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Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to inform you of the latest information regarding Summer 2022 examinations for both GCSE, AS and A Level students. The government have announced that exams will be going ahead this academic year with slight adaptations for some subjects to support the students.

An Ofqual student blog can be found here: <https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/30/exams-and-assessments-2022-fairness-and-clarity/>

Some key points are:

- There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, History, and Geography.
- Centres will be allowed to deliver practical work by demonstration.
- Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects except GCSE English literature, History and Geography by 7 February 2022 at the latest.
- Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science.

Grading:

- 2022 will be a 'transition year' to reflect the fact that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. Ofqual will therefore aim for grades in 2022 to reflect a midway point between 2021 and 2019. This means that results overall next year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2020.
- Exam boards will use data as a starting point, to align their standards in a subject. But the grade boundaries for each specification will be set by the senior examiners after they have reviewed the work produced by students.
- When predicting grades for UCAS this year, Ofqual recommends that teachers use the 2019 standard as the basis, but that they give borderline students the benefit of any doubt.

The summer examinations season will run from **Monday 16th May – Wednesday 29th June 2022**. We ask that you do not book any holidays or trips during this time.

Results days have also been released by the government as:

A Level = Thursday 18th August

GCSE = Thursday 25th August

Yours faithfully,



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