

# Parents' guide to controlled assessments – ENGLISH/MEDIA STUDIES –

<b>How much is it worth?</b>		<b>What has to be done?</b>	
<p>Students are working towards two separate GCSEs: <b>English</b> and <b>Media Studies</b>.</p> <p>The Controlled Assessment element for English is worth 40% of the final <b>English</b> grade. In addition, students must complete a minimum of three Speaking and Listening assignments which provide a further 20% of the <b>English</b> grade. Media Studies is split 60/40, with higher weighting given to controlled assessment and the lower to the external examination.</p> <p><b>English Language</b> Controlled Assessment - 40% Speaking and listening assessments - 20% (in lessons) External Exams (Unit 1) – 40%</p> <p><b>Media Studies</b> Controlled Assessments – 60% External Exam – 40%</p>		<p>Students complete three out of five English controlled assessments in Year 10, with the remaining two completed in Year 11.</p> <p>Students will also be assessed in three different categories for Speaking and Listening. There will be a range of opportunities for these assessments and the best one in each category will go towards the final marks.</p> <p>Essential English revision and skills practice ahead of the January external examination will still be integrated into lessons whilst the concentration is on completing Media coursework</p> <p>Year 11 is a busy year for Media Studies. Students must complete the practical piece of coursework (a 30-45 second TV advertisement), another written assignment (investigation into magazine representation) and begin preparation for the summer exam topic of music videos.</p>	
<b>When is it done?</b> <i>(Three English Controlled Assessments are completed in Year 10, together with one Media Studies Controlled Assessment)</i>		<b>Can parents help their children?</b>	<b>If the mark is low, can it be re-done or improved?</b>
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Year/Term Completed</b>	<p>Since the controlled assessments are part of your child's final GCSE grades, completing work and meeting deadlines is vital and we are grateful for the support parents give us in helping students to do so. It should be noted that preparation for controlled assessments can take several weeks and students are expected to organise themselves accordingly.</p>	<p>Students are provided with every opportunity to produce controlled assessments of a high standard. There are a number of lessons which are preparation for the assessment, with often a practice piece scheduled first to allow students the opportunity to test their knowledge and gain experience of the demands of the piece.</p> <p>If students are absent on the day of the controlled assessment, an alternative time (normally outside of school hours) will be allocated for them to sit this assessment.</p>
Practical Coursework (Media Studies)	Year 10, Summer Term 2 and Year 11 Autumn Term 1		
Different Cultures (English)	Year 11, Autumn 2		
Revision and exam paper practice (English)	Autumn Term 2 (January exam)		
Representation in Magazines (Media)	Year 11, Spring Term 1		
Producing Creative Texts (English)	Year 11, Spring Term 2		
Preparation for Media Studies exam topic	Year 11, Spring Term 2		
Revision and exam paper practice Media Studies)	Year 11 Summer Half Term 1 (June exam)		