



What is controlled assessment?

- ❖ Controlled assessment is replacing coursework from September 2009 for GCSEs. This has been introduced by the QCA to address some of the issues raised in coursework reviews, such as plagiarism, teacher assistance, and parental intervention.

What does it mean for pupils?

- ❖ Pupils will be required to complete their research and prepare their work in class and at home. They will then be given a set number of hours to complete their coursework in class under examination conditions. The number of hours depends on the subjects studied by the students.
- ❖ Subject teachers will allocate set hours throughout the two year course to complete sections of the coursework.
- ❖ Most pupils will complete a significant percentage of their coursework in year 10.
- ❖ The emphasis is very much on the pupils completing work independently in school and at home.
- ❖ As pupils will not get the opportunity to re-draft the vast majority of the coursework they must ensure that the best possible draft is handed in first attempt.

Some tips!

- ❖ Excellent attendance is more essential than ever! If a pupil misses a number of lessons of preparation or an allocated controlled assessment lesson, they will find it extremely difficult to catch up and get the highest possible grades.
- ❖ Obviously the better prepared pupils are the easier they will find controlled assessment session.
- ❖ Make sure you are aware of exactly what section of the coursework you will be required to cover in each controlled assessment session.
- ❖ Make sure you bring any research, notes, correct required materials and equipment to each controlled assessment session.

- ❖ If you have results of experiments, data from field trips or investigations with you in each session in case they are required in your write up.
- ❖ Organise your subject folders to ensure any materials are on hand and available when required to save time when writing coursework.
- ❖ Write the dates of any controlled assessment preparation or writing sessions in your student planner so you are sure to remember to prepare.

