



1st March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with a further update on this summer's exams, and with a request for your support in helping to prepare your child for the next – and final – session of mock exams this half-term.

On Monday 7th February, all exam boards had to publish final details of any changes or support being offered for this summer's exams in light of the Covid pandemic. When this information was received, our Curriculum Leaders scrutinised this, and have summarised the changes to exams that students need to be aware of for this summer. They are compiled in a list at the end of this letter, so that you are fully informed of how your child will be assessed this summer.

We have a full suite of mock examinations beginning on **Monday 7th March**, which will last for two weeks. In this final set of mock examinations, students will sit all papers due to be assessed in the summer and will receive a full set of results which will be as close as possible to the real exams.

It is therefore vital that students attend all of the examination sessions, and we ask your support in making sure that there is full attendance during this period. Students will need to be completing revision in the evenings and preparing themselves for the next day by being well-rested and focused, arriving at school on time. During the two weeks we will have morning revision sessions available from 7.30am each day, and the Dining Room will allow them to have a free breakfast while they study.

These examinations will also form the basis of any evidence needed in the event of examinations being cancelled, though this looks increasingly unlikely this year. Your support is highly valued.

I will write to you later in the term with details of our Easter holiday revision programme. Until then, please stay safe and well, and we thank you for your continued support of the school.

Best wishes,

Mr S Blower
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum





Exam Adaptations for 2021/22 Summer

It is worth noting that BTEC subjects and those subjects without exams have undergone no further changes in this new information, and students are already aware of the requirements in these subjects.

The following changes have been made to the examinations this summer:

Art and Design

Art, Craft and Design, students will complete Component 1 (Personal investigation) only.

This means that students won't need to start or complete Component 2

Biology

Students have been informed of the main topics for each paper, listed in rank order, with the areas carrying the highest mark allocations at the top of each list. Topics not explicitly given in the list may appear in multiple-choice items, low tariff questions, or via synopticity. The document for Biology has been posted on TEAMS and is also available at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

Chemistry

Students have been informed of the main topics for each paper, listed in rank order, with the areas carrying the highest mark allocations at the top of each list. The inclusion of Required Practicals in the lists below should not be taken to imply direct references to those procedures quoted in the Practical Handbook. They are there to give a general idea of the context in which practical work is being assessed. Assessment of practical skills and maths skills occurs throughout the three papers. Topics not explicitly given in the list may appear in multiple-choice items, low tariff questions, or via synopticity. The document for Chemistry has been posted on TEAMS and is also available at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

Computer Science

This year students have been told which topics will come up in the Computer Science exam paper. This list shows the topics in specification order and the order of the questions but any prior knowledge needed for these topics is not necessarily on the list. This document has been posted on TEAMS and is also available on the OCR - AS and A Level Computer Science webpage, by clicking on 'Advance information. The notice does not cover the NEA (Non-Examined Assessment), which is still required for submission. Further information and full details can be obtained on the OCR webpage: [https://ocr.org.uk/images/H446 A Level Computer Science Advance Information_Jun2022.pdf](https://ocr.org.uk/images/H446_A_Level_Computer_Science_Advance_Information_Jun2022.pdf)

Economics

This year's Year 13 Economics A Level students have been told which topics will come this summer. This list includes the topics for Paper 1 which is Micro Economics. Paper 2 which is Macro Economics and Paper 3 which are the Principles of Economics. This document has been shared with students on TEAMS and is also available on the AQA Economics website under Advanced Information-changes to 2022.





English Literature: The only advanced information given for the Literature exam is that in the Shakespeare module, the extract will be taken from Act One of Hamlet.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information>

Geography

(Human/ NEA): This year students have been told which topics will come up on the human exam paper. This list does not show the order of the questions and any prior knowledge needed for these topics is not necessarily on the list. This document has been posted on TEAMS and this is also available on the AQA geography webpage under 'Advance information- Changes for 2022'. Students are still required to submit the NEA (Non-Examined Assessment), although no fieldwork element is required. There is flexibility on how primary data is collected. Further information can be obtained on the AQA webpage. <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037/changes-for-2022>

History

Students have been informed of the key changes and have received an outline of what is still included and what has been taken out. This applies to both the examination for Challenge and Transformation: Britain 1851 to 1964 and Fascism in Italy 1900 to 1945. There are no changes to the coursework which is due 08/04/22. <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042/changes-for-2022>

Mathematics and Further Mathematics

This year students have been told which topics will come up on each of the papers they will sit in the summer. This list does not show the order of the questions and any prior knowledge needed for these topics is not necessarily on the list. This document has been posted on TEAMS and this is also available on the Edexcel Maths webpage under 'Advance information'

Physics

Students have been informed of the main topics for each paper, listed in rank order, with the areas carrying the highest mark allocations at the top of each list. Topics not explicitly given in the list may appear in multiple-choice items, low tariff questions, or via synopticity. The document for Physics has been posted on TEAMS and is also available at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

Psychology

This year students have been told which topics are the main focus for revision across the three papers, the options element of the applied paper is the only one that reduces content. This list does not show the order of the questions or any prior knowledge needed. The expectation is that students will still be required to cover and revise all content in order to answer questions where synoptic links need to be made. This document has been posted on TEAMS and is also available on the OCR Psychology webpage under 'Advance information- Changes for 2022'
<https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information/>





Religious Studies

This year students have been told which topics will come up on all three exam papers (Sikhism, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics). This list does not show the order of the questions and any knowledge drawn from other areas of the specification that may be useful. This document has been posted on the RS TEAMS channel and is also available on the EDUQAS Religious Studies webpage: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/umbraco/surface/blobstorage/download?nodeId=39583>

Sociology

This year students have been told which topics will come up on questions worth 20 marks or more. This list does not show the order of the questions or prior knowledge needed for these topics. The expectation is that students will still be required to cover and revise all content in order to answer questions below 20 marks. This document has been posted on TEAMS and is also available on the AQA sociology webpage under 'Advance information- Changes for 2022' <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/changes-for-2022>

