

Year 11 evidence base for awarding grades in summer 2021

When developing an evidence base, staff have been asked to draw on existing records and available evidence. It is important that judgements are objective and only take account of evidence about students' academic performance. This will include the following, where it is available:

- Mock exams – the May Test series will form a significant part of the evidence base but will not be used in isolation. Previous mock exams will also be used to support the grades awarded.
- Coursework or similar controlled assessments.
- Internal tests and assessments that have met the exam specification and been marked to the same rigour as an exam. This could include topic tests, essays and shorter summative assessments.
- Portfolio work that has been completed.
- Records of students' capability and performance over the course of study in performance-based subjects e.g. music, drama and PE.

Ofqual stipulates:

- more recent assessments completed under exam conditions are likely to be more representative of students' performance
- evidence should be gathered from tasks that reflect the specification, follow the same format as exam board materials and have been marked in a way that reflects exam board mark schemes

Using this guidance, each subject has listed the intended evidence base they intend to use in order to generate a grade.

Subject	Evidence base
English Language	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions May test series – Paper 2 (1hr 45 minutes)
English Literature	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions May test series – Shakespeare and Unseen Poetry (1hr 45 minutes)
Geography	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions May test series – Paper 1: Physical Geography (45 minutes); Paper 2: Human Geography (45 minutes)
History	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions May test Series – two papers, each of at least 1hr in length and no more than 1hr 30 mins Content for these papers will be taken from two units: Paper 1: The Norman Conquest (1hr) Paper 2: Living Under Nazi Rule (1 hr)
Languages	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions. May test series – 1 reading paper, 1 listening paper (1hr each) Speaking test to inform the Speaking endorsement grade to be completed as classroom assessments in timed and controlled conditions.
Maths	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions. This could include different exam board produced materials. May test series – 1 non-calculator paper and 1 calculator paper (1hr 30 minutes each)

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Science	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions. May test series – 1 Biology, 1 Chemistry and 1 Physics paper (1hr 15 minutes each or 1hr 45 minutes each for students studying separate sciences)
RE	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions. May test series – Christian beliefs, Muslim Practices and 2 Themes (1hr 45 minutes)
Drama	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Written exam to be completed in May Test series (1hr 15 mins component 1 understanding drama) Component 2 – performance of devised drama Component 3 – performance of one extract from one play
Art	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Portfolio of work to include sketchbook, mounted work and final piece
Computing	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 May test series (1 hr 15min paper) Classroom assessments completed in timed and controlled conditions. This could include different exam board produced materials.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 May test series (1 hr 15) NEA
PE	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 May test series – 1 paper (1hr 15mins) NEA – Analysis and evaluation of performance to bring about improvement in one activity Practical moderation
Textiles	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 Portfolio of work to include sketchbook, mounted work and final piece
Design Technology	Mock examinations conducted during 2020/21 NEA May test series – 1 Paper (1 Hr)

