

26th January 2022



Dear Parent

We hope this correspondence finds you well. We are writing to update you with the upcoming plans and provision for your child regarding their summer examinations. As you may have seen in the news recently, the Education Secretary, Nadhim Zawawi, has confirmed that the summer series of exams will go ahead as normal. Due to the impact that Covid has had on education the Department for Education has confirmed that there will be a number of adjustments to the assessments. Although some of this information has been released, exam boards will publish this information for GCSE, AS and A Level no later than 7th February 2022. We will continue to update any changes on the exam section of our website as well as sharing information with the students through their subject teachers.

Contingency planning

Although we fully expect exams to go ahead as planned, the Department for Education has published their contingency arrangements. They have stated that if the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, grades will instead be determined by your child's teachers. This will include teachers gathering evidence through assessments to help teachers to determine a Teacher Assessed Grade if exams do not take place.

Mock Exams

Students in Year 11 will undertake a set of assessments to support their learning, from Monday 7th February to Friday 4th March. These mock exams are designed to give students the chance to experience exam conditions as well as the opportunity for staff to identify how best to support students in their learning and revision leading up to their summer exams.

These mock exams may also form part of the teacher's assessed grade as per the government's contingency planning, should exams not go ahead in 2022. I would like to reassure parents and students that should exams not go ahead, teacher assessed grades will not be based solely on the results of the February mock exam series, but may be used as evidence to form their grade. Regardless of this, we would expect students to prepare thoroughly.

Please see the attached timetable for these February mocks.

Support

Year 11 Booster Sessions for all subjects are running after school between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. The sessions aim to support students in improving their performance in readiness for GCSE exams. It is important that students attend as many of these sessions as possible; refreshments will be available in the dining hall before the start of the booster sessions. Students not attending a specific Booster are able to revise in the Dining Hall between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Attendance to the Boosters will also give students the opportunity of a reduced price ticket to the Year 11 Prom.

If you have any questions please free to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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