

‘ASSESSMENT WEEK’ INFORMATION FOR PARENTS and SENIOR STUDENTS

20th – 26th August is the allocated time for senior practice assessments. Year 11-13 students will have study leave but are required to attend for all the subjects they have assessments in at the times stated.

Most subjects have internal assessments that will gain credits and / or practice external assessments over this time.

We regard the practice external achievement events with importance. Revision and practice events -

- test understanding of knowledge
- give opportunities to display skills and transfer them to different situations
- give a measure of how effective a student’s revision methods are.

A student who does no study has no way of knowing how well they will do in the NZQA examinations, generally they do poorly.

On the next two pages are lists of the subject assessments that will happen. Any specific questions should be directed to subject teachers. Questions of a more general nature should be directed towards Mr Streeter. Students who do video-conferencing and are required to be at a practice exam will need to communicate this with their video-conferencing teacher well ahead of time.

Also on our website are some study tips that will help students ‘deserve success’.

'ASSESSMENT WEEK' AUGUST 2009



AS – achievement standard US – unit standard, I – internal E – external practice

Subjects with blanks have assessments but information not available at time of printing – see your teacher

Thursday 20 August		Notes
9am to 12 noon	13 TIM (2 hours) US 112 12 Prac Maths individual resits	
1pm to 4pm	11 Art (noon – 3pm) AS 90200 E 12 Art	
Friday 21 August		
9am to 12 noon	11 English 12 Accounting AS 90244, 90221 both E 12 Physics AS 2.3, 2.4, 2.6 all E 13 English	T Clark D Moyle H Hindmarsh 12 Maths
1pm to 4pm	11 Graphics (2 hours) AS 90042 I 11 Economics AS 90195, 90196, 90197, 90198 all E 11 History AS 90211, 90212, 90213 all E 11 Food Tech - resits 12 Maths 12 Prac English US 12419 in A2 13 Geography AS 90701, 90702, 90704 all E 13 Chemistry AS 90696, 90780, 90700 all E	
Monday 24 August		
9am to 12 noon	11 Sci AS 90188, 90189, 90191 all E 11 Prac Sci (1 hour) US 18988 12 Geography AS 90337 (I), 90331 E 12 History (2hours) AS 90467, 90469 both E 12 Graphics AS 90325 I 13 Statistics 13 Physics AS 3.3, 3.4, 3.6 all E	R Leyser 12 Maths
1pm to 4pm	11 Prac Maths (1 hour) US 5229 11 TIM (2 hours) AS 90034, 90036 both E 12 Chemistry AS 90308, 90309	

Tuesday 25 August		
9am to 12 noon	11 Maths AS 1.1, 1.2, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 all E 12 English 13 History AS 90656, 90657, 90658 all E 13 Economics AS 90629, 90630, 90631 all Es 13 Graphics AS 90734 (E); 90736, 90738 both I	L Sutherland, K Hamlyn, G Murphy, C Brogan 11 Prac Maths
1pm to 4pm	13 Biology AS 90715, 90716, 90717 all E	
Wednesday 26 August		
9am to 12 noon	11 Geography (3 hours) AS 90202, 90203, 90205 E 12 Biology AS 90464, 90459, 90461 all E 13 Calculus AS 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 all E 13 Art	M Streeter 13 History

Examination Rules and Instructions

1. All exams in Auditorium except TIM exams (in B8), Art exams (in regular art rooms), Graphics (in C2), Prac English in B2.
2. All exams three hours in duration unless marked on the timetable. Wait outside the exam room until admitted by the supervisor. You are required to be there 10 minutes before the start of the exam. Your subject teacher will tell you what equipment to bring.
3. No communicating with any other student in exam room. Communicate with supervisor by raising your hand. No food to be eaten. No borrowing of equipment in the exam room. No twink. No cell phones, IPODS. Cell phones to be switched off and left at box inside exam room door.
4. For all three hour exams students must stay in the examination room for the first two hours. Students can leave from 2 – 2 ¾ hours after the exam start. No student will be allowed to leave in the last ¼ hour. Programmable calculators are not allowed in exams. Calculators may be checked.
5. From Thursday 20th August to Wednesday 26th August all Year 11-13 students have study leave. You are expected to be at home preparing for exams or doing assignments. You should not be 'around town' during school hours. You are able to study at school (in A6) but you are to be here for that, and not socialising.
6. If you are absent for these exams you must contact the school. These exams are important for preparation for NCEA at the end of the year and for providing indicative marks. The school may require you to obtain a medical certificate or other official notification if you are absent.
7. You can wear mufti for these examinations.

Mr Streeter

Study: Getting Down to It

#1 Make a space It needs to:

- Be place that you want to go
- Be slightly cool in temperature with fresh air
- Have good light - natural is best
- Contain a desk and a chair
- Be an organised space
- Be a space with no distractions

#2 Get organised You could:

- Have a bulletin board for memos
- Keep all the things for study within easy reach
- Keeps books and work filed/organised
- Have music – but quiet music without words with a steady rhythm
- And ... you should have a study plan

#3 Have a study plan

- Remember.....If you fail to plan you plan to fail
- Prepare a chart of the assessment dates (we've done it for you)
- Determine your priorities...do the hard things first!
- Do what MUST be done (Priority 1)
- Then do what NEEDS to be done (Priority 2)
- Lastly do what might need to be done (Last priority)

#4 Study Smart

- alternate between difficult and less difficult topics
- alternate between learning, reading and writing / doing tasks
- Chunk your work, break work you need to revise down into more manageable parts
- Have breaks...it makes you more efficient...e.g. 10 minute break for every 30 minutes of revision
- If you get stuck, make a note and ask your teacher the very next time you see them
- Reward yourself for sticking to the plan.

#5 Beat the Procrastination Bug!

- Get started

Don't use time wasters: these include; sharpening pencils until they're razor sharp, packing sports gear for tomorrow, covering stuff, cleaning stuff, picking fluff off your socks, feeding pets, making cups of milo, reorganising the posters on your wall, txtng, emailing, blogging..... This list could be endless.

“Deserve Success”