14th October 2021

Dear Students and Families,

As you know the government has advised that all students will sit GCSE, vocational and technical (VTQs) exams and assessments in 2022. They recognise that students have faced disruption over the last two years and have announced the following measures to make sure that they aren’t disadvantaged:

They include:

* A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English Literature, History, Ancient History and Geography.
* Providing advance information on the focus of exams to support students’ revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics – this will be provided by 7th February.
* Giving students formulae sheets in GCSE Maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE Combined Science and Physics.
* Changing requirements for practical science work and practical art and design assessments to ensure fairness.

These changes will also apply to the November 2022 GCSE English Language and Mathematics re-sit exams. There will be advance information deployed for both subjects in July, and a formulae sheet will be available for mathematics.

All GCSE exams will take place in May and June as normal and the JCQ will confirm the summer exam dates shortly. Students will get their results as normal on the following date:

**GCSE Results Day - 25th August 2022**

**BTEC and CTEC** courses will be awarded on or before GCSE results day.

Other types of qualifications such as Functional Skills Qualifications and those that are not tied to an academic year will continue to be awarded throughout the year.

Ofqual has also [confirmed its plans for grading standards for both autumn 2021 and summer 2022](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTM3NTU3Mzc%3AMDItYjIxMjczLWQwMDNkYzA1MjEyOTRiMWNhNjMyOTI0YzEwMjBmNzg0%3Acy5sYWtlQHN5ZGVuaGFtLmxld2lzaGFtLnNjaC51aw%3AYWNjb3VudC1hNTQxNmEwZjBlMDllMzExOGI2Mjc4ZTNiNTE5YjBhNS1iZWY5Y2U5ODI5NGQ0YTcxYTI5MTUxMmRhMTg0ZDM2NA%3AdHJ1ZQ%3AOA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL2dvdmVybm1lbnQvc3BlZWNoZXMvb2ZxdWFscy1hcHByb2FjaC10by1ncmFkaW5nLWV4YW1zLWFuZC1hc3Nlc3NtZW50cy1pbi1zdW1tZXItMjAyMi1hbmQtYXV0dW1uLTIwMjE_X2NsZGVlPWN5NXNZV3RsUUhONVpHVnVhR0Z0TG14bGQybHphR0Z0TG5OamFDNTFhdyUzZCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1hY2NvdW50LWE1NDE2YTBmMGUwOWUzMTE4YjYyNzhlM2I1MTliMGE1LWJlZjljZTk4Mjk0ZDRhNzFhMjkxNTEyZGExODRkMzY0JmVzaWQ9N2NiMDc2MTgtY2YyMS1lYzExLWI2ZTYtMDAwZDNhYWYzNzY2&K=bSVm2DXISnnWy1VEEs94Jw). For the past two years, summer exams have not been able to take place and, instead, students have been awarded grades by their teachers. This different approach to assessment has led to higher outcomes and so in order to return to the pre-pandemic standard Ofqual will not be doing this in one single year. Instead, 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students’ education has been disrupted. In 2022 the aim, therefore, will be to move grading to a point close to midway between 2021 and 2019.

Results are likely to be higher than in 2019, but not as high as in 2020. Ofqual aims to return to results that are in line with pre-pandemic years in the summer series of 2023.

We will continue to update you as we receive further guidance and you can find out more information via this link to the government website: [Exams in 2022 - everything you need to know.](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/30/exams-in-2022-everything-you-need-to-know/)

Yours sincerely,

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