

# **Welcome to the TNHA GCSE Exams Information Evening.**

A Parent's guide to GCSE's.

# Exams have changed- again!

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

## The current GCSE exams:

- Make more demands of students, to help them achieve as much as students in countries with the best education systems.
- Are awarded in grades from 1 up to 9, with grade 9 being the highest grade.
- In *most* subjects, students will not be grouped in different ability *tiers* for the purposes of assessment – only maths, sciences and languages will have different papers for different groups of students.

# The average GCSE student completes-

Mathematics  
GCSE

English  
Literature  
GCSE

English  
Language  
GCSE

Science  
(combined)  
GCSE x 2 grades

And up to 4 more from the following:

- History
- Geography
- Spanish
- Computer Science
- Business Studies (BTEC)
- Travel & Tourism (BTEC)
- Health & Social Care (OCR National)
  - Design Technology
- Hospitality & Catering (WJEC Level 1/2 award)
  - Sport (OCR National)
    - Music
    - Drama
    - Art

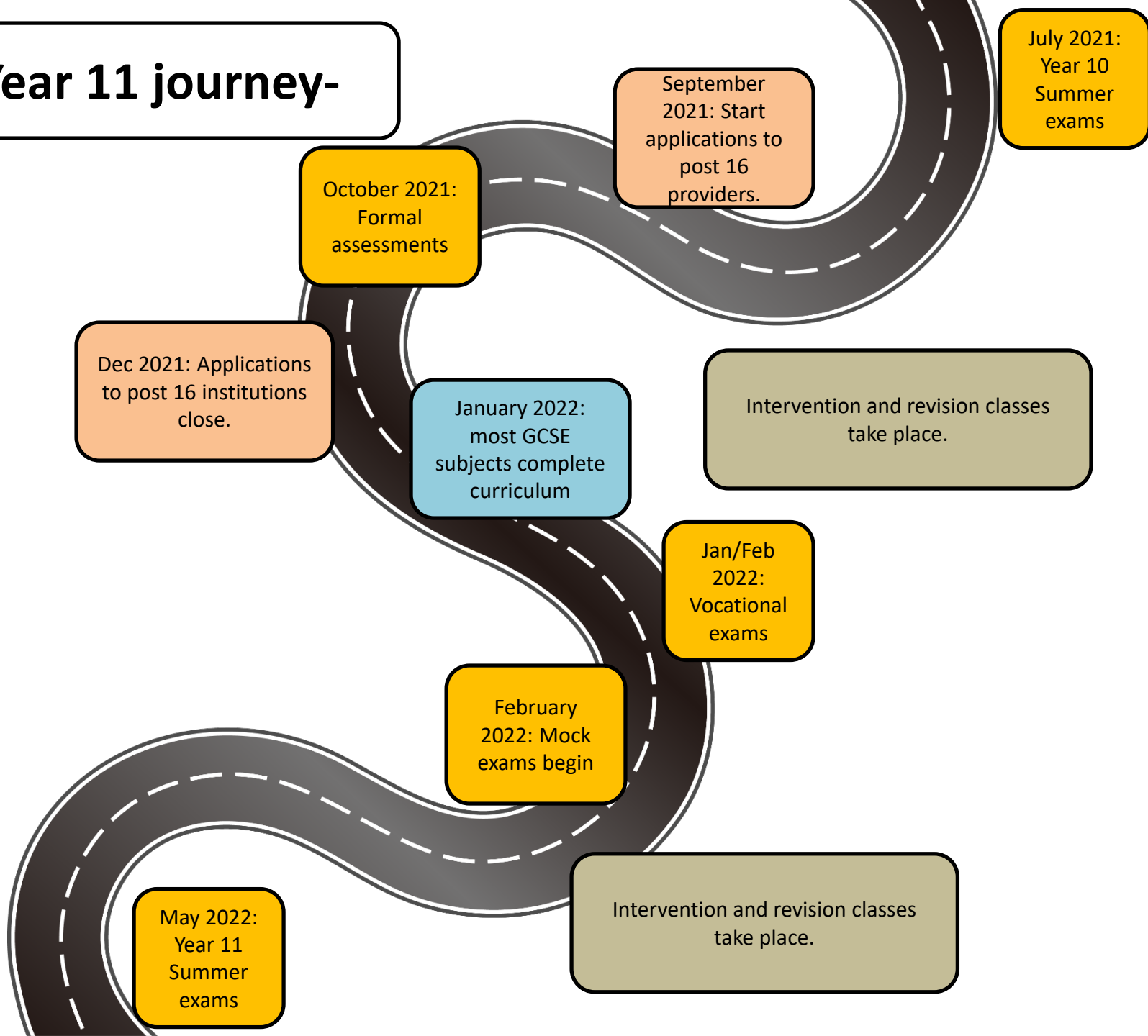
# GCSE Subjects:

- Most GCSE subjects have 3 exams which are taken at the end of the 2 year course.
- Science has 6 exams and is worth 2 GCSE grades and English has 4 exams, again worth 2 GCSE grades (covering English literature and English language).
- In Design Technology students are expected to sit an exam (40%) and complete a practical assessment (60%).
- In Drama, students have a written paper (worth 40%) and two performances (worth 20% and 40%) during November and March.
- In Music students complete an externally assessed exam, worth 40% and complete two internally assessed pieces of work (worth 30% each) in January and June.
- In Art, this year, students will continue to work on their coursework from lessons to submit in the summer.

# **Vocational Subjects:**

- In BTEC and OCR Nationals students sit a short exam, usually in summer Year 10 or January of Year 11, worth 40% of the total grade. The majority of their grade relies on coursework completed in class.
- In Hospitality & Catering, students complete a short written paper (worth 40%) in Year 10 and then complete a 9 hour practical in Year 11 (worth 60%).

# The Year 11 journey-



# Expectations of our students

- Attendance to lessons is paramount
- Complete homework to the best of their abilities
- Concentrate in class and complete all work set
- Use the gap analysis to aid their own revision.
  - YouTube
  - Revision guides
  - Online websites
  - Pixl/ Revision apps
- Take on advice
- Take the exam / assessment opportunities seriously
- Believe in themselves – you can do it!!!



# Key Dates

- **Formal Assessments:** 18/10/21- 15/11/21
- **Mock Exams:** 21/02/22- 21/3/22.
- **GCSE Exams begin: 16 May 2022 and end 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.**
- **Other final exams:**

Vocational exams      Jan 2022 08/01 to 04/02  
                                 Summer 2022 16/05 to 01/07

Spanish Oral exams- March 2022  
Exam contingency days- 27/28 June 2022.





Different types of revision....

# **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD REVISE**

# YOUR TOP 10 TIPS FOR STUDY SKILLS

1. FIND THE BEST STUDY METHOD FOR YOU
2. EAT WELL
3. EXERCISE REGULARLY
4. STAY POSITIVE
5. GET ENOUGH SLEEP
6. TAKE BREAKS
7. SET GOALS
8. FIND THE BEST STUDY TIME FOR YOU
9. EXAMS CAN BE GOOD!
10. SLEEP ON IT



# Be prepared.

- ✓ Organise a space to revise. Make sure it is comfortable and has all the equipment nearby. (Pens, pencils, highlighters, crayons, post it notes, record cards)
- ✓ Be sensible about working hours- never study after 10.30pm.
- ✓ Create a revision timetable. Stick to it!
- ✓ Sleep well, eat well, organise some 'time off'.

# Your revision timetable....

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Morning</b>	<div> <b>Make the time count.</b>            Be specific about what you are doing. Stick to time limits. Turn off all distractions.            Don't worry if it goes wrong!         </div>						Family day.
<b>Afternoon</b>						English language- long answer practice 1 hour.	
<b>Evening</b>	Science- biology 45 minutes History Paper 1- 30 minutes	Maths- Fractions 30 minutes. English- Christmas Carol question 45 minutes.	Football practice	Geography- plate tectonics questions 25 minutes.	Spanish- writing questions- 20 minutes. Physics- revise 'waves' 20 minutes	Out with friends.	



# GCSE Intervention Timetable 2021-22

## After-School Intervention Timetable

See information below table for lunchtime intervention sessions and how to book additional sessions

**Every day @ 3:10 refreshments and nibbles are served in the Main Hall for Year 11 students attending intervention**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography Rm13	Staff Training and Calendared Meetings	Geography 11C1 Rm33	Thoughtful Thursdays @tnha_year11 Library	
History Rm12/23/14		Maths 11A2 & 11B2 Rm42 & Rm40	Maths 11B1 & 11A3 Rm41 & Rm35	
Vocational Subjects Rm1 (Mrs Warnes*)		Music Rm28	Vocational Subjects Rm36 (Mr Morton-Smith*)	
Art Rm25		Vocational Subjects Rm32 (Ms Thomson*)		
Modern Foreign Lang. Rm45		Design & Technology Practical Workshop		

**THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS (@tnha\_year11)** is a supervised space open to all Year 11 students for a calm space to revise, read, find help with revision timetables, share their concerns about exams or catch up on coursework/homework, 3:15-4:15pm.

**ENGLISH** Intervention is running during lesson time with intensive targeted small groups. Students will be invited by English teachers to attend.

**SCIENCE** Intervention is running during Wednesday lunchtimes in Rm5. All Year 11 students are welcome to attend.

**VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS** (Business Studies, Travel & Tourism, Computer Science, Design & Technology, Hospitality & Catering and Health & Social Care) also run coursework catchup every lunchtime in Rm36 for Year 11 students. Design & Technology runs practical catchups at lunchtime on a Thursday in the DT Workshop. \*: All vocational students are welcome to attend the 'Vocational Subjects' intervention on any day listed above; if students would like targeted support they should attend on the day their teacher is present.

**DRAMA** Intervention is running both lunchtime and afterschool on available days for KS4. Students should book with Mr Hatfield.

**MUSIC** Intervention is also run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, all years are welcome. Friday lunchtime is Band Club exclusively, all in Rm28.

**ART** Intervention is also run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for KS4 students only in Rm25, in addition Friday lunchtime is 'open house' to all year groups but must be booked with Mrs Morgan.

**Subjects not mentioned on this list are not currently offering intervention, however this timetable will be reviewed each half term and published accordingly. Students should ask their subject teachers if in any doubt.**

# LEARNING IS DOING -

Research shows that as learners we take in:

- 10% of what we read
- 20 % of what we hear
- 30 % of what we see
- 50 % of what we see and hear
- 70 % of what we ourselves say
- 90 % of what we ourselves do



# Revision techniques-

- Notes
  - Revision cards
  - Quizzes
  - Mind maps
  - Exam questions
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- Year 11 this year will have LOOL lessons and tutor time to deliver careers guidance and revision techniques.



Revise!

# Before the exams.....

- Make sure you know **when** your exams are, what **time** they start and **where** they will take place.



**Check your exam timetable  
and write them down on the  
calendar.**



# Statement of entry

## GCSE TIMETABLE

Individual Candidate Timetable - Default:

**Season:** Summer 2021  
**Name:**   
**Gender:** Male  **Year:** 11  
**Date of Birth:**  **Registration Group:** 11-MLL  
**Candidate Number:** 4120 **ULN:** 6114274007 **Admission Number:** 160019  
**Name on Certificates:**  **UCI:** 185290184120W

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**Timetabled Components**

Date	Start	Duration	Board	Level	Element	Component
Wed 26/05/2021	09:00	105	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1EN0: English Language	1EN0 01: Fiction & Imag.Writing
Thu 27/05/2021	09:00	90	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8300F: Mathematics Tier F	8300/1F: Mathematics Paper 1 Tier F
Mon 07/06/2021	09:00	105	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1ET0N: English Literature Option N	1ET0 01: Shakesp. & Post 1914 Lit.
Tue 08/06/2021	09:00	75	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1HIAAW: History A Option AW	1HIA 11: Medicine in Britain
Wed 09/06/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/B/1F: Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1F
Thu 10/06/2021	09:00	125	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1EN0: English Language	1EN0 02: Non-Fic. & Trans.Writing
Thu 10/06/2021	13:00	80	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1HIAAW: History A Option AW	1HIA 31: Weimar & Nazi Germany
Fri 11/06/2021	09:00	90	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8300F: Mathematics Tier F	8300/2F: Mathematics Paper 2 Tier F
Fri 11/06/2021	13:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1GB0: Geography B	1GB0 01: Global Geog.Issues
Tue 15/06/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/C/1F: Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1F
Wed 16/06/2021	13:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1GB0: Geography B	1GB0 02: UK Geographical Issues
Thu 17/06/2021	09:00	55	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1HIAAW: History A Option AW	1HIA B4: Early Elizabethan
Fri 18/06/2021	09:00	90	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8300F: Mathematics Tier F	8300/3F: Mathematics Paper 3 Tier F
Mon 21/06/2021	09:00	80	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1ET0N: English Literature Option N	1ET0 2N: 19C Novelists Since 1789
Tue 22/06/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/P/1F: Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1F
Wed 23/06/2021	09:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1GB0: Geography B	1GB0 03: People & Environ.Issues
Fri 25/06/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/B/2F: Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2F
Tue 29/06/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/C/2F: Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2F
Fri 02/07/2021	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9DA	8464F: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F	8464/P/2F: Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2F

# On the day....

- You must sit your exams in your correct school uniform.
- Please try to get to the exam room at least 15 minutes before it starts.
- Remember to bring all of your equipment- black pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener.....
- Pencil cases must be see-through, leave any revision notes in your bag, hand in mobile phones and take off your watches.



# If you are feeling poorly.....

- If you cannot make the exam it is important that you let us know as soon as possible.
- Exam boards are very strict- they will ask for evidence of illness so you must collect a doctors note.



If you are **late**- call us. Try to get here as quickly as possible. You may still be able to sit your exam.

# Social media and exams.

- Under **NO** circumstances are exams or exam questions to be discussed on **ANY** social media platform.
- The exams regulator (JCQ) monitors these platforms for any mention of exam material.
- If you do post about exams related topics, they will investigate the circumstances and it can affect your grade.
- Penalties can be as severe as your result being excluded and if this happens you will receive an automatic U grade.

# What we can do at TNHA....

- Quality first teaching- active learning, well planned lessons, professional staff.
- Regular assessment- mock exams, in class assessments, use of exam papers.
- GAP analysis- targeting areas for development identified in assessments.
- Intervention sessions- lunchtime, afterschool, weekends, school holidays.
- Transport home from intervention.

