

GCSE Exams 2022

Important information for students, parents and carers

The government have announced that GCSE exams in 2022 are likely to go ahead next summer with adjustments made to individual subjects to counter the impact of the pandemic. Please click [here](#) to access a letter to students from the chair of Ofqual about next summer's GCSE exam arrangements. Below is a summary of some of the adjustments made to GCSE exams;

- In English Literature and History there will be a "choice of **topics** beyond a common core on which students would answer questions in the exams." In Geography, there will be a "choice of **content** beyond a common core on which students would answer questions in the exams".
- In all other subjects, students will be given **advance information** of some of the topics that will come up on the summer exams.
- In Maths, Physics and Combined Science students will be allowed a formulae sheet in the exam.
- In Art and Photography, you will be assessed entirely on your coursework, not by an exam.

Your subject teachers will explain what this will mean for each of your subjects. You can also find [more information on the 2022 changes to exams](#) and [changes to non-exam assessments](#) on the OFQUAL website.

The results day for Year 11 will be 25th August 2022.

Contingency Plan for 2022 Exams

Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs)

If the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, grades will instead be determined by teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach. Below is a [summary](#) of the important information released by Ofqual;

- Students will be told in advance which assessments count towards their Teacher Assessed Grade (For us, this is Prelim 1 and 2 plus another set of examinations should the external summer ones be cancelled).
- The Government have advised that students have 3 assessment/ exam windows : Second half of autumn term, spring term and first half of summer term. We have already planned for our Year 11 students to sit their prelims in the hall as they require all students to be assessed under formal exam conditions at the same time.
- These assessment windows will provide teachers with robust evidence, which they will use to grade each student.

- For GCSE Maths and Science students will have access to formulae sheets in their exams.
- Prelim exam papers and in class assessments must be kept as evidence in school after being marked and shown to students.
- Students must not know the questions in the prelim exams or assessments beforehand, but subject teachers will give students an indicator of what content will appear in the assessments.
- If students miss their prelim exams they **cannot** resit the same paper at a later date.

Please [click here](#) for details on the full contingency arrangements if GCSE exams do not go ahead in 2022.

Additional Support

Subjects are offering additional intervention sessions to support our students. Year 11s (Option 9s and 10s) are encouraged to attend these sessions and may in some cases, be directed to attend. Whilst the additional classes will help, they are not a replacement for independent study at home. Students have full access to a wealth of on-line support materials, most notably Century, Mymaths and Seneca. Through hard work and focused study your child really can succeed. It is crucial for parents and carers to encourage their child to formulate strong study habits at home to help them prepare for these exams.

Whilst we will do everything we can to support your child in school; ultimately, their success is a measure of their own hard work and commitment.

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