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Dear Students and Parents/Carers

### **Re Arrangements for exams 2022**

As you will no doubt be aware, this summer's exams are due to go ahead as planned. Today the DFE announced through the exam board websites, what content students should be prioritising leading up to the exams and which topics from the specification will be examined. Each subject has a different set of information which staff will be sharing with students over the coming days in order to make sure they are properly prepared for their summer exams. The information from each exam board and therefore each subject, can be found on the following links;

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/2022-everything-you-need-to-know/as-a-level-and-gcse-assessment-arrangements-2022/advance-information/>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/2021-2022-exam-changes/subject-changes-for-2022>

[Advance information for summer 2022 exams now available \(ocr.org.uk\)](#)

[Summer 2022 support | Pearson qualifications](#)

I wanted to reassure you that staff will be prioritising their Y13 teaching in order to make sure that the areas outlined by the exam boards, are kept in sharp focus. Therefore, the sequencing (order of delivery of content) will be adapted to meet the exam boards declaration on advanced information. Each subject is unique, so if you have a specific question, please contact the member of staff directly.

I have put together a 'FAQs' list below. If after reading you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or your subject teachers.

Take care and best wishes



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Question	Response
<b>Will exams go ahead as normal?</b>	At the moment all indications are that exams will go ahead according to the published timetable, which you can find on the exam boards website and will also be shared by Chapeltown in the coming weeks.
<b>What if I have COVID during the exams?</b>	In a normal exam season, illness during exams comes under 'special consideration'. This is when we will declare to the exam board that a student has been ill or had a severe event which has prevented them from attending the exam. Should a student have to isolate due to COVID, this will be the same this year. We will of course, need proof of a positive test.
<b>After today's announcements, what changes will happen to the teaching of my subjects?</b>	This will depend on individual subjects and what has already been taught or not. It will also depend on the priority order or advanced notice declaration for each subject. Please contact subject teachers for more info should it be needed. In the next week or so, we will be publishing on our website, any changes to content delivery for each subject.
<b>Will I have been taught content that is not on the exams?</b>	The exam boards have prioritised topics or declared more information about the exams content for the summer. This will help with the teaching of content left to cover and also revision of material already taught. In some cases, students may have been taught material that is not prioritised, but most subjects will have declared that it is still possible for any and all content to be examined. Don't assume that some non-priority topics won't be asked about. The staff will help you with deciding on what topics to prioritise over others.
<b>How do I get support with my revision and learning?</b>	All teaching staff are now doing interventions for Y13 each week. The students and you will have been told on their report if they are required to attend. We code these as RED, students who are encouraged to attend are AMBER. The staff are making plans on the inset day this Thursday 10 February, to make sure that intervention is targeted to the priority content and skills, so that the sessions can be more focussed. There is also intervention during the holidays for some subjects. Staff will let students know when these are running. We have also provided 1:1 support for some students and also online resources such as Seneca. Again, subject staff can provide more details.
<b>When are the mock exams?</b>	Monday 7 March to Wednesday 16 March. All exams will be in the hall unless students have access arrangements. Students will be on study leave whilst they take mock exams, so there will be no form time, assemblies or RS.
<b>What will be on the mock exams?</b>	Content which has been declared by the exam boards as priority will be examined the most, but also some non-priority content could be included.