence we had at the time of issue and *are not necessarily indicative of the final grade you will receive*. Your final grade will purely be based on the evidence we have of your work.
- Every year, we apply a 'buffer' to the PPE grade boundaries to account potential grade boundary changes in the summer. We have now removed these and will reissue your PPE grades. This could mean that your PPE1 grade in some subjects improves. Your parents/carers will receive a new PAM report on Monday 15th March. This new report will replace the report you received in January and will no longer have predicted grades on it. If you still need your predicted grades for Post-16 applications, you should make a note of these before next Monday.

Additional support for you:

Period 6

- Current Period 6 process until the Easter holiday for now. We may revise this after Easter, meaning you could have a new period 6 timetable.
- Some practical subjects will have their Holiday Learning Programme in-person. All others will be remote. This is because we have to open the testing centre on these days.

Holiday Programme

- There will be revision sessions during the Easter holidays to help prepare you for PPE2
- The majority of sessions during the Easter holiday will be conducted remotely
- Practical subjects will hold sessions in school – the testing centre will be open for these sessions

Why are we adopting this approach?

- **Consistent approach** across all subjects.
- **Rigorous approach to marking and moderation.**
- **Fairer** for all pupils.
- The Department for Education still expect past papers to be sat. **Exams were never, “cancelled.”**
- It is not one, “high-stakes” exam: there are **multiple opportunities** to perform well **on each paper.**
- It is a **rite of passage** you are owed.
- Not much learning time left – **want to focus on teaching, not constant assessment.** Still preparing you for your future.

Timeline

09/03: Y11s to be informed of the assessment process.

26/03: No new learning after this date.

29/03: Easter Holiday Enhancement Programme.

12/04-16/04: PPE 2 – 1 week (1 paper per GCSE qualification)

04/05-14/05: PPE 3 – 2 weeks (“full suite” of papers)

17/05 – end of term: Continue to work on Non-Exam Assessment and/or preparation for Post-16 education

12/08: Results Day

Any Questions?

If you have any further questions or concerns,
please ask your tutor to pose them on your
behalf.