



Ref: NCS/ssd
Tuesday, 14 December 2021

Dear Year 11 and 13 parents & carers,

Re: Examinations 2022

Following our recent Year 11 and Year 13 parents' evenings and mock exam results, we wanted to update you on the examinations for next summer, as they currently stand.

There are two important messages. These messages have also been communicated to your child:

1. The expectation is that exams will go ahead as normal.

Students will be expected to sit their examination papers. Whilst there have been some allowances within subjects, a full set of examinations will take place.

2. There will need to be contingency plans should a student be unable to sit some or all of their exams.

The government has recently released guidelines for these contingency plans and schools will be expected to prepare for this eventuality. It is important that you know about this because in the event of Covid issues your child's assessments **may** be used to create teacher assessed grades. Whilst we would hope that this is not the case, and the government have said that this would be as a last resort, all students and parents should be aware that every assessment and mock exam that students do going forward could potentially be used to inform a grade that they are awarded. One single piece of assessment or exam grade should not be considered on its own and is no guarantee of a particular grade.

We will provide further rounds of mock exams starting in March. If your child has performed below expectations in our November mock exams they will have the opportunity to improve in March. It is vital that mock exams and any assessments are taken very seriously by students. They need to prepare thoroughly.

There will also be a January exam series for those students taking BTECs. It is imperative that students are preparing thoroughly for these as well. Revision and work outside of lessons will certainly be the key to success.

Please also note the exam results days this year:

- A level results day will be held on 18th August 2022
- GCSE results day will be held on 25th August 2022

As the school year progresses we will endeavour to keep you fully informed of any further announcements, plans for further assessments and details of revision opportunities.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith'.

N Smith
Head of School