

14th December 2021

Re: Summer Examinations and Interventions for Y11

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the contingency plans in the unlikely event that external examinations cannot go ahead as planned in summer 2022, owing to further COVID-19 disruption. Should this be the case then grades will be awarded using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) approach. This means that teachers will gather evidence from lessons, mock examinations and portfolios of work in order to help them to determine your child's grades.

Further information can be found using the following link, which is a letter to students from the Chief Regulator of Ofqual.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

The mock examinations in November have provided us with the essential data to assess your child's current grade, and we have used the data carefully to plan a bespoke period 6 package to suit the needs of each individual student. We will issue students with their period 6 timetables upon their return after the Christmas break. Period 6 sessions will take place Monday – Friday and will resume on Monday 10th January 2022. To this end, I would like to remind you that all students are expected to attend all sessions.

For some students we will also be launching a tutoring program with teachers across the academy. Should your child be invited to these sessions you will receive an additional letter.

I reiterate that we fully expect external examinations to go ahead as planned in 2022 but I hope this letter provides you with an understanding of what might happen, in the unlikely event that this is not the case. I am extremely proud that our Year 11 students have made an excellent start to their final year of GCSEs and I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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