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Dear Parent,

GCSE Exams Summer 2022

We have now been back at school for a month and it is lovely to see the maturity our students have returned with.

This is an important year for our Year 11 students so the exams team, Mrs Robinson and myself, will endeavour to keep you informed and up to date with information regarding your GCSEs as it becomes available during the year.

Ofqual released yesterday the outcomes from the consultation that took place in the summer to decide the potential format of the exam series in summer 2022.

To read the full document follow this link:

[Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107222/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022.pdf)

In summary what it means for summer 2022:

1. There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history and geography from which students can choose. AQA have released their information for English Literature and History. We are still awaiting information for Geography.
2. Students will be able learn the practical element of GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, combined science, by demonstration. Although as a school we will continue to make available hands-on practical activities for our students wherever possible.
3. Students taking **GCSE art and design** will be assessed on their portfolio only and there will be **no exam**.
4. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE subjects (except GCSE English literature, history and geography) for the summer 2022 exams. This information will be provided next year on 7 February 2022 to support student revision. **In the meantime, students are expected to continue working hard and revising the whole curriculum rather than second guessing what may or may not be on the exam.**

5. Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics in summer 2022. This will be shared by Exam Boards and used by your teachers to ensure that you are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the formulae sheet will be provided in the exams.
6. Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE Physics and Combined Science in summer 2022, covering all the equations required in the subject content. Similar to Maths, this will be shared by Exam Boards and used by teachers in lessons, to ensure that you are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the equation sheet will be provided in the exams.

We anticipate information for Geography to be released imminently as the information for English Literature and history has been released. Our staff will speak to students, and we will write to you when we have clarified the exact alterations for our students for these three qualifications.

It is not clear when the format of the formula papers for maths and science will be released. Students should continue to work on learning and using their formulae. As a maths teacher I anticipate that the formula paper may mimic the formula page that used to be in place on the old maths GCSE, in which case only a select number of higher tier formulae were on it. We await clarification.

As yet there is no guidance released on any potential alterations to the Cambridge National qualifications. Last year those changes were released after the GCSE changes were announced.

Kibworth Mead Academy Mock Exams in Year 11

At Kibworth, to help prepare our students for their final exams we run Pre-Public Exams (PPEs), also known as Mocks. Normally, this includes three opportunities; end of Yr10, November in Yr11 and February Yr11. With the increase of Covid in our local area, the Yr10 exams were significantly disrupted. It is therefore even more important that we run exams for our students in November. Students will take exams in all of their subjects that have an exam element. Some subjects will examine the full course (such as Maths, 3 exams), others will examine part of the course (such as Science, 3 exams instead of 6). The art mock exam will still go ahead to give students time to work on their portfolios as they will now account for 100% of their grade.

These exams will help teachers decide upon predicted grades, to go on College applications in December. They will also be used as evidence should we need to submit teacher assessed grades to exam boards, as we did for GCSEs in 2021. As such, it is really important that students prepare for these exams and take them seriously. Do not use them as a test to see what is known without any revision. It is also still our intent to run the second series of PPE exams at the end of February; not all subjects choose to do an exam in this series. Again, they should be taken seriously to help in preparation for the final exams in the summer.

Key dates

- November Pre Public Exams Monday 1st November to Friday 19th November
- February Pre Public Exams Monday 28th February to Friday 11th March

Equipment

Following safety guidelines, we will no longer be able to provide students with equipment for your exams, other than the exam papers themselves. You will need to bring your own equipment. You will need:

- **Compulsory:** Black biro pens, pencil, clear 30cm ruler, pair of compasses, clear protractor, rubber, pencil sharpener, scientific calculator, and coloured pencils for Design & technology.

- **Optional:** Pencil case (must be clear), highlighters

Further updates

Year 10 mock results have been issued to students by teachers over the past few weeks. They will receive an overview sheet next week.

Revision sessions have commenced at lunch or after school in some subjects. This will expand over the forthcoming weeks.

If you have any specific questions, please email Mrs Robinson or myself.

Yours faithfully

Helen Stockwell

Vice Principal