



11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, earlier this week the exam boards released information regarding the summer examinations. Furthermore, GCSE and A-level examiners have been asked to be more generous in 2022, as advanced information is released to help students with assessments.

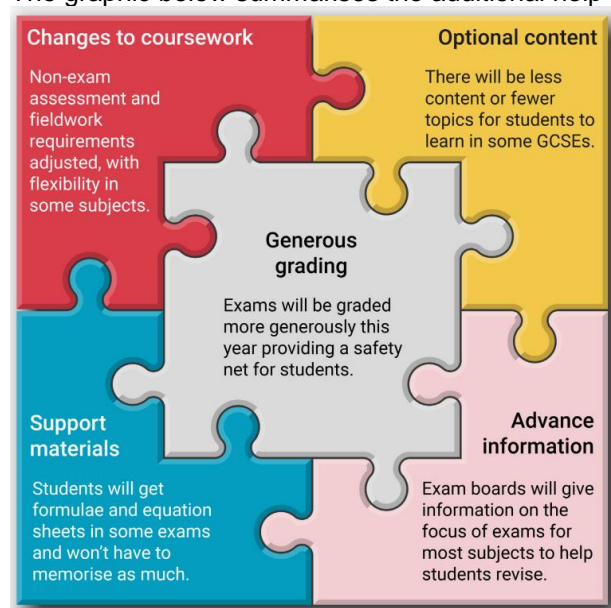
The main changes are:

- Coursework flexibility in some subjects
- Generous grading to provide a safety net
- Optional Content in some GCSEs
- Support Materials - formulae sheets in some exams so students won't have to memorise so much
- Advance information on the focus of some exams

The decision to publish details of topics that will appear has been taken to mitigate the pandemic's impact on both students' learning and the grades they will achieve this summer. This information has only been released to schools at the same time as it was released to the public, so our subject leaders are spending time digesting the information and making adjustments to what the priorities will be for the coming weeks up until the exams. Year 11 and 13 have their next set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) after the half-term break, which will include the aspects of the course that they have most recently studied and also some retrieval from previous topics.

Ofqual has said grade boundaries are likely to be lower than in previous years. The grade boundaries will be set roughly between 2019 pre-pandemic levels and boundaries in 2021 when teacher assessment was used to set grades.

The graphic below summarises the additional help for students taking exams in summer 2022



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We will update you with any further information as it becomes available. In the meantime, all of the information can be found on our [Exams 2022 microsite](#) I trust that you will find this site very informative and includes FAQs.

We are aspirational for all of the students and we will continue to prepare all students for these examinations and to ensure that they are best prepared, achieve their potential, which enables them to take their next steps. Please remember that there are the [GCSE](#) and [A-Level](#) Revision microsities that are there to help the students organise their revision in the run-up to their examinations.

The students will receive their personalised timetable in the coming weeks, however, the overview timetable for the summer exams can be viewed [here](#). The exam boards have also designated **Wednesday 29 June 2022** as a 'contingency day' for examinations. The designation of a 'contingency day' within the examination timetable is in the event of a national or significant local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. Therefore, students must remain available until Wednesday 29 June 2022 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

**Summer 2022 exam results will be available on the following dates:**

- Year 13 - Thursday 18th August
- Year 11 - Thursday 25th August

Please do not hesitate to contact the school, if you have any concerns or want to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

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