



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

The outcome of the DFE consultation regarding the 2022 external exams has recently been published, the findings of which can be seen in full via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

As you may be aware, the decision is that the GCSE exams will go ahead with a few modifications (this is an acknowledgement of the fact that students have missed some learning time over the past two academic years due to the pandemic). Some choice will be built into GCSE English Literature, History and Geography exams, and in all other subjects there will be some advance information (by February 2022) about the focus/content of the exams. There are other measures to support students such as providing equation and formula sheets in Maths and Science at GCSE, and assessment via portfolio only in GCSE Art and Design.

Our staff are aware of these changes and are incorporating any modifications into their teaching. Exam boards are putting changes in place and communicating directly with Exams Officers and Heads of Subjects.

For the past two years, schools have awarded Teacher Assessed Grades to students in place of formal national exams. At this stage, awarding Teacher Assessed Grades at GCSE is a contingency and is not the expected course of action for summer 2022.

The current advice is that students due to sit exams in 2022 should prepare for the exams as in any normal year. We would encourage all our Year 11 students to work well with teachers and to continue to progress through their courses, consolidating and revising as they go. Teachers are identifying gaps in knowledge and adapting their teaching appropriately; students' progress is being carefully monitored by Heads of Subject, Achievement Leads and the Senior Leadership Team and any intervention needs identified so that we can support all students as fully as possible.

If you have any specific questions relating to the exams next summer, please do not hesitate to contact Mr English, Deputy Headteacher and SLT Link for Year 11.

Yours faithfully,

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