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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 13, we continue to be told that GCE and Btec 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 AS and A levels 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**.

Ofqual have released a letter to students which I would encourage year 13 students to read: [Letter to students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/letter-to-students)

Theale Green staff have been both delighted and impressed by the way to many Year 13 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.

Year 13 have their mock examinations that will take place in January 2022, and I will be sharing details regarding these before the end of the term. It is important that students plan their revision now to ensure these assessments are a success for them. Our website includes successful revision techniques that I would encourage students to investigate: <https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/year-11-revision/>



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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 13. 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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