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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: Update Regarding Examinations for Year 13

Firstly, I would like to thank all our students for the hard work and effort they are putting into their studies at this time. The Department for Education have now made decisions regarding examinations for 2022.

For GCSE subjects:

For GCSE Maths re-sit there will be a release of topics and formula sheets for Maths at the beginning of February 2022.

For A-Level subjects:

There are adaptations to:

- A-Level Art which will be portfolio only with no external examination;
- Centres will be allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) across the minimum number of practical activities required to enable students to demonstrate their competence in A-level Biology, Chemistry and Physics;
- There will be a release of topics for all other subjects by 7th February 2022, along with formulae sheets for Maths and Science.

For Vocational subjects (BTEC, RSL):

For BTEC Nationals (QCF and RQF) streamlining is available, so that the number of internally assessed units which need to be assessed in full is reduced. RSL Dance remains unchanged.

TAG grades for GCSE and A-Level subjects:

The Department for Education are still asking for a TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) if examinations cannot proceed as planned. We are to hold **3 assessments** for examination classes in the Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms and these must be run like formal examinations with any dispensations, under examination conditions and using GCSE/A-Level examination questions/papers. Students can be given marks, feedback, and grades but NOT their TAG as this is cumulative over the year. For any GCSE/A-Level subject where there is coursework, this will still be used to inform the final grade.



Having reviewed the Year 13 assessments used during the week beginning 18th October 2021, we need to complete further assessments in some subjects before the end of the Autumn term to meet the criteria attached to TAG grades.

- Further Maths: Wednesday 1st December 2021 – 2 hours, P4/5;
- History (1): Friday 3rd December 2021 – 2 hours, P4/5;
- Psychology: Monday 6th December – 1 hour, P1;
- Geography: Wednesday 8th December 2021 – 1 hours, P3;
- History (2): Wednesday 8th December 2021 – 2 hours, P4/5;
- Maths: Monday 13th December 2021 – 2 hours, P1/2;
- Sociology: Monday 13th December 2021 - 1 hour, P4.

Mock examinations have been planned for the Spring and a final assessment in May will be scheduled (if there are no formal examinations). These will be our assessment points and WILL contribute to the overall TAG grade if required.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Robinson
Headteacher

