



EXAMS 2022

Updates and Contingency Plans



Recently published Ofqual guidance outlined :

- Measures and advance information designed to help mitigate the impact of disruption to education during the pandemic
- Amended exam timetable – Summer 2022
- Contingency plans in the event that exams are cancelled

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Mitigation Measures



Advance information about the exam

To help students revise, exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of exams for all subjects at GCSE, AS and A-level – with the exception of:

GCSE English Literature

GCSE History

GCSE Geography

GCSE and A-level Art and Design

Exam boards will publish advance information by 7 February 2022 – or earlier if the impact of the pandemic worsens.



Optionality

Students will be given some choice about the topics or content that they will be assessed on in the following qualifications only:

GCSE English Literature - our students will be assessed on Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls (they will not be doing the poetry section).

GCSE History - our students will be assessed on Medicine in Britain and the Western Front, Weimar and Nazi Germany and Henry VIII and his Ministers (they will not be doing Superpower Relations and the Cold War).

GCSE Geography - our students will be assessed on the full content on Paper 1, Paper 2 they will be assessed on Urban Challenges and The Economic World (not Resources Management) and on Paper 3 there will no questions relating to the field trip.



Formulae Sheets

Students will be given a formulae sheet in GCSE Maths and a revised equations sheet in GCSE Physics and GCSE Combined Science covering all the equations required in the subject content.

As well as being provided to students in exams, exam boards will make these sheets available to schools beforehand for use in lessons so students can familiarise themselves with them.



Practical Work

There will be changes to the practical work requirements for some subjects: GCSE and A-level Art and Design students will only be assessed on their portfolio (there will be no externally set exam project).

GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Science, – student will not have to complete the set practical's, they can be demonstrated by their class teacher.

For the Practical Endorsement for A-level Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, teachers are allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) across a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 12 practical activities.



Non-exam assessment (NEA)

GCSE PE – Students will be assessed in two practical activities rather than three.

GCSE Food and Nutrition – NEA1 (Food Investigation Task) is no longer required. NEA2 (Food Preparation Task) remains but students will only have to complete two dishes within 3 hours.

GCSE and A-Level Media Studies – NEA (Creating a Media Product) has been adapted to allow the submission of prototypes/mock ups with supporting evidence, use non-original images and an amended brief which give additional guidance will be issued.

GCSE Music – Students will need to submit either a solo or an ensemble performance. Students will need to compose one piece of music.

GCSE Drama – Student can perform a monologue or duologue and the minimum performance time has been reduced to 2 minutes (from 4 minutes)



GCSE Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Exam boards will only include vocabulary that's on the vocabulary lists for assessments in GCSE MFL

Exam boards will include an extra optional question in the writing assessment to help students to focus on fewer themes in their writing.

Teachers and students should prepare for spoken language in 2022 to be assessed in the normal way, through formal speaking tests. There will be a contingency of using the published criteria to award an endorsed grade if it's not possible for the formal tests to go ahead as planned.

Exam Timetable Structure



In Summer 2022 exam timetables will be designed to give a 10 day gap between papers.

This would mean that any student who was required to self-isolate would only miss one paper.

Special Consideration (Spec Con) could then be applied for and a grade awarded.

Contingency Plans



In the event that further restriction prevent examinations being held on a national or regional level, TAGs (Teacher/Centre Assessed Grades) would be used to award grades to students.



Requirements

- Students should be assessed under exam like conditions
- Students studying the same subject should be assessed at the same time, using the same assessment materials.
- Students should work independently and without assistance
- Student should have access to formula sheets and equations
- Access arrangements should be applied.
- Student should not be allowed to resit assessments.
- Assessments should be completed at the end of the Autumn Term 2021, Spring Term 2022 and the start of the Summer Term 2022.
- Students must be told before they take each assessment that their performance in it would be used as part of the evidence to determine a TAG if exams are cancelled.

Chilwell School - Plan



Contingency Assessment 1

- Mock Exams scheduled for 6th – 21st December 2021
In most subjects, students will complete a full set of exam papers in each subject.

Contingency Assessment 2

- w/c 21st February 2022 students will complete a week of assessments.
Students will sit one paper in each subject, under external exam conditions.

Contingency Assessment 3

- w/c 28th March 2022 students will complete a week of assessments.
Students will sit one paper in each subject, under external exam conditions.



Contingency Assessments

- Published exam timetable organised by our exams officer
- Completed in exam venues and access arrangements facilitated
- Invigilators will supervise and support

- Internally marked by class teachers
- Moderated by faculty leaders
- Quality assured by SLT

- Teachers will give students feedback, however, this is **not** confirmation of a TAG.
- It will **not** be possible for a teacher to determine a TAG unless and until Ofqual set specific guidance on the determination of TAGs for 2022, which they will only do if exams are cancelled.



Please don't worry ...

- All efforts will be made to enable exams to be taken in summer 2022
- Balance the requirements from Ofqual and the impact on learning
- Assessment will be used to give feedback and identify further learning needs.
- Students would 'normally' be completing past papers to prepare for the summer exams.
- Excellent preparation for a different format of exams.
- We will communicate any updates to this information



Year eleven parents' evening – 13th January 2022

Year thirteen parents' evening – 31st March 2022
