

8 December 2021

Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer and Student,

Summer Examinations 2022

Information contained in this letter is to add clarity to previous messages and the current Year 13 December examinations. The DfE and Ofqual are doing everything they can to ensure the examinations will run next summer. However, please see below information from the DfE and Ofqual on the exams for summer 2022.

Grading

When grading exams in 2022, we will aim for a grading standard that reflects a midway point between 2021 and 2019. This means that exam boards will set the grade boundaries so that more students get higher grades in 2022 than before the pandemic. This will provide a safety net for those students who might otherwise just miss out on a higher grade. We have taken this decision to reflect the disruption that you as a cohort have experienced already in your course. Grading is monitored by the experts every step of the way, and as usual, we will review results for each subject before you get them.

Contingency Arrangements

Though we expect exams to go ahead as planned, if the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, your grades will instead be determined by your teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach. This means that your teachers will gather evidence, through assessments, to help them determine Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) if exams do not take place.

Due to this, please be aware that we have been asked to keep your December examination papers, and if a decision is made to cancel public examinations these will form part of the evidence that is used to determine a centre assessed grade. You can see the full details [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



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