



RE: Examinations update for certificating year groups

Monday 10th January 2022

Dear families,

I am writing to update you on some aspects regarding examinations for certification students (Y11 and Y13) for summer 2022.

Please see below for upcoming key dates:

Date(s)	Event
WB 10-01-22	<i>Y11 form changes based on mock exam data</i>
Wednesday 12-01-22	<i>Y11 Parents' evening (online)</i>
Friday 14-01-22	<i>Y11 and Y13 reports published</i>
WB 14-02-22	<i>Y13 mock 2 week 1</i>
WB 28-02-22	<i>Y13 mock 2 week 2</i>
WB 07-03-22	<i>Y11 mock 2 week 1</i>
WB 14-03-22	<i>Y11 mock 2 week 2</i>

The DfE and Ofqual have so far indicated that examinations will go ahead as planned. Part of their support for students is to indicate via advance information, on the content of some GCSE, AS and A level exams, which the exam boards will be publishing by 7th February 2022.

The publication of advance information in general qualifications is a key adaptation to examinations, aiming to support students and teachers in focusing revision for exams. It is intended to make sure that exams and exam boards are being as fair as possible to students given the disruption they have experienced, and many continue to face, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The advance information will reflect this to some degree as each of the materials has been tailored to the relevant subject and specification. In each case it has been carefully designed to support the same purpose; to provide appropriate guidance to teachers and students to focus revision.

In some cases, for example, the information will provide a list of topics that will be the focus of the exam, or parts of it. In other cases, the information will identify a section of a set work (such as a text), and the extract used in the exam will be taken from this smaller section. Other approaches have been taken elsewhere.

I have provided the summary FAQ from JCQ regarding advance information and this may support any questions you have so I urge you and your child to read this together so that you are fully aware of what is going to happen.

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Students_AI_FAQs_Summer_2022.pdf

Students will also be updated and informed of key changes via assemblies and letters.

As part of our continued support for lost learning, we have an opportunity for online 1 to 1 tutoring available for GCSE subjects. If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, please contact me on my email address gshahzad@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk. This is provided by 'My Tutor' and all costs will be met by the academy. We will also be offering KS5 subjects later and further information will be shared by Mr Bowers in due course.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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