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## Major exam period begins for Year 12 students

About 1800 students are due to sit their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) English Studies examination today – the first major written exam of the final Year 12 assessment period.

Other subjects being examined this week include Physics, Mathematical Applications, Mathematical Studies and Modern History.

This year, more than 13,100 students will sit at least one SACE examination. The last exams - Geography and Musicianship - will be held Wednesday 19 November.

According to SACE Board data, the most popular full-year Stage 2 subject combinations are:

1 - Chemistry	Mathematical Studies	Specialist Mathematics	Physics
2 - Chemistry	English Communications	Mathematical Studies	Physics
3 - Biology	Chemistry	Mathematical Studies	Physics
4 - Biology	Chemistry	English Communications	Mathematical Studies
5 - Chemistry	English Studies	Mathematical Studies	Physics

One SACE student undertaking the most popular subject combination - Stage 2 Chemistry, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics, and Physics - is Modbury High School's Tajwar Tahabub.

Tajwar said he chose this combination because he was fascinated by the universe and how it works and these subjects helped him gain a greater understanding.

The Year 12 student has aspirations to become a physicist and change the way we think about the universe, including black holes. He plans to go the University of Adelaide next year and study High Performance Computational Physics.

"Mathematics has always been is a passion of mine and physics is the method used to apply the mathematics to unlocking the mysteries of the universe, so these subjects were the perfect fit for me," Tajwar said.

"We all love mysteries and black holes are the greatest mystery in the universe. Black holes may lead us to understand how the universe works and also lead us to the theory of everything," he added.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, wished students well as they entered the final assessment period.

"Each year sees SACE students select a wide variety of subject combinations, with diverse assessment requirements," Dr McGoran said.

“Whichever combination of subjects, vocational courses, and other study options students may choose, they can be confident they are working towards a high quality, internationally-recognised qualification,” Dr McGoran said.

“While this time of year can be both nerve-wracking and exhilarating for students, a significant amount of the hard work has been completed, with 70 per cent of each Stage 2 subject being school assessed.

“For those students undertaking written examinations, it is important to remain focused and positive to achieve your personal goals,” he said.

As part of exam preparations, students are encouraged to visit the SACE website to access past exam papers and assessment reports. The website also features study tips, and links to help and counselling services. The full exam timetable and useful study tips can be found on the SACE website at: [www.sace.sa.edu.au](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au)

“Importantly, during this crucial external assessment period, students need to pay close attention to their health and tap into their networks, such as family, friends and teachers, to support them,” Dr McGoran added.