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Dear Parent/Carer,

2022 exam changes – advance information released on 7th February 2022

To support students and teachers in preparing for final examinations, exam boards have published advance information about the focus of exams for most subjects at GCSE, AS and A-level.

Advance information is one part of the package of changes for 2022. For some qualifications other amendments have been made, such as optionality, changes to non-exam assessment (NEA) and fieldwork requirements, and providing equation sheets in exams.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have produced guidance specifically for students on the use of advanced information for 2022. This publication is linked below.

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/JCQ_Advance-Information-Student-Guide.pdf

Our teachers are currently digesting the recently published guidance and will be using this, in conjunction with feedback from the ongoing preliminary examinations, to inform teaching and learning for each subject in order to ensure students are fully prepared for final examinations.

Year 11 and 13 revision and guidance evening

We understand that this is a challenging time for our Year 11 and 13 students and parents as we prepare for final examinations, particularly given the circumstances we have found ourselves in during the pandemic.

Now that restrictions have eased and face-to-face gatherings are permitted, we would like to invite all Year 11 and Year 13 students and parents to join us for a **Revision and Guidance Evening on Wednesday 2nd March. Year 11 parents are invited from 5-6pm and Year 13 parents are invited from 6-7pm.** During this evening we will provide information on how students can best prepare for final examinations and strategies for parents to support with this. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

We do expect that examinations will go ahead as planned in the summer, however contingency arrangements remain in place in line with guidance from Ofqual and JCQ. These arrangements were outlined in a previous letter to parents, linked below for your reference.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Parents-of-Y11-students.pdf>

For information regarding specific qualifications each examination board has a dedicated webpage. These are linked below for your reference.

AQA

www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes

OCR

<https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information/>

EDEXCEL

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2022-support.html>

EDUQAS

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/home/2022-here-to-support-you/>

Thank you for all that you are currently doing in supporting your child with their final examination preparation. We look forward to seeing you at our Guidance and Revision evening on 2nd March.

Yours sincerely,

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