

28 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Statistics Update – Year 10

We received further information from the examination boards at the beginning of last week and can now share the arrangements for the series of in-class assessments that will take place this half term.

In-Class Assessments to Support Summer Grading

These are the final and key in-class assessments that will be taking place over the remainder of this half-term. Along with some previous work, this will enable the mathematics team to submit initial grades for moderation before these are then sent to the examination board for further moderation and ratification. All assessments will be undertaken in line with published guidance from the examination board.

DATE AND TIME	PAPER
Friday 7 May, period 1	1-hour calculator paper
Tuesday 18 May, period 2	1-hour calculator paper

Please ensure that your son/ward brings their scientific calculator with them (as they should every day) for these assessments.

Attendance at Assessments

It is vital that students attend school every day. We cannot assess students accurately if they miss these assessments.

If a student needs to self-isolate due to COVID-19, please do contact us as soon as possible so that we can put the relevant support in place.

Access Arrangements & Special Considerations

For the students who already have pre-arranged access arrangements, they will be supported for these in-class assessments in the usual way. All students have been told to inform their teacher immediately if they have any circumstances or issues which they think might affect any assessments. The [JCQ document](#) attached to your email has further details on this.

Advice and Support

Colleagues in school will continue to provide the usual range of support this term. In addition, Ofqual (the examinations regulator) have published a [blog](#), which is a short read but also provides good information and support. You can click on the link or read it as an attachment to your email.

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The Appeals Process

You can find on the school website and linked [here](#), the guidance from JCQ (the Joint Council for Qualifications) on how grades are awarded. It also contains information about any potential appeals process, should you feel this is necessary. We would encourage parents/carers and students to be familiar with this document.

The Potential for Examination Malpractice

The final grades submitted to the examination board will not be shared with students or family members. The integrity of the examinations system needs to be maintained, so please do not make contact with any member of staff regarding the grade, as colleagues are instructed to not respond. If a parent/carer or student endeavours to place pressure on an individual member of staff, it is likely that this will be reported to the examination board as potential malpractice.

Further Key Information

PARENTS' EVENING

This is set for Thursday 20 May. It will be a virtual event - more information will be provided nearer to the time.

YEAR 10 SUMMER EXAMINATIONS

We are working on the timetable for end-of-year examinations which will take place in all subjects in formal conditions at the end of June/beginning of July. Further details will be available by the Parents' Evening.

REVISION

This week, students have had an assembly giving advice on preparing for linear examinations. Study support sessions led by form tutors during this term will focus on revision strategies and techniques. The actions from the assembly are for students to do the following:

1. Plan a revision timetable and post it in their study space - recommended revision time is 1.5 - 2 hours per day. Students should regularly switch between subjects and units.
2. Know the examination specification for each subject being studied. These can be found on the school website under "Curriculum".
3. Investigate the assessment materials for each of the subjects.

Please encourage your son/ward to fully engage with revision and check that he has completed his revision timetable this weekend.

Thank you for all of your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,



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