



NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL – YSGOL TRECELYN

YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS & ASSESSMENT

Information for Parents and Carers | September 2026



Year 10 is an important year, with examinations and assessments taking place throughout the year. Pupils will complete external examinations, non-examined assessments (NEAs), practical assessments and mock examinations. The key message is that pupils should remain fully engaged throughout the year and complete all work by the deadlines set by their subjects

1. The Year at a Glance

Period	Main examination activity	Important points
Autumn 2026	GCSE NEAs, BTEC examinations and some BTEC online examinations	Ongoing assessed work across subjects, including English and Religious Studies NEAs, Digital Technology and BTEC assessments.
Spring 2027	Further NEAs, practical assessments and mock examinations	Mock examinations take place from 1–5 February. Further subject assessments and NEA deadlines continue.
May–June 2027	Main external examination period	GCSE and BTEC examinations take place. Examinations include English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, Health & Social Care, History and Religious Studies.
Throughout Year 10	Preparation and revision	Pupils should develop effective revision habits and make use of the support and resources provided by departments.

2. Key External Examination Dates

- May/June 2027: Tuesday 11 May – Wednesday 16 June. This is the main external examination period for Year 10 qualifications.
- Examinations will take place in all core subjects, including English, Mathematics and Science, as well as a range of other qualifications, including Geography, Health & Social Care and Child Care, History and Religious Studies.
- Examination dates are set by the examination boards and cannot be changed by the school. Please do not book holidays during examination periods.
- Examination entries will be issued to pupils approximately one month before the examinations. The school calendar will also contain examination information.

3. Mock Examinations

- Year 10 mock examinations take place from Monday 1 February to Friday 5 February.
- Examinations will take place in all core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science and Welsh), as well as in all GCSE and some BTEC subject.
- Examination timetables will be issued to pupils in January.
- Mock examinations provide an important opportunity for pupils to practise examination conditions, identify areas for improvement and prepare for future external examinations.

4. Examination Days

- Morning examinations start promptly at 8:30am and afternoon examinations at 1:45pm. Some afternoon examinations may finish after the normal school day.
- Pupils should bring all necessary equipment: two black pens, pencil and rubber, ruler, calculator, protractor and compass, as appropriate.
- If a pupil is going to be late, parents should contact the school immediately. On arrival, the pupil should report to main reception and then go directly to the examination room.
- A pupil will still be able to complete an examination if they arrive late, provided that pupils have not yet been released from the examination room.

5. What Parents Can Do to Help

- Encourage regular revision rather than leaving preparation until immediately before an examination.
- Check the school calendar and communications for examination and assessment dates.
- Ensure pupils have the equipment they need: two black pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator, protractor and compass, as appropriate.
- Support pupils in attending revision sessions and using the resources provided by departments.
- Please avoid arranging holidays or other commitments during examination periods.

6. Subject-Specific Information

- Individual subjects have specific dates for examinations, NEAs, practical assessments and the completion of other assessed work. These dates are planned and managed by individual subject areas and may vary between qualifications and pupils.
- Pupils and parents/carers will be informed of subject-specific examination and assessment dates by the relevant Subject Lead. Important information will also be shared through Google Classrooms, the school calendar and other appropriate school communications.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to check these communications regularly and to support pupils in meeting all examination, NEA and assessment deadlines throughout Year 10.

7. Assessment, NEAs and Ongoing Work

- Many subjects include NEAs or practical assessments which contribute to the final qualification. These are completed over a period of time and are just as important as written examinations
- Subject-specific BTEC assessment deadlines are confirmed by individual departments
- Pupils should complete coursework, NEAs, practical work and other assessed tasks by the deadlines given by their teachers.

8. Support and Communication

- Revision resources and guidance are available through departments, including Google Classroom, revision guides, past papers and online question banks where appropriate.
- Parents will receive key dates and examination information from the school. The school calendar should also be checked regularly.
- Progress will be monitored on Tuesday 17 November.
- The Year 10 Parents' Evening is Wednesday 7 April and the annual school report is due on Friday 19 March.

9. Other Important Dates

Date	Event
25 September 2026	Deadline for Year 10 option changes
17 November 2026	Monitoring of Progress
19 March 2027	Annual School Report
7 April 2027	Year 10 Parents' Evening
19 August 2027	Results Day – school reception from 9:30am

Thank you for your continued support in helping our Year 10 pupils develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to succeed.