



Friday 18th February 2022

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Pupils,

Ofqual announcement

As you may be aware, last week saw an announcement from the Office of Examinations and Qualifications Regulation (Ofqual) regarding Year 11 GCSE examinations this summer and as such, I wanted to write to you to update you about this announcement and the implications it has for your child.

The announcement confirmed that, barring an “additional and unforeseen public health emergency”, GCSE examinations will run this summer and will replace the Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) system that was used to award grades in 2020 and 2021. I have produced a short video clip which can be accessed by clicking [here](#), which provides further detail regarding the changes that Ofqual have made to GCSEs this year. I would strongly encourage you to watch this with your child at the earliest opportunity. Further information is also available on the [Ofqual website](#).

Year 11 Hub

As we move towards the summer, given the number of things that we will need to communicate to you, I have created a specific section on our website titled ‘Year 11 Hub’. Over the coming weeks and months, you will begin to find a range of helpful documentation and support in this area, which will be easily accessible for you. The Year 11 Hub can be found under the tab titled ‘Supporting Pupil Progress’.

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

Given the changes to examinations this year, we thought it would be helpful to run a short information briefing for parents, just prior to the Easter break. This will take place on **Wednesday 6th April between 6:30pm and 7:30pm**. The briefing will contain lots of useful information regarding exam timetables, exam regulations, information regarding how we will support your child (and you!) in the lead-up to the examinations in the summer and a great opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Additional Year 11 Parents’ Evening for specific pupils

Whilst many of our Year 11 pupils are making excellent progress, there are a number who we feel would benefit from an opportunity to meet with a senior member of staff and their parents/carers to discuss how the pupil concerned can best use the available time remaining in Year 11 to ensure that they achieve their target grades. If your child is in this group, you will be contacted separately, by letter, from Ms Patel (Assistant Headteacher) in the coming days to invite you to make an appointment on the **evening of Thursday 3rd March at the school**.

After-school study/revision sessions

Whilst there have already been a large number of additional after-school sessions across various subjects, when we return from half-term, we begin the final nine-week countdown to the first exam. From w/c 28th February and

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continuing until the exams, Year 11 pupils will have access to a comprehensive range of after-school study/revision sessions, which we would very much encourage them to attend. The full programme will be shared with parents and pupils on Monday 28th February. As ever, I am indebted to my wonderful team of staff for being so giving with their additional time, outside the normal school-day, in support of your children.

I look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,



Gareth Burton
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