



Milton Abbey GCSE Retake Policy (English and Mathematics)

Rationale

The acquisition of the Core GCSEs in English and Mathematics is an essential building block of any child's education. However, the nature and increasing complexity of the requirements of the Core GCSEs, mean that some pupils will struggle to gain the necessary level of achievement needed for a C grade/Level 5 'pass'.

November retake opportunities (LVI)

The exam boards offer a retake opportunity in November for those pupils who have already certificated in English or Mathematics in the previous summer series. In the former case, Controlled Assessment units are carried forwards – no exam mark can be carried forward.

This option is only open to those pupils within 10 UMS marks of the current C grade boundary. The Head of English and Head of Mathematics can use their discretion in this instance.

Summer retake opportunities (LVI)

Pupils who achieved a low D grade in their V Form attempt at the Core GCSEs should have a second attempt at these examinations in their LVI summer series. For English GCSE, two classes will be created:

Class one – examination unit retake class only. This class will not begin until the Lent Term of LVI to allow the subsuming of any November pupils who did not gain the C grade.

Class two – Controlled Assessment and examination class. This is likely to be populated in the main by new LVI pupils joining MA from institutions where other Boards are followed. This class begins in September of LVI.

Mathematics will have two classes, one Foundation Tier, one Higher, both beginning in Lent Term of LVI to allow the subsuming of any November pupils who did not gain the C grade.

Again, the Heads of Departments can use their discretion as to whether a pupil should be entered for the summer series or not.

Functional Skills (LVI)

The Level One Functional Skills should be offered to those pupils who achieved an E grade or lower in the Core GCSEs. Classes take place in the Summer Term of LVI.

November retake opportunities (MVI)

This is only open to pupils who got within 10 UMS of the C grade boundary at their LVI summer series attempt of the Core GCSEs. The Head of English and Head of Mathematics can use their discretion in this instance.

Summer retake opportunities (MVI)

Pupils who achieved a D grade in their LVI Form attempt at the Core GCSEs should have a third and final attempt at these examinations in their MVI summer series on the understanding that they undertake and pass the Level 1 Functional Skills exams in Michaelmas of their MVI year. If they do not pass, they will only be able to work towards Functional Skills qualifications in MVI.

English will operate one examination unit retake class only. This class will not begin until the Lent Term of MVI to allow the subsuming of any November pupils who did not gain the C grade.

Mathematics will have two classes, one Foundation Tier, one Higher, both beginning in the Lent Term of MVI to allow the subsuming of any November pupils who did not gain the C grade.

Again, the Heads of Departments can use their discretion as to whether a pupil should be entered for the summer series or not.

Functional Skills (MVI)

Those pupils that passed their Level 1 Functional Skills in LVI have the option to undertake the Level 2 Functional Skills in the Michaelmas Term of MVI. If this qualification is subsequently gained, a second and final attempt at the GCSE in English and/or Mathematics can be undertaken from the Lent Term of MVI but this is down to the discretion of the Head of Department and the Director of Studies.

Such pupils would join the relevant GCSE classes at the beginning of the Lent Term. Controlled Assessment re-takes, if necessary, would have to be undertaken in the Lent Term and completed by May.