

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's latest Y11 data, changes to GCSE 2022 and Y11 revision classes

A few weeks ago, we sent login details for our new VLE to all parents. If you haven't done so yet, please log in to check your child's homework, attendance and behaviour. In addition, your child's latest interim report data will be available on the VLE from Wednesday 20th October, under Progress Reports. **As a rule, we will no longer be sending out report data on paper, by default it will be posted onto the VLE. If you require a paper copy, please contact school and we can arrange for this to happen.** The interim report contains the following:

- An overview of the GCSE curriculum for each subject, showing what is studied. There is more information about our curriculum to be found on the school website, under Learning – Curriculum, and also Learning – Knowledge Mats and Knowledge Organisers.
- **An indication of your child's predicted final grade in each subject. Please note: the national changes to GCSE exams in 2022 and how they will be graded means that making accurate final predictions is more difficult than usual. A good way to view the grades would be "this is the most likely final grade at present but it could vary by up to one grade either way".**
- Your child's Attitude to Learning grade – please see overleaf for more detail on this.
- Your child's MEG (minimum expected grade) in each subject. This is based on the past achievements of students nationally, who performed similarly to your child at KS2. This is a benchmark grade, not an aspirational target. We do not want to put any limit on what a child can achieve.

CHANGES TO GCSE 2022

We have now heard from the government of their plans for GCSE exams in 2022. In essence, plan A is that the exams will go ahead in the summer at the usual time, with some modifications that mitigate against the disadvantages caused by Covid disruption. Plan B is that teacher assessment will be used to award final grades.

Modifications to exams

- In English literature, history and geography students will be given choice over certain questions and topics within the paper. Teachers of these subjects are currently working through what this involves and will inform students in due course.
- GCSE art will be assessed by portfolio only; there will not be a final exam in art.
- For all other subjects, schools will be informed of the content of the final papers. This is likely to mean knowing which topics will be on the paper, not which specific questions. Schools will be given this information by **7th February 2022 at the latest** and we will, of course, inform students and parents at that time.
- Students will be allowed to use a formulae sheet in maths and an equations sheet in physics, the precise nature of these sheets is yet to be confirmed.
- Adjustments will be made to the grading of exams in 2022, making national pass rates half way between where they were in 2019 (the last year of full exams) and 2021 (when teacher assessed grades were

used). Students will inevitably start to make predictions about grade boundaries but, as usual, they will be based on how students perform nationally and so won't be known until the results are issued.

- **GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August 2022.**
- You can find the information from the government in full at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/outcome/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

Teacher Assessed Grades

In the event of GCSE exams having to be cancelled again, grades will be awarded by teacher assessment. Although the fine detail of how this may work in 2022 is yet to be released by the government, it may well operate in a similar way to 2021. As part of regular teaching and learning in any Y11, students are assessed regularly, through classwork, homework, past paper questions, mock exams etc. These forms of assessment will continue to happen this year – as always, we encourage your child to simply continue to do their best: act on feedback, talk to their teachers and attend any support sessions that are offered.

REVISION CLASSES FOR Y11 AFTER HALF TERM

Revision classes for Y11 will start after half term. They will play a valuable part in helping your child to get the best grades they possibly can and your child should attend. They will typically finish at 4pm but may vary between subjects. The schedule is as follows:

Weeks commencing 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and 13th December:

Monday - Science

Tuesday - English

Wednesday - RE

Thursday - Maths

Friday - Food (lunchtime)

Weeks commencing 8th November, 22nd November and 6th December:

Monday - Design Technology and Spanish

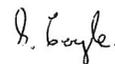
Tuesday - Art and Drama

Wednesday - History

Thursday - Computer Science, French, BTEC Sport and Music

Friday - Geography

Yours sincerely



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