Exam Information Evening

Year 11

Monday 19th October 2026

SYBIL ANDREWS ACADEMY

We are Kind | We take Responsibility | We have Courage

This evening - Overview | Expectations

6.00pm | Section 1

Year 11 mock examinations
Timetable, preparation, routines and support

6.20pm | Section 2

NEAs for Art, Design & Technology, Health & Social Care and Music

Understand

What is happening and when

Prepare

What students should do now

Support

How families and school can help

Mock Timetable Week 1

		Periods 1&2 EXAM START 0900		Period 3&4	Period 5 EXAM START 1250	
Mon 30th Nov		English Literature Paper 2 1h45			Citizenship Paper 1 1h45	
Tues 1st Dec		Maths: Non-Calculator 1h30			Geography Paper 1 1h30	
Weds 2nd Dec		Triple Biology Paper 1 1h45	Combined Biology Paper 1 1h15		History Paper 3 Germany 1h20	
Thurs 3rd Dec		Maths: Calculator Paper 2 1h30			Triple Chemistry Paper 1 1h45	Combined Chemistry Paper 1 1h15
Fri 4th Dec		English Language Paper 2 1h45			French Writing Foundation & Higher 1h & 1h10	

Key action

The full timetable will be emailed to Students, Parents/Carers on Tuesday.

Check carefully

Note each subject, date, start time and equipment requirement. Flag any timetable concern promptly and advise Exams Officer, Mrs Chamberlain of any queries.

Plan ahead

Use the timetable to build a realistic revision plan across both weeks.

Mock Timetable Week 2

		Periods 1&2 EXAM START 0900		Period 3	Period 4+ 5 EXAM START 1250	
Mon 7th Dec		DT 2h	Health & Social Care 1h15		Hospitality & Catering	Music 1h15
Tues 8th Dec		Maths Calculator Paper 3 1h30			GCSE PE Paper 1 1h30	Clash students *various*
Wed 9th Dec		Citizenship Paper 2 1h20			Statistics Paper 1 1h45	
Thurs 10th Dec		History Paper 1 Medicine 1h20			Geography Paper 3 45m	
Fri 11th Dec		French Reading & Listening Foundation: 45m & 35m				
Mon 14th Dec		Combined Physics Paper 1 1h15	Triple Physics Paper 1 1h45		GCSE PE Paper 2 1h30	
Tues 15th Dec		ART EXAM (whole day following usual school timetable) PE PRACTICAL				
Weds 16th Dec		ART EXAM (whole day following usual school timetable) PE PRACTICAL				

Protect the second week

Keep revision going after the first exams..

Work backwards

Prioritise the nearest exam while keeping short retrieval practice for later subjects.

Mock topic lists | Know what to revise

Topic lists turn “revise everything” into a manageable plan.

1 | Gather

Collect / download the topic list for every subject.

Print off Knowledge Organisers KOs

- Can be found on the school website
- Can ask teachers

2 | Areas to develop

Use recent assessments to label topics:

- See areas to revise
- Developing
- Priority

3 | Schedule

Start with priority area you need to revise / revisit.

Make a Revision Timetable working form the exam back to now.

Effective study habits | A repeatable routine

Retrieve

Close the book and recall key facts, formulae, vocabulary or processes from memory.

- Flash cards
- Mind maps

Practise

Complete exam questions.
Use mark schemes only after attempting questions.

- CGP work books
- Past papers from staff

Check

Did you get all the marks?
What did you get incorrect?
What did you miss?

Revisit

Revise material and create new revision notes.

A focused 30-minute session beats 30 minutes of highlighting or rereading.

What students can expect during mock exams

1 | Line ups phone collection

Line-ups in the canteen
Phone collection in the line-ups

Students come into Hall to have Pre-Exam warmup form Teaching staff / SLT

2 | Exam

Students walk to the hall in the tables which are also there exam seat in the main hall.

Stuff there to make sure correct equipment

Same seat for the whole mock exams

3 | Post exam

Students go back to lessons both from morning and afternoon exams

Staff will be present to collect students post exam.

How parents and carers can support at home

Helpful support

- ✓ Help create a calm weekly plan
- ✓ Ask what was retrieved or practised
- ✓ Encourage breaks, sleep and regular meals
- ✓ Praise consistency and improvement

Things to avoid

- × Avoid rewriting work for the student
- × Avoid comparing results with others
- × Avoid last-minute all-night revision
- × Contact school early if support is needed

Exam routines | The night before and the morning

The night before

- Check the next exam and start time
- Pack permitted equipment
- Set an alarm
- Stop revision at a sensible time
- Aim for a normal night of sleep

On the morning

- Eat and drink normally
- Arrive in good time
- Bring required equipment
- Follow staff instructions
- Speak to staff if there is an urgent issue

What would help your family feel fully prepared?

Timetable

Revision

Exam routines

Thank you for your continued support

Non-Examined Assessments

This section is relevant to parents of students studying:

- Art
- Design & Technology | Hospitality and Catering
- Health & Social Care
- Music

Why NEAs matter

NEAs are formal assessments completed over time. Deadlines, authenticity and the permitted level of support must be taken as seriously as examination rules.

NEA Overview

NEA Timelines 2026-2027

Course	NEA	Deadline*	Resubmission	Marks to students*
Health & Social Care	Component 1	Already submitted	19th October 20th October	9th November
Health & Social Care	Component 2	26th February 11a 1st March 11c	12th March 11a 15th March 11c	12th April
Hospitality & Catering	w/c 8th Feb real practical exam	10th March	No resubmission	23rd April
DT	Coursework	25th March	No resubmission	23rd April
Art	Portfolio	28th April	No resubmission	14th May
Art	Real exam	29th & 30th April	No resubmission	14th May
PE	Practical work (AV footage)	9th November	No resubmission	5th March
PE	Written submission	19th February	No resubmission	5th March
Music	Recording of solo performance – starts 9th Nov	14th December		
Music	Recording of ensemble performance starts 22nd Feb	2nd April		
Music	Comp 1 Comp 2	23rd October 12th February	Marks 9th Nov, resubmit by 9th April Marks 22nd Feb, resubmit by 9th April	23rd April 23rd April
English Language	Speaking assessments	All complete	No resubmission	April 2026
French Speaking	*Speaking exam (not NEA)*	*Taking place wc 19th April*	*No resubmission*	*Marked by the board – results day*

Key action

The full NEA Timelines will be emailed to Parents/Carers on Tuesday.

Plan ahead | be curious

Use the the Timeline to support
Ask questions

- What is in component 2?
- What do you have to do for French speaking?
- Do you need to Practice your cook with family / friends?
- Do you understand the requirements of each NEA?

NEA support | What adults can and cannot do

Permitted support

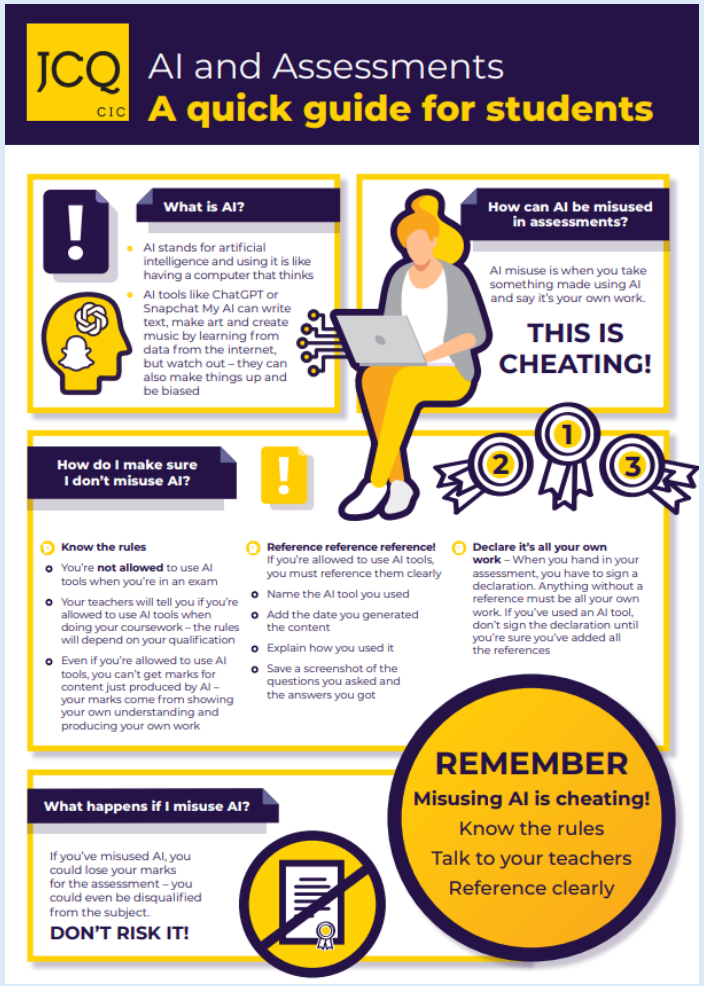
✓ Explain the task and assessment criteria
✓ Clarify deadlines and routines
✓ Teach skills before controlled work
✓ Provide feedback within course rules
✓ Encourage organisation and attendance

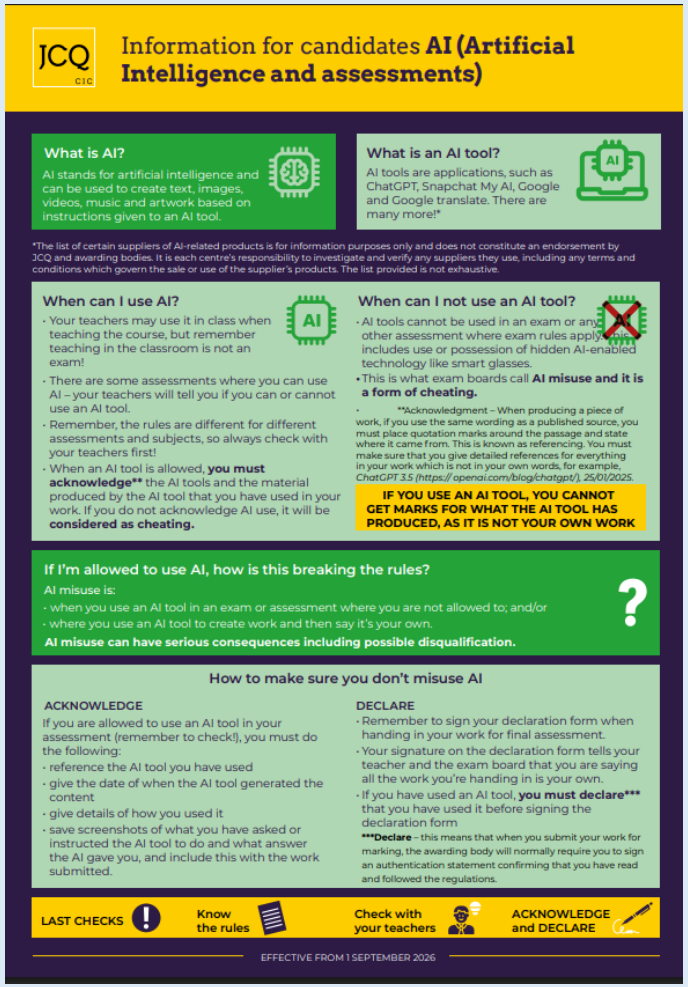
Not permitted

× Produce, rewrite or improve assessed work
× Give detailed answers or model exact responses
× Use another person's work without acknowledgement
× Present AI-generated content as the student's own
× Ignore required supervision or authentication

JCQ regulations | Authenticity, integrity and AI

NEA





The core rule

Submitted work must be the student's own and sources must be acknowledged.

Using AI

Only use AI when the subject and task rules allow it. Any permitted use must be acknowledged accurately.

Malpractice risk

Copying, unacknowledged assistance or false authentication can lead to penalties under JCQ procedures.

NEAs Overview | next steps

Students

Check timetable and topic lists

Meet every NEA milestone

Talk to teachers Early on if there are concerns / issues

Parents and carers

Discuss the Key dates

Support routines and wellbeing

Contact school early if needed

School

Share key information

Provide clarification and support

Thank you for your continued support