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Important Information: GCSE, A Level and Vocational Examinations 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the decisions made following a national consultation by the Department for Education (DFE) and the exams regulator (OFQUAL) on examinations due to take place in all qualifications in the Summer of 2022.

Students will benefit from a range of adaptations to GCSE, AS and A level exams in England. It is intended that these adaptations will help our students reach their potential following the disruptions they have faced in Education.

In summary, these adaptations include:

- The school will be able to select from a choice of optional units/topics for assessment in GCSE English literature, History and Geography based on our coverage in school.
- In other subject areas, Ofqual will provide information to schools in early February 2022 on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects.
- Students will be provided with formulae sheets in GCSE Maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE Combined Science and Physics to use in the exams.
- Requirements for practical Science assessments and practical Art and Design assessments have been made to ensure fairness. GCSE and A level Art students will not sit any examination. The Art qualification will be based entirely on their NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) or more commonly referred to as coursework submission.

These changes will also apply to the November 2022 GCSE English language and mathematics re-sit exams. There will be advance information deployed for both subjects and a formulae sheet will be available for GCSE mathematics. This infographic summarises the changes with further details overleaf.



Exam modifications for 2022		
	GCSE	A level
Optional units in English literature, geography, ancient history and history	✓	✗
Advance notice of topics for all other subjects	✓	✓
Formulae sheets for maths	✓	✗
Equation sheet for physics and combined science	✓	✗
No practical art exam	✓	✓
Results day	25th August	18th August

When will GCSE, Level 2 and level 3 Vocational and A level exams happen in 2022?

All exams will happen as normal in May and June. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) will confirm the summer exam dates shortly, the school cannot control these dates.

What is being done for vocational and technical qualifications in 2022?

It is the Government's intention that exams and assessments for Vocational qualifications should go ahead in 2021/22 academic year.

Adaptations for Vocational and Technical Qualifications have already been confirmed following consultation. The school have been made aware of these changes by their awarding organisations and students will be made aware which units are no longer being assessed by their subject teachers.

When will students get their results?

- A and AS Level, including Level 3 vocational qualifications results day will be held on 18th August 2022.
- GCSE, including Level 2 vocational qualifications, results day will be held on 25th August 2022.

What if we experience further disruption/ closures and examinations cannot take place?

Although it is the DFE's intention for exams to go ahead next year, contingency plans are in place in the event that the situation changes.


In the event that examinations cannot go ahead, OFQUAL and the DFE plan to use Teacher Assessed Grades and are carrying out a further consultation on how this might work in 2022, building on the 2021 process.

Should you wish to read further about the background to the decision you can access this at

[Decisions: proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022)

Thank you for your continued patience and support of the school.

Yours sincerely



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