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- Students take public examinations in the Summer Term during a time between the start of May and the end of June.
- Public exams are timetabled in common time slots agreed by all exam boards under the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).
- Some subjects also have Non-Examined Assessments (coursework or controlled assessments).

Controlled Assessments

- In CNAT subjects and some other Vocational subjects, some students might be entered for submission of a piece of controlled assessment during Year 10.
- All other pieces of NEA will be submitted in Year 11.

Exam Board	**Subject**	**NEA Deadline**
OCR Cambridge Nationals (CNAT)	iMedia / Sport / Health and Social Care	10 January 2026 / 15 May 2026 10 January 2026 / 15 May 2026
Pearson	BTEC Travel and Tourism	15 December 2025 / 15 May 2026 / 15 May 2027
WJEC L1 / 2 Vocational Award	Retail and Business	5 May 2026 / 5 May 2027
WJEC L1 / 2 Vocational Award	Hospitality and Catering	5 May 2026 / 5 May 2027
WJEC / Eduqas	GCSE Music	5 May 2027
WJEC	GCSE Film Studies	5 May 2027
WJEC	Textiles	5 May 2027
WJEC	3D Design / Graphics	7 May 2027
AQA	Food Preparation and Nutrition	7 May 2027
AQA	English Spoken Language	7 May 2027
AQA	GCSE PE	7 May 2027
AQA	MFL Speaking Test Recordings	23 May 2027
AQA	Art and Design	31 May 2027

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Controlled Assessments

Controlled Assessments are a specific type of coursework and have very specific rules about their completion.

These rules cover all of the CNAT and WJEC Vocational Subjects.

Completion of controlled assessments is carried out under strict supervision.

The assignments are set by the exam board, taken under supervised conditions, marked by the teacher and moderated by OCR.

Assignments are released to the teacher on 1 June each year for CNAT subjects and 1 September for WJEC Retail and Business.

The assignment briefs are only valid for that year (until 31 May).

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Students must follow all the rules:

- You should try to complete all tasks in the assignment brief.
- The assignment brief says what you need to do for each task.
- You must complete all the work for each assignment in school and not at home.
- All work must be your own. You are not allowed help from anyone else. This includes:
  - Teachers, parents and other students.
  - Presenting information and material taken from other sources (for example, books/journals, media articles or the internet) as your own without proper referencing.
  - You must not use Artificial Intelligence as your marks may be changed or reduced to zero by the exam board
  - Your teacher will supervise you completing the assignment.
  - If the exam board think that you had extra help, your marks may be changed or reduced to zero

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How is Controlled Assessment marked?

Your teacher will mark your work after you hand it in. They cannot mark it in stages for you.

Your teacher will use the marking criteria that is supplied by the exam board to give you marks.

The marking criteria for each task is in the assignment.

Your teacher can explain the marking criteria to you.

The marking criteria has three bands: Each band has a range of marks in it.

Your teacher: decides which mark band your work meets & gives you a mark from that mark band

Your teacher will then add up the marks and give you a total. Your final grade for the assignment depends on your final total mark.

If you get stuck you can:

- Ask your teacher to explain the task again.
- Move on to another part of the assignment.
- Come back again later to have another go

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Controlled Assessments: Can you ask your teacher for feedback on my work?

- Exam Boards have given your teacher instructions on what kind of feedback they can give you.
- They are allowed to tell you what task could be improved but not how to improve it.
- You can use that feedback to try and improve your work yourself.
- Your teacher can say what they've noticed might be wrong with your work. For example, if you describe something where the marking criteria asks for an evaluation, they can point that out to you.
- Your teacher can explain the difference between a description and an evaluation. It's then up to you to decide if you need to change your work. If you think it needs to change you need to change it yourself

If you have submitted one piece of controlled assessment during Year 10 and you want to improve your mark, then you **MUST** complete a new piece in Year 11 using the **NEWLY** released assessment brief.