

Assessment Rationale for Year 13 A level Biology Teacher Assessment 2021

This year students will receive grades awarded and determined by teachers, with students only assessed on what they have been taught and based on the standard at which they are performing.

Teachers have been asked to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, mock exams made up of modified past paper questions as well as full past papers, and lab book evidence for practical endorsement component of the course.

The Process for awarding a Teacher Assessment Grade (TAG) for year 13 A level Biology:

- At JM6, A level Biology is taught by 2 experienced teachers.
- A-level Biology has 3 written exam papers and a practical endorsement based on in-class practical investigations.
- All students this year have passed the practical endorsement.
- Throughout the course, the Biology department keeps records of data in order to calculate performance.
- Specification weighting of different components are considered when calculating performance.

TAG Grades 2021

- The range of evidence used ensures that all Assessment Objectives are covered. Furthermore, all syllabus components will be considered when calculating the TAG. The evidence used and weighting will be as follows:

Component	Expected Evidence	Type of Assessment	Approximate weighting of component	Overall weighting to final TAG
Paper 1	2019/2020 historical data from test weeks	Unseen test	10%	35%
	2019/2020 homework assignments	Open book/Teacher judgement	5%	
	April/May 2021 assessment point	Unseen test	20%	
Paper 2	2019/2020 historical data from test weeks	Unseen test	10%	35%
	2019/2020 homework assignments	Open book/Teacher judgement	5%	
	April/May 2021 assessment point	Unseen test	20%	
Paper 3	April/May 2021 assessment points	Unseen test	25%	30%
	Formative assessment from lab book	Teacher judgement	5%	

Any relevant information

- Access arrangements have, and will be, followed for all unseen tests.
- Due to the structure of the course and lockdown there has not been opportunity to collect data on paper 3, hence the greater weighting for an internal paper 3 assessment.
- April/May 2021 assessment points will have to be modified to consider the lost practical time due to lockdown.
- April/May 2021 assessment points will be moderated to ensure accurate marking.