

October 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

On Monday 15th November, our Year 11 students will begin their mock examinations. The examination period will last for two weeks and students will sit papers in almost all of their subjects.

The main focus of the mock examinations is to provide both students and staff with an indication of where good progress is being made and where further work is needed. Considering the disruption to our Year 11 students' education over the last 18 months, these examinations present an excellent opportunity for everyone to review what needs to be done during the final few months of Year 11.

Students have had an assembly to provide further details on the examinations as well as some guidance on revision strategies. More information regarding the revision process can be found on the school website at <https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/school-life/revision/> Mock examination timetables will be given directly to the students once they are finalised.

We appreciate that many of our students will be apprehensive about sitting a full round of examinations, however, this provides an opportunity for them to build on the experience of the Year 10 examinations and undergo the preparation process required for an intensive period of exams.

We will continue to apply safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 during this period. Sanitiser will be used before and after examinations and only Year 11 students will be in the examination hall. Invigilators will be wearing PPE and students will collect their own paper on entry to the hall and deposit it in a box on the way out. Students will also sit on the same chair and use the same desk for the duration of the exams.

Students will of course be supported in individual subject areas with specific revision activities and this work will be set through show my homework. Planning revision is key and there is a document on the website to support this along with a range of other guidance.

Some of the afternoon examinations will be completed before the end to the normal school day. Once these exams are finished, students will be free to leave the site. Please note that there will be no school crossing support on the main road outside the school at this time, so students should take extra care if they need to cross the main road. Any students who get the bus home will be able to wait in the library until the end of the day.

As it stands at the moment, examinations are due to go ahead as planned in the summer term of 2022. We will of course keep you updated with specific dates when more information is released to us. Ofqual have also announced that there will be optional topics in history, English literature and geography. In art and design, students will only be assessed on the contents of their portfolio. In all other subjects, exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams. At the moment, Ofqual have only committed to provide the advance information by 7th February so we will not be able to apply this to the mock examinations.

In the event that summer examinations do not go ahead (we have no reason currently to suspect that this might be the case), the mock examinations could form the basis for any teacher assessed grades. For students who are isolating, but well enough to complete their exams, arrangements will be outlined in a separate communication as needed to enable these to take place.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr J Cain', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Cain
Deputy Headteacher