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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you today as Ofqual – the examinations regulator for England – made an announcement yesterday regarding arrangements for examinations that are planned take place summer 2022.

From the perspective of your child in Year 11, we continue to be told that GCSE examinations in England will still take place in the summer of 2021 and we will continue to plan for this. This continues to be the default position of the Department for Education, and this information is detailed in the link below:

[Guidance for schools, colleges and other exam centres on contingency arrangements for students entering GCSEs, AS and A levels, the Advanced Extension Award and Project qualifications in summer 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-other-exam-centres-on-contingency-arrangements-for-students-entering-gcse-as-and-a-levels-the-advanced-extension-award-and-project-qualifications-in-summer-2022)

Some key pieces of information from this document include:

- No examination for art and design subjects. Assessments will be centred on the portfolio pieces students have been working towards.
- students taking GCSEs in English literature, history, ancient history and geography will not need to cover the usual range of content in the exams – the exam boards have published information on their websites on how this will work for each of their specifications in these subjects. Students taking GCSEs in all other subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to support their revision. The advance information for GCSE and AS and A levels will be published no later than **7 February 2022**.
- students taking GCSE mathematics will be given in their exams copies of formulae they would in other years have to memorise
- students taking GCSE physics and combined science will be given in their exams a sheet covering all the equations they might need to apply in the exams

Ofqual have released a letter to students which I would encourage year 11 students to read: [Letter to students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/letter-to-students-gov-uk)

Theale Green staff have been both delighted and impressed by the way to many Year 11 pupils have embraced the challenge of the school year. We will continue to use form tutor and RSHE time as an opportunity to bolster students' well being whilst preparing for their next steps.



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Next week we will be sharing the full details for the mock examinations which will take place at the end of November. Year 11 have an assembly on Monday where I will guide them through the process. Part of this includes planning their revision and our website includes successful revision techniques that I would encourage students to investigate: <https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/year-11-revision/>

The last couple of years have involved a great deal of uncertainty. We cannot speculate on what will happen, and we will continue to do all we can to support your child through year 11. All staff are on their side and we will do whatever we can to get them where they want to go.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Yours sincerely

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