

Dear All,

## Arrangements for your Year 11 & Year 13 Examinations this Summer

I am writing to outline the arrangements that the government have made for year 11 and 13 qualifications for the year ahead, which are different to the previous two years. Currently, it has been confirmed that 2022 exams **will** go ahead for year 11 and 13 students, with some adaptations to the content covered and support given to students prior to their final exams. The full government guidance can be found [here](#) should you wish to read it.

We recognise that you may be concerned about sitting examinations after an unprecedented 18 months, but we ask that you work with your teachers who are committed to supporting you to ensure you receive the grades you are capable of. It is essential that you have the best attendance you can to your academy across the year, and are focused and working at your best in all your lessons to prepare for the Summer examinations.

The government has also confirmed when Results Days will take place next year. **Year 13** results will be released to students on **18<sup>th</sup> August** and **Year 11** on **25<sup>th</sup> August**.

## What will happen if the situation with Covid-19 changes?

The government have also announced that if the situation with Covid-19 changes and there is further significant disruption to education, instead of exams, the government will again ask us to use 'Teacher Assessed Grades', in a process very similar to that used last year. In this situation, assessments completed in your academy would replace the exams and other formal assessments you would have sat in the summer. Your grades would therefore be based on what you know, understand and can do rather than any prediction of what you might have achieved had the pandemic not happened. If this approach is used, your work would only be assessed on the topics that your teachers have been able to teach you.

In order to prepare for the possibility of this approach, the government have asked all schools to start collating examples of work that could count towards your Teacher Assessed Grades **from after the half term break**. This will include evidence from mock examinations and any other class based

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assessments you sit across the year. Therefore, we do need you to work hard to understand all of the topics you have been taught and to engage fully in your learning now that schools have reopened. If your course includes any coursework or controlled assessment, you are expected to have completed this so please do keep up your good work with this.

If these contingency plans do go ahead, we will also ensure that there is a fair approach to assessment for those of you who usually have special access arrangements for your exams or have a disability.

We know that as we move through this year there will be some uncertainty, but we look forward to supporting you fully through this time and to achieving qualifications that you are truly proud of. We will keep in touch as any significant updates are announced by the government.

Should you have any questions or queries that you would like answered now please do get in touch with your academy who will give you the best and most up to date information that we have.

Have a great year and we will give you every support to have a successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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