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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re: Year 11 Computer Science NEA coursework consultation outcome

Please find attached the official letter from Ofqual regarding the recent NEA coursework consultation.

It is with great disappointment that I must inform you that NEA coursework completed will not count towards your son/daughter's final GCSE Computer Science grade. All members of the Computer Science Faculty took part in the consultation and all voted to keep the NEA coursework element. Unfortunately 70% of all respondents disagreed and voted to discount it.

As outlined in the Ofqual letter, we will be timetabling sessions to complete the Programming Project on Mondays during Period X (15:30-16:30) – this will be supervised by a member of the Computer Science Faculty. Your son/daughter's Computer Science teacher is able to provide written feedback in line with the consultation document.

The skills and experience students have gained completing the NEA will help students tremendously in their Paper 2 written exam.

The link below is for the full consultation outcome document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-assessment-arrangements-for-gcse-computer-science>

Please direct any questions or concerns to me via e-mail: [jodonnell@coopersschool.com](mailto:jodonnell@coopersschool.com).

Yours faithfully

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