



1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Assessments Arrangements and Exams

Arrangements for students self-isolating during core mocks

For any students who are self-isolating and well enough to attempt the core mock examinations next week, they will have the opportunity to sit these assessments at home. Once the exams in school have started, our exams officer, Mrs Elliott, will email the assessment to any students that are self-isolating. This will go directly to the student's school email address, so it would be a good idea to check that they can log into the school systems ahead of Monday. Student who are self-isolating can email enquiries@qegs.email for help resetting passwords.

The email will contain instructions on where to return these assessments, which may be:

- Emailed to the class teacher or Curriculum Leader (the email will indicate which)
- Brought back into school on return
- Dropped off at school reception by someone who is not self-isolating

We understand that these are not the same circumstances as those in school, but we do think it is important that students self-isolating have the opportunity to get feedback on what they can do well and what they need to do to improve.

For any students who are not well enough to sit the assessments, please do not worry. We can discuss the best plan for you when you are feeling better.

Update on Exams 2022

At the end of last term, the government opened a consultation on arrangements for exams in 2022, and the decision from that consultation was published yesterday. The full details are on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adaptations-in-2022-summer-examsto-ensure-fairness-for-students>

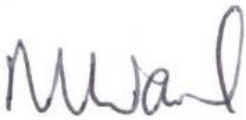
Some of the key information for Year 11 students:

1. GCSE Results day will be Thursday 25th August (with A level results released on Thursday 18th)
2. There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history, and geography. Ofqual will require exam boards to change how they assess these subjects to reflect the expected changes to the way the subject content is assessed, as proposed in the consultation.
3. We will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, and combined science by demonstration if necessary, but we are encouraged to make available hands-on practical activities for their students wherever possible.
4. Students taking GCSE art and design will be assessed on their portfolio only.
5. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE subjects (except GCSE English literature, history, and geography) for the summer 2022 exams. The advance information will meet the principles set out in the consultation document.

6. The DfE has confirmed that this advance information will be provided by 7th February 2022 at the latest. This will enable us to plan to adapt our teaching in the second half of the spring term if necessary (they may release this earlier, and we will obviously let you know if they do).
7. Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics in summer 2022. Exam boards will provide us with copies of the formulae sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams.
8. Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science in summer 2022, covering all the equations required in the subject content. Exam boards will provide us with copies of the equation sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams.

The government and Ofqual have stated that they are confident that exams will go ahead in 2022, but they have published a consultation on contingency plans, should exams be cancelled. The consultation closes on October 13th, and as soon as we have further information on this, we will let you know.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Ward', written in a cursive style.

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