

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, the Department for Education asked all schools to prepare an exam contingency plan.

Whilst it is hoped that summer 2022 exams will take place as planned, there is also a need and expectation to plan around the possibility of the exams, once again, being cancelled and replaced by a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) process.

In light of this request, I am writing to let you know that there have to be 3 assessment periods for year 13 students, one in each term, and that these assessments will be used to inform any overall Teacher Assessed Grade for your son/daughter should this become necessary.

The Trial Exams scheduled for January will form one of the three pieces of evidence and are, therefore, of great significance for students, i.e. they must be prepared for thoroughly and properly in the knowledge that they will be used to help determine final grades if we move to a TAG process again.

Further assessments are scheduled for the end of February into March, and we are likely to carry out a further assessment during the weeks commencing 2nd May and 9th May respectively. These would then form the three significant pieces of evidence required to award a final grade in summer 2022.

Of course, we hope that the planned exams can take place in May and June 2022, but it is important that you know the details of the school contingency plan.

Students will be made aware of this plan in the next week.

Best wishes

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