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Dear Year 13 Students and Parents Carers

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-gcses-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 13 students:

1. A level Results day will be Thursday 18th August (with GCSE results released on Thursday 25th)
2. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all AS and A level subjects for the summer 2022 exams. The advance information will meet the principles set out in the consultation document.
3. 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).
4. Centres will be allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC, which you may know as practical endorsement) across the minimum number of practical activities required to enable students to demonstrate their competence in A level biology, chemistry and physics.
5. Students taking A level art and design will be assessed on their portfolio only.
6. 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.

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

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