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What are NEA Project Qualifications?

In UK exams (GCSE/A-Level), NEA means **Non-Examined Assessment**, referring to coursework, practicals, or projects that count towards the final grade, unlike traditional timed exams. It assesses skills like research, creativity, and problem-solving, replacing older 'coursework' and allowing students to show ability beyond exam conditions. NEA components involve evaluating technical and practical skills, fieldwork, and portfolios building.

What do NEAs involve?

Project Work: Extended research or design projects, often with higher standards than exams due to more time.

Practical Assessments: Tasks in subjects like Physical Education (sports performance, coaching) or Science (experiments).

Portfolios: Collections of work demonstrating skills over time, common in creative subjects such as Art & Design.

Oral Assessments: Verbal presentations or discussions.

Key characteristics

Internal & External: Assessed by teachers but moderated or marked externally by exam boards.

Alternative to Exams: Used where timed exams can't fully test essential skills.

Counts Towards Grade: Marks contribute to the overall qualification grade, just like exams.

What subjects in our curriculum have NEAs?

- Art & Design, including Photography
- Sciences (practical skills endorsement)
- Geography (Fieldwork)
- History
- Design and Technology
- Media Studies
- Music
- Performing Arts
- English Language (oral assessments)
- English Literature (extended essays)

Eastbrook School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents. The additional documents posted here explain the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) requirements for compliance with NEAs, as well as Eastbrook School's policy for appeals against internal assessments of work.

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