



Assessment and grading 2021

How will a grade be determined for my child?

- A range of evidence will be used to make a judgement of the grade students are performing at. The evidence used to make a judgement of a grade can come from throughout the course, i.e. evidence already available and further opportunities to allow students to showcase their knowledge and skills, despite having time out of school. We will use a broad range of evidence including;
 - Milestone assessments
 - Mock exams
 - Evidence checks (to take place over the summer term)
 - Homework assessments
 - Exam board support materials (in the form of topic tests)

This means that a grade will not be determined by one single piece of evidence.

- Students will be assessed on the course content they have been taught and skills developed.
- Subject areas will decide on which content they wish to assess students and will design their evidence checks accordingly. More details of this can be found further on in this document.
- A schedule of when evidence checks will take place was sent out before Easter and students have been provided with this.
- Students will be well-prepared and supported by their teachers for their evidence checks.
- We will share with students the broad topics/course areas on which they will be assessed. This will be done in lessons, through Show My Homework (or MS Teams for Sixth Form students)
- Access arrangements will apply.

How will Maricourt ensure fairness and consistency when determining grades?

- Students will have adequate opportunities to further demonstrate and evidence the standard at which they are currently working and their grades will fairly reflect this.
- We will adopt a school-wide approach, ensuring consistency across all subjects whilst accepting that each subject is different and flexibility will be required
- We have a responsibility to ensure our grades are credible. Standardised assessments will be marked and moderated internally and externally verified through school-to-school moderation and external examiners.
- Our Quality Assurance process has been agreed by Senior Leadership, Curriculum Leaders and Governors. Our QA process is outlined overleaf.

What is the timescale for evidence checks and awarding of grades?

- Our assessment and grading process will be manageable and not unduly burdensome for students and their teachers.
- A detailed schedule of evidence checks has been provided. Students will also be provided with further information on the topics/course areas that will be covered in the evidence checks.

Spring Half Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Subject areas decide on the range of evidence that may be used to support grading.▪ Subject areas decide on the content they wish to assess and plan/design their assessment programme and timelines accordingly.▪ Quality assurance processes established.▪ Preparation for evidence checks and quality assurance processes implemented.
Summer Half Term 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Preparation for evidence checks.▪ Completion of evidence checks.▪ Marking of evidence checks.▪ Internal standardisation.▪ Department moderation.▪ Initial grading/awarding.▪ External verification.
Summer Half Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Awarding of grades by Subject Leaders and teachers.▪ Validation of grades by SLT.▪ Grades signed off by Subject Leaders.▪ Grades signed off by Headteacher.

When will I know what grade my child has been awarded?

Teachers are not allowed to provide any information to parents or students about the grades that have been awarded. Grades will be submitted to the relevant awarding body in June and are subject to further external scrutiny and moderation.

A Level grades will be released to students on Tuesday 10th August 2021. Students will be invited into school on this day to collect their results. There will be a number of staff on hand to support them with their progression. Further information about results day will follow.

What evidence base will be used to determine a grade?

The evidence base used to determine a grade will vary from subject to subject, whilst maintaining fairness and consistency.

Overleaf is a summary of the evidence base used to determine grades in each subject. Evidence checks due to take place this half term are in *italics*.

Subject Area	Evidence base used to determine final grade
Applied Business	Unit 1 (AO1, AO2, AO3) – Milestone assessments Unit 4 (AO1, AO2, AO3) – Mock paper <i>Unit 5 NEA</i> <i>Unit 8 NEA</i> <i>Unit 4 (AO1, AO2, AO3) – Exam board materials (past paper)</i>
Art	<i>Coursework</i> <i>Portfolio of work</i>
Business Studies (Single BTEC)	Unit 1– coursework Unit 2 (grade claimed in 2020) Unit 3 – milestone assessment and PPE <i>Unit 3 – evidence checks</i> <i>Unit 14 - coursework</i>
Business Studies (Double BTEC)	As above, in addition to; Unit 4 – coursework Unit 8 – coursework Unit 6 – milestone assessments Unit 6 – PPE <i>Unit 5 - coursework</i>
Biology	Photosynthesis (part 1 and part 2) Glycolysis and anaerobic respiration, respiration investigation The Kidney Ecosystems and sampling Succession Paper 1 Paper 2 <i>Paper 3</i>
Chemistry	A range of homework assessments from Year 12 and Year 13 Year 12 formative assessments Atomic Structure, electron configuration and TOF test – milestone assessment Year 12 Milestone Assessment 2 Organic Chemistry and cracking milestone assessment Energetics, organic and kinetics milestone assessments Mock exam paper 1 Mock exam paper 2 <i>Paper 1</i> <i>Paper 2</i> <i>Paper 3</i>
Computer Science	Comp 01/Comp 02 – HT1 Milestone assessments Comp 01/Comp 02 – HT2 Milestone assessments Comp 01/Comp 02 – HT3 Milestone assessments Comp 01/Comp 02 – HT4 Milestone assessments Comp 01/Comp 02 – HT5 Milestone assessments <i>Comp 03 programming Project</i> <i>Comp 01/Comp 02 – evidence check</i>
Drama	Unit 3 – PPE Unit 1 – practical and written internal assessment <i>Unit 2 – practical and written for scripted section</i>
English Language and Literature	The Kite Runner and Street Car Named Desire – evidence checks <i>Frankenstein – evidence check</i> <i>Paris Anthology – evidence check</i> <i>A Street Car Named Desire – timed response</i> <i>The Kite Runner – timed response</i> <i>Mean Time – timed response</i>
English Literature	Larkin - Coursework Hamlet – timed essay <i>History boys/Saturday night – coursework</i> <i>A Doll's House/Rosetti – timed essay</i> <i>1984/A Handmaids tale – timed essay</i>
Further Maths	Year 12 October Milestone Further Stats milestone December Y12 Further Stats milestone February Y12 Pure 1 Milestone December Y13 <i>Mock paper 2 Further Pure April Y13</i> <i>Mock paper 3 Further Stats May Y13</i>

Geography	<p>Topic 2B – mid-point and milestone assessment Topic 1– mid-point and milestone assessment Topic 3 – milestone assessment Topic 4B – milestone assessment Paper 1 and Paper 2 mix – PPE Topic 5&6 – milestone assessment Topic 7– evidence check <i>Non-examination assessment: Independent Investigation</i> <i>Topic 8A – evidence check</i> <i>Paper 1 and 2 Mix - PPE</i></p>
Health and Social Care	<p>Unit 2 – milestone assessment and PPE Unit 1 - grade claimed in 2020 Unit 5 - grade claimed in 2020 <i>Unit 10 – coursework</i></p>
History	<p>Britain – Edexcel essay exam questions Britain – PPE USA – Edexcel essay exam questions USE – PPE Ireland – Edexcel essay exam questions <i>Ireland – Edexcel essay exam questions</i> <i>Ireland – Mock exam</i> <i>Coursework</i></p>
IT	<p>Unit 1 – grade claimed 2020 Unit 6 – coursework Unit 8 – coursework Unit 9 - coursework Unit 2 – milestone assessments Unit 12 – coursework Unit 13 – coursework <i>Unit 17 – coursework</i> <i>Unit 21 - coursework</i></p>
Maths	<p>October Milestone Y12 October Applied Milestone Y12 Pure Milestone December Y12 Pure Milestone February Y12 Applied Milestone February Y12 December Pure Milestone Y13 December Applied Milestone Y13 <i>Mock paper 1 Pure April Y13</i> <i>Mock paper 2 Pure April Y13</i> <i>Mock paper 3 Applied May Y13</i></p>
Physics	<p>Paper 1 Paper 2 <i>Paper 3</i></p>
Psychology	<p>December PPE Issues and debates, schizophrenia, gender - milestone assessments <i>Exam board topic tests</i></p>
Sociology	<p>Paper 2 – milestone assessment Paper 1 – PPE Paper 3 – milestone assessment <i>Paper 2 – exam board past paper</i> <i>Paper 3 – evidence checks</i></p>
Sport (single)	<p>Unit 2 – grade awarded 2020 <i>Unit 3 – coursework</i></p>
Sport (double)	<p>As above, in addition to; Unit 22 – grade awarded 2020 <i>Unit 4 - coursework</i></p>