

October 2026

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update: Assessment Calendar and Key Dates

We are pleased to share with you the Assessment Calendar for Year 12 students, showing when exams and in-class assessments are taking place throughout the year. Study advice for students is regularly communicated, some of which can be found on our website: <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/study-advice/>.

Key dates and events are listed below, where relevant, more details will be shared as these dates approach.

College Events and Closure Days

- **Thursday 21 January:** College will close at 12.45pm due to Y13 Parents Evening
- **Monday 8 March:** College closed all day due to staff training
- **Tuesday 16 March:** College closed all day due to a Year 10 Taster Day
- **Wednesday 14 April:** College will close at 12.45pm due to online Year 12 Parents Evening appointments commencing at 1.15pm
- **Thursday 22 April:** Year 12 Next Steps Evening
- **Thursday 24 June:** College closed all day due to a Year 10 Taster Day
- **Friday 25 June:** College closed all day due to staff training
- **Tuesday 6 July:** Work Experience Day 1
- **Wednesday 7 July:** Work Experience Day 2
- **Thursday 8 July:** Year 12 Results & Progression Day (Year 12 last day of term)
- **Tuesday 31 August:** Year 13 first day of new academic year

Term Dates 2026-27

Term dates for the academic year can be found at <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/term-key-dates/>.

We will shortly be sharing term dates for the 2027-28 academic year, please check the above webpage for updates.

Please note that family holidays in term time are a breach of the college's *Code of Conduct* and are not approved in any circumstances. We appreciate the support and cooperation of parents in ensuring that family holidays are consistently booked during college holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Helen Jackson
Principal

Year 12

Assessment Calendar 2026-27

Key periods when students will be completing Formal Assessments, Mock Exams, External Exams and Progression Exams.

Autumn Term

Date/Period	Assessment Activity	Group / Subjects
w/c 7 Sept and w/c 14 Sept	Assessment 1	All Subjects
October Half Term		
w/c 2 Nov and w/c 9 Nov	Assessment 2	A Level
Tue 3 to Mon 9 Nov	External Exams	GCSE Resit (Maths & English Language)
Tue 10 to Fri 13 Nov	Mock Exams	Applied General / BTEC (with a Jan external exam)
w/c 9 Nov and w/c 16 Nov	Assessment 2	Applied General / BTEC (without a Jan external exam)
w/c 16 Nov and w/c 23 Nov	Assessment 2	Maths for Further Maths

Spring Term

Date/Period	Assessment Activity	Group / Subjects
w/c 4 Jan and w/c 11 Jan	Assessment 3	A Level
Tue 5 Jan to Fri 15 Jan	External Exams	Applied General / BTEC
w/c 11 Jan and w/c 18 Jan	Assessment 3	Applied General / BTEC (without a Jan external exam)
w/c 1 Feb	Mock Exams	Maths for Further Maths (Paper 1)
February Half Term		
Tue 8 Mar to Fri 12 Mar	Mock Exams	Maths for Further Maths (Paper 2) Applied General / BTEC (with a summer external exam)
w/c 15 Mar and w/c 22 Mar	Assessment 4	A Level

Summer Term

Date/Period	Assessment Activity	Group / Subjects
w/c 10 May	Summer External Exams Commence	Applied General / BTEC
May Half Term		
Wed 16 June to Tue 22 June	Progression Exams	A Level

Key Messages for Parents/Carers

- Assessments 1-4 are used to monitor progress and identify support needs. The assessments are completed during normal timetables lessons, days/times are decided by the subject teachers and communicated with students.
- Mock examinations are designed to replicate external examination conditions.
- Year 12 Progression Exams help determine readiness for progression into Year 13.
- Students should aim to avoid appointments during assessment and exam periods wherever possible.