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Assessment, Recording and Reporting

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ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING

Policy Statement

Effective assessment is a key way in which the school can fulfil its aim of focussing on each individual pupil. Dunottar School uses a number of internal and external assessments to inform teaching and learning and to facilitate and effectively support pupil progress. We have a commitment to assessing pupils' work regularly and thoroughly. We regularly and systematically use assessment to plan and modify provision for pupils. We evaluate pupil performance against stated school aims and/or national norms. Each department and member of staff is required to implement this policy within their own area of the school. It is expected that all pupils must make good progress according to their ability.

This policy applies to all members of our school community. Dunottar School is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this policy is non-discriminatory in line with the UK Equality Act (2010). Further details are available in the school's Equal Opportunity policy document.

Dunottar School seeks to implement this policy through adherence to the procedures set out in the rest of this document.

In line with our Provision of Information policy, this document is available to all interested parties on our website and on request from the main school office and should be read in conjunction with the following documents the Equal Opportunities policy, Curriculum Policy, Special Educational Needs Policy and PSHEE policy.

This document is annually reviewed by J. Hislop or as events or legislation change requires.

Procedures

- Assessment of pupils' work is consistent and regular.
- Assessment takes different forms. Examples include examinations, CATs, speaking assessments, NEAs (Non-examined assessments (NEA) are present in a number of GCSE and A Level courses. These are externally set assessments completed under controlled conditions within school).
- Marking is thorough, with constructive comments, using where appropriate, curriculum criteria, or referenced to GCSE or A level criteria. There is clear guidance on how pupils can raise the standard of their future work.
- Marking ensures pupils know how to progress.
- All grades/levels used must be understood by the pupils.
- Assessment is used regularly and systematically to plan and modify provision for pupils and inform future planning.

- Pupil performance is evaluated by reference to the stated school aims and the national norms.
- Pupils who are underachieving are monitored through the use of data tracking, teacher feedback and intervention strategies are implemented. The method of intervention is tailored to individual pupils needs but may include mentoring, additional support lessons, additional set work and/ or adapted work.
- Peer and self-assessment are used as part of the assessment process.
- Verbal feedback and live marking in class is an important part of the assessment process.

Use of standardised and external assessments and the data from assessments.

- Midyis, Yellis and Alis are used as baseline measures and pupils take GCSEs and A Levels.
- The management of data is overseen by Nicola Wintle (Lead Practitioner) and monitored by the Headmaster, the Deputy Head (Academic) Janine Hislop and the Teaching and Learning Team (Assistant Head Learning and Innovation, Grant Taylor and Lead Practitioner, Nicola Wintle). The analysis of data is overseen by the Teaching and Learning Team. Heads of Department and Heads of Year are also required to analyse all available data to ensure that each pupil is making good progress according to their ability and to effectively inform planning, teaching, support pupil progress and highlight any individual interventions that are needed. Analysis of data also allows results to be compared with national norms and with other schools across the group.
- There is regular CPD provided to teachers regarding the use of data and how it can be used to monitor and intervene to help improve pupils' attainment.

Recording

- All teachers are required to keep a record of marks, levels or grades, throughout the year. They also give academic distinctions, E Praise Points and Warrior marks to recognise attainment and reward Warrior Learner behaviours.
- All teachers complete regular tracking grades at GCSE and A Level according to the agreed published schedule.
- All teachers submit marks from a common assessment task (CAT) every half-term for Key Stages 4 and 5 and every term for Key Stage 3. Pupil progress is recorded and tracked centrally and sent to the Teaching and Learning Team for analysis. The data are monitored by the Heads of Departments reporting to the Deputy Head (Academic).
- Teachers are required to produce records of pupil achievement, reports or progress reports on individual pupils at the request of the SLT or Heads of Department.
- Learning behaviours according to the Warrior Learner principles are tracked against attainment.

Reporting

- Unless otherwise agreed between the parents and the school, information about a pupil's progress and attainment is sent to the parents of every registered pupil in accordance with the reporting schedule.

- Each pupil will receive a full annual report at least once a year and interim reports according to the reporting schedule. This will be shared electronically via the parent portal on Firefly.
- Reports, where appropriate include, attainment marks for KS3 and minimum expected grades and challenge grades at GCSE and A Level. Year 13 pupils also receive their UCAS predicted grades in the Autumn term.
- All reports refer to the Learning Warrior behaviours in four statements that follow our Warrior Learner principles.
- Parents' Evenings occur annually, and other meetings occur as the need arises between some parents and staff. In Year 10 and Year 12 there are additional Invitation Only Parents' Evenings following the summer examinations.
- Parents and pupils are able to contact subject teachers directly by email with any concerns.

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Reporting Deadlines:

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Progress Reports:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year Groups	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	7,8 10, 11, 12, 13	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	7, 8, 9, 10,	8, 9, 10, 12,	7, 8, 9, 10, 12 = Exam Report
Reports open	Monday 15 th September 2025	Monday 10 th November 2025	Monday 12 th January 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Monday 20 th April 2026	Monday 8 th June 2026
Subject teacher Deadline	Monday 6 th October 2025	Monday 1 st December 2025	Monday 2 nd February 2026	Monday 16 th March 2026	Monday 11 th May 2026	Thursday 18 th June 2026
Publish Date	Thursday 16 th October 2025	Monday 15 th December 2025	Thursday 12 th February 2026	Thursday 26 th March 2026	Thursday 21 st May 2026	Yr. 7, 8 & 9 = 29 th June 2026 Yr. 10 & 12 = Tuesday 23 rd June 2026

Mock Exam report for Yr. 11 and Yr. 13: Deadline for data entry = end of INSET on Monday 5th January 2026

Instructions for Progress

Reviews:

Data to be inputted into Gradebooks on iSAMs

Full Reports:

	Yr. 7	Yr. 8	Yr. 9	Yr. 10	Yr. 11	Yr. 12	Yr. 13
Subject teacher deadline	Friday 24 th April 2026	Monday 12 th January 2026	Monday 10 th November 2025	Monday 12 th January 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026
HoD & Buddy check deadline	Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Monday 19 th January 2026	Monday 17 th November 2025	Monday 19 th January 2026	Monday 9 th March 2026	Monday 9 th March 2026	Monday 9 th March 2026
Tutor deadline	Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Monday 26 th January 2026	Monday 25 th November 2025	Monday 26 th January 2026	Monday 16 th March 2026	Monday 16 th March 2026	Monday 16 th March 2026
HoY Deadline	Tuesday 12 th May 2026	Monday 2 nd February 2026	Monday 1 st December 2025	Monday 2 nd February 2026	Friday 20 th March 2026	Friday 20 th March 2026	Friday 20 th March 2026
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